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One thing we're all agreed on during lockdown is how much we miss the usual activity of 'normal' life. Despite the closure of many of the things we used to do - in the 'olden days' before lockdown - and despite the home schooling and the general busy-ness of lockdown life, many of the pleasures we took for granted are sorely missed. 'Bored but busy' seems to be a common experience for many.

Producing the Haydon News each month always keeps us busy. Michelle and I have spoken to many people this month to try to bring more new stories and new voices to be heard in the magazine. We've recently had lots of great contributions from people in the village and

beyond, which we hope you all enjoy.

One contributor this month said 'People won't be interested in that' - but one thing we can be sure of, something that's possibly considered rather mundane or 'just normal' in one person's life can be fascinating for many others.

So do you have a story in you? If you've got something you'd like to tell us about, just let us know and we'll write it for you.

All the best,
Alex Kinsey

Ann Macdonald, Nyenga Nyenga Art & Design

When I came to Haydon Bridge, in 2002, I was disorientated, and I didn't really know where I was. My life had changed utterly. I had left my job in Cape Town, a huge city at the southern tip of Africa, and arrived in London. I was in Haydon Bridge a few days later. This happened because my eldest daughter could only access my British citizenship and accompany me, as a minor, if she entered the UK before her 18th birthday. It was a tight fast move.

Aron, my partner, was to follow and start at Newcastle University a few months later. We found ourselves in Haydon Bridge because Peter Stone, who had visited us in South Africa on work trips, had met us at the station in Newcastle and brought us to his home, then in Church Street. And, thereafter, we never left Haydon Bridge.

The girls and I went for a walk along the river to the pump house on our first afternoon. We spent the following week looking for for a place to live in Newcastle. After a week of searching, I gave up. We rented 13 Ratcliffe Road, and a year later moved across the road to number 12 – our home ever since.

For the first few months, Haydon Bridge was unreal. I remember feeling as if I was moving around in a film set. Our youngest started at the high school and later, Aron arrived from South Africa. Initially I worked at the Co-op, and then I secured a teaching position at Newcastle City Learning.

Gradually, I gained a sense of place, and began to unpack and treasure Haydon Bridge and the surrounding area. A year or two ago, I began drawing and painting elements of the village that give it character. I worked up all my drawings into a design that would offer a sense of belonging, village pride and story. And this was how the cup came to be.

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Thank you

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

Apologies were received from – Cllrs Burrows.

Declarations of interest – none were received.

Minutes of previous meeting –

having been circulated were agreed and signed. Cllr Snowdon thanked Gary and Jo Thompson for taking on the role of flag flyers for the village.

Spa Well –

NCC had responded to a query about the footpath reinstatement at Spa Well saying “there is no indication that Roadlink are concerned about the A69 or that it is in any way under threat. Their request for the closure of the footpath came after an inspection by the Roadlink / NCC staff who considered that the path had deteriorated lower down closer to the river and could pose a risk to anyone accessing it falling into the river.”

“With regard to the time taken for the reinstatement of the path, as I have previously indicated it is due to not being able to get agreement from the landowner for the proposed alternative route. I am still working on this. It is not only the Haydon Spa path that it hasn't been possible to reinstate yet, it is the same situation for the section of footpath that was lost between Corbridge and Riding Mill where there is still no agreement with the landowners for the reinstatement of the path.”

Anchor garage site –

NCC had replied to a request for information about the flats at this site, as they still remain empty. They said “as far as I understand, the accommodation is completed but they have been unable to move people into the building during the current restrictions. However, there is still an outstanding application with NCC for the discharge of conditions in relation to surface water and drainage. This has been under discussion for some considerable time, and we have still not resolved this. I expect that until this is resolved, the building cannot be signed off and handed over. The only contact that I have is with the architect at LAGP Architects.”

Report from Northumberland County Council –

Cllr Sharp reported that the drainage work at Elrington junction had been done and the road junction had also been resurfaced. The road markings still needed to be done but, hopefully the work would be done shortly.

With regards to the work on the Ratcliffe Road/Church Street scheme, Cllr Sharp was extremely disappointed that the works had been stopped as the permission has not yet been received from Network Rail for the three-way traffic control signs. Cllr Sharp is chasing this up with the County Council. The road cones on Ratcliffe Road and Church Street have been removed temporarily so that parking areas can still be used. The contracting team are keen to

get on with this work as soon as possible.

The potholes on Shaftoe Street have been reported, as have the road repairs required from Standalone down to the A69. There are also problems with drainage at West Rattenraw. Cllr Sharp has arranged to meet with the Highways Manager next week to look at these issues.

Cllr Sharp had circulated an email from Tim Fish regarding the rights of way at Belmont Gardens. He noted that there is no adopted right of way at the south side of Belmont Gardens. It was agreed that Cllr Keyte would contact the school to set up a meeting with the new Head.

Leaves have now been cleared from the path from the Showfield to the old stables. However, Cllr Kirsopp said that they had been left at the side of the road. Cllr Sharp said that he'd request that the sweeper comes out to sort this out. Litter picking on the A686 road is starting this Friday. Cllr Bates said that she didn't think the stretch of road from Plankey Mill to Vauce Farm had been done yet.

The Community Chest awarded funding of £2,250.00 to Langley Village Hall towards the cost of dry rot work and a new kitchen. Haydon Bridge Community Centre also obtained funding of £2,250.00 towards the cost of roofing repairs and a new fan. Cllr Sharp will also contribute from his Members Allowance Scheme monies towards these works. He is also going to assist Haydon Bridge Football Club from his Members Allowance Scheme monies to improve the lighting on the astro-turf pitch.

Cllr Sharp has asked that the cycleway from Haydon Bridge to Hexham is included in the feasibility scheme for a cycleway to be done from Hexham to Corbridge. This will hopefully be in the Local Transport Plan.

Highways –

Staward station bridge – Cllr Sharp said that Cllr Charlton had seen an article in the Hexham Courant about the possible infilling of this bridge and asked the Clerk to find out more. Mr and Mrs Parks of Staward House had also contacted the Clerk to present their views.

The position is that Highways England (HE) have been in touch with NCC to see if they needed planning permission for this, as they fear that the bridge will be costly to maintain in the future. The work can be done under permitted development. Kate Read at HE had passed on a statement which said that they had discussed the matter with NCC, however Cllr Sharp knew nothing of this.

