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It was great to be at the Community Fun Day on a very hot day back in August. That brilliantly hot weather seems a long time ago, now it's time for central heating and warmer clothes!

The Fun Day featured stalls from all kinds of organisations who are bringing new ideas and innovations to help the community, the environment and to generally make Haydon Bridge an even better place to live. Read our report inside and find out how you can get involved.

Thanks to Tony Messner for the superb cover photo of the start of Autumn in the village, and to all those who have contributed articles and their time to this issue.

All the best, Alex



Alex and the editorial team spaniels at the Haydon Bridge stand at the Community Fun Day

Do you have an hour or two each month to write for the Haydon News?

We'd like to feature more updates and news of things happening in the village and surrounding area – would you be interested in writing for the magazine?

We're looking for a new 'reporter' to write about anything that's newsworthy or of interest – it can be anything you'd like to write about, or cover things like new businesses opening, groups and events and general updates. We'd love to hear from anyone, of any age, who would like to get involved.

Powerpoint Superstar needed: Are you good with Powerpoint? We use it to assemble the magazine and could do with another pair of hands to manage the workload. Only a few hours a month needed!

The Haydon News Needs You!

Could you help make the Haydon News even better?

We're an entirely voluntary organization that aims to publish local news and information for the local area. We need ideas and people to help us do it.

We also need a new treasurer to join our committee – please get in touch if you can help.

We welcome everyone's ideas and any kind of stories and photographs each month.

If you've got something you'd like to contribute, please email editor@haydon-news.co.uk

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**

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

Public participation – none

Apologies – were received from Cllrs J. Keyte, R. Snowdon and J. Thompson.

Declarations of interest – none were received.

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

Report from Northumberland County Council – The surface dressing works have been carried out on the road at the west and east ends of the village and the road markings would be completed in the next couple of days.

The work on the road to Threepwood will be carried out in the first week in September.

The road surface dressing on the road beside the cemetery will be being done during the last week in August.

There are some further road works still required going up to Lipwood; and on the road to the west of the bridge at Standalone Cottage, this work is in the programme to be done.

The road to West Rattenraw is also still due to be done and hopefully further works will be carried out shortly.

The damaged iron fence opposite the Show Field will be repaired during the next few weeks, Cllr Sharp would like this done before the children go back to school.

The drain on Church Street which has been a problem for some time, is also going to get sorted out. NCC are going to do a camera survey on the drain.

Richard Snowdon and Cllr Sharp met with NCC regarding the safety of the road from the junction on the A69 at Haydon Bridge to the top of the hill on the road to Lowgate and Cllr Sharp will contribute £2,000 from his Members Small Scheme Allowance towards a feasibility study. This will look at providing improved signage and road markings on the road, as traffic is travelling too fast on this section of road.

NCC has agreed to the request to install a wooden bench on the land opposite the Co-op.

Cllr Sharp said he would be meeting with Karbon Homes in the next week, to discuss the play area at Greenwich Gardens. Cllr Charlton said that older children were playing on equipment meant for younger children, who would get hurt. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to Karbon Homes.

Highways – Cllr Howard said that the gullies in the pavement which have metal covers need to be cleaned out. Water from the rooves cannot flow into them and pools on the pavement instead where it can freeze and cause a hazard. The Clerk and Cllr Sharp will raise this with NCC.

Cllr Richardson asked if the road sweeper could be asked to come out to the estate.

Cllr Bates asked if potholes could be dealt with on the road down to West Deanraw.

Cllr Richardson said there was a large hole in the road surface near the junction of Foundry Yard and Church Street.

Cllr Kirsopp reported that the road from Castle Farm needs attention.

Lighting – nothing to report

Planning applications –

21/02646/FUL – Ground floor side extension across the front of the existing attached garage. Dormer windows to front and rear above side extension at Innerhaugh House – NO OBJECTIONS.

Accounts – as in budget.

Internal audit – The internal audit was completed by Adrian Miller on the 29th of June. He found no issues to report and the Annual Governance Return and associated documents have now been sent to the external auditors, PKF Littlejohn.

Correspondence – Billie-Jo Blackett had emailed to ask for an update on the replacement fencing required for a green area behind the Community Centre. Cllr Sharp said that he would be meeting with Karbon Homes in the next week and this would be one of the issues to be discussed.

The Clerk of Allendale Parish Council had emailed to say that they share the PC's concern regarding Staward Bridge and request an update on the matter. This had been provided.

Christopher Armstrong had emailed to say that he and his partner hope to create a café in Oddfellows' Hall. He was anxious to get damp/drainage issues addressed before the refit and wondered if the PC could assist. Cllr Sharp will look into this.

