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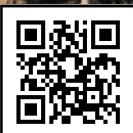


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It's good to see the progress in the river. At first I was unable to work out what was being done and then I was rather alarmed at the small size of the pilings being driven into the river bed but now, having had a chat to one of the men on the site, I think I understand what is intended.

By the time this magazine flops through everyone's post box we should have a total of 250 mm of reinforced concrete, with large river stones embedded on the surface, covering the whole of the river bank where the excavations are now taking place. At the top of the bank there will be a 1 metre wide surface on which, in theory, a higher wall could be built in the future.

This month's centrefold reveals the Environment Agency's report on events.

A warm welcome back to John Harrison this month. He now has two whole pages to himself and is taking charge of both the quiz night item and the Nature Club events.

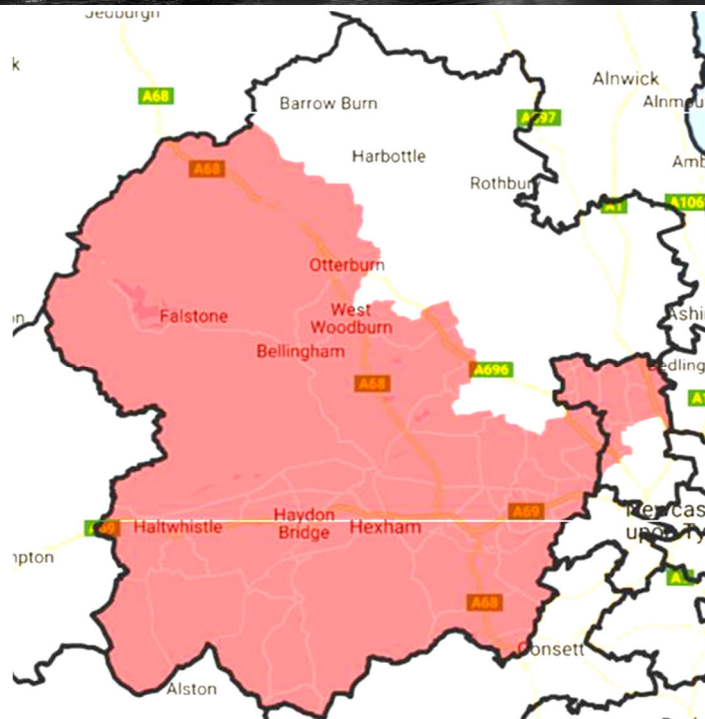
The recent Boundary Commission report, in which changes are proposed for parliamentary constituency boundaries, does affect the Hexham constituency as can be seen on the map opposite. The grey area is the existing constituency and the heavy black line shows the new boundary. There is a huge increase in the area covered. In places the Hexham constituency will come within a stone's throw of the sea. This is something of an improvement on an earlier proposal that spilled over the county boundary to the south.

Young Opperman is going to have his work cut out covering the territory.

On the other hand, is reducing the number of MPS from 650 to 600 going far enough? Then there is the Old Folks Home (aka. The Lords) to reform.

Huge changes are underway in The Community Centre room that formerly housed the youth club. A total refurbishment has occurred with much cleaning up, redecorating and re-equipping. The result is great and the Haydon Bridge Play Group and Tiny Tots have security of tenure for a minimum of three years courtesy of funding from the Shaftoe Trust.

Has anyone heard if the old Fire Station has been sold yet? What should be done with the site? Anyone want to



make some (polite) suggestions?

Parking at the rear of The Community Centre remains a vexed issue. So many people with so many cars and vans and all needing somewhere to park. A suggestion has been floated that the patch of grass between the bungalow and the snicket through to Strothers Close could be a car park. Would that be OK?

Choosing Co-op own brand products (and being a Co-op member) between now and the middle of March next year will allow you to provide funding to The Community Association - which runs the Community Centre - which would be very helpful. Improvements and repairs on such a large building can be costly. New users are always welcome at The Community Centre — make contact with Valerie Bell for bookings. *Steve Ford*

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A meeting of the Haydon Parish Council was held on September 22nd 2016 at 7.30pm in the Community Centre.

Public participation

The sods have not been returned to the tops of the fresh graves it was reported. Steps will be taken to rectify the situation.

The whereabouts of the money supposed to be in the care of the school remains unknown and some doubts were expressed about its very existence. Likewise sums of money hitherto supposed to have been set aside for projects such as a bowling green, amongst other things.

Further expressions of discontent about the state of the cemetery were aired, especially the mowing. That the ground had been too wet for mowing lately was noted and the mowing being undertaken in sections was remarked. The necessity for a more powerful and larger mowing machine was mentioned. The chair (in his absence) was delegated to discuss the many issues with the groundsman.

That the brown bin was empty today was reported.

The church clock's south face was noted to be six minutes slow and undertakings were made to rectify the problem.

Apologies

Esmond Faulks (chair) was absent and Cllr. Eileen Charlton deputised for him.

Declarations of interest

were invited.

Minutes of previous meeting

Were agreed.

Flooding

The letters in response to the letter to Guy Opperman MP from the Environment Agency and NCC were agreed to be disappointing. Much more detailed information is required, in particular the data and analysis behind the recent opinions expressed and plans adumbrated.

Langley Estates have given permission for work to be undertaken in the burn at the east end of the village, and has done in the past too, but they have not otherwise contributed to the works undertaken.

NCC should continue negotiations with all interested parties as the parish continues to recover from the floods.

It was decided to invite NCC's responsible officers to address the council in the near future and to present the 'model' to which they often refer in detail.

Works at Lipwood on and in the river are in abeyance until after the report on the situation which is scheduled to be ready in 2021.

A date for the relevant decisions in connection with the gravel removal is still awaited. Mid October is the latest estimate. Thompsons are very keen to get started on the project to remove an estimated 6,300 tons of gravel and rocks from the river in the neighbourhood of the old and new bridges.

NCC

The hedge by the footpath to the west has yet to be tackled. Likewise the railings by The Railway. A proportion of the weeding work has been completed. Plans for works on the road drains are in hand.

Cllr Sharp spoke very warmly of his delight in seeing The Bridge Library being so enthusiastically used by children as he observed on a recent visit.

A discussion concerning the continuing obstruction of the Church Street/Ratcliffe Road junction took place. Several recommendations were aired and an on site meeting is to take place on 30th September at 10am. All are invited. Removing the bollard and island altogether would be likely to help. Making the whole junction a yellow hatched box, double yellow lines, inviting a traffic warden to attend more frequently, installing a mini-roundabout and a number of other ideas were noted. The council undertook to write to NCC about the problems.

The traffic problems at Woodhall Mill junction were also remarked. The recent traffic diversions to take account of works at Hexham made the problems even more difficult. Further consideration will be given to improving the situation.

The footpath to the west of the school remains to be repaired.

The trees overhanging The Bridge have not yet been pollarded. The possibility of independent action was mooted.

Highways

The eastern junction of the old A69 with the new bypass remains problematic. The police made a prompt and helpful response to a request for evaluation of the situation. Results of an earlier assessment will be sought. The possibility of flashing warning signs was raised.

Lights

A street light is out between 12 and 13 Strother Close.

Planning

Extension at 16 Belmont. No objection.
Listed building consent for new window at Harsondale. No objection.

Accounts

Agreed.

Correspondence

The Community Association President, Steve Ford, has sent a letter asking for the council's views on the desirability and practicality of converting the patch of grass between the bungalow and the snicket through to Strothers Close into a parking area. The desired outcome being a reduction in the parking congestion to the rear of the Community Centre.

The commercial vehicles present would be nicely contained therein and some cars too.

Once the additional parking area was in place the Community Association has it in mind to mark that part of the tarmacked area which belongs to the centre to reserve it for centre users.

The trouble free audit of the council's books was remarked with warm approbation.

Parish Projects

A lengthy résumé of the efforts to install a bus shelter on Ratcliffe Road was presented. Action in concert with Haltwhistle, on both purchase and installation, now seems possible. The saga continues...

AOB

The presence of a temporary encampment on the old road by Spa Well was reported to the council. It was suspected that the area belongs to the Leazes Estate and that therefore the Strakers should be informed as further investigation and action would be their choice.

Our local police liaison officer, Yvonne Clements, will be informed.

The potentially unsafe state of the path running from Ratcliffe Road to the river side, The Ginnel, was mentioned. Particular reference was made to loose flagstones. Mike Jeffs' attention will be drawn to the problem as it may be on his property.

Next meeting of the council will be on Thursday 27th October at 730pm in the Community Centre.

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HAYDON BRIDGE FIRE BRIGADE : Part 4

In my Historical Notes (June, to August 2016) I followed the story of the Haydon Bridge Fire Brigade from its early days as the parish's independent fire fighting unit of the late 19c, through to the 1950s.

Close examination of our fire brigade records shows only occasional changes in membership and, generally, each of our retained firemen have been committed members of the brigade for long periods; for example, when Tommy Armstrong left in November 1955 it was after many years service. John Wilson's last attendance at a Monday night practice, however, was in March 1956 after only three years service and, in November 1958, Billy Gradwell joined and left after only one month. Kevin Johnson was another who had a relatively short stay; Kevin joined in November 1958 and left in March 1960.

Sub Officer George Thompson's last attendance as a member of Haydon Bridge Fire Brigade was on August 31st 1959, the end of a wonderful career and commitment to our retained fire service. George's vacant position of Sub Officer was filled by Robin Armstrong. Another to leave in 1959 (November) was Johnny Brown, whose name had also been synonymous with the Haydon Bridge brigade for many years. Johnny Brown's position as Leading Fireman was filled by Maurice Armstrong.

On December 7th 1959, two new members joined the Haydon Bridge fire service, Alan Ord and Horace Powell, and both were to give long service to the brigade.

Jack Shiel, our Haydon Bridge Post Master who lived with his wife Audrey and family in their Ratcliffe Road post office premises, joined the fire brigade in 1960 and Alan's brother Tommy Ord joined in November 1961. One month later, on December 4th 1961, twenty year old Dennis Telford became a proud member of the brigade.

