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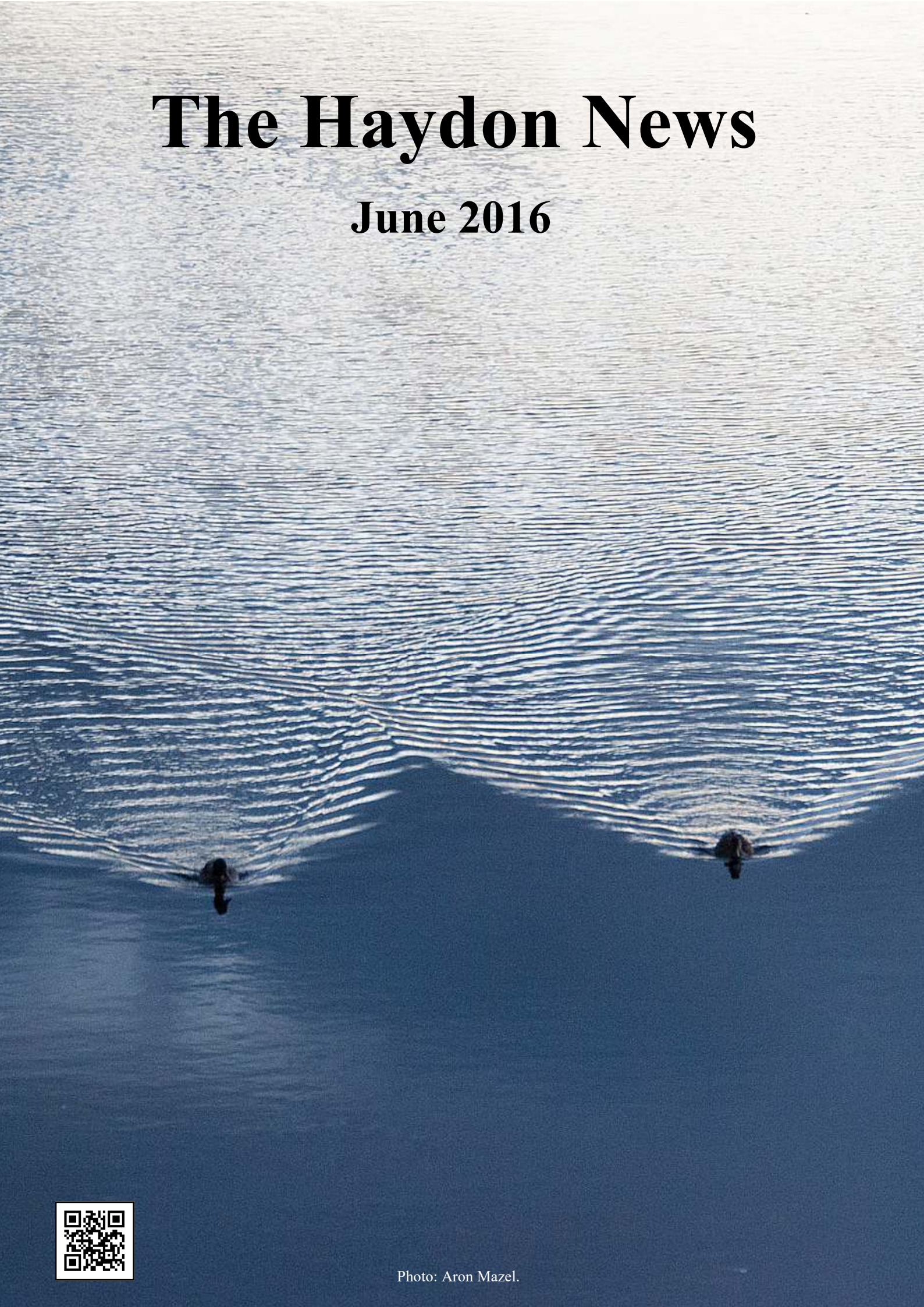


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ADOXOGRAPHY



Isn't it great to see some sunshine, blue skies and the leaves and flowers bursting out all over. Could almost be summer. Having just ventured south to Gloucester for a couple of days, I can report that it actually is summer down there. I'd forgotten just how much the climate and season varies even within our own small island. The May and Chestnut are all in full bloom and the air is filled with fragrance.

I had also forgotten just how grim motorway travel is these days and the huge amount of reconstruction on the M6 made things so very much worse. Imagine the kerfuffle that there will be with dualling any or all of the A69. No doubt we will get a little taster with the major roadworks that are taking place in and around Hexham over the remainder of this year. It will be interesting to see how the traffic flow in and out of the new petrol station near the recycling yard will be managed too. There is scope for longish waits to join the main traffic flow, I fear.

There's a great deal happening in and around the parish in the next few weeks - festivals, races, exhibitions... - see the adverts in this edition. Do please support all this local activity and help to make the events successful. A big thank you is owed to those who have worked hard to set up and run the events.

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There are rumours abroad that something resembling action may soon be apparent in and around the river. It is going to be fascinating to see what actually happens. So far only some tree trimming has been apparent to me, though I gather the affected houses are making progress too. Do send in any photos of de-

velopments as they occur.

'Haydon Bridge Matters' on Facebook is a very active place. Some lovely photos appear from time to time. Do join in with this community forum and help it to flourish.

By the time I get round to writing my next editorial section, next month, the EU Referendum will be behind us. Hurrah! There is still just time to register to vote, if you have not already done so. June 7th is the closing date. (<https://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote>)

The rhetoric is getting pretty wild at times and it will be good to have the whole thing behind us. It is fascinating to observe what strange bedfellows the referendum has made. Regardless of the outcome, it is going to be interesting to see the upheavals that occur in the national political landscape. So many cats have been let out of so many bags that the consequences are going to be felt for years.

One item has been ticked off my bucket list this month, a return trip to an old school of mine. What a contrast! No more cold baths, ex-POW camp beds, beatings and Dickensian teaching methods. When I was there a single tiny B&W TV and phone line served the whole establishment, computers didn't exist outside laboratories and space flight was in its infancy. Now, every pupil has more computing power in their pocket than took man to the moon, serious consideration is being given to inter-stellar space travel and the kids seem at least as happy as we were. It's what you're used to, I suppose, that counts.

I look at my grand-daughter and wonder what she will see in sixty years time. Her life chances are so dependent on the choices that the current adult and near-adult generations make. The generations, upon whose shoulders my generation stood, lost millions to warfare, destitution, poverty and pestilence. Are we doing enough for the future?

Steve Ford

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A meeting of the Haydon Bridge Parish Council was held in the Community Centre at 7.30pm on 26th May 2016.

Kirsten Francis from NCC attended to outline the possibilities arising from and the differences between the Community 'right to bid' and 'asset transfers'. In Haydon Bridge's case this is in relation to the soon to be redundant Fire Station. The scheme is intended to assist communities in retaining assets of value to them - such as pubs, chapels, halls etc.

Getting an asset listed means registering a community's interest in acquiring the asset and an option to bid with the addition of a six month moratorium upon a sale to allow funds to be raised. The vendor, however, is under no obligation to accept any offer in preference to any other.

Community asset transfer is a different process altogether. Under such an arrangement a community may acquire an asset at little or no cost provided that a satisfactory balance of benefit and cost can be found. Given the potential commercial value of the Fire Station this option is somewhat unlikely. Such a decision lies within the purview of the NCC property section.

A word of caution was offered about the potential risks involved — not least that the value to the community of an asset might well be outweighed by a multitude of potential liabilities and unforeseen factors. In support of which, the question of the potential of the existing building for development or adaptation was voiced. The potential presence of asbestos was mentioned.

Potential uses include using the tower as a climbing/abseiling structure. The risks of taking existing users from other community buildings was raised. Return to allotments might be a wish too far. Further consideration is proposed.

Election of Chair and Vice-chair - the incumbents were re-elected unanimously.

Apologies were noted

Declarations of interest were invited.

Minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed.

Flooding

A member of the public raised his concerns about the somewhat unsatisfactory nature of recent meetings about flooding. He felt that a different approach to decision making was required, involving less anger, even though the anger was fully understandable.

The information available needed to be presented more clearly. The unambiguous ascription of tasks and/or questions to be answered to named individuals, for completion and report by set dates, is essential.

NCC

Cllr. Sharp recounted his recent ill health but reported that he was now recovered and blazing his usual path.

There is still no bin by The Club yet, though the bin by the estate is in place. A bin in the layby by the Carts Bog, especially for the use of travellers was proposed.

Pot holes by Langley have been repaired. However, the culvert by the chapel still requires repair.

The commercial bins by The Anchor remain problematic and Cllr. Sharp will take further steps toward resolving the problems.

The Rights of Way committee has been reorganised.

A bin in the layby to the east of the village was proposed.

A misplacement of new white lines near Deanraw was noted.

Highways

The wall opposite The Club and above Glencoyne remains in urgent need of repair.

The footpath from the new railway bridge to Peelwell has yet to be reinstated.

Lighting

Problems noted previously concerning corroded lamp posts remain to be resolved.