Karbon Homes had replied to an email requesting the replacement of play equipment at Langley Gardens, saying that a survey of residents had been carried out and they would be in touch again once they had the results.

Parish projects –

The Bridge – Cllr Charlton said that the volunteers were receiving training. After problems with the security system they had now moved to Safe and Secure, who are based in Station Yard and were very friendly and helpful. NCC are putting new printers into all of the libraries. Although everyone is keen to get started there aren't enough volunteers yet to do so. Some existing volunteers have other commitments at present, however, two new volunteers had come forward in the last week. Cllr Howard asked if the problem of water flowing toward the library from an inspection cover had been sorted out. Cllr Charlton said that a lady had been out to look at the problem, but of course it has dried up at present, and she had said to get in touch if it happens again.

Northumbria Integrated Drainage Partnership study – The Clerk said that she was still chasing up a promised meeting with Northumbrian Water to discuss the results of their drainage

study and to hear the proposed actions arising from it. A meeting had been promised in July, but had not materialised.

Cemetery – A request to raise the canopy of one of the lime trees at the entrance to the cemetery was discussed. It was agreed that the PC preferred the tree as it is, and do not want it to be pruned.

Neighbourhood Plan – Peter Fletcher had confirmed the consultation dates for the plan are 2 August to 27 September 2021. He had asked PC members to confirm that they will attend the consultation day as ambassadors for the plan. Cllrs Charlton, Faulks, Keyte, Kirsopp, Richardson, Snowdon and Thornhill confirmed they would be attending. Cllr Faulks said that they wanted as many children as possible to attend and there would be children's events outdoors with the playgroup and the Scouts taking part. Cllr Charlton said that they hoped to get people to join groups to adopt local flower beds, walks etc.

Any other business – Cllr Charlton said that NCC had requested the PC's top 3 highways priorities for the next year. She suggested that the current top 2 priorities remain the same –

- A slip-road at the Alston junction of the A69
- A cycle route from Haydon Bridge to Hexham
- And she asked Cllrs to consider what the 3rd priority should be.

Cllr Charlton said that a number of people had told her that the ticket machines were out of action at the station. The Clerk said that the guards were aware of this and were selling tickets on the train. Northern Rail is aware of the issue.

Cllr Thornhill said that Vanessa Reid at Murray Farm Care had been talking to other shop keepers in the village and was considering whether a shop local scheme could be set up. The PC supports this idea and asked that she let them know if there is anything practical the PC can do to help. They will have a table at the Neighbourhood Plan consultation event. Cllr Faulks said that the Co-op had just undergone a £685,000 refit. He presumed that this meant they would be in the village for some time to come.

Cllr Thornhill had recently visited the cemetery and counted the number of warning signs on graves where memorials need attention. Some of the markers seemed to be missing. The Clerk said she was aware of a few where work was planned to repair memorials. Cllr Thornhill said that at churchyards they considered whether it was practical to report issues to the family concerned, whether the churchyard was listed in which case the repair might come out of parish costs, and finally a memorial might be laid flat on the ground to remove any risk. Cllr Charlton said that she knew ¾ of the families affected. In some cases there were no family members left alive to provide for the upkeep of the grave.

Cllr Howard noted that the flashing speed sign was still saying 30mph. Cllr Sharp replied that this had been discussed at NCC in the last week.

The PC had recently been contacted by Natural Ability, a charity which provides opportunities for people with learning disabilities to be included as valuable members of the community by carrying out services like gardening. Cllr Kirsopp

wondered if they could be approached to care for flower beds in the village. Cllr Howard said that as the bed had been left over lockdown, would it be better to start again and perhaps sow a wildflower meadow on the "rose bed" opposite the Community Centre. This would be good for the environment and low maintenance. Cllr Charlton said she would like to talk to Carole Price and see what her plans were, as she had been involved in the planting of plants supplied by a Co-op grant.

Cllr Kirsopp said that the cemetery behind Alexandra Terrace needed mowing. This will be reported to NCC.

At the Showfield play area Cllr Keyte is arranging for repairs to the fence, including the installation of a gate to allow children access through.

Cllr Faulks had met with Tula to discuss the suggestion of moving ironwork around the play area to funnel children away from the road. She has been asked to get a quote for the PC to consider.