I can recall my first call-out in February 1962 to this day, at Butt Bank, Fourstones where many square yards of grass were well alight when we arrived. Hose reels and

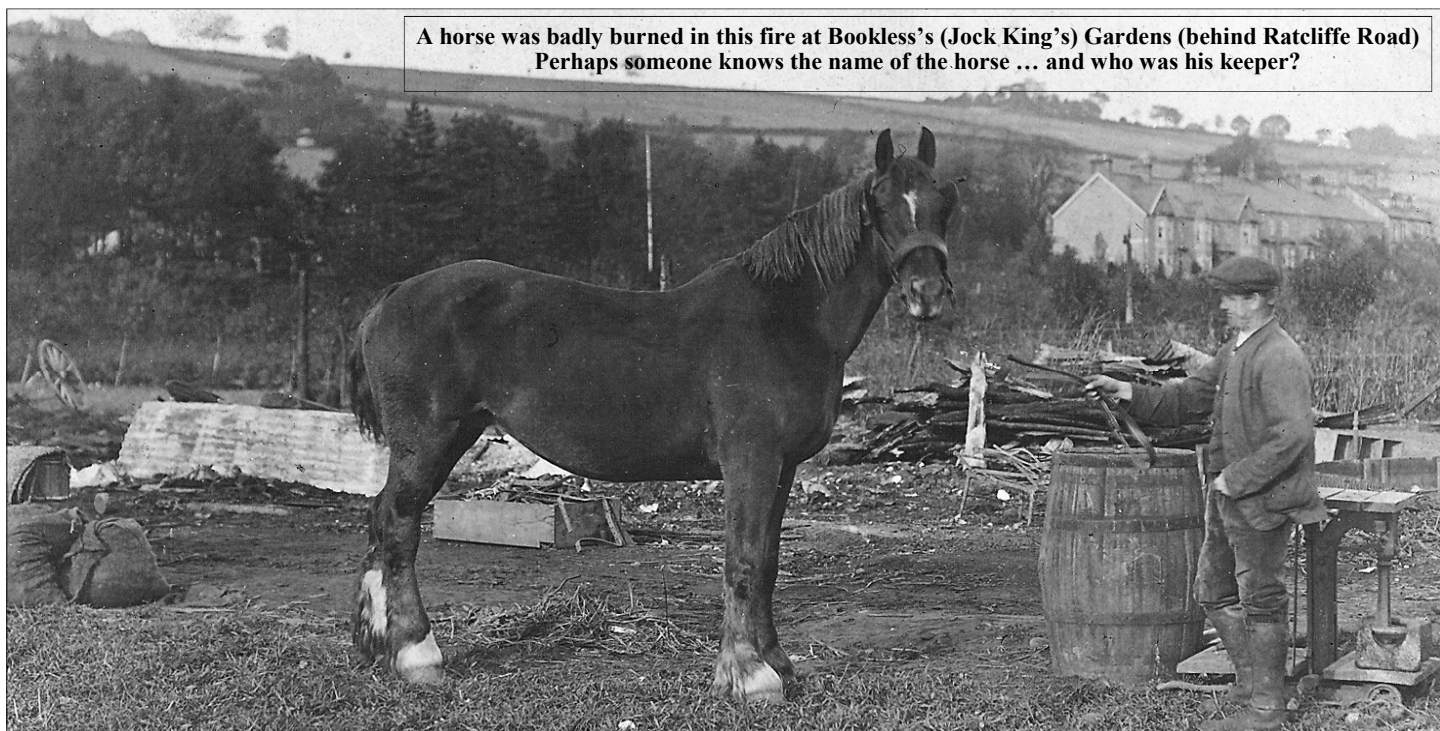
beaters were used and I soon found that it was the new recruit who was given the task of beating the flames into submission. If I thought that the job was onerous on that occasion, I had reckoned without later farm hay shed blazes where the fire was only called "out" after hours of forking and spreading the soaked and smouldering hay.

As I recall it, farm fires occurred in significant numbers during my time in the fire service and were among the major incidents, along with road traffic accidents and fires to railway embankments and even railway workers' cabins alongside the track - still steam trains in those days, spewing sparks from their coal fires onto the grass embankments and anything in the near vicinity. Electrical faults and chimney and chip pan fires in domestic houses also caused fires in large numbers. We also made regular visits to Frankham tip and a significant amount of time was spent 'standing by' at Hexham while the Hexham brigade attended incidents on their patch. Much of my Monday night 'training' was spent cleaning and polishing the engine's equipment, ladders and ropes and inspecting and painting fire hydrants across the parish.

I was not invited to the solo whist school that took place on a Monday night following the brigade activities, until I had been a member for many months, although I was soon to take part in the inter brigade quizzes at Hexham, Haltwhistle, Allendale and Haydon Bridge, that were planned to encourage regular revision of the theoretical knowledge required by a retained fireman. All aspects of building construction were examined during these quizzes and the knowledge gained in my full time job and through my further education City & Guilds and National Courses came in especially useful.

A village fire that caused particular excitement during this period (October 26th 1962) occurred at Bookless's Gardens - or more likely to be known locally as Jock King's Gardens. The siren was sounded by Hexham Fire

**A horse was badly burned in this fire at Bookless's (Jock King's) Gardens (behind Ratcliffe Road)
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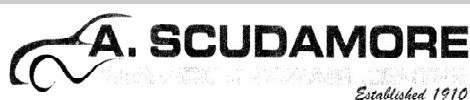
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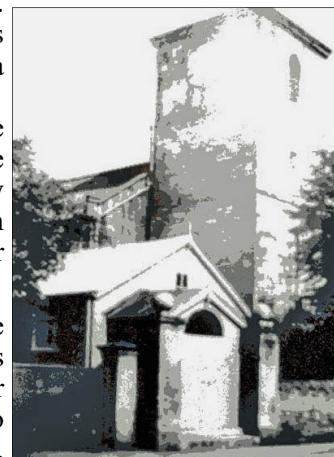
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Station at three o'clock and it was five o'clock before the blaze in a timber hut used as a piggery and for storage was under control. The cause of the fire was unknown.

On September 19th 1963, an 'assumed' electrical fault in St. Cuthbert's Church Hall resulted in severe fire damage, estimated at £2,500, to the much loved wooden building; a blaze on Church Street that took eight firemen three hours to get under control. This rather sad occasion was to be the final chapter of a hall that had hosted numerous concerts, dances, jumble sales, whist drives and beetle drives and the like, over many years. Along with the Town Hall it had been centre of our village's social life.



St Cuthbert's Church Hall
before the 1963 fire.
(Photo Robert Ford)

Following the blaze, the fire damaged wooden remains were removed from their prime site fronting onto Church Street by my father, Jim Carruthers and myself and took on a new life as a timber shed behind our Tyne View, river side joiner's workshop. Eventually, a replacement Church Hall was erected in the garden of the vicarage next to the church, as was its place in the 1960s. The site of the original Church Hall is St. Cuthbert's car park in 2016.

**I will continue my Haydon Bridge Fire Service history
in next month's Haydon News**

HAYDON PARISH 'HOME FRONT' 1914 - 1919

'Peace Day', a celebration of the signing of peace with Germany was celebrated in Haydon Bridge on Saturday, July 19th 1919 and my report here is based on the Hexham Courant of July 26th 1919.



Haydon Bridge was at her best on Peace Day, the sun shone brightly and everyone seemed merry. There were few houses which were not decorated and the streets were gay with bunting and flowers. At 1.00pm a procession, starting from the station yard, paraded the streets. Sixty prizes in eighteen classes were offered to competitors and they ranged from £3 to 2s 6d. The procession, headed by Mr J. Hicks carrying a large Union Jack and followed by the Haydon Bridge Brass Band and the Haydon Parish

councillors, included a long line of decorated horses and vehicles, light and heavy lorries bearing tableaux, and pedestrians in all kinds of fancy and comic costumes. The feature of the procession was a fine show of horses, splendidly groomed, prepared and decorated for the event.

Judging took place on the procession's arrival at Messrs Pickering's celebration field and thereafter, the juvenile and adult sports events commenced. The most interesting sports items were reported to be the four miles marathon

race, 'won in good style by Sgt Leslie Bell MM', and the marathon race for youths under seventeen, won by Bertie Brown. 570 commemorative medals were presented to children fifteen years and under, through the generosity of Mr T.A. Gibson, who was accorded a hearty cheer by the delighted recipients. *(I wonder, are any of these medals in anyone's possession today?)* Among other events was a baby show of four classes.

The children, the old people, the local soldiers and their

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wives, were entertained to tea. Tea was also available for others at a small charge, and the ladies fed 1,300 people.

PEACE DAY AWARDS : JULY 19th 1919

Were your ancestors among the winners?

Horse and Vehicle Classes:

Light horse and vehicle: 1. Miss B. Pickering, The Lees. 2. Mr J. Watson, Lipwood Well. 3. Mrs T. Davidson, Tofts. Special for best light horse - Messrs Ridley, Low Hall.

Heavy horse and vehicle: 1. Mr R. Veitch, Peel Well. 2. Mrs Rutherford, Brokenheugh. 3. W. Watson, Lipwood Well. 4. E. Marshall, East Mill Hills. Special for best heavy horse - Mr R. Veitch, Peel Well.

Best comic turnout horse and vehicle: 1. J.E. Wilson. 2. Miss Ainger. 3. J. Maughan.

Tableaux on lorry: 1. Joseph Eggleston, The Bush. 2. Mr J.E. Wilson, Haydon Bridge.

Special for best horse in trotting class: Messrs Ridley, Low Hall.

Among the winners in the pedestrian classes were:

Miss Mann, early Victorian. Miss K. Waugh, gipsy. Miss Enid Wright, scarecrow. Miss C. Wigham and Miss N. Waugh, Italian musicians. Miss F. Waugh and Miss Bridget, swells. Miss M. Robson, powder puff. Miss Mitchinson, snow man. Miss Spooner, a butcher. Mrs Urwin, "Whitechapel best". Miss I. Waugh, a sandwichman. Miss Foster, Golliwog. Misses W. Dick and Grace Davison, courtiers. Miss Nancy Ridley, flower girl. Miss E. Dove, fairy. Miss F. Thompson, the League of Nations. Misses H. and Y. Veitch, Italians. Misses M. Dick, S. Wright and W. Davison, three old maids of Lee. Norman Wray, Lord Fauntelroy. Miss M. Thompson, Red Indian. Miss J. Thrower, newspaper boy. Oswin Thompson, Red Indian. W. Thompson, milkmaid. Harry Swallow, granny. J. Waugh, charwoman. Miss Lottie Gladstone, an old lady.

Sports Adults:

Marathon Race (4 miles): 1. Sergt Leslie Bell MM. 2. Pte T. Irving. 3. R.G. Kennedy.



My thanks are due to Pam and Ken Linge for sharing their photographic archive

Could this have been the 1919 Peace Day Marathon?

Old Man's Race: 1. J. Oliver, 2. W. Urwin. 3. F. Kirby.

Sack Race: 1. W. Urwin. 2. A. Urwin. 3. M. Urwin.

Three Legged Race: 1. Nevin and Hornsby. 2. Thompson and Armstrong. 3. Paxton and Robinson.

Thread the Needle Race: 1. A. Robinson. 2. J. Waugh. 3. W. Spooner.

