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It's been a time of hot weather and busy fields in the last few weeks as farmers around the village transformed the landscape into bales. And while hayfever sufferers have said it's been a particularly bad year, it's been nice to be able to spend so much time outdoors for a change in the north of England!

The Haydon News goes on its summer break now (a staycation this year!) but we'll be back with our autumnal issue at the beginning of October.

If you'd like to submit something for any future issue, please get in touch at editor@haydonnews.co.uk

Enjoy the rest of the summer!

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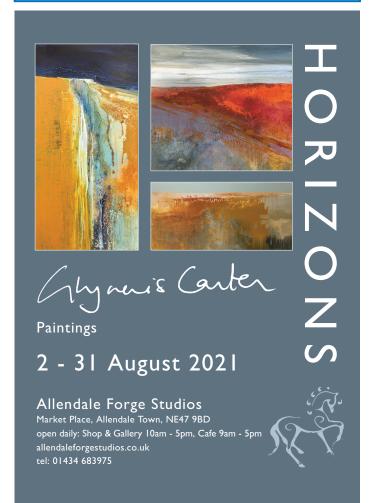
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Newsagents 11 Church Street.
Thank you

Haydon Bridge U9's Football

Our talented football team held their end of season presentation night in June. This was a low-key event due to COVID restrictions unfortunately, but well done to all our players and good luck next season!





MEETING OF HAYDON PARISH COUNCIL ON THE 24TH OF JUNE 2021, AT HAYDON BRIDGE COMMUNITY CENTRE.

Present: Cllrs J. Bates, I. Burrows, E. Charlton, E. Faulks (Chair), B. Howard, J. Keyte, A. Kirsopp, A. Sharp, R. Snowdon and D. Thornhill; member of the public & C. McGivern (mins.).

Public participation - Brian Welch said that there had been around 20 children playing in front of his house over the last weekend, which had led to plants and other things being damaged. At the same time there were no children at the play park. He explained that since the removal of the garages more vehicles are parked on the roads. He said he didn't want to stop children playing, but this needed to be in the right place. He was concerned that with children playing on the roads, there would soon be an accident. Cllr Charlton agreed that with the removal of the garages, and the removal also of play equipment for older children an accident was waiting to happen. Mr Welch asked why plastic parking grids could not be used on the grass, along with dropped kerbs to create more parking spaces. Cllr Sharp said that this could be suggested to Karbon Homes, but only if the majority were in support and the estate would need to be looked at as a whole. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to Karbon Homes to alert them to the problem.

Apologies – were received from Cllrs Richardson and Thompson.

Declarations of interest – none were received.

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

Report from Northumberland County Council -

With regards to the work on the Ratcliffe Road/Church Street scheme, the work has now been completed and the road markings have been done on the passing place and on the bridge. The surface dressing works have been carried out on the road at the west and east of the village, and road sweeping has been requested too. Some further work will be carried on the road to Threepwood in the near future. The road surfacing works have been completed on the B6309 road from Haydon Bridge to Fourstones.

With regards to the water coming down West Mill Hills Bank and washing away the surfaceu4fv, Cllr Sharp is still awaiting the report from Northumbrian Water.

Some pot-holes have been filled in at Middle Lipwood and some further work is still required. There are some surface dressing works also needed on the road between Woodbine Cottage and Standalone. Cllr Sharp has inspected the road to West Rattenraw and NCC agree that the road requires some work, as it is falling away on the sides. There is also hedge cutting to be carried out in this location, and the road requires sweeping. Road sweeping has also been requested on the estates around the village.

Bridge works are required to the main bridge in the village and works are expected to start in January 2022 and will last a total of 14 weeks. This work is necessary to refurbish the structure, address some issues with the structure and extend it's working life. The works will involve an external contractor repainting the bridge. These works will involve them –

Installing a scaffolding system beneath the bridge. This will include sheeting to enclose the scaffolding and tanking to contain debris from subsequent site operations;

Once the scaffolding is in place, then the existing paint system will be removed using grit blasting to expose the bare

metal. This process will be carried out over the whole of the below deck steel bridge elements;

The bridge will then be repainted. The colour of the new paint system will match, as closely as possible, the current paint system;

Once the paint system has been applied, then the scaffolding will be removed.

To enable the works to be undertaken a traffic management system will be installed; this is both to protect the site staff and the motorist. It is anticipated that the traffic management system will be a road closure, however this may change. It is our intention to minimise disruption as much as possible.

Cllr Sharp has agreed to give Haydon Bridge Football Club £3,462 towards new goal posts.

NCC has confirmed that the Scouts can put planters on the bridge which will be secured to the side of the bridge. The Clerk said that this would be done on the 26th June, and that the Scouts thanked the PC for their support.

Cllr Sharp had received several complaints about the speed of traffic going down John Martin Street and planned to sort out a date for all parties to have meet onsite.

The landowner has agreed that the County Council can proceed with the proposed re-direction of the footpath to Haydon Spa Well and Tim Fish will be starting the formal diversion consultation as soon as possible.

