



THE HAYDON NEWS

November 2020

Editor's Letter

Thanks to all those who have been involved in this month's issue with contributions, ideas and suggestions. Welcome and a huge 'thank you' to Michelle Gregg who has joined the team this month to help us put together the magazine.

Thanks also to Tony Messner for his fantastic image of the bridge on our front cover. More about Tony to come next month!

Keep your ideas, stories and suggestions coming please. If you think there's something we should cover, or you'd like to see us do, we need you to let us know!

Alex

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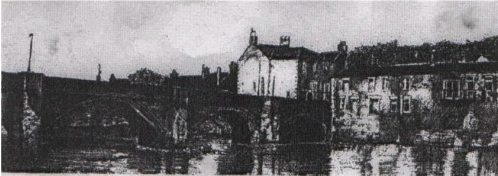
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Haydon Parish Council



**URGENT: THIS IS YOUR COMMUNITY
WE WANT TO KNOW YOUR VIEWS**

**TO ALL RESIDENTS AND BUSINESS OWNERS IN
HAYDON PARISH**

With this November edition of the Haydon News there are two short surveys to complete – **one for ALL BUSINESSES and one for ALL HOUSEHOLDS**, together with a covering letter from the Chairman of the Parish Council.

WE NEED YOUR VIEWS AS LOCAL RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES on the following issues:

- The local area
- Employment, business and broadband
- Sustainability, including how we heat our homes in the future
- Community facilities and services
- Natural environment
- Mobility and transport

The Parish Council is developing a Neighbourhood Plan (NP), which once approved by the community and the County Council will become a formal part of planning policy for our Parish in Northumberland. The Neighbourhood Plan will also include a set of community actions, that will sit alongside the policies.

**PLEASE RESPOND – THE CREDIBILITY OF THE
PLAN IS STRENGTHENED BY GETTING A GOOD
LEVEL OF RESPONSE FROM THE COMMUNITY
AND LOCAL BUSINESSES**

**We will try to have the December
editions of The Haydon News printed and distributed
early in the month.**
**Please submit any articles for inclusion by the
12th of the previous month.**

Thank you

Parish Council Notes

MINUTES OF A ZOOM MEETING OF HAYDON PARISH COUNCIL AT 7.30PM ON THE 24th OF SEPTEMBER 2020.

Present: Cllrs. J. Bates, E. Charlton, E. Faulks (Chair), B. Howard, J. Keyte, A. Kirsopp, K. Richardson, A. Sharp, R. Snowdon, J. Thompson and D. Thornhill; C. McGivern (mins.).

1. Public participation – Peter Fletcher contacted the PC to say that the government has issued a consultation on a new planning framework for England, which might have implications for the future of Neighbourhood Plans. The Planning Consultant supporting the development of the Neighbourhood Plan has advised that the PC should respond to the government consultation. This was agreed.

2. Apologies – were received from Cllrs I. Burrow.

3. Declarations of interest – none were received.

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

5. Report from Northumberland County Council – Cllr Sharp - Shaftoe First School - The resurfacing of the approach road has now been completed.

Further work from Cllr Sharp's Members Allowance has been partly completed, but the green surface dressing has still not been put on the road where pedestrians cross; and the kerb work will be carried out over the half-term break. Hopefully the parking at school times has been improved with the new road markings. The new road signs for the school are also being installed.

A new street sign for Tynedale Cottages has been installed. Two new signs at the entrance to the Showfield have also been installed, as well as a new sign at Hordley Acres. The signage at New Alston has now been completed and SLOW markings have also been painted on the road. Some road signage at the junction has been replaced to tidy things up.

CCTV work was carried out, to investigate drainage at the Elrington junction. As a result of this the matter was passed to the flood team who have contacted the landowner to have the ditches on their land reinstated. Hopefully this will alleviate issues at the junction, but as yet no work has been done by the landowner. The flood team are chasing this issue up again.

Regarding the loading bay on Church Street, a traffic regulation order will be made in the next week, and the work should be carried out before the October meeting.

The resurfacing works have now been carried out at Castle Farm. B6319. East and West accesses into the village off the A69 - the resurfacing of both these areas has now been completed and the road markings have also been done. The new 30mph signs coming from the west into the village have been installed and the 20mph signs have also been installed. The old speed restriction sign has still not been amended to show 20mph and Cllr Sharp is chasing this up.

Ratcliffe Road scheme – the designer has received the skid test report in the last week. Cllr Sharp hoped that work would begin before the next meeting.

The road sweeper has been out in the village and they have sprayed the weeds in the kerb sides in the village and the estates. The team will come back again to do further sweeping work, and to make sure that all of the weeds have been dealt with.

Some re-surfacing work has been carried out to the road from the A69 to Lowgate.

Regarding a suggestion for a re-cycling bin for Church Street, Cllr Sharp said that NCC were willing to try this and he asked what the PC thought.

During discussion Cllrs said that experience at the cemetery had shown that public recycling bins are not used correctly, there have been similar experiences elsewhere in the parish. It was agreed not to go ahead at the moment. While the PC supports recycling they were concerned that the bin would not be used correctly and sorting rubbish would be very problematic in the current situation.

Cllr Sharp had received several reports of gullies in the village that need attention and had reported all of these to NCC.

Outstanding orange street lights which need to be replaced with LED lights at Belmont Garden and Crook Hill have been reported once again.

Issues regarding the footpath and signage for the sports hall beside the High School are still to be addressed. Cllr Sharp will meet with Cllr Keyte to discuss this.

Another three or four 20 mph signs should be installed at the Showfield, as well as two more slow signs before the play area.

The hedge at Whittis Hill will be cut.

Fly-tipping at Willow Gap is being dealt with, and perhaps vehicle access needs to be blocked.

Cllr Sharp said that he had attended many meetings recently dealing with Covid. There have been 318 cases in the county in the last seven days. This was a doubling of the cases in the previous seven days. These cases were mainly in the South East of the County and heading up the coast. There is huge concern over the rise in cases across the North East. There have been 31 cases of affected schools in the area. More testing sites are needed and it is hoped that there will be a proper test site in Hexham shortly.

6. Highways –

a) The Parish Council had received a number of letters from residents of John Martin Street regarding speeding and noisy vehicles – these matters were discussed. Cllrs agreed that some youngsters with noisy exhausts were annoying for residents. It was felt that due to parked cars on both sides of the street, most drivers were courteous.

Cllr Snowdon provided details of a scheme where Police are using speed camera vans to tackle such issues. He suggested that this was raised on the Facebook page so that local people could follow this up. 30mph signs have been installed and the only other action that could be taken would be to install speed humps. However, due to the number of parked vehicles and the noise nuisance this would cause for residents, this was not thought to be a suitable option.

b) Cllr Bates said the road surface on a section of road from Vauce Farm to Lough Green was dreadful. Cllr Sharp will sort this out.

c) Cllr Charlton said that alongside the cottage on the corner at West Deanraw the white lines seem to be in the wrong place. Some people are mistakenly driving straight on toward the farm. Cllr Bates said that in theory the markings were correct, but perhaps the priority system on this section of road needs to be looked at. Cllr Sharp will meet with Cllr Bates on site.

d) Cllr Faulks had carried out a survey of all bins in the parish. He had assessed them as good/moderate or damaged. There is one bin at the picnic area that needs to be removed; one at Martin's Close bus stop that needs to be replaced; and one at the war memorial that needs to be

replaced. It was agreed that this should be discussed at the budget meeting, and a decision taken on how much to budget for this work next year.

e) A damaged supporting pole for the swings at Langley Gardens had been reported to Karbon Homes.

f) A replacement bin for the playground at Innerhaugh has been delivered.