It was proposed that all the street lamps in the parish be mapped before their 2017 mass replacement, in

case any are overlooked. It was thought very likely that such a map already exists and should be sought.

Planning

The third phase of The Showfield development is applied for. 75 new houses are proposed, more or less encircling the existing development. Concerns and recommendations previously offered have been ignored and a mood of acute dissatisfaction gripped the meeting. The phrase: "palms being greased" was heard.

Shaftoe Trust School has objected on grounds of safety on the road and the need for a car park was voiced.

The traffic survey may have been undertaken during school holidays and/or at an inappropriate time of day. There are factual inaccuracies in the application too.

The previously registered problems with drainage and sewerage remain unsatisfactorily addressed.

The Parish Council resolved to object on grounds of safety.

Accounts were agreed.

Correspondence

The Roadlink annual report has been received. Problems with drainage on the bypass were noted and it is believed that steps are in hand to resolve them.

Parish Projects

The Haydon Hundred event is fully organised and further entries are anticipated. It was noted with dismay that a commercial event has been arranged in Barnard Castle on the same day which may account for a slightly smaller field this year.

The village clean up meets in Church Street.

Quotes for both supply and installation of the bus stop shelter have been received. It is proposed to ask Haltwhistle PC what their experience of the company in question has been.

AOB

Inadequate cutting of the edges of the grassed areas near the estate was reported. Steps will be taken to contact the contractor.

The 20 hanging baskets for the village are soon to be put up. A charge of £10 per basket is proposed.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on June 23rd 2016 in the upstairs room of the Community Centre at 7.30pm—due to the referendum.

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HAYDON BRIDGE FIRE BRIGADE

Northumberland County Council's determination to close Haydon Bridge Fire Station - together with the strong feeling locally, not without foundation, that the views of our parish councillors are secondary to those in the south and east of the county - has me believing we would be much better served with important decision making and the associated finance from our council tax, in the hands of our volunteer, locally elected councillors.

In fact, a return to the independence that was a feature of our parish during our local fire brigade's early history and development.

During the early history of Langley Barony, our chapelry and parish - and especially from 1894 into the twentieth century - the Haydon district was recognised across the north of England as having a 'sturdy independence', and where a 'self help' or 'do it yourself' attitude in relation to the needs of village life prevailed. It is no surprise that the day to day activity of the Barony was left to the local Manor Court and the Parish Vestry, as the early landlords of much of our twenty thousand acres were the Lords of the Admiralty and they were ensconced in London. A committed and supportive landlord without doubt, but far removed from their northern outpost.

From 1894, our elected parish councillors continued with the self-determination that had been shaped by the earlier administrators and our Parish Council records are filled with examples of this independence and resourcefulness; none more so than the introduction of a provision for fire fighting in the district.

With the coming of the Parish Council Act of 1894, the influential residents in the parish seized the opportunity to enter into the democratic spirit of the Act. The newly formed Parish Council set to work to provide allotments, to raise subscriptions for new outdoor seats in the parish, to improve our street lighting, to give names to the village streets, to plant trees to beautify the village, to provide more letter boxes and to seek improvements in the postal service. None of the projects, however, was undertaken with the fervour shown in their efforts to provide a fire brigade. Progress may well have been slow, but, our early councillors' enthusiasm for the cause was never found wanting.

The first official local record I have of our councillors' commitment to fire prevention in the parish, is from a council meeting on November 3rd 1898 when it was decided to enquire from the Hexham brigade, 'terms for attending (Haydon) parish with their fire engine'.

A reply in December 1898 of, '£5 per annum, and an additional charge per hour for horses and men' did not meet with the council's approval. Neither did a more specific quotation received, as follows:

- Use of the Hexham fire engine for the first 6 hours or less, one guinea; and if more time needed an additional 10/6d per hour.
- An additional 2/- per hour for the Fire Brigade Captain's first hour, and 1/- per subsequent hour.

- For other members of the brigade, 1/6 for the first hour and 1/- for each subsequent hour.

As a result of their failure to agree to the Hexham brigade terms, our Parish Council appointed a sub-committee to advise on buying a fire engine of their own. On February 2nd 1899, this 'Fire Appliance Committee' recommended obtaining a second hand fire engine by Shand Mason & Co., for £85. This recommendation was put to a parish meeting in March 1899, but was rejected.

It was August 1911, before the Parish Council minutes referred once more to a parish fire brigade, when it was agreed that a fire hose be obtained, and tenders for a fire extinguishing appliance were sought from the Haydon Bridge Iron Company and Thomas Clemiston. (*Haydon Bridge Iron Co. carried out their business on today's site of 'Old Foundry Court'. Thomas Clemiston, the saddler and ironmonger, had his business on the east side of Church Street, where Thomas Stephenson has his butcher's shop in 2016*) It isn't clear which equipment quotation was accepted by the councillors, but, they did insist that the appliance was tested before the account was paid.

Testing the appliance was completed early the next year and, although few details of its early days are available, **the first official Haydon Bridge Fire Brigade was formed in 1912**, over thirteen years on from the first time the proposal was considered.

Although details of our first official fire brigade and its activities are sparse, the method of calling the firemen to an incident was a subject of much discussion in council and in the community.

At a council meeting on April 11th 1912, it was suggested that a telegraph pole with a bell on top be erected as a fire alarm. Estimates of £4-5-0d and £2-15-6d were received for the fire alarm and the estimates included, 'everything but the pole'. The lowest of the two estimates was found acceptable and in November 1912, the fire bell on its pole was erected 'on the north side, near the bridge and a little to the east'; a central position assumed to be within the hearing of all.

Remarkably, after so much discussion and thought had gone into this issue, within a month, on December 11th 1912, the question of the removal of the bell was being discussed. The reason for this almost immediate reversal of policy, was attributed to the easily accessible rope and bell being an irresistible temptation to mischievous young boys of the village, (*there were no mischievous young girls, apparently*) and the bell ringing each time a strong wind blew, annoying residents and confusing the firemen, leading to numerous false alarms and arousing the said firemen from their slumbers unnecessarily.

On January 15th 1913, a letter was received by the Parish Council, and published in the Hexham Courant, from Dr. Murray, a Haydon Bridge resident who seems to have made it his business to question most of our councillors' decisions of the day, at every opportunity. Scathingly, our village Doctor wrote:

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Our late local historian, L.C. (Charlie) Coombes, had an interesting view on Dr. Murray's determination to antagonise: 'Perhaps the good Doctor's approach to the council and all its works lay in some dim ancestral memory from the past. For the Doctor was a Scot from Newcastleton in Liddesdale, just over the border. Of all the border Scots who plagued Northumberland until James I put a stop to their depredation, none were more feared nor more active than the men of Liddesdale. Our village had suffered more than once at their hands and the Doctor was only maintaining an old tradition in a different form!'

It seems that our parish councillors accepted that the idea of a bell on a pole had been a mistake, and the alarm that so offended Dr. Murray and others was quickly removed. The pole was sawn into lengths and stored away with the rope and the bell. Councillors then looked into other methods of calling the firemen when they were required, and they considered using the Shaftoe Trust School bell as an alarm, but, it seems that these discussions came to nought.

Nevertheless, our first fire brigade survived this parochial hoo-ha and the discredited bell on a pole was replaced by a village caller, who knocked up the firemen from their slumbers or called them from their work. *(As I write this, I am reminded that the issue of a fire alarm/siren for the village continued into the 1940s when in June 1941, Chief Air Raid Warden Mr Edward Kirsopp retorted to a County Council refusal to provide an air raid warning siren, that he could 'stand on his own doorstep blowing a trumpet'! - see HN May 2016)*

Later in 1913, we learn that the brigade would have one yearly practice for which the Captain - Mr Veitch - would be paid 7/6d and each of the firemen 2/6d. Apparently, the simplicity of the fire fighting equipment, which was 'no more than could be put into a hand cart', and the councillors' determination to restrict any increase in the parish's rates, were the reasons the fire brigade's practice was restricted to one per year. I can only assume it was decided that fire fighting skills would be gained 'on the job', as each individual event occurred.

Between April 1913 and November 1919 there is a lack of written information about Haydon Bridge's early fire brigade - unless I have missed it - there are a few comic tales that have been handed down by word of mouth by my granddad and others, however. For example: of the gallant Captain in his bowler hat during a practice on the cricket field at 'The Park', running out the hose with great speed and efficiency to show his men how it should be done, only to get his legs entangled and ending sprawled upon the grass, much to the amusement of his men. There were other members of the brigade who always insisted on wearing a collar and tie for a turn out and, no

matter what the emergency, a search for their collar studs took precedence over an immediate response. Collar studs have all but vanished from the sartorial scene, but there may be those readers who remember that these small items were tricky things to lay a hand upon even in the calmest situation, never mind during a frantic search in the case of an emergency.

