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The whole school celebrated World Book Day in March. All classes from Reception to Year 6 travelled to Cogito Book shop in Hexham where they purchased books with their World Book Day vouchers. The children also visited Hexham Library where they had a talk from the Librarian, completed a treasure hunt and perused the shelves. Older children met with local author Chloe Daykin and heard extracts from her latest children's novel "Fish Boy". The week was finished off with the Shaftoe Bedtime story event - PJs, stories, hot choc and stories late into the night.



Here's an offer you can't refuse - unpaid work!

Is there anyone in the community who might have some spare time each week to come into school and listen to children read.

Getting children reading, and getting them used to being read to, is very important.

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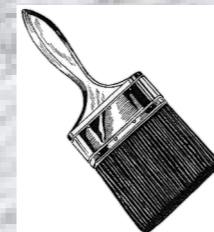
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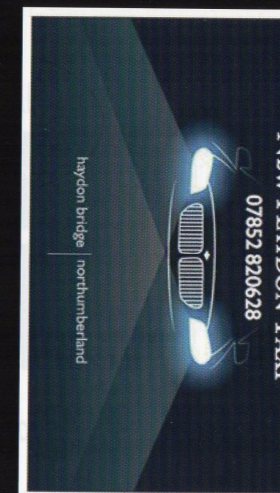
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Northumberland Day

Sunday 28th May 2017

As you would have read last month, there are plans afoot to celebrate Northumberland Day on Sunday 28th May.

The Parish Council, The Development Trust and The Get It Together Society are working together with volunteers from the community to organise a big celebration for everything that is great about Northumberland.

The plan so far is to close Church St and have a big Community Street Picnic and Fair. We hope to have lots of stalls – enough so that they can spill over onto the old bridge. There'll be music and games, tug of war, a balloon race and lots more. There may even be a Border Reivers invasion!! In the evening Steve has agreed to host a Northumbrian Evening in the Anchor – work is progressing well on finding entertainment for this.

As I said, it'll be a picnic so you just bring along your own food and there'll be food for sale too. There'll tables and chairs out so you can sit with your friends and neighbours and enjoy the afternoon.

If you want a stall to sell something or to raise money for an organisation, charity, school, club, anything – please contact me to let me know. Charity stalls are free - anyone else it's £5. That money will go towards paying for entertainment and decorations.

Wear the Northumberland flag colours – yellow and red - and decorate your house. Show how proud you are to live in the best county in the UK. Let's turn Haydon Bridge yellow and red! If anyone wants Northumberland flags, I have some 5'x3' for sale for £4.

Staff at the library are looking for traditional Northumbrian recipes. If you have any, would you please write them down and take them to The Bridge.

Bunting making is in progress at The Bridge on Tuesday's 1pm-4pm. Please feel free to go along to help. You'd be very welcome.

If you have ideas or skills that would make the day even better, please contact me or anyone you know that's involved with organising it. We want as many people as possible to be involved.

The next meeting will be on Monday 3rd April at 7pm in the Community Centre. All welcome.

The Get It Together Society has had some very generous donations towards the New Year Fireworks. A huge Thank You to you all.

Our next event was going to be the Easter Eggstravaganza but it's had to be cancelled as we couldn't get a venue on the date we wanted but never mind, we'll be back next year. Meanwhile - have a great Easter.

We meet on the first Monday of each month in the Have-lock at 8pm. Meetings are very informal. We'd love you to join us.

Pauline Wallis The Get It Together Society

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ADOXOGRAPHY

It cannot be denied that there is a dearth of parking spaces in the heart of Haydon Bridge. New spaces will be created behind the Community Centre later this year and the matter is considered at regular intervals by the Parish Council. If anyone has any constructive proposals for supplying more spaces they should make their views known - perhaps in The Haydon News. However: Public safety has priority over private convenience.

It is for this reason that the double yellow lines around the junction of Church Street and Ratcliffe Road have been put in place. HGVs and buses have a problem negotiating the junction anyway, because of the island and bollards, but when people park their cars there too then a real obstruction is created. Not to mention the obstructed lines of sight up and down the road.

Wheelchair users also find great problems getting past the cars - even where there is a crossing place marked.

Yesterday I saw five (5!) cars parked on the double yellow lines. It is undoubtedly more convenient for the drivers and passengers to park as close as possible to the Co-op, which is where most seem to be heading, but it does create real problems and dangers for others. And it is now against the law too.

Over the next few weeks Civil Enforcement Officers will be putting in regular appearances in Haydon Bridge. Fines will be imposed until the situation is resolved.

Fair warning.

Efforts will continue to get the island, bollards and signposts removed as well, which will help the HGVs and buses. A zebra crossing by the Co-op has been proposed. Planning for Northumberland Day is progressing well - see the articles in The Haydon News. Do join in and let's make a great day of it.

Possible uses for Ridley Hall are the subject of conversations locally. The Celebrity Mansion option, one giant private home, seems to me a bit dubious - rambling Victorian piles abound on the 'for sale' lists. A Hotel? - it is already equipped for mass catering but, rumour has it, it costs about £1,000 per WEEK to heat. Apartments? This seems the least unlikely but the investment required will be considerable. A factor that needs to be taken into ac-

count, whatever happens, is the difficulty of access for lorries and equipment - there is a very low bridge under the railway.

The other mystery of the moment is the Fire Station site. Why not build a new school boarding wing there? In the holidays it could be used for tourist accommodation too. The only information that is available is that there is a preferred bidder and that commercial confidentiality prevents disclosure of the plans under consideration.

The Courant is stotting with anger, as you may have read, at being no longer the preferred site of publication of statutory public notices from NCC. All Haydon Bridge residents are encouraged to sign the petition asking that normal service be resumed as soon as possible.

It is hoped that not only will the gravel be removed from the river this summer but that the large willow trees that are sagging into the water may be dealt with as well but to get to them the lorries and heavy equipment required will have to drive up the river from the picnic area. That should make an excellent photo opportunity for the local camera owners.

Time, space and infinity do not exist - at the Planck scale¹. If a walnut were enlarged to the size of the known universe, the Planck scale components, which underlie the reality that we observe, would still be too small to see². Science is making some extraordinary advances in so many directions and yet amongst the political classes around the world there are those who chose not to know about things beyond their educational horizons or which conflict with their ideological *idée fixe*. This is so sad and horrifyingly dangerous. It baffles me that so many remain oblivious to the wonders revealed by science.

Steve Ford

¹ The smallest measurement of length with any meaning.

² Carlo Rovelli: 'Reality is not what it seems.'

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A meeting of the Haydon Parish Council was held on Thursday 23rd March 2017 at 7.30pm in the Community Centre.

Public participation

A proposal has been floated to build an accommodation block on the site of the old fire station that could be used by HBHS students in term time and by tourist, cyclists, hikers, etc. at other times. This proposal was extensively discussed. It was noted that there is rumoured to be an NCC preferred bidder whose offer to purchase is contingent upon being granted planning permission. The nature of the plans being shrouded in commercial confidentiality at present. The potential conflict of interest for NCC was remarked. Notwithstanding, it was resolved to send a letter to NCC informing them of the proposal and the general support it enjoys from the parish council. It was also resolved to register the site as a potential community asset which gives the community the chance to raise funds.

Apologies

Were invited.

Declarations of interest

Were sought.

Previous meeting's minutes

Were accepted.

NCC

The outstanding tree pruning in Church Street will be done in April.

The repairs to Threepwood Road will be effected after the building works at The Hall have finished.

The Shaftoe Mews road markings have been done.

Various new road signs around the village have been erected, including on the A69.

The double yellow lines at the junction of Church Street and Ratcliffe Road are now in place and are being extensively ignored at all times of day. Parking

enforcement officers are going to be appearing as frequently as required to clear the junction.

The removal of the island remains under consideration.

The railings at the entrance to Church Street have yet to be repaired.

The road closure agreement for Northumberland Day is in hand.

Culverts and drains in John Martin Street and Church Street have been attended to. A sweeper will be summoned to deal with the accumulations of leaves and rubbish. Ratcliffe Road gullies require attention. The culvert behind the school remains to be sorted out.

The lights in Strother Close have yet to be fixed.

TRT is preparing plans for the extensive repairs required at the Spa Well. Though progress is slow, it is hoped that the repairs will be done this year. Negotiations with sundry interested parties are in hand.

The absence of NCC notices in The Courant remains a live issue for communities throughout the west of the county.

The problems at Willow Gap appear to be approaching a denouement.

NCCs approach to the predicament in which HBHS finds itself was the source of considerable comment. Cllr. Sharp distanced himself energetically from the actions of NCC. At present there appears to be moves afoot to seek a Judicial Review. The mood of the meeting was that Bright Tribe should be allowed to get on with their developments.

The Development Trust has made prompt use of its Community Chest funds with the creation of a patio beside The Bridge.

Highways

The signage to the picnic site is to be erected.

So far there has been no response to the proposal to provide a zebra crossing outside the Co-op but hope abides that it may appear in 2018. The acute concern felt by many for the safety of pedestrian children was acknowledged even if the extent of the problem remains unclear.

A proposal briefly took wing for installing traffic lights to control the flow of vehicles along Shaftoe Street. It met with heavy flak and was soon coming down in flames.

Lighting

65HF and 67HF need repairing.

Planning

A proposal to establish an outdoor ménage at the western end of Heugh House Lane was received. There were no objections.