The Highways dept. at NCC are not really happy about the plan but has no powers to do anything about it. Cllr Sharp went on to say that individuals could apply to have the structure listed. Those who live nearby are unhappy with the idea as is the North Pennines AONB. NCC themselves would not want to take over the bridge, unless they received funding from elsewhere to cover the costs.

Cllr Keyte said that his work involved inspecting bridges, often for the Forestry Commission, and he offered to assess it. It was agreed that Cllr Keyte would do this, along

with Paul Charlton, who is responsible for bridges at NCC, and they will report back. Cllr Charlton said that the Neighbourhood Plan volunteers were looking at heritage as part of their work too. Cllr Bates asked about the time scale for applying to have the bridge listed, and Cllr Sharp said there is no time scale at present. Cllr Bates went on to say that the best plan would be to have it listed, noting that infilling would take over a chunk of the garden at Station House. Cllr Charlton agreed saying that there were many similar structures forming part of the heritage of Northumberland and if this was allowed to go ahead here, the same thing might happen elsewhere.

Highways issues arising from Neighbourhood Plan – Mr Fletcher had passed these on to Cllr Sharp for attention.

Dog bin below the Showfield – Cllr Faulks said that this bin was now in a very bad state. He had suggested replacing this bin, but the Clerk had pointed out that in the past people had commented that this bin was in the wrong position and was not used. It was agreed that Cllr Howard would walk his dog in this area to familiarise himself with what bins were available and report back.

Planning applications –

20/04023/FUL – Removal of existing workshop and sheds, erection of stables with living accommodation over on land to the South of Stublic, Rose Cottage Langley – NO OBJECTIONS.

21/00174/OHL – Pole and overhead conductor replacement at Chesterwood Villa to Park Cottage Chesterwood – NO OBJECTIONS.

21/00295/FUL - Replace enclosed porch with open porch, removal of chimney, removal of oil-fired heating structure and flue on front elevation, removal of oil tank at rear of garage, installation of air source heating equipment on south west side elevation, installation of solar photovoltaic panels on rear roof slope and rear extension roof, reconfiguration of rear roof lights and the addition of a roof light on the front roof slope at Withywindle Brigwood Haydon Bridge NO OBJECTIONS.

Accounts – as in budget.

Correspondence –

Pre-order consultation : Hot Bank South Road – Application to a bridleway from a point 190 m west of Peat Rigg in a general easterly direction, in part over an existing parish of Henshaw footpath no. 15, parish of Bardon Mill footpaths nos. 1 & 2, and parish of Haydon footpath no. 4 to a point on the B6318 65 m north-west of Moss Kennels. After discussion it was agreed that the PC to remain neutral on this matter.

Parish projects –

The Bridge and Development Trust – Cllr Charlton said that a new lock had been fitted at the library following problems opening the door. She said that there was a problem with water coming out of the ground in the station car park behind the library. There are 2 inspection manholes and a little further down water is bubbling up and flowing toward the library. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact Network Rail. It is expected that the library will resume some services after April 12th, when

libraries are able to re-open. Cllr Charlton explained that after the long closure she had tried to log on to the computer network and found that the library had been dropped and had to be put back on the system.

Any other business –

Woodland burial – Cllr Faulks said that the first burial in the new woodland area would go ahead shortly and that he was drawing up rules for this section. Cllr Thornhill said that the woodland burial section at Hexham cemetery was now full. Cllr Charlton said that her sister-in-law had been buried in the woodland burial area at Hexham. She noted that at first they had allowed one tree per plot and when the time came to thin the trees this had led to disagreements. One tree per 4-5 plots seemed more sustainable. Headstones will not be allowed in this area, and nor will non-biodegradable ornaments.

Cemetery – Cllr Thornhill said that someone had told him that a headstone has been decorated with fairy lights. It was agreed that Cllr Thornhill will investigate.

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Sheep Farm Stories

High up in fells of Hexhamshire, in the last farm before County Durham, it's about to become a very busy time of year.

The Lee family bought the farm in 1921, making this year their hundredth year of farming. Michael and Angela Lee have over 1600 sheep and a herd of cattle and Angela has been sharing photos of their new additions on Facebook recently, which we, and many others, have enjoyed seeing.

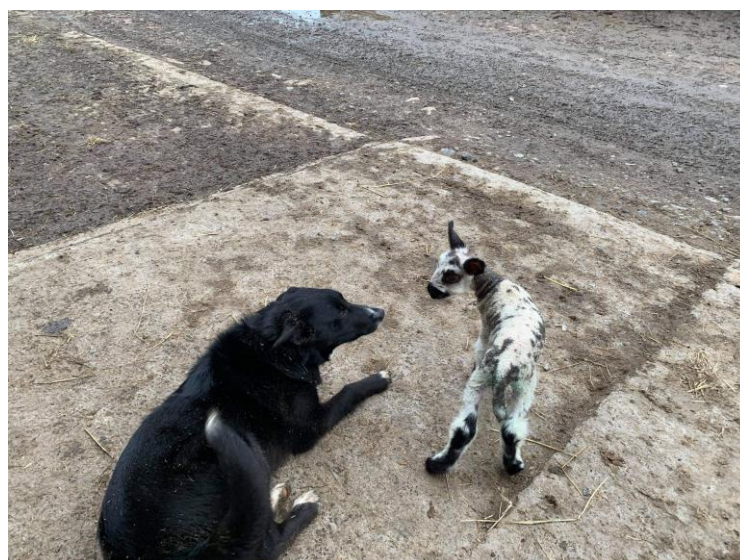
"I wanted to show people some good news and some of the realities of farming in Northumberland at this time of year" Angela explained.

"Our two main breeds of sheep are Leicesters and Swaledales. The Leicesters have started lambing as they're put to the tup earlier, and being a less hardy breed, they need to come into the shed for lambing. The Swaledales will stay on the fell for lambing, with us checking in on them each day. Any carrying twins will be brought in to the fields, as they need extra feed and help from us. We keep them close by once they've lambed, as the mums can lose track of both lambs when they're on the open fell, so we make it easier until the lambs are a bit older and ready to face the weather."