7. Lighting – nothing to report.

8. Planning applications – 20/02593/FUL – Proposed new entrance porch at Holmlea, Alexandra Tce – no objections. 20/02599/FUL – Proposed rear entrance porch at Sunnybrae, Alexandra Tce – no objections. 20/0593/FUL – Proposed conservatory to front at Bothy Cottage, North Bank – no objections.

9. Accounts – as in budget. Cllr Thornhill explained that NCC had now removed the floodlights from the old bridge, with a view to install them at St. Cuthbert's Church. They are now stored at the church, but no further progress had been made due to the lockdown. The PC needs to decide whether they wanted to ask the Parochial Church Council for a contribution to this project. During lockdown older floodlights had been found, which may have been used to floodlight the church at the millennium. These have not been checked yet.

10. Correspondence –

a) Definitive Map Modification Order (No 14) 2018 no.s 68-70 – Cllr Charlton said that she did not oppose the linking of these paths, and said that the new path would prove popular, but she was concerned that the time taken to sort this out had held up repair work at the Spa Well. Cllr Charlton went on to say that a lot of people had been upset by the closing of a footpath at Greenwich Gardens, without the necessary notices.

11. Parish projects –

a) Development Trust – there had been no meeting recently. Cllr Charlton said that the library volunteers keep making plans on how they could open the library safely, only to find that the rules change again. NCC is moving their library management system back from Google to Microsoft 365 and have suggested training, however Cllr Charlton was concerned that if the volunteers are trained, but then still unable to open the library, they may forget the training by

the time they are allowed back into the building.

b) Hanging baskets – Cllr Kirsopp said that the baskets looked lovely and everyone had been very happy with them. She suggested that the PC sticks with the same supplier next year.

c) PC meeting with Northumbrian Water to be updated on the survey – Cllr Snowdon thanked the Clerk for the minutes of this meeting. Loren Jennings had been drafted in to replace Elaine Smith, who was ill. Cllr Snowdon agreed with the Chair it was very frustrating to still be awaiting a report 5 years on.

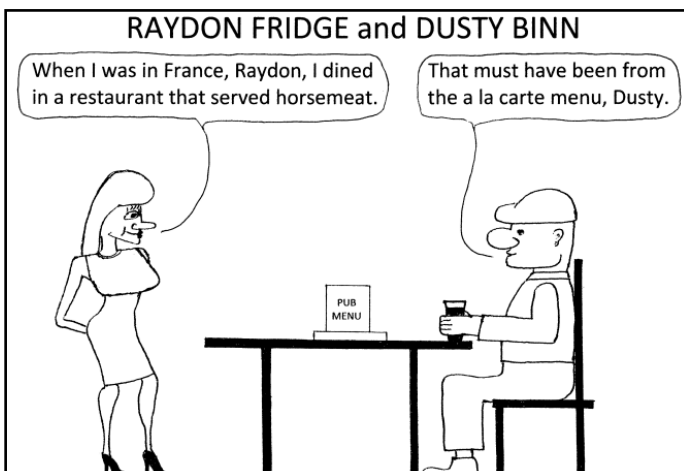
d) Cllrs thanked Cllrs Richardson and Thornhill for their sterling work on the Haydon Bridge Matters Facebook page.

e) Right of way from Lands End Road to Park Style – David Robson had contacted the PC to say that a lot of visitors look at this right of way and are puzzled as to it's purpose. A meeting had been arranged with Ceri Gibson of the Tyne Rivers Trust to see what could be done to improve things.

Mr Robson had suggested steps to the river. Unfortunately, Ceri Gibson said that installing steps would need considerable engineering and be too costly. Cllr Charlton said that this was not a safe part of the river to draw people toward, although she confirmed it had an interesting history. At one time a pulley at this point had been used to draw a raft across which could be used to transport items across the river. She said it would be nice to have an information board to explain this.

12. Any other business –

a) A letter had been circulated regarding the development at Greenwich Gardens, which is due to be handed back to Karbon Homes from the developer shortly. It was agreed that this should be sent to the Highways Dept and Planning Dept and copied to Karbon Homes.



Climate Change Corner

Apples, Apples, Apples!

What an abundant time of year! Especially for apples, although we have also picked and frozen enough blackberries to add a handful to our breakfast for the next 6 months. I am now trying to extend the growing season into autumn by growing a range of cold-tolerant veggies most of which I've never heard of like tatsoi and purple frills, as well as chicory, winter lettuce and rocket.

The most fun has been had with pressing a large amount of the apples from our garden with a friend's homemade apple press! We brought home 12 litres of juice – all that our freezer could cope with. We pressed about 50 litres altogether that day – and it tastes amazing! We need another freezer...

All of which made me think; what grows well locally? How can we go about growing more of this to meet our own needs and not have to depend on supermarkets so much? Apparently, veg box schemes around the country reported a 111% average increase in sales during the first six weeks of lockdown. Gilchester's Farm, not far north of Corbridge, (who grow grain for a variety of flours) had a 700% increase in sales during lockdown, in part due to supplying supermarkets that were running out of flour.

Are there any farmers reading who are interested in finding out more (or already know) about how to farm differently? Does anyone have garden space they are not using and would like to be used? Does anyone *not have garden space but would like to grow?*

An important message from Gilchesters Farm is; 'please don't just buy from local producers in an emergency, or we may not be sustainable moving forwards.'

Who's up for a village apple pressing day next October? Maybe as part of a harvest festival of some sort?

If you have any reactions, responses or ideas, however big or small, please email me:

siobhansib@protonmail.com



HAYDON BRIDGE NATURE CLUB



Meetings usually take place at
Haydon Bridge Methodist chapel
On Thursdays at 7.15 pm

THE CLUB COMMITTEE HAS YET TO MEET
BUT WHEN THE MEETING TAKES PLACE
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CHURCHES WORKING TOGETHER

Clergy Message: from Father James Dunne

Autumn thoughts in the Pandemic...

I'd better introduce myself – I'm Fr James Dunne (known as Fr Jim), the "new" assistant RC priest in the area. (A more realistic title would be "recycled pensioner", as I'm 49 years a priest this October and will be 73 next January.) I think that others elsewhere have given my life-story, so I won't bore you with it here. Our local RC Bishop asked me some time ago to leave my very busy parish at North Gosforth (the area round the Newcastle Racecourse) and step down to become an assistant – helping Fr Chris Warren in his work in the parishes around Hexham. I'm living at St Oswald's, Bellingham.

It's been a most awkward time to change job – I'd just arrived (having moved on 9th September), and started to visit people in the Bellingham area, when the latest North East clampdown started. That has put the kibosh on getting to know people in their homes – the best place to see them – and on inviting them into my house. It also means we can't welcome the usual numbers in our churches, nor have tea or coffee after services. It's a real nuisance! (That's me being very polite...)