The years from 1913 were, of course, the saddest in our parish's recent history and by 1915, two hundred of our young men had gone to war and two thirds of them had been killed or wounded. It is no surprise then, that the

HISTORIC FIRES IN THE PARISH

There were many incidents of fire in our parish before the introduction of a fire brigade, of course. I wonder how our residents dealt with the occurrences that were described in William Lee's, compendium of facts related to our parish from 1138 to 1875. Presumably, with a mix of individual initiative, buckets of water and sand and a prayer.

Maybe we'll have to take a leaf out of the book of these early residents, given our County Council's decision to leave us without local fire fighting cover.

August 25th 1753: A fire broke out in the dwelling house of Mr Thomas Forster, merchant, Haydon Bridge, which burnt with such fierceness that in a short time the flames consumed five dwelling houses. Two days after, Forster, having been suspected as the incendiary, was found in an out-house, near the 'Old Sun', with his throat cut.

July 24th 1829: Haydon Bridge and neighbourhood was visited by a tremendous thunder storm. The lightning was awfully grand and at Chesterwood, the electric fluid entered the chimney of a cottage owned by my 2x great grandfather's brother James Tailford, setting fire to the bedclothes in which a child was sleeping. James' wife Isabella (nee Temperley) was paralysed and was unable to move. James sprung from his seat and snatched the little one from the very jaws of death. Lightning also struck a massive oak seat which was erected outside the house, tearing it into atoms.

April 22nd 1843: A violent thunderstorm passed over Haydon Bridge and neighbourhood and W. Dodd's house at Greenridge, four miles south of Haydon Bridge, was struck by lightning that destroyed the furniture. The house was also much damaged, but fortunately the family escaped unhurt.

July 7th 1852: West Greenridge was in the news in 1852, when an unoccupied cottage there caught fire and was destroyed when lightning struck during a violent thunder storm.

March 3rd 1874: On this Tuesday morning, the dwelling of William King, an itinerant dealer, was observed by a lead miner to be on fire about a quarter of a mile west of Langley. The lead miner and neighbours went to provide assistance, but on reaching the hut called 'Paradise Place' found it was burning fiercely and the roof had fallen in. Afterwards, on entering the ruins, the body of the old man was found almost burnt to a cinder, presenting a most sickening sight.

fire brigade was not uppermost on our parish councillors' agenda - maybe there were too few men left to form a full brigade - but neither is there any doubt that the 'brigade' members who remained at home, undertook their tasks during this period with a commitment and determination that has always been characteristic of our volunteers in the parish over the years ... and to this day.

Following the War, on March 11th 1920, an attempt was made to re-form the fire brigade and it was agreed to ask Mr Waugh, our parish Sanitary Inspector, to get twelve volunteers and arrange for three fire fighting drills each year; it was, also, agreed that a fee would be paid to each man for his attendance at a drill. It seems that this fire fighting facility, occasionally supported with a fire engine from Hexham that had been purchased in 1906, continued at Haydon Bridge until 1926.

On October 14th 1926, we enter a new phase in our parish fire fighters' history, when the Parish Council made a decision to invest in a 'new' fire brigade. The council's efforts were successful and, during 1927 and 1928, the independent forerunner of our present fire brigade was formed.

The twelve Haydon Bridge Fire Brigade members who were selected by Mr M. Waugh in 1927/28 were:

M. Waugh (Secretary), J. Wardle, H. Watson, J.W. Steel, J.C. Clemitson, J.R. Murphy. (all from Haydon Bridge North Side) T. Snowball, J. Barron, C. Coates, T. Birnie, E. Kirsopp, J. Armstrong. (all from Haydon Bridge South Side) It was agreed there would be one practice each month and each member would receive 5/- per practice; amulets would be provided and each member would be insured.

The brigade's equipment seems to have been packed in a new hand cart, inspected with a view to its purchase by J. Wardle and H. Watson in October 1927; and the fire station was described as being 'reached through a passage from the street, with a fire station disc fixed above the passage door on the street side'. (*I do not know where this early 'fire station' was and can only guess where it might have been. Can anyone help?*) The firemen's names and addresses were written on a list that was fixed onto the door of the fire station, so all the residents knew who to call upon in the event of an incident.

Two major fires occurred before the 'new' brigade was fully operational and were attended to on an ad-hoc basis by our 1920s firemen. A serious fire was dealt with in 'Mr Fretter's fish and chip shop' in September 1927, and our firemen's success in confining the blaze to the fish shop premises was praised in the press and the existence of the brigade justified; but it was June 13th 1928 before their first official practice took place. Earlier, in April 1927, our individual fire fighters had supported brigades from Hexham and Newburn in dealing with a major fire at Langley Barony. More about that next month.

Sources of reference for this history: Haydon Parish Council minutes; L.C. Coombes (September 1969); Hexham Library and the Hexham Courant.

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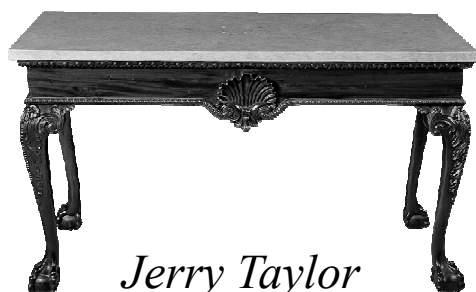
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or call into one of the sessions at the fire station.

HAYDON PARISH 'HOME FRONT' : 1939 - 1945

My earlier Notes of the Second World War 'Home Front' in Haydon Parish, to December 1940, were published in the July 2015 to May 2016 issues of The Haydon News.

Nurse Anderson: At the annual meeting of the Haydon Bridge Nursing Association in 1941, the resignation of Nurse Anderson was announced and a tribute to her devoted work in a period of over nine years in a large and scattered district was paid by the secretary, Mrs Sillitoe. During the year, Nurse Anderson had made 1,959 visits.

"You Want Some More?": In June 1941, a complaint from Haydon Bridge shopkeepers was brought before a meeting of the Hexham Rural Food committee, that the quantities of un-rationed goods they were allowed were based on the population pre war. The shopkeepers pointed out that there had been a big increase in the population since the war had started, due to evacuees and members of the forces billeted in the parish.

Alexander Barnes Reed: On June 28th 1941, the death of Alexander Barnes Reed RN (35) of Ryton was reported in the Hexham Courant. Petty Officer Reed, whose wife was Edith Mary Reed of Haydon Bridge, had been in the Navy 16 years.

Request Stops: In August 1941, new bus stops were approved for Haydon Bridge because many existing stops were deemed to be in dangerous positions.

South Side:

East bound - Broadstone, instead of the Anchor Hotel.

West bound - at the police station on John Martin Street, instead of the Anchor Hotel.

North Side:

West bound - opposite Henderson's shop instead of the telephone box immediately over the bridge.

Hexham to Allendale - ten yards west of the Co-op on Shaftoe Street, instead of the Anchor Hotel.

Allendale to Hexham - at Broadstone instead of Todd's shop.

Leonard Parrington: a sixty two year old unemployed labourer of 12A Ratcliffe Road was found hanged in an outhouse on August 25th 1941 by George Laverick of 14 Ratcliffe Road, after a search. Mrs Jane Anne Hudspeth, a neighbour, said that on Sunday night he had complained of suffering with his heart. Leonard's son Robert said that his father was depressed, due to his health.

Blanket Coverage: In September 1941, fifty girls from Shaftoe Trust School responded to an appeal by Hexham Hospital Supply Depot to make knitted blankets. The girls were supplied with wool of many colours to knit into squares.

On Fire: On Saturday, September 13th 1941, the Haydon Bridge Auxiliary Fire Service (AFS), under the captaincy of John Spark, performed well in a competition open to all brigades in the Hexham rural area at Wylam Sports Day. The teams had to undergo a test of speed, allied to skill and efficiency. The Haydon Bridge team was John Spark, Herbert Robinson, Jack Leathard, James Drydon, Ted Raine and George Thompson.

It's a Steal: In October 1941, a survey was made of all iron and steel railings in Haydon Bridge and district, and that included those surrounding church yards, cemeteries and graves, in readiness for removal and recycling for the war effort.

Open or Shut Case: In November 1941, at Hexham Petty Sessions, Charles Heslop, a gamekeeper of Light Birks Farm, was fined twenty five shillings, bound over for one year and ordered to pay fifteen shillings costs for assaulting eighteen year old Isaac William Douglas (*Better known today as Billy*). Charles Heslop and Billy Douglas lived in adjacent properties at Light Birks, Billy and his family having lived there for twenty years and Heslop for two or three years, during which time there had been friction between the families about closing a gate. It was alleged in court that when Isaac Wm. (Billy) Douglas returned home on October 28th, he didn't close the gate and as a result, Heslop punched him on the nose.

I will continue my WWII 'Home Front' notes next month

HAYDON PARISH 'HOME FRONT' 1914 - 1919

As the Great War didn't end officially until the Treaty of Versailles was signed on June 28th 1919, I will continue my Notes on the Great War 'Home Front' throughout 1919. Last month (May HN) I followed Haydon Parish events to April 1919.

