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Welcome to our December issue.

Well, that was 2021 - we've reached the end of another year! Let's hope 2022 brings good health and contentment to all.

As usual, we don't produce an issue of the Haydon News in January. If you'd like to contribute anything to the February issue, please send it to us by January 12<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you to Rosie for the beautiful front cover image – you can read more about Rosie and her art on page 15.

And thank you to all our contributors in this issue and throughout the year.

All the best, Alex

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**Read the history of Haydon Bridge United  
on page 9**

## Community News

### Haydon Bridge Ladies FC

As a new team with many ladies who'd never even kicked a ball till a few months earlier, we didn't expect much in way of results but they train regularly and are very committed. After a few heavy defeats, our scores improved when we beat Heddon United Ladies 5-3 with goals from Christina Sim, Lauren Ray, Emily Barclay (2) and Katie White. Zoe Webster was player of the match. Heddon beat us earlier in the season 10-1, so the improvement is clear. Following that, we faced Newcastle Uni again, who beat us 10-4 a month earlier. This time saw us 5-2 winners with goals from player of the match Lauren Ray (4) and Christina Sim.

### Buy Local Campaign

We are a group of businesses in the Haydon Bridge area who have joined forces to encourage more people to buy locally and support local business. We had our first meeting this week and discussed a few ideas to raise awareness of the businesses in the area. We would like to invite all businesses in the Haydon Bridge area to join this group to share ideas and make this happen. If you would like to get involved, please contact Vanessa: [VanessaR@murrayfarmcare.co.uk](mailto:VanessaR@murrayfarmcare.co.uk)

### Friday Lunch – Christmas Celebrations

Friday Lunch is on every week from 12 noon in the Community Centre. Come along and join us.

Since we started up, every December we do one Christmas-themed lunch and also invite village children from Shaftoe School to share their concert with us. Whilst the former is in our power to make happen, the latter is subject to the Covid arrangements in place at the time. It isn't possible to say at the time of writing whether the concert will be on, so please keep a look out for posters around the village nearer the time. We know how popular it has been in the past.

Fridays are run by volunteers, and we are very keen to see new people. There is no need for previous experience or expertise, we are happy to share the way we do things. Please just come along one Friday or email me at [caroleannprice@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:caroleannprice@hotmail.co.uk)

### New Gardening Group

While waiting for the County Council decision on funding for planting the Ratcliffe Road flowerbeds, we have kept ourselves busy. In addition to completing the weeding on this site, we have weeded and planted with spring bulbs the beds at the end of John Martin Street and Church Street. We have now heard informally that we have been partly successful with our bid to the NCC Community Chest. It's more than enough to get started anyway, so our thanks to them, and let's get going!

One of our group has been awarded a number of native saplings by the County Council and we are awaiting permission to plant them in the village.

More volunteers and ideas for other sites needing attention are very welcome. You don't have to dig, you just have to be interested to be added to the email newsletter group. Every Tuesday at 1.15 in the Bridge library there will be the chance to talk to someone in person, help plan future work etc. If weather permits there may be things to do.

If you want to know more just drop in then, or email [caroleannprice@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:caroleannprice@hotmail.co.uk)

## MEETING OF HAYDON PARISH COUNCIL ON THE 28<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2021, AT HAYDON BRIDGE COMMUNITY CENTRE

**Present :** Cllrs J. Bates, I. Burrows, E. Charlton, E. Faulks (Chair), A. Kirsopp, K. Richardson, A. Sharp, R. Snowdon, and J. Thompson; Carole Price and Jo-Anne Garrick, and C. McGivern (mins.).

### **Jo-Anne Garrick and Carole Price to discuss the Neighbourhood Plan –**

Jo-Anne said that the consultation between August and September had a good level of response. There had been 52 responses and the comments had been mostly positive. Over 100 people had attended the drop-in session. Detailed comments had been received from NCC and the Northumberland National Park, and changes had been made to the draft document in response. The Parish Council has seen the document including these changes. One aspect that had been controversial was the list of non-designated heritage assets, and this has now been removed from the plan. Most of the changes reflected the clarification of policy wording.

In the next stage they will take comments and then finalise the document. The plan will then be submitted to NCC who will appoint an examiner. They will organise and run 8 weeks of statutory consultation. Any comments from this consultation will go to the examiner. Other Neighbourhood Plans that Jo-Anne had been advising on had not needed to go to a hearing after this. NCC will submit their report and then there will be a referendum. Hopefully this will be in June 2022. It will be run by NCC and this will be similar to an election, with polling cards being sent to everyone in the parish. There will be links to all of the information on NCC's website and hard copies will be available. Once this stage is reached the PC can only encourage residents to respond, or answer inaccurate information.

Cllr Faulks said that he was impressed by how well written and well thought out the plan was, and Jo-Anne Garrick said that it was nice to support a group who had done all of the work themselves. She was also very pleased to see community actions already taking place.

Carole Price said that the group had spent a long time putting the information together and it was good to see that people now wanted to move it on and turn the plan into action. She went on to say that the PC now needed to agree that the plan should be submitted. There was a unanimous vote to do this.

### **Rose beds – Carole Price –**

Carole said that some work had now been done on the beds, and the group of volunteers has applied to the Community Chest for funding of around £2,000. The PC had decided to go for a detailed plan, with a lot of plants to. An annual donation of £250 had already been agreed by the PC. Carole then explained that bulbs to be planted in the heather beds had been paid for by donations received at the consultation event and the sale of plants. Now that things are returning to normal it is hoped that the sale of plants will resume at the library. Cllr Charlton noted that in recent weeks there had been meetings about electric bike hire, electric charging points and these had all arisen from the list of community actions.

**Public participation** – none.

**Apologies** – were received from Cllrs Howard, Keyte and Thornhill.

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

**Decalarations of interest** – none received.

### **Report from Northumberland County Council (NCC) –**

Cllr Sharp said that the road resurfacing works along Shaftoe Street and up to the cemetery had commenced, but unfortunately due to the bad weather during the last two days the tarmacing has not yet been done. Hopefully it will be finished over the next few days. There are some further road works still required going up to Lipwood, and to the road to the west of the bridge at Stand Alone. This work is all programmed to be done but will probably not be done until the next financial year. The refilling of the grit bins and the grit heaps will be done very shortly in preparation for the winter. The road to West Rattenraw will hopefully be carried out shortly. Cllr Sharp hoped it would be done under the local transport programme as one of his priorities.

It was extremely disappointing that the drain on Church Street had not yet been attended to. Cllr Sharp has asked for this to be done as soon as possible. A report is still awaited from Northumbrian Water regarding the water coming down West Mill Hill bank. Cllr Sharp had spoken to NCC about the A686 from the A69 to the area which has been newly resurfaced. The road surface is in very poor condition, and the road is very rutted and requires attention.

Plans had been received from Karbon Homes for the proposed equipment for the play area at Langley Gardens and Cllr Sharp would like to progress this scheme if the Parish Council approve. He would be happy to contribute about £4,500.00 from his Members Small Allowance Scheme and Karbon Homes would need to pay the balance. The estimate which they have received is for £27,700 (including VAT). As previously reported Karbon Homes have agreed to replace the fence for the green area behind the Community Centre. Cllr Sharp is also working with Karbon Homes regarding the request for improved parking on Greenwich Gardens.

A feasibility study is still awaited for the road safety scheme from the junction on the A69 at Haydon Bridge to the top of the hill at Lowgate. This has been chased up. There are one or two other highways issue which Cllr Sharp is dealing with but on the whole he was pleased with the work which has been done on the roads in the village this year.

Trees have been cut back above the light at Park Style (opposite the Club), but Cllr Sharp is still receiving comments that the trees have not been pruned sufficiently so this needs to be looked at again.