Being so high up on the fell means the Swaledales will start lambing in April, as their time with the tup is delayed, to give the lambs a chance of better weather.

"We've also started calving, and a while ago we tried some new technology, which has been life-changing for us." Cameras in the shed can be viewed from an iPad or phones, meaning Michael and Angela don't need to keep going into the shed to check on the cows. While making it easier for the humans, it's also less disruptive for the cattle, as they're more likely to settle, making for an easier labour, with Michael and Angela going to help when needed.

It's a far cry from Angela's previous career as a financial advisor, where she worked with clients across Tynedale. "It's meant to be early retirement, but I don't get many lie-ins!"



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In March, I introduced you to the early Haydon Bridge Primitive Methodists and when I left you I was contemplating, in verse, the demise of the old Methodist Chapel on Church Street. I also referred, briefly, to: 'My many early memories'.

Below are three of my Methodist memories that you might find interesting.



The Primitive Methodist Chapel hosting a pre 1996 Harvest Festival. The oak pulpit and altar rail were built by my father, James Cecil Telford, and in its shadow so many Haydonians were baptised, married and: 'Stopped a while on their last journey



How many of these 1950s young Haydon Bridge Sunday School Methodists do you recognise?



Maybe you recognise some of these Haydon Bridge folk on a Sunday School trip to Whitley Bay in the late 1940s - early 1950s. At a time when annual holidays were few and far between, the Sunday School day trip was a great joy.

PLACES OF WORSHIP AND PAGES OF HISTORY

Part 4

(Continued from The Haydon News' of December 2020, and February and March 2021)

Langley-on-Tyne, in the south of the Parish, also has an interesting history of non-conformist worship:

Around 1860, the Primitives and the United Free Methodists of Langley worshipped at alternate times, in the afternoon and evening, in the same 'chapel' that had been allocated to the workers at Langley and Blagill Mills (See Part 2, February 2021, of this history).

Although the Primitives were said to be the stronger grouping of the two, they were forced out of the Langley Mills' accommodation by the United Free Methodists. These United Free Methodists were a reforming group of Wesleyans (See next column).

And yet, W.M. Patterson in his 1909 publication 'Northern Free Methodism', saw this Langley incident as: 'A real gain to the Primitives'. Patterson's belief was based on the fact that there were a good number of local Primitive Methodist preachers who were a power in the district and, importantly, they included James Davison (whom we met in February's Part 2 of this history).

It was Mr. Davison who had opened his school room at Dean Raw, not far away from the 'chapel' building at Langley Mills, and the Primitive Methodists who had been cast-out of their Langley accommodation, were welcomed with open arms to a room in James Davison's Dean Raw School, where they continued to hold their services with a great deal of success.

The growth of the non-conformist worshippers in the Tyne Valley and the Chapelry and Parish of Haydon in the nineteenth century was remarkable and, in addition to Langley's Primitives and United Free Methodists, by 1860 there were Wesleyans and United Free Methodists on the south side of what is today's Ratcliffe Road, in Haydon Bridge; Primitive Methodists in an old brew house on what is today's Shaftoe Street; and Independent Methodists on the west side of the road at the bottom, of today's North Bank, in what is 'Garden House' today.

Each denomination had chapels in Haydon Bridge. Six official places of worship if you include the two St. Cuthbert's Churches at Haydon and in Haydon Bridge.

Noteworthy, don't you think?

Who were the Independents; and the United Free Methodists who worshipped in Langley and Haydon Bridge? Let me explain.

The **'Independents'** have a history that can be traced back as early as the sixteenth / seventeenth centuries as separatists from the Church of England, although it wasn't until the nineteenth century that our Haydon Bridge Independent chapel became established on the west side at the bottom of the North Bank leading out of the village. This new chapel was built for the 'Independents' in 1818 and was used until it became too small for the increasing congregations, and was superseded by a larger building on the east side of the road at the bottom of the North Bank. The Independents' new chapel was built in 1863 at a cost of £700 and was capable of accommodating four hundred people.

It is more than likely that the development and growth of the Independents in Haydon Bridge was influenced by the rise of Methodism in the district. You may recall that the Primitive Methodist Chapel on Church Street was also built in 1863.

The 'Independent' Methodist worshippers moved across the road from their first place of worship opposite and they eventually became known as the **Congregationalists** and they were at home for many years in the new 1863 chapel in the bottom of the North Bank.



An early post card showing the North Road at Haydon Bridge with the 1863 Congregational Chapel on the right and the Independents' original 1818 place of worship in the foreground on the other side of the road.

In 1972, the Congregational Church of England and Wales joined with the Presbyterians to form one United Reformed Church. Today, the 1863 chapel of the Congregationalists at Haydon Bridge, and from 1972 the United Reformed Church, still exists, but no longer as a place of worship.

The **United Free Methodists** were of much later origin and were formed by a breakaway group of Wesleyan reformers, who had left the original

Wesleyans in 1849. The Haydon Bridge United Free Methodist Chapel was built in 1856 on a site provided by Mr. Thomas Wray. The chapel was described by T. Bulmer in 1886 as a plain stone building capable of seating three hundred persons, which had cost £200 to build. These Wesleyan reformers had a relatively short life in their Haydon Bridge chapel on Ratcliffe Road.

Many men with influence and commitment in the early days of non-conformist growth, were from our district; maybe your ancestors are included in my list of just a few of those local worthies:

I have already mentioned Messrs Davison and Hutchinson of Dean Raw and Corbitt and Symm of Haydon Bridge, and the three Lowes brothers who were farmers at Cowburn and Galisharigg (sic) - (*See Part 2, Feb. 2021 HN*) John Davidson of Belmont has also been recalled earlier in my history, as have Thomas Pearson and Thomas Brown, each of whom provided a roof for the Haydon Bridge Wesleyans and the Primitive Methodists.

There were others, as yet not recalled in this brief outline: Miss Pattinson, who was to become the wife of James Davison of Dean Raw School, and Mathew P. Davison, a son of the Dean Raw schoolmaster. There were, also, others from interesting locations just outside our parish, including: William Armstrong of Whinshields, his wife and three sons, each one of them becoming local and travelling preachers and one, George Armstrong a Dean Raw scholar, became one of the great personalities of the early Primitive Methodist movement.