War Memorial: A public meeting to discuss proposals for a Haydon Bridge War Memorial was held on Saturday April 5th 1919. Consideration had been given to the four suggestions put forward and it was recommended that a monument with the names of the fallen inserted upon it was probably the only proposal that could be provided

without placing too large a financial burden on residents in the future. A committee of sixteen was appointed to develop the agreed proposal: R. Ridley for Lipwood; W. Rutherford, Brokenheugh; J. Oliver, Elrington; J.M. Henderson, Land Ends; J. Woodman, Grindon. Village representatives - Rev W.H. Ainger, W.M. Turner, O. Blayney, M. Waugh, W. Kindred, W. Thrower, Miss Middleton, N. Beattie, J.G. Clemitson, Mrs Carrick, W.W. Ridley.

Allotments: It being the duty of the Parish Council to find land for allotments, a proposal was made to use the grass area to the south of Shaftoe Terrace. A suggestion that was turned down due to the position of a number of trees that were a shelter for the almshouses.

Miss Hetherington: At a school managers' meeting in April 1919, Florence Hetherington was appointed to the Shaftoe Trust permanent staff. *There are readers who were taught by Miss Hetherington ... no names, no ages!*

Playground: The Haydon Parish councillors agreed that children in the village should not be allowed to run about the roads and be exposed to the danger of being knocked over by vehicular traffic. The councillors' proposal was to provide a children's playground.

In May 1919, Capt. A. Keith was appointed Master of the Haydon Hunt, following the retirement of C.T. Maling of Chesterwood and A.M. Allgood. During the war, Maling had received only £158-18-0 to keep the pack going and, as a result, there weren't many hounds. This small pack remained at the Chesterwood Grange kennels following Christopher Thomas Maling's retirement. (*See below*)

I will continue this 1914 - 1919 'Home Front' next month

The Haydon Hunt at Moss Cottages, Whitley Chapel in 1902 with the Master, C.T. Maling, on the horse with the white blaze.

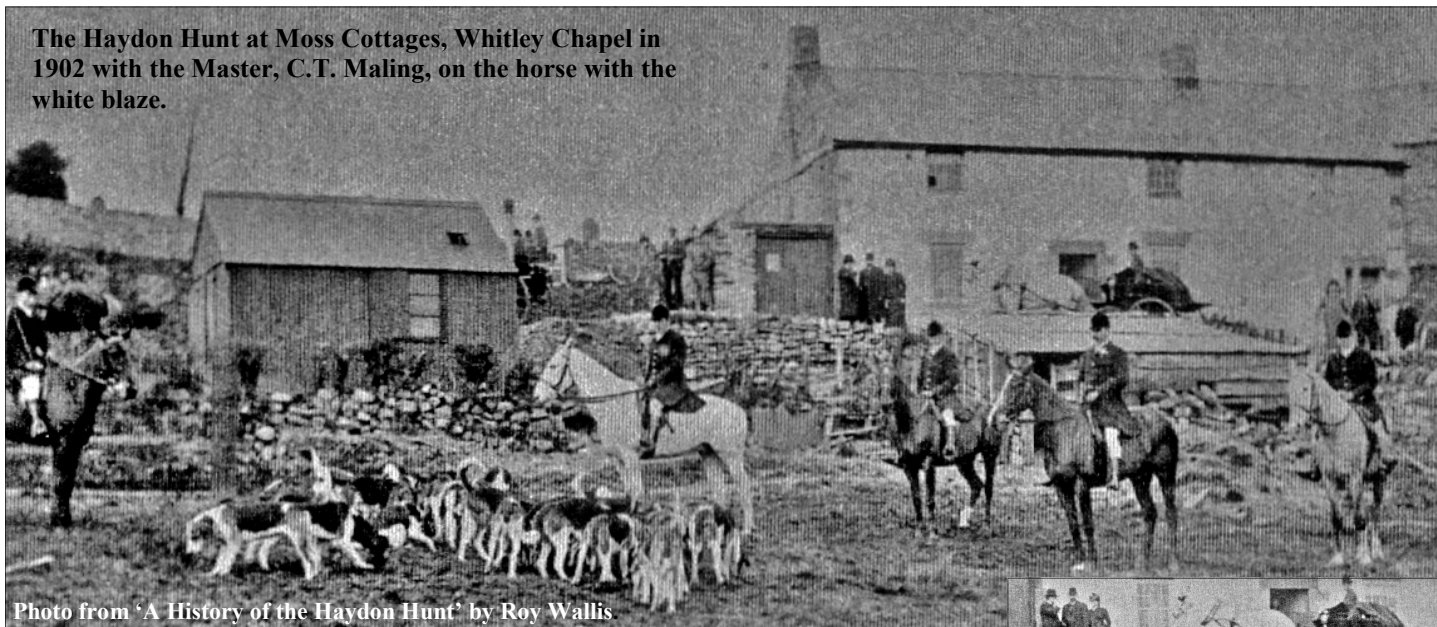


Photo from 'A History of the Haydon Hunt' by Roy Wallis

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‘What I want is love, not sacrifice!’

This is the Lord’s wake up call to each one of us, so let’s not hide behind the liturgical forms of Sunday observance and the ‘That’s is for another week, thank God’ response.

This is for real, ‘What I want is love, not sacrifice!’ So we set ourselves to know the Lord in response. This is where the action is, the Lord is coming into our consciousness ever more fully. This is for certain, it is called enlightenment and enlightenment seeps into our every darkened nook and cranny.

We begin to see aright, the vision shows us the glory that is and the glory that should be. Chaos and confusion in our lives are confounded. We walk in the light and it is true love of God and not sacrifice. It is knowledge of God not holocausts!

Nor need the experience of enlightenment be impersonal. Indeed, were it so, we would remain in the dark. Jesus is the person walking on into our lives and minds and hearts. He takes us as we are and where we are, Jesus simply says ‘FOLLOW ME!’

The secret of a positive response is the getting up out of the lesser life, the unconscious life, our context so far, and following the Lord’s way.

We will find ourselves sharing our lives with a motley gathering of the good, the bad and the ugly and this is where some of us opt out, ‘Not my kind of people!’

We can be sure that like ourselves they all need the cure and the Lord himself is the doctor and wonderworker. Jesus uses his powers to heal and transform us and sinners become virtuous.

The world says ‘I cannot use him because he is broken’ The Lord says ‘I cannot use him UNLESS he is broken’ ‘The Lord is not calling the qualified but is qualifying the called!’

So what is Jesus’ final word? ‘I did not come to call the virtuous but the sinners’.

If we are not sinners who know we are sinners, we do not qualify. We do not qualify to follow the Lord into life and the larger life is NOW.

We are called to faith, we are invited to believe like Abraham and we believe in the Lord’s invitation to ‘FOLLOW ME’ despite the seemingly insoluble absurdity of life and the impossible work of our world’s redemption.

We may well feel past it, too tired or wearied by firing blanks in our Christian initiatives and endeavours but the invitation of the Lord stillstands. And we, like Abraham, believe that all fruitfulness may bless us yet.

It worked for Abraham, it worked for Matthew
IT WILL WORK FOR US. Abraham drew strength from faith and gave glory to God.

OUR STRENGTH IS OUR FAITH AND WE ALWAYS,
ALWAYS, ALWAYS GIVE GOD THE GLORY!

Father Leo Pyle

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June 2016

Trinity 2:

Sunday 5 June 2016

9.30am: Parish Eucharist (BCP), St Cuthbert’s Beltingham
11am: Parish Eucharist with Storybook Church, St Cuthbert’s Haydon Bridge

Trinity 3:

Sunday 12 June 2016

9am: Said Parish Eucharist, St Cuthbert’s Haydon Bridge
10.30am: Service to Celebrate the 90th Birthday of HM the Queen, All Hallows’ Henshaw
From 4.30pm: Service to Celebrate the 90th Birthday of HM the Queen, as part of the Haydon Bridge Street Party

Trinity 4:

Sunday 19 June 2015

9.30am: Parish Eucharist, All Hallows’ Henshaw
11am: Parish Eucharist (BCP), St Cuthbert’s Haydon Bridge

Saturday 25 June

10.30: Messy Church, All Hallows’ Henshaw

Trinity 5:

Sunday 26 June 2016

10am: Joint Eucharist, St Cuthbert’s, Haydon Bridge
5pm: Evening Worship, Haydon Old Church

Thomas the Apostle:

Sunday 3 July 2016

9.30am: Parish Eucharist (BCP), St Cuthbert’s Beltingham
11am: Parish Eucharist with Storybook Church, St Cuthbert’s Haydon Bridge

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Graham Wilson
6pm Evening Worship
Rev. Jane Cook

12 June

10 am Morning Worship
Ann Worthy
4.30 pm **Ecumenical Service
at the Monument following
Village Street Party**

19 June

10 am Readers Service
Christine Thompson
6 pm Evening Worship
Mrs. Pam Nobbs
and Hexham Comm. Church

26 June

10 am Communion Worship
Rev. Mary Elliot
6 pm Evening Worship
Father Leo Pyle

3 July

10 am Local Arrangements
6pm Evening Worship
Roger Anthony
6 pm Evening Worship

Haydon 100 Saturday 4th June

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As with last year’s Festival, the organising committee are committed to making sure the profits of the Festival are used to benefit the village as well, so donations will be made to other local good causes.