Cllr Sharp said that it was very pleasing that Haydon Bridge High School had received a much better Ofsted report which is very good news for the school and the children.



## Highways

Cllr Snowdon said that the A686 from the cemetery road to the A69 junction needed urgent work.

Cllr Snowdon wondered if the new roundabout signs in the village were superfluous. Cllr Sharp will check whether these are still required, or whether they can be removed.

The flashing speed sign on Ratcliffe Road also needs to be removed.

Cllr Charlton said that the road surface on the A69 is still creating noise problems.

**Lighting** – nothing to report.

### Planning applications –

**21/03851/FUL** – Single storey extension at South Cottage Haydon Bridge Hexham Northumberland - NO OBJECTIONS

**21/03852/LBC** – Listed building consent for single storey extension at South Cottage Haydon Bridge Hexham Northumberland – NO OBJECTIONS

**21/03704/FUL** - A designated area for parking and turning horse trailer (retrospective) at Blackhill, Heugh House Lane - WITHDRAWN

### Accounts – as in budget.

### Parish projects –

**Development Trust** – Cllr Charlton said that the DT and PC would be acting as umbrella organisations to groups who are taking community actions forward. The Haydon Hundred will take place on the 11<sup>th</sup> of June 2022. The library has now reopened and is open from 1-4pm on Tuesday and Wednesday. Masks and sanitisers are available for anyone visiting the library. The volunteers have been busy clearing out rubbish, but more volunteers are needed to fill gaps. Some longstanding volunteers have now retired, but some new ones had come forward and they hope to open on Saturdays soon. Cllr Charlton said that the main money-maker for the library was the “bonus ball” that they had run. This will be resumed. Anyone who was in credit will keep this credit and anyone in debt will have this written off. Lots of books have also been handed in for sale. Cllr Kirsopp said that a village calendar for 2022 has been produced and this will be for sale in the library.

**Cemetery** – A new ashes burial area has been created at the North end of the cemetery. Cllrs Charlton and Faulks had met with the gravedigger Michael Glenwright and had a very useful discussion. It was agreed to start burials in the top right corner of this plot with 10 burials in a line with flag stones (11 inch x 11 inch) marking each ashes grave. These stones will be sunk below the level of the grass so that a memorial tablet can be placed on top and then the mower can still cut across the top of the site. Cllr Faulks said that it would not be possible to reopen these plots as Michael had explained that this would be too difficult and might lead to the sides collapsing. Instead, families will be able to purchase a plot alongside.

Cllr Faulks said that Michael had also pointed out that in this financial year there had been few purchases of new plots, instead plots had been reopened at no cost. However, the PC is still paying for the maintenance of the cemetery. At Haltwhistle there is a charge for reopening graves. This will be considered at the budget meeting.

Cllr Charlton reminded everyone that the headstones in the cemetery had been tested recently and those in need of attention marked. This is the responsibility of the family's who have had the headstones installed. Some have already been repaired. Michael Glenwright is trained in the repair of headstones and would be able to carry out this work, but would need to do 3 or 4 at a time to make the travel costs worthwhile. Cllr Bates she had recently visited a cemetery where a number of the headstones were laid down and it looked terrible. In the cemetery behind Alexandra Terrace the grass has been cut but 3 more headstones have been knocked over. Cllr Sharp will raise this with NCC.

### Any other business –

There was a collection for the poppy wreath.

Cllr Burrows said that the yellow lines in front of the butchers stopped at the dropped kerb. This was leading to drivers parking here and blocking the access for wheelchairs etc. Cllr Sharp will take this to NCC.

Cllr Thompson said that she had been approached by a number of local residents concerned about the state of the lane behind the Community Centre. IT WAS NOTED THAT PARKING IN THE COMMUNITY CENTRE CAR PARK IS FOR COMMUNITY CENTRE USERS ONLY. THIS LANE IS UNADOPTED AND IS NOT THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PC OR NCC. It is understood that the land was never sold when original properties were built and the PC is questioning ownership with Savills for the Greenwich Hospital Estates. The PC do support the Community Centre in the instillation of the electrical charging points as they have been requested in the NP consultations.

Cllr Charlton said that there had been discussion about adopting footpaths to periodically check them. Tim Fish had looked at Spa Well but hadn't realised that people still wanted to go along the platform and down the steps. He will have another look at opening this area up.

Cllr Charlton said that Tim Fish would also contact the Clerk about taking forward the Limestone Path for the Definitive Map. There are 42 statements in support, but it would be helpful to have some more up to date statements too.

There has also been a request to create a gravel path between the bench seat and the entrance to the Spring Woods to make a safe walkway so that walkers don't need to walk on the road, especially when it gets overgrown in the summer.

Cllr Kirsopp asked about the trees overhanging Lands End Road. It had been confirmed that this land belongs to Bellways and the Clerk will contact them.

**For Councillors contact details  
see back cover**

# Neighbourhood Plan Update

## PUBLIC CONSULTATION FOR THE SUBMISSION DRAFT NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN – 17 NOVEMBER 2021 TO 5pm on 12 JANUARY 2022

The pre submission draft Neighbourhood Plan has been amended to take account of comments received following the August and September public consultation. The revised version – now called the submission draft Neighbourhood Plan - was approved by the Parish Council at its meeting on 28 October.

The submission draft Neighbourhood Plan and all the supporting documents were submitted to Northumberland County Council on 8 November 2021. Northumberland County Council is satisfied that the submitted Plan complies with legal requirements and can therefore proceed to an Independent Examination.

In accordance with the Regulations, the Council is required to publicise the Plan and supporting documents and invite comments. The Plan and supporting documents are available for public inspection over a period of eight weeks commencing Wednesday 17 November 2021 and ending at 5pm on Wednesday 12 January 2022.

The Plan and supporting documents can be viewed on the County Council's website at:

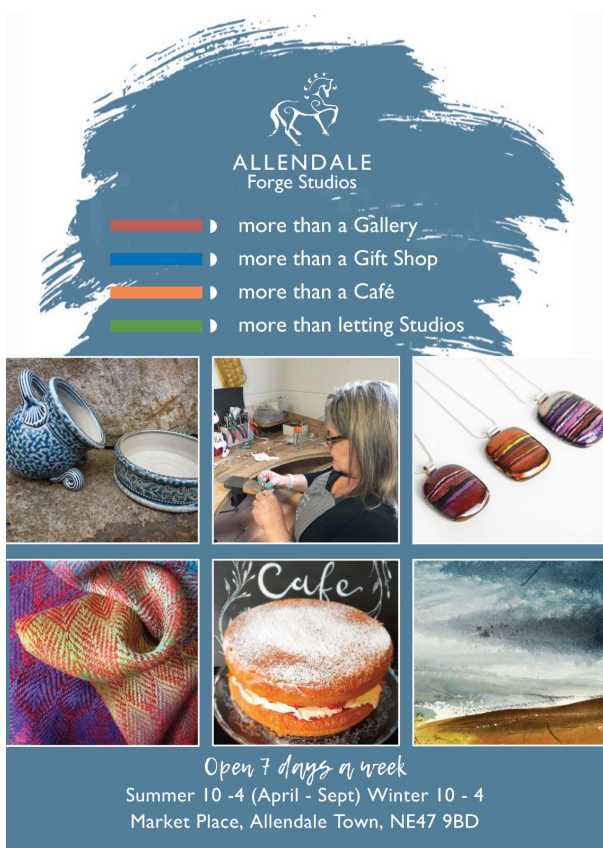
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You then click on 'Neighbourhood Planning in Northumberland' and then click on the 'Haydon' parish link.