Highways -

Cllr Thornhill noted that there had recently been criticism of the PC on Facebook regarding the Ratcliffe Road scheme, despite public consultation and regular reports in the minutes published in the Haydon News. Unfortunately, those who approve of the changes had not commented. Cllr Sharp hoped that people would begin to use the parking spaces on the bridge. He went on to say that at all stages of the project he had sought the PC's approval before any element proceeded. Cllr Thornhill noted that the road was now more regulated than when the A69 had come along this route. He asked if the PC thought it was worthwhile a sub-committee carrying out a review of the project to see if any lessons needed to be learned. This was agreed. Cllr Snowdon will chair the sub-committee, and he will be joined by Cllrs Kirsopp and Thornhill. They hope to report back to the PC in the autumn.

Cllr Bates said that where the A686 meets the A69 the road surface is collapsing at the $\;$ centre. Cllr Sharp will take this up with NCC.

Lighting – nothing to report.

Planning applications -

21/02129/FUL - Proposed conversion of existing redundant farm building into a single dwelling at Low Hall Farmhouse - NO OBJECTIONS.

21/02095/FUL - Remove existing sheds and construct timber holiday chalet on concrete pad with parking area adjacent. Land To South Of Stublic View Langley - NO OBJECTIONS.

Cllr Snowdon said that at the last meeting the PC had listened to David Robson describing problems with drains. In a recent NALC bulletin Stephen Rickett had mentioned the concerns of 2 other parish councils regarding developers being allowed to connect

into the sewerage system without any concern for existing properties. On Wednesday 30th June there will be a zoom meeting to discuss planning matters. Cllr Snowdon wondered whether someone should take part from the PC. It was agreed that Cllrs Snowdon and Thornhill would attend.

Accounts – as in budget.

Cllr Faulks said that the Handyman, Paul Charlton, deserved a medal. 2.25 tonnes of woodchip had been delivered to the cark park behind the Shaftoe Academy and had been barrowed up to Shaftoe Green and spread in the play areas very swiftly. The PC agreed that he'd done a fantastic job.

Cllr Faulks explained that someone had been pulling pieces off the fence at the Showfield Play area and Jack Rumney had been carrying out repairs. Local residents had complained about the fence and he hoped that this time it would be left intact. It was thought that local children had used the pieces of wood to make a den. Cllr Keyte said he would take a look next time he was on site. It was agreed that a letter should be sent around to alert parents to the issue.

Correspondence -

The annual report was received from Roadlink.

The Northumberland Local Plan Examination proposed main modifications documents were received from NCC.

Parish projects -

Development Trust/The Bridge — Cllr Charlton said that the Haydon Hundred had attracted 330 entrants, providing £4,700.00 for the running of the library. Last year there had been a loss of £1,200 so once that is subtracted it gives a profit this year of £3,500.00. Cllr Charlton said that more volunteers for the library and for the Haydon Hundred were needed. When it gets back to normal the library is open 6 days a week. There used to be 6 volunteers per day, now the teams are down to 3 per day.

Any other business -

Cllr Kirsopp said that the area around the library looked terrible, and Cllr Charlton explained that the area had not been cared for due to lockdowns. The herb pots on the patio etc all need to be emptied out and replanted. Cllr Kirsopp went on to say that the rose bed on Ratcliffe Road also needed attention. Cllr Charlton said that this bed had been bequested to the village, and before lockdown Carole Price had done a lot of work clearing the bed and replanting. Mr Richardson had offered help from the Scouts and hopefully this will go ahead shortly.

Cllr Kirsopp said that there was a lot of glass in the stream at Geeswood. A local resident's dog had it's paws cut when it was playing in the stream recently. The Clerk said that she had already reported litter being dumped under the bypass bridge at Geeswood, and she would report it again.

Cllr Kirsopp said that 3 people had rung her to say how wonderful the cemetery looked. One lady said that it

looked magnificent. The Clerk said that she had also spoken to someone who was very complimentary about the cemetery, but they wondered if a little more screening could be created as at present anyone visiting a grave is very visible from the road. The idea of planting some shrubs was discussed.

Cllr Faulks passed on a request from Alan Batey, who carries out the cemetery maintenance. He said that lower branches had been removed on one of the lime trees, which stand either side of the gate, and he wondered if he could have permission to remove lower branches on the other one to match. It was agreed that Cllrs would have a look at this and discuss it at the next meeting.

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Zoe Philipson runs Tyne Valley Ices, we caught up with her to find out what it's like to run an ice cream business.

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I was born into the trade, my parents started the company in 1974 next to where we live in Hexhamshire, so I grew up with ice cream and vans! I took over the van when I left school and have been doing it for about eleven years now – it's the best job in the world!

What does a normal week look like for you?

I visit Hexham, Haydon Bridge, Bellingham and other towns at the weekends, as well as attending events, country shows and music festivals when they're happening. I also sponsor a number of sports teams, including the Hexham Scorpions and Hexham Girls Football Team, so I go along to their matches.

I also go along to trade shows and private hires such as birthday parties and weddings – one of the best parts of the job is seeing people's faces when you turn up, making them happy.

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Best days you've had at work?

During Covid in 2020, we went to Hexham Hospital and gave free ice cream to all staff, that was a lovely feeling being able to cool people down and say thank you for their incredible work. We also raise money for the North East Air Ambulance and visited them to give ice creams to their staff. We offer an ice cream from the van all year round that all of the money raised goes towards the air ambulance – ask us for a Solero Exotic next time you see us!

