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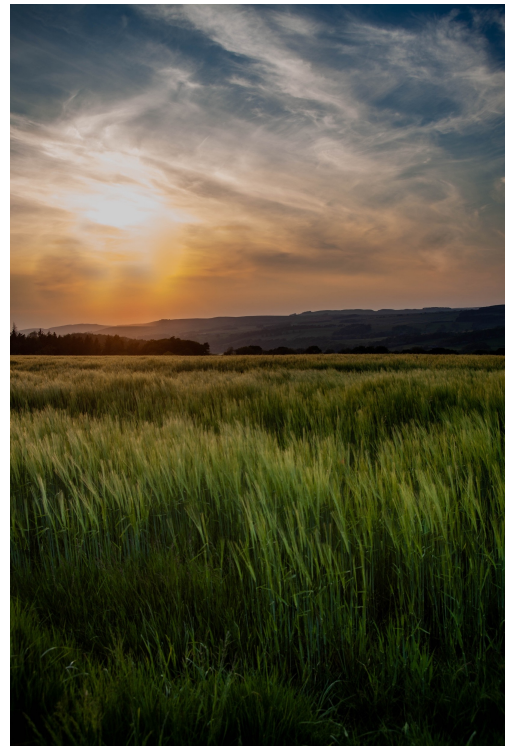
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Well done to all those to took part in or helped organise and run the Haydon Hundred cycle race this month. Well done in particular to Siobhan Stevenson, one of our regular writers who said "It was SO hard, particularly with strong headwinds! But I did it - so happy!" That's enough of an endorsement for us to try it next year!

As ever, we are in need of more contributors to the magazine – so if you have something you'd like to tell us about, or an article you'd like to write, do get in touch.

We try to have each edition of The Haydon News printed and distributed early in the month. Please submit any articles for inclusion by the 12th of the previous month. All correspondence, contributions, adverts and crossword answers to: editor@haydon-news.co.uk or to Claire's Newsagents 11 Church Street. Thank you



A stunning sunset – Tony Messner

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF HAYDON PARISH COUNCIL ON THURSDAY 27TH MAY 2021 AT 7.30PM IN HAYDON BRIDGE COMMUNITY CENTRE.

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

The Chair began by explaining that it was no longer legal for Parish Council's to meet via zoom, so the decision had been taken to move back to physical meetings for the time being.

Public participation –Mr D. Robson said that there had been sewage overflowing from two manholes in the lane at Park Stile earlier in the week. He reminded the Parish Council that when the most recent section of the Showfield was developed they had said that the pumping station for Douglas Gardens and Park Stile should not be used for this development. Shortly after the development went ahead there had been an awful smell coming from the pumping station and when Mr Robson raised the problem with Northumbrian Water they had said that they would provide air-tight covers. This had never happened. Mr Robson had been told that NCC had agreed to this solution and that Northumbrian Water had only advised. Cllr Keyte pointed out that whoever was responsible might be liable for a large fine if the river was polluted. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to the Northumbrian Water and NCC to try to find out who signed this off.

Cllrs Bates, Keyte and Thornhill had met with local residents to discuss a proposed play area on land behind the Community Centre. Those who lived nearby were not keen on the idea, but were in favour of a small community garden. Cllr Sharp said that a community group could apply to the Community Chest for funding. Cllrs had pointed out that a group needed to be formed to carry out work on the beds if this idea was to go ahead.

Apologies – were received from Cllrs B. Howard and D. Thornhill.

Election of Chair and Vice-Chair – Cllrs Faulks and Charlton were re-elected.

Declarations of interest – none were received.

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

Draft Neighbourhood Plan -Mr. Fletcher said that Cllrs had now received the pre-submission Plan, which they may approve or make suggestions for changes. There will be a 2 month period for community consultation, then any necessary amendments will be made. The plan is then submitted formally to NCC, who will go through it and may make amendments. After this it goes out for independent examination. Following this there will be a referendum of every voter in the parish and then the plan will hopefully be adopted (in around June 2022).

The draft document provides background to the parish and sets out the vision and outcomes that it is hoped will be achieved. Climate change has been put at the centre of the plan as it is something that the community will have to face up to. This section of the plan is followed by the planning policies, then the community actions, design codes and heritage assets. Through the plan the working group has been able to identify local green spaces and the plan should give them greater protection. A Housing Needs Assessment has already been undertaken. The parish has already had ¾ of the housing that NCC expects us to have by 2036, so only a minimum of 43 more new properties are required. A settlement boundary has also been agreed by the

County Council which the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group supports. The working group is looking at a site to the west of Langley Gardens. This is within the boundary and the group hope to work within Greenwich Hospital Estates to develop the type of housing on the site that would meet the actual needs of the parish. There have been a lot of 3 to 4 bedroom built over the past twenty years, when what is needed are downsizer homes and starter homes and more affordable housing.

Mr Robson asked about the legality of the plan, and Mr Fletcher explained that this plan will have legal weight with regard to planning policy. Most new housing must be within the settlement boundary. It does not mean that parcels of land would never be developed, but that NCC has to take note of this legal document, and the priorities of the community. Mr Fletcher said that he hoped housing needs could be met within the boundary; other sites for possible development are East Lands End, Belmont and Marshall's Yard. Cllr Charlton said that in places where a County Council has ignored the Neighbourhood Plan, they have been taken to court over it. Mr Fletcher said that the planning consultant assisting the working group has been very knowledgeable and without her support they would have been lost. The Neighbourhood Planning teams at NCC and the National Park have also been very good. Cllr Charlton said that the knowledge and help that has come from Mr. Fletcher had been amazing.

The PC approved the Draft Neighbourhood Plan. The policies map has not been seen by the PC and approval was subject to receiving this later. NCC had advised on statutory consultees, for example all adjoining parish councils. Subject to Covid19 regulations there will be a public consultation event on the 3rd July from 11am to 3pm. Work to take forward some of the community actions has already started. Mr Fletcher said that the group had been talking to Wefibre about a gigabit broadband initiative. 100 households need to sign up for them to apply to receive government permission to go-ahead. Signing up at this stage does not commit you to anything, but those who do will get a free connection if the scheme goes ahead.

Report from Northumberland County Council – Work on the Ratcliffe Road/Church Street scheme is now almost complete except that the road markings need to be done, and the passing place marked out. The work is programmed in for the 7 June 2021. Some surface dressing works are going to be carried out on the road at the west and east of the village during the next few days. Road improvements have been carried on the road to Threepwood and further work will be done shortly. Re-surfacing work has been carried out on the C287 road from Ridley Hall to the Carts Bogg road-end during May. Further road improvements are going to be carried out on the B6309 road from Haydon Bridge to Fourstones.

With regards to the water coming down West Mill Hills Bank the County Council have discussed this matter with Northumbrian Water and Cllr Sharp hoped to receive a further report within the next few days. Cllr Charlton said that a fresh layer of tar on the road near Tedcastle had raised the level of the road. This meant that if a drivers wheels go off the road to allow someone to pass, they have difficulty getting back onto the road.

Cllr Sharp said that the following allocations have now been approved from his Allowance Scheme -£2,866.80 towards the repairs to the boiler at Haydon Bridge Community Centre; £5,000.00 towards the purchase of a new grass cutter for Haydon Bridge Cricket Club; £4,000.00 towards a new kitchen/other works at Langley Village Hall. Cllr Sharp hopes to give Haydon Bridge Football Club a further contribution of £2,000.00 towards replacement goal posts.