Accounts

THE NORTH EAST IN TWELVE IMAGES

4 ROOKHOPE (- see front cover)

If you drive up the steep hill at the top of the East Allen valley beyond the village of Allenheads, you arrive at a watershed. It divides the Tyne catchment from the Wear, and is marked by a mighty cairn. To the north, you gaze across Northumberland where the Cheviot crowns the skyline when it is clear. To the south it is County Durham where the whale-backed hills of the North Pennines roll away towards Yorkshire. I once stood on this watershed one freezing New Year's Eve admiring a colourful mid-afternoon sunset and thinking of the watersheds we travel in human life as one year passes and another takes its place.

The road winds down the valley of the Rookhope Burn. It's a sparse, deserted landscape here in the "Land of the Prince-Bishops", much bleaker than on the well-wooded Northumberland side. The poet W. H. Auden who loved the North Pennines called this valley "the most wonderfully desolate of all the dales". The Bishops used to own great estates all over Weardale where they enjoyed hunting. Not any more; these days much of this majestic landscape consists of grouse moors. You know it's the grouse-shooting season by the four by fours you will see parked on the roadside.

You would think this was a purely natural Pennine landscape, not much interfered with by human hands. You would be wrong. For one thing, the forests that once covered the fells were levelled by the Dale's first settlers. But later, valuable ores were discovered under these hills: lead primarily, but silver too, and iron, zinc and fluorspar. The lead seams were known as far back as Roman times, but were most extensively worked in the 19th century. There is evidence everywhere of mining activity that has profoundly affected the look of these northern hills. There are lumpy spoil heaps long since claimed back by nature, hushes scarring the valley sides where water from reservoirs was released to rush down and expose the minerals, and there are entrances to abandoned pits and levels into which you walk at your peril.

The first landmark down the valley will be to many a striking and unexpected sight. It's a mine complete with winding gear towering over the deserted dale. This is Groverake which started out as a lead mine but became a leading source of fluorspar until its closure in 1999. There is something haunting about these industrial ruins in their sombre setting. The pithead buildings are from the twentieth century and others, such as the pit owner's ruined house, are Victorian. But it's the most melancholy place I know in England. You realise in places like this how the tides have receded that once drove the "northern power house".

A couple of miles further on, there is more evidence of how fortunes were made and lost in this dale. A stone

arch in a field looks for all the world like a survival from Roman times. In fact, it is a relic of the two-mile Rookhope Chimney that carried poisonous gases from the lead smelting works in the village safely on to the moor. Well, that's the charitable assumption. We know that in the nineteenth century, young children were sent into the chimney to scrape the walls for valuable silver deposits that had precipitated as the gases cooled. Maybe this was the real reason for the chimney. You dread to think what happened to those children who were forced say by day to absorb the lead-soaked atmosphere inside.

Today, Rookhope is not the industrial village it once was, populated by miners and their families and with a dozen pubs to serve them. It has gently subsided back into its remote stillness, a tranquillity broken only by cyclists travelling on the C2C cycle route that joins the Irish Sea to the North Sea. Many of them stay at the Rookhope Inn at the heart of the village. Here, fortified by a night's rest, they set out to ride the long incline that ascends steeply out of the village towards Bolt's Law. This was once a wagonway and then a true railway, powered by a stationary steam engine at the summit that hauled ore-filled wagons out of the

valley on to a level track at the top. From there trains would connect with lines that led to the great industrial centres on Tyneside and Wearside. Bolt's Incline makes a magnificent walk. At the summit you can explore the ruins of the engine house before striding out under great skies across Stanhope Moor. It's a walk for autumn when the heather moors glow a brilliant purple.

Auden said that he found his poetic voice in this magical setting.

In Rookhope I was first aware

Of self and not-self, death and dread...

We once had a little lead-miner's house in a terrace above the village. You have to reckon with winter weather up there: the only way out of the village is up one hill or another. We have stories to tell of what it's like knowing that you won't get out until the roads are opened. But if it's silence and solitude you're looking for, you can do no better than the North Pennines. Some would say they are the best hills in England. Here in Tynedale, we are lucky to live on the edge of these fierce but glorious landscapes.

Michael Sadgrove



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Were agreed.

Correspondence

The Shaftoe Governors are coming up for re-election. Cllr. Ed Brown will continue in post and Cllr. Laura Thompson will join the board.

Parish Projects.

The patio is almost finished. Seats, planters etc. will appear shortly.

The Haydon Hundred is approaching rapidly and plans are well in hand for Northumberland Day.

The space around St. Cuthberts is definitely available for public use for suitable events. A long planned path from Church Street to the riverside, through the church yard and out through a new opening in the yard wall has come back up for consideration and opinions are invited.

Flooding

The Tyne Valley Action Group has developed plans and progress is being made with their implementation. An offer of a pair of Green Goddesses (Cold War 'fire engines'/pump vehicles) has been made for the use of the community in exchange for a place for their dry storage. Anyone with a vacant and weather-proof barn is asked to make contact.

The application for pre-planning advice about the proposed new parking area behind the Community Centre has been lodged and acknowledged.

The river bank access project for the Lions was further discussed and Cllr. Sharp agreed to liaise with Tim Fish about it.

AOB

The accumulation of domestic rubbish and discarded household contents around numbers 31-34 Langley Gardens was raised. It was felt to be an ISOS problem and, accordingly, they will be invited to attend to it.

The difficulties faced by local people getting accommodation to rent in their home village was raised. This arises because of the policies operated by ISOS which seem to take no account of community or family connections. The malign effect of this policy on the community and on individuals is all too plain to see. Deracinated incomers suffer every bit as much as those from our community sent elsewhere to live. Liaison with other PCs and the formation of a western parishes lobby to put pressure wherever it may help was proposed. Letters will be sent accordingly.

Checking the contract terms behind NCC's management of the public toilets was proposed to make sure that the council is getting value for money. The time locks certainly need fixing.

Better facilities within the parish for motorists and signage leading to them was advocated. It was felt that this should be a prominent feature in the new village plan which needs to be created in 2018.

A new waste bin at the entrance to The Showfield was requested.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on 27 4 17 at 7.30pm in Langley Village Hall.

Letter to the editor.

Dear Sir,

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to comment on Haydon Bridge High School, regarding the present controversial accommodation.

We have lived in this lovely part of the country for over 22 years.

All of our children were pupils of HBHS and I am pleased to say had a good education and all have ended up settled in HB and surrounding area.

Although none of my children boarded at Ridley Hall they knew many other pupils boarding there who had a great time and well looked after. My heart goes out to the Evans family, who deserve to be treated, with admiration and respect for their past services, not only from NCC, but Bright Tribe.

I have had time to reflect on the situation, and despite being an incomer, have spoken to a member of The Parish Council and a few residents of the village, about an alternative should accommodation become a major problem.

My suggestion, which I have drafted out roughly on paper, is of a step up from a hostel, to be built on the site of the old Fire Station, and when not in use (Easter, Summer holidays, Christmas, etc.), could be used by tourists, bringing more business to the village. A further point is not needing transport to and from school while in residence.

I have more thoughts on the idea, but would be very interested at this early stage to hear of comments from other locals, as this apart from other suggestions could be an asset not only for the village, but more importantly in helping to keep the local School.

Yours

A concerned citizen

Name and address supplied

I WONDER HOW MANY READERS ARE AWARE THAT A TWENTIETH CENTURY PRIME MINISTER HAD HIS ROOTS IN HAYDON BRIDGE!

Having lived in Haydon Bridge all my life - John Martin Street, Elliott's Buildings, West Tyne View, Chesterwood and now, 'The Buildings' - I am so pleased to be able to show off our beautiful parish to those from afar who are visiting us or the first time. So it was in June 2016, when Roy and Jill Gordon arrived in Haydon Bridge from Canberra, Australia in search of their north east heritage. Blessed with lovely weather during their stay at the Anchor Hotel, Roy and Jill were not disappointed; and neither was I, as I took the opportunity to confirm that a famous prime minister had his family's roots in our parish or more accurately its earlier parochial sub-division, the Parish of Warden, or Netherwarden - within which we were a Chapelry until June 26th 1879.

You are welcome to join me on this journey of discovery through the generations to this lofty position of authority, taking in Tynedale, Haydon Bridge and district, the Mull of Kintyre in Scotland, and Australia.

This story begins with a chance reading by Jill Gordon, of an October 2010 publication of my Historical Notes and correspondence on www.haydon-news.co.uk The Haydon News web site; and an email to your editor.

January 7th 2016.

Dear Editor,

My husband and I are keen researchers into our family history and as we live in Canberra, Australia our research has to be done online. We have been researching our family history for years and are interested in an article by Dennis Telford about **Edward and John Kell**, in The Haydon News, Issue 8 October 2010.

This particular John Kell referred to in the article is my husband Roy's direct ancestor and we know that he went to Kintyre with Richard Thompson from Haydon Bridge about 1775, to farm wheat for the Duke of Argyll. John's wife was Mary Thompson and we have a record of the Duke of Argyll's inhabitants in Kintyre in 1792, showing that John Kell and Mary (nee Thompson) were on a farm at Ballybrennan near Southend, Kintyre. Richard Thompson and his family were also there.

Dennis has written that: *'The Kell family were well known 18th century Haydon Bridge residents with connections to Elrington, Chesterwood, Mill Hills and Wharmley.'* and *'Richard Thompson and his wife Ann farmed at East Land Ends. Richard left Haydon Bridge about 1776 to farm in Kintyre.'*

My research points to John Kell being born about 1722.

As my husband Roy and I are coming to Haydon Bridge from Australia in June 2016, I wonder if Dennis Telford or anyone in your organisation could point me in the direction of where to find further information.

Kindest regards,
Jill and Roy Gordon.