National recognition

I came second in the national competition, Mobiler of the Year – and was the only female to make the final. It was lovely to get that recognition. We also got a Golden Gnome award for being 'lockdown legend' for going the extra mile during lockdown, which was fantastic.

What's the rest of the year going to bring?

We're hoping for a good summer and have lots of new products coming out. We're hopeful that we can attend more events as they start to happen again, so we can continue to support our local community.

What's the Tyne Valley's favourite purchase?

It has to be the traditional ice cream van 99 ice cream in a cone with raspberry sauce and a Flake!

If you'd like to be featured in our next issue, please get in touch by emailing us at: editor@haydon-news.co.uk



High Speed broadband initiative for Haydon Parish

Great progress is being made on the Parish Council high speed broadband initiative with WeeFibre. By early July over 100 households in the parish had registered an interest and the project has been submitted to **DCMS** (Department for Culture, Media and Sport) for approval for use of the broadband vouchers, which is excellent news

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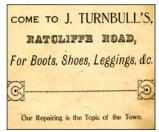
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A Village Institution

Dennis's Historical Notes in the June issue of The Haydon News, and especially the 1928 advert for John and Elsie Turnbull's shoe shop, brought back memories of what was a Haydon Bridge institution.



If you are a (very) senior citizen, you may remember Turnbull's Shoe Shop at number 17 Ratcliffe Road; a domestic dwelling now, number 17 was a retail shop for at least 100 years (and probably longer).

The story begins on April 20th 1811 when John Turnbull, a blacksmith, married Margaret Bell at Haydon Bridge. They lived at Altonside and raised six children, one of which, Joseph, was born on 31st December 1828 and trained to become a cordwainer or shoemaker.

On August 30th 1852, Joseph married Mary Ann Mitchell at Warden and in 1860 they, along with their children Margaret, Rebecca and Isabella, moved into 17 Ratcliffe Road. Whether number 17 had been a shop before 1860 is unknown, although the deeds of the property may shed light on this.

Unfortunately, Mary Ann died in 1863, but Joseph married again, on February 15th 1868, to Jane Bell who was fifteen years younger than him. The couple remained at number 17 for the rest of their lives, where they had seven children including a son John who took over the cordwainer's business. John had married Annie Nixon at Haydon Bridge on June 21st 1897 and they had children Joseph, Elsie, Doris, Ellen, Jane, Nancy, Bell and Marion.

In 1939, John was described as a 'Cordwainer and Shoe Dealer' and living with him was Elsie, a dressmaker, and Nancy who worked in the shop.

Annie died in 1941 and in the same year, Nancy married Thomas Ritson and this meant that Elsie had to manage the shop.

John Turnbull died in 1959 and Elsie Turnbull died in 1972. It is members of this family, and especially John and Elsie, that the (very) senior citizens I mentioned earlier will remember; from a business in 17 Ratcliffe Road that, for more than 100 years, cared for the footwear of the inhabitants of Haydon Parish.

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During the week before the summer term came to its conclusion, there was an evening meeting in the school hall for the parents of pupils who were due to join the school the following September. It was quite a formal affair, with drinks and mingling at the beginning (a situation in which I've never been confident, so I was relieved to be asked to go around with a wine bottle, thus avoiding any probing questions to which I might not have had an answer), after which parents were invited to take a seat facing the stage, upon which were most of the teaching staff, seated in a large semi-circle. The Deputy Head had arranged us in order of seniority running from left to right as viewed by the parents, starting with members of the management team, heads of department then teaching staff according to length of service. Unsurprisingly, I found myself right at the end, half obscured by a heavy and obstinate stage curtain.

After what seemed to be an unnecessarily long and tedious introduction, the Headmaster, who was speaking from a lectern on the far left of the stage, began to introduce each colleague with a brief summary of their responsibilities in the school. Every teacher stood during their potted CV, some tried to smile, others gave an awkward wave but most stared vacantly at the far wall until they were able to sit again. After what seemed like an eternity (I can remember being concerned that I might not make last orders unless he got a move on), it was my turn to stand, pushing the curtain aside and almost losing my balance. The Headmaster's words went something like this: 'And lastly we have a splendid young man who is about to complete his first year with us. He teaches Latin and Greek to 'A' level, English to the fourth form, coaches all main sports and has recently joined the CCF as a Sub Lieutenant in the Royal Naval section.' After which there was an unnaturally long pause followed by a muttered apology: 'I'm terribly sorry, I seem to have forgotten your name........'

The last day of term consisted of the annual Commemoration Day service followed by lunch in a marquee and a formal ball in the evening – a very long and stuffy occasion for those of us who would have much preferred to have had a quiet drink and an early night. I was astounded to see a team of security guards, complete with dogs, patrolling the campus throughout the night before the festivities; the previous year a group of leavers, with the help of some large wooden stencils and several gallons of weedkiller, had left some extremely uncomplimentary remarks about the Headmaster in the grass outside the marquee!

There was some consternation before the service when the Assistant Director of Music, an accomplished organist, failed to show up. A visit to his rooms found him slumped in an armchair and snoring profusely – it later transpired that he had been celebrating the end of term prematurely and had only managed to find his way home a few hours previously. Disaster was averted, although two music scholars were allocated to sit either side of him in the organ loft to prevent him either falling over or falling asleep. Rumour has it that the Headmaster was later heard to say that the organ playing was the best he had ever heard!