Others were: John Thompson of Cranberry Brow, the Henderson family of Huntercrook, Thomas Ritson of Partridge Nest, and William Thompson of Henshaw. William was another who was a relation of Isabella Martin (nee Thompson), whose religious fervour so influenced her sons John and Jonathan.

It is interesting, and is it significant I wonder, that many of our noted early local preachers can be described as living 'ootbye', and making a living from the land. Non-conformist Harvest Festivals were, for many years, celebrated in Haydon Bridge with great gusto, as I recall.

I started this brief history in December 2020, with mention of St. Cuthbert's Church's project, 'Living on the Frontier'. That proposal to bring together the story of our heritage through our places of worship is a wonderful and worthwhile plan and my best wishes go to everyone involved.

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This picture is in acrylic and I used a pallet knife which I recently started experimenting with.

There is a nostalgic association with signal boxes which began when I was at school. An acquaintance was working as a signaller in Newark. I can still picture Derek with his peaked hat, and that he could keep his long curly hair at a time when the school measured the length of our hair.

I remember visiting the signal box and seeing the contained surroundings of his workplace, with a coal fire

burning on a cold winters evening, I thought he had the perfect job!

We know a few friends who have found drawing or painting helpful over the past year. It takes some courage to express creativity – well, it did for me. Encouragement can be important.

Mark Royston McGovern



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- Ratcliffe Road
- Brigwood
- Strother Close
- Langley Gardens
- The Showfield
- Shaftoe Street
- Shaftoe Terrace
- Martins Close
- Church Street
- Belmont Gardens
- Stone Halt
- Hordley Acres
- Greenwich Gdns
- Innerhaugh Mews
- Whittis Hill
- Crook Hill Close

RAYDON FRIDGE and DUSTY BINN

My legs ache, Raydon, and I haven't enough pub staff. I told the landlord I need extra support at the weekends.

He bought me some surgical stockings.

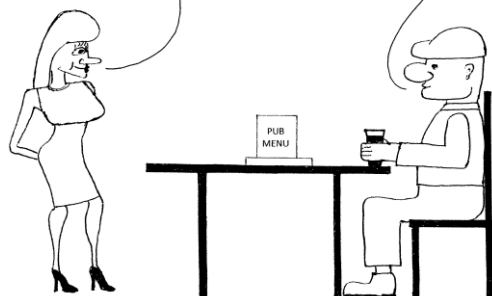
Good for you, Dusty, what did he do about it?



RAYDON FRIDGE and DUSTY BINN

My husband keeps buying useless gadgets on line, Raydon, last week he decided to buy a bacon slicer.

One of his rasher decisions, Dusty?



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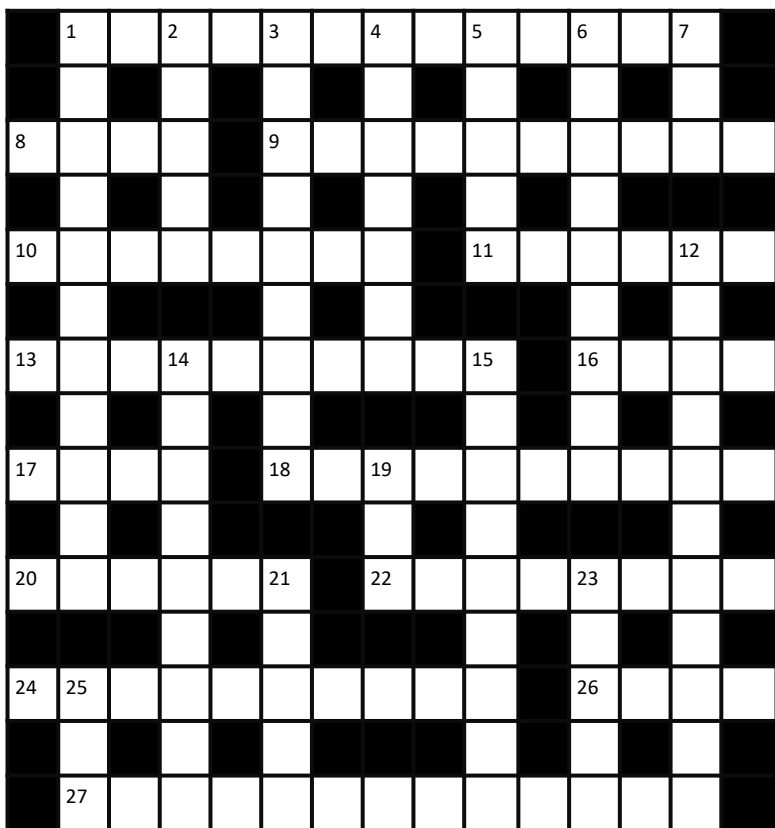
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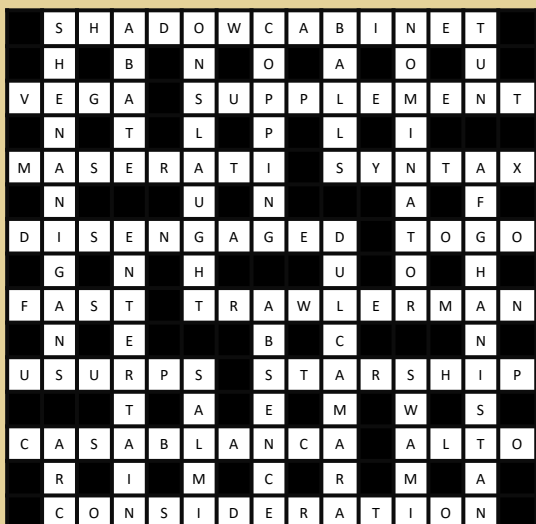
1. Edinburgh's best known thoroughfare (7,6)
8. A fabric with a highly glazed finish (4)
9. A violation of the law (10)
- 10 & 13. Satirical TV panel show with Paul Merton and Ian Hislop (4,1,3,4,3,3)
11. A spiced Moroccan soup, usually containing pulses (6)
13. See 10
16. German river, rising in the Czech Republic and flowing into the North Sea (4)
17. One of the three trigonometrical functions (4)
18. Greek islands in the Aegean, the capital of which is Rhodes (10)
20. Pertaining to atmospheric disturbance in wireless reception (6)
22. Light bomber aircraft of WW2 (8)
24. Former British WBC heavyweight title holder (5,5)
26. Acronym of a coronavirus first identified in China in 2003 (4)
27. Chronic inflammatory condition of the gastrointestinal tract (6,7)