Tug-of-War (Men): 1. W. Harkness' team. 2. T. Watson's team.

Tug-of-War (Ladies): 1. Miss Walton's team. 2. Miss Birnie's

team.

Quoit Handicap: 1. J. Watson. 2. W. Brayson. 3. L. Pearson.

Pillow Fight: 1. M. Cowing. 2. R.G. Kennedy. 3. G. Hodgson.

Trotting Race: 1. J. Dodd. 2. G. Walton. 3. J. Heslop.

Youths' Marathon Race: 1. B. Brown. 2. D. Harle.

Children's Sports:

Girls' Flat Race: (under 10) 1. M. Johnson. 2. M. Ridley. 3. H.

Beadle. (under 14) 1. H. Sutherland. 2. M. Bright. 3. P. Robson.

Boys' Flat Race: (under 10) 1. C. Rodger. 2. J. Scott. 3. A.

Robinson. (under 14) 1. W. Bowman. 2. N. Harle. 3. W. Milburn.

Girls' Egg and Spoon Race: (u 14) 1. A. Irving. 2. J. Thrower.

3. E. Egglestone.

Boys Egg and Spoon Race: (u14) 1. J. Thrower.

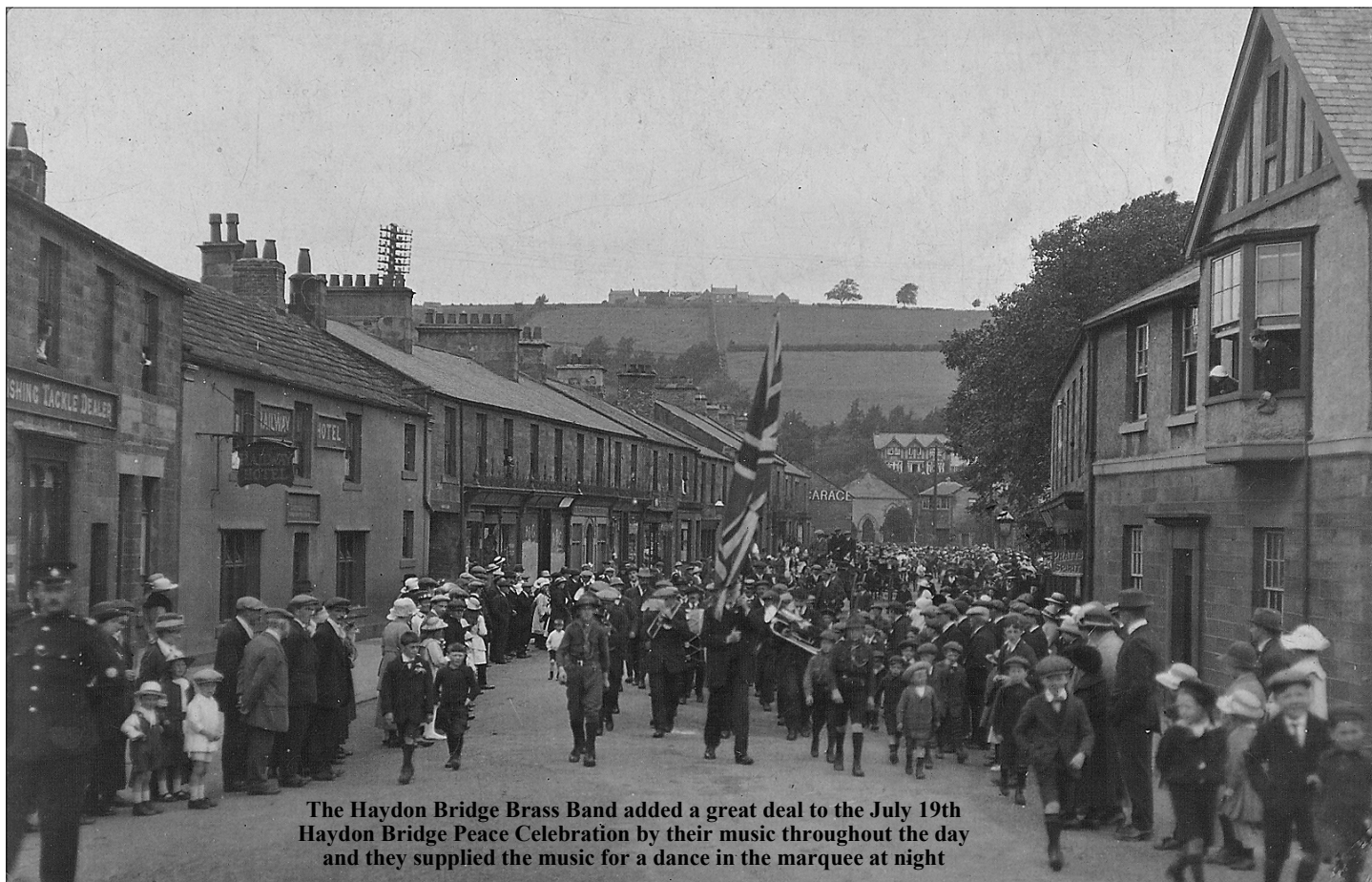
2. P. Armstrong. 3. W. Beadle.

Potato race: (Girls under 14 years) 1. M. Urwin. 2. J. Anderson.

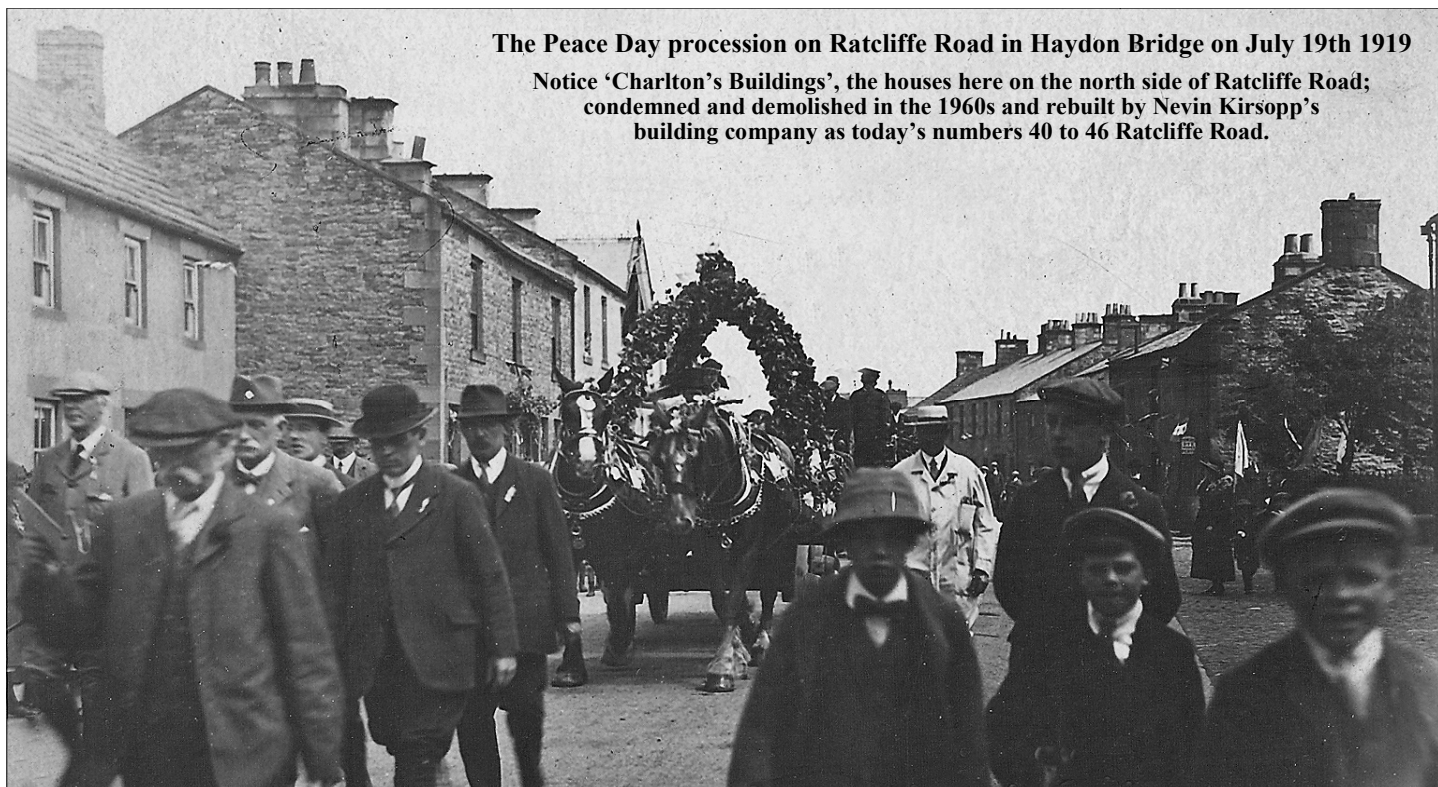
3. E. Gibson. (Boys under 14 years) 1. A. Milburn. 2. C. Telford.

3. L. Thrower.

Baby Show: (Boys under 6 months) Colin Beadle, Geoffery Marshall, Jos M. Egglestone, Spencer Wren. (Boys over 6 months and under 12 months) W.E. Carruthers, T.H. Brown, Jos Hall, J.A. Grey. (Girls under 6 months) A. Burns, H.M. Batey, N. Ridley, K. Hodgson, (Girls over 6 months and under 12 months) Irene Wilkinson, A.G. Robinson.



The Haydon Bridge Brass Band added a great deal to the July 19th Haydon Bridge Peace Celebration by their music throughout the day and they supplied the music for a dance in the marquee at night



The Peace Day procession on Ratcliffe Road in Haydon Bridge on July 19th 1919

Notice 'Charlton's Buildings', the houses here on the north side of Ratcliffe Road; condemned and demolished in the 1960s and rebuilt by Nevin Kirsopp's building company as today's numbers 40 to 46 Ratcliffe Road.

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We had to call the police to arrest a trouble-maker last night, Raydon. He threw a salt cellar at one customer and a torch battery at another.

Assault and battery.

What did they charge him with, Dusty?



A QUESTION FOR ALL READERS.

In which font and at what size should The Haydon News be printed?

When The Haydon News changed to the current layout the decision was taken to use this size of print (12 point Times New Roman font) in order to make reading easier for older residents. Obviously this uses quite a lot of space, which leads in turn to quite a lot of expense.

I happened to glance at the Corbridge magazine, Corbridge Matters, the other day and they use a much smaller and more modern font, rather like this - Arial Narrow 10 point. Whilst I find it OK to read, I can appreciate that it may be a struggle for others. On the other hand, this is about the size of text on a smart phone.