Now that the Covid restrictions are easing Cllr Sharp hopes to meet up with Karbon Homes shortly to progress the play area improvements in Langley Gardens.

Cllr Sharp had received several complaints about the speed of traffic going down John Martin Street, and he said he was going to have a further meeting with the County Council and the police to see what can be done regarding this issue. Similarly, when going around the Showfield he had received further complaints regarding the speed of traffic, and he said he was in the process of arranging an on-site meeting with the County Council to see what can be done to improve the safety for all. Cllr Sharp ended by thanking everyone in the village who had voted for him.

Highways –The Clerk will ask NCC to remove the old dog bin below the Showfield and to install a wheelie bin on the corner of Peelwell and North Bank.

The electronic speed sign is still saying 30mph, Cllrs wondered if it might be best to remove it if it can't be altered to 20mph.

Cllr Kirsopp reported that once again the gulley outside St Cuthbert's Church is blocked. Cllr Sharp will raise this at NCC.

Cllr Kirsopp said that outside the Shaftoe Academy a part of the railings had been damaged and replaced with a red plastic barrier. She wondered if this could be replaced as it looked unsightly. Cllr Sharp will investigate.

Cllr Kirsopp said that Mr Kirsopp had been strimming the verge between Whitewood Cottage and the Showfield. The Clerk will ask NCC to do this in future.

Lighting – nothing to report.

Planning applications –

21/01475/FUL- North Eastern Co-op, 4 Ratcliffe Road. New aluminium shop front and sliding entrance doors in. Replacement plant with new timber enclosure. New key clamp rails and gates. New concrete ramp to single door with hand rails to either side. Replacement windows to rear elevation. Remove roller shutter and infill opening in brick work. Replacement LED lighting to rear – NO OBJECTIONS.

21/01591/FUL Demolition of existing garage and construction of detached garage at 30 Ratcliffe Road – NO OBJECTIONS, but noting that the access proposed belongs to the Community Centre.

Accounts – as in budget.

Cllr Faulks explained that the memorial inspections had now been carried out. The PC has a statutory obligation to do this every 5 years. 38 Memorials have been marked as needing attention. Cllr Charlton explained that when a burial is needed the family purchase a plot. If a headstone needs attention it is the responsibility of the family to see to this. The memorials have been inspected and now marked, so it was suggested that anyone with a family plot in the cemetery should take a look to see if this affects them. Anyone who is unable to visit a grave themselves can contact the Parish Clerk who can let them know.

Haydon Bridge Scouts had requested help with funding for planters on either side of the road bridge. This was discussed and it was decided that the method of securing the planters should be checked with NCC before the PC decides.

Risk assessment and Review of Internal Audit – have now been carried out and approved by the Parish Council.

Annual Governance and Accountability Return – Sections 1 and 2 of the AGAR were approved and signed.

Correspondence –Dr Ford had been in touch about recent ditch

clearance. He paid tribute “to the care that the excavator driver has exercised in placing clumps of wildflowers, especially cowslips, where they can continue to flourish.” However, Dr Ford noted that “about two dozen ten year old oaks have been destroyed or buried by the excavated soil ... and whilst the ditches have been beautifully restored the culverts under the road have been completely blocked resulting in continued flooding.” This was passed on to NCC.

A letter from Tula Thompson and Nicola Grint regarding the Showfield play area had been received and it was agreed to discuss this shortly.

Parish Projects –

Development Trust – people had been out from NCC to look at the library computers. The volunteers have had their vaccinations, but some new volunteers would be much appreciated to help boost the numbers. The Haydon Hundred will take place on the 12th of June and again extra helpers would be welcomed. Over 200 entries have been received so far, and it is hoped there will be 300 on the day.

Play area at Langley Gardens – It was questioned why the play equipment had still not been replaced as spikes had been left in the ground, which was a health and safety issue. Cllr Sharp will arrange a site meeting.

Green area behind the Community Centre – Cllrs Bates, Keyte and Thornhill had met with local residents to discuss possible uses for the site. The fence and the benches need to be replaced as Karbon Homes had promised.

Flood group – Cllr Faulks said that there had been a useful meeting with representatives of the Environment Agency. They had agreed to look at steps over the flood defence at Brigwood. They had also taken on board a request for a flood gate at the beginning of the footpath next to 1 Ratcliffe Road. Cllr Snowdon said that the trees on the North Bank felt to be a flood risk had been discussed with Tom Pitman in the past. The EA were against removing the trees as it was too complicated to get machinery down there. Local people had offered to do the work for free, but a negative response had been received from the EA and this was why Cllr Snowdon had stood down from the role of flood group coordinator. This role still needs to be filled. Cllr Faulks said that the contractors working on the riverbank had had their work halted due to weather conditions. Instead of sitting in their cabs they had gone around the village, carrying out a litter pick. The Parish Council was very impressed by this and it was agreed that the Clerk would write to thank them.

Planters on the pavement opposite the Co-op – Cllr Thompson said that she had been approached by people who would like some planters and a bench place on the pavement. It was agreed that as the PC will probably help fund planters on the bridge, funding help should be requested from the GITS for this project.

Any other business – Cllr Keyte said that Jack Rumney will be carrying out more retimbering work at Shaftoe Green shortly. A delivery of woodchip will also arrive on the 2nd of June.

Cllr Sharp asked if the fence at the Church Street junction had been repaired, and he was told that it had. The gulley outside the Co-op had also been cleaned out.

Cllr Kirsopp asked when the Spa Well path would be reinstated, and Cllr Sharp explained that the work was still being discussed with the landowner.



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Edmund Blunden

A reason for huge joy manifested itself at the start of the summer term when a list of fixtures was published for the Common Room Cricket team, strangely more than there were for the 1st XI! Most Wednesday evenings were set aside for matches against the staff of other schools, mostly 20 over affairs, and many Sunday afternoons were to be spent either entertaining or visiting local sides or teams put together by parents. There were also three or four all-day matches during the first week of the summer holidays.

The man responsible for such an impressive list was a Yorkshireman, affectionately known as ‘Pinkie’ after the character in ‘Brighton Rock’ who adored the game but had not been blessed with great talent – by organising the team, he could at least be assured of selection, although the captaincy was shared around. Pinkie’s love of cricket was complimented by his love of beer and, on the odd occasion when he scored a few runs, he would relive his innings in the pub afterwards to anyone unfortunate enough to find themselves in his vicinity, each scoring stroke seemingly more expertly and extravagantly executed as the beer flowed. Pinkie was not a bowler, but was occasionally asked to turn his arm over, usually with fairly severe consequences. On one occasion, he managed to concede seven sixes and three fours in two overs, as a result of which the game was quickly lost. An unscrupulous colleague happened to mention this at breakfast to a sixth-former who was looking forward to double Maths with Pinkie after assembly; word got around and, as was the custom, the boys stood politely as Pinkie entered the room.....but with both arms raised above their heads in the manner of an umpire signalling a six! Titters and giggles were also heard whenever the numbers four or six were mentioned in the course of the lesson.

There were two highlights of the season, an away match against a parent’s XI played at Penshurst Place, possibly the most beautiful setting for a game of cricket. There was a steep slope down to the boundary in one corner, so much so that if the fielder stood just inside the boundary rope, he was unable to see the action in the middle! A loud shout accompanied any shot which headed that way, usually with directions to intercept the ball or, even worse, a potential catch. In addition, ‘match tea’ consisted of a steak and chips supper in a local hostelry with the beer tab picked up by the parent. The second was the annual match against the local pub; a good number of us played for both sides and loyalties were severely tested when choosing which to represent.