If you require a printed copy of the Plan and or supporting documents, please contact the Neighbourhood Planning Team by email: [NeighbourhoodPlanning@northumberland.gov.uk](mailto:NeighbourhoodPlanning@northumberland.gov.uk) or phone: 0345 600 6400. Any person or organisation may comment on the Plan or supporting documents.

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## Sheepdog Trial Returns

Peter Telfer

After a two-year gap, the Haydon Bridge sheepdog trial got back into action in October with experts, novices and young people taking part.

The venue was in a field next to West Rattenraw, on a sunny day with a slight breeze; perfect for trialling.

The stars of the show were the 26 dogs under the age of 3 who tried their best to steer 4 sheep around the course.

Working with 5 animals at a distance of up to 200 metres is not easy but the judge David Corbet from Rochester said he was very impressed with the overall standard. David Henderson and Burndale Mia were placed as winners and received the Hector Rutherford cup, while John Tulloch and Shelley were top in the novice class.

There were also 2 new handlers running, Frances Sheehan and Tess narrowly beating 9 year old Amelia Telfer and Jin. We normally have 2 trials each year and anyone is welcome to come and spectate, have a chat and learn about the age old skills of training and working sheep dogs.



**David Henderson**  
winner of the 2021 Sheepdog Trial

For more information contact Peter at [telfsheepdogs@gmail.com](mailto:telfsheepdogs@gmail.com) or stop me for a chat when you see me in the fields.

## What to do in your garden in December

Adam Howells

What a busy year it's been! It certainly doesn't seem like almost 12 months since I first sat down to write a list of top jobs for your gardens but according to the calendar, and the imminent arrival of Father Christmas, it appears that it has.

I'm afraid that I need to start this month's column with a bit of a gripe at one of our great national institutions. It seems that the BBC, in response to Christmas scheduling demands, inadvertently instigate and promote a misconception that in the colder months we should forget about our outside spaces and the plants that rely on us so much.

Earlier this year, I was lucky enough to be part of a web seminar with Monty Don where he explained that the lack of Gardener's World over the winter was not because there wasn't anything to do in the garden, but that the programmers wanted the airtime for more 'seasonal' programming to be shown; Dad's Army repeats I imagine... Anyway, in a view that I personally share, he said that if anything, there is potentially more to be done in the dormant season. Here at Heritage Country Gardening, ever since the first leaf fell, we have been overwhelmed by the leaf blowing, perennial prepping, hedge trimming, removal of annuals, mulching, lifting and storing of tender perennials, planting bulbs...etc. etc. The list is practically endless and that's before we begin with the deep winter jobs of tree pruning, rose care, and planning the right time for fruit tree pruning as we anticipate the receding frosts.

It may seem that slow growth in the garden is a good time to economise on your gardening activity, but if you can

manage it I'd strongly recommend ploughing ahead. It's a false economy to slow down when really this is an ideal opportunity to get ahead of the game – when the spring comes and this year's crocospia are quietly lying brown and lank over your struggling snowdrops you'll wish you'd kept going now!

I've had a look at my notes on top jobs for December and January and both months are actually 4 to 5 times as long as all the other months so rather than try to prioritise, here's a short list of what we get up to in the winter (we are asked every day surprisingly!) so you can get an idea for your own gardens:

Winter gardening work includes:

- Shrub regeneration and stooling
- Seasonal pruning
- Bare root planting
- Soil preparation
- Landscaping repairs
- General garden tidy, storm repairs, pressure washing etc
- Garden renovation and clearance
- Ivy removal
- Bramble removal
- Snow clearance
- Leaf clearance
- Glass house preparation
- Weeds are still growing. Weed borders before spring bulbs flower (harder to do when they flower)

Lastly, Merry Christmas to all and here's to a fantastic gardening 2022!!



## Can you kick it?

A new kickboxing club for kids has started in Bardon Mill and is already more than punching its weight.

Keri Baptist, kickboxing instructor, recently moved to the area and set up the class after locals suggested it would be popular. 'My first week had 20 kids turn up which is an amazing response – it was great to see them so enthusiastic about giving some fitness a go' Keri said.

Keri has previously run her own club and gym, Platinum K1 in North Shields for 14 years and is a 3rd Dan full contact coach.

'Over the years I have trained many kids, teens and adults producing black belts and fighters.'

'The class will give kids locally a great platform to work on self defence and improve fitness, stamina and flexibility, as well as building confidence and making new friends. They'll also be able to earn their belts through a recognised martial arts association.'

The club runs term time only. All equipment is provided and there is free car parking. For more information and to make a booking contact Keri on 07870929521.



## Moving Towards the Light

*An exhibition of Paintings and Prints by Robert Maddison*

Most of my recent work is based on the fact that darkness is the norm and that light intrudes into that darkness. Light has energy, it consists of minute particles called photons which penetrate the vast emptiness of dark space. When photons have a source such as the sun, moon, electric light, they stream out and illuminate all in their path. My basic knowledge of physics from school made me realise that drawing from white to black was possibly not how light works. As light photons encounter solid objects which they cannot penetrate, they leave shadows.

Simplistically, I like to think that drawing with white pigment is comparable to drawing with light. This is not a revolutionary new theory for painting. Old masters such as Rembrandt and Caravaggio worked dark to light, and modern masters would include Chuck Close and Bridget Riley.

A number of early religious orders forbade colour in their stained glass windows, and some of the earliest artworks created in the Middle Ages are in grisaille [black and white]. The scriptures give God making the universe from darkness to light, and similarly the scientists give us the 'big bang theory' moving from the black void to the light of the universe.

This exhibition consists of my recent drawing experiments exploring this philosophy.

A number of coloured prints, photographs and original work are also included.



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MOVING TOWARDS THE LIGHT



# 140 years young – Club’s rich history will inspire a footballing future in Haydon Bridge

Football – the nation’s favourite sport - is booming in Haydon Bridge as the village’s junior and senior players make the most of first class facilities at Low Hall Park.

But as Haydon Bridge United FC strives for success both on and off the pitch in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, this year is a special one for paying homage to our forefathers.

The Club is marking its 140<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2021, and such a landmark ensures that the vital contributions of previous generations will never be forgotten.

Much has changed in society, let alone along our stretch of the Tyne Valley, since moustachioed men in cotton, lace-collared shirts, set about kicking a pig’s bladder beside the river.

The kits have changed, advances in technology have been plentiful, while fashion trends are barely recognisable aside from the recent revival of facial hair.

But the significance of establishing a football club in those Victorian times continues to bear fruit both on and off the pitch.

The passing of the decades has seen homegrown players snapped up by professional clubs, some have earned international honours, while stories of those who “never got away” – the talented players who didn’t quite find a route to a higher level, continue to circulate.

The Club’s life president Dent Oliver remains actively involved – more than 70 years after he made his debut for the first team in the late 1940s, before going on to serve as captain, manager, club secretary and president.

Dent was barely out of school when he made his Haydon Bridge debut, in a team which included other local legends of the game, the Gradwell brothers, Eddie Moffatt, Ronnie Marshall, Jackie Harrison, Ralph Curry and Norman Heslop.

There was a first and second team in those days, but the absence of a home ground meant using various fields where farmers would allow a pitch to be marked out – with sawdust being the marking substance of the day.

Throughout the 1950s and 60s, playing venues and changing facilities varied, and even included the old Scotch Arms pub on John Martin Street. But a significant investment in 1971 paved the way for the fantastic facilities enjoyed today.

The Club splashed out around £750 to purchase the existing ground at Low Hall Park – a move instigated by forward thinking village men, including then club president Eddie Waite, Robert Harding, Lance Spooner, and Dent himself.

Two pitches and a pavilion were created, but equally important, the Club finally had a home to call its own, a base for matches and training, to nurture the village’s footballing talent.