Many have said to me (including my relations in the Tynemouth area) that they've found the latest set of rules just as annoying as the original, much stricter ones that ran from late March till the end of June. True, churches and all shops are open this time round (at least, for the moment), but the sense of déjà-vu is quite depressing. I think that we all knew in our hearts (but didn't want to admit) that there would be a resurgence of the virus once the rules were relaxed. However, I suspect that what has made it far worse in the north-east has been the behaviour of many people in the pubs & clubs in big cities, then, more recently, the return of about 50,000 students into Newcastle.

I feel really sorry for this year's 18-year-olds. Having had their 'A' level results go askew, then be corrected, they have gone off to university (at £9,000 per year) to find themselves marooned in student blocks. Most are now being taught remotely by Zoom. They could have done this from their bedroom in their family home, wherever in the world they're from, and saved themselves the expense of moving. I was a priest-teacher in high school during the 1970s & 1980s, and I remember the students' excitement at the thought of departure at the end of 6th form. Not this year!

Early in St John's gospel, one of Jesus' new followers was Philip; he met a friend, Nathanael (also called Bartholomew), and told him about Jesus of Nazareth. Nathanael, astonished, asked uncharitably: "Can anything good come from that place?" (Meaning that Nazareth was a dump.) Well, can anything good come out of Covid-19? Many people of my age-group and older have been badly affected by the virus; thousands have died. So: is there anything positive at all about this experience?

I can't agree with President Trump, when he said that his catching the virus had been a "god-send". But, I really feel that the whole thing is teaching us some awkward lessons. The first is that we don't have an absolute right to ever-increasing wealth and self-satisfaction. The second (linked with this) is that we all need each other in society – whether urban or rural. Many jobs, long regarded as undesirable by the wealthy & the celebrity-class, are now seen as essential to our survival. The third (and this has hit me hard) is that we have to accept irksome rules imposed by the authorities for the common good. (Like many of the older generation reading this, I've been irritated by the blasé way some young adults have ignored social distancing, especially when out drinking.) As I wrote in the 2nd paragraph, we've all had to change our way of doing things, simply to stop the virus spreading. That can be hard, and very hurtful to those in hospitality, but the discipline will do some of us no harm.

I hope and pray that a vaccine can be found and given to everyone. But I also fear that the Covid-19 virus could become embedded in the human race, as other viruses have, and that we may just have to live with it. While we suffer the restrictions, and as the autumn weather gets worse, it's hard to feel positive – but one day, it will pass. I hope we can re-emerge as a nicer group of people.

Fr Jim Dunne.

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
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Deacon Anne Taylor, (with the Methodist Church)
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Tel: 01434 220283

Father Christopher Warren, (With St John's Catholic Church)
c/o St. Mary's, Hexham.
Tel. 01434 603119

St. John of Beverley Catholic Church



We are soon to start a programme in our parish of Holy Communion preparation for young people over the age of eight who are already baptised. It will make use of online and book-based materials while we are unable to meet face to face.

If you are interested in finding out more about this programme or if you would like to know more about the Catholic faith please contact our parish via e-mail at catholichayd@aol.com or speak to Pat McMullon on 01434 602371.

St. Cuthbert's Church in November

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All Saints' Day

Sunday 1 November

9:00am Morning Prayer Online
10.30: Eucharist, St Cuthbert's Haydon Bridge
10.30: Morning Prayer, All Hallows' Henshaw

Remembrance Sunday

Sunday 8 November

9:00am Morning Prayer Online
Time tbc, Remembrance Day Service, All Hallows' Henshaw
Time tbc, Remembrance Day Service, St Cuthbert's Haydon Bridge

Second Sunday before Advent

Sunday 15 November

9:00am Morning Prayer Online
10.30: Eucharist, St Cuthbert's Haydon Bridge
10.30: Morning Prayer, All Hallows' Henshaw

Christ the King

Sunday 22 November

9:00am Morning Prayer Online
10.30: Eucharist, All Hallows' Henshaw
10.30: Morning Prayer, St Cuthbert's Haydon Bridge

First Sunday of Advent

Sunday 29 November

9:00am Morning Prayer Online
10.30: Morning Worship, All Hallows' Henshaw
10.30: Morning Worship, St Cuthbert's Haydon Bridge

The Rev'd Dr Benjamin Carter

Methodist Church Update

Wednesday 7th October saw the start of 'Worship on a Wednesday' at the Methodist Church. The opening up of the screen between the worship area and the activity part of our building allows 20 plus people to gather socially distanced.

Although not able to sing, the congregation who attended were able to follow the hymn words on the large screen at the front of the Church, set to beautiful backing pictures and the service also included seeing the Gospel message acted out from a film clip. Even though this was slightly different to what we are used to, it proved to be very much a worshipful experience.

Worship continues on Wednesday evenings 7pm at the Methodist Church and we also continue to offer Sunday 'Worship at Home' service sheets to all our members and friends, some of whom are unable to join us in the Church.

May the God of love continue to bless you all at this time.

Deacon Anne



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A mineral vein...

By Phil Harley

I originally offered only the song and cross section (see column on the right) for inclusion in *The Haydon News*, but I was persuaded to add a few explanatory words as they could be of interest to folk who are not aware of the lead mining heritage on their doorstep.

Many people will be aware of the lead mines around Allendale, Weardale and Alston and I'd recommend a visit to the museum at Killhope (just over the top from Allenheads). A mining engineer called Thomas Bewick (nothing to do with the famous illustrator of the same name), learned his trade in these mines, and wishing to branch out on his own, did a detailed survey of the area to the north of our village. Bewick was aware that the Romans had mined lead at Settlingstones, but others had told him that there were no prospects north of the Tyne. Nevertheless, in 1873, Bewick formed a company, drove an adit (i.e. a near-horizontal tunnel) from the banks of the Honeycrook Burn towards where he estimated the geological fault to be, and hit the jackpot: a very productive mineral vein.

A problem was the limited amount of water available for the wheels that were commonly used to power the machinery that was used to process ore brought from the mine, but the advent of steam power saved the day.

Another benefit, was access to Haydon Bridge's well developed railway depot that was already used to transport lead-ore from mines further south, to Blaydon, for smelting.

Four shafts developed by Thomas John Bewick's Langlely Barony company are all named after share-holders:

- John **Joicey**.
- Alexander **Brogden**.
- Andrew **Leslie**.
- Thomas **Leadbitter**.

Thomas Bewick's Langlely Barony Mine

Bore a hole, and check the bedrock.
Limestone, Hazle or Plate.
That's the way to search for lead,
And an ore-bearing fault locate.

North of Tyne beds of limestone rock,
Were said to be un-productive.
Thomas Bewick proved them wrong,
With his methods most deductive.

At Honeycrook, he bored an adit,
North-West to his mineral vein.
It took six months of sweat and toil,
But at last the fault did gain.

The ore he found was quality,
Galena unsurpassed,
He set about extracting it,
At first, an easy task.