I was invited to captain the Common Room XI against the Wheelwrights Arms and accepted, an honour which seemed more appropriate once I learned that the pub XI was to be skippered by my pal, Jeff Jefferson. Several wagers were made, including the result of the match and our individual batting performances, and banter levels were high as both teams met in the pub for a few pre-match beers, just to settle the nerves. Jeff won the toss, elected to bat and the game began. Several batsmen came and went before the unmistakable figure of Jeff waddled to the wicket and took his guard. The ace up my sleeve was a young Australian GAP student whom I had held in reserve for this very moment; I threw him the ball and asked him to give Jeff some ‘chin music’. The first ball took off and soared straight over the heads of both batsman and wicket-keeper, almost clearing the boundary rope for what would have been a remarkable six byes. Ted, the wicket-keeper, temporarily retreated to the boundary in protest. The second was pitched up a little and whizzed past Jeff’s nose but also past the keeper’s gloves, resulting in four more byes. No helmets in those days, of course. A quick word with the bowler resulted in the third ball pitched up even further and it smacked into Jeff’s thigh before lodging in the top of his pad. Jeff yelled, hopped out of his crease and, in gentlemanly fashion, offered the ball to the keeper who proceeded to grab it, whip off the bails and appeal to the square leg umpire who, after a slight hesitation, slowly raised his finger. According to the Laws of cricket, if the ball becomes lodged in any part of the batsman’s clothing or equipment, it becomes dead. As Jeff stomped off, various jocular attempts to recall him were made, but to no avail; loud bangs, crashes and oaths were heard from the pavilion, much to the amusement of those on the field.

By the time the game had ended and the players had made their way to the pub, Jeff was on his fifth pint and had mellowed considerably and all was forgiven. And I won both bets.

Back to Life, back to reality?*

Government announcements permitting, I am hoping we can get the Friday Lunch Club and Exercise to Music classes back up and running from late July. We will have to follow national and Community Centre rules of course. My thinking is that this will give us a gradual start during August to get back into the swing.

Calling all existing, and potential new, participants and volunteers: Please let me know what you think about this proposal. And watch this space and posters around the village for future announcements! Thanks

Carole P, 07939202930

**Great hit from Soul II Soul, but a bit slow for dance class*

The Haydon Hundred 2021

Beautiful clear blue skies and a gentle refreshing breeze welcomed the participants in the 2021 Haydon Hundred to Haydon Bridge, on Saturday morning, June 12th. More than 300 riders thronged Church Street in anticipation of the challenge that lay ahead and the days of gale force winds and teeming rain that had been a feature of the event in previous years, were forgotten; as was - at least for a day - the ghastly Covid pandemic that meant the cancellation of the event in 2020.

It is no wonder that the Haydon Hundred is now one of the most eagerly awaited cycling events in the Northern calendar. A spectacular ride through the North Pennines for the cyclists, and a special day for our village as the starting and finishing point, bedecked with British Cycling banners.

Saturday morning was remarkable for the efficiency of the organisation that preceded the event. A worry-free system for around 330 visitors from near and far who arrived in the village, queued up, signed in and then left in groups of fifteen every three minutes.

Great credit is due to Mark l'Anson, his team of volunteers and the Haydon Bridge Development Trust, for the many hours of unseen work, and practical work on the day, that has developed and undertaken such a wonderful British Cycling sponsored sportive event in Haydon Bridge.

The participants in the Haydon Hundred were able to choose from a 'Classic Route' of 100km, a 60km 'Challenge Route' for those with less experience, or a 'Skyrider Route' of 140km suitable only for expert cyclists. The routes include five of the six highest passes in England and the cyclists in-race fluid intake and sustenance was well served by friendly volunteers at feed stations, where liquid and the event's renowned flavoured flapjacks were made available.

Dennis Telford

As the sun went down on a most successful day, Mark l'Anson expressed his thanks:

"Firstly a huge thanks from me for all of you who have volunteered and spent time helping. It not only takes a huge load off me but it is truly appreciated by all our entrants.

To the riders, you are all such a friendly, helpful and brave bunch. It was a tough ride but most of you were smiling at the end.

Also, to the marshals, timekeepers and feed station staff.

A selection of feedback I received:

"thanks to everyone who made this possible. Everyone seemed to be having a good time and we showed off how beautiful our parish is."

"Another great event. Well organised, marshals on tricky junctions and a great but windy day. Pass on our thanks to all involved."

"It's fantastic that you are doing all this for a community facility. Makes an enjoyable ride even better."

"Brilliantly organised as always."

"Please pass on my thanks to all involved. Next year could you flatten the hills little please!"

There were lots of comments about the start and how efficient everyone was, how friendly and helpful the marshals were and how well the feed stations were run. And many, many more. The flapjacks, marshals, hog-roast all got multiple mentions.

We have made a big start on the library costs for next year with this event and it wouldn't happen without everyone's help, so feel proud. And thanks again."

Mark l'Anson

I will let a few of the riders in the Haydon Hundred Sportive event have the last word:

Ray Waters:

"Many thanks to all the good folk from the village for organising in trying circumstances."

Kyle Bennett:

"Excellently run sportive! Well signposted and the hazards were made clear throughout. Well done to all concerned."

Neil Veitch:

"Congratulations to the HH team for putting on a great event despite the problems of Covid. Also, many thanks to all the helpers, marshals and feed station providers and staff. Great to arrive at feed stations to be greeted by friendly faces and helpful attention. It's great that you give up your valuable time."

David Rowland:

"Many thanks to all the local volunteers for making this event happen. Glorious scenery and a really challenging route. By far and away the friendliest sportive I have ridden. Look forward to doing it all again next year."

And finally, Suzzane Sharp:

"Never to be forgotten!"



Ian Foster, a member of the organising committee signs in the cyclists.

A Rider Writes...

Dear Editor,

I have participated in the Haydon Hundred each year and want to record that I thoroughly enjoyed this year's event, possibly even more than the others I've done.

The event was supremely well organised: from the communication in the days and weeks leading up to it, the staggered start times, the excellent grub and staff at the feed stations, through to the finish. And last but not least the hog roast, which for some reason tasted even better this year.

Please pass on my thanks to the organisers, volunteers and marshals – I shouldn't really pick out individuals but would like to mention the lady who was warning everyone about the dangerous descent and junction at Whitfield, and the next marshal who was checking the road and either waved us on or told us to stop if vehicles were coming.

Finally, I have a question or two for John Harrison, the Haydon News 'weather man'. Can he explain the curse that afflicts all cyclists?

We had a head wind:

- Pretty much all the way from Fourstones/Newbrough to Haltwhistle.

- From Whitfield to Alston (which made the long climb up onto Alston Moor more difficult than it otherwise would have been).

After reaching Nenthead and 'turning round' to cycle back towards Catton and Haydon Bridge, we might have expected a tail wind to help us along, but guess what; no! More head winds!

So, what does the wind have against cyclists Mr Harrison?

Why do we have to cycle into the wind on the 'way out' and then again on the 'way back'?

Is there a meteorological explanation? Or, is it just my imagination?