Haydon Bridge went on to enjoy a prolific decade. After winning the Hexham and District League in 1969, a team which included Ernie and David Edwards, Davy Alder, Joe ‘Bass’ Worthington, Alan White, Alan Donnelly, Reg Dover, John Dixon, Maurice Frankland, and Alan Borthwick, won five Clayton Cups, the Haltwhistle Cup, and a number of League Cup titles.

That team was managed by Dent, who is adamant that his all-conquering side would have given today’s top sides a good run for their money.

In the 70s and 80s, the club’s commitment to the development of young players led to attention from beyond the Tyne Valley. Shaun Elliott went on to captain Sunderland, making 321 appearances for the Black Cats and also earning three England B caps. George Hope turned out for Newcastle United, scoring a memorable goal against Manchester United, before moving onto Charlton Athletic. More recently, Michael Liddle went on to represent both Sunderland and Carlisle, while Dan Kirkup was at Carlisle, before turning out for Clyde in Scotland’s First Division.

Haydon Bridge continued to evolve throughout the 80s and 90s with further cup honours, but success in the early 2000s led to further growth off the field.

The senior side led by Colin Banks and Tony Jenkins worked its way to the higher reaches of the Northern Alliance League, while the Club extended and refurbished the pavilion, as well as constructing a floodlight five-a-side facility.

There have been setbacks along the way – the Club’s grounds were devastated by flooding in both 2005 and 2015, but the remarkable spirit and determination of dedicated volunteers has always ensured that the Club bounced back and progressed.

Decades of fundraising will always be remembered, from discos and pantomimes to sponsored walks inspired by the late great Alan White.

Such remarkable efforts have enabled the club to grow healthily, well into the new Millennium. Low Hall Park has been extended to the north-east to allow for additional junior pitches, while the Club has evolved its facilities and overall offering for players, parents and coaches.

Today, there are 12 teams ranging from under-7s to senior level, as well as a development squad for children aged 4-6.

Now there are opportunities for girls and boys, men and women. The new ladies’ team has shown great courage following a tough start to the season, to defeat Heddon Ladies 5-3.

The men’s Sunday team, re-established in 2010, finished fifth in Division One last season and with much focus on all levels, football is just as important in Haydon Bridge today as it was back in 1881.

Club legends will live long in the memory, including Eddie Brown, the promising England youth international, who was killed while serving in World War II.

Whether you’re a footballer of any age or ability, a parent or carer with a girl or boy interested in playing football, or a would-be coach or volunteer, the club is always keen to hear from you.

**Joseph Tulip**

**Contact details are available on the club website, [haydonbridgeunited.co.uk](http://haydonbridgeunited.co.uk) or email [contact@haydonbridgeunited.co.uk](mailto:contact@haydonbridgeunited.co.uk)**



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**Winston S. Churchill**

Although the descent of the Ardeche was without doubt the highlight of the trips, there were many other aspects worthy of mention. There was also a centre on the Mediterranean where a number of activities were offered, including sailing in Toppers, boogie-boarding, kayaking and windsurfing, in addition to time spent chilling on the beach and swimming in the sea. Some of the younger pupils even amused themselves by constructing sandcastles.

I was fortunate enough to be taught to sail from a very early age; both my grandfather and father were keen dinghy sailors and owned a number of boats over the years. I was able to join them as a boat owner on my 14<sup>th</sup> birthday; I had taken on a paper round a year earlier and had saved as much as I could, on the understanding that my parents would match my savings with birthday/Christmas money. For the grand sum of £208.50 (I still have the bill of sale!) a Mirror dinghy, sail number 51413 was ordered and arrived a few days before my birthday.....in kit form! My father had decided that building a boat over the winter would be an excellent exercise in father/son bonding and a good opportunity for me to learn some woodworking skills. The panels which made up the hull were stitched together with wire and re-enforced with fibreglass. Unwilling to heat the garage sufficiently for the fibreglass to harden, my mother was informed that the project would be completed in our dining room. The poor lady nearly had a fit when my father told her, on completion of the project, that the boat would not fit through the French windows and that he would have to dismantle them, until she worked out that he was teasing and, by rotating the hull through 90 degrees, the vessel would quite easily fit through the doors.

I digress. I had attempted to master the art of windsurfing on a number of occasions with very limited success. Apart from actually getting to stand upon the board, I had been unable to get the thing moving in a forward direction and had been towed to safety on numerous occasions. Perfect conditions on the Mediterranean, no swell, a gentle breeze and warm sunshine inspired me to have yet another go. Perseverance eventually paid off and the board slowly began to edge forward in roughly the right direction, although my exhilaration disappeared when a colleague doing the front crawl overtook me, even finding the time to comment rudely on the slowness of my progress.

T-shirts and shorts were the only items of clothing required on these trips and experienced ‘Ardechers’ always travelled light. One colleague, however, failed to grasp the concept of this and caused great hilarity when he appeared outside his tent on the first morning, attired in silk dressing gown and carpet slippers with pom-poms on top! When the centre staff got to hear of this, the ridiculing was merciless, even more so when it transpired that he had also packed a shirt, jacket and tie ‘just in case’.

One feature of each day was the award of ‘Duck of the Day’. This dubious accolade was given to the person who had done the daftest thing during the course of the day, pupil or teacher. After supper, nominations were made and a vote taken; teachers were particularly vulnerable once nominated as the entire pupil body tended to vote for them. The prize? Public humiliation. The winner would be invited to strip to the waist and sit on a chair while the bin full of slops from supper was ceremoniously tipped over their head, accompanied by much hilarity all round. And yes, it happened to me on a number of occasions!

In connection with the above, one lad springs to mind. For some reason best kept to himself, he was enormously proud of his mullet-style hair and would spend some considerable time ensuring that his *Barnet Fair* was in pristine condition after the day’s activities. He was called him over for a chat, suddenly grabbed, inverted and dunked head first into the slops bucket.

You may be astonished by this brazen act of bullying and wonder why the perpetrators were not called to task, thrown out of the teaching profession and slammed into irons for perpetuity. The answer is simple: the lad involved entered entirely into the spirit of the occasion and thoroughly embraced the attention afforded to him. He didn’t sulk, ‘phone his parents, lodge a complaint once home or call the police. Not long afterwards, having showered and primed his hair again, he was laughing and joking with everyone. He’s now a media executive, working for one of the major TV networks in Australia. We’re still in touch and often reminisce about the incident. How times have changed.

*O tempora, O mores.*

## SUDOKU

Sudoku is played on a grid of nine by nine spaces. Within the rows and columns are nine squares (made up of three by three spaces). Each row, column and square (nine spaces each) needs to be filled out with the numbers one to nine, without repeating any numbers within the row, column or square.