Staff attendance at the ball was compulsory, although many of the more senior members of the Common Room look their leave as soon as the meal ended. Dear old Pinkie had imbibed far more than his fair share and was beginning to display embarrassingly amorous advances to some of the ladies. The Deputy Head, as astute as ever, ordered him a taxi and he was bundled in the back. Some thirty minutes later, in a scene remarkably reminiscent of Jack Nicholson in The Shining, a red face appeared through one of the flaps of the marquee accompanied by a very loud 'Here's Pinkie!' He fell asleep not long afterwards.

And finally, never forget the old rule of grammar:

'i before e except after c'......except when your foreign neighbour Keith receives eighty counterfeit beige sleighs from feisty caffeinated weightlifters. Weird.

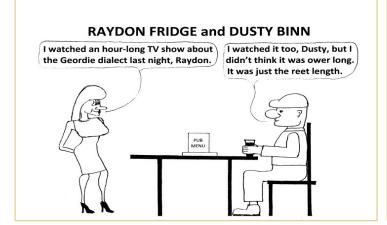
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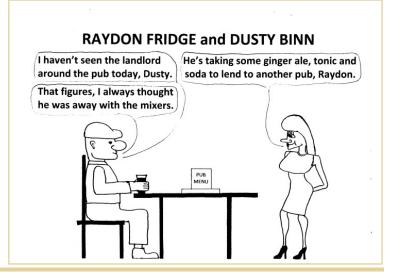
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ACROSS

- 1. Maurice Ravel's most famous composition; also a short jacket (6)
- 4. An old dance with a kind of gliding step, or the music for it (8)
- 9. An itinerant person (7)
- 11. Period of escalating tension post-WWII based on conflicting ideological and geopolitical interests of East and West (4,3)
- 12 & 21 dn Film character who famously said "Frankly, my dear, I don't give a damn" (5,6)
- 13. Psychology test involving subjects' interpretations of inkblots (9)
- 14. Word meaning "scattered", describing light after it has passed through a prism (10)
- 16. see 24 dn
- 19. Old word expressing surprise, anger or affirmation (4)
- 20. A member of the US Army Special Forces, colloquially (5,5)
- 22. Musical compositions inspired by, or evocative of, the night (9)
- 23. Norwegian playwright famous for "A Doll's House" and "Peer Gynt" (5)
- 25. French word for a cycling jersey (7)
- 26. Spices obtained from the Myristica tree (7)
- 27. East Anglian name for a thicket of marsh plants, nowadays considered an important wildlife habitat (8)
- 28. Trojan hero, son of Anchises and the goddess Aphrodite (6)

DOWN

- 1. William _ , economist, Lib. politician and social reformer, instrumental in the founding of the post-war welfare state (9)
- 2. A measure of watch movement (5)
- 3. North American estate agents (8)
- 5. Canadian jazz pianist who died in 2007 after a career spanning 60 years (5,8)
- 6. Word meaning something that has survived; a widow or widower (6)
- 7. UK political philosophy which attempted a synthesis between socialism and capitalism (3,6)
- 8. The only planet in our solar system without a Roman name (5)
- 10. 1 dn is buried in this Northumbrian churchyard (13)
- 15. Agreement whereby someone can sell the goods or services of a company (9)
- 17. Worshippers of the Devil (9)
- 18. Green anise-flavoured spirit derived from wormwood and other plants (8)
- 21. see 12 ac.
- 22. Capital city of the Wallonia region of Belgium (5)
- 24 & 16 ac Founder, with Steve Wozniak, of Apple Inc. in 1976 (5,4)

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I'm glad to say I've had a very uplifting couple of weeks lately. Some great walks, bit of gardening and general bonhomie due to the impending lockdown ease - although I do stand in the camp of caution still and shall be wearing the required mask when necessary. The only disappointment was Scotland not beating England in the Euros, but realistically I was prepared for that.

We shall know by the time this next Haydon News issue goes to print, if England has beaten Italy or not. I have put a bet on the match, but am not prepared to divulge which team I think will win , we do have English and Italian influences in our family, as well as Scottish of course.

But hey! My youngest son has been mentally packing the car for their trip up here at the end of July and expressed to me some concerns about fitting certain items in.

Would it be possible for me to acquire a pushchair, high hair and travel cot?...... Acquiring them is no problem but coughing up for them is my issue because all said items are already acquired!

Anyway, it was a lovely sunny afternoon when this plea came through and I had nothing else to do, so decided to raid the charity shops. You never know what they may have. T'was a long shot, but nothing ventured, nothing gained.

Having trailed around them all and parted with £29.50, I can honestly say my gast was flabbered - I did acquire all items.

The pushchair was also a pram with mattress, rain covers for pram and pushchair and all sorts of extras such as aprons for both. It had been steam cleaned - Silver Cross no less.

The travel cot had been bought and not needed, so never used and the high-chair - one of those little plastic affairs that attach to any dining chair, still had the original label on. It just goes to show how lucky you can be.

Those items were brought into the shop after midday that day. Had I gone looking that morning, those items would not have been there. Should I have gone looking the next day, I bet any money, they would have been snapped up and gone.