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Support your local community – support our businesses

Introducing the BUY LOCAL CAMPAIGN

One of the main areas of community feedback from the household survey for the Neighbourhood Plan was how much residents in Haydon Parish valued the local shops and services, who went out of their way during the Covid19 lockdowns to keep the show on the road and enable us all to be able to:

- Buy food and basic essentials in the village and close to home
- Expand their offer to go the extra mile – for example fruit and veg from Claire's, different types of pet food from Murray Farmcare
- Offering delivery or click and collect – for example WMH Meats
- Starting take away meals – General Havelock

So where have all the local shoppers gone now?

Feedback from local shops is that:

- Between them they offer a much wider range of goods and services than the public is aware of

- Some people who said to shopkeepers and pubs in the village that their local services were indispensable then stopped buying local once the restrictions were lifted!

Hence the launch of the **Buy Local Campaign**.

The campaign launched with a stall at the community fun and consultation day on Saturday 28 August. Ideas from the day for encouraging more people to shop local included:

- We need a place to meet by chance (with coffee and tea) like a village green or square
- Suggest a way of accessing all business in the local area – including those where the owner is working from home with different skills
- Late night opening when Christmas lights switch on
- People moving into the area should be welcomed and advised of any volunteer projects as well as shops available in the area

Three things we can all do now:

- **Look out for the Buy Local logo** - Please support your local shops, pubs and services displaying the symbol
- **Give us your ideas** and tell us what would encourage you to buy local
- **Read the monthly features** in the Haydon News and on Facebook to find out more about what local businesses have to offer



Pet Advice from Murray Farmcare

Raw food We now have a large freezer on site, so are stocking more frozen raw food and treats for dogs. Call in and talk to us about raw food - and see if we can get what your preferred brands are.

Saving on plastics Before lockdown last year we trialled the option for customers to bring their own containers so we could weigh any amount of bird seed out for you, saving on the plastic bags. This worked really well, so we've decided to start it again. Feel free to bring any size container into the shop and let us know how much seed you would like. Don't worry we will still have 1kg bags of seed out in the shop.

Flea and worm treatments We are setting up a reminder service for flea and worm treatments. We will need a contact number either landline or mobile or an email address. We will send you a reminder letting you know when your pet is next due their treatment. Ask instore for more details.

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Community Centre charging points for electric cars

Electric car charging points are being installed behind the Community Centre for residents and visitors this month as the village becomes electric vehicle-friendly.

'Charge My Street' is a community benefit society based in the North-West allowing current and prospective electric vehicle (EV) drivers without access to off-street parking to charge. They offer a unique subscription service allowing those without access to a driveway to benefit from similar charges. They have successfully installed chargepoints across the North-West of England and are expanding nationally. Charge My Street allows locals to invest in a chargepoint near them through community shares, allowing them to receive tax relief as well as using the charger. Putting the chargers behind the Community Centre will avoid worsening the existing on street parking problems elsewhere in the parish.

The charging points will be located on Community Centre's property, which includes the whole width of the road between the Strother Close house gardens and the centre.

It is obviously vitally important that people do not park in these bays at any time of the day or night if they are not actually using the chargers. It is modern motoring manners to not prevent others using the chargers – no one would park in front of a petrol pump if they were not refuelling, would they?

Each charging point will be able to deliver 22kw. This is a modest rate of charge compared with some but perfectly adequate for most people most of the time.

How do people pay?

There are two ways of paying.

Drivers can pay through the 'Fuuse App'. On the app they scan the QR code and start the charge. However, if drivers don't want to download an app, they can scan the QR code on the chargepoint with their camera and it takes them to a website where they enter their 16 digit card number to pay.

How much per kWh?

Regular users and subscribers of the chargepoint can charge from 22p kWh or 35p kWh for one off users.

The future of transport.

Electric and perhaps hydrogen powered cars are the future. Buying a new petrol or diesel car now is, frankly, an eccentric choice. EV prices are coming down rapidly and the second hand market has plenty to offer too. The variety of cars available increases by the day. There's tiny ones and every size up to limousine. There's city runabouts, long distance haulers, trucks, off roaders, motor cycles, bicycles...something for everyone.

EVs are much cheaper to run than comparable ICE cars.

Change always provokes resistance and the naysayers are quick to spread false information.

The national grid can't cope – yes it can, easily. Charging at night is actually really helpful.

Electricity from fossil fuels is dirty. It is but many tariffs are now available that provide 100% renewable power. Those with their own solar panels can run entirely on free sunshine in the summer – we did!

EVs catch fire – yes they do. But petrol and diesel vehicles catch fire about six times more often and petrol doesn't just burn, it explodes.

EV range is bad. Petrol tanks come in many sizes too. Range is increasing rapidly and 300 miles is fairly common now. How far can your bladder travel before you need to stop?

Cobalt is immoral because of the mining practices used. 65% of cobalt produced is used to refine petrol. New battery types use no cobalt at all.