Always on the look out for aspects of our social history that can be gleaned from closer examination of an Haydonian family tree, I wasn't to ask twice to follow and develop further, the Kell family narrative.

My original interest in the Kell family and the link with Richard Thompson - Isabella Martin's father - that was to attract the attention of Roy and Jill Gordon in Australia, starts with the now famous Martin family who lived in the cottage at East Land Ends; and especially Jonathan Martin - older brother to the well known Victorian painter John.

Early documented history has it that Jonathan Martin (1782-1838) was born at Haydon Bridge, in fact, he was born to Isabella (nee Thompson) at 'Highside', a farm off the old Hexham Road (B6305) where his father Fenwick worked as a woodman. The family - Fenwick, Isabella and their children living with them at the time, Richard, Ann and Jonathan - moved to East Land Ends in 1789 when Jonathan was seven, to live where Isabella's parents Richard Thompson and Ann (nee Ridley), had farmed a few years earlier. *(It was here, in the cottage at East Land Ends, where John Martin was born, but that is another well documented story.)*

So! Where do the Kell family make their appearance in this episode of the Martin tale? ... You might ask.

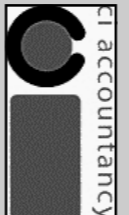
It isn't necessary to rewrite the Jonathan Martin story here *(for more information read my Haydon News Notes August - October 2010)*, suffice to say that from around thirty years of age, Jonathan was obsessed with a personal crusade against what he perceived to be the degenerate and frivolous lives of the Church of England clergy of the day. Jonathan's protests led to his incarceration in a lunatic asylum at West Auckland in 1818 and eventually Gateshead gaol, after he threatened to shoot the Bishop of Oxford. More serious trouble followed in February 1829 as a result of Jonathan's protests, when he successfully burned to the ground a large part of the most sacred area of York Minster. An act of desecration that brought the name of Jonathan Martin, once of Haydon Bridge, to the attention of all throughout the land.

In 1819, Jonathan escaped from Gateshead gaol and after that incident and again in 1829, as the incendiary of York Minster, he sought refuge in Tynedale. On each occasion he walked to Codlaw Hill, north east of Acomb, where he was befriended by **Edward Kell**, a distant relative on his mother Isabella's side of the family. It was Codlaw Hill where Jonathan was apprehended on February 6th 1829 after a reward of £100 was offered for his capture. Jonathan made no effort to resist or protest his innocence and went quietly with **Edward Kell** to Hexham's 'House of Correction'.

Arson was a capital offence in 1829 but, on Monday March 30th 1829 in York, Jonathan was found 'not guilty on the grounds of insanity' and was spared the gallows. He was, however, sentenced to remain in custody during His Majesty's pleasure and was taken to the Criminal Lunatic Asylum in London, better known as 'Bedlam', where he remained until his death on May 27th 1838.



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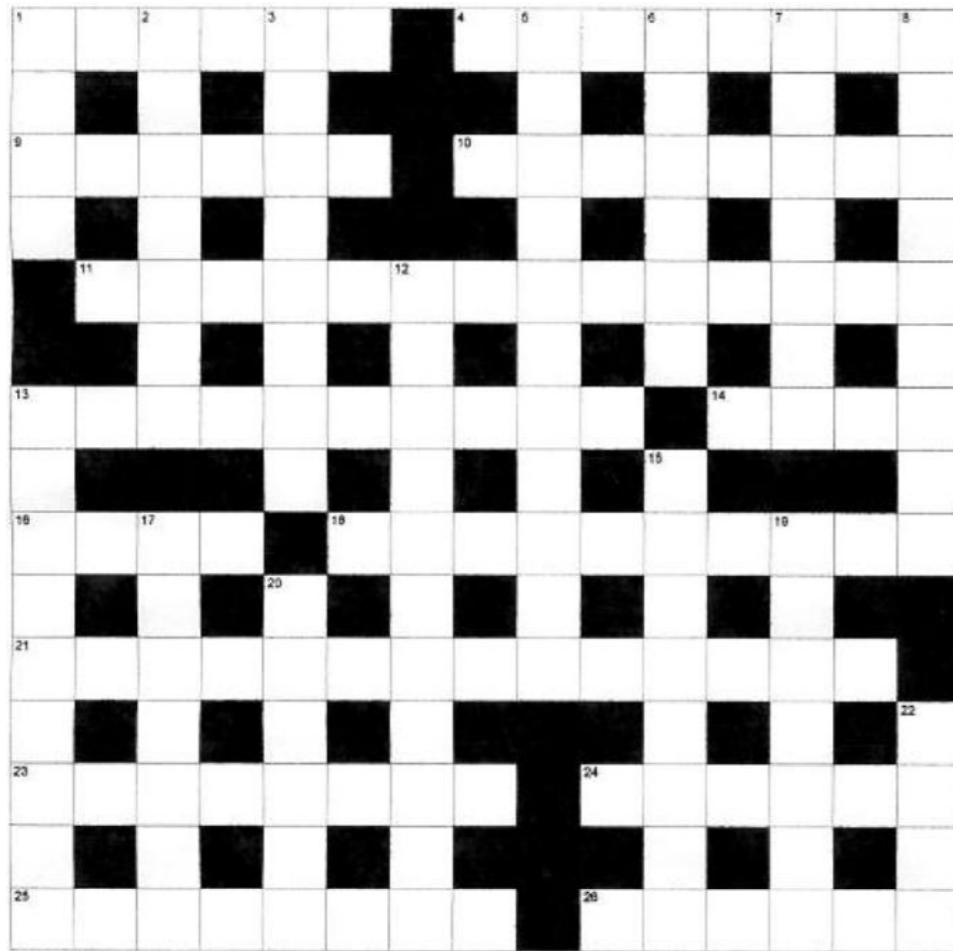
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| 9. Find holy water? (6) | 23. Puts mastic on for a quiet life (8) |
| 10. False branch promises to pay (8) | 24. Cats weigh very little (6) |
| 11. They organise rats riots damn it (14) | 25. Corrosive fish sounds leaves (8) |
| 13. It would only take a hundredth part to elect Perin (10) | 26. Unpopular doctor and newspaperman are knocked over (6) |
| 14. Goddess gives her a name (4) | |
| 16. Like he was on the way by horse (4) | |

Down

1. Contains pulses after letter about party (4)
2. Unwanted visitor of five rained (7)
3. Used to dig for cans in Cornwall (3,5)
5. London price for initial business expense (7,4)
6. Check whether its dearer (6)
7. Lose a stitch (4,3)
8. Examine the seating where you will watch the match (4,5)
12. Bury legal process reciprocal deed (11)
13. According to the previous entertainer (9)
15. The chief noble is Ferdinand's title (8)
17. National Trust donkeys agree (7)
19. Song like theatrical (7)
20. Container ship elves point to (6)
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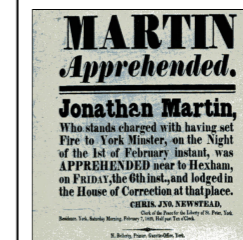


The small text on the reward poster reads as follows:

The following is a description of the said Jonathan Martin: viz:
 He is a rather stout man, about 5' 6" high, with light Hair cut close, coming to a point in the centre of the forehead, and high above the temples, and has large bushy Red Whiskers; he is between Forty and Fifty years of age; and of singular manners. He usually wears a single-breasted blue Coat, with a stand-up Collar, and Buttons covered with the same cloth; a black cloth Waistcoat; and blue cloth Trowsers; Half-Boots laced up in front, and a glazed, broad-brimmed, low-crowned Hat.

Sometimes he wears a double-breasted blue Coat with yellow Buttons.—When travelling, he wears a large black leather Cape coming down to his Elbows, with two Pockets within the Cape; there is a square piece of dark coloured Fur extending from one shoulder point to the other.—At other times he wears a drab coloured great Coat, with a large Cape and shortish skirts.—When seen at York last Sunday, he had on the double-breasted blue Coat, a common Hat, and his great Coat.

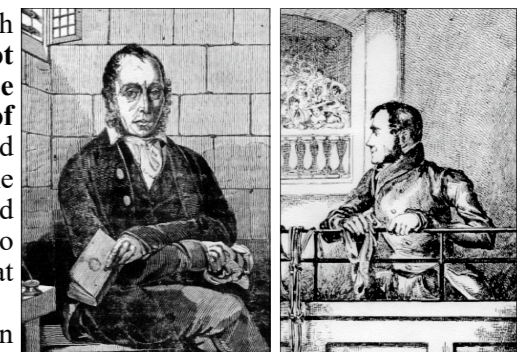
The said JONATHAN MARTIN is a Hawker of a Pamphlet entitled "The Life of Jonathan Martin, of Darlington, Tanner", the Third Edition of which is printed at Lincoln, by R.E.Leary, 1828.—He had lodged in York about a Month and quitted it on the 27th of January last, stating that he was going to Tadcaster for a few days, and thence to Leeds. He returned to York on the 31st of January,



and said that he and his Wife had taken Lodgings in Leeds. He was not seen in York after 1st of February.

By Order of the Dean and Chapter of York,
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 Clerk of the Peace for the Liberty of St. Peter of York.
 York 5th February, 1829.

It was through the verdict 'not guilty on the grounds of insanity' - and no doubt the alliteration had something to do with it - that Jonathan became known throughout the country as 'Mad Martin' and still bears that title today among many of those who refer to his exploits.



Jonathan Martin in gaol and in the dock at York

And yet, it is interesting that his friend and distant relative Edward Kell, was close to sending him to the gallows by insisting as his witness that he had never shown signs of insanity; and even his defence counsel's efforts to prove him insane were discouraged by Jonathan himself. I understand these ironies in the case, have for ever since been selected reading for students of Law.