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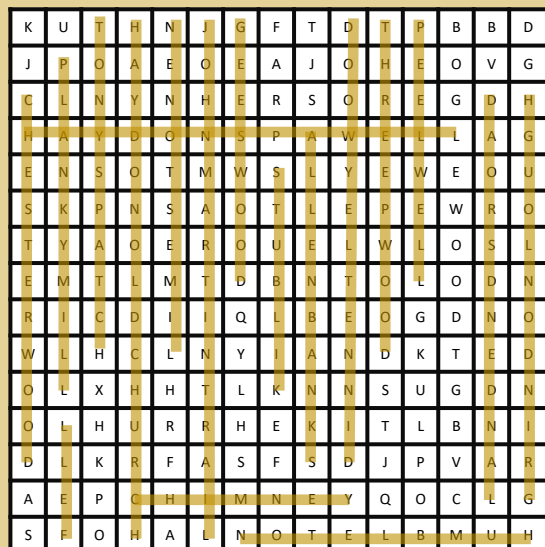
1. Person who studies and collects stamps (11)
2. Dame _ Hays, Sunderland based businesswoman (5)
3. Essex town near Epping Forest, now part of NE London (9)
4. Plaything such as a teddy bear (4,3)
5. To impart knowledge or skill (5)
6. Relating to the Muse of lyric poetry and music (9)
7. _ Te Ching, Chinese philosophic text credited to Lao Tzu (3)
12. Architect of France's Reign of Terror in 1793 (11)
14. Musical direction meaning to become more relaxed and slower (9)
- 15 & 21. 1852 novel by Harriet Beecher Stowe (5,4,5)
19. Small edible flatfish of the Limanda family (3)
21. see 15
23. Minor prophet of the Old Testament (5)
25. Enormous Middle Eastern legendary bird of prey (3)



March puzzle answers:



1	5	2	4	8	9	3	7	6
7	3	9	2	5	6	8	4	1
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“Everybody who is incapable of learning has taken to teaching.”

Oscar Wilde

“So what do you teach?” “Children, mostly.....mea apologia, just my warped sense of humour. I teach Latin and Greek.”
“Oh.....amo, amas, amat?”

An exchange which became increasingly familiar throughout my teaching career, usually followed by a reaction of sheer horror that our youth was still being exposed to the torture of a dead language or, conversely, that Latin was his/her favourite subject at school and that he/she should have continued to study it beyond ‘O’ level. Just like Marmite, there is usually no middle ground; one either loves it or hates it.

I have been told that, in order to be successful in the study of Classical languages, one has to be intelligent. This is, to some extent, true but there are always exceptions and my own experience perhaps goes some way to proving the old adage ‘the exception that proves the rule’.

I was fortunate enough to pass the 11+ examination and was awarded a place at Colchester Royal Grammar School which was, and still is, regarded as one of the best such establishments in the county, regularly featuring in the top twenty of schools who publish their examination results annually. I attended a small village primary school (as I recall, there were only 14 or so pupils in our year group) and was the only boy (CRGS was, at the time, a single sex school) to achieve this accolade. I guess I had cruised through the primary years and it came as quite a shock when I was no longer the most intelligent individual in the classroom, and I became quite reticent about answering in class. French was the worst and the very thought of speaking in French filled me with horror; a few of the boys in my class had been studying the language for a couple of years at a local independent school and, to my ear, they spoke like natives. However, Latin was a new subject to everyone in 1R and I felt that, as we all began on an equal footing and there was no requirement to speak the language, this was an area in which I could possibly compete and even excel.

Our teacher was a wonderful, elderly lady called Mrs Bishhoff – to this day I don’t know her forename, but either Cynthia or Rosemary would have been appropriate. She was one of those gifted teachers who not only ruled the classroom with an iron rod but also was able to explain complicated items of grammar and syntax in order to enable understanding. We nicknamed her ‘Dishy Bishy’ and one of my pals became somewhat obsessed with the fact that she appeared to wear a different pair of shoes every time she taught us and created a log, complete with dates, descriptions, sketches and even a mark out of 10 for each pair – it didn’t seem odd at the time but it certainly does now! Anyhow, she gave me a fabulous start in the language for which I remain very grateful.

After two years, we were given the option to choose another language in Year 9; those who had fared well at Latin were encouraged to take up Greek whereas others were pointed towards either German or Spanish. So I found myself studying both Greek and Latin under the tutelage of two young teachers straight from training college and, although I certainly didn’t know it then, these guys, one of whom I remain in touch with, were instrumental in shaping the course of my future career.

The time came to choose subjects for ‘O’ level and my parents attended a meeting at school to discuss options. Upon their return, my father invited me to sit opposite him at the kitchen table so that he could reveal the results of the various conversations. It didn’t begin well. We had to study at least one Science subject and it had been recommended that I take Biology as it was, in my father’s words, ‘the least scientific’. But I was being actively encouraged to continue with both Latin and Greek. However, I was struggling for another subject to fill the timetable alongside Maths, English and French. Without a word, he left the kitchen, returning some five minutes or so later with an envelope in one hand and a glass of whisky in the other; this was one of the very few occasions when I can remember him drinking alcohol and I was terrified! The envelope contained his school report, in which he had been ranked in the top four of his class of twenty six for Maths, Science and Metalwork but bottom in Latin! With a resigned sigh, he exclaimed: “It’s clearly your mother’s fault!” He drained his glass and disappeared off to his shed. No further mention of the matter was made and it was eventually decided that History should fill the vacant slot.

As We Take Our Leave - a message from the Vicar

Covid restrictions allowing on Sunday 11 April I will lead my final service in St Cuthbert's as Vicar of Haydon Bridge and Beltingham with Henshaw before formally taking up my new post as Canon Warden of Carlisle Cathedral at the end of April. As you can imagine I have spent a great deal of time reflecting on the wonderful time we have had here and the great welcome Steph, Elizabeth, Matilda and I have received from the whole community.