Rare earth elements are also a problem. New motor types use very little or no REEs. REEs are 200 times more common in the earth's crust than gold and gold mining is not without problems. When did you last feel guilty about your jewelry?

Water damages EVs. Submarines are electric – 'nuff said.

Fear, uncertainty and doubt (FUD) about EVs is widespread and often promoted by those with interests in fossil fuels and the legacy auto makers. On the internet there is an enormous amount of information that rebuffs the FUD completely.

Make no mistake – it cannot be denied that almost the whole of our technological society is inimical to the natural world but EVs and other new technology are much less damaging overall.

Anyone with questions about the new EV charging points is welcome to be in touch through the Haydon News editor.

Steve Ford

Community Association President

Community Day & Neighbourhood Plan - Haydon Parish Neighbourhood Plan consultation update

Over 100 people signed in to the consultation event. The exhibition about the plan (which was in St Cuthbert's Church for the rest of the consultation period) was displayed in the community centre and members of the plan steering group were on hand to discuss the plan with local residents and answer any questions. Some people also wrote down points on the art tree leaves, which they then hung on the tree.

Issues raised included:

- Housing development in the future, including the need for more social housing, and better access to social housing for local people in housing need
- The need for action to lessen the impact of climate change
- Designation and protection of heritage assets
- Protection of green space areas, including playgrounds and the need to refurbish the playground in Langley Gardens
- Facilities for young people
- The desirability of a coffee shop in the village – One is planned for the former Oddfellows Hall on the south side of the old bridge
- The potential of the old bridge as a venue for events
- The importance of supporting local shops in the village and ideas around that

Strother Close Green was a hive of activity with a range of information and craft stalls and childrens' games and activities. A number of the stalls featured issues that residents had identified in the consultation as issues for community action.

There was a lot of interest in and support for:

- Electric bike hire
- A car sharing club
- A dedicated cycle path to Hexham
- Helping with, or providing land for tree planting

There was also a good response to our requests for volunteering for:

- Adopting a footpath
- The village gardening group

If you're interested in volunteering to take forward any of the community actions in the Neighbourhood Plan, please get in touch by email: haydonneighbourhoodplan@hotmail.com



What happens now after the consultation period has ended?

The draft Neighbourhood Plan consultation lasted 8 weeks and ended on 27 September. Work is now going to make amendments to the plan revised draft plan will then go to the October meeting of the Parish Council for approval and then be submitted to Northumberland County Council in November along with all the supporting evidence reports. The county council will assess the draft plan which will then go out to independent inspection by a planner appointed by the county council.

The final plan will come back to the Parish in 2022 to be approved by a simple majority in a referendum of all households. If supported it will then become statutory around the middle of next year.

Other information stalls at the 28 August consultation event and fun day

Other stalls on the day included:

WeFibre – gigabit speed broadband

130 people have now contacted WeFibre to register their interest in their gigabit speed broadband offer. WeFibre have submitted their application to the Department of Culture, Media and Sport to proceed with installation using funding from the rural broadband voucher initiative.

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Community Action Northumberland (CAN) Warm Hub

CAN had lots of useful information about energy saving and energy efficiency ideas:

•Have you heard of the Priority Services Register?

By signing up with Northern Powergrid you will receive extra support to keep you warm and safe if you ever lose your gas or electricity supply at home.

This support can be for you or someone else in your household and can be available if your household includes a child under 5, someone of pensionable age or a wide range of health or care conditions. If you sign up, there is a commitment to get you quickly re-connected to the supply.

•The Warm Homes Fund is a £150m fund administered by Affordable Warmth Solutions, designed to help households who can't afford to heat their home to the temperature needed to stay warm and healthy. To find out more contact 01670 624140



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Seymour Simon

One of the great things about being a teacher without family ties is the opportunity to accompany pupils on various trips and expeditions during the school holidays; free food and travel, what’s not to like? I managed to become involved in three holidays that first summer, the most memorable and eventful of which was the annual ‘Ardeche Trip’.

The Ardeche is a 78 mile long river in the south-east of France, a tributary of the Rhone, famous for its gorges and Pont d’Arc, a natural limestone arch which spans the river. A number of adventure companies used to run two centre summer trips to this beautiful part of France, combining an expedition down the river in Canadian canoes with sailing and windsurfing on the Mediterranean. Accommodation, for both staff and children, was under canvas which proved particularly interesting whenever electrical storms struck and new tributaries formed, often choosing a path right through the tent and soaking everything in its path. The only saving grace was that the storms, although torrential, were short-lived and belongings dried out rapidly once the sun returned.