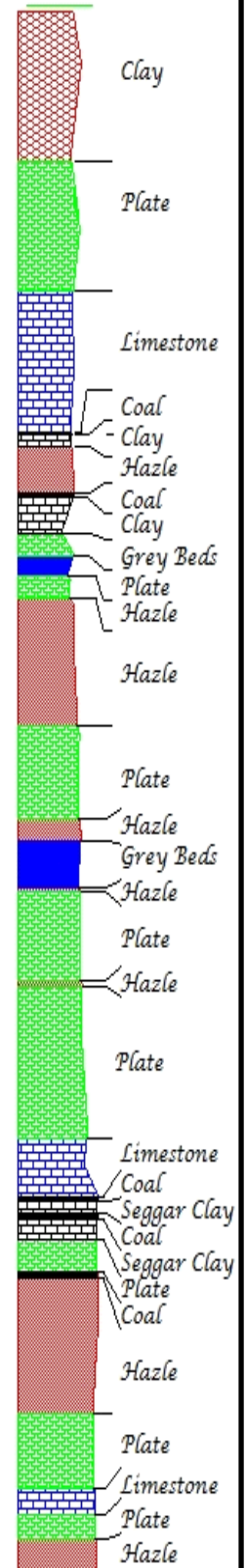
Bewick then sunk some vertical shafts,
To give access to the mine.
Joicey; Brogdon; Leslie, Shafts,
And the Leadbitter, all in line.

To crush and separate the ore,
Water was the usual means.
He said, "It's 1875...., ...
We'll drive it all by steam".

It's not just lead, there was silver too.
In considerable amount,
Over a ton of it in its working life,
To add to the accounts.

Cheap lead from Spain and Portugal,
Made profits shrink and falter.
As the lead price dropped,
all mining stopped.
And the workings filled with water.

See: https://youtu.be/h0t4x_eLXQI



Historical Notes of Haydon Bridge ... By Dennis Telford.

First an apology: In spite of what you might have read in my Historical Notes last month, St. Cuthbert's Chapel in Haydon Bridge was built in 1796 (not 1779).
Dennis.

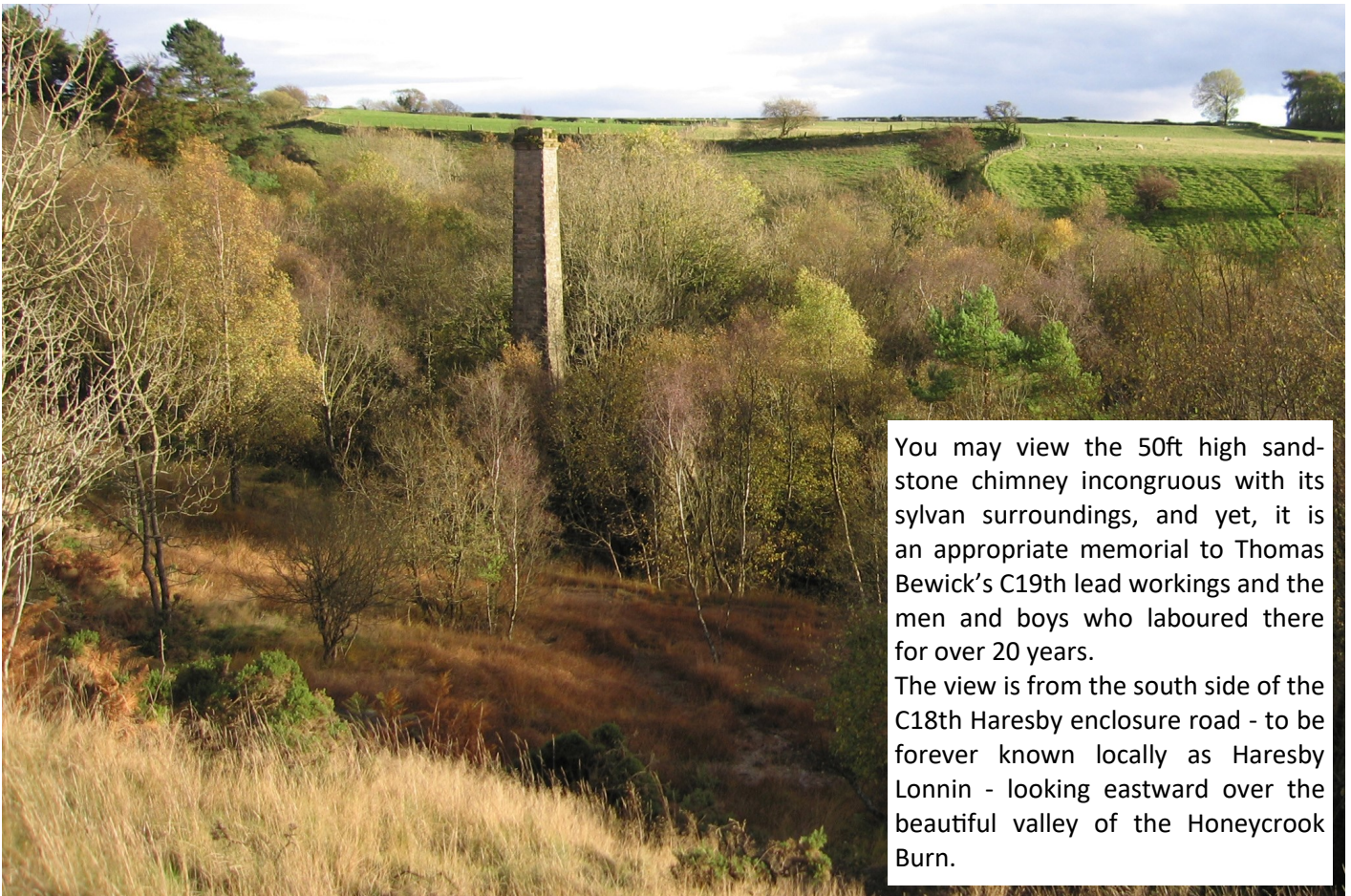
On page 10 this month, Haydon Bridge singer-songwriter Phil Harley has introduced Thomas Bewick whose nineteenth century lead mining activity, in today's sleepy valley of the Honeycrook Burn,

employed up to 200 men (many local). In twenty years of industrial activity there, over 40,000 tons of lead concentrate were extracted and more than 46,000 ounces of silver ... Remarkable! Don't you think?

Phil has provided a synopsis of Thomas Bewick and his lead-mining activity alongside the Honeycrook Burn, through the lyric of his song, and he has illustrated it with a cross section through a Bewick vein.

Reminders in our parish of Thomas John Bewick's life and death remain today and offer a fascinating informal 'Bewick Trail' for those with an interest.

Here are a few features of the 'Trail':



You may view the 50ft high sandstone chimney incongruous with its sylvan surroundings, and yet, it is an appropriate memorial to Thomas Bewick's C19th lead workings and the men and boys who laboured there for over 20 years. The view is from the south side of the C18th Haresby enclosure road - to be forever known locally as Haresby Lonin - looking eastward over the beautiful valley of the Honeycrook Burn.

Bewick's successful mine was developed from his second 'Honeycrook Adit' (or horizontal tunnel), which was driven north westward from the side of the Honeycrook Burn. The adit was driven to intersect the Bewick vein at a distance of 492ft from its entrance, or portal. This adit can still be seen and in common with other similar mine portals, at one time it incorporated an inscribed stone above the keystone. In this case, inscribed with:

Honeycrook Adit July 1871

Unfortunately, the inscribed adit stone here was stolen in the 1970s, after being in place 100 years. An inexcusable act of vandalism!