If you were to ask me to pick a single highlight of my time here, you might be surprised by the answer. My highlight would have been something that, for many people, might have gone unnoticed. It came in the last spring of 2018 when I arrived at Church and opened the Church door with a key. What is so special about this you might ask? Well until that point the only simple access into the Church was through the vestry door with the main door bolted from the inside, the key to open it lost somewhere in the mists of time. But we are able to find a craftsman to recast the great key and use it to open the Church daily for anyone who wanted to use it.

This remains a highlight because it is symbolic of what I hope we have been able to do through this time as the Parish Church serving the life of this whole community. Opening our buildings – at the same time the Old Church was opened daily for the first time – is emblematic of the vision of the PCC to open the Church out into the life of the community.

All the other highlights of my time here have grown from this one vision: Fetes and Markets in the Church and grounds; regular pop-up Café and St Cuthbert's at community events and through the year; school services and trips through the years; the privilege to be part of the celebration and commemoration of birth, marriage, and death; and the regular, more varied and growing rhythm of prayer and worship through each day and week and year.

Of course, this has not been without bumps on the way. Our ambition has often been curtailed by the limitations of our buildings. But this did inspire us to buy a Bell-Tent and grow – through God's Tent (www.godstent.org) – a new and creative pattern of prayer and worship. Of course, the biggest bump has come through the limitations of this last year. One of the consequences of this has been that plans to apply for funding to help in the improvements of both St Cuthbert's and Haydon Old Church have been delayed. However, the PCC remains committed to our vision for the Haydon Churches and is actively looking to re-engage with partners and possible funders as the restrictions of the past year are lifted. I am though pleased to say that, as work commences this month on Haydon Old Church, we have been able to care for and maintain the buildings that we care for on behalf of the whole community.

I have been enormously proud of how we as a Church have been able to respond to the very particular challenges of this past year. Whilst we have not been able to be as open as we would have wanted, we have been able to use our Facebook page and other online resources to remain visible as a praying and worshipping community

when we haven't been able to be in our buildings. Through the coming weeks and months we will be working hard to be as present and open to the whole community as we move steadily through the process of the easing of lockdown. Through this period of challenge we have found, in our church community, a renewed commitment to prayer and pastoral support. Encouraged by this members of our church community will, after Easter, begin training to be "Authorised Lay Ministers" to enhance and complement the existing patterns of ministry in the Parish.

Whatever the future holds for our churches, and for the Parish of Haydon Bridge which they serve, I will always remember the kindness and openness we have received from you all through our time here. I sincerely hope that this spirit of openness and service will remain as your Parish Church continues in the flourishing and faithfulness which I have witnessed here during my incumbency.

You will all remain in my prayers, and I hope that we will remain in yours.

With all my thanks and love,

Benjamin Carter



Celebrations at the Old Church



Café at St Cuthberts

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Palm Sunday, Sunday 28 March 2021

9.30am: Eucharist and Liturgy of the Palms, All Hallows Henshaw

11am: Eucharist and Liturgy of the Palms, St Cuthbert's Haydon Bridge

Wednesday of Holy Week, Wednesday 31 March 2021

6pm: Eucharist, All Hallows' Henshaw

Maundy Thursday, Thursday 1 April 2021

7pm: Eucharist and Watch, St Cuthbert's Haydon Bridge

Good Friday, Friday 2 April 2021

12noon: Haydon Bridge Good Friday Act of Witness, St Cuthbert's Haydon Bridge

2pm: The Last Hour, St Cuthbert's Beltingham

Easter Day, Sunday 4 April 2021

9.30am: Eucharist, All Hallows' Henshaw

11am: Eucharist, St Cuthbert's Haydon Bridge

Please note that Covid-safe practices will be followed at all services and some services may require prior booking or be altered if local Covid restrictions change. Please see public notices across the community and on our website and social media pages for up to date information.

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

Deacon Anne Taylor, (with the Methodist Church)

Woodville', Redesmouth Road,

Bellingham NE48 2EH,

Tel: 01434 220283

Father Christopher Warren, (With St John's Catholic Church)

c/o St. Mary's, Hexham.

Tel. 01434 603119

Methodist Church Update

Following District Guidelines and as long as Covid rates do not increase, the Methodist Church in the village will re-open on Sunday 18th April at the slightly later time of 10.30 am (one Sunday service only) A fortnightly more informal service will begin on Wednesday 21st April at 7pm

Services therefore are set to run as follows:

Sunday 18th April 10.30 am Rev. Tony Buglass

Sunday 25th April 10.30 am Diane Wylie

Sunday 2nd May 10.30 am Deacon Anne Taylor

Wednesday 21st April 7.00 pm Informal Worship

Wednesday 5th May 7.00 pm Informal Worship

Building Works at Haydon Old Church

Please note that from Monday April 6th essential building works and repairs will be taking place at Haydon Old Church. For safety reasons we have to close the Church and Churchyard to the public during this period. We expect the work to be completed in four weeks.

St John of Beverley Update



Holy Thursday (April 1st) 7.00pm

St. Oswald's RC Church, Bellingham

Good Friday (April 2nd) 3.00pm

St. Johns. RC Church, Haydon Bridge.

Good Friday (April 2nd) 3.00pm

St. Wilfrid's. Haltwhistle.

Easter Day (April 4th) 9.00pm

St. John's Haydon Bridge

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Try empanadas Colombians, Ecuadorian patacones, quesadillas and burritos, plantains, Mexican coffee and fresh juices and smoothies.

As the weather further improves & the lockdown restrictions ease, you'll be able to sit in the gardens to eat and eventually indoors – and plans for Mexican bands and salsa are in the pipeline!

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Jobs For Your Garden In April

By Adam Howells

While 2020 seemed to drag on for an eternity, 2021 is dashing by at a pace. It seems like only last week that we were ankle deep in snow and here we are with the crocuses all but done and the daffodils beginning to fade. Having said that, we still need to watch out for frosts so keep an eye on the weather to protect your tender plants.

Lawn Care

- It's been over 5^o most days for a good few weeks now so you should be about ready to give the grass a trim now.
- Mow lawns - the aim is to maintain a constant height; not necessarily short! Do what is best for your lawn.
- You can sow new lawns or over-seed dead patches from mid-April to early May.
- Apply a high nitrogen spring lawn fertiliser to encourage good, strong growth.