Perhaps you could give the matter some thought and let me know what you think.

Going to a smaller print size might reduce the number of pages by one or two and hence the cost of production of the HN.

Editor

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Peter and Brenda Rafter would like to thank all the people who contributed to the Flood Recovery Fund. A special thanks also to the hard working committee who distributed it.

To all the people who gave us sanctuary and help during this crisis in our lives - our grateful thanks.

We are back home now and gradually getting things back to normal.

We appreciate all the lovely people in our village who expressed their concern and gave us consolation. There are too many to mention but they know who they are!

We will always remember your kindness and generosity.

Yours faithfully

Peter and Brenda Rafter

The Gin Gan, Middle Lipwood

The Greenhead Local History Group Public Lecture in October returns!

The subject this year will be those two "other" structures that form part of the package we know as "Hadrian's Wall : the Vallum and the Turf Wall. We know they existed, we know roughly where they were, and can recognise bits of them as we pass by, but few of us have really understood much about them, and visitors often fail to notice them at all. So we do tend to airbrush both of them from our mental picture of "The Wall" and the facts are rarely questioned.

Geoff Carter, on the other hand, has looked closely - and he has come up with some interesting questions for us to consider. Geoff is a Structural Archaeologist, believing that

*"just as knowledge of potting is necessary for understanding pottery, so understanding engineering is important for a archaeologists dealing with the archaeological remains of engineered environments ... being able to **think** like potter or an engineer..."*

*"The Vallum is one of the largest earthworks in the world, part of **Hadrian's Wall World Heritage site**, and yet is seldom discussed, perhaps because while its interpretation may work on paper, it makes less sense on the ground.*

"It is an excellent example of how in archaeology, when we name something, it conditions the way we perceive it ... The Vallum is one of the oldest concepts in the literature of Hadrian's Wall, originating with the Venerable Bede in the eighth century, and while this structure is not a vallum in any way shape or form, all subsequent literature would appear to have developed from this idea.

"In more recent times, it was apparent that the earthwork was not defensive, but it was nonetheless usually regarded as a boundary or barrier between the Wall and something else, with even the language used to describe the earthwork being shaped to accommodate this underlying assumption.

"However, to understand the Vallum you have to look at it with the perspective of a structural archaeologist. Luckily, I see it every day, so I know with a reasonable degree of certainty that it is "

So - come and find out what Geoff has discovered, both about the Vallum and about the Turf Wall! The lecture, **"Hadrian's Wall: Understanding the Turf Wall and the Vallum"**, takes place in **Greenhead Village hall on Wednesday, 26th October, at 6.30pm.** There will be a small charge to cover costs and an opportunity to chat over refreshments afterwards about the Local History Group, its past activities and its possible future, as well as about what we have heard.

CHURCHES WORKING TOGETHER

CLERGY MESSAGE

From Father Leo Pyle.

Naaman's Faith

Naaman the former leper, returns to Elisha.
Naaman the cleansed leper has acknowledged the Lord.

Naaman the former pagan recognises the Lord and accepts the truth.

Naaman the convert confesses the Lord.

Naaman professes the Lord!

We witness a paradigm shift in the Naaman story, a shift all the way from paganism to faith in the one God!

'Now I know there is no God in all the earth except in Israel' (2 Kings Chp 5 v 14-17)

Naaman sings a new song! He sings it to the Lord who works wonders and brings salvation. The conversion and transformation of Naaman is registered in his final word

'Your servant will no longer offer holocaust or sacrifice to any god except to the Lord!'

We have much to learn from Naaman about conversion, transformation, consciousness and tuning into the universe about faith in God.

On our way from 2nd book of Kings to the Gospel of Luke, we discover deeper refinement to faith in God. Whereas all ten lepers have faith in Jesus, only one, a foreigner, comes back to give praise to God. He finds himself cured, turns back, praising God at the top of his voice and throws himself at the feet of Jesus and thanks him.

Jesus response: Your faith has saved you! (Luke Chp 17 v 11-19)

Praise and thanks then are the crucial dimension to ever deeper faith. Faith glorifies the Deity. Faith is totally beholden to the Almighty.

Our life of prayer is a constant return to this truth that it is God whom we acknowledge as our very consciousnesses, we glorify the Deity out of our total dependence.

As Paul expresses it: We reign with Christ! And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him so that God may be all in all! (1 Corinthians Chp 15 v 28)

Father Leo Pyle

Services in the Benefice of Haydon Bridge and Beltingham with Henshaw.

Rev. Dr. Benjamin Carter. St. Cuthbert's Anglican Church
The Vicarage, Station Yard Tel. 01434 688196

Trinity 19:

Sunday 2 October 2016

9.30am: Parish Eucharist (BCP), St Cuthbert's Beltingham

11am: Parish Eucharist with Storybook Church, St Cuthbert's Haydon Bridge

Trinity 20:

Sunday 9 October 2016

9.30am: Parish Eucharist (Harvest) with Storybook Church, All Hallows' Henshaw

11am: Parish Eucharist, St Cuthbert's Haydon Bridge

Trinity 21:

Sunday 16 October 2016

9.30am: Parish Eucharist, All Hallows', Henshaw

11am: Parish Eucharist (BCP), St Cuthbert's Haydon Bridge

Last after Trinity:

Sunday 23 October 2016

9.30am: Parish Eucharist, St Cuthbert's Beltingham

11am: Parish Eucharist, St Cuthbert's Haydon Bridge

3pm: Evening Worship, Haydon Old Church

Saturday 29 October

10.30am: Messy Church, All Hallows' Henshaw

All Saints' Day:

Sunday 30 October, 2016

10am: Joint Eucharist, St Cuthbert's Haydon Bridge

4pm: All Souls' Service, All Hallows' Henshaw

6pm: All Souls' Service, St Cuthbert's Haydon Bridge

3 before Advent:

Sunday 6 November 2016

9.30am: Parish Eucharist (BCP), All Hallows' Henshaw

11am: Parish Eucharist with Storybook Church, St Cuthbert's Haydon Bridge

Messy Church

12th October 3.30 to 5.45 pm
at the Methodist Church.

Come along and bring your friends

ROMAN CATHOLIC SERVICES

Father Leo Pyle St John of Beverley Catholic Church
St John's Presbytery, North Bank Tel. 01434 684265

Mass each Sunday at 9.30am

Mass each Sunday at 11.00am at Haltwhistle

Mass on weekdays (except Mondays) at 10.00am either St John's or Haltwhistle.

METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES

Deacon Anne Taylor Methodist Congregation
Woodville, Redesmouth Road, Bellingham Tel: 01434 220283

2 October

10am Morning Worship
Margaret Weatherson
6pm Communion Worship
Rev. David Goodall

9 October

10am **Family Harvest**
Ruth Johnson
6pm **Harvest Service**
Led by Acomb Choir

16 October

10am Readers Service
Mo. Lucas
6pm Evening Worship
John Carrick

23 October

10am Morning Worship
Brenda Mearns
6pm Evening Worship
Rev. Terry Hurst

30th October

10am Communion Worship
Rev. Jenny Pryde
6.00am Café Style Service
Deacon Anne Taylor



Thank you to all who came along to support the GITS quiz at the Havelock in August. It was a big success with lots of money raised to support the New Years Eve fireworks. There was an excellent raffle and we are very grateful to all who donated prizes.

The next event is on Saturday 29th October. This will be a disco at the Haydonian Social Club. We'll have Toddy's Disco and live music from Bob and Emma. A recipe for a good night! It's Hallowe'en weekend so why not make the effort to dress up. There'll be prizes for the best costumes, some silly games, raffle etc. Posters will have all the info soon.

We're hoping to have a Christmas Music Night in St. Cuthbert's Church in December. We'd like singers of all genre's to take part – folk, jazz, rock, pop, choral...everything..singing songs about Christmas. If you want to be involved contact me as soon as possible.

GITS had a welcome donation of £200 from the organisers of the Haydon Bridge Festival. Our thanks to them.

The fireworks event on New Year's Eve is all organised. We have a list of volunteers but not all will be available to help on the day so if you are available and can spare some time please contact me with your details. We'll need help from 3pm when the bridge closes for the fireworks to be set up until just after midnight when it all ends. We do it in 2 hourly shifts.

Would you like to join us? We meet on the first Monday of the month at 8pm in the General Havelock. We'd love to see you there. If you can't commit yourself to being a 'fulltime GIT' perhaps you can be added to our list of helpers who can be contacted for events to help whenever you can. Ring me or contact any of the GITS.

Pauline Wallis
The Get It Together Society
Tel: 01434 684061

Methodist Church Concert

(Part of the Harvest Weekend)

SHAFTOE SINGERS

Saturday 8th October 7.30 pm
Entry £6 which includes buffet supper afterwards.

All Welcome

Do come and support this talented local group

Advance Notice**Christmas Puppet Show**

The date for this will be
Sunday 27th November
2.30 pm in the Methodist Church.
As usual, all are very welcome. Entry will be free
and light refreshments will be served afterwards.
Come along and bring neighbours and friends

Puppet Show on August Bank Holiday Monday

Our very talented local family 'The Bells' gave an entertaining Puppet Show in the Methodist Church which was enjoyed by young and old alike. Special thanks to them and also to the refreshment Ladies. (See Advance Notice opposite)

**Coffee Mornings
at the Methodist Church**

Every Tuesday and Thursday
10 am to 12 noon

These sessions are run by local Church members in turn and take place around the Coffee Tables.
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biscuits

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between

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Haydon Bridge United AFC

Season 2016/17 – September Update

The Summer holidays have gone and the football club is back up and running for the 2016/17 season. Training for some of our teams carried on virtually all the way through the holidays, so for some it feels as though we've never been away! The 2016/17 season looks to be a great one for the football club. This season we're already have 6 teams up and running and we're hoping to add a seventh team (Under 8's) to our ranks in the next few weeks. We have established teams playing as follows:



| Team | Manager | Mobile | E-Mail | Training |
|-------------------|--------------------|-------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| Under 15's | Neil Robson | 07743896971 | neil@townshields.f9.co.uk | Thurs 7.30 - 8.30 |
| Under 14's | Peter Scott | 07903551911 | p-scott16@sky.com | Wed 6.00 - 7.30 |
| Under 13's | Jeanette Dickinson | 07776000428 | jces@btinternet.com | Thurs 6.30 - 7.30 |
| Under 10's | Alex Wilson | 07801726012 | Alex.Wilson@redringxpelair.com | Thurs 6.30 - 7.30 |
| Under 9's | Brian Alderson | 07557368711 | bwalderson@btinternet.com | Mon 6.30 - 7.30 |
| Development Squad | Brian Alderson | 07557368711 | bwalderson@btinternet.com | Mon 5.30 - 6.30 |

If you know someone interested in joining one of our teams as a player or coach, please contact the relevant person above.