The journey through France was by coach and took about 24 hours, crossing the channel from Dover to Calais. On one trip, the ‘bus was pulled over by a police car as we neared the ferry port; it soon transpired that one of the ‘lads’ on the back seat, egged on no doubt by his pals, had decided to ‘pull a moonie’ at the window just at the wrong moment and had been spotted. The culprit owned up immediately, making an unpleasant identity parade unnecessary, and the policeman, quite rightly, gave him a dressing down before allowing us to continue our journey. Most embarrassed was the colleague on board whose son had been the cause of the delay!

The journey was, at best, unpleasant, and trying to sleep on a coach filled with fifty or so teenagers was next to impossible, especially when dealing with the inevitable bouts of travel sickness amongst the youngsters. Arriving at our destination and stretching our legs in the warm sun soon rendered the experience a distant memory, however, and the enthusiastic welcome from the centre staff, most of whom were university students, more than compensated. One centre in particular stands out in the memory. The youngsters were herded out of the bus and taken to the outside seating area for an initial briefing about how to avoid the wrath of the centre manager, in other words a few basic ‘dos and don’ts’. At Segries, this was all the more entertaining due to the fact that water pipes lay underneath the concrete floor with a number of vertical exit points; whenever the manager mentioned the word ‘water’, a tap was turned on and various individuals were attacked from below by jets of water. There were several of these and there were few hiding places, although teaching staff, particularly those on a second visit, watched the carnage from the safety of the bar. The ‘coup de grace’ came at the end of the talk, when several of the centre staff appeared, armed with ‘super-soaker’ water pistols and water-filled balloons, and soaked the visitors once again.

The descent of the gorge began near Vallon Pont d’Arc and ended at Saint-Martin de l’Ardeche, a trip of some 19 miles through limestone cliffs almost 1000 feet high in places, through several quite challenging rapids when the river was in flood, and even alongside a naturist park. The river team kept the morale and entertainment levels up by introducing the youngsters to the invented folklore surrounding the river, including the fact that the river was circular and had been hewn out of the limestone by Harry Willis and a team of Irish navvies in the 19th century; whenever the river leader bellowed ‘Harry Willis’ everyone had to submerge themselves up to their neck as a mark of respect to the great man, either running headlong into the water if ashore or abandoning canoes if afloat. Great lengths were taken to preserve the legend; the towns at the beginning and end of the paddle were remarkably similar and one young man had decided to buy a T-shirt he had seen in Vallon (it was a great T-shirt with the slogan ‘Wild Mean Fairly Hip Kid’ emblazoned across the front, a play on the advertising slogan for a familiar brand of washing-up liquid back in the day) at the end of the descent so that it didn’t get lost or damaged. The unfortunate lad spent ages looking for the shop in Saint-Martin, obviously without success, although we did manage to get him to Vallon at the end of the holiday where he was able to make his purchase.

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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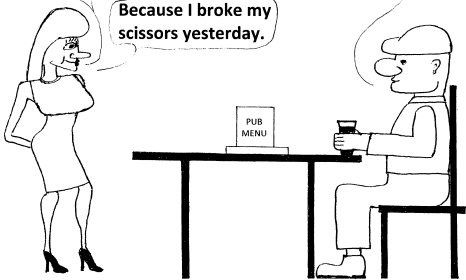
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I broke my scissors yesterday, Raydon. I bought a new pair but they're in a blister pack and I can't open it.

Because I broke my scissors yesterday.

Why can't you open it, Dusty?



With two long awaited local services arriving in the village, This months wordsearch is inspired by the nations favourite takeaway eats.