So far we’ve confirmed real ales from Allendale, High House Farm and Big Lamp Breweries, and as with last year’s festival there will also be lager, cider and of course wine (and Prosecco!!). Our catering this year will be provided by the General Havelock, with Jo, Gary and the team on site serving food from 3pm-9pm. Details of their menu will appear on the website closer to the event.



After the huge success of last year’s Festival, we’re back to do it all again!! This year’s Festival has been in the planning stages since early October and we’re just adding the final components to what should be another exceptional day of live music, great food and of course a few glasses of your favourite drink.

This year we have nominated the Tynedale Hospice at Home Charity, as our one main beneficiary. ‘Tynedale Hospice at Home aims to ensure that everyone in our community has access to the resources and care they need to reduce the distress caused by



Entertainment at this year’s Festival is similar to last year, with returning performances from The Tyne Valley Big Band, The Promise, The StreetMartins and Jill Wilkinson.

The tickets for the festival are on sale from Claire’s Newsagents, The General Havelock, The Anchor and The Railway. Tickets are the only guaranteed method of entry to the Festival, you will be able to pay on the door, if we haven’t reached our capacity. Each ticket ensures entry into the Festival, a commemorative glass and two drinks tokens.

Entry is free to children under 16 years old between 2pm - 7pm, all children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.



The artist's work - in her own words.

Painting myself has become a hobby I enjoy and practise as much as I can - it allows me to explore other identities and is a way in which I can express myself.

I became interested in it when I first travelled to the Harry Potter Studios in Watford, where I originally planned to become a production designer or prop maker when I was older. It was when I returned home that I realised I had no materials to make with and nothing to practise on, other than myself!

The summer idea I came up with was set around the general area of the village; from the beautiful garden birds to the rich colours we get every (or most) years.

I really enjoy painting myself as I think it is rare, and I hope to take it on in the future as a full time job. Rosie

Editor's notes.

The very generous donation from an anonymous reader of The Haydon News has been awarded to Rosie for this remarkably original and skilful interpretation of the theme of the competition - Summer is coming.

It had been imagined that the entries to the competition might be displayed at the Art Club Exhibition but clearly, given the nature of the work, this might only be accomplished by way of a photo. Those who had been approached to judge the competition have expressed their warm appreciation of the imagination and creative impulse that the work demonstrates.

It is a devastating indictment of the times in which we live and the nature of the society that we now endure that I feel obliged to publish the following notice to readers: *This page, in it's fully finished form, has been viewed by the artist (Rosie) and her mother (Jane), prior to publication. Both have given their full, informed, uncoerced and unreserved consent to publication.* Steve Ford. Editor.



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Haydon Bridge United AFC Season 2015/16

With 6 teams competing in various leagues across the region and the floods that affected the village, it's safe to say it's been an entertaining season for the Football Club and of course the village! The community spirit and positive attitude of the people of Haydon Bridge and surrounding areas, assisting during the floods to prevent homes from flooding and the support shown following those floods to help all those affected is inspirational and something everyone in this community should be proud of.



The Football Club, as you'd expect from the location of Low Hall Park, was flooded twice in a matter of weeks. Virtually every part of the club's infrastructure was affected and work



has been ongoing since to return our facilities to the standard we've all come to expect. The effects of the floods accelerated some of the plans the Club's committee had been discussing for some time. Plans to upgrade our old and rather tired astro turf pitch were completed and our new 3G pitch has been in use for a couple of months now. It provides a fantastic surface to play on. Other plans are underway and our facilities should be back to full strength soon.

As you'd expect with a Football Club, our most important assets are our playing facilities. The football pitches at Low Hall Park are regarded as some of the best in the league's we play in. With the floods covering all the pitches during December, it's testament to the tireless effort and time our Groundsman David Kirsopp has put in to get our pitches back in use before many less affected clubs in our leagues and back at the high standard he constantly delivers. Everyone playing on our pitches owes Davy a pint!!

The Football Club has many members providing assistance from the players, parents, sponsors, coaches and committee, each with their own part to play across the season. Everyone associated with the club gives up their time voluntarily, which deserves a note of thanks from everyone involved. In particular, though this season alongside David Kirsopp's efforts, we also need to mention Chairman Tony Jenkins and Club Secretary Paula Collis. Their work during a normal season deserves recognition but this season they deserve a special mention for the work they've done to get this club through the troubled times following the flooding and back to where we are now.

Development Squad

Carrying on from last season's inaugural year, the development squad began pre-season with over 20 players regularly attending their Monday night training sessions. With the children's ages ranging from five to eight, training was an entertaining challenge for the coaches who based sessions around a series of fun drills and exercises with the aim of teaching and developing the children's basic skills and understanding of the game.

Under 8's

Nine of the development squad players were registered to represent Haydon Bridge in the 2015/16 Tynedale Mini Soccer League, where across



the season they played fixtures from Wark and Allendale through to Throckley and Kingston Park. Each week the team would play 20 minute games against two different teams giving the kids a fantastic opportunity to learn what a real match environment was like and in turn gain a wealth of valuable experience, although, after seeing some rather dodgy goal celebrations we should really consider banning them from watching Match of the Day!

Next season the Under 8's team will be progressing to play in the Under 9's league and a new Under 8's team will be formed from the development squad. Training for both teams will be on a Monday night with the development squad 5:30-6:30 and Under 9's 6:30-7:30. Anybody wishing to join either session should contact Brian Alderson on 07557 368711 or come along to training at the above times.

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Under 10's

Haydon Bridge United Under 10's have had an uplifting end to a water-logged season, coming 3rd in their group at the recent Tynedale/Glendale Tournament held at Corbridge where 36 teams took part.



Their commitment to weekly training mixed with their positive attitudes saw them concede only 1 goal on the day to over-all trophy winners Kingston Park Gladiators.

Next season we say a fond farewell to our 4 older players who are moving up to an Under 11's league, and we look forward to welcoming new faces into our Under 10's side where we will continue to train at the new 3G pitch each Tuesday 5.30-6.30pm. Girls and Boys currently in years 4 or 3 at school who would like to join us, are invited to come and train with us now to have fun and make new friends. For further details, please contact Alex Wilson on 07849 629398

Under 12's

A great season in the Pinpoint League Division 5 with the team finishing the season in an impressive 3rd position in the league. The coaching of Darren Bland has continued to



assist the development of the squad, with the team improving on a weekly basis. Next season the team will move up in to the U13's league where they will be challenged again with the introduction of 11-a-side football. Training continues on Thursday nights between 6.30-7.30, anyone interested in joining the team should contact Jeanette Dickinson on 07776 000428.

Under 13's

A good season for the U13's following promotion the previous year. The squad was strengthened with the arrival of James and Josh from Corbridge and joined a few games into the season by Aaron from



Haltwhistle. After a good start, we were sitting high up the table and playing some great football. A couple of nasty injuries to Ben and Josh Burville left us short for some weeks but the guys dug in and were still getting good results. Then came the bad weather and the team didn't play from early November until the end of January. The layoff wasn't ideal and a couple of losses saw us slip to mid table, but we were still playing good quality but couldn't turn those performances into victories.

We reached the semi-final of the West Division Cup and were edged out in a closely fought game, 3 - 1 by Prudhoe, a team 2 divisions higher than ourselves. So onwards and upwards next season to the U14's. We are hoping to strengthen the squad over the summer with the addition of possibly 2 or 3 to our ranks. Training for the U14's will be 6 - 7.30pm on a Wednesday night at Low Hall Park. Contact Peter Scott on 07903551911 for further details.

Under 14's

The U14's have had a challenging season and successful season in League 3 of the Pinpoint Sunday league, culminating in reaching the final of the West Tyne Cup. Stocksfield were the winners in the final, with the lads put up a worthy performance. The team have shown a fantastic team spirit throughout the

season and are looking forward to the 2016/17 season.

The team are coached by Neil Robson, anyone wishing to join the team should contact Neil on 07743 896971.



Senior Squad

The Anchor team started the season with the same squad as it ended the previous one with, an ageing squad that of which the core had been together for 5-6 seasons now. With the exception of a



defeat to eventual league champions Heddon we went on a good run that saw us amongst the front runners in November when the floods struck. Home games became a write-off, and morale dropped week by week when other pitches became unplayable in the continuing biblical weather. By March we were 5-6 matches behind other teams and when a cup tie away to Haltwhistle was called off 4 times, another month of the season was wasted. Senior players talked of retirement after being disillusioned and the future of the team looked in doubt.

However, in early April, a team discussion re-invigorated the player's enthusiasm with Andrew Colquhoun & Gavin Boyd joining Jonny Flanagan as co-managers. As the pitches began to dry out we found ourselves with the teams in 1st, 2nd and 3rd to play back to back. However, this became the start of a great run of form that saw us undefeated until the final day of the season, missing out on promotion in that last game after the rigours of four matches per week took its toll on the lads. They had made up a 20-point gap on the other promotion candidates that even saw us become the only team to take any points off the league champions Heddon.