Honeycrook Adit

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Right: By the side of the Honeycrook Burn and adjacent to the 50ft chimney flue for a horizontal steam engine, are the remains of the three storey crushing mill, engine and boiler house seen on this image. As with all lead mines, the provision of running water was an essential requirement and water was conveyed by an open race to all the dressing rooms in Bewick's mine, from a reservoir at Hindshield. As Phil Harley explained on page 10, the available water supply to the Honeycrook mine was limited, but fortunately, the development of steam power in the crushing and separation of the ore here, solved that problem for Thomas Bewick's operation.

As you can see, the twentieth century has taken its toll on this area of our industrial heritage. Much of the stone used for the C19th buildings has been carted away and used elsewhere and shrubs and trees alongside the burn have been allowed to take over the derelict site. The structures that remain stand as a monument to the lead miners of Langley Barony and Haydon Parish.

The first ore from the Honeycrook mine was washed on September 22nd, 1873 and from then, lead was produced here continuously until 1890.



Thomas John Bewick and his wife Catherine lived in Haydon Bridge in a beautiful property called **'The Nook'** (see below). The detached dwelling was stone-built on an enviable site high above the village with an impressive gated access from the Great North Road and a southern aspect across acres of meadowland, cultivated gardens and manicured lawns. It is, perhaps, no wonder that the property later became known as 'The Park' and then 'Haydon Park'.

Land high on the north side of our village became much sought after for detached housing by those who could afford to buy, build and maintain the grounds: Haydon Lodge, Selwood House, The Craggs and Bank House, for example - and of course, 'The Nook' - added immeasurably to the quality of housing in the village and brought in wealthy patrons who supported Haydon Bridge's social activity both administratively and financially.



Formerly:
'The Nook'
The Park' and
'Haydon Park'.
(Photo 2020)

By 1891, Thomas Bewick was followed into 'The Nook' by Thomas Carrick and he renamed it 'The Park'. It was Thomas Carrick who gave his permission in 1909 to our sporting locals, to create a cricket field in the grounds of 'The Park' and the first game there was played on June 4th 1910. Our village cricket teams have played on this field ever since.

Following the Carrick family's residency, 'The Park' - to be renamed again, this time as 'Haydon Park' - was a home to families who had been more unfortunate in their circumstances than the rest of us; after which it came into the ownership of Northumberland County

Council as a boarding facility for pupils from across the county attending Shaftoe Trust School.

It will be clear to readers, that Thomas Bewick's original property, 'The Nook', has long since lost its former grandeur. Not for the first time, our county councillors appear to be allowing a once beautiful building in Haydon Bridge - by chance or design - to go to wrack and ruin.

An earlier example was 'Linton House' at the west end of Belmont Gardens, demolished after it was allowed to become uninhabitable, to be replaced with the school sports' hall. I hope the wrecking ball has not been ordered by the council for 'Haydon Park'.

Anyway, back to my 'Bewick Trail', and 'Walk Up Houses'. (or, 'South View' as it is in 2020 - see below) The terrace was opposite 'The Nook' and this, I understand, is from where Thomas John Bewick's early lead mining and ancillary interests were administered.

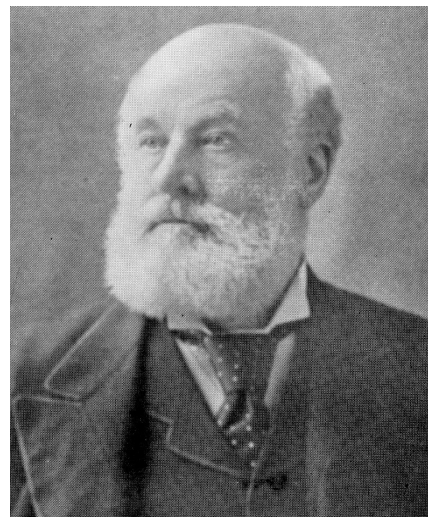


Thomas Bewick's wife Catherine died at 'The Nook' on April 8th, 1888 and is buried at Haydon (Old) Church.

It is clear that Bewick's Honeycrook company was going through a financial crisis in the late 19th Century and it was not alone in the industry, as lead prices collapsed due to cheaper imports. It is likely that that is the reason, together with his wife's earlier death, that 'The Nook' was sold to the Carrick family around 1890.

Bewick's mines alongside the Honeycrook Burn eventually closed in 1893 after what had been a relatively short, but generally successful, trading period of twenty years; although Thomas Bewick had been well prepared for his business venture, as he had prospected in the Honeycrook area since 1868.

Thomas John Bewick, an inspirational mining engineer, died in London at 'Tynedale', his son's address in Putney Hill, on August 29th, 1897 aged 75 years, and he was laid to rest alongside his wife Catherine towards the south west corner of the churchyard at Haydon, where you will be able to find their headstone today.



Thomas John Bewick (IM&ME)



A memorial to Thomas John Bewick can be found in St. Cuthbert's Church in Haydon Bridge, where a stained glass widow in the south wall of the nave was dedicated by his son, Thomas Burrell Bewick.

THOMAS BURRELL BEWICK

The esteem with which the Bewick family were held in Haydon Bridge in the nineteenth century, is amply illustrated by a Hexham Courant description of the activities that took place on Wednesday December 5th, 1877 to celebrate the coming of age of Thomas Burrell Bewick, the son of Thomas and Catherine Bewick.

A formal lunch was held at the Anchor Inn, when Thomas Burrell's father made several speeches; outside, Haydon Bridge was, 'gay with bunting'. Read the Hexham Courant report of Saturday December 8th, 1877, below.

HAYDON BRIDGE COMING OF AGE OF MR THOMAS BURRELL BEWICK

Wednesday was a "red letter" day in the annals of the usually quiet town of Haydon Bridge, which was thrown into a state of pleasurable excitement through the rejoicings in honour of the coming of age of Mr Thos Burrell Bewick, son of T.J. Bewick, Esq., of The Nook. Mr Bewick and Partners are the owners of the valuable Langley Barony lead mines, situate about a mile and a half to the north of the town, the opening of which some few years ago has added very materially to the prosperity of the district, there being some 130 hands employed in connection with them. It was scarcely surprising therefore, from that fact, taking in connection with the great and deserved respect in which both Mr Bewick and his son are held by all classes, that the good old town should be gay with bunting, and that upright and vari-coloured flags and banners should be profusely displayed in all directions, while the booming of cannon and the ringing of bells were kept up incessantly throughout the day, from so early an hour as about seven o' clock in the morning. At the entrance to Mr Bewick's residence a splendid triumphal arch was erected by those employed in the office, assisted by the workmen. It was made of holly, ivy &c., and bore the inscription, "health and prosperity". In the evening, the Haydon Bridge Brass Band promenaded the streets playing lively tunes, and there was also a fine display of fireworks.

**It all sounds like a wonderful occasion
in Haydon Bridge in 1877**



**The entrance to the Bewick's residence,
'The Nook' at Haydon Bridge.**

**In December 1877 it was splendidly decorated
with a triumphal arch on the occasion of
Thomas Burrell Bewick's coming of age.**

CORRESPONDENCE

By email

Dear Mr Telford,

I recently googled Haydon Fell Cottage near New Alston, and came across the (May) Haydon News 2014 and your article in which you mentioned Haydon Fell Cottage and the cottages at New Alston.