The Kell Family:

Edward Kell lived at Codlaw Hill, Acomb and Roy and Jill Gordon, my visitors from Australia, have determined through their research that there were many Kell families living in the Wall, Acomb, Barrasford and Chollerton districts in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries. Their assumption is that Edward inherited Codlaw Hill from his uncle George Kell after he died without children in 1810. Edward Kell's death is recorded at Hexham on May 7th 1859 and he was buried at St. John Lee, Acomb. (See Edward's gravestone on page 8) It seems likely that

the relationship between the Martin family and Edward Kell, with whom refuge was sought by Jonathan, was through Mary, the sister of Isabella's father Richard Thompson - Jonathan's grandfather - who married John Kell in 1755. The families of Richard Thompson of East Land Ends and John Kell of Elrington moved to Kintyre together in about 1775, to share the expertise gained on our Tynedale fells and fields with landlords north of the border; principally the Duke of Argyll.

EDWARD KELL'S GRAVESTONE AT ST JOHN LEE

Edward Kell's gravestone lies in the undergrowth at the south west corner of St John Lee Church and much of the detail has fallen victim to the weather. The sentiments written in the inscription on the stone may be an indication of why Jonathan chose Edward as his support, following his misdeeds.



The weathered inscription reads: Edward Kell nephew of the above. (George Kell)

Died May 7 1859 aged 91 years. He was temperate in all things and eminently charitable. His sympathy was ever extended to the afflicted and the poor and needy always found relief at his door. At his death he was lamented by all who knew him.

More about the Thompson/Kell link later, in the meantime, before I return to John Kell and the family line from Haydon Bridge to a famous Prime Minister, I will take a closer look at the eighteenth century Kell family of Haydon Bridge and district.

There were nine Kell baptisms, one Kell marriage and ten Kell burials recorded at Haydon (Old) Church between 1734 and 1802 and yet, although the numbers of recorded incidents are a clear indication of the family's significant involvement in our social history, there are no visible signs of Kell graves or headstones at Haydon Old Church - unless I have missed them. It is more likely, the graves are overgrown and any headstones marking them have succumbed to the ravages of time.

The eighteenth century Kell family had close connections with Chesterwood, East Brokenheugh, Mill Hills, Light Birks, Wharmley, Rattenraw and Elrington, where the men folk were tenant farmers or farm hinds.

Before moving on and as a related aside: let me introduce you to Robert Kell and his wife Margaret (nee Maughan) who married at Haydon Church on November 28th 1734. Margaret was baptised on April 11th 1714 at St Cuthbert's, Haydon and lived in our parish at Tedcastle and at Chesterwood. Margaret and Robert married at Haydon Church on November 28th 1734. The highs and lows of their married life, as glimpsed through records of their children, are typical of so many of the ordinary families of the period and are worth recalling. It seems that Robert and Margaret started their married life at Elrington where they had two children, Ann and William; Ann dying as a one year old child. By 1740, Robert and Margaret were at Rattenraw where they had another two children, Ann and Margaret. In 1746, we find the family at Brokenheugh (East) where their two sons John and Joseph were born, and by 1748 they lived at Chesterwood where two year old Joseph died and Jane was born. Jane died as an infant. It was also at Chesterwood where a son Robert was born and died aged two years and their daughter Ann died aged twenty two years in 1762. Three years later, in 1765, Robert's wife Margaret was buried from Chesterwood. The head of this Kell family, Robert Kell, died at Mill Hills in 1774.

I think you will agree, the story of an 18c Haydon Bridge life of delight and distress in, apparently, unequal measure.



Roy and Jill Gordon of Canberra, Australia visited Haydon Bridge in June 2016 to follow their ancestors. Roy and Jill are pictured here outside Haydon Church where members of their family were baptised, married and interred in the eighteenth/nineteenth centuries.

Now, I will return to John Kell and Mary Thompson who married in 1755: Thanks to research by my 2016 Australian visitors Roy and Jill Gordon, I have records of

Picture of the Northumberland flag correctly orientated. NORTHUMBERLAND DAY.

What an informative piece on the back cover of March's issue don't you think?

I am sure that excitement will be beginning to build up so I thought it would be appropriate to give some credence to this celebration as Haydon Bridge, as well as Northumberland hopefully, will be "putting the flags out" in May this year and hopefully in future years.

The Northumberland flag has perhaps the longest history of any flag in the country.

One of the most authoritative voices on this matter is "Boutell's Heraldry" which records the Flag of "Bernicia" as 8 stripes alternating Red and Gold.

Bernicia was the ancient Angle Kingdom founded in AD547 which stretched from the Tees to the Forth and which merged with Deira (from the Humber to the Tees) to form the Kingdom of Northumbria in the early 7th Century. It was the Bernician Flag which then became the Flag of Northumbria and the Venerable Bede, England's first historian, records a "banner of purple and gold" which hung over the tomb of St Oswald, one of Northumbria's greatest kings, after his death in AD642.

Search for BERNICIA - I am sure the history of this kingdom will enthral you.

Later, in medieval times the colours of Red and Gold were adopted by the first Earl of Northumberland and these have remained the County colours ever since. The present pattern was granted to Northumberland County Council as its own banner in 1951. On 15th November 1995, the Council resolved that the flag should become the flag for the modern County of Northumberland, reinforcing the 1200 years of tradition in which the colours of Red and Gold have been associated with this region.

The UK Flag Institute has confirmed that with this simple striped flag, Northumberland remains one of only a handful of traditional counties with its own flag. However, because of its long and complicated history, the flying of the traditional flag is not restricted to the present administrative boundary of the County. Many towns outside present day Northumberland (eg. Newcastle) could lay claim to being part of the historic County; and many more (as far as Edinburgh) could claim to be part of Bernicia.

Like any flag, the Northumberland flag should be treated with respect. There's always be a Gold segment of the flag in the top corner nearest to the flag-pole and it should never be flown upside down. Equally, the flag should not be hung portrait fashion with a long vertical stripe.

As the Northumberland flag is a celebratory flag it should never be flown at half-mast to signify a death except on very rare occasions which the County Council may designate such a course of action as appropriate.

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Haydon's Horrible History The Revolting Reivers

On 21 January 1528 some local bad lads, known as Border Reivers, were on their way back north from the Bishopric of Durham where they had robbed many households in Wolsingham and also made off with the Parson of Muggleswick. They were led by William Charlton, the laird of Shitlington (near Bellingham) – known as the head rebel of all the outlaws. Also amongst them were Harry Noble, Archebald Dodd and Roger Armstrong.

Unfortunately for the Reivers when they reached it the Tyne was in full flood and too dangerous to cross at any of the fords. So they made their way to Haydon Bridge to attempt a crossing but the bridge gate was barred, chained and locked against them. They were set upon by the Earl of Northumberland's Bailiff of Hexham, Thomas Errington, the Constable of Langley and others (including another William Charlton) with a slough hound. They had to abandon their horses and flee on foot. Charlton (the bad one) and Noble were killed in the conflict that followed. Charlton (the good one) was praised for being one of the first-ever Tyne-dale men to pursue wrong-doers with vigour.

Within the week Armstrong and Dodd were tried at Alnwick, Dodd was hung in chains there and Armstrong likewise was hung near Newcastle. The bodies of Charlton and Noble were also hung in chains, Charlton at Hexham and Noble at Haydon Bridge.

These prompt measures adopted by the Earl of Northumberland resulted in 18 more Reivers surrendering themselves to the king's mercy. However the Earl put all bar one to death and several leaders were quartered and their heads and body parts exhibited publicly around the county, much to the consternation of the honest parishioners and the extreme terror of the remaining offenders!

This story is now being turned into a script for our very own play or pageant. To make this work we will need volunteers to play parts, make costumes etc., and organise the performance generally. There will be a call out via posters around the village and on Haydon Matters facebook page, but if you can spare time now on Tuesday afternoons come along to the Bridge (1 to 4) or email us at admin@haydon-bridge.co.uk to volunteer for jobs. Thank you.

As part of the Northumberland Day celebrations Langley Castle is hosting a Reivers Day on Saturday 27th May. Entry is free and there will be a camp scene and cookery, Wardens court, ballads and story-telling, a pike drill for beginners, period food and medicine and a childrens battle. Come along and learn more about our local history, it might be in your blood. If your family name is Armstrong, Charlton, Graham, Scott, Elliot, Bell, Irwin, Moffat or Robson (other surnames also count) there is a chance one of your ancestors may have been a Border Reiver. We have books in the Bridge library about the way they lived and what they got up to, drop in and have a look.

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the Kell generations from the late 1600s when three of the children of **John and Margery Kell (1)** were baptised at St Giles Church, Chollerton. (Ann 19-08-1673, Jane 27-08-1676 and John 04-02-1678) The son of this union - **John Kell** baptised in 1678 (2) - married Ann Charlton at St Giles Church on May 5th 1715 and John and Ann had seven children, one of whom was another **John (3)**, who was baptised on May 21st 1724, at St Mary the Virgin Church, Ovingham.

Note! The (numbers) refer to the family tree on page 10

It seems likely that this John, the son of John Kell and Ann (nee Charlton), worked at Light Birks in 1747 and in 1755 married Mary Thompson of Haltwhistle. (Did they meet at a Church Hall dance, as so many have done since? ... I wonder.) This Mary, John's wife, was a daughter of John Thompson and Margaret (nee Morpeth) who were living at East Land Ends when Mary was born and baptised at Haydon Church on February 25th 1727. John and Mary seem to have spent their early married life in Hexhamshire - where they had a son John - before moving to Haydon Bridge to farm; and specifically, to Elrington, from where a second child Ann was baptised at Haydon Church on July 10th 1768.