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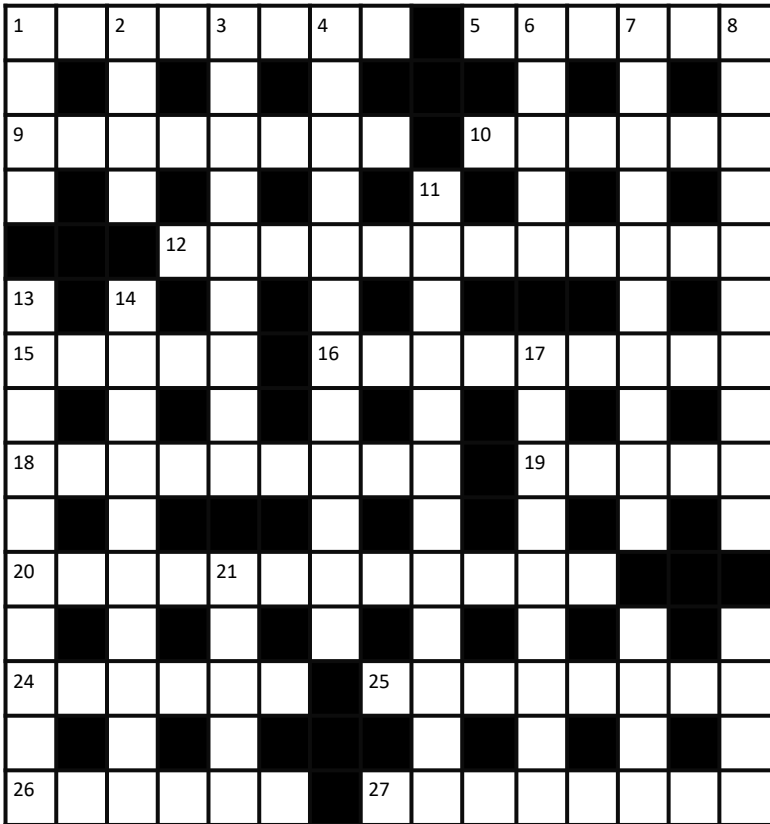
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ACROSS

1. An apparatus with perforated cards used in weaving intricate designs; also the fabric woven (8)
5. Artwork created by fitting together small pieces of glass, marble, stone, etc (6)
9. Surname of the 30th US president (8)
10. Small portable personal computer (6)
12. Tobacco pipe with a long stem, supposedly named after the sort of person using it (12)
15. Piece of music designed as an exercise for technique improvement or to demonstrate the player's skill (5)
16. Priestess of Troy cursed to utter true prophecies but not be believed (9)
18. Musical composition in parts, each with an independent melody (9)
19. French for "sugar" (5)
20. The compiling and writing of dictionaries (12)
24. Mexican empire from between 600 and 1200 AD (6)
25. Newcastle disease (4,4)
26. The atomic number of thorium (6)
27. Sir Henry __, inventor of a steel-making process (8)

DOWN

1. _ Ma, Chinese business magnate, founder of Alibaba (4)
2. A wooden shoe (4)
3. Rock band whose best selling album was "Demons and Wizards" (5,4)
4. English poet and presenter of Radio 4's "Poetry Please" (5,7)
6. Japanese city on Honshu; also the surname of their top female tennis player (5)
7. A self-taught person (10)
8. Location of "The Little Mermaid" (10)
11. Probably Compton MacKenzie's most famous novel (6,6)
13. Person from Italy's third-largest city (10)
14. Oldest and best known US white supremacist hate group (2,4,4)
17. Greek playwright credited with being the first to present plays as a trilogy (ie. His "Oresteia") (9)
21. Fine-grained sedimentary rock composed of crystalline quartz (5)
22. Plant genus including herb bennet and water avens (4)
23. White mark on, eg. a horse's forehead (4)

August puzzle answers:

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As Long As Your Remember – a story by Annabel

At first, it seems like a harmless thing to say to a child. Just some gentle words to help them through a difficult time. Offerings of meaningless comfort to a grieving, traumatised ten-year-old. Of course, they didn't know how true their words really were. How easy it was for some innocent phrase to take on a twisted meaning. Nor could they understand why the little girl they were attempting to comfort would blanche at their words. Why she would quietly say "I wish that wasn't true." Trying to understand what she meant, the adult would respond with some variant of 'What do you mean by that?' or 'Don't you miss her?' But the little girl wouldn't reply. At least not in any way that made sense to them. Eventually they would walk away, confused by this vague, strange child, wondering what on earth they could say to get through to her. They would frustratedly try to figure out a combination of words and phrases to stick with her, to heal her, but they always ran out of things to say. In the end they would just give up. Although they couldn't heal her, they didn't know how much a phrase had stuck with her. The phrase that every one of them said swirled around her brain all the time, as much as she wished it wouldn't. As much as she wished it wasn't reality. No-one ever understood the power such simple words possessed.

"As long as you remember them, the ones we lose never leave us."

The grave was finally finished. The hole had been dug and a small painted box with the body inside had been placed at the bottom. They had all stood around the grave and spoke about how much everyone would miss her and how special she had been. How they'd never forget her. How she was the best dog, and had been the best friend in the whole world to the little girl. To Alice. Her mother told a story about the time she had ran off at the park chasing a rabbit and how she had ran back to them holding what looked like a clown shoe in her mouth. Her dad smiled slightly. Alice wasn't paying attention, staring instead at the grave. It had been dug under the tree in their back garden. She liked that; Beanie always lay under there when it was hot weather. The weather was quite warm right then. It would probably be the last warm weather of the year. It hadn't been warm the day she died but she had been laying on the ground, although it wasn't because of the heat and she certainly wasn't panting away happily. She wouldn't get up again now. Alice wished she could see her again, not as she was that day. She wished she could forget how she had looked that day.