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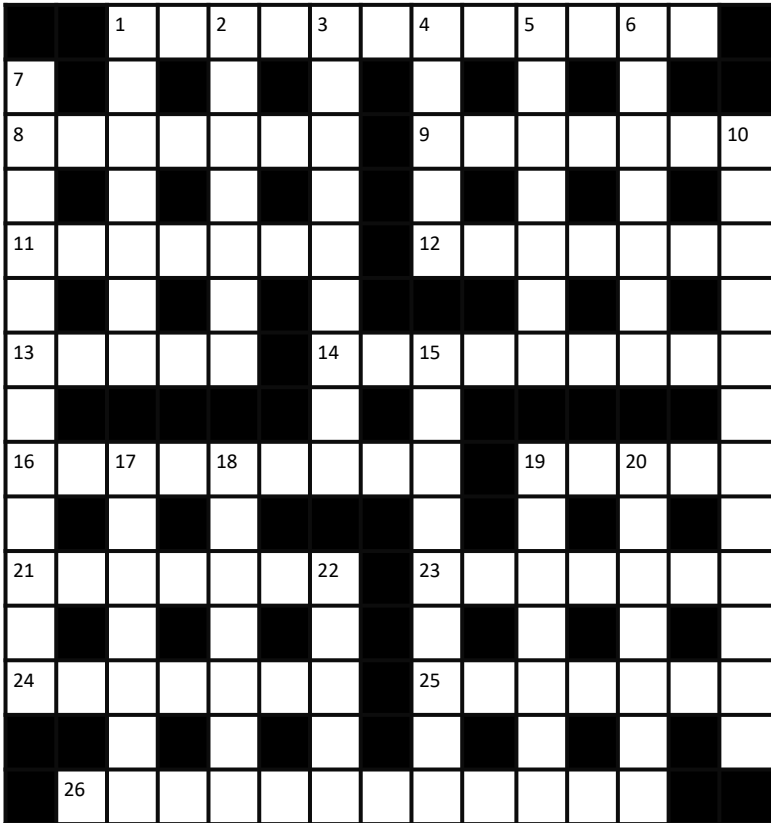


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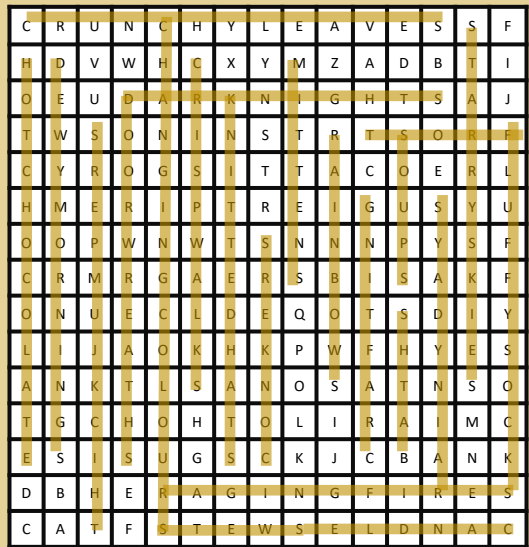
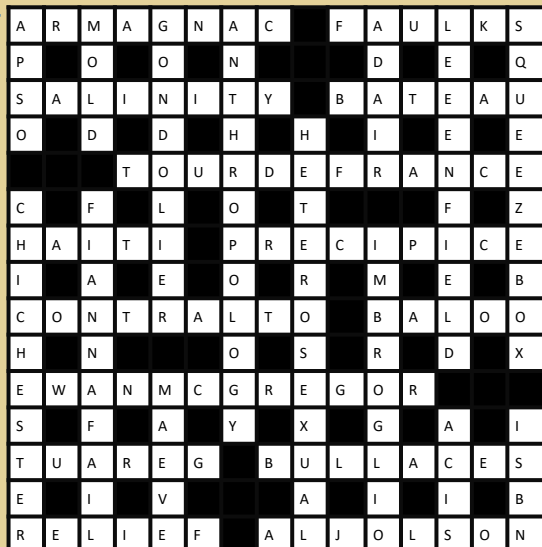
1. Sally ain't sad, possibly, on November 1<sup>st</sup> (3,6,3)
8. Rare red osprey held screen behind the altar (7)
9. Vessel raised sauce (7)
11. Unpaid enthusiast (7)
12. Sailor anger – St. Andrew's cross! (7)
13. Yields, you say, what makes new plants (5)
14. Gareth dropping aitches in quote about a smoke (9)
16. Takes in too much and is heard to sleep on (9)
19. Judge with sex appeal gets repair job (5)
21. Those with six legs belong to religious groups (7)
23. Platform where men are back to play guitar (7)
24. Old man of two relations (7)
25. Perfect ambulance man, perhaps, disappeared, dropping euro (7)
26. Matching frock (7,5)

DOWN

1. What you pay for what you get on a 747 perhaps? (7)
2. Sound homes for beavers, or the people who rent a room (7)
3. Concepts of treatises on muscles (9)
4. Scottish crannies mentioned lethal weapons (5)
5. Right at the end of long seat, a colonist (7)
6. Non-believer attended robbery (7) ATHEIST
7. A lot of bedroom noises from this Norfolk village? (5,7)
10. Men inter pest crazy with foreboding (12)
15. Good traps need to be reset for slug (9)
17. Vase Len broke to dominate (7)
18. Detectives were, indeed, determined (7)
19. Set apart from restraint (7)
20. Picks wild food a long time (7)
22. Chair positioned in closed anteroom (5)

November puzzle answers:

5	9	1	7	6	4	3	8	2
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## Rosie's passion for paint

Talented artist, Rosie Li, who grew up in the bustling city of Guangzhou, now resides in Haydon Bridge overlooking the flow of the river.

She discovered her passion for drawing as a small child and laughs as she recalls a teacher once complaining that she doodled too much in her school books. Years later, when living and working in Thailand, Rosie found inspiration in her surroundings, drawing and painting the world she saw around her. It was during this time, she realised that her art was more than just 'doodling' and it maybe it was something other people would appreciate too.

Self-taught Rosie, has lived in Haydon Bridge for over two years and when asked about what inspires her, she gestures to the beautiful view of the village from her window and says, "This. This is what inspires me. The landscape and the countryside and the wildlife. I draw the things I see and feel." Indeed, one of Rosie's first paintings of the village, was her neighbour's front door. Following this, she worked her way down the street, painting each of the picturesque house fronts in turn.

While Rosie loves to paint in oils using a spectrum of colours, she is equally as happy using ink to create black and white pen drawings. She explains because of the intricate level of detail, these take much longer to complete. An oil painting usually takes Rosie around five hours to complete, though she doesn't finish it in one sitting, she takes time out to breathe in the fresh air of the riverside and walk her beloved (and very friendly!) dog, Lillie.

Along with the landscapes, Rosie paints a variety of subjects. She has completed a humorous set of animals, each enjoying a tippie. A squirrel clutches a glass of red wine while a characterful horse snorts as champagne bubbles go up his nose. Rosie smiles as she says "When I moved to England, I noticed that people here like to have a drink and the idea developed from there."

In addition to paintings, Rosie is selling handmade Christmas baubles featuring a Haydon Bridge landscape. Each one is uniquely made using a wood burning pen and costs just £6. Customised baubles and artwork can be purchased through Rosie's social media page. This can be found by searching for S Li's Art Room on Facebook.

**Lucy Dryden**



## Letters

Dear Sir,

I am very keen to trace Miss Bell. She was my primary school teacher at Carol School, Gunterstone Road, London W14. She showed me incredible kindness at a very troubled time, including taking me to her home in Haydon Bridge for a holiday... something that would probably land her in prison today.

I stayed with her parents who I have since "googled" and established that they were Dr Richard & Felicity Bell who lived at Dewdrop cottage; now a pub I believe. They were also unbelievably kind to me - someone who had no connection with them whatsoever.

The thing is, I don't know Miss Bell's forename. Again by googling, I believe she may be Beverly Bell, born on 24/4/47 in Hubislaw Nursing Home in Aberdeen. The date fits but I know she had a sister (I stayed in her room) so that may be her sister.

**Could you or your readers help or put me in touch with someone who could give me more information to take the search further?**

Yours faithfully,  
Stephen Dabby.

**If any of our readers can help in Stephen's search, please contact the editor.**

**Note! Dewdrop cottage at number 22 Ratcliffe Road used to be a pub Stephen. But, no longer I'm afraid.**

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November holds a few days of fun ahead. We're going to London (not for Christmas shopping I hasten to add, can't imagine anything worse). After a two year wait, well postponement, my husband and I can at long last relinquish a 3 course lunch/ dinner voucher given to us in 2019 as a Christmas present from my three children. Covid of course was the reason for the postponement. Amen to that!