It appears that a relationship between John Kell and Mary (nee Thompson) of Elrington, and Richard Thompson and Ann (nee Ridley) of East Land Ends, was significant in the lives of John and Mary during their time at Haydon Bridge and throughout the years that followed. Around 1775 when Richard Thompson and his wife Ann left East Land Ends to farm wheat for the Duke of Argyll on the Mull of Kintyre, John Kell and Mary also left Elrington and both families were together in Scotland on a similar mission.

John Kell (3), his wife Mary and their children, John and Ann, left Elrington around 1775 to live at Ballybrennan Farm, near Southend on Kintyre - a farm owned by the Duke of Argyll - and the Thompson family, from East Land Ends, lived close by and shared a lease with them. Both families are listed in the 1792: 'Inhabitants of the Duke of Argyll's Property in Kintyre', by which time **John Kell (jnr) (4)** had married Margaret McAlister in Southend, Argyll - on November 14th 1779. Between 1778 and 1798 John (jnr) and Margaret had eight children, four of whom are recorded in the 1792 listing: Mathew, John, **Joseph (5)** and Ann.

'Inhabitants of the Duke of Argyll's Property in Kintyre 1792' (An edited extract - Ballybrennan)

John Kell 70 (father) Elrington: parish of Netherwarden in the County of Northumberland. Mary Kell aged 60 (wife). Ann Kell aged 24 (daughter). John Kell aged 34 (son). Margaret McAlister aged 30 (daughter in law). Mathew Kell aged 13 (grandson). John Kell aged 9 (grandson). **Joseph Kell** aged 6 (5) (grandson). Ann Kell aged 1 (granddaughter).

John and Margaret's other children were: Mary (1780); Richard (1788); Margaret (1795) and **Edward Kell (6)** (1798).

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John Kell (jnr) left Kintyre sometime between 1813 and 1826 (when his wife Margaret died there) and moved to Stirlingshire. This explains how his son **Edward** came to marry a Stirling girl, Margaret Cowan, in Stirling in 1819. Edward Kell married Margaret Cowan on July 20th 1819 and they had eight children between 1820 and 1843. In 1841, Edward and Margaret emigrated to Melbourne, Australia.

Our 2016 Australian visitor, Roy Gordon, is a great great grandson of Edward Kell and Margaret Cowan.

Finally in this tale, I will concentrate on **Joseph Kell (5)**, brother of **Edward Kell (6)** - and the grandson of **John Kell (3)** who farmed at Light Birks before he was married and, as a married man lived with Mary (nee Thompson) his wife, and farmed, at Elrington. **Joseph Kell (5)** remained in Kintyre while his brother **Edward (6)** emigrated to Melbourne in 1841. It is through the generations of Edward's family that we can trace a route from John Kell at Haydon Bridge, in the eighteenth century, to John Winston Howard, the Prime Minister of Australia from 1996 to 2007.

Joseph Kell (5), was baptised in Southend, Kintyre, in 1785, to parents **John Kell** and **Margaret McAllister (4)**. Joseph married **Margaret McQuilkan** on February 3rd 1804 at Southend, Kintyre and they had fourteen children. Joseph and Margaret's eleventh child **Edward Kell (7)**, baptised June 13th 1826, married **Jane Rutherford** of Campbeltown in 1848 and emigrated to Australia about 1856; to where two of Edward's brothers, their wives, and one sister had emigrated previously. Edward and Jane's sixth child, **Joseph Edward Kell (8)**, was born/baptised in Australia in 1866 and married **Ellen Barker** in 1898; the first of their three children was **Mona Jane Kell (9)**, baptised in 1899.

Mona Jane Kell married **Lyle Falconer Howard** in 1925 and their fourth child, **John Winston Howard (10)** was born/baptised on July 26th 1939 at Dulwich Hill, New South Wales.

John Winston Howard was Prime Minister of Australia for eleven years from 1996 to 2007 and his four times great grandparents, John Kell and Mary (nee Thompson), had farmed at Light Birks around 1747, and Elrington from 1755 to 1775;

Thank You

I am most grateful to Roy and Jill Gordon, who visited Haydon Bridge from Australia in June 2016, for making their extensive research into the Kell family available to support my own exploration into the link between Haydon Parish and John Winston Howard.

Thank you also to Mildred Robson and William Veitch who have helped me in my attempts to unravel the Kell-Martin connection.

KELL FAMILY LINE

In the six steps from Elrington to John Winston Howard (see column on the right), I have omitted all children/family members not in direct ancestry line.

**ALL THE WAY FROM HAYDON BRIDGE
FROM ELRINGTON TO A PRIME MINISTER**

John Kell = Margery Kell (1)
Lived at Barrasford

John Kell [b 1678] (2) = Ann Charlton [m 1715]
Lived: Barrasford and Ovingham.

John Kell [b 1724] (3) = Mary Thompson [b 1727 at Haydon] [m 1755]
Lived: Hallyards, Light Birks, Elrington and Kintyre.

John Kell [b 1757] (4) = Margaret McAlister [m 1779]
Lived: Hallyards, Southend Kintyre, and Stirlingshire.

Joseph Kell [b 1785] (5) = Agnes McQuilkan [m 1804]
Lived: Kintyre.
Note! Brother of Edward (6) - Roy Gordon's family line

Edward Rbt Kell [b 1826] (7) = Jane Rutherford [m 1824]
Lived: Campbeltown and Bondi Sidney, Australia.

Joseph Edward Kell [b 1866] (8) = Ellen Barker [m 1898]
Lived: Parramatta NSW, Australia.

Mona Jane Kell [b 1899] (9) = Lyl Falconer Howard [m 1925]
Lived: Parramatta NSW, Australia.

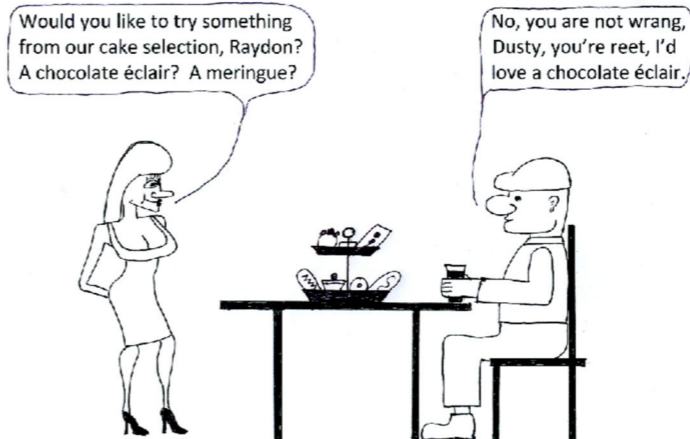
John Winston Howard (10) [b1939]
Australian Prime Minister 1996 - 2007



Roy and Jill Gordon at the historic font in Haydon (Old) Church where nine of their ancestors were baptised; and (below) at Elrington where John Kell, 4x great grandfather of Australian Prime Minister John Wilson Howard, lived and farmed.



RAYDON FRIDGE and DUSTY DARMAID

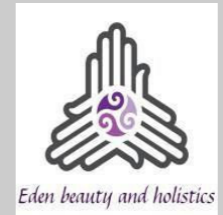


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aliciafearon@btinternet.com
- Dance Club - 7.30pm
Audrey Phillips. 01434684452
- Craft class - 1pm (bi monthly)
Joyce Sim. 01434 684704

Tuesday

- Tiny Tots - 9.15am
Nicola Grint. 07879999289
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David Beales. 07561153485

Wednesday

- Yoga - 7pm
aliciafearon@btinternet.com
- Art Group - 6.30pm (bi monthly)
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Thursday

- Bowls Club - 7.30pm
Sandra Bough. 01434 684372
- Parish Council - 7.30pm (4th Thursday)
Eileen Charlton. 01434 684505

Friday

- Playgroup - 9.15am
Nicola Grint. 07879999289
- Keep Fit - 10am
caroleannprice@hotmail.co.uk
- RNLI - Bridge Afternoon - 1pm (as arranged)

Saturday

- Coffee mornings - 10am
Various parish organisations.

Sunday

- Hornby Model Railways - 10am
(Every 2nd Sunday)
grant.robinson@tiscali.co.uk

For new bookings and information:

Valeriebell2@gmail.com

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.
 This meeting is also open to members of the public.

WEST TYNEDALE JUNIOR RUGBY CLUB

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 5th and 19th April

Haydon Bridge & Allendale Medical Practice

Monday to Friday: **The Health Centre is open continuously from 8.00am until 6.00pm**
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 £1.00 entrance (Everyone welcome)

Haydonian Social Club

Family Prize Bingo
 Saturday 8th April 2017
 Eyes Down 7-30pm
 (everyone welcome)

REGULAR VILLAGE COFFEE MORNINGS

Saturday 10am Community Centre
A different local organisation each week.
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 IF ANYONE KNOWS OF ADDITIONAL COFFEE MORNINGS PLEASE LET ME KNOW.