I remember the so-called 'good old days' of the jumble sale, when it was a definite advantage to have sharper elbows than the other browsers. If you really wanted that item, you had to fight for it. Charity shopping is definitely more civilised and has the added benefit of contributing to the assistance of cancer research, hungry and / or under privileged countries or simply neediness in general.

However, I trundled home with all my extremely unexpected wares and was a very happy woman! ALSO, as an aside, I had a very happy son who will probably overload the car with other inconsequentials now.

The impending family trip has resulted too, in acquiring other items of an elbow-competing type - namely boule and swingball. God help anyone that gets in the way of a particularly hard and fast game of swingball. It really should be cemented into the ground. I don't think sand or water will act as a sufficiently good form of ballast once the competitive instinct takes over!!

The good thing is, everyone will be together and if all else fails and the weather turns bad, we can fall on the old diehards such as Cluedo and Monopoly - possibly even Trivial Pursuit.

The hope is that we are all still speaking at the end of the holiday.

Pet Advice from Murray Farmcare

Neutering your pet

Getting your pet neutered will prevent unplanned pregnancies, some unwanted illnesses and behavioural problems.

If you want to get your pet neutered the best thing to do is to speak to your vet. They will advise you on the costs and the best time to get your pet neutered.

Benefits of neutering

Neutering has benefits that apply to not only cats and dogs but other animals such as rabbits.

Neutering will prevent the females coming into season, this will attract unwanted male attention, becoming pregnant or having false pregnancies.

Neutering a male prevents the risk of testicular cancer and uterus infections and cancers in the female.

In male cats and dogs, neutering can reduce urine marking and roaming.

Neutered animals are also less likely to be stolen for breeding.

Neutering Lowdown

Females are spayed-this means the womb and ovaries are removed.

Males are castrated/snipped- this means the testicles are removed.

The operations are carried out under general anaesthetic and animals will usually recover quickly.

If you are worried about your pet putting on weight after being neutered, speak to your vet for advice.

"HOWAY THE LADS"

It's August, and you know what that means: the end of the cricket season, and it's back to football. Or at least it used to be, before European competitions and the pursuit of large amounts of cash ruined a season by season sporting calendar.

As youngsters, in August on Haydon Bridge's South Side, we would put away our cricket bats (or bits of wood shaped like cricket bats) and make-shift stumps (dust bins or buckets would serve the purpose), and the wide grass verge on John Martin Street - a verge that was much wider in the 1940/50s than it is in 2021 and a street that was almost traffic free - was turned into St James's Park, or even Wembley. Four coats thrown onto the ground fifty yards apart served as goals and an old leather cased football that had seen better days, with the orange tube poking out where the stitching between the leather panels had given-way, was chased back and forward for hours on end until the game was abandoned due to bad light, late in the evening when the sun went down; or, when the sound of breaking glass, as the result of a wayward shot from 'Jackie Milburn' sent not-sobrave attackers and defenders suddenly skedaddling to new playgrounds: until my Dad turned up with a pane of glass and a handful of putty, to repair the damage.

Happy, happy days! And I love seeing today's boys and girls still enjoy kicking a football around, albeit in a much more orderly fashion, at the wonderful Low Hall Park facility. Everyone involved in this Low Hall development deserves the greatest credit ... and the residents on John Martin Street can now rest easy, in front of their televisions and lap-tops.

(My history of 'The Long Haul to Low Hall' can be found in the March and April 2007 issues on www.haydon-news.co.uk)



A traffic free John Martin Street (formerly 'Broadstone') was our playground in the 1940s and early 1950s.

This photograph was taken before the semi-detached houses were built on the street in 1936/37.

If I was introduced to football in the late 1940s on the grass verge on John Martin Street, it was in 1951 when Newcastle United Football Club became, for me, a lifetime passion. The 27th of January 1951 in fact, and a 4th round FA Cup tie v Bolton Wanderers when I was taken to St. James's Park as a nine year old by my Dad and his brother, my uncle Ridley, and his son and my cousin Alan. Dad had been going to home games at St. James's since 1930 and my first game in 1951 was to influence the rest of my life.

The crowd, the atmosphere, the excitement, the joy and a thrilling game all combined to ensure that Newcastle United would become an obsession for me for more than seventy years during which I've missed fewer than ten games at St. James's since that day.

(My Dad was to blame!! And no doubt my children and grand-children, boys and girls, will blame me in years to come when they're still waiting for a trophy!)

FA Cup Round 4, Jan. 27th 1951:

Newcastle United 3 v Bolton Wanderers 2; crowd 67,596; goals Milburn 2, Mitchell 1. Described at the time as an awe inspiring tie, Newcastle were 2-1 behind with time fast running out until a famous fight-back with 2 late goals in front of a record swaying and roaring Gallowgate crowd; and me sitting on the perimeter wall in the straw that had been used to protect the pitch from frost. (I sometimes wonder if my life's passion would have been quite the same, if my first game had been a boring 0-0 draw!)

Young supporters were always encouraged to sit on the wall around the pitch, or even on the perimeter cinder track. If young supporters came into the game late and couldn't get through the packed terraces to the wall at the front of the crowd, those at the back would lift them up and they would be rolled down to the front over the spectators' heads. This happened to me two or three times, until one occasion when I almost had a serious accident when my black and white scarf got tangled up in the crowd and tightened around my neck. I made sure I was at St. James's on time after that incident.