I am particularly interested to learn that your editor in (May) 2014 (Steven Ford) knew the last person to be born at Haydon Fell Cottage, as I always understood that my dad, William Ivor Hailes Philipson, was the last person ... was he the person (Steve) knew? In later life he parked his car near there to go down memory lane.

My dad lived with the rest of the Philipson family - he was born in 1916 and lived there with his grandparents, mother and aunts and uncles until 1926.

I was also surprised to read in your article that other families lived there after that date. I visited the cottage with my dad in 1966 and it was in a similar state even then as it is now.

My dad's mother, aunts and uncles were all born in one of the New Alston cottages, prior to moving to Haydon Fell Cottage.

Best wishes.

Janet Philipson.

I have replied to Janet, and we believe it is likely that the Robley family were the last occupiers of Haydon Fell Cottage: Alan and Jean Robley and their two eldest children Janice and David; both born when they lived there and one of which would be the child that Steve Ford cared for and referred to in the HN in May 2014.

Any more information would be gratefully received.

Thank you.

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'TWTD — A Series of Reminiscences'

Part 3 ... (Part 1 & 2 in September and October 2020 Haydon News)

**"[Kids] don't remember what you try to teach them.
They remember what you are."
Jim Henson.**

The gentleman whom I replaced as number two in the Classics department was the archetypal schoolmaster: eccentric, irascible, dedicated and loyal. He had served the school in Mr Chips fashion, teaching just about every subject as and when required, running the Junior Boarding House, producing plays and coaching sport; it was rumoured that once, when the head groundsman became ill, he even took on the responsibility of preparing wickets for the 1st XI, which naturally went on to score a record number of runs at home that season. He really was a Jack-Of-All-Trades (but certainly not Master-Of-None) and recently would have celebrated his 100th birthday. Stories abound about the man whom we shall call Giotto, after the spacecraft which flew by and studied Halley's Comet shortly after he retired from teaching.

He regularly smoked cigarettes whilst teaching and would often fall asleep during afternoon lessons after a few lunchtime beers in the local hostelry; these lessons were, of course, the quietest in the school as boys were unwilling to wake him! When the bell for the end of the lesson roused him from his slumber, he would raucously clear his throat and state that it must have been a good lesson because the time had gone so quickly. As the boys filed swiftly out, he would bellow "Wait, wait, do I need to set you prep today?" to which the last one out would invariably reply "Yes, sir" before scuttling off down the corridor.

I have already touched upon the delicate topic of physical punishment and Giotto was no stranger to this. The desks at the front of the classroom were always the last to be filled by an incoming class, and for good reason; boys at the back would often play the clown and Giotto would simply cuff the nearest boy around the head and tell him to pack it in. If the wronged party should dare to challenge the validity of his actions, he would yell "Well, I couldn't reach the criminal at the back from here, could I?" and cuff the innocent boy again for good measure and his insolence.

A lot of boarding schools had on the timetable, shortly after lunch, a period of time known as Rest. This half hour or so had a number of purposes and was used extensively by the Music Department for individual instrumental practice, in addition to various bands and choirs. Day pupils not involved in musical activities were allocated a classroom and were expected to read quietly under the supervision of a member of staff or prefect. Boarders were allowed the privilege of retiring to their beds to read for the allocated time, although many took the opportunity to rest their eyes. Conversation was, of course, forbidden, and when on duty, Giotto would diligently patrol the corridors, stopping outside the open door of each dormitory to listen for evidence of misdemeanour. The following, written and signed by the man himself, was sent to me recently by a former pupil who had fallen foul of Giotto during this time of enforced silence:

Although it may be possible, I think it must be rare

For two boys in near silence to read a book they
share.

I think it would be better if one boy read
'Moonfleet'

The other could read 'English First' - a quite
delightful treat.

We should perhaps add compassionate and
humorous to Giotto's impressive list of attributes.

My favourite Giotto anecdote, however, involved nothing more sinister than a packet of Polos. One Friday afternoon a mischievous bunch of Year 10 boys hatched a plan to wind Giotto up, carefully crushing the Polos into a fine powder which they piled up on the silver paper. Half way through the lesson, the silver paper began to be passed from pupil to pupil, with each stopping to sprinkle some white powder onto his wrist and snort dramatically. Giotto exploded in spectacular fashion. His choice of expletive has not been recorded for posterity, which is perhaps just as well, but one can only imagine the volume and the breadth of his reaction. Once his blood pressure had returned to an acceptable level, amongst huge hilarity he was invited to taste the powder and realised that he had been outfoxed.

Oh to have been a fly on the wall!

Tales from California Gardens

Mmm...delicious home-grown vegetables from the allotments, and what a year it has been for the produce from California Gardens!

While the disruption Covid-19 has caused so many of us to worry about 'breaking the rules', the allotments have benefited from attention not known for many years: benefits of the furlough scheme never envisioned by the Chancellor!

Just walking along Station Road on a summer's evening and peering over the wall was a joy to see with a vast variety of vegetables and arrays of flowers, not to mention so many people bent over spades and forks tending their particular patch of garden - no problem about social distancing with a rod (250 square metres) of ground to work on! All the hard work in late autumn and early spring certainly paid dividends, and what pride you feel from lifting your first potatoes in the middle of June, and taking them home for tea. How delicious they taste, probably all the more so knowing you've planted and tended them for several weeks, weeding, watering and eagerly waiting for the flowers to appear. There's always plenty to give to family and friends, who will always comment favourably on the taste (quite right too - nothing tastes better than those first spuds!). Spud - that's an interesting word that probably originates in the C14th and meaning a dagger or short sword which was used to dig up vegetables and eventually came to refer to the vegetable itself. Years ago, some people wouldn't eat potatoes because they aren't mentioned in the Bible, so there's more food for thought!

It's not just potatoes that are ready in early June. Broad beans are literally bursting in their pods, closely followed by peas (if you've managed to protect the young shoots from the sparrows, that is). Carrots, calabrese and cabbage are quietly getting bigger by the day (avoid carrot and cabbage root fly at all costs) and suddenly you see cauliflowers hiding amongst their prolific leaves, gloriously white (unless you're ambitious and grow purple ones). Talking about purple vegetables, not many people realise that carrots were once purple and were genetically modified by the Dutch (the House of Orange) to make them orange; we thought that genetic modification was a new thing to be avoided at all costs! Planting onions alongside carrots apparently distracts carrot root fly as well, but nobody told the fly in my allotment.

Pests are the gardener's nightmare, and, unless you're prepared to use pesticide to kill them, vigilance and careful hoeing are the next best option, though a good squirt of very diluted washing up liquid in water often does the trick to deter them and does minimal damage to plants and beneficial wild life.

Best not to forget about the plants in the greenhouse

with all this outside activity, making sure that greenfly aren't attacking aubergines and peppers. Again, an enviro-friendly idea is to plant marigolds among the young plants. Apparently the discerning greenfly prefer their heady aroma to that of capsicum, and attack those instead. I know which I prefer to eat, but each to his own. Tomatoes not ripening quickly enough? Try filling the greenhouse with banana skins - works a treat.

Outside again, and soon there'll be courgettes in all shapes, sizes and colours, lettuce, scallions, beetroot and, if you've got plenty of room, squashes as well. Although rabbits haven't usually been a problem of late, I grow rocket instead of lettuce, which they hate. After all these are ready to pick there are runner, borlotti and French beans, leeks are beginning to swell to the right size. Towards September there's sweetcorn to harvest - my best attempt was growing baby corn, smaller but delicious.

