# The Haydon News February 2020

The coming of Christmas 2019 was marked by our, now annual, array of splendid brightly lit Christmas trees (below) and the New Year (right) was welcomed in with a spectacular waterfall of pyrotechnics that lit up the gloom of the midnight sky above our historic stone bridge. The success of each event fully justified the expense and many hours of volunteer labour spent in their presentation.

Thank you so much to everyone involved!







#### EDITORIAL

This month, we welcome a new member to The Haydon News editorial committee: Alex Kinsey, who joins us as our new Haydon News editor. Alex and I have shared editorial duties this month and from our March 2020 issue, Alex will take over the full editorial role. Once Alex is established in his editorial role, I will concentrate on my portraits of the past once again, pleased that together with Steve Ford and your Haydon News committee, we have secured the future of our parish magazine.

Steve Ford left his post as editor of The Haydon News in December 2017, following more than four successful years, before returning as guest editor of the December issue last year. In truth, Steve has continued to support The Haydon News and its editorial committee since he left his editorial role in December 2017 and his financial and practical help has been significant in the continuation and the quality of the magazine. Thank you Steve!

Your Haydon News is professionally printed now. Gone are the days when committee members stood around a kitchen table collating and stapling a thousand copies: or editors spent a full weekend or more in our Community Centre each month before publication, blood boiling due to the vagaries of an unreliable printer and collator; hands covered in black printing ink after rescuing jammed copies from the bowels of the printer. Or, their backs turned for a minute and

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dozens of A4 sheets spewing uncontrollably across the floor of the Community Centre. Thank goodness that's all over! Thank you again Steve.

Long time parishioners and regular readers of The Haydon News will be aware that your parish magazine has been published by the Friends of Haydon Bridge since February 1979. (We believe that 41 years of continuous publication and delivery of a free magazine across a parish, may be a record - we'd love to hear if anyone knows differently.)

I can report, however, that at a 'Friends of HB' committee meeting held on October 28th 2019, a new constitution and name change that recognises the priority now given to the publishing role the committee is undertaking, was agreed. The 'Friends of Haydon Bridge' is no more ...... and from October 2019 the society's original title has been replaced by The Haydon News.

The Haydon News editorial committee has recognised that the many parish activities undertaken by the 'Friends of Haydon Bridge' in the past can be, and are being, carried out successfully now by other village organisations; such as the Get It Together Society, the Community Association and the Haydon Development Trust. Your editorial committee's main publishing activity from 2020, therefore, is reflected in the amended constitution and The Haydon News name.

Another significant change to The Haydon News, is the move from a once independent organisation. Originally inaugurated as a response to a decision by the 1978/9 parish council to develop the station yard (a large open space in the centre of the village) for industrial rather than community use - a decision frowned upon by many of our residents. Today, while we are still committed to objectivity, The Haydon News is a supporter of our parish council and, in turn, we are grateful for the parish's financial assistance which, along with fees from our advertisers and individual/ group donations, helps maintain what we hope you agree is a quality publication. Without your financial support, The Haydon News could not exist in its present form.

Thank you all; and a warm welcome to Alex Kinsey, our new editor.

#### Dennis Telford

This month's issue has a donation envelope attached to the front cover. A great deal of voluntary effort goes into publishing and delivering The Haydon News, however, printing and sundry costs continue to rise. If you are able to support the continuation of your parish magazine with a donation, we would be very grateful. **Thank You!** 

The March edition of the Haydon News will be printed and distributed early in the month. Please submit any articles for inclusion by 12th February.

### ALL CORRESPONDENCE, CONTRIBUTIONS, ADVERTS AND CROSSWORD ANSWERS TO: editor@haydon-news.co.uk or by hand to: Claire's Newsagents 11, Church Street.

The Haydon News Committee ex Kinsey( Editor). Pauline Wallis (Chair). Pat Hirst (Secretary). Mark Weldon (Treasurer). Richard Woodley (Distribution co-ordinator). Peter Parker. Dennis Telford. John Wallis. The editorial policy of the Haydon News is the responsibility of the Committee, although day to day responsibility is delegated to the editor. Our intention is always to ensure that the content of the Haydon News is as fair and factually correct as possible. Any complaints concerning editorial policy should be addressed in writing to the Chair and will be considered by and receive a formal response from the Committee. Complaints other than those made above will not be entertained. The Editor reserves the right to decide which letters/articles are to be published, and to alter or shorten letters/articles when necessary Anonymous letters/articles will NOT be published. A nom-de-plume may be used if the Editors know the author's name and address

# What's on in February 2020

To include or amend your activity/event on this page, please e-mail <editor@haydon-news.co.uk> or hand in at Claire's Newsagents, 11 Church Street. Please note: some activities are term time only. Check with the organisers, or on Haydon Bridge Matters Facebook page. Thank you!

### Saturday 1st February

10.00 Coffee morning @ Community Centre

### Sunday 2nd February

- 09.15 Mass, St John of Beverley, Haydon Bridge
- 09.30 Parish Eucharist with Storybook Church, All Hallows' Henshaw
- 10.00 Morning Worship, Methodist Church, Robin Charlton
- 10:30 West Tyne Junior Rugby @ Haydon Bridge High School
- 11.00 Parish Eucharist, St Cuthbert's Haydon Bridge
- 15.00 Evening Prayer for Candlemas, Haydon Old Church
- 15.00 Quoits practice @ General Havelock
- 18.00 Circuit Service at Stocksfield Methodist Church
- 20.00 Bingo @ Haydonian Community Lounge & Bar
- 20.00 Buskers' Night @ Anchor Hotel

### **Monday 3rd February**

- 09.15 Playgroup @ Community Centre
- 10.00 Yoga @ Community Centre
- 12.30 Sure Start Children's Activity Class @ Community Centre
- 15.15 Youth Dance @ Community Centre
- 18.00 Beavers @ St John's Catholic Church Hall
- 19.00 Zumba @ Community Centre
- 19.30 Sequence Dance Club @ Haydonian Community lounge & Bar
- 20.00 GITS meeting @ General Havelock

### **Tuesday 4th February**

- 10.00 Coffee for all @ Methodist Church
- 10.30 'Fresh 'N' Thyme' @ Church Street
- 13.00 Art Club @ Community Centre
- 13.00 Card Craft Club @ Community Centre
- 18.00 Cubs @ St John's Catholic Church Hall
- 18.00 Judo @ Haydon Bridge High School (Juniors)
- 19.00 Judo @ Haydon Bridge High School (Seniors)
- 20.00 Circuits @ Community Centre

### Wednesday 5th February

- 12.00 Fresh fish van @ Church Street
- 18.00 Scouts @ St John's Catholic Church Hall
- 20.30 Bingo @ Haydonian Community Lounge & Bar

### Thursday 6th February

- 10.00 Coffee for all @ Methodist Church
  - (Including Police Surgery 10.00 to 11.00)
- 19.15 Nature Club @ Methodist Church
- 19.30 Bowls Club @ Community Centre

### Friday 7th February

- 09.15 Playgroup @ Community Centre
- 09.45 Keep fit @ Community Centre
- 12.00 Lunch Club @ Community Centre
- 19.30 Shaftoe Singers @ Methodist Church