Despite this breezy issue, I will be back from Newcastle again next year to take part in what is a wonderful occasion centred in Haydon Bridge.

Thank you to everyone.

Yours sincerely,

David Tait

Pet Advice from Murray Farmcare

As the weather is starting to get warmer, we need to make sure our pets don't get too hot.

We have put together some information on how to help your pets enjoy the summer as much as you.

Dog care in the summer:

- Dogs will need exercise even when its hot. It is recommended you do this early in the morning and late on an evening. This will reduce the risk of heatstroke and the pavements being too hot, which can burn the dogs' paws.
- Avoid running or cycling in warm weather, provide fresh clean cold water at all times.
- Don't leave dogs in cars, conservatories, outbuildings or caravans.
- Try freezing kong toys with water or treats to keep their temperature's down.
- Paddling pools and cool mats will also help keep your dog cool.
- On hot days use pet safe sun cream on exposed parts of your dogs' skin, such as their nose tips of their ears.

Cat care in the summer:

Although cats will often seek shade and drink more water to keep cool you can also follow these tips on how to keep them cool on a hot day.

- Leave windows open slightly to allow a breeze through the house.
- Damp towels for your cat to lie on will also regulate their temperature.
- Ice cubes in the water bowl will keep water colder for longer.
- If they do venture outside use pet safe sun cream on their noses and ears, white and light-coloured cats are very vulnerable to getting burnt.
- Check shed and greenhouses before locking them up in case they are hiding inside to keep in the shade.

Rabbit and rodent care in the summer:

- Avoid leaving hutches and cages in direct sunlight
- Always make sure they have a shaded area to lie in.
- During warmer weather they will drink more so always make sure the water bottle is topped up with fresh cold water.
- If you have a house rabbit or guinea pig, make sure there is a window left open throughout the day to allow a breeze to keep them cool.
- Don't house rabbits or any other small animals in conservatories, as these can heat up quickly.

Louise, Murray Pet Care

YOUR HAYDON PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

WE NEED YOUR VIEWS

The original Consultation Day, part of the Parish community Fun Day, was originally planned for 3rd July. The government's recent announcement postponing a decision on removing Covid-19 restrictions until the 19th July has meant that we have had to rearrange this. The new date for the Consultation Day and Fun Day is Saturday 28th August. More details will be posted around the parish and on the Haydon Bridge website and facebook page.

Over the past 18 months a Steering Group of local people and Parish Councillors has been consulting with the community and developing a Neighbourhood Plan on the community's behalf. Once adopted the plan will become part of the statutory planning framework and will be used by planning officers at the county council to determine planning applications.

The draft Neighbourhood Plan which runs to 2036, the same timescale as the Northumberland Local Plan, has now been published. It sets out a range of Planning Policies and community actions which will affect residents and businesses in Haydon Parish. So, we want YOUR VIEWS about the proposals BEFORE the plan is submitted to the county council for approval.

The formal consultation period for the plan will be Monday 2 August to 12 noon on Monday 27 September - see the end of this article about how you can respond.

What the plan covers

Issues the community has raised

Local people told us that Haydon Bridge and the hamlets around it are a great place to live. However, they also identified a set of issues and challenges for the community to address in relation to issues such as:

- the challenges relating to sustainability and climate change;
- the high level of housing development in the past 20 years, linked to concern about becoming a dormitory town of Hexham, and difficulties for local people to access affordable housing;
- risks to our built and industrial heritage, and to our landscape and green spaces for walking and recreation;
- the loss of local shops and services;
- the importance of local employment and local jobs;
- parking, traffic and transport issues.

A vision for Haydon Parish in 2036

Haydon Parish will be a great place for all generations to live, work and flourish both now and in the future.

It will be a successful sustainable community committed to addressing climate change.

It will have a distinct identity, which attracts a growing number of visitors to Haydon Bridge and surrounding countryside to support the local economy.

Our Objectives

The plan is based around 7 objectives, each of which has a number of Planning Policies to help deliver on them. The objectives are:

Objective 1 – Sustainability and climate change

Focusing the majority of development within the settlement boundary (which is defined in the county council's Local Plan, to limit new development outside the main part of Haydon Bridge village) and ensuring all new development is sustainable and takes a proactive approach to mitigating and adapting to climate change. This includes:

Embedding a commitment to sustainable design, construction and use;

Fully understanding and addressing the current and future implications of flood risk;

Contributing to reducing the carbon footprint of the parish; and Prioritising energy efficiency and use of renewable energy in existing as well as new development and reducing fuel poverty.

These issues are covered in planning policies:

Policy H1: Sustainable development

Policy H2: Sustainable location of new development

Policy H3: Embedding energy efficiency and renewable energy

Policy H4: Community energy and renewable energy technology

Policy H5: Flood prevention and alleviation

Objective 2 – Built and historic environment

Ensuring new development, including alterations to dwellings:

Meet the requirements of the Haydon Parish Design Code

Reduce our carbon footprint

Make a positive contribution to the historic and built environment of the parish

Respect and protect our heritage, including preserving and enhancing the significance of the conservation area, as well as protecting our designated and non-designated heritage assets.

These issues are covered in planning policies:

Policy H6: Design

Policy H7: Heritage assets

Policy H8: Haydon Bridge Conservation Area

Objective 3 – Natural Environment

Supporting the enormous value placed on the landscape of the parish and the wildlife that it supports, this objective concentrates on:

Protecting and enhancing the distinctive character of Haydon Parish, especially in relation to the landscape.

Planning positively for the creation, protection and enhancement of networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure.

Safeguarding spaces that are important to the community and the character of the area.

Encouraging and supporting community led projects that enable Haydon Parish to both reduce its carbon footprint and enhance biodiversity.

These issues are covered in planning policies:

Policy H9: Landscape

Policy H10: Biodiversity

Policy H11: Green infrastructure

Policy H12: Local green space

Policy H13: Protected open space

Objective 4 – Housing

Meeting the identified needs of the local community and protecting the important rural character of the area by:
Supporting both affordable housing and small scale housing developments
Providing new starter homes and homes for households wanting to downsize
Protecting the heritage and the rural nature of the area
These issues are covered in planning policies:
H14: Meeting housing needs
H15: Land west of Langley Gardens and north of Ratcliffe Road

Objective 5 – Vibrant and thriving community

Providing a community infrastructure that supports all aspects of the health and well-being of the community by:
Retaining, protecting and enhancing our valued community facilities
Reducing the need to travel outside Haydon Parish and thus reducing our carbon emissions
Protecting and enhancing the village centre as a service centre, through supporting and encouraging local businesses to thrive and new businesses to emerge, thereby making Haydon Parish more resilient to global shocks
These issues are covered in planning policies:
H16: Community services and facilities
H17: Haydon Bridge village centre

Objective 6 – Local Economy

Supporting the economy of the Neighbourhood Plan area by, Attracting new businesses to the parish, thereby reducing the distance of travel to work and the level of carbon emissions
Encouraging businesses to reduce their carbon footprint and welcoming businesses in the parish that actively sequester carbon and increase biodiversity.
These issues are covered in planning policies:
H18: Tourism
H19: Agriculture

Objective 7 – Accessibility and Transport

Developing the transport network in the plan to:
Be equipped for the era of electric cars and bicycles;
Improve accessibility for all across the parish, particularly between the settlements in the north and south;
Improve accessibility and safety of routes to neighbouring towns east and west, enabling the transition away from fossil fuels through dedicated non car routes;
Enhance opportunities for walkers, cyclists, horse riders and those with disabilities; and
Mitigate the impact of traffic in Haydon Bridge.
These issues are covered in planning policies:
H20: Sustainable transport and new development
H21: Walking and cycling network

Details of all the policies mentioned above can be found in the Draft Neighbourhood Plan

Community Actions

Not all of the issues raised by the community during the consultation work for the plan could be addressed through planning policies. Annex 1 of the Draft Neighbourhood Plan sets out a set of short and longer term areas for community actions covering the same areas as the objectives in the plan. Work has already started to address some of these, for example: a high speed gigabit broadband initiative in partnership with WeFibre; the creation of electrical vehicle charging points in partnership with Charge My Street; work on a cycle path to Hexham; and much more.