Newcastle United was well supported from villages along the Tyne Valley in the 1950s and Haydon Bridge was no different. Supporters used to go into the ground one or two hours before a three o' clock kick off and stand in the same place every week on the terraces that were made from old railway sleepers, filled in-between with ash. Many people who went to the games from Haydon Bridge used to stand

on the Popular Side, towards the Leazes' End from the centre circle. My Dad had stood in the same place for years before me, just in front of a metal barrier that gave some protection from the thousands behind.

Travelling from Haydon Bridge to matches, for me, was either by car with my uncle Ridley or with others from the Tyne Valley on the twelve o' clock train; going straight to the ground from the Central Station. There were always people outside St. James's selling scarves, rosettes, badges with photos of the players, and programmes. A brilliant atmosphere around the ground and in the town - or 'toon' - that will remain in my memory for ever. I saved a programme from every game, and still have them all today, along with numerous scrap books containing photos and match reports. Pages of happy memories. Sometimes, if we were late and parts of the ground were full, and the turnstile where we were queuing was closed, we would rush around with everyone else, looking for another turnstile, still open. I was never locked out of St James's, but know of many who were.

We often had up to two hours to fill in, in the ground before kick off, and vendors walked round the cinder track with large wicker baskets, selling pies and peanuts, insisting that a tanner was passed down to them before throwing the purchases high up into a packed crowd. - "Tanner a bag. Pie or peanuts!" And, there were well known mascots, draped in black and white and keeping the spectators amused - I can even remember the mascots' names today, seventy years later; Jimmy Nichol, for example, was almost as famous as the players. Wonderful memories, whether good results or bad.

Newcastle's success in the FA Cup continued after 1951, winning finals at Wembley in 1951, 1952 and 1955 and the players in the 1950s were all heroes; all numbered 1 to 11 and all their names well known by every other football supporter across the land.

Folk from Haydon Bridge shared in this hero worship of modest young footballers, and occasionally met them individually, on home turf.

Haydon Bridge 2nd XI cricketers won the West Tyne Senior League Division II championship in 1952 and **George Robledo**, Newcastle United's Chilean inside forward presented the trophy to the winning team, in a packed Town Hall - I still have George Robledo's autograph from that night in the Town Hall.

In 1952, Newcastle's famous Scottish centre half **Frank Brennan** was the guest of honour at Haydon Bridge for the crowning of our Haydon Bridge Flower Show Queen, Olive Humble.

In 1953, our cricketers second team won the Division II trophy again, and on January 22nd 1954 Newcastle centre forward **Jackie Milburn** presented the medals.

Jackie Milburn was my hero, as he was for thousands of other north east boys, girls, men and women; and when he visited Haydon Bridge Town Hall as a guest of the cricket club, as a star-struck twelve year old who hoped to catch a glimpse of my footballing hero I had looked forward to his visit for weeks beforehand. When the evening arrived and Bill Foster, a member of the Cricket Club organising committee, came for me from the seats in the main hall and led me up the stairs behind the stage to the ante-room where Jackie was being entertained to supper, my head was spinning with excitement. What we said to each other that night when I was introduced to my hero, for the life of me I cannot recall. I do have a strong suspicion, however, that I was speechless!

The players who received their awards from Jackie Milburn at Haydon Bridge Town Hall in 1954 were John Waite (Capt.), Alan Moffat, Bill Foster, Jackie Heslop, Norman Foster, Rodney Nicholson, Ronnie Moffatt, Jasper Stephenson, George 'Pudie' Brown, Dr. Ian Ferguson and Dudley Reynolds.

It was a very special night for me in the Town Hall in 1954 and one I will remember for ever. Little did I know then, that twelve years later I would spend more than a year working with my hero, 'Wor Jackie', organising his Testimonial Match which he described as the most memorable event of his soccer life, when 46,404 spectators turned out at St. James's Park to honour him.

Not surprisingly, when I worked with Jackie during 1966, his memories of Haydon Bridge were not of meeting a speechless ten year old in the Town Hall ante-room, but of a harrowing incident on Friday January 13th 1956. When travelling with his wife Laura and friend and colleague Bobby Mitchell, to present the 1955 West Tyne League Championship trophy to Haydon Bridge cricketers, in the Town Hall, they were involved in a car crash at Styford on the A69. An accident which left them all shocked but fortunately without major injury. From that day on, Jack and Laura called Friday 13th their lucky day!

It was a big disappointment, however, for over five hundred folk from the parish packed into the Town Hall, hoping to see two of the north east's most famous footballers present medals to the West Tyne League and Cup winners of the previous season.

The 1950s Town Hall presentations at Haydon Bridge were exciting opportunities for parishioners to meet footballers from Newcastle United, individually. In

1959, however, a team of United players were at Haydon Park, to take part in a celebrity cricket match against a Haydon Bridge XI.

The Newcastle United 'cricket' team included: George Eastham, Dick Keith, Harry Taylor, Bob Stokoe and Len White; the players from Haydon Bridge included: John Hunter, Joe Atkinson, David Corbett, Ronnie Moffatt, Doug Stirling, Wilf Dawson, Jackie Robson, Bill Foster, Clifford



Corbett, John Welton, Charles Nichol; and John Corbett, and Matt Smith. (Can you add to my list of 1959 players?)