### Saturday 8th February

- 10.00 Coffee morning @ Community Centre
- 19.30 Family Bingo @ Haydonian Community Lounge @ Bar

### Sunday 9th February

- 09.15 Mass, St John of Beverley, Haydon Bridge
- 09.30 Parish Eucharist, St Cuthbert's Beltingham
- 10.00 Readers Service, Methodist Church, Christine Thompson
- 11.00 Parish Eucharist with Storybook Church, St Cuthbert's, Haydon Bridge
- 15.00 Quoits practice @ General Havelock
- 18.00 Communion Worship, Methodist Church, Rev. David Goodall
- 20.00 Bingo @ Haydonian Community Lounge @ Bar

### **Monday 10th February**

- 09.15 Playgroup @ Community Centre
- 10,00 Yoga @ Community Centre
- 12.30 Sure Start Children's Activity Class @ Community Centre
- 15.15 Youth Dance @ Community Centre
- 19.30 Zumba @ Community Centre
- 19.30 Sequence Dance Club @ Haydonian Community Lounge & Bar

### **Tuesday 11th February**

- 10.00 Coffee for all @ Methodist Church
- 10.30 'Fresh 'N' Thyme' @ Church Street
- 12.30 Barber Bus @ Church Street
- 13.00 Card Craft Club @ Community Centre
- 15.15 Messy Church, Henshaw
- 18.00 Cubs @ St John's Catholic Church Hall
- 18.00 Judo @ Haydon Bridge High School (Juniors)
- 19.00 Judo @ Haydon Bridge High School (Seniors)
- 20.00 Circuits @ Community Centre

### Wednesday 12th February

- 12.00 Fresh fish van @ Church Street
- 18.00 Scouts @ St John's Catholic Church Hall
- 20.30 Bingo @ Haydonian Community Lounge & Bar

### **Thursday 13th February**

10.00 Coffee for all @ Methodist Church 19.30 Bowl's Club @ Community Centre

### **Friday 14th February**

- 09.15 Playgroup @ Community Centre
- 09.45 Keep fit @ Community Centre
- 12.00 Lunch Club @ Community Centre
- 19.00 Woody's Pie and Mash Club @ General Havelock
- 19.30 Shaftoe Singers @ Methodist Church

### Saturday 15th February

10.00 Coffee morning @ Community Centre

### Sunday 16th February

- 09.15 Mass, St John of Beverley, Haydon Bridge
- 09.30 Parish Eucharist, St Cuthbert's Beltingham
- 10.00 Morning Worship, Methodist Church, Rev. Marion Proud
- 10.30 West Tyne Junior Rugby @ Haydon Bridge High School
- 11.00 Parish Eucharist, St Cuthbert's Haydon Bridge
- 15.00 Quoits practice @ General Havelock
- 18.00 Evening Service, Methodist Church, Rev. Jenny Porterpryde
- 20.00 Bingo @ Haydonian Community Lounge & Bar

### Monday 17th February

- 09.15 Playgroup @ Community Centre
- 10.00 Yoga @ Community Centre
- 12.30 Sure Start Children's Activity Class @ Community Centre
- 15.15 Youth Dance @ Community Centre
- 18.00 Beavers @ St John's Catholic Church Hall
- 19.00 Zumba @ Community Centre
- 19.30 Sequence Dance Club @ Haydonian Community Lounge & Bar

### **Tuesday 18th February**

- 10.00 Coffee for all @ Methodist Church
- 10.30 'Fresh 'N' Thyme' @ Church Street
- 13.00 Card Craft Club @ Community Centre
- 13.00 Art Club @ Community Centre
- 18.00 Cubs @ St John's Catholic Church Hall
- 18.00 Judo @ Haydon Bridge High School (Juniors)
- 19.00 Judo @ Haydon Bridge High School (Seniors)
- 19.00 Zumba @ Community Centre
- 20.00 Circuits @ Community Centre
- 20.15 Quiz @ General Havelock

### Wednesday 19th February

- 12.00 Fresh fish van @ Church Street
- 18.00 Scouts @ St John's Catholic Church Hall
- 20.30 Bingo @ Haydonian Community Lounge & Bar

### Thursday 20th February

- 10.00 Coffee for all @ Methodist Church
- 19.15 Nature Club @ Methodist Church (AGM Members only)
- 19.30 Bowls Club @ Community Centre

### Friday 21st February

- 09.15 Playgroup @ Community Centre
- 09.45 Keep fit @ Community Centre
- 12.00 Lunch Club @ Community Centre
- 19.30 Shaftoe Singers @ Methodist Church

### Saturday 22nd February

10.00 Coffee Morning @Community Centre

### Sunday 23rd February

- 08.30 BCP Communion, St Cuthbert's Church Haydon Bridge
- 09.15 Mass, St John of Beverley, Haydon Bridge
- 10.00 Celebration Service, All Hallows' Henshaw
- 10.00 Morning Service, Methodist Church, Richard Stephenson
- 10:30 West Tyne Junior Rugby @ Haydon Bridge High School
- 15.00 God's tent, pitching tbc
- 15.00 Quoits practice @ General Havelock
- 18.00 Evening Service, Methodist Church, Rt. Rev. Michael Sadgrove
- 20.00 Bingo @ Haydonian Community Lounge & Bar

### Monday 24th February

- 09.15 Playgroup @ Community Centre
- 10.00 Yoga @ Community Centre
- 12.30 Sure Start Children's Activity Class @ Community Centre
- 15.15 Youth Dance @ Community Centre
- 18.00 Beavers @ St John's Catholic Church Hall
- 19.00 Zumba @ Community Centre
- 19.30 Sequence Dance Club @ Haydonian Community Lounge & Bar

### **Tuesday 25th February**

- 10.00 Coffee for all @ Methodist Church
- 10.30 'Fresh 'N' Thyme' @ Church Street
- 12.30 Barber Bus @ Church Street
- 13.00 Card Craft Club @ Community Centre
- 18.00 Cubs @ St John's Catholic Church Hall
- 18.00 Judo @ Haydon Bridge High School (Juniors)
- 19.00 Judo @ Haydon Bridge High School (Seniors)
- 19.00 Zumba @ Community Centre
- 19.30 Film and Food Night @ General Havelock
- 20.00 Circuits @ Community Centre

### Wednesday 26th February

- tbc Mass, St John of Beverley, Haydon Bridge tbc
- 09.30 Eucharist with Ashing, All Hallows' Henshaw
- 12.00 Fresh fish van @ Church Street
- 18.00 Scouts @ St John's Catholic Church Hall
- 19.30 Eucharist with Ashing, St Cuthbert's Haydon Bridge
- 20.30 Bingo @ Haydonian Community Lounge & Bar

### Thursday 27th February

- 10.00 Coffee for all @ Methodist Church
- 19.30 Bowls Club @ Community Centre
- 19.30 Parish Council Meeting @ Community Centre
- 20.00 Ukuteers @ General Havelock

### Friday 28th February

- 09.15 Playgroup @ Community Centre
- 10.00 Keep fit @ Community Centre
- 12.00 Lunch Club @ Community Centre
- 19.30 Shaftoe Singers @ Methodist Church

### Saturday 29th February

10.00 Coffee Morning @Community Centre20.00 Live Music @ General Havelock

### CANDLES4CHARITY

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John Harrison, Candle Maker.

### PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

### THESE ARE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF HAYDON PARISH COUNCIL, HELD AT HAYDON BRIDGE COMMUNITY CENTRE AT 7.30pm ON THURSDAY DECEMBER, 19th 2019.

**Present :** Cllrs E. Faulks (Chair), K. Richardson, A. Sharp, R. Snowdon and D. Thornhill. C. McGivern (mins.).

Public participation – none.

**Apologies** – were received from Cllrs J. Bates, I. Burrows, E. Charlton, B. Howard, J. Keyte, A. Kirsopp, and J. Thompson.

Declarations of interest - none were received.

**Minutes of previous meeting** – having been circulated, were agreed and signed.

### Report from Northumberland County Council -

Cllr Sharp was pleased that the automatic doors had now been fitted at the Community Centre; the Community Association had received funding from him. The fingerpost had now been ordered and NCC had agreed to install it. A meeting had been held to discuss the best location for it and it had been agreed to position it on the circle on the paving in front of the hairdressers on the corner of Church Street. The Clerk will email Cllr Sharp when she has a delivery date.

Cllr Sharp had also met with officers from NCC to discuss parking at Peelwell. This was slightly trickier than he had expected, due to a farm gate, so it would be limited to perhaps 3 parking places. NCC would be happy to do this and will provide a price for the work. A local resident had expressed concern about the proposal and Cllr Thornhill will find out what the concerns are. A wheelie bin had also been suggested for this location, as there is nowhere to dispose of dog poo until you get much further down North Bank. It was agreed that there is no point installing the bin until a decision has been taken on whether to go ahead with the parking proposal.

Work should start on traffic calming measures at the Showfield in the New Year. A drain outside the Co-op needs attention, when the road was resurfaced the road surface became higher than the drain and this needs to be sorted out. Resurfacing work and painting of white lines need to be carried out at the Elrington junction, where water is also running down the road. At a meeting with NCC. Cllrs Sharp and Snowdon had noted that water was coming off a field and cascading down the road, this leads to ice on the section of road near Woodhall. Camera surveys have been done on drains at John Martin Street and Martins Close, but problems have still not been resolved. The Ratcliffe Road/ Church Street plans have gone back to officers at NCC. Another meeting to discuss this was suggested for the New Year. Potholes to the west of the village, from Innerhaugh to Rattenraw, have now been attended to. The proposed new street light between the Club and Showfield was discussed. It was felt that there was plenty of light now that the leaves are off the trees, and it may be that additional

tree pruning was all that was needed in the spring. The road surface on the road between Hill House and Standalone has partly been washed away. The road surface is also in an appalling state between Standalone and Woodbine Cottage.

### Highways –

It was noted that there were still quite a few holes in the lane behind the Community Centre, although overall it is much improved.

After discussion it was thought that the trees at the library only needed some light pruning to keep them off the roof.

### Lighting –

Cllr Sharp asked whether all of the orange lights had now been replaced. Cllr Faulks asked if it was a policy decision to keep the heritage lights on Church Street - the old orange lights. Cllr Sharp will ask about this.

**Planning applications** – none were received.

### Accounts – as in budget.

### Budget for 2020-21 & precept request-

The budget for 2020-21 was approved and a precept request for £46,000 was signed by the Chair. It was agreed that money from a VAT refund for the year 2019-20 would partially offset expenses for year 2020-21. A request from Lifespan charity for grant funding will be discussed at the next meeting.

### Correspondence -

BT Openreach had approached both the Clerk and the Chair for permission to remove a diseased tree at the North-East corner of the cemetery, in order to restore the telephone lines in this area. Permission was given.

### Parish projects -

### **Development Trust** – nothing to report.

**Flood meeting** – Cllr Snowdon said that the last meeting which had brought together the EA, Lead Local Flood Authority and NWL, parish Cllrs and flood wardens, had been a very heated one. A fortnight later a drop-in session at the Community Centre had had a disappointing turnout. Since then the Haydon News has provided all households with a sheet explaining what to do in a flood. He agreed with the Clerk that it would be a good idea to invite all concerned back to meet with the PC and provide updates on progress since last May. Cllr Thornhill agreed that it was important for the PC to stay engaged with the other bodies.

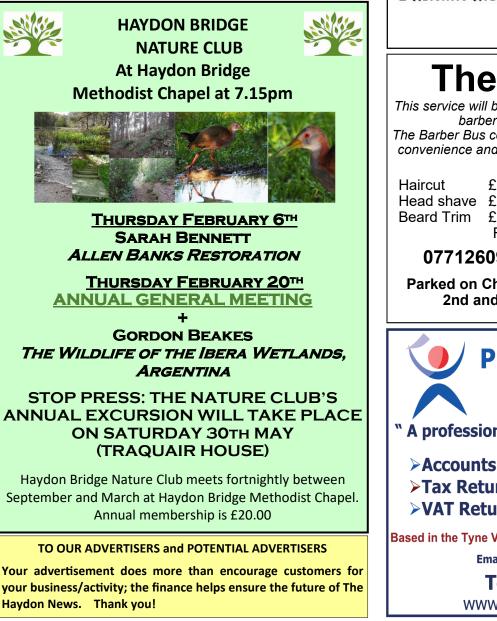
**Neighbourhood Plan** – Peter Fletcher and Carole Price had contacted the Clerk to say that it was now time to provide the planning consultant – Joanne Garrick – with a contract of employment. This was agreed.

#### Any other business -

Cllr Richardson asked who was responsible for cleaning pavements on the estate. She said that the cut near the Community Centre was very muddy and it was difficult for older people to negotiate. Cllr Sharp said that he would raise this with Karbon Homes. Cllr Snowdon said that the state of the verges at Greenwich Gardens was appalling.

Cllr Faulks said that the PC had been due to receive saplings which they hoped to plant on Shaftoe Green. The idea was to involve the school children in this. However, Rural Property Services said that they would advise their clients against the idea. The saplings had been delivered to the wrong address, but Cllr Faulks had managed to retrieve them. To make up for this error a second batch of saplings had been sent out and both sets are currently healed in on the Clerk's allotment. Cllr Faulks said that the PC would need to decide where to put them all. The idea of a small copse at the edge of Shaftoe Green was still being considered, but the PC would need to wait and see if permission was given for this. An area around the rugby pitch was also discussed. The High School would have to be approached for permission, and it was felt that they might engage with a green issue. Cllr Faulks asked everyone to consider possible locations for planting.

Cllr Sharp said that he had been very sorry to hear of the passing of Vera Fletcher. The PC said that they wished to minute their sadness at this news, and said that Vera had always had the village at heart.



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<u>Happy New Year</u>

2020 arrived into Haydon Bridge with a bang – lots of them!

We started off with a torchlit procession from the Anchor car park. There were about 60 people, some carrying flaming torches, led by a Northumbrian piper and a guitarist. They walked down John Martin Street then over the new bridge ready to watch the fireworks to bring in the New Year.

We always worry that it'll be too windy to do the display, but we never expected it to be not windy enough. The lack of wind meant that the smoke hung in the air, almost blocking the spectacular display. It really was spectacular though, especially the finale when a waterfall of white light tumbled over the old bridge wall. Theo Thompson was the lucky young man who had the job of starting off the fireworks this year; thank you Theo for pushing the plunger.