We decided not to have a stop start journey down the motorway to London - due to roadworks and queues and potential petrol issues. We've been nowhere much as far as driving is concerned but for the odd necessitous trip to Hexham, then unfortunately, we had two family funerals to attend, a week apart, in Derbyshire. In the light of the petrol crisis we weren't actually sure if we'd get there and back or not. We spent nearly as long queueing up at petrol stations as the entire journeys took!

The decision without doubt then was to take the train, but that's not without its faults because as dedicated mask wearers, the chances are the entire journey will be spent wearing them. Even the duration of wearing these invasive face coverings doing a large supermarket shop is very uncomfortable - hot and sweat making and that usually only lasts an hour. My husband's glasses spend more time sliding onto the floor than remaining on his face, but I'm afraid we lie in the camp of being safe rather than sorry.

Besides a nice lunch or dinner I am fulfilling a long term wish to see *The Mousetrap*. No point in going all that way and not taking the opportunity to maximise on everything! Having read virtually all Agatha Christie's novels I can't think of a good reason why I still haven't seen it. London was one of my old University hunting grounds, but that has always escaped a viewing. Many other old haunts are re-visited though especially as returning to London only happens every two years or so these days. It's great to re-tread some of the streets I used to traipse down regularly and compare them to the way they are now.

Visiting the Science museum (only round the corner from most of my student accommodation) acted almost as a lending library for me (except you could keep items), acquiring literature and materials for my teaching practices. Another favourite of course was Leicester Square for films and theatre. Riff Raff -(not being rude, I don't mean the hoi poloi) - being a never forgotten character in the Rocky Horror Show which I saw many times. The first time I went scared the life out of me as I didn't realise the characters crept up behind your seats whilst waiting for the audience to take their pews. There are many more places I will take the opportunity to re-visit - Carnaby Street, Camden Lock, Petticoat Lane, Covent Garden, the list is exhausting and I am trying to prepare my husband for the fact that all the exercise and walking will be good for us but maybe not so good for the bank balance!

There are some good memories of those days spent in London in my late teens and early twenties but I could never contemplate living there now - far too busy. I am used to the more reserved and retiring peace and quiet of Northumberland but it's good to know that there is still the opportunity to create new memories.

## Why Christmas?

The Second person of the Most Holy Trinity chose to be born in time. For our salvation, for my salvation, for your salvation. He took on our human nature, He walked among us. He suffered with us and yes, He died for us. He did it for me and He did it for you.

Let your Christmas be personal, the events that we celebrate, they're important for each of us in a deeply personal way. Because they invite us into a relationship. With a King, with a teacher, with a brother, with a friend, with a little baby. He was not born in splendour or in majesty; no, the great king, the universal sovereign and Lord chose to be born in all humility. In a small backwater town, of a far flung outpost of the Roman Empire, not in an inn but in a stable, not in a bed but in a manger. He who was to be food for the world, laid His head where animals fed.

The prophet Isaiah wrote that God would bear his holy arm (Is 52:10). He will reach down into his creation. But we did not expect that that holy arm of power would also be the weak arm of a baby, reaching up as it wear from the manger, calling out to be held, to be loved. Not just calling out to the loving arms of Mary and Joseph, but calling out to me. Calling out to you. Calling out to be loved, to be received. The little child of Bethlehem is the true gift of Christmas. And He's the gift that keeps on giving. He heralds peace, brings happiness, proclaims salvation. Then and now. His gift continues today and every day. If we let it.

Because Christmas is a feast in which we must become Bethlehem, our souls must become the stable and our hearts the manger. We must make room for Christ to be born in us today. Jesus Christ, our saviour was born *for* us and now He must be born *in* us. He the light that shines in the darkness, He the glory of the Father, He our hope and our salvation. He the prince of peace and Lord of Lords, He must be the message we carry through the season. We must raise our voices and shout with joy. Jesus Christ our saviour has been born for us and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

*Fr Luke Wilkinson, Assistant Priest of St John of Beverley Haydon Bridge*

# Churches Working Together

## Methodist Church Sunday Services 10.30 am

5th December Matt Barrick  
12th December Envoy Eunice Blakey ( incl. Toy Collection Service for Salvation Army)  
19th December Rev. Gareth Sherwood

**6pm United Village Carol Service St. John's Catholic Church**  
24th December **Crib Service 2.30 pm to be led by Deacon Anne Taylor**  
**(a short Nativity with carols, in the grounds of St. Cuthbert's) PLEASE NOTE EARLIER TIME OF THIS SERVICE**

## 25th December Christmas Day (Local Arrangement Service)

26th December No Service  
2nd January Readers Service Christine Thompson  
9th January Rev. Tony Buglass (Covenant Service)  
16th January Sandra Martin  
23rd January Deacon Anne Taylor  
30th January Tom Dodds

## Worship on Wednesdays 7pm

1st December, 8th December, 15th December **(three Advent Bible Studies)**

5th January, 17th January 2022

Please note that **Meeting Place** has re-started at the **Methodist Church** on **Tuesdays only** 10 am to 12 noon (not meeting on Tues 21st or Tues 28th Dec Christmas holidays)

## St. Cuthbert's Anglican Church Sunday Services 10.30 am

5th December Rev. Lesley Chapman (Eucharist)  
12th December Rev. Gill Alexander (Eucharist)  
19th December Revs Nigel and Mary Warner (Eucharist)  
**6pm United Village Carol Service at St John's Catholic Church**  
24th December Rev. Gill Alexander **(Bethlehem Mass 9pm)**  
**25th December Christmas Day No Service**  
2nd January Gill Valentine (Morning Prayer)  
9th January Rev. Gill Alexander (Eucharist)  
16th January See Notice Board nearer the time  
23rd January Rev. Gill Alexander (Eucharist **9am**)  
30th January See Notice Board nearer the time

## All Hallows Henshaw Sunday Services 10.30 am

5th December Rev. Keith Teasdale (Eucharist)  
12th December Rev. Michael Jackson (Eucharist)  
19th December Carol Service  
**25th December Rev. Gill Alexander Christmas Day (Eucharist)**  
26th December Morning Prayer  
2nd January Morning Prayer  
9th January Rev. Keith Teasdale (Eucharist)  
16th January Archdeacon Rev. C. Sourbut Groves (Eucharist)  
23rd January Rev. Gill Alexander (Eucharist)  
30th January Rev. Keith Teasdale (Eucharist)

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**19th December 6pm United Village Carol Service at St John's**  
**24th December 4pm Mass at St Wilfred's & 6.30pm Mass at St John's**

## Village Poppy Collection 2021

The British Legion Poppy Collection in our village this year amounted to £1260.50

Many thanks not only to those who gave to this worthy cause but also to those who collected.

Camilla Royds (Organiser)

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## **"CHEERS"**

### **Part 3**

This month, I continue my pub-crawl through the parish, calling in at our most recently opened purveyor of the demon drink. It will surprise many readers that, in its early days, customers formed long queues down the south side of Shaftoe Street waiting to get into our Working Men's Club: just as they had done years before when the building was home to Haydon Bridge's 'Town Hall Cinema'.

When working men Jackie Wardle, Benson Brown and Alfie Kent made the decision that another drinking establishment in Haydon Bridge could have a bright future, it wasn't every resident who forecast a successful project. The doubters were proved wrong, however, and thanks to individuals, members of various committees, and loyal customers, the Haydon Bridge 'Club' survives to enjoy its 60th year, when many similar enterprises across the country - and even the brewery that provided the early life-blood - are long gone.