Where do we go from here

Following consultation, the plan will be assessed and approved by Northumberland County Council and an independent inspector
A referendum will be held next year in which local people will

vote on whether to support the plan
Subject to community approval the plan will become part of the statutory planning framework and will be used to assess planning applications in Haydon Parish

READ THE PLAN AND GIVE US YOUR VIEWS

COMMENT ON the plan BEFORE it goes to the county council – see www.haydon-bridge.co.uk or get a hard copy of the plan via haydonneighbourhoodplan@hotmail.com
Visit the exhibition, probably at St Cuthbert's Church, subject to Covid rules

Come to the Community Fun Day and Consultation Event on 28 August at the Community Centre (postponed from 3 July because of the continuation of Covid19 government restrictions)

HOW CAN I RESPOND?

Using the online forms at www.haydon-bridge.co.uk/community-plan.php; or

Using paper copies of the response forms available at Claire's Newsagents ; or

Emailing your comments to haydonneighbourhoodplan@hotmail.com; or

Writing to: Haydon Parish Clerk, Haydon Parish Council, Belmont Lodge, Haydon Bridge NE47 6HD

Your comments must reach us by noon on 27 September 2021



To celebrate the start of the community consultation for the Neighbourhood Plan the Parish Council is holding a...

COMMUNITY FUN DAY

~~SAT 3 JULY~~, 11am – 3pm

Come and tell us which community priority action areas you want to support or get involved in:

- Car sharing club
- More community centres for groups and other people
- Improving our footpaths and cycle paths – cycle path to Hexham
- Cutting the energy cost for your home
- Get fit – Indoor and outdoor gym equipment
- EV charging points and Ebike hire
- High speed broadband – faster, low monthly charges
- Community tree planting and orchard
- Community cafe
- The Tuesday Car Booting Group for village maintenance projects
- Smallholding – let us help you buy as a family asset

Postponed until Sat 28 August

We will plant a tree for everyone who comes!

Haydon Bridge Community Centre, Haydon Bridge, Hexham NE47 6ET

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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Shaftoe School

Victoria Binovec

Children at Shaftoe enjoyed a lovely end of half term treat... ice creams from Zoe and Tynedale Ices. We're doing lots of outdoor learning, Harry and Liv brought their ducklings in so Year 1 and 2 could learn more about life cycles. Children loved handling them and we'd love to have some at school! This term has seen the restarting of extra curricular clubs and we've been excited to launch nature detectives, pottery, computing and "try something new" club.



TO FIND: Summer fair favourites

- TOMBOLA
- RAFFLE
- CAKE STALL
- SPLAT THE RAT
- LUCKY DIP
- FACE PAINTING
- WATER IN TO WINE
- COCONUT SHY
- HOOK A DUCK
- PLANT SALE
- BRING AND BUY
- CRAFT STALL
- TIN CAN ALLEY
- WELLY WANGER
- GUESS THE NAME
- HOW MANY SWEETS
- FERRET RACE

RAYDON FRIDGE and DUSTY BINN

I think I'll have a vodka before I go home, Dusty.

Russian, Raydon?

No, I won't be leaving for at least half an hour.



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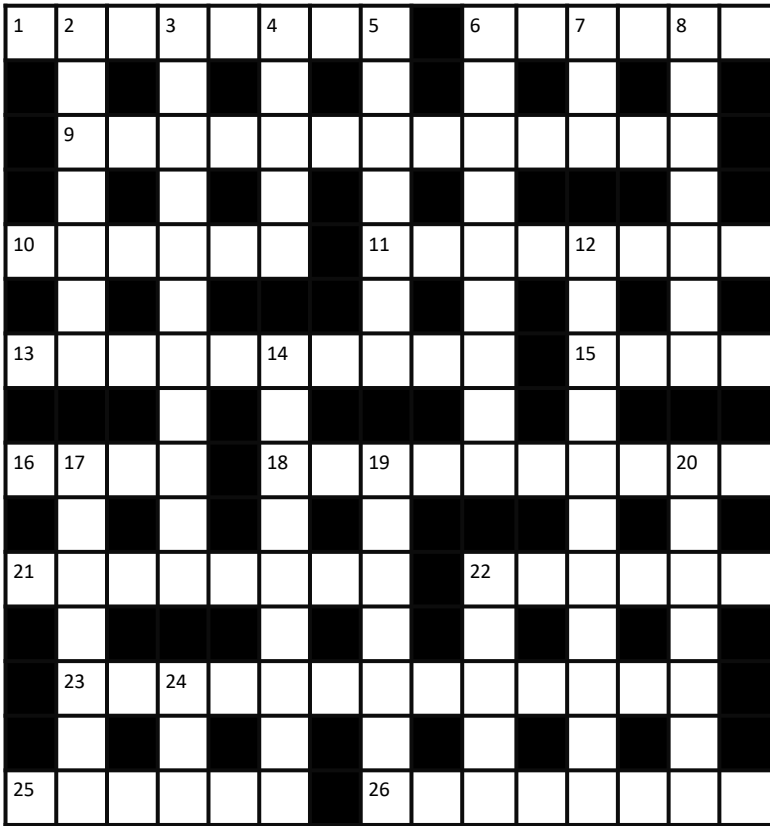
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ACROSS

- 1. I'm in the cathedral – I'm the clergyman! (8)
- 6. Stream working to summon (6)
- 9. Particular part of tree used in national security (7,6)
- 10. PS. Hymn is changed by beautiful sprites (6)
- 11. First man's brew was a bit watery? (5,3)
- 13. Racing pulse (6,4)
- 15. Concert held in ship Romeo had hired (4)
- 16. Skirt of old car (4)
- 18. Vegan entertains inverted irate person who doesn't eat meat (10)
- 21. Without anxiety, race around the reef (8)
- 22. Mineral holding brown up to be decorative (6)
- 23. Food on the go for the elderly (5,2,6)
- 25. Theologian surrounded by drink goes off (6)
- 26. Fearing upheaval in "D" grade (8)