It had been a chilly morning in early October, the sun just peeking up over the uniform family houses of a residential street. Conkers and leaves were trodden into mulch on the pavement just beyond the front lawn of each building. Most of the gardens were quite messy: balls, bikes and toys were strewn about on the still dewy grass and astro-turf. One house, however, was far neater than the rest. Its garden was neatly fenced off into sections of different flowerbeds around the sides of the walled-off lawn. A clear path lead from the gate off the garden right down to the front door of the house. Pots and hanging baskets filled with herbs were spaced around either side of the front door. The door was black and the walls were white - both looked like they had been recently repainted. The windows looking into the house were clean and the interior was blocked from view by cream coloured net curtains. It was behind the walls of this tidy, average-looking house that a little girl was staring at the unimaginable.

Alice was sitting on the floor, just gazing forwards. She had no idea how long she'd been there and didn't much care either. She wasn't caring about anything right then. There was just numbness in her being and disbelief in her mind as her blurry eyes were locked on the figure of her beloved dog before her. Her mind could barely process what had happened; it had all happened so fast. She couldn't understand how her little dog could go from being the loving playful creature she knew to being a limp lump of tangled legs and a twisted neck on the ground. How could this happen? Why did it happen to her Beanie? She thought her mother might be calling for her from somewhere but she didn't reply, didn't move from her spot on the washing room floor. She couldn't. At some point her mum found her. And Beanie. Her mum screamed in shock but she barely reacted. Ever since that day she barely reacted to anything.

She had never meant for it to happen. She had never wanted her to get hurt. But then why didn't she listen to what her parents had told her? Beanie would still be alive if she had listened. Her mum and dad weren't even angry at her after she'd told them what happened. They just seemed sad. Alice was sad too but she was more angry; angry that she didn't listen to their warnings to not play in the washing room. Before, she didn't think there was any harm in it. She'd played in there several times before with Beanie and nothing bad had happened. Her dad found them in there once before. She had been teaching her dog to jump up and over things using the boxes, baskets and washing machines in the room. The dog treats were kept on the shelf above the tumble dryer in there and she had been using them to encourage Beanie to jump up and over a mini obstacle course she had set up in the room. Alice wanted her little beagle to become a world-class jumping dog. Her dad was very cross when he'd found them. He said it wasn't safe to mess around in that room as there were too many ways they could hurt themselves by jumping around that crowded space. After telling her off, he'd promised that they would make a safer obstacle course outside. However, her mum had said no because there wasn't room and she didn't want the garden to be ruined. Alice pleaded with her but she still refused, also saying that Beanie was too old to be a show dog. Disappointed, she'd done as her parents had told her and stayed out of the boiler room. That is until that fateful day, a few weeks later.

Beanie had been a bundle of energy that day, running all around their garden and trampling over plants until Alice's mum had told her to go inside. She then proceeded to run in circles all around the ground floor, skidding across the kitchen and bumping into Alice before steadying herself and taking off madly again. Alice nearly fell off the stool she was sat on while eating her breakfast at the kitchen counter. She shook her head at her mad dog and continued to eat her breakfast. When she was almost finished, she became distracted from her food by a scratching sound followed by whining coming from down the hallway. She got up to see what was the matter and followed the sound from the kitchen to the washing room door. Beanie was scrambling madly at it, still panting madly and evidently full of energy. Alice thought she must want to play in there. She went to let her in but hesitated a moment. Her mum and dad would be very cross if they found them in there and she probably wouldn't be allowed to play at her friends house that afternoon. However, Beanie really seemed to want to play and she wasn't allowed to run around outside as her mum was gardening at the moment. She couldn't see any harm in letting her jump around for a little bit.

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What a difference a day – sorry – month makes!

We have had a marvelous time (that's the Italian influence of my eldest sons other half), over the last week. My family DID manage to arrive for their stay from Hampshire and Oxfordshire and to top it all, the weather for that week was absolutely glorious!

The charity shop buggy (for those of you who have not been able to keep up with this ongoing story, or indeed, not interested at all in my wanderings then apologies if you don't have a clue what I am talking about). Start again - the charity shop buggy did its job, the charity shop travel cot did its job and the charity shop high chair did its job. They all achieved what it says on the tin they would do. Where did that expression come from, but it is very apt!