By the time July comes, it's best to have picked as much rhubarb as you need to get you through the winter, (it freezes beautifully). After that it usually becomes stringy and tough, and the plant needs to store sugars to produce next year's crop. Make the most of this opportunity, because some allotment organisations ban the growing of rhubarb, also asparagus, though my attempt to grow the latter has failed dramatically. A word of warning - plant horseradish at your peril. You'll never get rid of it.

As if all that weren't enough, there's the soft fruit to consider. Gooseberries and strawberries thrive in the allotments, and most people grow raspberries, blackcurrants, white currants and red currants. Watch out for the gooseberry sawfly caterpillar which also attacks red currant bushes: hoe really well under the bushes in autumn. Jostas also do well in California Gardens, though I gave my bush away - I hate them!

With winter fast approaching, as well as all that preparation for next year, there's still purple sprouting broccoli, parsnips and (purple) sprouts to tide you over the winter if your freezer isn't groaning with the weight of your summer produce. Sprouts and parsnips taste so much better after a frost - something to do with the conversion of starch to sugar, making them more palatable to our taste.

But, however much you grow, there's always something that just won't thrive in our climate. Where would we be without the heroic efforts of Claire, WMH meats and the Co-op supplying exotic fruits, and daily essentials to those who aren't lucky enough to rent an allotment? Thank you - you're a real boon to the village. You deserve a medal.

Lady Muck

CHARITY QUIZ NIGHTS AT THE GENERAL HAVELOCK HAYDON BRIDGE

Unfortunately, because of Corvid-19 restrictions we have been unable to offer Charity Quizzes since February.

We shall be retaining the planned quiz dates and the list of supported charities, and will resume once permission has been given.

In the meantime you might like to get into training.

I am offering a new quiz every month which will be dedicated to different charities.

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Exceptional Cricket!

By Ian Watson.

2020 has certainly been a year most people won't forget in a hurry. The pandemic has curtailed many events this year and, in May, local cricket resuming in Tynedale looked nothing but a pipe dream.

Amazingly though, by early July, cricket was back on the agenda. Various cricketing bodies and authorities allowed the West Tyne League committee to work up plans for a curtailed half season of cricket - ending in late September.

Earlier in the year, against the backdrop of the rising global pandemic, Haydon Bridge Cricket Club voted to make Cliff Corbett our new President and Gordon Liddle was duly voted in as our new Chairman.

On the 11th July, Haydon Bridge were invited to a pre-season tri-team tournament at Stamfordham which proved an interesting early test of the new COVID cricket world - hands sanitised every 6 overs, cricket ball sanitised, games reduced to 35 overs, everyone to turn up changed in whites, no changing rooms to be used and bring your own tea became the norm from that day on in addition to the wider general public rules of course.

To add to the early confusion, Haydon Bridge were forced into playing all home games away due to COVID measures surrounding the school.

So the league season kicked off properly on the 18th July but our first game was immediately cancelled as South Northumberland had forfeited all their games for the new season.

Our first game finally came with a trip to Newton. Robert Gibson (57) and Neil Kendrew (42) immediately set about the Newton attack as we managed 142-6 in our 35 overs. Tommy Waugh (5-6) and Gavin Boyd (3-12) started where they left off bowling Newton out for 75 in 19 overs, giving us a very promising and resounding 67 run win.

This was followed up with a similar win at Wylam. Ian Watson (21) and then Tommy Waugh (25no) recovering the innings to scrape to a less than convincing 118-8, however Jamie Taylor (3-6), Gavin Boyd (3-14) and Mark Elliott (3-19) restricted Wylam to 66 all out in 23.5 overs. All of a sudden it was already August and when Matfen also forfeited their game against us then the league table started to take shape.

Mid- August and a trip to Humshaugh, league champions in 2018. In a close game Robert Gibson (52) hit his second half century of the season and Mark Elliott (32) starred as we were bowled out for 132 in 33.3 overs. Humshaugh looked to be cruising but it was Mark Elliott, this time with the ball (5-14), who ripped the heart out of the Humshaugh middle order, leaving them 16 runs short on 116 all out in 33.1 overs.

One of our first away 'home' matches saw us take on Mitford at Stamfordham. Neil Kendrew (71) plundered the Mitford attack as we posted 138-9 and Gavin Boyd (5-17), having a great start to the season with the ball, restricted our 'visitors' to 69 all out in only 21.3 overs.

With a 100% record still in place, we travelled to chilly Belsay. On a freezing day, we bowled first restricting Belsay to 61 all out in 17.2 overs. Ian Watson (3-16) and Liam Stephenson (3-20) did the damage with the ball while the Bridge's openers Neil Kendrew (39no) and Ian Watson (16no) soon knocked off the runs.

And so, on to potentially the biggest test of the season against reigning champions Haltwhistle.

Batting first, Haltwhistle were immediately in trouble restricted to 12 for 5 thanks to Tommy Waugh (3-18) and Liam Stephenson (2-13) but recovered to get to a respectable 113-8. In return, after a slow start, openers Neil Kendrew and Ian Watson both hit 49no in a massive 10 wicket win for us.

That big win v Haltwhistle left us with the potential of winning the league with 2 games left of the reduced season, but in the closest game of the season at Corbridge, Benwell Hill had different ideas.

Good late bowling by the impressive Gavin Boyd (3-22) blunted Benwell Hill when they looked like posting a higher total than the 114-8 they eventually finished with.

Neil Kendrew (17), then an impressive 25 from Dale Leadbitter set up an exciting finish with Jamie Taylor (18no) keeping his head, sweeping the ball to the boundary to give Haydon Bridge victory with only 2 balls remaining.

The league had been won and so, with COVID restrictions bearing down again, it was now a matter of whether we could remain unbeaten all season.

A return to Stamfordham, this time to play the host team, had us in trouble batting first. Neil Kendrew (32) had got us off to a good start but after losing a number of wickets, it was Graham Pigg (33no) and Liam Stephenson (18) who recovered the innings to 115-9. Stamfordham briefly threatened the win early on but Liam Stephenson (3-35), Jamie Taylor (2-7) and Gavin Boyd (2-14) restricted Stamfordham to 96 all out in 24.4 overs.

The weather has also played its part this season in allowing a full programme to be played in the second half of the season with, unbelievably, no games called off due to rain. And so we got to the final game of a very different season, on the 26th September, with rain threatening, a cold autumn wind and playing Hexham Leazes at Humshaugh's ground.

Haydon Bridge batted first and rose to the occasion by hitting their highest total of the season, 167-7, with Neil Kendrew (53), Robert Gibson (27) and Graham Pigg (25no) starring with the bat, together with a few other cameos.

Liam Stephenson (5-8) ripped out Hexham's top order while Gavin Boyd (4-21) finished a great season in style by wrapping up the West Tyne League bowling trophy. His magnificent personal season amassed 23 wickets for the cost of only 131 runs at average of 5.7 runs/wicket.

A very peculiar season which included seeing hand sanitiser behind the stumps, a wide range of dodgy packed lunches, never playing at home; finished with us still ending up with a 100% unbeaten record and the West Tyne League 1 trophy returning to Haydon Bridge for the 4th time in 10 years.