So, who were residents of our parish who supported Newcastle United in the 1940s and/or 1950s, and those who travelled whenever they could, to home games at St. James's Park?

As I recall them, they included:

Stan Armstrong. (I start my list with Stan not because the list is necessarily alphabetical, but he worked as a gateman at St. James's Park, and if he and his colleagues weren't there first, the rest of us wouldn't have got in.) Joe Anderson, Eric Armstrong, Joe Armstrong, Maurice Armstrong, David Brown, Gordon Brown, Johnny Brown, Lloyd Brown, Edmund Charlton, David Corbett, Billy Davison, Wilf Dawson, John Davies, John Davison, Bill Foster, George Hope, Dave Jeans, Alan Nichol, Charles Nichol, Jack Leathard, Norman Philipson, Bob Ridley, Alan Storey, Jasper Stephenson, Jimmy Taylor, Ridley and Alan Telford, Cecil Telford, Dennis Telford, Cecil Temperley, Dixon Temperley, Edward Turnbull, Edward Waite, Vernon Welch, Robert Wylie.

There are others I will have omitted, including pupil boarders at Shaftoe Trust School. Suffice to say that the Magpies had many supporters from Haydon Bridge in the 1940s/50s.

Of those who supported Newcastle United and were unable to attend St. James's regularly, you can be sure that they were all in attendance when George Robledo, Frank Brennan and Jackie Milburn were in town.



George Robledo presented the Haydon Bridge 2nd XI with their 1952 trophy:
J. Heslop, J. Reynolds, E. Moffatt, D. Oliver / I. Ferguson, E. Dinning,
J. Waite, A. Moffat, J. Corbett / B. Corbett, J. Stephenson.



But for a car crash on their way to Haydon Bridge in January 1956, Jackie Milburn and Bobby Mitchell would have presented this 1955 1st XI with two trophies:

E. Waite, W. Foster, R. Nicholson, W. Dawson, D. Donaldson, Audrey Milburn /J. Robson, N.L. Brown, R. Furlong, T.K. Brown, J. Brown / J. Hall, D. Corbett.

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My studies will begin in September, so I will be leaving Hexham sometime before that. Bishop Robert will be announcing my successor in the coming months.

Could I please take this opportunity to ask for your prayers and to thank you all for your kindness these past few years — I have been very happy serving here and will greatly miss you all.

Thanks to our Bishop and please keep him in your prayers. Hopefully, we will have an opportunity to meet together before my departure"

Fr.Christopher's last Mass within our parishes will be Sunday August 15th.

We now know his successor will be Fr. Jeffrey Dodds who will take over as our Parish Priest September 1st.

Fr. Luke Wilkinson who was ordained to the Priesthood on Tuesday 29th June at St. Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle will join our team of clergy, Fr. Jeffrey Dodds, Ass Priest Jim Dunne (Bellingham) and Permanent Deacon Rev.Martin Bell, beginning his new ministry with us at the start of September.

We may see some changes in the coming months in Mass times but for the moment they remain the same.



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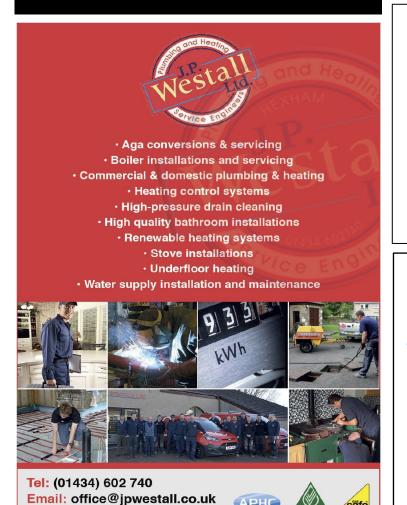
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Here's a weather forecast to unwind – sent to me from a USA source <u>last winter</u> by my good friend Gladys. "There will be spell of cold weather moving in from the east from later today dropping temperatures down to zero and it will be twice as cold the day after".

What is twice zero? Of all the weather measures temperature and rainfall are the most critical for the average gardener. Night frost is particularly important as it destroys the cell structure of plant leaves. No gardener welcomes a forecast of frost, which will leave a trail of blackened leaves where once there were healthy seedlings. But germinating seeds and developing seedlings also need an adequate supply of moisture in the soil. June 2021 was remarkably free from frost but the month's total rainfall in Haydon Bridge was only 12.6 mm, leaving the soil in my garden powdery dry and local water courses running very low indeed.

For much of the month of June there was an ongoing encounter, between Atlantic and cold Polar weather systems. There was also a remarkable lack of variation in atmospheric pressure – the highest being 1018 mb on the 2nd and the lowest 1008 mb on the 1^{st} – but more variation in weather than may perhaps have been expected. A deepening low pressure system brought a spell of strong winds between the 10^{th} and 14^{th} reaching gale force late on 11^{th} .

Otherwise, the month provided good illustration of the effects of cloud cover at this time of year. The principal farming activity near where I lived during the 1940s and 1950s was early potatoes, which were usually cropped during June. We were all encouraged to keep our eyes open for clearing skies during the evenings as this would inevitably mean that the risk of radiation frost was high. This year, relatively clear skies during the day resulted in some substantial sunny spells and on 15 days the air temperature exceed was 2.4degC above the long-term average.