It was the 6<sup>th</sup> year that The Get It Together Society have organised this event and it seems that the word is continuing to spread as there was a wonderful crowd including lots of visitors to the village.

Fundraising for next year has already started. Buckets were out in the crowds and in the pubs on New Year's Eve. If you missed them and didn't donate but you'd like to, then please give your donation to a committee member or leave it at the General Havelock. We'll be putting on various fundraising events throughout the year. If you see one advertised, please try to come along. We try very hard to put on a variety of events for all ages, but we need your support.

There was a lot of organising throughout year to make this event safe and successful. Appreciation is due to everyone involved - the Get It Together Society, 'Reaction Fireworks', the long list of volunteers, the Parish Council, Northumberland County Council, Historic England, Northumbria Police, Shaftoe Trust Primary School, everyone who came along and enjoyed it and everyone who donated. Thanks also to The General Havelock, The Railway, The Anchor and The Haydonian who all helped everyone to have a great night. Apologies to anyone I've missed.

Roll on next year. Any more donations towards next year are always very welcome.

We meet on the first Monday of each month in the General Havelock at 8pm. Meetings are very informal. We'd love you to join us or just pass on your ideas to us and we'll see what can be done. Thank you! Pauline Wallis, The Get It Together Society Tel: 01434 684061 Email: pjwallis58@gmail.com

# **CHARITY QUIZ NIGHTS** AT THE GENERAL HAVELOCK **HAYDON BRIDGE**

All quizzes start at 8.15 pm cost is £1.50 per person In addition to the Quiz, the evening includes the infamous 'Beer Question', Refreshments and a Raffle Team size from 2 to 6 (optimum 4-5)

Tables can be booked in advance over the bar.

### **Charities being Supported**

February 18<sup>th</sup> Pennine Wildlife March 17<sup>th</sup> **Breast Cancer Care** \*Queenie Quiz\*\*

January 21<sup>st</sup> Northumbria Cancer Support Group

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News From The Bridge

### **Alvin The Elf**

At the end of 2018 the Bridge adopted an elf on the shelf. He didn't have a name so we had a competition and he became known as "Alvin". He's sat on his shelf on top of the children's books all year but just before Christmas, he went off to work for Father Christmas but before travelling to the North Pole to begin his duties, he visited his Mummy and Daddy.

This year's competition was open to 7 year olds and under and they had to decide where Alvin's Mummy and Daddy lived. We received some good ideas, many of them coming from Shaftoe Primary School. The lucky person whose name was pulled out of the hat was six year old **Elyse Alexander**. She suggested that Alvin's parents live "in a big tower like Rapunzel".

Her prize is a Nibbles the Book Monster toy.



### The Bridge Christmas Raffle

The winners of the Christmas raffle were:-**1st Prize** Hamper - Pat Snowdon **2nd Prize** Basket of Toiletries - Cathy Whitley **3rd Prize** Teddy Bear - Craig Chapman

### **Bridge Volunteers' Christmas Meal**

The Bridge volunteers thoroughly enjoyed their annual meal out, this year in the Anchor Hotel. Thanks to the staff who did a great job of looking after us, in spite of landlord and chef, Steve, unfortunately being away due to illness. It's a great opportunity for volunteers who work on different days, and therefore never usually meet, to catch up with each other and exchange ideas. We all hope that Steve is now fully recovered.

### WE'RE CELEBRATING 10 YEARS IN THE BRIDGE

It was in February 2010 that the library service first moved into The Bridge, after a few months temporary accommodation in The Community Centre. Since then our library service, totally run by volunteers, has gone from strength to strength, and library usage has risen consistently. As well as providing a wide selection of fiction, non-fiction and reference books, children's books, large print and audio books, we provide a number of other services. These include free use of public computers to library members, free Wi-Fi for everyone, photocopying and scanning services, a jigsaw library, second hand books and DVDs.

Our **Children's Corner** display changes with the seasons and the regular **Craft Sessions for children** are great fun and very popular with children and parents alike.

The **Information Centre** is well used and the display of leaflets in our foyer, covering places to visit in the whole of Northumbria, is a great starting point for visitors to the village. The local OS Explorer map on the wall is invaluable for helping with routes around the village. Inside we have booklets of walks and cycle rides either free or for sale.

The **Village Archives** are housed in The Bridge, some of them copied onto computer and other items carefully stored. We are always in the process of sorting and recording new material. If you have queries regarding **Family History** and you need help, Tuesday afternoon is the time to visit The Bridge.

One of the highlights of the year is welcoming the entrants of **The Haydon Hundred** and sending them on their way, to be greeted by volunteers supplying our delicious and much sought after home-made flapjack, bananas and water at the feed stations en route.

We're all looking forward to the next 10 years and hoping they are as enjoyable as our first decade.

If you think you may have an idea to improve or add to our services, please let us know. We're keen to be as great an asset to the village as possible.

A HUGE THANK YOU to our loyal library members and willing volunteers. Without you, there would be no library.

#### DONATIONS OF BOOKS

We regretfully will have to decline further donations of **non-fiction** books, as the floor of our loft is likely to collapse! Good quality fiction and children's books are always very welcome as they are still very much in demand. Please take other books to the Tynedale Hospice Shop in Hexham, who have the premises for a much larger stock The Bridge Library & Information Centre Winter Opening Times

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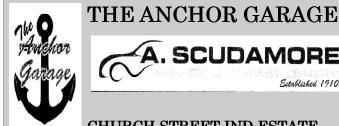
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### **HISTORICAL NOTES OF HAYDON BRIDGE**

### **Dennis Telford**

#### LOOKING BACK

In my 'Looking Back' series in The Haydon News from May 2019, I have neglected two important industrial operations in our chapelry/parish during the eighteenth century and earlier. I will put that right this month, with a visit to Langley and a closer look at the extensive coal mining and lead smelting businesses for which it was well known.

It will take the full extent of your imagination to visualise the pleasant rural landscape of Langley on Tyne in the twenty first century as the industrial heartland of our chapelry/ parish of earlier years, when hundreds of men and boys were employed in collieries, brick works and lead smelters. When today's sleepy hamlet was filled with the sights, sounds and reek of heavy industry, and coal fired trains steamed their way between Hexham and the Allen dales, along the southern boundary of our parish.

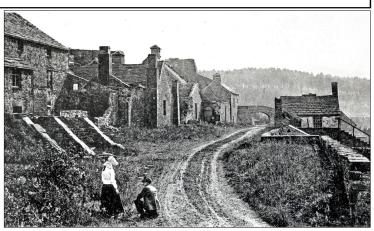
Maybe, my photographs (some provided by the late Jack Young) will help transport you back to those early days.



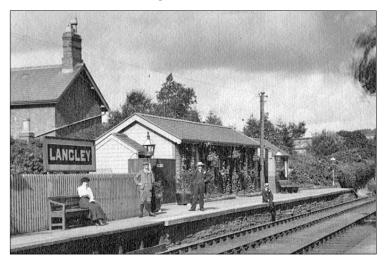
At least two pits were worked at Stublick as early as the seventeenth century. In 1993, the historic engine house buildings and chimneys at Stublick were brought back to life as the scene for a Catherine Cookson film.