As always our particular thanks to our club sponsors and match ball sponsors, especially RH Joinery Home Improvements, E&R Building Services and Graham Reader Motor Engineer.

Here's hoping for a return to normality in 2021 with the same exceptional cricket.



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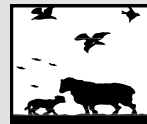
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A VIEW FROM UP THERE

John Harrison

We have had a fair amount of rain and strong wind this year most of which have been given names, a practice we used to reserve for tropical storms such as hurricanes. Our latest visitor was Alex which hit Western Europe at the beginning of October, bringing 48.5 mm of rainfall to Haydon Bridge, the second wettest day in ten years. I was asked recently whether there is any truth in the rumour that a coastal vessel carrying a cargo of artificial limbs was wrecked off the British coast. Apparently it was on the final leg of its journey and all hands were lost.

September was neither an Indian Summer, nor a typical autumn month. It was on the whole relatively cool with long dry spells and a fair amount of sunshine. There was a short spell of very warm weather mid-month but by the 23rd a polar airstream brought much colder conditions with ground frost early on the 24th and 28th. By the end of the month a heavy crop of hedgerow fruit was very much in evidence, but there was little sign of autumnal leaf colours, except on the horse chestnut.

The first 15 days were unsettled with fresh westerly winds and occasional rain. The 2nd was a particularly wet day and was the month's wettest (15.6 mm). In the wake of a deep area of low pressure which brought very windy weather for a couple days 12th/13th, a ridge of high pressure gave three relatively calmer days and a short interlude of pleasantly warm weather, after misty conditions in the early morning (25.1 deg C on 15th).

A cold front then brought a change to cool and misty conditions, the daytime temperature reaching only 12.7 degC on the 16th. Polar air dominated the weather for the remainder of the month and the east was cold in an onshore breeze while the west coast was sunnier and drier. Night-temperatures fell under relatively clear skies and there were isolated pockets of ground frost which fortunately did very little damage to the more sensitive garden plants. The visibility was excellent at times in a northerly breeze 23rd-27th.

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
September	16.1	-0.5	8.3	0.0	44.2	69

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

Gladys' friend Derek went into his local garage with a view to changing his car for a newer model. When asked why he felt that this was necessary he told the salesman that he lived on a hill and that his current car would only reach 60 up it. The salesman was somewhat surprised and asked "but surely you live in a built-up area where the speed limit is 30?". To which Derek replied, "this is true but I live at 75".

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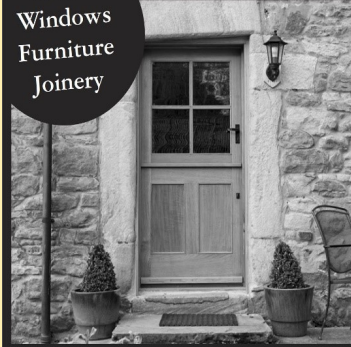
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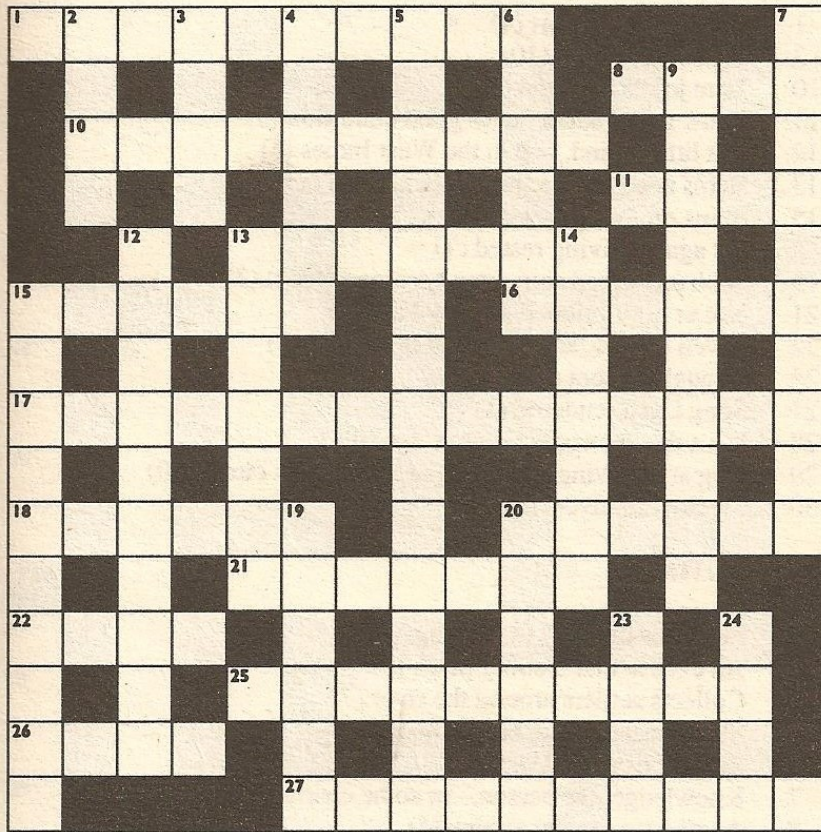
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ACROSS

1. YELLOW HAM-MER
8. ROMANIC
9. SACKING
11. EPITOME
12. SWAHILI
13. HERON
14. TAPHOUSES
16. WATERMAIN
19. CAMEO
21. RAMPANT
23. CHEERIO
24. SEAMIER
25. HACKING
26. HIT THE BOTTLE

DOWN

1. YUMMIER
2. LINCOLN
3. ORCHESTRA
4. HOSTS
5. MECCANO
6. ELICITS
7. GREEN HOWARDS
10. GAINSBOROUGH
15. PINOCCHIO
17. TIMPANI
18. REALIST
19. CREW CUT
20. MORAINE
22. TERSE



ACROSS

1. About green tea— it could put new life into you (10)
8. Comply eventually to absorb knowledge thoroughly (4)
10. Combined end around one revolutionary bull's-eye (10)
11. Bird around aimlessly (4)
13. Worker in sleigh isn't on the level (7)
15. Puts skin of head over drug (6)
16. Hiring of broken gangster (6)
17. Jerry built, with others, Alston's main street (7,8)
20. Seed that is headwear... (6)
21. ... and tastier in North Africa? (7)
22. Squib exploded, out popped goat (4)
25. Banter, nice on line (10)
26. Secure part of eye (4)
27. Thomas, possibly, one without a tender (4,6)

DOWN

2. Frost up a ruler (4)
3. Nibbles when re-run lost salesman (4)
4. Lens, for instance, manufactured for communist (6)
5. The wrong way: are rebellious livestock farmers seen to be this? (7,3,5)
6. Sound like someone leaving Devon (6)
7. On the whole, legal brandy isn't first into cocktail (2,3,5)
9. Charming crone in the flesh (10)
12. Dacia cars carry a doctor for the squadron (10)
13. Two creatures together ensure nothing gets in or out (7)
14. Goddess encountered in the family of 23 dn? (7)
15. Top to toe, OPEC bounder sick of little misdemeanour (10)
19. Device can go in races (6)
20. Tell off for not being A-class? (6)
23. Animal firstly seemed to avoid grass (4)
24. Man heard in song (4)

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