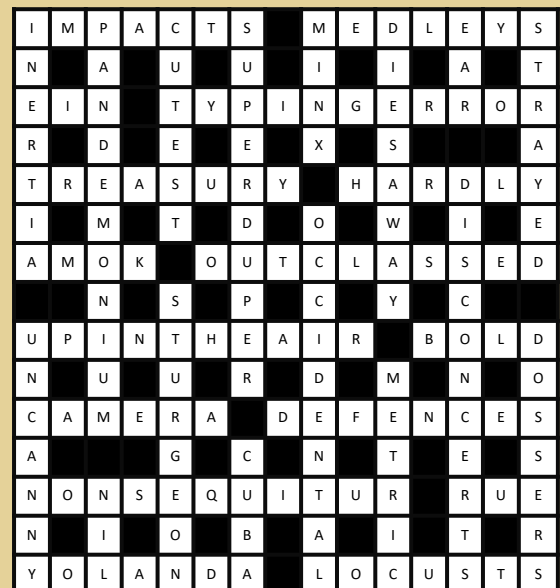
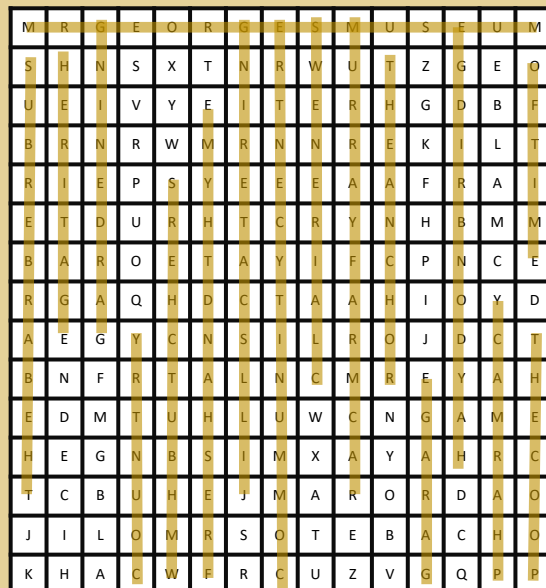
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- 2. Writer questions reader? That takes the biscuit (1,3,3)
- 3. At home, old flame thinking: "it's cheap" (11)
- 4. Cottons on to small bits of 9 ac. (5)
- 5. Let again for free (7)
- 6. Piece of metal in public house to attract customers? (3,6)
- 7. Trick party (3)
- 8. Biblical greeting could be Venetian moor (7)
- 12. Oversee senior cop who's lost hospital department (11)
- 14. Dreamers disturb Sister Vera endlessly (9)
- 17. Alerted almost everyone prepared for battle (7)
- 19. Gathered gen Aled had abandoned (7)
- 20. Skilled worker in part is antagonistic (7)
- 22. Pigment right in the throwline in darts (5)
- 24. Suffer the beer, you say?



June puzzle answers:

2	4	7	5	3	1	9	6	8
8	5	6	7	9	4	3	1	2
3	1	9	8	2	6	7	5	4
4	3	8	1	6	9	5	2	7
6	7	2	4	5	8	1	9	3
5	9	1	3	7	2	8	4	6
7	2	3	6	1	5	4	8	9
9	8	5	2	4	7	6	3	1
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I started writing this month's 'piece' just before the end of May. "Good for you" you might say, "so what!" The reason being that I have had a few outings planned and have not be able to do things at my leisure any more. That in itself has been a welcome relief in some ways, but in other ways it means I sometimes forget where the time goes, what day it is and how I now have to fit things in around other things.

But hooray - I have finally been out - and not just to Tesco/Waitrose/Sainsbury's. I went to the dentist (at last I found one having moved up here just prior to covid), to the hairdresser (found one) and out for a couple of meals. I need to re-check my calendar now for "appointments" - I can no longer say to someone "Oh, anytime will do". This going out thing though, entails a degree of thought as to appearance. Can I actually fit into those trousers now having eaten and drunk my way through all sorts over the last year? I also remember now, hobbling along, why I hardly ever wore those shoes before. Forgot about that. Another outing to buy plant food and a long handled stiff brush for the garden, hoping to neaten it up for the balmy months ahead - but it is already June 18th and lo and behold, in three days' time it will be the longest day - can you believe it?

I was planning on going to Hampshire to see my family during June but made it clear it wouldn't be before June 28th when we have all had a chance to see what the new variant has thrown at us! We all made a conscious decision to postpone everything (prior to any Boris announcements), until the end of July - better to be safer than sorrier. Now that our freedom restrictions have officially been postponed until 19 July, the plan is for the family to come and visit at the end of July into August, which will be great - not seen them for eight months. I can tell when real tedium takes over when I find myself asking them two months in advance what their meal preferences are so I can start planning accordingly. There are nine people coming (depending on public health guidance!) so a sizeable number to cater for!

My next mission of course is trying to organise entertainment for everyone when they get here - not me personally, but having looked up the obvious such as Beamish, Alnwick castle, museums and so forth - things to suit everyone, I realise they all have to be booked in advance - though many places are only releasing bookings on a week-by-week basis. Quite some undertaking for so many - if only we could guarantee the weather and just go to Whitley Bay! Nevertheless, it will be lovely to see everyone though it probably won't take long before some argument ensues as to who's won what - we are all quite competitive and plan to play some board games. A favourite saying of the middle granddaughter, aged 5, is, "But I didn't get a chance to win". Some hard life lessons ahead for her I'm afraid. This time next month things will be imminent, all plans in place, the freezer full of everyone's favourite things (I feel a song coming along) and anticipation in the air.

Notices

HAYDON BRIDGE UNITED A.F.C.

Nominations are requested for the **Edward Waite Trophy** Awarded for exceptional contribution to sport (Any sport - no age restriction) Nominees must reside within the Haydon Parish Please pass any nominations to the Club Secretary / committee member Or E-Mail to: secretary@haydonbridgeunited.co.uk
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St Cuthbert's Harvest Market

St Cuthbert's Church, Haydon Bridge on Saturday 25th September 2021.

Save the Date - more information to follow in the September issue.

Lots of different stalls and children's activities.

Wedding Anniversary

Congratulations to Norman and Deanna Bell who celebrate sixty years of marriage on 29th July. With love, Ann and Ken

I left you in June, having revisited a 1928 Haydon Bridge Women's Institute booklet of recipes, 'things worth knowing' for the twentieth century housewife, and our 1928 retailers' advertisements.

I promised that this month I would show you more of the 1928 advertisements, and introduce you to 'The North's Prettiest Girls'.

It was our regional newspaper the Newcastle Journal that gave the young girls from Haydon Bridge the title ... and very much warranted I suggest. Each one of our prettiest girls worked in Hexham where they caught the reporter's eye in 1958 and it was one of them, Ann Hutchinson (*Mrs. Puddick today*) who so kindly shared the 1928 W.I. booklet that belonged to her mother, Mollie.

There's new charm in an old market town



● **THREE OF HEXHAM'S PRETTY WORKERS** (left to right): Alma Philipson, 21; Ann Hutchinson, 16; and Margaret Swallow, 17; all of Haydon Bridge.

HEXHAM CLAIMS NORTH'S PRETTIEST GIRLS

The Journal reporter informed readers that if they had any doubt about Hexham claiming the 'North's prettiest girls', they should be aware that Alma Phillipson, Ann Hutchinson and Margaret Swallow of nearby Haydon Bridge, had all recently been crowned Beauty Queens - at the Haydon Bridge Show.

The first Haydon Bridge Flower Show - or, more accurately, the Haydon Bridge Floral and Horticultural Society Exhibition - was held in September 1841 at The Black Bull Inn on Ratcliffe Road, and in 1844 the first outdoor show was held in a 'spacious pavilion' at The Anchor Inn. Due to the years interrupted by two World Wars, the centenary exhibition of the Society was not held until Saturday, September 2nd 1950 and it was for that centenary event that the first Show

Queen was chosen.