A view of the eighteenth century Langley Mills, or lead smelters, from the north west. (From the junction of the A686 and the B6295 today) The two mills were built on freehold pasture belonging to Langley Castle: the 'Langley Mill' was built in 1766/67 and 'Blagill Mill' in 1785.



Workers' accommodation at Langley Mills. In 1769, the Greenwich Hospital commissioners provided these modest houses and smallholdings for their workers.



On August 19th 1867, the Hexham & Allendale Railway was opened for goods trains on the line between Hexham and Langley. Passenger trains ran on the line from March 1st 1869 until September 22nd 1930. The line was closed for good by British Rail on November 20th 1950. *(The last train to run along the Hexham & Allendale line is shown below.)* 



I continue my **'LOOKING BACK'** series by, recalling a number of interesting dates in Langley's industrial past:

**1684:** A mine on the Stublick site, variously documented as Cragshead and Cragshield, was leased in 1684 for three years at £2 per annum to William Curry, William Richely and Michael Atkinson.

**1690:** A complaint was recorded in the County's Quarter Sessions that several coal pits and shafts were, 'very nye' the King's highway from Haydon Bridge to Allendale at a place called Cragshield.

**1693:** Another coal mine on the Stublick site and named 'Stublick Colliery', was leased for twenty one years at £10 per annum to John Bittleston, John Dodd (or Todd) and Richard Willy.

**1736 October 23rd:** 'Stublick and Craghead Colliery' was recorded as selling sixty horse loads of coal per day at threepence a load.

**1749:** The Langley Barony estate had been vested in the Crown in 1735 and in 1749 it was inherited by Greenwich Hospital, whose Governors planned to realise a regular income from the Barony.

**1767 January:** The establishment of a lead smelter at Langley was the most important industrial enterprise of the Greenwich Hospital Governors within Langley Barony and the first Langley Mill and refinery was built and ready for full operation by January 1767. An abundant supply of water from a drainage level at Stublick colliery - which rarely froze in winter - and the close proximity of the coal at Stublick, were two of the reasons for which Langley was chosen for the new lead smelter.

**1769:** Two designs were chosen for workers' houses at Langley Mill. The first consisted of two rooms for the family, each 16 feet by 15 feet with a 'staircase' common to two houses. The cost for a pair of houses was £133.9.0d. The second design was similar but slightly larger, again with a connecting step ladder, the pair of houses cost £146.0.10d to build. The Langley Mill Agent was Peter Mulcaster and the cost of his 40 feet by 19 feet by 14 feet high house, including a barn and stable, was estimated at £117.3.11d.

**1774:** It was recorded that sixteen men were employed in coal mining at Stublick. They were raising an average of 3,750 - 4,500 tons of coal per annum; some coal being purchased by the lead smelter and the rest being sold at the mouth of the pit for 3 shillings and sixpence a bag.

**1775:** A visitation report from the operation at Langley Smelt Mill showed the profits averaged £600 per annum.

**1785:** A second mill, Blagill Mill, was under construction alongside the original mill on the Langley Mill site.

**1785 May 12th:** Blagill Mill was leased to William Jobling and Co., for twenty one years at an annual rent of £100. (*Wm. Jobling also held leases for Greenwich Hospital's lead veins on Alston Moor.*)

**1801:** Work started on building a horizontal flue and chimney to carry the fumes away from the smelter, the workers' accommodation, their allotments and animals. (Not the chimney that is a landmark alongside the B6305 road today - see 1839 in the right column)

**1804 May 26th:** From July 1768 until this date, profits from Langley Mill had amounted to more than £47,063.

The operation at Langley had clearly been a worthwhile investment for the Greenwich Hospital.

**1805:** To ensure a continuous supply of water for the smelt mills if the Stublick mines were to close, work started on a

storage reservoir for the mills, that was built at Nilston Rig. (Today's 'Langley Dam'. The original dam for Langley Mills can also be seen today, on the south boundary of the mill site.)

**1805:** Employees with accommodation at Langley Mills in 1805 were: John Foster (a cottage and 6 acres), John Fairlamb (a cottage and 8 acres), John Robson (17 acres and a shared barn), Thomas Robson (a cottage and 19½ acres), Francis Robinson (a cottage, barn and 18 acres), George Errington and Nicholas Walker (two cottages with a small barn and a byre and 25 acres), Richard Elliott (a cottage and 13 acres), Joseph Makepeace (a cottage and 5½ acres). (These workers are likely to have been recruited from men who knew the smelting business, but lived a distance away from Langley.)

**1805:** At Stublick in 1805, Greenwich Hospital employed William Wardle as a coal baliff with a salary of £50.14 shillings per annum. Wardle managed the business and was provided with a house alongside the colliery, with a barn, stable and byre and 44 acres of land. (Wm. Wardle's house eventually became Stublick Farm and the property today is overlooked by two remaining engine house chimneys.)

**1817:** Zinc works employing six men were opened on the Langley Mills site. (*These zinc works were in financial trouble by 1822, due to the low price of zinc, and survived only a few years.*)

**1822:** Fifty men were employed in 1822 at Langley Mill, according to a report by E.H. Locker.

**1833:** Greenwich Hospital retained possession of Langley Mills until 1882, although from 1833 the smelt mill was in private hands, having been let to Wilson, Lee & Co.

**1833:** Having leased out their Langley Mills in 1833, it seems that the Greenwich Hospital Commissioners did the same with their Stublick coal mines.

**1839-1843:** The 1801 horizontal flue from the smelt mills was extended. Finally, in 1859, crossing the Alston road to end in the 100ft flue chimney which is such a prominent landmark today.



The remarkable horizontal flue, built between 1801 and 1859 from the Langley mills to a flue chimney, can still be seen today.

**1865:** Records show that Joseph Dinning had a 17 year lease on Stublick coal seams from 1865.

**1882 October 31st:** Langley Mill, Stublick Farm, lead works and reservoir were purchased from Greenwich Hospital by W. Gibson.

**1888:** Joseph Dinning was known to be lessee of the Langley Smelt Mill operation shortly before its final closure and its subsequent demolition, largely completed by 1896. (*The sawmill and a number of dwellings remain on the site.*)

I hope you have enjoyed my brief look back at part of Langley's industrial past. Read more of my history of Langley's industry in the HNs' of April and May 2008 and November 2015. Further information on Stublick and the Langley Mills can also be found in Part 6 of my publication, **'The History of Langley Barony'**; available in 'The Bridge'.

### SENIOR CITIZENS COMPLIMENTARY CHRISTMAS LUNCH at THE GENERAL HAVELOCK

Due to their kind hospitality, Gary and Joanna Thompson were once again hosts for this annual event.

On Tuesday December 17th, our parish's senior citizens were treated to Gary's wonderful Christmas meal, a joyous afternoon of Carols and a visit from Santa Claus, at the General Havelock.

Thanks are due to Gary and Joanna and to all their helpers: The Rev. Benjamin Carter, Pat Hirst and Tula Thompson who waited at the tables; Pearl, who served at the bar; Robson & Sons of Hexham, Billy Bell of Haltwhistle and Claire's Haydon Bridge Newsagents, for their donations; and Gary and Asia who toiled in the kitchen. James Bell and Bridget Enever accompanied the Carol singing compared by Dennis Telford, and Father Christmas - who looked suspiciously like our own Michael Rumney - made his annual appearance to a raucous rendition of 'Jingle Bells'. Our host, Joanna, said she was delighted to be part of what she described as: "A real community led event."