Under 9's This season, the team have moved up with their age group and that has brought a few changes to the playing format of our games, we've moved from 2 x 20 minute games to 1 x 50 minute game. We've also moved from 5 a side to 7 a side. So far the team have responded well to the challenge and have played league games against Stocksfield Leopards and Hexham Juve. FA rules prevent us from publishing result from these game, but we can say the games have generated 16 goals and loads of entertainment from those that come along to watch.

Under 10's Our 10's have also started the season well, considering last season the team was in danger of folding due to a lack of players wanting to take part. The team has started the team with ?? players registered and a new coach getting the team organised for match days. Again FA rules prevent us publishing results, but the team are doing well, scoring goals and playing some good football.

Under 13's With a tough draw for the first round of the Pinpoint Challenge Shield, the team played North Shields Reds from the division above. The game ended in a 6-1 defeat, with Niall Buchanan our goal scorer and a Man of the Match performance from Hamish Carney. They bounced back with a fantastic victory over Alnwick Town a week later winning 6-4 at home. Goals from Niall Buchanan 2, Jamie Connor 2, Shay Dickinson 1, Kian McKinnel 1, MOTM was again Hamish Carney.

Under 14's Our Under 14's won their first game of the season with a 6-1 win against Stakeford. Goals for Harry Crowe, James Percival and 4 for Cameron Robson. MOTM James Percival. Manager Peter Scott said "Great to get the season off to a winning start!"

Under 15's Our 15's have had a great start to the season, their first game was a hard fought 5-3 win against Ponteland United Pumas. With goals from: Owen White 3, Joey Robson 1, Steven Heslop 1, MOTM - Mitchell Sloane. Manager Neil Robson commented "We haven't reached full match fitness yet, but a good all round battling performance, well done lads!"

In their next game they recorded a 3-1 win against Seaton Delaval with goals from Owen White, Ethan Dickinson, and Steven Heslop, MOTM performance from Tom Anderson. The third game of the season was another win this time against Redheugh. On a very hot day, they came back from 2-1 down at half time to win 7-4, well done lads!

Senior Team (Haydon Bridge Anchor FC) The Senior team's season started back on 21st August and a successful start to the season it's been! An away win in our first match beating Ryton Hotel 4-3, goals from Darren Dobson and a hat-trick from Kieran Robley. Was followed with a 4-1 home win against Haltwhistle Railway, goals from Kieran Robley 2, Darren Dobson and Andrew Pape, MOTM Dale Leadbitter. The third game of the season was the start of a trio of games against Hexhamshire, the first a 4-3 away win goals from Darren Dobson, Kieran Robley and 2 for Dan Alexander. The next game in the trio was a cup game, after extra time the score was 5-5, so the match was decided on penalties, with Haydon bridge winning 4-3. The final game of the trilogy resulted in a 6-3 win. I think it's safe to say we've seen enough of Hexhamshire for a few months!!

A fantastic start to the season for all of our teams!

The Club The Haydon Bridge Football Club has been in existence for over 100 years, established back in 1881, the club continues to develop and improve its facilities and with the installation of the 3G pitch earlier this year, the club's facilities are the best they have ever been. This is down to the hard work and dedication of those directly involved at the club. We thought it would be useful each month to give you a bit of info on some of the people working behind the scenes to keep the football club running.

This month we start with our **Chairman – Tony Jenkins** Tony has been involved with Haydon Bridge United FC since 2001 as a Player/Manager and a Coach. In 2009 Tony was appointed Chairman of the football club. He's passionate about the sporting heritage of HBUFC, and the provision of excellent & safe facilities at Low Hall Park

Haydon Bridge Super 6 Some of you may be aware we are running a new fundraising game throughout the season called the Super 6 Football Prediction game. Each month a list of fixtures for Newcastle, Sunderland, Middlesbrough, Carlisle, Hartlepool and Darlington are published from our Facebook page and Website. Simply predict the results, a correct result gets you 3 points, each team's correctly predicted score gets you an additional 2 points per team. At the end of the month whoever has the most points wins the prize fund.



Haydon Bridge Flood Defence Repairs—a report from the Environment Agency.

Work to repair flood defences damaged during the winter floods has been progressing in Haydon Bridge after Environment Agency contractors started on site at the beginning of August 2016.

Erosion Repairs on the River South Tyne

Erosion repairs on the North and South banks of the River South Tyne are continuing. Environment Agency contractors, BAM Nuttall are using some of the gravel from in the river channel for the repairs. So far the works have seen gravel used from the river bed for the repairs, and approximately 80m of piles have been used to strengthen the river banks.



Before – Erosion on the South bank of the River South Tyne, damage caused by the winter 15/16 floods.



Now – BAM Nuttall are working to repair the bank erosion, using some of the in-channel gravel.

The Environment Agency have worked closely with Northumbrian Water so that this repair work also protects the Northumbrian Water sewer within the bank side. The erosion repairs are on schedule to be completed by the end of September.



Before – Temple Houses flood wall and the damage underneath caused by the winter 15/16 floods.



Now – Temple Houses Flood Wall has now been strengthened by gabions.

Temple Houses Flood Wall

We asked BAM Nuttall to repair erosion damage beneath the flood wall at Temple Houses to ensure the structural integrity of the wall using metal baskets filled with stone, known as gabions. This work is now substantially complete. This means the standard of protection provided has now permanently been restored. We will be looking to further investigate repairs to the flood wall itself at a later date, we are working with the contractor who originally built the wall to find a solution.

Flood Bank at Martins Close and Rocksprings Crescent

AMCO started work to repair the flood bank behind Martins Close and Rocksprings crescent during the week of 22 August 2016. The repair work involved raising low spots along the flood bank and is complete. We will be finishing off the flood bank by seeding the area with grass seed, which may take a few months to mature/establish. Works to raise the ground behind Rocksprings Crescent are also complete, this has included the installation of new access steps for residents to match the new higher level of the footpath.

Brigwood Flood Wall



Before – Damaged flood embankment behind Rock-springs Crescent, as a result of the winter 15/16 floods.



Now – Repaired flood embankment behind Rock-springs Crescent with footpath.

The Flood Wall at Brigwood has been repointed and work is now substantially complete. This work was carried out by our contractors, AMCO and took 2 weeks to complete.

Whilst on site, we were made aware by local residents of a further issue where the flood wall doesn't tie in fully with the embankment. As a result we have now asked our contractors, AMCO to improve the join where Brigwood flood wall meets the embankment to prevent any leakage during high river flows. This additional bit of work will be completed by the end of September.

Gravel Removal at Haydon Bridge

The Environment Agency understands the concerns of the community relating to the gravel island, and are working closely with Haydon Bridge Parish Council to support them through the process to obtain a permit to remove gravel from the River South Tyne, between the old and new bridges.

The Environment Agency cannot justify removing the gravel using government funding, as modelling recently carried out to assess the impact of the gravel island determined that the gravel as it sits, has little to no impact on flood risk to properties.

A permit application has now been submitted and decisions on permits must be made within 2 months.

Haydon Bridge Flood Wardens

Haydon Bridge needs more volunteers to act as Lead Flood Wardens.

Flood Wardens can get involved in a number of ways, including:

- promoting awareness of flood risk,
- encouraging people to take appropriate action in line with their community flood action plan during a flood,
- assisting vulnerable residents, and
- acting as a link with the Environment Agency to help keep our Area Incident Room updated on river levels and events on the ground.

A Community Flood Plan has been developed by Haydon Bridge Parish Council. If you are interested in volunteering as a Flood Warden, please contact David Robson on daver1949x@gmail.com

AURORA BOREALIS

There are few more dramatic sights in nature than the aurora borealis and it is not infrequently seen at our latitudes. The difficulty is knowing when to look for it.

If a really dramatic display is anticipated then the broadcast weather reports may mention it but I have found a website that provides a warning email automatically:

<http://aurorawatch.lancs.ac.uk>

Well worth signing up for - especially as it's free!

Haydonian Social Club Leek, Vegetable, Flower & Industrial Show.

The Annual Leek, Vegetable, Flower and Industrial Show took place at the Haydonian Social Club on Saturday 10th September 2016. The entrants were down on last years show, but the quality was still there. The Leek Sections were won by Michael Ridley (Pot Leeks) and Gary Cunningham (Blanche Leeks).

Brian Burrows won the Cup for most points in the Vegetable Section, with Gary Cunningham winning the trophy for the Flower Section, and Anne Dickinson winning the Industrial Section. The winners in the Children's section included Charlie and Alfie Makepeace, Ruby Dickinson, and Max Brown.

All the products were auctioned off at night in aid of the Great North Air Ambulance which totalled £235. The members were then entertained by the fabulous Duo, 'Zoe and the Boy'.

Thank you to all who supported this event. Let's make it even better next year

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Community Association News

Great news, our cause has been approved for the Co-op Local Community Fund.

Launched on 21st September

Co-op Membership means members will start to receive their new cards and will be able to choose a cause in their communities to support.

How it works

Every time members choose Co-op branded products and services and use their Co-op Membership card (subject to our Membership T&Cs), 1% of what they spend will go to their chosen cause.

Members can change their choice at any time until the end of the giving period on 18th March 2017.

If members don't pick a cause then their 1% is shared out equally between all the local causes in their community.

Any funds raised for your charity will be distributed shortly after the end of the giving period.

Getting started

The Co-op Local Community Fund will be a huge success. To get things started, announcements will appear in the local media about the re-launch of Membership and the benefits it brings to local causes. Our cause may be mentioned in the local press around 21st September.

A promotional guide will be launched to help promote the project to supporters and members. You can use this from 21st September to encourage our members to choose your cause so that you raise as much money as possible.

Good luck!

Co-op Local Community Fund Team.

Haltwhistle 29th Annual Craft Fair

Saturday 5th November

10am - 4pm

Masonic Hall

Greenholme Rd, NE49 9DL

(signposted off the A69)

*A wide variety of quality crafts from
across the region*

Homemade Refreshments available throughout the day

Entrance:

Adults 50p

Accompanied Children 30p

Raffle in aid of Local Girl Guiding

Grand Jigsaw Sale

Saturday 22 October

Community Centre 10 to noon

Stuck for ideas to fill those long autumnal evenings? Why not try one of our pre-loved jigsaws? A huge variety of subjects, shapes and sizes are available. 500 to 2000 pieces, hundreds to choose from.

At £1 each you could buy sufficient to see you through the winter, or at least up to Xmas.