The 1950s festivities started at a dance, in the Town Hall on Friday, August 4th 1950, and Irayeda (Dey) Armstrong of 35 Hordley Acres was chosen as Show Queen. Irayeda was accompanied by her attendants.



At Low Hall Park, on the early evening of Wednesday, August 30th, following a parade through the village led by the Haydon Bridge Silver Band, Irayeda Armstrong was crowned Show Queen by Mrs R. Allen, the wife of Colonel Robert Allen, president of the Society. Mrs Allen was presented with a bouquet by Linda Ridley, one of the Queen's attendants.

Following the crowning ceremony, a large crowd enjoyed a Comic Football Match between 'Haydon Ladies' and 'The Old Tymers'; and on the following evening, the festivities continued with children's sports at Haydon Park.

And so, in 1950, the annual selection and crowning of a Haydon Bridge Beauty Queen was established; and local journalists were given food for thought.

Beauty contests may be frowned upon in 2021, but I remember as young lads in the 1950s, with only two things on our minds - and the other one was football - looking forward with anticipation to the parade of a dozen girls every July in the Town Hall; we each had our favourite pretty girl for Show Queen.

A few of our readers and the girls who are still with us, will remember all the beauty contests and the chosen Queens; and their attendants who were chosen by the pupils of Shaftoe Trust School:

1950: Irayeda Armstrong: with Lorna Dixon, Dorothy Ridley, Margaret Routledge and Linda Ridley.

1951: Viola Humble: with Sandra Moore, Kathleen Wardle, Shirley Temperley and Joan Bates attending.

1952: Olive Humble: - Viola's sister - with Marjorie Ohlson and Mavis Telford. Olive was chosen by Newcastle United's famous centre half Frank Brennan - so it was football **and** girls for the Haydon Bridge lads in 1952.

1953: Marjorie Heslop: Maureen Brown and Pamela Charlton were the Show Queen's attendants

1954: Patricia Charlton: with Joan Charlton and Joan Tait.

1955: Alma Phillipson: attended by Eileen Bates and Pat Jeans.

1956: Isabel Charlton: Kathryn Ferguson and Heather Powell attended.

1957: Margaret Swallow: with Kathleen Armstrong and Carol Jeans.

1958: Ann Hutchinson: with Janice Gilchrist and Eileen Wardle. *(It was Ann who kindly provided the 1928 W.I. booklet from which this story developed.)*



1958 Show Queen Ann Hutchinson leads the parade and below, with her attendants



1959: Ann Davies was chosen as the Show Queen and undertook her role with Petula Moore and Christine Snowball as her attendants.

The contest for the 1959 Flower Show Queen was judged by the north east comedian Bobby Thompson and his wife Phyllis. That 'little Bobby' turned up at all must have been a relief to the committee, given his reputation for missing personal appearances, but it was a grand opportunity for Haydon Bridge folk to meet the north east legend in person.



The 1959 Show Queen Ann Davies is crowned by our 1958 Show Queen Ann Hutchinson

Sadly, September 5th 1959 was the last Haydon Bridge Show in its traditional format.

A much smaller version of the Society's show continued indoors until September 20th 1980. *(You can read my history of the Haydon Bridge Show on The Haydon News website: www.haydon-news.co.uk once into the website, go to 'back numbers' - 2012. Start in February and follow my extensive history.)*

Returning to the retailers' advertisements in the Haydon Bridge Women's Institute 1928 Recipe Book
(First introduced In June's Haydon News)

Note Watson's phone number.

Whose phone was number 1 In 1928 I wonder?

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To South Africa by Railway

A taste of South Africa has arrived in Haydon Bridge thanks to some creative new menu additions at The Railway Hotel.

As the country emerges from lockdown and many of us venture out to restaurants to enjoy the experience of dining out again, the team at The Railway have launched a new menu to tantalise your tastebuds.

Calvin, head chef and owner said, 'We first took over The Railway in 2018. When Covid took hold we decided it was the perfect time for us to refresh the bar and hotel, making it brighter and putting our own stamp on it. We took the opportunity during lockdown to refurbish and rejuvenate the venue, while working on new ideas for the restaurant and bar.'

Calvin and his partner Shannon have a real passion for the business, hoping their new ideas and hard work will attract both locals and visitors to the area to try their new offering.

'I'm from Durban in South Africa and wanted to offer our guests the opportunity to taste the food I love. I cook with South African flavours and spices, to make it a different, delicious experience for diners. The menu includes 'Bunny Chow' – which is a famous Durban dish of curried lamb, as well as dry aged sirloin steak on the bone and our own favourite barbecue dishes – or braai as they're known in South Africa – with chutneys, biltong and other ingredients sourced from South Africa and beyond. There's also traditional pub classics and favourites, with burgers, ribs, fresh pasta and seafood.

Having trained as a chef in South Africa and has worked in the UK for over four years, including a stint in a two-Rosette restaurant in the Lake District, Calvin aims to bring a bistro menu to Haydon Bridge. 'We want to be the place you can come for a great evening out with comforting food, whether it's a special occasion or just a quiet meal out locally. Great, filling, delicious food and a friendly atmosphere.'



Exhibitions at Allendale Forge Studios

Alison Diamond-Rogers' Treasured Memories exhibition of paintings, drawings and prints is at the Allendale Forge Studios from 2-31 July. Alison is a member of Manchester Academy Fine Arts, Northern Print and Allendale Forge Studios and is an artist/printmaker working in Co. Durham, teaching printmaking for Illustration at Sunderland University. She explores a range of printmaking techniques such as etching, screen printing, relief print, monotype and hybrid printing.

Her work reflects experiences in her life and is influenced by her family and friends. 'My work focuses upon memories and moments that are common to all. The sitters, places and situations depicted are frozen in time, in an effort to instil a personal response and connection to the work within the viewer.'

HORIZONS exhibition by Glynnis Carter takes place 2-31 August and explores memories of landscapes and are informed by elements of more than one place. She uses a combination of collage, printing, painting and drawing in her work. This exhibition of work draws inspiration from both the North Pennines and Scotland, as well as seascapes.



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Sunday Morning Services (10.30 am)

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11 th July	Deacon Anne Taylor
18 th July	Sandra Martin
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Appreciating the beauty around us

As I write this letter it looks like most of us will be spending our holiday/ staycation or leisure time in this country rather than going abroad. That gives us the opportunity to really appreciate what's on our doorstep or in this country. We might even realise just what we've been missing.

We really don't need to go that far to appreciate the beauty and wonder of creation especially at this time of year. Around this area we are greatly blessed with the beautiful countryside. An increase in the number of visitors to the area will confirm this. But even just opening the window to hear the birds sing, smell the fresh air or feel the sun shining on our face through the window can be a real blessing.

One thing the Pandemic has taught us is not to take things for granted in the way we perhaps used to. As I look out of my window today the apple blossom is just coming out, beautifully designed to attract bees which will pollenate the flowers and so hopefully in a couple of months we will have apples on the tree. Even if that was the only thing to see in the garden it would be amazing but it's not, there are many other wonderful things to see in our gardens and hedgerows. I have also had the opportunity to grow things for myself. I have a small vegetable plot but have also used a recycle bin for carrots and leeks and an old garden trolley to grow beetroot in and have planted celery and turnips in between my roses. I thought it seemed a waste of soil just having roses there. There is a lovely passage in the bible which helps us to ponder on God's goodness and faithfulness.