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**On Saturday December 9th, 1961 the first pint was pulled in the Haydonian Working Men's Club; the forerunner of the Haydonian Social Club and today's Haydonian Community Lounge & Bar.**

**As an introduction to the Haydon Bridge Club, here are a few of my rhyming early memories.**

Aa'll tell you a tale of grand folk and fine ale,  
At the Haydon Bridge Workingmen's Club,  
We queued down the street to get in there that neet,  
At the Haydon Bridge Workingmen's Club.

**There was go as you pleases and Sunday stripteases,  
Keep your eyes down for a house or a line,  
You could furnish a room with a leek prize you won,  
And the jackpot's three fruit at a time.**

Aa'll tell you a tale of grand folk and fine ale,  
At the Haydon Bridge Workingmen's Club,  
We queued down the street to get in there that neet,  
At the Haydon Bridge Workingmen's Club.

**"Sign your name here." says Norman "Or you'll not pass the doorman."**

**"Unless you're a member, you've got nee chance."**

**"Aa pay me sub's when they're due, me card's CIU."**

**"Aye aa'll reet then." says he, "Join the dance."**

Aa'll tell you a tale of grand folk and fine ale,  
At the Haydon Bridge Workingmen's Club,  
We queued down the street to get in there that neet,

At the Haydon Bridge Workingmen's Club.

**On a stage in the room Isabel played a tune,  
We'd no cares in the world when the week's work  
was through,**

**Aa met John, Jeff and Flash, Cap, Ed, Ray and Joe  
Bass,**

**For a pint of the Fed Special brew.**

Aa'll tell you a tale of grand folk and fine ale,  
At the Haydon Bridge Workingmen's Club,  
We queued down the street to get in there that neet,  
At the Haydon Bridge Workingmen's Club.

**Aa went straight to the bar and asked Sid for a jar,  
Aa had one or two, and then three or four more,  
And before very long aa was singing a song,  
And aa danced a lass right round the floor.**

Aa'll tell you a tale of grand folk and fine ale,  
At the Haydon Bridge Workingmen's Club,  
We queued down the street to get in there that neet,  
At the Haydon Bridge Workingmen's Club.

**There was lads and their lovers, wives, daughters and  
mothers,**

**No more for the lasses their housework to dee,  
They thought, better by far for to drink Advocat,  
Pony, Babycham and Cherry B.**

Aa'll tell you a tale of grand folk and fine ale,  
At the Haydon Bridge Workingmen's Club,  
We queued down the street to get in there that neet,  
At the Haydon Bridge Workingmen's Club.

**When it's time for the turn, a pint token to earn,  
Jack played the moothie and Bob the Jews harp,  
Some lads med sec a din that the pollis caa'led in,  
To make certain we aa'll went yem sharp.**

Aa'll tell you a tale of grand folk and fine ale,  
At the Haydon Bridge Workingmen's Club,  
We queued down the street to get in there that neet,  
At the Haydon Bridge Workingmen's Club.

**It's a shame that we lack skills to turn the clock back,  
But divvent despair, when your memories die.**

**Jack and Alf will be there, Benson's still in the chair,  
In that big workmen's club in the sky.**

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**Were your parents, grandparents, or maybe great  
grandparents, among the first 45 members of Haydon  
Bridge's Working Men's Club? (See below)**

Jackie Wardle (Secretary). Jack Davies (Chairman). Edward Davison. John Barron. Jackie Boyd. Lennie Tait. Tot Barron. Sid Thompson. Charlie Pattinson. Charlie Brown (Snr). Harry Bowman. Joe Foster. Sammy Gilchrist. Tot Pickering.



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The conversion of our Town Hall, to the **Haydonian Working Men's Club**, gave a new impetus to local would-be singers and performers in the 1960's. The large hall, was transformed to provide a welcoming concert room where we were encouraged to, 'Go As You Please' on a Friday and Saturday night. Do you remember the singers and performers who made the 'Club concert room such a happy place to be?

Isabel could always be relied upon to warm up the audience, playing well known 'party' tunes on the keyboard. I can still hear her now as we make our way past Norman Phillipson on the door.

The concert chairman; Benson Brown, or was it John Willis or maybe Jackie Johnson, is coaxing reticent would-be 'turns' onto the stage, and the promise of free pint tokens seems to do the trick. Sid Thompson, having started earlier than most on the 'amber nectar', has the Dutch courage to get the show going with 'Granada'. A rendition which somehow turns into, 'Blue Bells Over the White Cliffs of Dover' when Sid reaches for the high notes! Sid takes the applause and wanders back to the bar. Nonchalantly!

The Welsh are renowned for their singing and Taffy Edwards is no exception, as he follows Sid his voice 'from the valleys' filling the air. And, everybody in the room knows the words to 'I Love To Go A Wandering', so it's no surprise when Jackie Wardle has us all joining in with his rendition.

It's time for an instrumental interlude and Robert Wylie only just makes his Jews Harp heard over the row at the bar, as the regulars jostle to catch the eye of Sid or Betty Fothergill to replenish an empty glass.

Joe 'Bass' gets the room rockin' with 'Grand Coolie Dam' and then I get up and make a big mistake by inviting everybody to "Have A Drink On Me." These numbers have given the drummer, John (Posser) Thompson, or maybe Jimmy Phillips, the chance to show off their talents to the full.

The room settles as David Whitehead keeps the audience enthralled and 'Kitchie' Moore reminds us of those 'Autumn Leaves'. David and Kitchie are followed on stage by Raymond McVay. Raymond's pack of cards is the soldier's prayer book tonight and

as Isabel plays 'The Old Rugged Cross', Raymond talks us through the old Tex Ritter story.

There's a noticeable lack of female talent, (that's entertainers by the way, not the members of the opposite sex we fancied!) but it isn't long before Minnie Weatherspoon gets up onto the stage and whistles her way through a popular melody. Minnie must have learned the technique from her dad Jimmy, who was our village's finest whistler when on his way to work. Minnie is joined by her sister Joyce and they sing together, letting us know that there's a hole in Lisa's bucket.

Minnie and Joyce are followed on stage by Esme Smith, playing the mouth organ.

An air of expectancy ripples round the room as Jack Rumney pokes his head through the doorway and takes in the scene. Jack, resplendent in a well cut suit and tie, is soon on stage telling a couple of risqué stories, which go down particularly well with the assembled throng, sings a song about a man on a bike carrying a long aerial through the town, and finally treats us to a tune on the mouth organ.

Ronnie Hinds brings a bit of decorum to proceedings, with a slow Jim Reeves number and Les Ridley takes the spoons from the top pocket of his jacket and he treats us to another instrumental session.

My mind goes back many years, to the days when as a young lad I was fascinated by Jimmy Mews, our station porter, playing the bones in the 'Black and White Minstrel' show in this very building.

A pall of smoke now hangs like a low cloud below the suspended ceiling as the clock moves towards closing time. It's time for the 'Go As You Please' to reach a crescendo; if Benson can persuade Jackie Boyd and Cecil Temperley to move off the dance floor and get back to their seats.

Maurice Cousin has been saying all night that he wouldn't get up to sing, but the atmosphere and the alcohol has had its effect. Maurice is on the stage now and his tenor voice rattles the glasses on the tables as, "....I do it My Way" rings round the room.

Young Dent, the life and soul of many a party, is propelled towards the stage by Plonk Brown and soon everyone in the 'Club is asking "Why, Why, Why, Delila?"

The night reaches a noisy climax with John Willis singing 'Speedy Gonzalez' and as we join Isabel with 'Now Is the Hour,' another wonderful, happy night in our village club comes to an end. Consigned to the memories of those who were there ..... and to these notes of history.