The Sale is at the Community Centre on Saturday 22 October, from 10 to 12. All proceeds from the sale are for the Bridge community library.

It is being run alongside the Coffee Morning so call in and have a cuppa too.

Haydon Bridge Bird Survey – Postscript

Two slightly late but very welcome Bird Survey returns were handed in to the Bridge earlier this summer. Both recorded sightings of Birds of Prey that had not been reported before. One return reported the sighting of a Merlin at Haresby Lonsen in the autumn. The other listed a Peregrine Falcon and a Hen Harrier, both at Plunderheath. Unfortunately I missed the Nature Club's September meeting on "Hen Harriers in the uplands", but reportedly it was very well supported and lively. So keep your eyes peeled for further events, as well as for more birds.

Haydonian Social Club

Family Prize Bingo

Saturday 8th Oct 2016

Eyes Down 7-30pm

Whistle Art Stop

It's Five Years since Whistle Art Stop opened in Haltwhistle, bringing us a potent mix of serious art and exciting creative opportunities for all ages and abilities! We're celebrating with an exhibition in the SHED gallery of some of the work produced by the people of the area and the projects that have taken place on the site. The exhibition captures some of the joy discovered by a great mix of people through their involvement and demonstrates how unlimited our horizons can be.

Also new at Whistle Art is the Computer Suite where courses will be available in advanced skills and where for a small cost people can use the excellent facilities, or the wifi with their own equipment, for an hour or more. The Gift Shop, Gallery, Computer Suite and Studio complex is open on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 10 to 4. For details of the children's and adults' art clubs, see the website:
<http://whistleartstop.org/>

CHARITY QUIZ NIGHTS AT THE GENERAL HAVELOCK, HAYDON BRIDGE

All quizzes start at 8.15 pm (or thereabouts) - cost is £1.50 per person

In addition to the Quiz, the evening includes the famous 'Beer Question', Refreshments and a Raffle

The quizzes which are very informal and not unduly taxing – the emphasis is on enjoyment and relaxation amongst friends. Team size from 2 to 8.

The quizzes have raised £1618 so far during 2016 (up to August).

Programme for 2016

October 18th Motor Neurone Disease Association ([mnda](#))

November 15th Guide Dogs

December 13th Josie's Dragonfly Trust **Queenie Quiz**

Bids are invited for any registered charity for any of the monthly slots in 2017. Four bids have been received so far but only March has been allocated (Breast Cancer Now). Bids to John Harrison via the General Havelock or on Johnandaveril@aol.com.

A VIEW FROM UP THERE

John Harrison

Having spared you from the pain of my jokes VFUT now returns to your screens. Nothing much has changed out there on our roads – Haydon Bridge is still famous for its invisible roadside signs. Many of the signs along the Newbrough road remain (almost) invisible and our visitors have been amused by the traffic camera by the new bridge which is obviously there to measure the speed of leaf flutter. And the last time I drove up from Lanercost Priory into Brampton I was welcomed into Brampton by a sign asking me to 'Please Drive Slowly' except that the 'r' and 'v' were missing. Nice thought !!

And now the summer (?) weather You blinked at the wrong moment ??

July was a month of contrasts across the UK from very wet (NW) to very dry (S Coast), and very hot (30+ degC) to rather cool (less than 15 degC). With low pressure systems in charge of the weather this was always going to be a changeable month with winds from a dominantly westerly direction. The first two weeks started cool and wet, the daytime air temperature exceeding 20 degC only once, on the 9th, during a short spell of slightly warmer weather between the 7th and 10th. Much of the rain fell as light drizzle. From the 14th warm Tropical air began to affect the weather and by the 18th daytime temperatures had exceeded 20 degC for only the second time in the month (24.5 degC). The rise in temperature continued and across the UK the temperature reached 30 degC or more on the 19th. Over much of the North-East, away from the effects of the sea, the maximum reached was generally 30.0 degC. However, this did not last and by the 20th the heat had given rise to convectional storms with thunder and torrential rain. The 20th was the wettest day of the month 16.7mm falling in only a few hours. Daytime air temperatures exceeded 20 degC for the following few days before cooler and fresher conditions returned on the 25th. Unsettled weather returned for the remainder of the month with occasional rain and occasionally heavy showers, which were accompanied by thunder on the 29th.

August followed a very similar pattern to the previous month with some sunny and warm spells interspersed with frequent rain and strong winds. Wind direction was all over the place. Although the 1st was sunny, the period 2nd-5th was characterised by very dull and murky weather with light rain or drizzle. As the pressure rose on the 5th the skies cleared bringing some lengthy sunny spells. However, the wind became strong at times, reaching gale force overnight on the 7th/8th. With the wind coming from the North-West, conditions were relatively cool, the daytime temperature hovering close to 15 degC on the 9th and 10th, which felt more like autumn than high summer. A wind shift towards a more southerly direction from the 11th brought milder air but also a return to dull conditions. As pressure rose the 13th to 18th became sunny and at times quite warm. After yet another spell of unsettled and wet weather 19th – 21st the remainder of the month remained largely warm and relatively dry except for the 27th when heavy rain arrived late in the day, lingering into low cloud and drizzle early on the 28th.

Monthly Weather Summary (Haydon Bridge : Height 162m asl)

| Month | Average Maximum Temperature (Daytime) Deg C | Relative to long-term average degC | Average Minimum Temperature (Night-time) Deg C | Relative to long-term average degC | Rainfall mm | Percentage of long-term average |
|--------|---|------------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|-------------|---------------------------------|
| July | 19.0 | -0.9 | 11.4 | +0.8 | 72.8 | 122 |
| August | 19.0 | -0.4 | 11.1 | +1.0 | 71.2 | 118 |

And finally my old friend Gladys tells a tragic tale. Her good friend Harold was a model grandad – he adored his grandchildren and always wanted to be with them. Suddenly he started avoiding any opportunity to be with them and became a real misery. Consumed with curiosity Gladys asked him about this sudden change. It turns out that the doctor had prescribed some new pills and on the box it said "Take one tablet three times daily" under which it continued "Keep away from children".

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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Thursday 10-12am

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Saturday 10am

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The dates for the next Police surgeries are; 10-11am

13th October
17th November
22nd December.

Bright Advice for Darker Nights

As the nights start get darker, please review your home security and think about leaving lights on inside your house. Leave a light on in more than one room such as the lounge and bedroom, you can use low energy lamps. Use a timer switch to operate the lights as it starts to get dark. Change the times that the lights come on to create the illusion that someone is moving around inside the house.

Make sure the front door is lit and fully visible from the road or street. Lighting on a dusk to dawn circuit is recommended, this automatically comes on when it gets dark. Dusk to dawn light adaptors are available to buy from DIY stores.

Keep shrubbery and hedges at the front pruned to below one metre, to remove cover for a burglar and allow visibility by neighbours or passing vehicles.

Check existing lighting is in good working order and replace any faulty equipment. Remember to check batteries in torches and smoke alarms.

DON'T LET A BURGLAR THINK
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Haydonian Social Club

Children's Halloween Party *Fancy Dress Competition*

Saturday 29th October
1pm to 3.30pm

Hexham Beacon Club

Programme-

5th Oct – World War 2 Pacific
12th Oct – From Chareway to Chairman
19th Oct - The Way We Were in the 50's
26th Oct - Tales of My Travels
2nd Nov- Laughter is the Best Medicine

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Brendan Healy

Who knows what to say to the famous, but not the very famous.

What do you say when you meet someone famous? Dead easy, "Can I have your autograph, please?" Not "Here, sign this." Or worse, "Here, sign summie for me granny, she loves you, but me, I think you're crap. Ha ha ha! Have you got a pen and some paper?" All famous people want is a little bit of manners. I've seen famous people, (not me, I'm not famous, I'm just a legend in my own lunchtime) harassed to the point whereby they have left a charity function early, and this is such a shame because it's their presence that often gives a function its 'glitz.'

Some well-known entertainers have a reputation for telling fans to fu 'get lost' but they are very few and far between, as most know that without the fans they wouldn't be famous, and therefore would probably be poor.

However, there is a time and a place to ask. Stars don't like to shake hands with you in the toilets. They also don't want to chat when they have just come out of the dentist, and they are never particularly friendly in the colonoscopy waiting room.

The advent of mobile phones must be a bit tricky for most 'faces', everyone now has a camera and therefore becomes a potential paparazzi. (The photographic pest, not the American salami, usually made from cured beef, which is characteristically soft and slightly smoky. Mmmmm.) Once again, with photographs, pick the time and place carefully. Famous women don't thank you if you photograph them doing their weekly shop in their jamas at Aldi in Chelsea. Also, they would much prefer you to take the photo as they exit the beauty parlour rather than when they are on the way in.

I worked with Russ Abbot in panto once, and we were out having something to eat when a lady asked for his autograph and a photo, bad timing really as he had a fork of lasagna half way to his pie-hole. He said that if she didn't mind, he'd just finish his dinner while it was hot and then he would come over and see her and her friends. She apologised graciously and retreated. After his main course, true to his word, he went over and spent a good 10 minutes with them, signing things and having pictures taken. He is a true gent and a proper professional.

On the other hand, I have seen stars tell fans to take a hike when they were at a friend's funeral and, in my opinion, rightly so.

I was in the Crown and Anchor English pub in Las Vegas once with Brian Johnson, the lead singer of AC/DC, and we were being eyeballed by a bunch of huge, mean-looking fellas. I thought they must have overheard our accents and were going to batter us because we were Scottish. (Americans haven't got a clue about Geordies, in fact most of them think that all the Brits live in England, London.) Happily, they soon left and I breathed a sigh of relief. Brian said I was a twit, (which he pronounced completely wrongly, with an 'a' in it) because he was sure they never meant any ill will. 10 minutes later, they were back in double numbers and they marched straight up to our table, which I immediately got under, only to hear "Excuse me, Mr Johnson, we are really sorry to disturb your evening but we couldn't let the opportunity slip to have a real mega star, such as yourself, sign our albums. So, sir, we went home to get them and we would be greatly honoured if you might put up with the inconvenience." *That's* how you ask for an autograph. We had a cracking evening teaching the Las Vegas college football team how to drink real ale and by the end of the

evening I had returned under the table.

I have mentioned in the past that I am a huge Billy Connolly fan and last time he was at Newcastle City Hall, by pure chance he walked past me in the street, and although I have thought endlessly about what I would say if we ever met, I stood there frozen to the spot, gaping like a fish and never went near him. Afterwards, I remembered the million witty things I should have said that would make him my friend for ever, but if the truth be known I would have probably said "slobber slobber, fargle blurdy blurp woddle doddle."

In my case, being truly star-struck seemed to disable my gob.