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at the
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POLICE

At The Methodist Chapel coffee morning every five weeks an opportunity to chat to two police officers.
 E mail for these ladies is:
Yvonne.Clement.8526@northumbria.pnn.police.uk
 Tel 101 Ask for 8526
 The dates for the next Police surgeries are; 10-11am

Hexham Beacon Club

5th April – Long Range Desert Group
 12th April – Clerical Confessions
 19th April – No Meeting
 26th April – Victoria Tunnel
 On Wednesdays 10-30 to 12-00 at
 Trinity Methodist Church Hall, Hexham

WILLIAM (BILL) FOSTER



When a good friend whom you have known for a lifetime dies, it is a time of personal sorrow. When the friend has lived amongst us for almost one hundred years, had a remarkable memory and retained the faculty to recall and relate those memories in detail, his loss is felt by a much wider audience. This was the case when Bill Foster passed away quite suddenly on Thursday, March 2nd.

“You’ll want to know something, do you?” was Bill’s usual response when he answered the door to me at his home in Strother Close. And so often, I did ... and Bill never failed me. Whether the names of folk on an old photograph; who lived where and when in the parish; or memories of individuals and events that have shaped our past. Bill’s death leaves a gap in our knowledge of local social history few, if any, will ever be able to fill.

Those of us who enjoyed Bill’s company will continue to share, long after his passing, his humorous recollections of a lifetime spent at Melkridge, Cubstocks and in the village of Haydon Bridge; more than ninety nine years living locally, interrupted only by service for his country, including an interval as a Prisoner of War in Italian hands.

Haydon Bridge will miss Bill Foster.

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CHURCHES WORKING TOGETHER

CLERGY MESSAGE

From: Rev. Dr. Benjamin Carter.

As I write this letter, with wind and rain sweeping across Tyndale, after another long dark winter, it is hard to imagine that warmth and life will return. Of course, there are a few snow-drops and daffodils doing their best to buck the trend, but the trees remain bare and the skies grey. But then suddenly, unbelievably, spring will arrive, trees will burst into bud and flower, the sun will find the warmth it has misplaced over the winter, lambs will fill our fields and new life and possibility will erupt unstopably all around us.

Every year when I come to Holy Week and Easter I am surprised and even overwhelmed by the unstoppable power of God's love that we are told through this greatest of weeks. This might seem strange, after all we all know the story, we all know it seems all will be lost, and we all know it works out in the end. But the Easter story is not a tired tale we tell year after year, it is a reality we live and experience and a changed by each time we come to it.

Like our longing for spring we come to the story from the season of Lent and a time of seemingly endless greyness. On Palm Sunday, the hope that things might change, like those fleeting days in early spring when the sun shines more than we expect, and we think, for a moment, that spring is here. But then things get cold and bleak again. The rain and wind rolls in and it seems like the winter has returned. Through Holy Week we take the journey from the fleeting hope of Palm Sunday to the despair of Good Friday, and it seems like it will never be warm again.

But then, without us knowing or realising there is an eruption of new life. An unstoppable movement of God's love that the Cross and the Stone of the Tomb and not even death itself could hold back. On Easter morning, the new life God promises all of us sweeps over us, like the waves of spring life that we yearn for.

In Easter, we find that there is nothing can hold back the unstoppable power of God's love revealed to us in his son Jesus Christ. Through the worship of our Churches everyone is welcome to find and experience again the transforming and life-changing power of love, and to know that even on the coldest days the power of God's love will come again like 'wheat that springs up green.'

With every best wish for Easter, your Vicar,

Benjamin

Good Friday Act of Witness

It has become common for Christians of all Churches to gather together on Good Friday to pray and worship and witness to their faith together.

This Good Friday (14 April) the Churches of Haydon Bridge will be gathering to become part of this great movement at 10.45am at the War Memorial and the moving to the Old Bridge at 11am.

Everyone is welcome.

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

Fifth Sunday of Lent:

Sunday 2 April, 2017

9.30am: Parish Eucharist (BCP), St Cuthbert's Beltingham
 11am: Parish Eucharist with Storybook Church, St Cuthbert's Haydon Bridge, followed by Haydon Bridge Annual Church Parochial Meeting.

Palm Sunday

Sunday 9 April

10am: Joint Eucharist, All Hallows' Henshaw

Tuesday 11 April

8.30am: Morning Prayer, St Cuthbert's Haydon Bridge
 5pm: Evening Prayer, All Hallows' Henshaw
 6pm: Eucharist, All Hallows' Henshaw

Wednesday 12 April

8.30am: Morning Prayer, St Cuthbert's Haydon Bridge
 11am: Eucharist, All Hallows' Henshaw
 5pm: Evening Prayer, St Cuthbert's Haydon Bridge

Maundy Thursday

Thursday 13 April

8.30am: Morning Prayer, St Cuthbert's Haydon Bridge
 7.30pm: Eucharist and Stripping of the Altars, St Cuthbert's Haydon Bridge

Good Friday

Friday 14 April

10.45am: Haydon Bridge Churches Together Act of Witness, beginning at War Memorial and on the Old Bridge at 11am
 12noon: The First Hour, St Cuthbert's Haydon Bridge
 2pm: The Last Hour, All Hallows' Henshaw

Holy Saturday

Saturday 15 April

10.30am: Messy Church, All Hallows' Henshaw

Easter Day

Sunday 16 April

6.30am: The Liturgy of Easter, Haydon Old Church
 9.30am: Parish Eucharist with Baptism, All Hallows' Henshaw
 11am: Parish Eucharist, St Cuthbert's Haydon Bridge

Second Sunday of Easter:

Sunday 23 April 2016

9.30am: Parish Eucharist, St Cuthbert' Beltingham followed by the Beltingham & Henshaw Annual Parochial Church Meeting
 11am: Parish Eucharist (BCP), St Cuthbert's Haydon Bridge

Third Sunday after Easter:

Sunday 30 April 2016

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

Fourth Sunday of Easter:

Sunday 7 May 2017

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

Christian Aid Week 2017

Christian Aid week begins on Sunday 14 May. Each year the Churches work together to deliver and collect Christian Aid envelopes to every home in Haydon Bridge. If you could help in this worthwhile task, either helping with the coordination or the delivery of envelopes, could you contact the Vicar on 688196 or revbenjamin@car.org.uk

A VIEW FROM UP THERE

John Harrison

With public signs it is sometimes how they are placed in relation to other signs that can cause amusement, like the signs in a public swimming baths which placed "Ladies Changing" and "Viewing Area" together!! But it is the signs in unfortunate locations that provide the greatest amusement like the very prominent ONE WAY signs at the entrance to a large cemetery, and at Sutton Hoo in Suffolk where a sign informs "No Exit from Burial Site" Talking of dead-ends, our winter weather has been a dead loss hasn't it?

With the wind coming from a broadly southerly direction, the first five days of February were relatively warm and dry with some sunny spells. However, as pressure began to rise quickly on the 6th the UK was brought into a cold airstream from Scandinavia which dominated the weather for the following eight days. With the wind being from the east, conditions were exceptionally dull at times. While the skies remained clear for a short while, the temperature fell to -3.8 degC by the morning of the 6th but heavy rain and sleet arrived later in the day. By the 8th the weather was extremely dull with drizzle which had turned to snow by the 9th when the daytime maximum temperature managed to reach only 1.5 degC. Heavy overnight snow was lying by the morning of the 10th (less than 1 cm) and light snow continued all day. A slight increase in temperature meant that the snow cover at Plunderheath had gone by the 11th but snow and sleet returned on the 12th. Pressure began to fall after the 12th and the wind moved round to a more westerly direction. The cold easterly was replaced by much milder air and by the 15th the daytime temperature had risen to 12.8 degC on an almost Spring-like day. The following days to the 21st were relatively mild with some lengthy sunny spells which tempted the first of the daffodils to appear. A sharp drop in pressure from the 21st heralded the arrival of very unsettled wet and windy weather bringing a mixture of rain and sleet with strengthening winds. Storm 'Doris' visited the UK on the 23rd bringing widespread damage except in the North-East which was in the 'eye' of the storm. 'Ewan' arrived on the 25th which brought an unexceptional spell of wet and windy weather to Haydon Bridge. Cold Polar Maritime air in Ewan's wake resulted in blustery showers of sleet and snow to round off a very mixed month of weather.

The Met Office define 'winter' as December, January and February. Checking the Haydon Bridge weather readings for these months tells me that the average daytime maximum temperature was 7.6 degC which is **1.5 degC above the long-term average;** the average nocturnal minimum temperature was 2.5 degC which is **1.2 degC above the long-term average;** total rainfall was 130.5 mm which is **only 57% of the long-term average.** There were 48 days of rainfall and 24 air frosts. In summary, winter was mild and damp. It is not surprising that Spring seems to have started early this year. Each year I record the date of first blooming of flowers and blossom and it is a sobering thought that between 2013 and 2017, the date of first flowering of daffodils has moved from early April to mid-March – a shift of more than two weeks.

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
February	7.9	+1.5	2.6	+1.3	53.5	84

And finally Gladys tells me that some while ago she received an invitation to a formal dinner in London which was to be attended by a number of stars of stage and screen. She was a little worried that the invitation did not include friend or partner but she felt sure that she would meet someone to talk to. Taking her place at the table she found herself talking to Jane and discovered that they had much in common. There was an empty seat between them until the very last minute when a man came to the table and took his place there, apologising to everyone for being late. The man was no less than Sean Connery, which confirmed what both women had thought, that there was a bond between them.