Thanks again to Gary and Jo for their generosity, from all who enjoyed the afternoon.



Santa Claus joined accompanists Bridget Enever and James Bell, when Gary, Jo and staff hosted the General Havelock's 2019 senior citizens complimentary Christmas lunch.





### HAYDON BRIDGE LOCAL ARTISTS' CHRISTMAS FAIR

The Christmas Fair on Saturday, November 30th 2019, organised by the Haydon Local Artists Group, is not just a social event for the village, but, also, an essential fund raiser for the Local Artists' Annual Summer Art Exhibition. The Art Exhibition is an excellent opportunity for our local Artists to exhibit their work, but, it is an expensive undertaking and there is a lot of work that goes on behind the scenes - of which most people are unaware.

The 2019 Christmas Fair, thanks to the people of Haydon Bridge and the surrounding area who continue to support us, has once again been a resounding success. The funds raised will not only help to pay for the Summer Exhibition, but we have also raised sufficient to enable us to make a donation to a local charity.

The Haydon Local Artists' Group would like to offer their most sincere thanks to the following, for their generous support of our 2019 Christmas Fair:

WMH Farm Fresh Meats; The General Havelock; The Anchor Hotel; Reflections; Claire's Newsagents; The Haydon Bridge Co-op; and to all those who donated the super raffle prizes.

Our special thanks also go to the following, who gave their time and invaluable assistance to the running of the Fair: Anette (Community Centre Caretaker); Graeme Brooks; Anne Collier; Richard and Sue Arris; Marion Craig; Joyce Simm and Ann MacDonald for organising Craft Workshops; and also to all the talented Crafters, Artists, Makers and Bakers who participated.

Without the support and generosity of all of these people mentioned above, the Christmas Fair could not take place and your continued kindnesses are genuinely, appreciated.

Thank you! The Haydon Local Artists Group. (Helen Brooks, Chair.)

### HAYDON BRIDGE LOCAL ARTISTS .... "HELP!"

The Haydon Local Artists' Group is desperate for support. The group needs more members, or will no longer be able to continue.

If this established Haydon Bridge group has to fold, the village will not only lose the Annual Christmas Fair, but it will also lose the Annual Summer Art Exhibition which, for many local artists, is the only opportunity they have of exhibiting their art work. The Shaftoe Trust school children also take great pleasure in exhibiting their work every year and It would be a great shame if this opportunity was lost to them. Please come along and support this, your local Art Group, everyone is welcome and we are all very friendly!

### The group meet fortnightly, on a Tuesday, in the Haydon Bridge Community Centre. Membership is just £4 for each session and the first session is free for new members.

Tuition with a qualified tutor is available free and your art materials will be supplied - or bring your own. Bring your knitting, sewing, modelling clay or whatever you feel like doing. No previous experience needed!

Refreshments are provided.

Please Join us for arty crafty fun, and a natter!

### For more details contact Helen Brooks 07890333868

### ENGLISH HERITAGE : VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

English Heritage is currently looking for people willing to undertake an exciting new voluntary opportunity, local to Haydon Bridge and based at a selection of English Heritage sites along Hadrian's Wall. The role, 'Monitor Volunteer', encourages individuals to adopt either a single Heritage site or a cluster of sites, and care for them.

### Why does English Heritage need volunteer support?

English Heritage cares for over 400 historic buildings and places in the North region, 90 are free to enter and enjoyed by millions each year. Stretching 73 miles from coast to coast, Hadrian's Wall was built to guard the wild north-west frontier of the Roman Empire. Today visitors can explore the Wall's rich history and its dramatic landscape at over twenty English Heritage sites, most of which, free to enter. Monitor Volunteers play an important role in looking after English Heritage's sites, ensuring they are safe and well presented for our many visitors. This can involve checking for any issues with the buildings and ruins, changes to the wider landscape or entry to and from the site. You will help English Heritage to better understand and care for their sites on Hadrian's Wall, by reporting issues and helping to maintain the site presentation.

### How much time will volunteers be expected to give?

Though regular visits throughout the year are important, the frequency and time can be agreed with you. It may be weekly or monthly, for example, depending on the site and the volunteer's availability.

### Where will the volunteers be based?

The role can be carried out at a number of English Heritage sites along Hadrian's Wall, including: Sewingshields Wall Turrets; Temple of Mithras, Carrawburgh; the Black Carts Turret; Walltown Crags; Cawfields Milecastle; Winshields Wall ... and many more.

The voluntary role would suit someone living in the local area who is self-motivated, reasonably fit and happy to work alone, with an interest in helping to ensure the sites are well-presented and any issues are reported.

The volunteers will be the friendly face of English Heritage and will be expected to be dependable and reliable in attendance.

For more information about this role or volunteering with English heritage please contact:

<<u>Sophie.Hearn@english-heritage.org.uk</u>> or telephone 0191 269 1252.

Alternatively, more information can be found on the English Heritage website:

www.englishheritage.org.uk - search Volunteering and then Hadrian's Wall.

School days, School days Happiest days, or so they say. School days, School days Happiest days of all! Singer, songwriter Johnny Handle's lyrics ring so true in my head as I recall my early years at Christmas, at Shaftoe Trust School. Making interlocking coloured paper streamers to hang in the hall, decorating the school Christmas tree, Christmas parties and meeting Santa Claus .... And all around 70 years ago!

It is wonderful that within those historic classrooms today, inspirational staff continue to provide early learners at Shaftoe Trust Academy with experiences and happy times that will live forever in the memory.

### WISE SHAFTOE TRUST ACADEMY

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February	$19^{th}$	-	Bellingham Heritage Centre
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#### A TREK TO THE ANNAPURNA SANCTUARY

This month, we invite you to join Haydonian Ian Foster, on his fascinating 2019 trip to Nepal and the Annapurna Sanctuary. The Annapurna Sanctuary, in the Himalayas, is a glacial plateau at an altitude of over 4,000 metres, surrounded by a ring of mountains - the Annapurna range most of which are over 7,000 metres with the only entrance a narrow valley between two peaks.

Apparently, the Annapurna Sanctuary wasn't visited by outsiders until 1956.



The Sacred Mountain of Machhapuchhre overlooking the Annapurna Sanctuary where Ian Foster trekked for 10 days.

So, lace up your hiking boots and follow in the footsteps of lan, his guide and his Nepalese porters.

#### But first .... Tell us more lan:

Back in 2006 a group of local Scout Leaders got together for the trip of a lifetime, a trek to Everest Base Camp. That experience of visiting Nepal made such an impression on me that I resolved there and then that I would return one day to see more. So, roll on thirteen years, and having failed in several attempts to coordinate my erstwhile trekking mates, I took the plunge and booked a place for myself on an Annapurna Base Camp trek with the company who had taken us the first time.

First time trekkers to the Himalayas do have a few hoops to jump through once they have booked their trip. They have to acquire enough equipment to enable them to cope with the temperatures and conditions they might encounter at altitude as well as getting a sufficient level of insurance and inoculations for the destination. As a returning visitor I was lucky enough to have most of the gear and avoid the most unpleasant injections, so all I really needed to do was make sure my ageing limbs could cope with the climbing they were going to have to face. And so it was that, after a few acclimatisation trips to the Lake District, I found myself at Manchester airport about to board a monstrous doubledeck Airbus bound for Dubai and thence Kathmandu.