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Saturday 15th October 2016
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Freemasonry means different things to each of those who join. For some, it's about making new friends and acquaintances. For others it's about being able to help deserving causes but for many it is an enjoyable hobby and guide for life. It is one of the world's oldest and largest non-religious, non-political, fraternal and charitable organizations.

It offers its members an approach to life which seeks to reinforce thoughtfulness for others, kindness in the community, honesty in business, courtesy in society and fairness in all things. Though the interests of one's own family are paramount, Freemasonry teaches and practices concern for people, care for the less fortunate and help for those in need. It also encourages personal development through participation in a progression of ceremonies based upon the ancient stonemasons' tools and customs as allegorical guides.

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Amongst the key values of Freemasonry are integrity, kindness and fairness. Caring for the community and raising money for charitable causes is very important to us. Freemasonry is based on three great principles as a way of achieving higher standards in life:

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Truth - Freemasons strive for truth, requiring high moral standards and aiming to achieve them in their own lives.

Freemasonry is not a secret society but Lodge meetings (as with meetings of many other groups) are private, open only to members. The rules and aims of Freemasonry are available to all through local libraries and book shops. Local Lodges, Grand Lodge and Provincial Grand Lodges all have websites. Meeting places are known and in many areas the local community benefits from the use of the Masonic Halls for activities other than Freemasonry.

All members make commitments concerning their conduct in Lodge and in society. Freemasons promise to support others in times of need, but only if that support does not conflict with their duties to God, the law, their family or with their responsibilities as Citizens.

This year, Freemasonry celebrates its 300th Anniversary and has a lot to offer in today's society.

Anyone interested in joining should be male and over 21 years of age.

More information can be found at Haltwhistle Lodge:
<haltwhistlefreemasons.org.uk>

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Northumberland
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AHOY DOWN BELOW!

By Marita

Gosh we women don't half suffer as we get older.

I am of course still in my late twenties, as I have been for a great many years. But even time marches up on us young 'uns and I noticed that my 'lady-body parts' were no longer behaving themselves. Or indeed working.

My pelvic floor needed refurbishing. In fact, if truth be told, it needed sanding down and some new planks fitted before being varnished in several coats of Ronseal. I fancied Wessex Oak.

Age, childbirth (do not talk to me about childbirth!) and Mother Nature (evil woman) had all taken their course and contributed to my floppy saggy baggy bits, rendering them completely useless.

But enough about my husband.

I headed to Ikea, er I mean the GP, who promptly sent me off to Hexham General. The Consultant prodded, pulled and pushed and said I needed an op. He mentioned 'hammock' 'string' and 'tape' which made me think I needed to go back to Ikea. Although how lying in a hammock is going to help repair my nether regions I've no idea.

Perhaps the sun would shine on them and solar healing would occur.

The Consultant was highly professional but very abrupt. One of those medical people who use one word where others use twenty. Social chit-chat wasn't his strong point and he went through a long list (heavy lifting, cleaning, hurdling) which were all to be avoided after the operation.

Suddenly and completely without warning he said "Do you

want any sex?".

I said "That's a bit forward! We've only just met! Aren't you going to take me to dinner first?".

Laugh? I thought he'd never start.

He was of course referring to the long, long list of 'do's and don'ts'. Up there with those other enjoyable items like Hoovering and window cleaning.

The day loomed for the op and I did some research by going on the Internet to see what I should take with me. I thought there'd be a few little helpful suggestions. Really? Little? Instead there was page after page with headings such as:

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| Perfume | Shampoo | Conditioner |
| Toothpaste | Toothbrush | Mouthwash |
| Deodorant | Wet Wipes | Dry Wipes and Cotton Wool |

Tick, tick, tick, tick and more ticks.

The next heading came up:

Clothing:

For the sake of brevity, just bring M&S' entire stock of women's garments. And men's oversize ones for good measure. Loose and comfy being the order of the day.

The following pages were devoted to Entertainment, Literature, Stationery, Medicines, Footwear and Food.

I had initially been planning to take a small overnight case for this erm, small, overnight stay, but clearly I'm still living in the Middle Ages.

In fact only today I read in the paper that most people spend more time packing downloads than packing their case to go on holiday. Apparently no longer are we happy to sit on the sand with a good Frederick Forsyth book, or stagger around ancient ruins (no, not my husband again).

It seems no holiday is complete without the latest Beyoncé album or Kindle. Quite what the kids are doing when their parents are absorbed in all things electronic, remains a mystery. Picture the scene:

'SHARK!!!'

Cue Jaws soundtrack. Dum Dum Dum dum dum dum dum dum dumm...!!!!

"Sorry a Great White what? I'm busy listening to All The Single Ladies - could someone find the Nanny to get young Caspar out of the water? I don't want my Roberto Cavalli swimsuit to get wet."

Back to my list.

Under Leaks & Accidents (see page 37 of What-To-Bring-To-Hospital) it really went to town. And indeed I needed to go to town too. Or more precisely, to Boots. It seems surgical pants are de rigueur in any l'hôpital and to my astonishment, our little branch of Boots in Hexham is definitely the place-to-go for all things 'down under' as Les Dawson used to mouth silently in his Cissie & Ada sketch.

In I went, fervently praying no one knew me and I slouched round to the counter, head down, whilst miming what I needed to an assistant as a queue formed behind me.

"Incontinence knickers Madame? Yes! Just follow me!". She could not have yelled it any louder and I would have preferred at that moment to follow her instead to a deep hole in the ground - in the hope it would swallow me up.

I quickly grabbed the first packet she showed me, ne'er caring if it was for man, woman, child or pet. I paid up and ran out. Or at least I would have run if my lower regional problem allowed me to.

I packed and arrived at Hexham General with a suite of suitcases which would have put Joan Collins to shame. Fortunately I was immediately shown to my room which had around fifty drawers and its own bathroom. The nurse told me I could be the next patient in theatre so would I take everything off and put on my hospital gown and paper pants. With that she left.

Feeling like Homer in an episode of The Simpsons (the one where he's wearing a giant nappy - don't ask) I did as I was told. I was grateful that the nurse had at least allowed me some dignity. Short lived as this was about to be.

For some reason, at no stage since my arrival had I cause to look out of the window. It must have been all the excitement at seeing my own bathroom. I could not therefore know that as I stood stark naked, save for an oversize pair of thin paper pants, that my window was in turn facing a hundred others. All offices, and this being 9am, starting to rapidly fill up with workers. Some just mere yards away.

With pants flapping around my knees, I raced into the bathroom but it was too little too late. As I write this, I realise I'm probably occupying the number 1 spot on YouTube.

Still reeling from the shame, I heard a knock at the door. A woman came in who was the double of Stevie Nicks from Fleetwood Mac. She wore a long gypsy dress, with a mass of curly hair, a tattoo and Roman sandals.

"Hi! And how are you?" she asked.

Thinking she was a visitor who'd got lost I wondered aloud if I could help.

Then she introduced herself. As my Anaesthetist!

Fortunately she was also very beautiful which is just as well, as hers was the last face I saw as I drifted slowly off.

Did I survive? You'll have to read my next thrilling instalment to find out. Reserve your copy of the Haydon News now.

PS from Marita

I'm surrounded by lovely staff, the place is almost empty and I'm next to M&S. What's not to love? I have to look away from the Hexham Fish Bar opposite otherwise I'm doomed.

Hospital food? Put it this way, the kitchens have no Michelin stars. I was asked if I'd like cheese and biscuits. Hooray! I cleared the bedside table expecting a variety of European fromages, some artisan chutney and a little salad. Yes, well it's been a long time since I've been in hospital. I thought things might have changed.

No change. Instead I was given two crackers in a plastic packet which I had to open with a pen, 2cms of Red Leicester - which I doubt has been anywhere near Leicester and the world's smallest pot of sunflower spread.

The alternative was Tapioca. Where are we, the 1950's? I didn't even know you could buy Tapioca after the war.

My sister sent me her menu last month from when she had a hysterectomy in a Hamburg clinic. Surprisingly I'm still speaking to her.

Later: Guten Morgen!

I couldn't sleep so I idly glanced out of the hospital window at 5am. Just in time to see a truck making its way into the delivery depot here with the word:

APETITO! On the sides, followed by:

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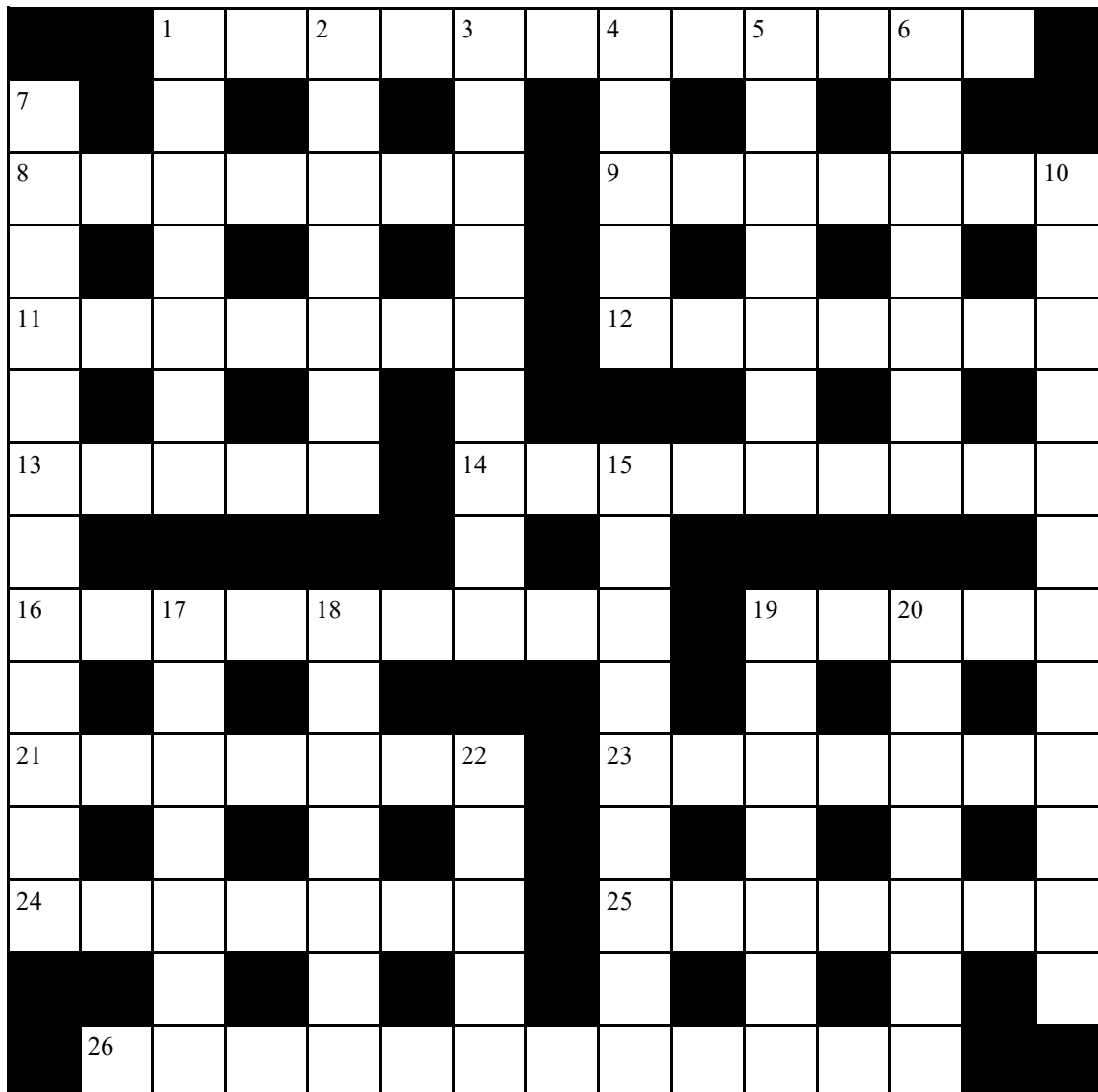
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1. Fish Scotsman found on his fork end made his hair shine (12)
8. The only vet around who can create something new (7)
9. Benbow, maybe, a red butterfly (7)
11. The utmost in Aertex, tremendously breathable fabric (7)
12. Look left, dear listeners, for that's where you'll disembark (7)
13. In a steamship, a garden? Turns it a bit (5)
14. Distribution of spare lids (9)
16. The only Rolls Royce emerging from the Pole (9)
19. Quoted note in police division (5)
21. Dales village where male animal is at the wrong home! (7)
23. Dear Sun, split into pieces (7)
24. Most charming but headless – quite an impression! (7)
25. Capital where I joined Interpol (not in North East) (7)
26. Show of staying power, dance about Irish victory in Europe (12)