**HAYDON BRIDGE NATURE CLUB
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**All quizzes start at 8.15 pm - cost is £1.50 per person
In addition to the Quiz, the evening includes the famous
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Team size from 2 to 6 (optimum 4-5).
Tables can be booked in advance over the bar.**

Programme

April 25th West Tynedale Junior Rugby

May 23rd Haydon Bridge Playgroup and Tiny Tots

June 20th Haydon Bridge Flower and Veg *Queenie Quiz*

Our charity slots for 2017 have now been filled and we have already reached March 2018 so if you wish to nominate a charity then please contact John Harrison (aka Queenie) via the General Havelock or on Johnandaveril@aol.com

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 April

10am Morning Worship Sandra Martin
6pm Communion Worship Rev. David Goodall

9 April

10am Readers Service Brian Japes
6pm Evening Worship Graham Wilson

16 April EASTER DAY

10am Communion Worship Rev. Mike Wilkinson
6pm Evening Worship Rev. Alan Dawson

23 April

10am Local Arrangements
6pm Evening Worship Norman Fullard

30 April

10am Morning Worship Mark Knowles
6pm Evening Worship Joan Histon

Other Church Services being held in the week prior
to Easter Sunday are as follows:

11th April 7.00pm Stations of the Cross, St. John's Church

13th April 7.30pm Maundy Thursday service, St. Cuthberts

Good Friday 14th April

10.00 am Short service at the Methodist Church
prior to:
10.45 am Churches Together: meet at the War Memorial and process to Old Bridge for short time of worship. All Welcome.
12.00 noon Service at St. Cuthberts Anglican Church
3.00 pm Celebration of the Passion of The Lord St. John's Catholic Church

15th April

7.30 pm Easter Vigil Mass St. John's

Services for Easter Day are as printed

**NO MESSY CHURCH IN APRIL DUE
TO SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
(NEXT SESSION MAY 10TH)**

Coffees 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. Please come in
for a friendly chat - tea/coffee/biscuits
Stay as long or as short a time as you wish
A warm welcome is given to everyone.

Come and join us for



Storytelling and crafts during the morning service
at St. Cuthbert's, Haydon Bridge and All Hallows',
Henshaw. All children are welcome

Sunday 2 April, Haydon Bridge, 11.00

Sunday 9 April, Henshaw, 10.00

a joint service with Haydon Bridge Storybook
Church group invited

Theme Holy Week - Passion and Palm Sunday
Sing songs, make some palm leaves and do some
noisy drama!

Sunday 7 May, Haydon Bridge, 11.00

Sunday 14 May, Henshaw, 9.30

Theme The Good Shepherd
Could you be a shepherd?
Make some woolly sheep

Sunday 4 June, Haydon Bridge, 11.00

Sunday 11 June, Henshaw, 9.30

Theme Pentecost - Wind and Fire
Crafty fun - a dove mobile, kites, windmills.....

Sunday 2 July, Haydon Bridge, 11.00

Sunday 9 July, Henshaw, 9.30

Theme Doubting Thomas
Play a listening game
Make a large collage of Jesus

Learn and grow together with Jesus

Children must be accompanied by an adult
For more information, contact the team at
storybookchurch@gmail.com

**Lent Course
At the Methodist Church.**

This course will run on the following
Wednesday nights 7.30 to 9pm.

5th or 12th April. (date to be confirmed)

All Welcome to come along.
The Course will be led by:
Deacon Anne Taylor

News From The Bridge

I was asked last week by a visitor to 'The Bridge' "if we we're a real library" and this made me wonder if everyone realized that we get our books to lend out from Northumberland County Library Services and they regularly change the books. We are a real library and can do anything any other library can do and would like to think we try to do more to ensure a good service for our customers. You can request any book held anywhere in Northumberland to be sent here so you can borrow it from us – and when you have returned it to us it is returned to where it came from. If you borrow a book from another library in the county you can return it through the library service by bringing it in to us.

Like any library you can use our computers to access the internet or the county archives all you need is a library card and if you don't have one we will issue one which allows you to use our library and any other library in the county.

We have a wonderful selection of books for children which they can borrow or stay for a while in the cosy corner to just browse or be read a story by whoever brought them in. We do not only have young children's books we do a good selection for older readers all the way up to teenagers, we can satisfy any book-worms desire for more to read.

We also do a good selection of audio books for those with poor vision or for anyone going on a long car ride – to make the journey a pleasure. Why not call in and find out – then you will see what else we do.



If your family name is Armstrong, Charlton, Graham, Scott, Elliot, Bell, Irwin, Moffat or Robson (or some other notorious name), there is a chance that one of your ancestors may have been a Border Reiver. We have books in the Bridge library about the way they lived and what they got up to. Drop in and see them.

Interested in your family history? Tuesday staff at The Bridge can help you with free "Ancestry" and "Find My Past"

The Haydon Hundred Saturday 10th June 2017

Participants please register at <http://www.haydonhundred.co.uk/HHS/HOME.html>

Volunteers are required to prepare for the event and also on the day. Please either add your name to the list in The Bridge or email admin@haydon-bridge.co.uk

Jobs include putting up signage the day before and setting up on the day, directing entrants & car parking, registering entrants, assisting cyclists with numbers and timing tags and staffing feeding stations.



EASTER CRAFTS DAY
Monday 10th April at the Bridge 10 am
AND COMING SOON A NEW GOLDEN TICKET CHALLENGE

RAYDON FRIDGE and DUSTY DARMAID

You've really upset the Landlord, Raydon, he says if you don't mend your ways you won't get another drink in here until 2020.

No problem, Dusty, it's a quarter past eight already, only five minutes to go.



(should we find supporters) to assess support for the people we had seen on Thursday. We shopped for food for 20 or so people, then travelled across town to cook it.

We were warned us the next visit would be hard. I had arranged for us to have lunch with a group of orphans in a house in Reyhanli we had sent money to. The contradictions of the day before were amplified. The kids were so full of fun it was a huge relief. I made faces and got lots of laughs. It wasn't hard to ignore the fact that these kids were so comfortable and familiar with us some part because they were missing interaction with adults. We talked about the relief after anticipation of going, and how lovely the greeting was from children at the orphanage. We reflected on how our own kids would at least be reticent to begin when seeing strangers, especially bald very white ones like me, in high viz vests, these kids relatively jumped into our arms. They need people to care – now. Bright eyed, innocent little kids full of fun and happiness. Someone needs to feed them and love them. They don't deserve to be caught up in war. It broke our hearts when we had to go.

From there, we drove about an hour out of town. We went to what looked in the context of things, a well-resourced girls school. The kids still needed shoes however. The school was crowded and busy in a good way. It felt vibrant and happy, and the strength and power of happy young people carried my emotions through that visit. The headmistress clearly had great taste – she gave each of our group a flower, and me a bunch of roses when we left. I had the mickey taken



out of me all the way back to town. We knew immediately that, although if this were in mainland Europe it would be deemed an emergency situation, we had restricted resource so we weren't in a position to help these kids. They were lovely to us even though they knew this too. Perhaps its war or perhaps it's a Syrian/Turkish cultural thing, but even when people weren't being helped by us, they were still so warm and hospitable. It has to have something to do with looking after each other and not just them self.

We went back to the camp before we started the long journey home. Mick and Sharon managed to find the families with the burned boy and the triplets without milk. We gave out loads of sweets and toys. There is never enough. Basically, the way it goes is you target a group of kids away from others, you give them sweets and toys, which causes a disturbance and a crowd gath-

ers. You continue giving stuff out until it gets too much and then you move on. I learned in Greece what you must try not to do is look behind you when you leave – you will always see the little girl or boy who wasn't strong enough in the crowd, or who fell over in the run, and missed out. That's Christmas, your birthday and something to eat when you are hungry all gone at once. Mick explaining to a boy that the football is now his.

I will live with the contradiction of absolute warmth of people in the context of appalling suffering forever. That affects you directly as a human being, on your outlook and your assumptions particularly. The story of Abu's life sums this up perfectly for me. Abu works closely with Riz and One Ummah. Abu is my age. In 1984, when I was trying to look old enough to buy tabs and Thunderbird wine in Gateshead, he was breaking swimming world records. He's an imposing looking guy, 6'5" and he was in the national Syrian basketball team. He was successful in business after his sporting



career, owning factories. At the start of the war, all that was taken from him. He lost his wife and twins aged 6 years old – he is lucky to be alive after ISIS broke into his house. Abu has dedicated his life to helping refugees in Syria. What he did for us on that trip was nothing short of stunning. He made everything happen, he gave up his own time and lots of money, he made contacts, fed us, made sure we were secure and was hugely patient when our plans changed. He got up at 4am after being up for three days solid just to come with us to the airport, an hour from Reyhanli.

He is one of the most inspiring people I have ever met.

Dan Dowling
Ratcliffe Road
Haydon Bridge.

Dan Dowling's work for the refugees (contd)

Their elderly, semi-blind father clearly can't cope and their mums' in hospital. They have possibly the lowest quality of life of any human being I have ever met yet you wouldn't know it from their smiles. I sat next to them and the overwhelming feeling that I couldn't do a single thing washed over me like a wave. It was all I could do to get amongst them so at least they could all see who was talking, and show them pictures of my life on my mobile phone. The sister, in her late 20s, had beautiful dark hair and deep, dark eyes. She saw my distress. I swear she looked straight into my eyes and without saying a word, smiled as if to say, "don't be sad Dan - we really love the fact you came today". Brothers and sisters with no quality of life at all.



As the sun set you could hear the adhan (call to prayer). It went dark very quickly indeed and on our way to the hotel we picked up a doctor in town. He took us into a room where a man had lay for a long time. He had a large wound in his lower back and had been lying on his front for 5 years. You could smell the infection which had set in his bone. We spent some time with him and he asked that we lead a prayer. He insisted we all came to him and he said goodbye one by one, shaking both my hands and offering genuine warmth I got so used to in those three days. His skin was ashen; in a way I have only seen in people close to the end of their lives. He is in a very poor medical state. He needs help immediately. He didn't get it unfortunately.