Trees, shrubs and climbers

- Tie climbing and rambling roses as near to horizontal as possible to restrict sap flow therefore causing more sideshoots to grow along the stem which results in more flowers.
- Mulching rose and shrub beds with a layer of organic matter will help retain moisture and reduce weed build-up; it will also improve soil structure over time.
- Remove frost damaged shoots from evergreens damaged by wintry weather.

- Variegated evergreens can begin to show green shoots. If this happens there is a danger that the entire plant will revert to the single colour form, so remove these now to prevent this.

Flowers

- Remove tired or dead winter bedding and plants that did not survive the winter.
- Sweet peas can be sown outside this month.
- Deadhead daffodil and tulip flowers, nipping off the heads and seed pod as they fade but don't cut them down yet.

It seem the April showers tend to come in May or June these days, but I'd wager there's a good chance of the odd downpour yet so take advantage of the dry days where you can.

If you need help with any of the above, or more specific advice on any of the points, please feel free to get in touch.

Adam

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As you no doubt know there have been delays in going ahead with the road scheme on Ratcliffe Road/Church Street. We received the email below explaining why this happened.

Dear Alan

I am writing following your phone call and emails about the above scheme. Can I first of all apologise to you and the Parish Council on behalf of the County Council for the delay in the construction of these works. I appreciate that this has been a project that has been developed over a long period of time and one that everyone would have liked to have seen commenced sooner. However for a variety of reasons the scheme development, design, road safety audits and approvals meant that we were only ready to commence works on 2nd December 2020. We hoped from that time that the works would be completed in 20 working days. Unfortunately the construction of the works has been delayed for a number of reasons for which, as I say, I apologise.

From the 2nd December the construction team worked on the scheme for 5 days but then unfortunately were impacted by Covid-19, with staff needing to self isolate. This halted work which meant that no further work was carried out before the Christmas and New Year construction break, which ran from 18th December to 4th January. In January weather events intervened, with both snow and flooding which the workforce had to concentrate on, meaning that work did not recommence on site until 18th January. It was on the 19th January that

the requirement for Network Rail permissions because of the proximity of the works to the level crossing was recognised and the works were stopped. The request for permission to carry out the works was sent to Network Rail the next day, on 20th January.

As you are aware, the contact process with Network Rail is through a generic email address and phone number and we have struggled to get a response from them despite follow up emails and calls on 8th, 11th, 25th and 26th February. However, I am now pleased to report that we have received contact from Network Rail on 1st March and hope to meet with them to discuss the position tomorrow, which should allow us to plan a date for works to recommence. Clearly the failure to consider the need to seek permission from Network Rail in the first instance was an oversight by our Design team in the original planning of the works. In mitigation, the requirement to notify Network Rail of works is when they are within 200m of a level crossing and these works are very nearly at that distance and hence the issue with the proximity of the level crossing may have been missed. However, it should have been picked up and this will be a learning point for us going forward.

I hope this explains the position. We will seek to re-start the works as possible and Andy Olive will provide a further update when we know when that will be.

David Laux - Head of Technical Services- Local Services, Northumberland County Council

How to keep your dog safe

Dog theft increased by a staggering 250% in 2020 due to thieves cashing in on the demand for puppies during lockdown. With more people working from home, the demand for puppies has increased — as has the cost of purchasing a puppy — which has increased from around £500 to more than £2,000.

The most common places dogs are stolen from are:

- 23% of dogs were stolen from gardens
- 11% stolen from homes
- 11% stolen whilst out walking

Make sure your dog is microchipped

Every responsible dog owner should have their dogs microchipped. Make sure your details are up to date as this is easier for you to be reunited if your dog is ever to get lost.

Don't tie your dog up outside a shop

Sadly, this is one of the main ways a dog can be stolen. Its very easy for someone to drive or walk past and see there is a dog left on its own and they can un tie it and be gone before you have come out of the shop.

Don't leave your dog alone in the car

Just as you wouldn't leave your phone, handbag, wallet etc on display. We should try and consider our dogs the same. It is also inadvisable to leave dogs in a vehicle on hot sunny days.

Practise recall/use an extendable lead

Try and train your dog from a very early age to return to wherever and whenever they are called. This is so you can call them back if they run off during a walk and you cant see them. Use a extendable lead until their recall is good enough to be let off the lead.

Report any suspicious activity

If you notice anything suspicious this should be reported to the police so they can make a note.

Avoid the same routine

If there is an increase in dog thefts of strange activity in your area, it would be a good idea to avoid a routine and use different routes while out walking. This is to try and prevent potential thieves knowing where and what time you might be out walking.

Walk with a friend

Try and walk with a friend if you feel concerned. This must be done in accordance with the lockdown restrictions at the moment.

Avoid location tags on social media

Sharing too much on social media could show potential thieves where you live and any walks you may go on.

If your dog is having puppies - Try not to advertise too much online, puppies won't be microchipped and will carry a higher price tag when sold on.

Keen to demonstrate to his son’s teachers that they were taking home schooling duties very seriously, Bill Jones and his wife decided to visit a local zoo where they were advertising “incredibly intelligent talking chimpanzees”. When they arrived, sure enough there were two chimpanzees one of which was reading Darwin’s Origin of Species and the Bible. A notice on the bars of the cage suggested that visitors should ask the animals some simple questions. So Bill asked “Why are you reading those two books?” to which came the answer “I want to find out whether I am my brother’s keeper or my keeper’s brother.”

February represented a classic transition from severe winter frost and snow to spring flowers. In every sense this was a month of two halves – the average daytime air temperature up to mid-month was 1.7 degC but rose to 10.0 degC in the latter half. In the first half the wind was stubbornly in the east while in the latter it shifted dramatically to west/ southwest. The key was the position of the Jet Stream which kept the British Isles in cold arctic air until the 14th when it brought us into warm tropical air from the south.