DOWN

1. French roadside café from animal doctor in Bute (7)
2. Confusedly sell sin – that's sick (7)
3. Need he be prone to deliver a service? (3,6)
4. US gaffers, two and six each (5)
5. Edible mould? (7)
6. Sporrán, no parking in West up where width decreases (7)
7. Can't think inside? That's irrational (12)
10. Not a large torrid novel (6,6)
15. A blunt teacher – for M, perhaps (9)
17. Be green and go round again (7)
18. Princess in hell producing Scots fish (7)
19. Hear that crow? Avoid – take care! (7)
20. Young swimmer from small European (7)
22. Desert part of Jordan eg. every Israeli knows about (5)

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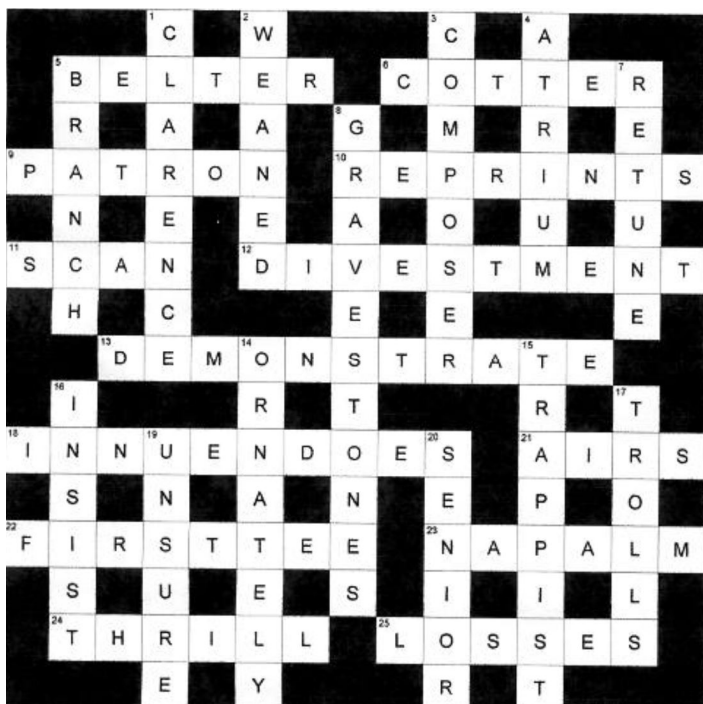
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Things That Go Bump in the Night

Recently, a lady contacted me because she's doing her family tree and it had led her to my house - the Scotch Arms.

The parents of her stepmother, Dorothy Gibson [b.1912 ish], used to live here in the old pub [and presumably were the landlords]. Her father was called William Gibson [b.1885 ish]. He apparently fell down the stairs in the pub and died.

Bits of information have come through from the Old Haydon Bridge facebook page but if anyone has any knowledge or memories of this family I'd love to hear it and I'll pass it onto the lady doing her family tree.

Incidentally, finding out that William Gibson fell down the stairs and died in our house could solve a mystery for us because we've always felt a presence in the house and lots of unexplained, strange things have happened over the years. Previous occupants have mentioned it too.

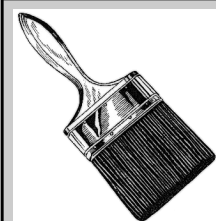
The main 'activity' has always been on or near the staircase. Maybe William is trying to tell us something.

One of the strangest things was when I was upstairs working and I heard a massive crash downstairs. I ran down to find a heavy glass vase with dried flowers in it was smashed at the bottom of the stairs. It had been on a sideboard 6ft away and round a corner. No-one else was in the house!

Haydon Bridge is full of old properties with lots of history that must have more than their fair share of ghostly goings on. If you live in a house with a tale of the unexpected write it down and send it to the Haydon News.

Sweet dreams!

Pauline Wallis



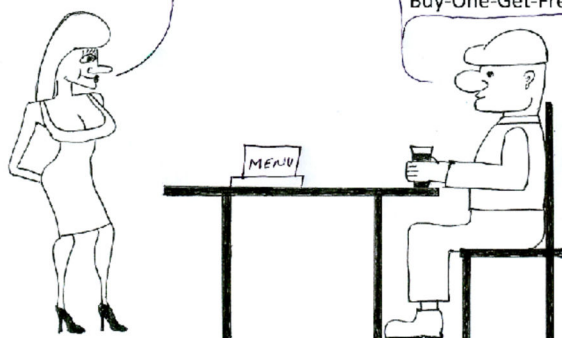
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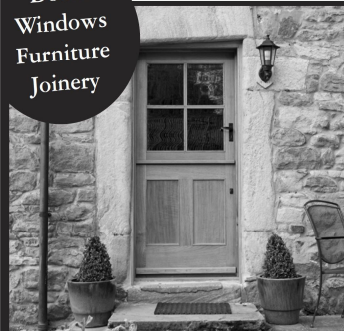
He was thinking about it, Dusty, but he decided to wait and see if they did a Buy-One-Get-Free offer.



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Over the years the City Hall continued to attract the constantly changing big names in pop and rock but sadly, in recent years, the building started to decline and was under threat of closure.

Happily, on Friday 1 April 2016, Newcastle Theatre Royal and Newcastle City Hall merged becoming one organisation under the management of Newcastle Theatre Royal Trust, an independent charity. Both venues will continue to put on a wide and wonderful array of top shows in two of Newcastle's most historic and much loved buildings.

It's still early days but already some work has started to improve the City Hall and these improvements will continue over the next few years. If any of you have seen the magnificent restoration work that was done at the Theatre Royal in 2011 then you'll know that the standard will be excellent.

If anyone would like a brochure to see what's coming to both venues over the next few months please contact me and I'll make sure you get one.

Meanwhile, here's a taste of what's coming

Theatre Royal

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| Now – 29 Oct | Mary Poppins |
| 2-5 Nov | Opera North |
| 8-12 Nov | Northern Ballet's Beauty and the Beast |
| 22 Nov-15 Jan 2107 | PANTO – Cinderella |
| 17-21 Jan | The Play That Goes Wrong |
| 23-28 Jan | Dirty Dancing |
| 1-4 Feb | Scottish Ballet's Hansel and Gretel |
| 6-11 Feb | The Commitments |

Other shows in 2017 include **The Commitments**, **Hadaway Harry** [the story of the North East's greatest ever sportsman, Harry Clasper], **Million Dollar Quartet**, **Blood Brothers**, **Mamma Mia**, **The Woman in Black**, **Funny Girl**, **The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time**, **Sister Act** and loads more.....

City Hall

Last Night of the Proms, **ABC**, **The Catherine Tate Show**, **David Essex**, **Deacon Blue**, **Sean Lock**, **Dr. Hook**, **The Human League**, **Showaddywaddy**, **Jools Holland**, **Lindisfarne**, **Rick Astley**.....the list goes on!

If you want more information about any of the shows at either venue, please contact me.

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Best wishes

Pauline Wallis - District Publicity Assistant.

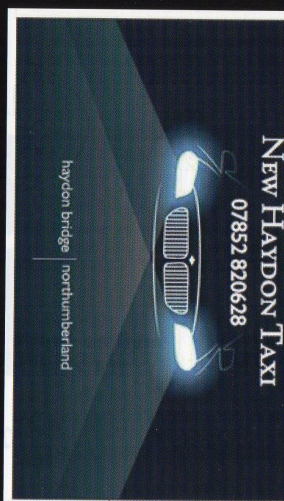
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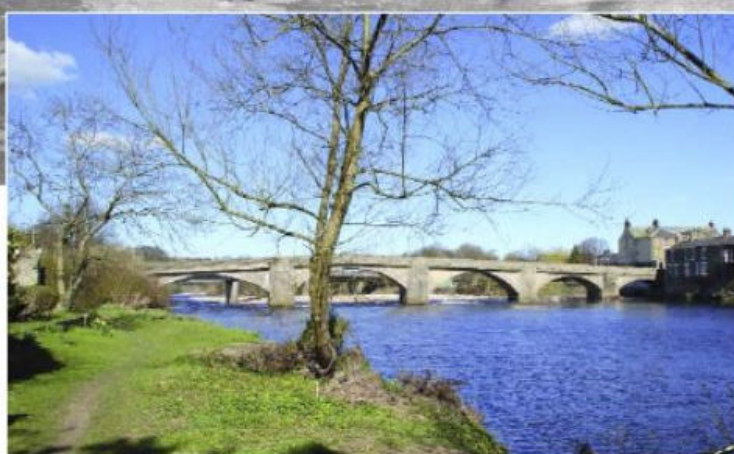
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