This run of form has seen the lad's passion to play re-ignited and we are looking to keep the squad together for the coming season as well as add a couple of new faces in necessary areas. This may also be a good opportunity to thank those who come along to watch the lads and we look forward to seeing them again next season.

Presentation Day

The club's annual presentation day will take place on Saturday 18th June from 1pm-5pm at Low Hall Park, it would be great to see everyone there to acknowledge the achievements of our players.

2015/16 Season Summary

A successful season for the club and all our teams and again thanks to everyone who supports the activities of the club and our teams. Hopefully the 2016/17 season will be another great one for the club. Anyone interested in getting involved with the club should contact either Tony Jenkins or Paula Collis, we are always on the lookout for Parents or Individuals who would like to get involved.

Further information and contact details can be found on our website;

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Brian Alderson

A day in the life of.....

When you think of hobbies, what springs to mind? A game of football, a day's walking, a baking session, quiz night at the pub, maybe you make a hobby out of shopping? I'm personally VERY good at that! In our case though we run our services with the volunteers who want to work at the railway.

Now not everyone wants to drive trains or put in time in the engineering shed and I thought I'd tell you about just one of the teams that are unsung heroes here at South Tynedale Railway.

The buildings team's run by Angus Murray (far left in the photo) and they are amazing! We put things in the book for Angus and he manages his team to ensure that all the tasks get done. They do everything from fixing things that are broken, to painting the station, to dressing Santa's building and Grotto at Christmas. A couple of weeks ago Angus asked me what colour I wanted the signal box - it's time for a refresh. No task too big for this team!

They are not the only team here at the railway, in fact we have several, but to be completely honest, I don't know what I'd do without any of them. As it happens Angus and Derek (second left) both also have operational roles too. But every Thursday come hail or shine, this cheerful hard working bunch of guys come together as the buildings team and really brighten up my week. So the next time you think about what you'd like to do with your spare time, maybe you might consider joining one of our amazing volunteer groups.

Or maybe you might want to start a group we don't currently have. I'm desperate for someone to start a grounds team for instance, we have a definite need for more shrubs to be planted and baskets and pots to be displayed, along with the obvious sweeping up leaves and cutting the small grassed areas. The rewards for us are obvious. We couldn't afford to pay for all the services these volunteers do. We are a registered charity, and in the past it has been a struggle to survive at times. If you are interested in joining one of teams as a volunteer, don't hesitate to contact us on enquiries@south-tynedale-railway.org.uk. Or ring 01434 338214.

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Heather Palmer
General Manager



LIVE AID(s)

I won't bore you to death with the details of how my husband lost his arm. I'll save that for another exciting instalment. Suffice to say he became an amputee in the fortnight just before Christmas.

Typical bloke! Anything to get out of carving the turkey. It's now Week 9 and the fun is just beginning. I didn't realise what was out there until I got a telephone call from the Government's Department For The One Handed.

I made that title up but you get the idea. It was actually from an NHS care worker who had heard of our recent amputation and wanted to visit us at home with a host of gadgets.

Yayyyy! Who doesn't love a good gadget?

I say 'our' amputation since it affects me too. Oh yes. Goodness me the sacrifices I've had to make! Hubby's been taking way too long with my morning tea and biscuits ever since his operation. Just because he only has one arm doesn't mean our standards have to drop. Yesterday would you believe, he even forgot to put a fresh doily on the side plate for my Wensleydale Cheese & Chive Wholemeal scone which he'd spent all morning baking. With one hand missing it took him five hours of kneading and fifteen minutes in the oven. Slowcoach.

I bet they never have these problems in Downton.

Ever since we moved here he's fancied going for a swim in the crystal clear waters of the Tyne where it flows into Fourstones. Once the weather gets warmer obviously. Say April. Although with only one arm he'll probably end up going round in circles so he'll never leave his starting point. I've told him not to frighten the fish. He certainly won't be catching any unless the salmon are feeling considerate and leap into his mouth.

In the end I was out when the Care Worker came. Would you believe it? The one source of excitement all season and I missed it. I'd driven to Hexham for a Costa coffee and she decided to fetch up at that very moment.

It made for an interesting evening. Once she'd left, Hubby laid all the items out on the kitchen table and made me guess what everything was. Course, he already knew since he'd seen the lady, read the instructions and now wore the one-armed t-shirt.

I turned the aids this way and that, trying to work out what did what. Extremely difficult without a diagram or explanation. All looked like items of torture, which to the one-handed they probably were. I could hang them in the hall and open Haydon Bridge Dungeon to the foreign tourists. Forget Hadrian's Wall. So last century. Well last two centuries then.

Mind you, one of the products was pretty damn useful for the double handed Mensch too:

Made of plastic silicon it looked like two dog bowls combined. For say a smallish dog. But instead of the base being round, it's conical. So 2 mini upturned dunce caps if you like. Impossible to guess what they were for. A one legged dog perhaps?

Hubby had the benefit of an accompanying leaflet and put me out of my misery. It's for jar lid removal. Of course! D'oh. And blimey, it worked a treat. The cones each had a vice-like grip which you'd never expect from notoriously slippery plastic. Insert item, twist and woosh! the lid came off. Gosh I could play with this all day. I know, I know, must get a hobby.

Next up and I didn't have a blooming clue. Okay here goes. Looked lethal:

A round white disc approx 4cms in diameter with 30+ sharp (very sharp) spikes 3cms high. I reckoned it could come in handy for hiding in the bed of unwelcome guests at Christmas. Put it this way, they'd be off home by Boxing Day. Or in Casualty. Either way you'd have the house back to yourselves.

Nope. I was wrong again. Pity - at this rate the Government won't be using me as a demonstrator any day soon. Which is a shame given my winning personality and magnetic charisma. I'd have amputees rolling in the aisles with laughter at my sparkling wit. Unfortunately they'd carry on rolling if they've only got one leg.

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NOTICES & WHAT'S ON?

HAYDON BRIDGE UNITED ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL CLUB

HBUAFC hold their monthly meeting on the first **Monday** of every month at **7.30pm** in the Lounge of the **Anchor Hotel** where representatives of every football team in the village are invited to attend.

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7 th .July	Barbara Wardle 688886	Bardon Mill to Ridley Hall Meet at Bardon Mill Station. Share cars.	4 Miles. <i>Meadow land walk.</i>
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SHORT SHRIFT

In today's paper it says John Lewis are to start selling duvets for £10,000. Phew! Thank God. I was wondering where to get our next one from.

I reckon they must be stuffed with feathers from golden geese. Or a Dodo bird.

Seriously though. Who ARE these people?

Probably the same people who covet the latest Christian Louboutin shoes or Louis Vuitton handbags. Although in fairness, Vuitton do claim their bags will last a lifetime. There again, so do M&S. Yet the M&S bags-for-life are only 10p. Their colour combo of black/white goes with everything too. How practical. And roomy. There's plenty of space for lippy (me), spare car keys (son), incontinence pads (hubby), collar & lead (Freddie the dog). Plus de-worming tablets (dog/hubby).

On the subject of handbags, also in the paper today (I must stop buying the Sun) it claims Victoria Beckham has designed one which is soooooo exclusive that ordinary people (us) are not allowed to buy it. This bag is only available to super rich A-listers (them).

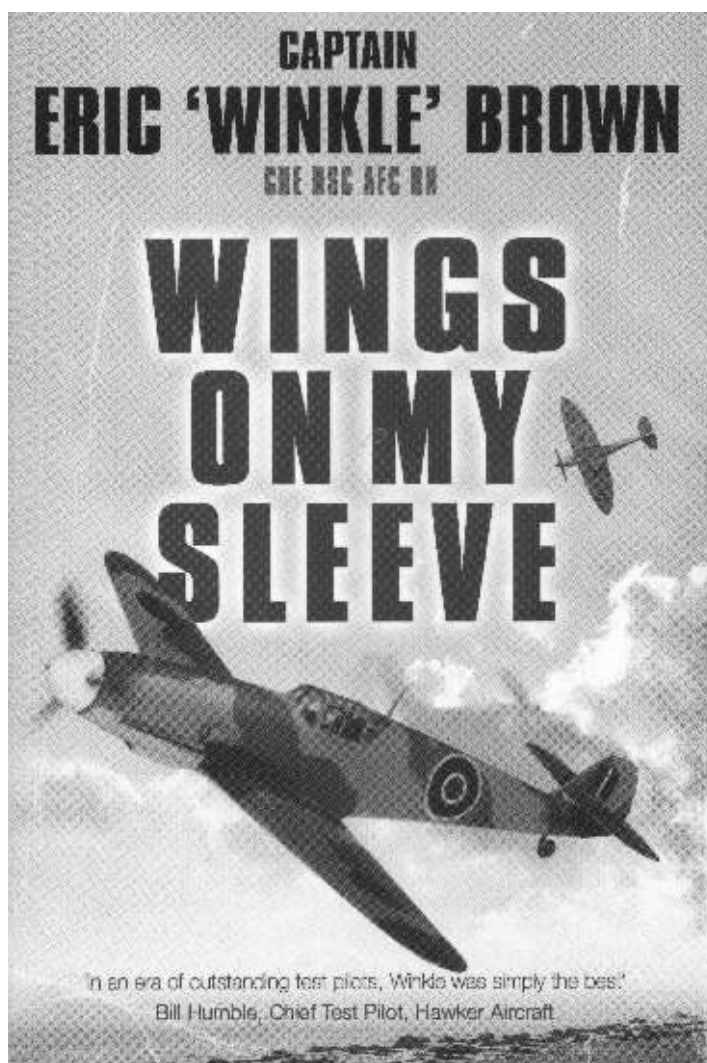
Crikey! That must be some bag. Or some marketing wunder-kind.