But before getting on that plane, let me just set the scene with a few words about my destination. Nepal is basically a medieval society which has been infiltrated by the 21st century thanks to the attraction of its mountainous places to the western world. Before the arrival of trekking and climbing tourism there were scarcely even any roads, and any supplies were delivered on the backs of yaks, horses and mostly porters. Since my last visit the modern world has increased its influence, and now jeep tracks are reaching further into the hills to ease the trekkers' approach. Further up the trails, though, porters are still the order of the day, though now when they stop to rest they also check their smartphones.

Unlike our own National Parks, where the public are free to arrive in their thousands and under their own steam, trekking in Nepal is strictly regulated. Visitors must book a local guide and their entry to the higher and more sensitive areas is controlled by government permits which are checked on entry and exit. For my larger group in 2006 we had yaks, a cook team and half a dozen Sherpa guides, and we slept in tents. In 2019, for a group of five trekkers we had two guides, three porters, and we slept and ate in lodges. Lodges are fairly basic but food is hearty and designed to fuel the exertions of the trek. There was an awful lot of pasta, rice, egg, cheese and potatoes but very little meat; a bit of chicken at the lodges lower down but completely vegetarian in the higher lodges. I was usually very happy tucking into vegetable curry, while the staple diet of the porters, and national dish, is Dal Bhat, a meal chiefly composed of rice and lentil stew with a few spiced and pickled vegetables on the side. Its unique premise is that you can ask for second helpings; our porters usually managed to put away fearsome amounts.

But before being able to enjoy these mountain trails there was the small matter of Kathmandu to negotiate. My flight from Manchester left in the small hours and I was anything but prepared for the melee which greeted me at Tribhuvan International Airport, where arriving passengers from all parts of the world have to queue in the morning heat to fill in their arrival forms, obtain a visa, and be processed by immigration.

Kathmandu is a shock to the senses. Exactly what you might expect from a bustling capital city on the subcontinent – only more so. Thankfully, once safely in the hands of our guide, he was able to smooth my passage to our overnight hotel, assemble our group, and then get us all safely the following day onto an internal flight to Pokhara, Nepal's second city, from where we would set out on our trek.

Pokhara is a return to relative normality after Kathmandu. Nestling on the shores of Phewa Lake below the mountains it has a much quieter feel.

The following morning we met our porters outside the hotel and jumped in a minibus for a two hour drive to Nayapul, where the trek would begin. It was our first introduction to Nepalese roads; some of the roads had tarmac but most didn't and there were several places where diggers were busily engaged in repairing landslips or helping the road continue to cling to the hillsides.

And so it was that we disembarked into the midday sun to start walking.

Join Ian on his trek, in next month's Haydon News.



### A VIEW FROM UP THERE ..... John Harrison

Christmas and New Year, if nothing else, provides us with plenty of opportunities to share some of the funnier aspects of our holidays earlier in the year, like the guy Gladys met who had spent his time stealing inflatables. So much so that he has now decided to lilo for a while. At least this summer gave us some opportunities to relax in the sun, with some recordbreaking offerings in July. The price, however, was paid in a dull and persistently damp end to the year.

During **November**, as the Jet Stream in the upper atmosphere snaked its way eastwards across Europe, the British Isles experienced both mild and exceptionally cold conditions. This was, on the whole, a cloudy and damp month with air temperatures well below the long-term average. "Dull" appeared in the weather notes for 16 November days. The weather for the first sixteen days was dominated by cyclonic conditions and winds were mainly from the east, resulting in dull weather with intermittent rain, which was heavy and more persistent on the 4<sup>th</sup>. Occasional clearer spells, when low cloud cleared, resulted in night air frosts on the 9<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. A weak ridge of high pressure became established over the UK from the 16<sup>th</sup> trapping a pool of cold and damp air. This resulted in four days of drier, but very cold, weather with very light winds. On the 17<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> there was no air movement at all at the morning weather observation. The high pressure was replaced by a complex low pressure system which brought rain from the 21<sup>st</sup> and some very murky weather. A further weak ridge of high pressure resulted in clear skies from late on the 28<sup>th</sup> and the temperature fell sharply in the cold polar air, bringing a return to night frosts.

**December** continued this unsettled pattern of weather with winds mainly from the west. For the most part, the weather was quite mild with calmer, drier and much colder interludes under the influence of transient ridges of high pressure. The first four days were relatively cold as pressure remained high, but an active cyclonic system approached bringing strong winds and rain up to the 10<sup>th</sup>. Daytime temperatures were in the region of 4 deg C above normal and the 5<sup>th</sup> was both the warmest (11.5 degC) and wettest (7.7 mm) day of the month. As yet another deep, and extensive, cyclonic weather system approached from the 11<sup>th</sup> onwards, temperatures began to fall in cold polar air, and snow was falling by the 12<sup>th</sup>, although not sufficient to settle on the ground to any significant depth. Daytime temperatures remained below the long-term average for the following week while under clearer skies and very light winds ground frost occurred every night, but air frosts only on the early morning of the 18<sup>th</sup>. Although weak warm frontal systems brought a brief return to warmer temperatures late on the 18<sup>th</sup> and into the 19<sup>th</sup>, the weather became depressingly gloomy and cold until the 26<sup>th</sup>, Christmas Day being dull and murky in many places, but generally rain-free. As warmer air surged northwards on the 27<sup>th</sup> many places in the UK experienced some pleasantly warm days until the last day of the month as a ridge of high pressure cleared away much of the cloud cover and resulted in a sharp frost with which to start the New Year.

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
November	7.2	-1.5	2.5	-1.0	101.2	124
December	7.3	+1.3	2.8	+1.6	59.6	70

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

And finally, one of Gladys' friends bought two watchdogs recently, and called them Rolex and Omega.!!

## ANNUAL WEATHER AT HAYDON BRIDGE

by John Harrison

Haydon Bridge (Plunderheath) weather station has operated throughout 2019. The daily mean maximum (highest day) temperature was 12.7 degC which is 0.3 deg C above the long-term average,; the daily mean minimum (lowest night) temperature was 5.7 degC which is 0.4 degC above the long-term average; and the total rainfall was 939.2 mm, which is 18% higher than the long-term average. There was almost no sign of any snow after January/February and night frosts were less frequent than usual.

### Weather bullets:

- February marked an early onset to the growing season with temperatures well above average and very little rainfall
- March was one of the windiest months recorded at Plunderheath
- The May Day Holiday was the coldest on record across the UK
- July was exceptionally warm, reaching 30+ deg C in Haydon Bridge and approaching 40 deg C in southern England
- The August Bank Holiday was the warmest on record across the UK.
- Between August 8<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> brought an exceptional 95.7 mm of rain, only 5.6 mm less than Storm Desmond in 2015
- Localised squalls inflicted some damage on December 15<sup>th</sup>, wrenching the wind vane at Plunderheath from its mountings

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### CHURCHES WORKING TOGETHER CLERGY MESSAGE From: Deacon Martin

Happy New Year to you all!