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In addition to the daily routine of weather observation here in Haydon Bridge, for which I thank my wife Averil while my mobility is limited, we have been aware of the ongoing COP26 Climatic Change discussions in Glasgow in which the perspective has been global. Here is where we have seen the ongoing catalogue of floods, droughts and storms which continue to afflict many parts of the world in which we live. While our merry mixed bag of rain and wind keeps us on our toes, our British weather variability tends to cover up many long-term changes.

Where there is stronger seasonal pattern to the weather it is possible to identify shifts in climate, be these in timing or magnitude. For example, a well-defined seasonality in rainfall may be later in onset or less in quantity than expected, impacting directly on the lives of many of the world's poorest peoples. It has long been accepted that much of this change has been driven by human activities, and in particular the burning of fossil fuels, a vital element in industrial development. When I first embarked on a career as a professional climatologist back in the 1960s any attempts to raise this issue with politicians tended to fall on deaf or uncaring ears, a situation which didn't change substantially until the publication of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change in August 1990. At last the politicians had their report to chew over. I'd like to think that this led us towards a clear solution to an issue which will be critical to the future of planet Earth but such has not been the case. I think we all sensed frustration when we saw the well fed-and-watered delegates at the Glasgow COP26 meeting, arriving in their fleets of cars and planes. Not the poor whose lives are becoming all the more precarious as the climate changes around them but the well-off who are fully able to defend their way of life against any environmental hazard. And then there is the language of politicians, well crafted to defend a way of life. Changing one word in a carefully constructed agreement reduces its status to that of a vague promise. So while "phasing out" the use of coal has a well-defined purpose, "phasing down" the use of coal offers more of an option than a target. Frustrated? After more than 50 years on the battlefield, yes I am !!

Nearer to home, October was another mild month, with the temperature 1.6 degC above the long-term average. For much of the UK October was exceptionally mild and rather damp. Over the first six days the weather was dominated by low pressure bringing in fresh winds from the west with rain. Conditions were particularly disturbed over the 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> which brought the strongest winds, gusting gale force, and the highest 48hr total rainfall (40.1 mm). The cloud and rain moved away on the 6<sup>th</sup> and pressure began to rise quite quickly. The following days were the warmest of the month. Anticyclonic conditions became established for the following 10 days but persistent cloud cover meant that the weather was frequently dull and damp. On the rare occasions when the clouds cleared away the temperatures fell and Haydon Bridge experienced its first frosts on the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> (-0.4 deg C on the 16<sup>th</sup>). Although encroached upon by a number of active fronts, high pressure was never far away until the final week when a depression brought further rain in a freshening westerly breeze. The wind became squally at times with whirlwinds,(small tornadoes) and water spouts reported. I was caught in a violent whirlwind during a visit to Langley Castle during the afternoon of the 29<sup>th</sup>. Water courses were considerably more active by the end of the month but Haydon Bridge escaped the heavy rain which brought flooding to the west coast between the 28<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>.

Month 2021	Average Max. Temp (Daytime) deg C	Relative to long-term average degC	Average Min. Temp (Night-time) deg C	Relative to long-term average degC	Rainfall mm	Percentage of long-term average
October	14.3	+1.6	7.6	+1.6	100.5	116%

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Ruminants seem to be getting a lot of bad press at the moment, especially cows. So I wanted to take some time to look into it. Methane appears to be the gas that is mentioned when the media talks about cows, but how does it fit in with the other atmosphere warming gases and why do we care about them?

In the breakdown of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere, Carbon Dioxide is 56%, Methane 18%, CFCs 13% with Ozone and Nitrous Oxide making up the remainder.

The sun radiates the solar radiation to the Earth's surface and the greenhouse gases reflect it back, they keep us warm by retaining heat. This is a good thing in general, but at the moment the consensus of scientific research seems to say that there is too much greenhouse gas in the atmosphere making the planet warm up altering weather patterns and ecosystems. So the amount of greenhouse gases we require is a balancing act; too few and it will cool the Earth, too much and the Earth will warm.

There are different ways of measuring the warming effect of the gases. The method often used is Global Warming Potential (GWP<sub>100</sub>) which is OK if you are comparing stock gases. Carbon dioxide is a Stock Gas; every time you produce some, the total amount increases. When Methane remains stable in the atmosphere or decreases this method is not as accurate.

Methane is a flow gas; as long as the production is level the amount in the atmosphere will stabilise. This is due to hydroxyl (OH) oxidation – a process by which radical molecules attack the Methane (CH<sub>4</sub>) and steal some of the Hydrogen (this happens usually within 10 years.) The process destroys the Methane producing water and carbon dioxide, photosynthesis then uses these to return the carbon back to the plant so continuing the cycle. A better measure of the gases is GWP\* which takes flow gases into account.

The Methane Cycle is part of the larger Carbon cycle. So from what we now know, the Methane produced from ruminants in the atmosphere is there from the last 10 years. If there is a stable world ruminant population the amount of Methane they produce should also be stable, therefore not leading to an atmospheric increase of Methane from them. Any decreases in their populations will see a reduction to total atmospheric Methane from ruminants and increases visa vera.

From the peak in the mid 1974 of 15.2 million head of cattle, the UK population has dropped to 9.36 million by 2020. In those 45 years cattle have actually had a cooling effect on warming because the Methane produced has fallen which leads to a reduced amount of Methane in the atmosphere as its broken down in the Carbon cycle. We have roughly the same number of cattle in the country now as we had pre-world war 2.

Sheep are also ruminants and produce Methane, so let's have a look at their figures. Nobody seems to mention them, it's just the cow! From the peak of 1992 when there were 44.5 million sheep in the UK to 21.8 million in 2020 which is actually less than in 1875. Sheep will have had a negative impact on the atmospheric Methane level in the last 145 years!

If we can reduce the amount of Methane returned to the atmosphere by changing their diets, capturing it from slurry and muck stores (it could be used as a fuel too), slaughter animals at a younger age, make the production cycles more efficient by culling poor performers and manage livestock in a way that sequesters Carbon into the soil. This would help to have a cooling effect on the climate to mitigate the warming caused by fossil fuels as we wean off them. Which is possibly where this figure of a 30% reduction in Methane production (COP26) comes from?

If we really want to reduce greenhouse emissions, the solutions is not to eliminate animals from our food system, they are an integral part of the process of sequestering Carbon into the soil. Livestock grazing just needs to be managed better, allowing more Carbon to be sequestered into the soil, in doing so it will also make our grasslands more productive.

Over the past 100 years release of Carbon from fossil fuels by humans has been 40 to 100 times greater than the planets geographical Carbon emissions. Rice production in paddy fields account for around 20% of all human related emissions of Methane! The ruminant isn't the problem. Look at these figures:

Year	Cattle	Sheep	Humans	Air Passengers	Cars	Power Consumption
			Millions			Exajoules
1970	857.71	1,035.00	3,700.44	310.44	246.38	238.96
1980	1,056.08	1,060.00	4,458.00	641.87	410.98	315.36
1990	1,098.27	1,160.00	5,327.23	1,025.00	582.98	382.18
2000	1,028.92	1,059.00	6,143.49	1,674.00	751.83	439.46
2010	978.79	1,060.00	6,956.82	2,628.00	1,032.96	548.1
2020	987.75	1,176.00	7,794.80	1,800.00	1,060.00	624.02 <sup>2</sup>
Change	115%	114%	211%	1450% <sup>1</sup>	430%	261%

Perhaps it's over population, our diets, fossil fuel usage, transport and energy production that are the major culprits. It's very easy to point the finger, and our media is very good at that, as are we all. But when you examine the finger it seems to point back at us. We are the problem, and it will take all of us to fix this.

**Next time we'll look at how the plant works with the soil biome to store Carbon and how we can manage grazing to store more. If you'd like to read the full version of this article, or have any questions, email me at [clartyboots@yahoo.com](mailto:clartyboots@yahoo.com)**

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