I think I'll try that. I'm going to put one of my old cardigans on eBay and refuse all offers. When mere mortals fall to the wayside I shall concentrate on the wealthy patrons and sell out to the highest bidder. Look out for Gwyneth Paltrow in a shabby woollen twinset with patches on the frayed elbows. I'd better cut the BHS label out first. Although at the time of this going to press there will be no BHS. See! How exclusive is that?

Mind you I've always been a natural trendsetter. My hot pants were in vogue long before Kylie's. Granted, bottom hugging shorts are not usually a good look for anyone approaching middle age and 20 stone. But I've never let that get in the way of high fashion.

So dear reader, if you see someone on the far side of fifty tottering along to the Co-op in size 22 hot pants, high heels and carrying an Aldi bag-for-life, do stop me and say hello.

Marita



“Hals und Beinbruch!”

It's not very often that such an interesting autobiography emerges as this one. Here is a *bona fide* hero speaking straight from the heart, with huge technical authority and a wonderfully readable style.

Brown's nickname Winkle refers to his diminutive stature. He holds the world records for total number of different aircraft flown and carrier landings.

The title for this article was the greeting roared by Ernst Udet, a fast living German air ace, to the fledgling pilot Brown when they met in pre-war Germany. It can be paraphrased as 'neck and leg break' - rather like thespians urging each other to 'break a leg' as they go on stage. I must remember to try this on Lufthansa pilots when next greeted by one on entering their plane. Udet invited the young Brown to a party where he met a number of other German military personnel and much drinking was done. As the party warmed up, some party games were proposed. A dartboard-sized target was pinned to one wall of a large room and a mirror to the wall opposite. Standing closer to the mirror, all the men present had to use their personal sidearms to shoot over their shoulders, using the mirror to aim. Shooting over the shoulder the length of a crowded room whilst drunk - those Germans sure know how to have a good

time.

Whilst still in Germany and literally on the eve of war, Brown was picked up by the German security services and interrogated. By keeping his presence of mind and lip buttoned he soon found himself delivered by car to the nearest border and thence home.

Carrier aviation was in its infancy during WW2 and much was learned the hard way. Brown achieved many firsts with carrier landings, including developing arrester wires - the wires that stop a landing plane from over-shooting and falling over the end. In those days carriers were very much shorter than they are today and so being able to stop really mattered - a lot. Brown relates an early misfortune in which his tailhook caught the wire but a gust of wind blew the plane over the side of the carrier. He ended up with the tail of the plane just below deck level and his propeller in the sea.

After the German surrender and because of his great fluency in the language, Brown was given a roving brief to recover as much in the way of useful information and machinery as he could, before the Americans or Russians got to it.

At one point he flew his private fighter into a German military airfield alone and then discovered that he was behind the German lines. Nonetheless the entire airfield immediately surrendered to him. At other airfields, and without official permission, he was able to get the German technical staff to get their highly experimental and lethally dangerous jet and rocket propelled aircraft ready for him to take up for test flights. Quite a few of those who also flew these planes did not survive.

He recruited a small personal German staff of technician/pilots with whom he recovered many planes to Britain. At times he ordered up escorts of Allied aircraft to make sure that he was not himself shot down.

For such a highly active and exceptionally widely experienced pilot he employs the word 'prang' only a handful of times throughout the book. The difference being that you feel that he has actually earned the right to use the word and that when it flows from his pen it has authenticity.

After the war he progressed rapidly up the promotion ladder and though his exploits became less derring-do and more prosaic test piloting, he contributed greatly to the development of military and civilian aviation. He was involved in the development of a highly advanced class of carriers whose lead ship was cancelled during building - only now is this deficiency being rectified.

He is very scathing about the intrusion of politics into technical matters but aren't we all.

Steve Ford

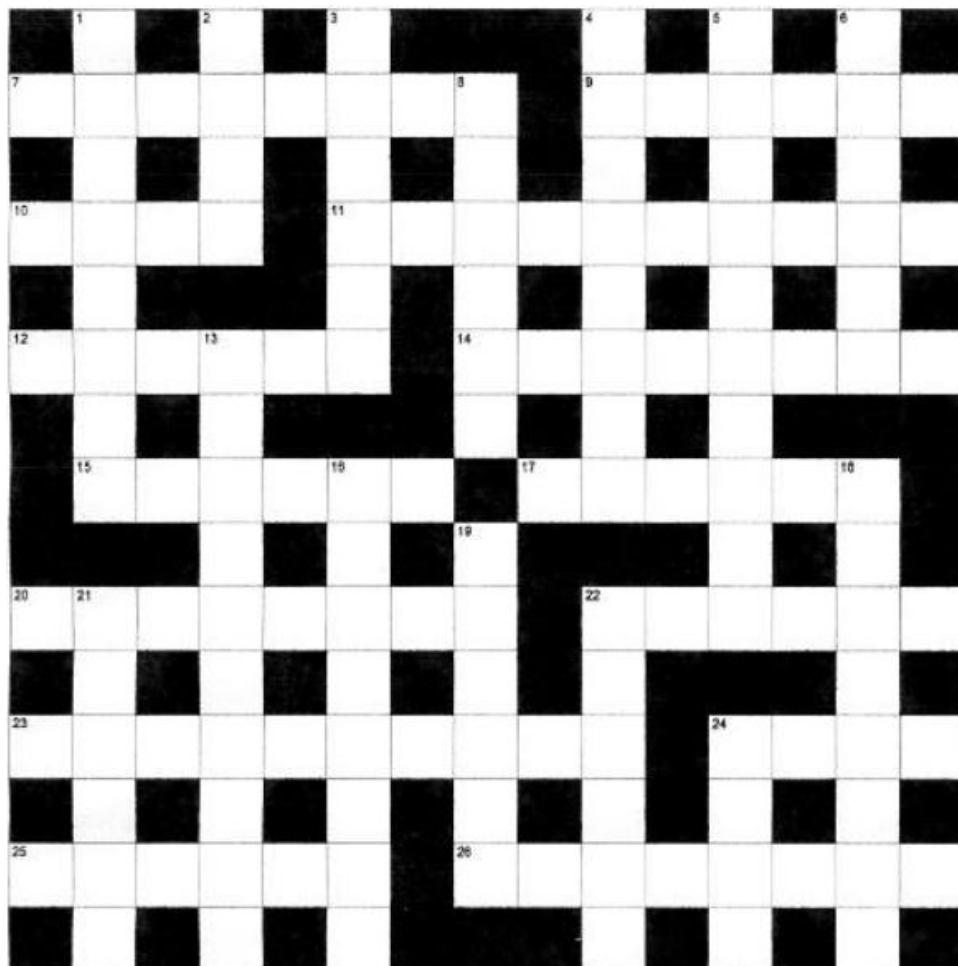
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| 10. In a brothel, personal assistance (4) | 22. When a tabloid is taken ? Just the opposite (6) |
| 11. Her matings make you wake in fear (10) | 23. Cephalod beak sharpener (10) |
| 12. Stiffening for frayed maps (6) | 24. Stuck up righteous person (4) |
| 14. Anger and a drink make us furious (8) | 25. Rower's caress (6) |
| 15. See five in front of a cathedral, its beautiful (6) | 26. Circular and so on beaten up (8) |

Down

1. 7's responsibility (8)
2. Very smart becoming an emporium (4)
3. Soak with veterinary medicine (6)
4. Streamed into command (8)
5. Sounds as though most of the disciples got lost, only two left to remove the bends (10)
6. Whisky in a vessel with three points (6)
8. Australian miner ? (6)
13. Disclosure of the last book (10)
16. Pays attention to fifty one weapons trained on the queen (8)
18. Cashed in investments, understood (8)
19. Balaam's ass is terribly willing to help (6)
21. Celebrates unknowns lute performance (6)
22. Train a group of whales (6)
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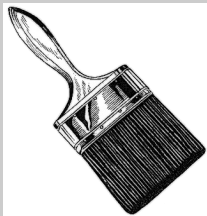
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15. ADOBE
16. ABSTINENT
18. STRONTIUM
19. PLEAT
20. RALPH FIENNES
24. NATURE
25. BOGEYMAN
26. SUDDEN
27. ASHTRAYS

DOWN

1. AWAY
2. TACK
3. CARRAGEEN
4. ENCEPHALITIS
6. ENROL
7. SUPERSEDED
8. NANNY STATE
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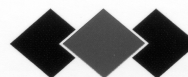
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"WHERE ARE YOU NOW PETER SARSTEDT?"