And finally, how about a couple of silly animal jokes to cheer us up as the autumn takes over our weather.

What do you call a cravat made out of bacon – a pigsty and What do you call a rabbit with fleas? - Bugs Bunny. Both sent to Haydon Bridge from the USA.

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
June	20.1	+2.4	9.5	+0.8	12.6	24%

Community Centre Reopens

The Haydon Bridge Community Centre reopened on Monday the 19th July but is doing so cautiously, in light of the rising cases especially in the North East.

Users and visitors to the centre are asked to ensure all rooms are well ventilated to let fresh air in. Masks are now no longer mandatory but we ask you to use careful judgment when mixing closely with other visitors.

Please remember although the restrictions have been lifted, it is still possible to catch and spread Covid-19, even though you may be fully vaccinated. We are still in the third wave of this pandemic so please use your personal judgement to manage your own risk.

Anyone who is unwell and thinks they may have Covid, should not attend any event at the Community Centre to help prevent the spread of the virus.

We can all play our part in reducing the risk by using common sense and considering the risks to ourselves and others. Fingers crossed that every action we take now will help reduce the spread and resurgence of Covid-19 in the coming months, so lets all try and play our part.

Let's continue to keep our Community Centre Covid-19 free – welcome back everyone.

An Update from



The school year may be coming to an end but there is no winding down at Shaftoe Trust and we've had another jam packed month. Here's what we've been up to!

Fiver Challenge

The Apprentice came to school as children took part in the 'Fiver Challenge.' They created and ran their very own businesses with a budget of just £5 and each class demonstrated their entrepreneurial nous, generating profits from a range of enterprises varying from car washes to cakes. They were guided through the process of working together to invest their money, learning about budgets and making profit, how to source materials and prepare sales pitches.

Years 1 and 2 showed that they weren't afraid of hard work as they donned their uniforms and opened the 'Shaftoe Car Scrubbers' car wash from the school's playground. They designed posters to advertise the event, drew up their own schedule so that they were able to take bookings and worked in small teams to wash customers' cars, vans and bikes, resulting in a profit of £95!

Colour Run

Sports day had a new look this year as we held our very first colour run! We took to our school field where the children were faced with a daunting looking obstacle course of crates, tyres and tarpaulin. And it wasn't just the obstacles that they had to contend with as throughout the course they were covered in an array of bright colours.

The children embraced the challenge of negotiating the course whilst getting as colourful as possible with such eagerness and enthusiasm and as you can see from the picture, not only did they have a brilliant time but it also made for a great spectacle. We now hope to make our colour run an annual event so that you are able to enjoy the fun with us next year!

We can't wait to welcome you all back into our school and we are keeping our fingers tightly crossed that we will be able to do so in September. We were thrilled to have Simon from Henshaw Garage in to show off his Foden recovery truck to Years 1 and 2. They heard all about the vehicles military history, shown around its various parts and were even treated to a demonstration of its recovery features.

We have also been delighted to continue to reintroduce outdoor after school clubs to our diary and children have had the opportunity to become nature detectives, exploring their way around the school grounds through a series of projects and activities.

Philip Sim, Teaching Assistant







An interview with... Julie Phazey, Headteacher

Tell us a little about yourself

I'm from Greenside - a lovely mining village with lots of green space for long walks. I'm from a big family and love spending time with my parents, sisters, nieces and nephews.

What do you do and what are you up to at the moment?

I'm Headteacher at Shaftoe Trust Primary Academy. I was appointed in January although I have worked in a supportive role at the school for two years now and I love it. The staff and children are wonderful and it's a great place to work.

What do you enjoy most about your job?

The things I enjoy most about the role is seeing the children every day. They're so kind, caring, funny and eager to learn.

The children coped so well during lockdown and returned to school with such fantastic attitudes that we're excited for next year. We're starting a Forest School next year which we're all looking forward to - we are set on such beautiful grounds that it seems wasteful not to utilise them fully. We're also interested in being more sustainable and we currently have solar panels and a biomass boiler so love the idea of growing our own vegetables and even getting bees and chickens too!

What's your interests outside of work?

Outside of school I like to spend time with my family and our new puppy who is keeping us on our toes! I'm also keen on home improvements and enjoy decorating and buying art. I also enjoy walking. running and spending time with friends.

Would you like to feature in our next issue? Please get in touch: editor@haydon-news.co.uk



Jobs for the Garden in August

This is prime flowering time in the garden and potentially the best month to see our gardens in all their glory. Make the most of any sunny days and keep the lawn green when it's dry by cutting it a bit longer.

- 1. Prune Wisteria
- 2. Mow regularly but raise the cutting height during dry spells
- 3. Dead-head flowering plants regularly
- 4. Trim hedges to limit the work needed later in the year
- 5. Collect seeds from favourite plants
- 6. Start to think about any repairs sheds/greenhouses need before the rains come
- 7. Lightly prune shrubs after flowering to keep them neat

- 8. Keep ponds and water features topped up
- 9. Don't let plants dry out! New plants especially need a lot of water. Use recycled rain water whenever possible
- 10. Remember garden hygiene; clear fallen leaves and keep the garden tidy.



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