From there, we went on to a clinic which was a large house. Men with severe and shocking wounds and appalling injuries, most too horrific to describe. They sat up in their beds. They joked and smiled and shook our hands. The medical room had about as much medication as I have in my bathroom cabinet and I think there were 24 patients. I've heard about barrel bombs - now I've seen what they do. The only doctor, a young Turkish eye specialist, took time to show us around and talked to us for as long as he could. I couldn't help thinking about the fact he could earn six figures in Europe any time he wanted, but choose to work unpaid in these highly traumatic, dreadful conditions. He spent years and dedicated his life to learning a specialism, he gave that up - and all his life comforts and income, to help others. So many Turkish people have. The photos I have are too horrific to share.

By the end of Thursday, as a group, we were shocked and drained. Writing this inevitably waters down the massive feeling of contradictions we had in our minds.

Prevailing sadness and sorrow, immediacy in terms of basic need, contradicted with memories of people with smiles, warmth and dignity. We knew we would have to fit a lot of things in the next and last day, but we definitely had to source burns medicine and baby milk and get it to the camp which was some distance from our base. We also wanted to take a few toys and sweets for kids who had probably never seen them before. Our host Abu treated us to a fantastic meal and then we went home to plan Friday. The last action, we agreed to go for a walk at 6am.

The scale here is huge. This camp (over the wall in Syria in this pic) had more than 50000 people in it. That's about the same as in the whole of the refugee population in Europe.

The recent container people helped with went here - Ill post pics.

No European benchmark humanitarian rules apply here however, not even the Geneva convention actually. There is barely any sign of NGOs. The single only thing I saw outside of our sister charity, One Ummahs



intervention, was one UNICEF supported orphan school we visited on Friday morning close to the camp. Classes are given in turns. Most of the kids who aren't having a turn play outside. The school was reliant on donations.

Kids in School - they wait outside for their turn. Three of these kids had horrific burns - two were unable to talk due to trauma they had suffered.

Friday morning we had a lot to do to turn our experience into action. With fantastic support, we sourced medicine and a bizarre shopping list of things desperately need at the camp, we arranged for medical reports



INTERESTED IN RUNNING?

I've noticed that there's a lot of people of different ages running around the village. Have any of you thought of joining the local running club Allen Valley Striders?

The Striders is a very friendly running club which really does cater for a wide range of ability and running interests. Members range in age from 18 to 70 with a fairly equal number of male and female members.

If you can run 3 miles in 35 minutes or faster, you would be fine running with the Striders as there are runners of similar ability with the quickest in the club those who can cover the 3 miles in around 18 minutes. However, unlike some other running clubs, nobody is ever left behind due to the way each run is conducted. Everyone sets off together and every mile or so the faster runners loop back to "collect" the slower runners and this continues over the duration of the course. Thus on a typical Monday evening the slower runners may run around 3 miles with the quicker runners running 4 miles, over the same run route.

As well as entering individual events we have a Grand Prix of local events where your position in the club is based on a handicap system. There is absolutely no pressure to enter any event. We try to cater for all tastes with

members entering road races over various distances from 3 miles to marathons, fell races, trail races and cross country races.

We also hold several social events which are again totally your choice on whether to get involved with.

If the above is of interest to you then under no obligation why not try a free session to help you decide if you wish to be a member or not?

Sessions are normally from the Sports Club at Catton at the following times:-

MONDAY 7pm - Run distance of 3 to 4 miles.

WEDNESDAY 7pm - Run distance of 4.5 to 6 miles

SUNDAY 8am - Run distance of up to 10 miles. There is a "back up" car to allow runners to run less distance.

Simply just turn up at least 5 minutes before a run starts (we are prompt) or if you require further information contact allenvalleystriders@hotmail.com or through the Facebook page Allen Valley Striders.

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Haydon Bridge United AFC

Season 2016/17 – March Update



We're nearing the end of the 2016/17 season now with most of our teas approaching their last few games. Planning is already well underway for next season and we're pleased to announce we will be expanding our current teams for the 2017/18 season.

With the success of the development squad we are planning on entering an Under 7's team in to the league next season. We are also introducing a new Under 12's team. All of our existing teams will be moving on in to their next age group.

So hopefully for the 2017/18 season we will have Under 7's, 8's, 9's, 10's, 11's, 12's, 14's, 15's & 16's!!

We are always looking for new players to join our teams so if there are any children who are interested in playing for Haydon Bridge United please contact Paula Collis on 07715733178

Congratulations to our Under 14's team, who won promotion this season. A great effort by the team, their manager Peter Scott (pictured) and coaches, parents and Supporters!!



Our Teams Development Squad

The development squad has progressed well so far this season. We are now in the process of arranging friendly games for some of our players who will make up our Under 7's team for next season.

Under 7/8's

The Under 7/8s have had another busy month. The team have continued to play good football and even managed to reach the semi final of the recent tournament at Prudhoe High School.

Under 9's

The Under 9's have played some great football in recent weeks winning 5 out of their last 6 games and scoring 26 goals. The players have worked hard in training and have certainly taken what they've learnt on the training ground in to their matches recently. The quality of their football has been a pleasure to watch!

Under 10's

Our Under 10's are continuing to develop well as a team and are enjoying their football.

Under 13's

Haydon Bridge Under 13 played host to Dudley & Weetslade. A fantastic game by all, end to end with some great saves by both Goalkeepers. A 1-0 result at half time showed the score line could have gone either way but it was the Bridge who fought hard and the game ended in a 5-0 win. A MOTM performance for keeper James Hare, with Shay Dickinson netting a hatrick and Niall Buchanan a brace.

The following week a struggling first half against the wind saw Haydon Bridge Under 13's trailing 5-1 at half time away to Cramlington. A better second half saw them narrow the score line and the game ended 5-4. Niall Buchanan scored the first half goal with Jamie Connor, Scott Hawkins and Niall Milburn netting in the second half. MOTM Jamie Connor.

A great win followed away to Whitley Bay Samba scoring 8 without reply. All 4 goals in the first half scored from corners, with the remaining 4 from open play in the second half. Shay Dickinson scored a hat-trick with Man of the match Niall Buchanan netting 2, Jamie Connor 2 and Brandon Bland 1.

Under 14's

With only 9 available players due to holidays and injuries, the U14's secured a great 4 - 2 away victory at Stakeford. Goals from Aaron Davidson, MOTM James Percival (2), and a wonder strike from Archie Richardson helped us on our way, but it was backed up with some strong defending by Craig Thomas, Josh Burville, Lewis Hunter and the influential Matthew Koranteng. Some timely saves by Matty Scott and non stop working by Ben. Doughty saw us through to the end. Well done lads!



The U14's have done well to come to the end of a blustery winter with 3 goals from (3) and a few more were not only a bit of a surprise as against the elements. Matthew Koranteng was MOTM and his defensive performance was superb. The U14's are continuing to develop well as a team and are enjoying their football.

final league game of the season, but were made to work for it after going a goal behind in the first half against a battling Kingston Park side. MOTM Ben Doughty pulled Bridge level before the break, with further goals from Cameron Robson, James Percival, Aaron Davidson, Lewis Hunter and Josh Stillwell ensured the victory. The team now look forward to competing against Montagu in the final of the League Shield at Wallsend in a couple of weeks

Under 15's

It was great for the u15s to get back to playing after a break due to bad weather. Despite not ideal conditions with a strong wind the Bridge came away with all three points and a clean sheet due to a good all round performance from all 14 players used.

Playing with the wind in the first half we struggled to find the target in the opening rallies. The first goal came from a set piece, a corner from Joey Robson with Steven Heslop finding the net. Goal number 2 followed fairly quickly from replacement right back Mitchell Sloane assisted by Joey Robson. Just before half time Joey Robson converted direct from a corner kick.

The second half against the wind saw the Bridge properly get a hold of the game with some great driving runs. Ethan Dickinson was first to find the net assisted by Joey Robson, followed by a goal from Tom Anderson assisted by Steven Heslop. Ewan Wishart was next to find the net which was followed by a brace from Owen White.

MOTM was Ewan Wishart who started the game at left back finished it on right wing with some great driving runs and through balls.

Really proud of all the lads today for such a great TEAM performance

The U15s took on current league leaders Blackfyne. A combination of injuries and lack lustre first half performance meant we gave the opposition too much time and conceded 4 times in the first half. We managed to get a goal back before half time with a great pass from Ethan Dickinson to assist Owen White.

Second half we were much better and really battled and looked much more dangerous driving forward with the ball culminating in a goal for Ethan Dickinson assisted by Owen White. With us pressing hard Blackfyne got one



Under 15's in action!

goal back but defensive frailties cost us early on in the game. The lads really got stuck in second half especially MOTM Joey Robson in midfield. Game finished 2-5.

The Club

Continuing our introduction of those involved behind the scenes, this month we focus on David Kirsopp.



David has been involved with the Football Club since 1971, when he was enticed to a Committee Meeting where he was given the job as Groundsman.

In 1997 David along with our treasurer at the time Keith Carruthers developed a Business and Development plan, which succeeded in receiving a Lottery Grant to develop our astro turf pitch. It was officially opened in 2002 by two professional players who started at the Club; Sean Elliott, George Hope and our President Dent Oliver.

The playing facilities at Haydon Bridge United are regarded as probably the best in the Tyne Valley area and are held in high regard by every team that visits Haydon Bridge. We are usually involved in hosting various cup finals at the end of each season due to the high standard of playing facilities. David works tirelessly to maintain our pitches and deserves a huge amount of gratitude from everyone who enjoys playing football in Haydon Bridge!

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