The news that singer Peter Sarstedt, 73, is now ailing and living in a retirement village will come as a shock to his legions of fans - mostly women, who were hypnotised by the dark pools of liquid chocolate eyes and matching well-groomed hair of a young Delhi-born male, sitting alone on a BBC stage strumming his guitar.

A very unlikely pop star.

I include myself in that fan base and remember clearly the haunting melody of his song (and his only number one hit) played on Top Of The Pops in 1969 when I was barely into my teens.

The lyrics were unlike anything anyone had ever heard back then - as they referred constantly and unashamedly to designer brands and names which (unlike Sarstedt) have robustly stood the test of time almost fifty years on.

For those of you who don't know, 'Where Do You Go To My Lovely?' was a young man's tribute to a beautiful girl - both from the same lowly background - who'd done extraordinarily well for herself. We only learn about the shared humble beginnings at the end of the song, when all becomes clear, as he refers to "....the back streets of Naples, two children begging in rags." Those children being of course the writer and his muse.

So moving was the song, not to mention hugely successful, that people desperately tried to guess who the mystery woman was. Some thought it might be Sophia Loren given the Naples clue. And given her enormous popularity in films at the time. But this guess remains pure conjecture and no one knows to this day who it is. Or if she ever existed.

Sarstedt himself has never revealed her identity and indeed said he was overwhelmed at the incredible reaction to his song. He would never go on to have another number one hit, or indeed any big hit, yet here he was briefly catapulted from his previous simple career as an unknown folk singer into mega stardom - the unusual lyrics and engaging melody finding a place in millions of people's hearts around the world.

Today that one hit would probably keep him comfortably off for life, but things were very different as the Sixties drew to a close. One-hit wonders back then rarely cushioned their composers against hardship the way they would today.

That the song was a success at all was a major surprise given the names did not roll easily off the tongue and were mostly unheard of by British record buyers at the time - usually young people in their teens and twenties, some of whom had never been

overseas. Nor indeed would their wages or pocket money have stretched to actually owning any of the fashion names mentioned. Unlike today when nearly everyone, young and old, drapes themselves from head-to-toe in branded clothing. And some who refuse to buy anything else.

But the tantalising allure of these strange names together with the mystery of the woman piqued the intrigue of the public in 1969 - and a star was born.

Yet oddly enough the song resonated with me. Because even though I was raised in a grim mining town in Yorkshire I still understood every reference Sarstedt made; thanks to a German mother who would often talk of the fashions and places she'd seen in European capitals - before settling down to a very different life in the West Riding coalfields. Places I would soon see for myself when I moved away from the slag heaps.

Almost five decades on I can still remember every word from the time my Mum and I would play the record over and over on our little plastic turntable.

In fact his very reference on the opening line is German:

"You talk like Marlene Dietrich and you dance like Zizi Jeanmaire..."

Marlene Dietrich - she of the knife-sharp cheekbones and fathomless hooded eyes - came from Schöneberg, Berlin and found worldwide fame in Hollywood with her husky exotic voice and elusive air. Zizi Jeanmaire was born in Paris and became a renowned French ballet dancer and actress, married to an equally famous dancer - Roland Petit.

Incredibly she is still alive - now aged 91 - as are most of the Rolling Stones, who also receive a mention in the song. Today Zizi would probably appear on BBC's Strictly as a judge (or in the professional line-up) but back in the 60's only the wealthy would have been able to see her dance as theatre tickets to the ballet were ruinously expensive and only for the privileged few. Now change there then!

Astonishingly almost all of the references Peter Sarstedt made in this song are still current today; he sings of the Rolling Stones, Picasso, Pierre Balmain, the Aga Khan, holidaying in St Moritz or Juan-les-Pins and studying at the Sorbonne. In fact it could be a description of the clever Mrs George Clooney's very lifestyle. As we are subjected to almost daily in the media.

Which only goes to prove it is all as relevant today as it was in 1969. Which other song could boast the same?

Marita

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But I digress. Turns out it's for chopping onions.

Well I don't know about you but I need three hands for that. One to hold the knife, the other to hold the onion and a third to wipe away the tears streaming down my face. Besides has the government never heard of ready chopped onions in Tesco? And has no one mentioned trying to peel the pesky things with only one hand in the first place.

No, I reckon the think-tank in Westminster HQ needs to revisit that one. And soon: I put the disc in the cutlery drawer, forgot about it and when I went to get a teaspoon this morning, the blasted thing drew a spurt of blood from my thumb. Lucky it was me. My poor husband would have had no chance putting a plaster on himself with only one hand!

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Enough about me playing with plastic. I need to paint the hall ready for my tourists. Thanks to our new gadgets I've got no problems getting the lid off the tin.

By the way, the NHS care worker is coming back soon with items for the bathroom. Whooo-hoo!

Marita

POLICE INFORMATION

In the past couple of days, we have received calls from elderly residents who have received hoax telephone calls to their home addresses in the Northumberland area.

The caller claims to be an officer from Scotland Yard, Metropolitan Police, and informed the residents that their bank accounts had been targeted by criminals. They have been asked to withdraw sums of money in the region of £120,000 from their accounts and transfer it to their account for safe guarding.

We are urging residents to continue be on their guard against such hoax calls.

Can I ask that you remind those people who are vulnerable or elderly that a police officer or bank would never ask a member of the public to withdraw money or to give any of their personal details over the phone.

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The Lazy Birdwatcher

1. The Garden

I love watching birds, as long as it's not too tiring. I can sit for hours gawping out of the window at the blue tits and chaffinches hovering up the nuts and seeds we put out for them in the bird feeders. But I can't be bothered to trek all day to see some rare lesser-spotted whatever, or to wade through the bird book to learn the difference between all the gulls.

Birdwatching, like charity, begins at home. You can lie in bed and watch birds in the garden. You may only see blackbirds and sparrows, but if you struggle across to the window and peer round the garden, there's probably a starling or two and perhaps a robin, as well as the blue tits and chaffinches. There you are, six species already, before you're even dressed.

You don't need binoculars or even a bird book – though both of these are helpful, particularly with birds you don't recognise. You certainly don't need a telescope, though I have to admit we've got one. But it doesn't come out on long walks, it sits in the porch, trained on the bird feeders.

Any birds we can see will also be in Haydon Bridge. The fat woodpigeon, the noisy jackdaw, and the little sparrow-like dunnock. In spring we get house martins skimming around, looking for nest sites under the eaves. I couldn't tell them from swallows or swifts at first, but they have a white rump which shows up clearly.

Everything comes to the bird feeders and there's no need even to leave the house. Blue tits and great tits, and sometimes a little flock or long-tailed tits, like little lollipops, with their tail longer than their body. Quite often we'll get coal tits as well, like blue tits with the colour removed, leaving them black and white and greyish. The chaffinch is certainly the commonest of the finches, but we'll also get the more colourful greenfinch – olive green on top and almost yellow underneath. We put out niger seeds as well as mixed seeds, and the goldfinches love them. They are the most attractive little birds, with a crimson face and a bright yellow wing bar. The collective noun is a *charm* of goldfinches, which sounds just right!

Underneath our feeders there is almost always a pheasant, hovering up anything the other birds flick onto the ground. (We live near a farm, and there's often a couple of free-range hens here too, but I don't think they count for birdwatchers.)

One of our favourites is the great spotted woodpecker, a flask of black and white zooming down on the nut feeder, scaring all the other birds away. A brave great tit will try to share the feeder – not a bright idea, the woodpecker goes for him straight away.

We do see slightly less common birds as well. The nut-hatch – grey above and rusty orange underneath – is almost as aggressive as the woodpecker, and will lunge at any smaller bird who tries to share the nut feeder. I thought all sparrows were the same, until I saw one with a brown top to its head, instead of grey – a tree sparrow instead of a house sparrow. If we're lucky there will be a siskin or two – a bit like a little greenfinch, but more yellow and speckled with black. Once or twice that ordinary chaffinch is worth another look, especially in winter. If its breast is orange rather than pink, and its head is darker, it just may be a brambling. That's when we really need the binoculars or the telescope to make sure.

So, twenty species or so, just in the garden. I'm exhausted already! Next time I might raise the energy for a wander along the river – as long as it's fine and I don't have to walk too far.

Robert Bluck

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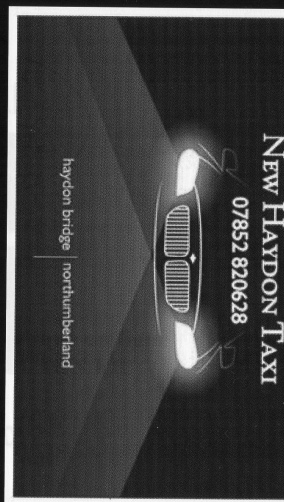
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