What is the etiquette around wishing folks 'happy new year'? For how long can you get away with it? Can you wish someone a 'happy new year' the first time you speak or see them in the year? That would explain some odd looks I received around September or October time last year, no doubt. Or does it run out of steam after the first couple of weeks of the new year? Given all these question I've just jotted down, you may be forgiven for thinking that I have little else to do than ponder, and that my new year is off to a slow start. If only.

But there's a serious point underpinning what I'm saying. Looking up the origins of the word 'happy' on websites to do with etymology, you quickly get the sense that 'happy' is more to do with chance, good luck, things turning out well, wealth and riches. But I am drawn to the word 'beatus', which can be translated as either 'happy' or 'blessed'; think of the Beatitudes – 'blessed are...' or 'happy are...' are the two ways they are listed. Going down the logic of this train of thought, then should we be wishing one another not so much 'happy new year' but a happy or blessed new day *every* day of the year and certainly every time we meet or depart from one another. What a wonderful new year's resolution to have, to bless one another, to pray and hope for, one another's happiness every day.

So, as we start 2020, with all our hopes, desires and prayers, may I wish you all, and assure you all of my prayers, for a blessed and happy day every day of the year 2020.

### WHO AND WHERE

The names and phone numbers of the Clergy who minister in Haydon Bridge

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



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OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOE BOX APPEAL 2019 AND

TOY SERVICE COLLECTION FOR HEXHAM SALVATION ARMY (Both through the Methodist Church)

We had a wonderful collection of items donated for the shoe box appeal and were able to fill 21 boxes which left us in mid November for onward transportation to the local warehouse and then abroad. I am sure 21 little faces would light up when our boxes were finally opened!

Many thanks too to those who helped by donating toys/ monetary gifts towards our Annual Toy Service Appeal through Hexham Salvation Army – items received would be distributed to local needy homes before Christmas.

Very many thanks for everyone's help with both these worthy causes.

Kathleen Armstrong.

### THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL 2019

Very many thanks to all who supported the Poppy appeal in November 2019. The Village Total was £1,230.00. Yours sincerely, Camilla Royds (Local Honorary Organiser)

### **Deacon Martin**

### POLICE SURGERY

The next Police Surgery at the Methodist Church will take place on Thursday 6th February 10am to 11am during the Methodist Church 'Coffee for all'

### HAYDON BRIDGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION COMMUNITY CENTRE REFURBISHMENT

During the last year, members of our community expressed their concern to me, about difficulty in opening the doors at the Community Centre and not being able to hear in the main hall and small meeting room, during public meetings, events etc. and, as a result of the concerns, the Community Association has taken on a refurbishment project. The first phase of this project, is now complete, with the installation of automatic front and rear doors at the Community Centre. The second phase is to install hearing loop systems in the main hall and small meeting room, along with fire door retainers on the fire doors in the foyer and main hall.

The installation of the new doors was made possible with financial grants from Northumberland County Council Community Chest and The Rothley Trust. Financial support was also received from County Councillor Alan Sharp. The

Community Association has also been able to ring fence some of it's funds towards the project.

A very big thank you to Alan Sharp, Northumberland County Council Community Chest and The Rothley Trust for their financial support, without it, the first phase of our project would not have been possible.

I hope you agree that the automatic doors look very smart and have improved access to the Community Centre for all members of our community.

Phase two of our refurbishment project will be starting soon in 2020.

Thank you to all our user groups and to the members of our community, for your ongoing support of the Haydon Bridge Community Centre.

### Mary Douthwaite

Chair, Haydon Bridge Community Association.

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### **ACROSS**

- One in metal join, can then be dipped in egg (7) 1.
- Said shellfish could flex these (7) 5.
- 9 Ready for a pint (3)
- Sat through more than storm in need of headwear 10. (3, 1, 7)
- I would regularly be ahead of endless song in operetta (8) 11.
- Seaweed in charge of mushroom (6) 12.
- 15. Points of the headlines (4)
- 16. Dozen crash around with playfulness (10)
- Came around where French droop disguise (10) 18.
- 19. Artist begins to go over yellow again (4)
- Decorated a tenor running riot (6) 22.
- Uncharacteristic to rebuild unknown capital (8) 23
- 25. Nurse trader is now aprehended (5,6)
- 27. Swear it's not a consonant — not the Spanish either! (3)
- Whereof the child is fair of face (7) 28.
- Directed bullock ahead of journalist (7) 29.

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### DOWN

- Position of Victoria (7)
- 1. 2. Did the ladies of Lilliput feature in this one? (6,5)
- 3. True pitch of fashionable air (2,4)
- 4. Tumbledown when tup on fetter (10)
- 5. Necessity for fermentation (4)
- 6. Small bottle of butane held during long look at the heavens (8)
- 7. Fate of he whose wife looked back (3)
- Hot wind from VW once losing carbon (7) 8.
- Curve for Ron to negotiate to find shelter quickly (3,3,5) 13.
- Don't hang around as long, we hear, as floating (10) 14.
- 17. Arty, as Pearl may be (8)
- Game right in northern river (7) 18.
- Rolled in mud, no starting point permited (7) 20.
- Plant part south-east about sidewalk (6) 21.
- 24. Weighty city (4)
- Madder, maybe in foolhardy explosion of rage (3) 26.

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- 1. BUSH TELEGRAPH 1. BLOOD SUCKER 2. SCRAM 3. TOPSTITCH 4. LUCERNE 5. GASES 6. ANTINOVEL 7. HOE 12. ROMAN EMPIRE 14. IMPERFECT
  - 15. STEM CELLS 19. NON-USER 21. TAPER
  - 23. NADIR

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I would like to thank Jo and Gary at the Havelock for hosting the quizzes, Holly and Phil on the bar, Kevin Moore who provides the sound system, those who provide the raffle prizes, and especially the quizzers, many of whom attend each month and give generously.

Thank you ALL

John Harrison (aka Queenie) Quiz Coordinator

(And, I know that all who have benefited financially and socially from the General Havelock Quiz Nights would like me to express their thanks to the Quiz co-ordinator. Whether it be John or Queenie ......"Thank You!" Ed.)

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Did you buy a Haydon Bridge calendar for 2020? Fifteen photographs of historic - and not so historic - Haydon Parish views and events; with explanations. The calendar for 2020 was published and sold in support of the work of Shaftoe Trust Academy and it includes a brief history of John Shaftoe's school. *There may be a few remaining copies available (£5) at Claire's Newsagents.* 



This school photograph (above) of Miss Dodd's 1954/55 class illustrates the month of January in the 2020 calendar. How many of these 1950s children do you recognise? And, if you can you fill in the blanks 1 to 11, please email: <editor@haydon-news.co.uk> Or, leave a note at Claire's Back Row I to r: Jasper Wardle; John Clark; P. Marshall; Ian Ferguson; Ernest Edwards; Digby Angus; (1?); William Rutherford; Angus Hall; David Coombes; Miss T. Dodd.

**2nd Row:** Grace Brown; Jean Rimmer; Sandra Burrows; Heather Powell; Kathryn Ferguson; Susan Bowden; Joan Routledge; (2?); (3?).

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Thank you to Kathleen Clark for the photograph and Kathleen and friends for their help in naming the pupils.

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