While the British Isles remained under the control of a cold arctic airflow air temperatures were very low and night frosts were severe but frontal activity brought heavy precipitation, much of which fell as snow. Between the 2nd and 6th there was sufficient to provide a significant ground cover to a depth in excess of 10 cms at Plunderheath. This was sufficient to disrupt road traffic but fortunately the snow was often sleety in nature and didn’t generate deep drifts until the thaw was well under way. At the outset the cold spell had been flagged as a possible ‘beast from the east’ scenario but the polar high pressure began to yield to Atlantic weather systems from the west on the 14th. This resulted in warmer atmospheric conditions and most of the snow cover below 750 ft was away by the 15th. For the remainder of the month the wind was from the west/south-west and the weather was typically very variable. Although there were spells of depressingly dull and damp weather there were occasional sunny spells with some warmth in the air. Some of the cyclonic activity was associated with fresh to very strong winds but insufficient to do much structural damage.

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

Month	Average Maximum Temp (Day) deg C	Relative to long-term average degC	Average Minimum Temp (Night) deg C	Relative to long-term average degC	Rainfall mm	Percentage of long-term average
February	6.2	-0.2	0.8	--0.5	98.3	155

And finally, Gladys tells me about a young father-do-be who was anxious to find out how his wife was, as he had heard that she had been rushed into the local maternity hospital. They had been told to expect twins but he could hardly have expected what he was told. Unfortunately in his anxiety he phoned the wrong number and reached the local cricket ground. When he asked how things were going he received the reply “Pretty well; we have got three out so far and the last one was a duck”.

A New Life in Northumberland

Well, this lockdown scenario has stifled any original thoughts I may once have had -whether or not I had any in the first place being a questionable thing!

Conversation has diminished or become decidedly boring because nothing much can happen in lockdown, activity being stymied and all that. When contacting my family down South, for example, there is not much news to impart. Even doing our monthly Zoom quiz has become a bit of a grinding bore. I think by now my family have exhausted just about every single quiz topic one could think of! The annoying thing is that if indeed any questions or topics are accidentally repeated, I seem to no longer have the receptive gene or memory capacity to recall the correct answer! While someone else will say “we had that question last month” it makes no odds to me - I still can’t get it right! The answer must have gone in one ear and out the other.

Beyond quizzes, in my house we’ve tried all manner of board games to try and alleviate the boredom. I am nearly at the stage where I could hurl the scrabble board across the room and never look a pack of cards ‘in the eye’ again. We even bought a darts

board to make life in lockdown a bit more fun – though any thoughts of joining a darts team (when that is permissible of course) have certainly gone out the window, as I seem more adept at making pin holes in the surrounding walls, than improving my aiming skills!

Even heated debates about politics (or, more often in this household, food) have become repetitive: “should we have mash with the chops tonight or try stir fry - oh we had stir fry last week!” With little else to do, I’ve been cooking a lot more than pre-Covid. Though with all this time to do more baking and to think up more elaborate meals, trying to continuously find creative inspiration is difficult! Having always loved my food (the planning and preparation and obviously the eating of it) it’s a shame when even this has become tiresome.

However, although I have painted a rather bleak picture, it’s not all doom and gloom. There is some light at the end of the tunnel. Many vaccinations have been achieved, the weather should be improving, nights will get lighter and we can all look forward to a semblance of whatever ‘normality’ may now mean.

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The climate crisis is even bigger than the covid crisis. Government took some drastic action on that – showing that drastic measures at the top level are possible.

These mandated people to take action at a personal level, like locking down, social distancing, wearing a face mask, washing hands, working at home, educating at home etc.

During the covid crisis we are able, sometimes with financial support from the Government, to take very immediate and affordable actions that are actually effective in protecting our lives.

Taking action at a personal lifestyle level that affects the rapidly changing climate is much harder – and often only possible if we are privileged enough to be able to afford to. That is not to say we shouldn't try if we can – but we should also not feel bad if we can't. It is action at Government level, both nationally and internationally that is urgently needed. And we can each, personally, attempt to affect this.

This week I have written to our MP, Guy Opperman, and our Parish Council, to ask them to support the Campaign for a Local Electricity Bill. This aims to enable local energy groups to set up and to make renewable energy locally and sell it locally, to benefit the local community. A few of us in the village are trying to get funding for a feasibility study to see what renewable energy it would be possible to generate in the village. We would love a community energy company to be set up that could both provide some local employment and put some money back into the community – this could even be used to make our older properties more energy efficient, or to support people who are unable to pay their fuel bills. However, at the moment the current rules make this totally unviable.

This bill aims to change the rules. There is more information here <https://powerforpeople.org.uk/write-to-your-mp-leb>, or you could listen to a very good talk about it here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VJ67RX3lg6Q>

The more support it gets, the more likely it is to go through – and it already has quite a lot. You can support it personally. And the more letters Mr Opperman gets, the more likely he is to support it too.

I will always continue to act at a personal lifestyle level too. The main reason is that it feels empowering to be able to make small changes. In the face of such a huge challenge as climate change, it is easy to feel totally overwhelmed. Our most recent household excitement is buying kits that convert our normal bikes into electric bikes – and back to normal by just lifting a small unit off the front (or just turning it off). Having recovered from my initial irrational fear that the bike wouldn't stop when I wanted it too, I am totally hooked! As you approach a steep hill you can simply switch the unit in front of you on and the act of pedalling causes you to generate quite a bit of extra oomph! It feels fantastic! Have a look and give it a go - www.swytchbike.com

Our main reason for getting them was to shop in Hexham without the car – or to make riding back from Hexham after a night out more bearable!

Please DO get in touch with any thoughts and feelings you have about Climate change. Is it something you worry about? If so, what do you worry about? Is there anything you think we could be doing in our local area to help?

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Northumberland County of Sanctuary

NCoS (Northumberland County of Sanctuary) is in need of a volunteer fundraiser. As we come out of lockdown, we need to raise funds for our necessary development.

NCoS is a charity that works with people seeking sanctuary and refugees who have been placed in Northumberland by the Home Office. There are quite a lot of them, over 450, including children, mostly but not all, in the south east of

the county. They bring many skills and much energy to contribute to our county (at least three have been international footballers!) and they have faith in our institutions and share our values - that is why they are here.

The work of the fundraiser will be a bit intermittent, sometimes an intense few days, when preparing an application and communicating with funders (both organisations and people), at other times life will be quiet.

Interested? Please get in touch with Ben Hopkinson, benjamin.hopkinson@gmail.com phone 01665714213, to find out more.

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