'Consider how the lilies grow. They do not labour or spin. Yet I tell you not even Solomon in all his splendour was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothed the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith.'
Luke 12: 27-28

If you are able to get out then take the time to really look and appreciate what there is to see, even if it's flowers or weeds coming up through the cracks in the concrete. For those not able to physically get out let us try and share what we have with others. Perhaps taking a bunch of flowers to someone or sharing something you have grown or made. Let us share together in the beauty and wonder of God's creation and let us be thankful for all we have to enjoy and try not to take things for granted.

Deacon Anne

In the Neighbourhood Plan, the draft of which is about to become available for public responses, top of the list of 'key issues' to be faced by the Parish is 'Addressing sustainability and climate change, including flood risk as a priority and reducing the carbon footprint of the parish.' Then further down, part of the third 'objective,' about the 'Natural Environment', states: 'Encouraging and supporting community led projects that enable Haydon Parish to both reduce its carbon footprint and enhance biodiversity.' This then relates to the 'Community Actions' which I wrote a bit about in the June Haydon News. One of these is 'to Set up community tree planting initiatives and a community orchard.'

I've recently been reading about a lovely project being done in the town of Belper in Derbyshire, called 'Friendship Orchard.'

<https://www.belperpermaculture.co.uk/friendship-orchard>

Imagine...

...walking around Haydon Bridge and the surrounding area and picking an apple, cherry or hazelnut grown to be shared...

Do you have a spot in your front garden/ front yard of your business/ a space that you own and you know is publicly accessible and can be planted?

Their plan (in Belper) is to enable people to plant fruit trees, nut trees and shrubs with edible fruit in their gardens, which adjoin a public right of way.

They will become a Food Tree Steward, look after the tree, and when the trees fruit, share the produce with the community.

Friendship Orchard volunteers will work with each Food Tree Steward to source suitable trees, plant and then offer after care advice.

Members of the public will be able to find where the Friendship Orchard food is by searching on an online map or seeing a sign next to the trees.

The Project aims to plant a network of trees in Belper that will provide food for all to share, connect people, increase biodiversity, reduce fossil fuel consumption, and save money.

I love this idea as I can imagine walking a trail of edible trees and bumping into others doing the same! Maybe we could put a bench or chair on the public space near the tree..?

If you are interested in taking part in such a project in our Parish, please let me know.

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Jobs for the Garden in July

Unbelievably we're now already past the longest day of the year and there are shorter (but hopefully warmer) days ahead. Keep on top of the weeds and extra growth, but remember to take time to enjoy the garden now as the next few weeks are one of the most colourful and rewarding of the gardening year.

Top 10 gardening jobs for July

1. Liquid feed your plants (especially those in pots and containers). Border plants will enjoy a quick acting liquid feed before they bloom. Combined with cutting out fading blooms, dead heading etc you may be able to revive tired displays and prolong flowering; this is especially effective for pot plants and flower borders.

2. Water your plants early in the morning or late in the evening to avoid waste through evaporation and leaves being scorched on hot days. Use recycled water wherever possible.

3. Keep new plants well watered until they are established; they need far more water than you think.

4. Have you got a compost bin yet? Its the easiest way to recycle!

5. Remember to regularly clear fallen leaves as this will help prevent plant diseases.

6. Cut lawns regularly but letting the grass grow a little longer than usual will help retain moisture during dry spells and help protect it from the extra wear of children and pets in higher traffic spots.

7. Stake up and support taller herbaceous border plants such as delphinium, peonies, dahlia and lupins. The wind from the west can get a bit whippy and take down the blooms you've been nurturing all year.

8. Help any climbers to find their way up the supports and trellis that you've provided them with. If necessary loosely tie in the newer stems to help them go where you want them to.

9. A good looking tree has one stem/trunk. Sometimes you get 'suckers'; new shoots growing from the base; cut these off as they divert energy from the rest of the plant and look ugly!

10. - Cut back delphiniums and geraniums after the first flush of flowers to encourage a second flowering period then feed them to support the new growth.



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When my dad bought his first car back in the 1950s it involved relatively frequent visits to a small garage down the road from where we lived. "Bill" the garage owner was a Wesley Pegden of a man – greasy overalls and a willingness to have a go at repairing any vehicle left in his care. Not one of the service-care centres that we visit nowadays but wooden or corrugated iron sheds decorated with grimy and chipped enamel advertising which ironically fetch so much on today's antiques markets. Going back to an earlier motoring generation one can image the following conversation between owners of these new-fangled automobiles. In a bar conversation, Sid was describing the symptoms of the sick engine in his automobile. His mate Jim said "mine was just like that so I pumped five pints of Supergoo directly into the crankcase". A week later the two men met again. "I used the Supergoo just like you and I've had to completely replace the whole engine," complained Sid. "So did I," said Jim.

The weather centres of yesteryear were very basic and much of their forecasting was based on best guesses of weather-lore (such as 'red sky at night.....'). Nowadays, forecasting is a highly technical exercise and we are able to see more clearly what is causing the changes in our weather patterns. During May the weather continued to provide plenty of topics for conversation. It was dominated by relatively unstable low pressure weather systems. A particularly active and complex area of low pressure began to dominate the weather from the 3rd onwards bringing a spectacular mixture of thunder, lightning and hail. This included watching from the other side of the South Tyne valley as Plunderheath received a direct lightning strike on the 5th. Although most of our electrical and telephone equipment is protected, it was disconcerting to watch a small plume of smoke rising from the modem when we returned home. The threat of a repeat performance remaining very much in place for much of the rest of the month and some of hailstorms left the ground covered in ice. Although described occasionally as dull, and chilly the weather menu for May also contained some lengthy spells of warmer and brighter weather. The growing season was well under way by the month's end but remains a few weeks behind. Despite the rainfall, water courses have remained relatively low for much of the month and there were signs of a longer-term drought. High pressure began to take control on the 27th at the start of what developed into a spell of very warm and dry weather over the Bank Holiday weekend.

And finally, Gladys, still on her visit to Australia, came across a HUGE piece of black vinyl in a local junk-shop which was on sale as the ultimate world record.

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
May	14.1	-1.2	4.6	-1.4	105.4	209%

Favourite Deliciously Seasonal Recipe - Rhubarb & Strawberry Crumble

Maureen Haney

Serves 4-6 people

Fruit filling:

300g Rhubarb washed and cut into 2cm pieces
 250g Strawberries hulled washed and cut in half
 2 tbsp of Sugar

Topping:

150g Plain flour
 125g Butter, cold and cut into small pieces
 100g Light brown sugar
 100g Rolled oats
 Zest of 1 Orange (optional)
 Pinch of sea salt

Method

Preheat oven 180c/gas 4

- Wash rhubarb and cut into 2cm pieces, put into a microwave bowl and cook on full power for 5 mins, then add 2 tbsp sugar, mix gently. Transfer to a deep ovenproof dish and add in strawberries.
- In a bowl place flour, sugar and butter, rub in until mixture resembles breadcrumbs. Mix in oats, pinch of sea salt, and zest of orange mix well.
- Place topping evenly over rhubarb and strawberries. With your fingers flick a little cold water over the topping, this helps to stop browning too fast.
- Cook for 30-40 mins until golden brown, allow to stand for 10 - 15 mins before serving.
- Serve with your favorite topping, clotted cream, custard, ice cream or pouring cream. ENJOY!

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