Our days out - Bamburgh, Lindisfarne, Beamish, a lovely walk down by the South Tyne and a trip to Sycamore Gap via the pub, were only interrupted by games of

swing ball, table tennis, boule and hiding the painted stones in the garden. All competitive instincts were quite apparent. Beware anyone who tries to flout the rules.

There was a birthday during this period for which certain things were requested - cake being the obvious one.

As my son is now 33 (as of the 2nd August), I had no idea about the musical chairs, pass the parcel and personalised party bags. It was lovely for two families to be able to get together after 18 months - expanding years of mid sixties, down through the thirties and twenties, down even more through the teens, tens, fives and 18 month year olds. Everyone was in harmony until the young ones went to bed and the real hiatus started with games such as Exploding Kittens (card game) and Secret Hitler (board game). What deceiving characters we have bred throughout the years! Alcohol consumption became clear when our usual box for empties could not cope and we had an overload of bottles to take to the bottle bank.

All previously prepared meals that were frozen saved such a lot of time! I think you are deemed to be a boring person if you plan things too far ahead - those meal requests all done and dusted at least 3 weeks prior, but it saved such a lot of hassle and enabled me to retain my champ table tennis status. I had to be able to cater for 11 adults (including an Italian who is not keen on Italian food and a Brazilian who is not a fan of spicy food and three children that can be quite fussy - they are children after all! Phew - it was lovely having them but day of departure has come. Day after departure, the place looked like a Chinese laundry!

We had a fab time, we were all still speaking to each other at the end and my husband invited them all back for Christmas. I wonder how many turkeys or geese we may need for that? I shall definitely start planning at least two months ahead of time - which is actually not far from now - oh! Hopefully it will be full of good cheer.

An interview with The Refill Station, Hexham

We spoke to the owners of The Refill Station in Hexham, where you bring your own containers to buy all kinds of essentials – from foods, teas and coffees, cleaning products and personal care refills to help reduce the need for single use plastic packaging.

Why, when and how did you get started? What inspired you?

My wife Annie and I decided to set up the shop after the amount of rubbish we kept coming across in the countryside. I had worked in the outdoor industry for 14 years and was fed up of seeing the amount of rubbish, especially plastic, strewn up along riverbanks, in the middle of forests and on the top of hills - everywhere we went! We started planning in 2017 and eventually applied for a start-up loan to get the business going at the end of 2019 with plans to open up in 2020.

We were already on our way to setting up when Covid hit, and this helped prove our point of there being so much waste with the amount of disposable masks and bulk-buying of food which who knows how much of this ended up going to waste. So we carried on our vision and after finding the premises we are now in we finally opened our doors on 11th May 2020.

What recommendations can you make for people wanting to be more conscious of what they buy?

We would always recommend starting small and building up, every small step will help greatly in the future even if it is just replacing a plastic toothbrush, which usually comes in plastic packaging which are neither recyclable and end up getting disposed of after a couple of months, to a wooden/bamboo brush that can be composted, disposed of to easily breakdown and the packaging usually cardboard or paper that can either be recycled or composted. As well as this, trying to source products as local as possible to help reduce the amount of miles products are travelling before they get to your door.

What's the reaction been of customers?

Our customers have been amazing so far and really supportive. Everyone seems so grateful for there to be an eco-friendly shop nearby for them to be able to reduce their waste, as a lot are fed up with the amount of packaging even a small amount of rice comes in. Or even the cakes that are wrapped up individually inside another wrapper, neither of which are easily recyclable.

What's the single most important thing people could do to make a difference?

We go off the motto Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, in that order which for us the first thing is to reduce this can include reducing waste, rubbish, miles, packaging. Reuse as much as possible don't just throw it away see if anyone else can make use of it or by second hand. And finally recycle as much as you possibly can this minimise the amount going to landfill or being incinerated and also reduces the amount of energy used to create a product.

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The Anchor Inn, for example: a venue for so many of our early parish meetings; a welcome halt for the early travellers on an exacting journey east and west between Newcastle and Carlisle; and a place where rooms were set aside for the collection of rents that were handed over to agents of Greenwich Hospital by their eighteenth and nineteenth century tenants.

The Scotch Arms: where the large room on the first floor, overlooking the River Tyne and served by a dumb waiter, was ideal for village social events and celebrations.

The Three Tuns: another public house which hosted committee meetings and the like, where the business of our parish's many clubs and societies was dealt with.

The Wheatsheaf, The Grey Bull, and The Crown: South and North Side hotels where staying visitors from across the north laid down their heads after visiting in their thousands - *Yes, 'thousands'* - on their holidays or attending the open-air June Pic-nic and Temperance Demonstration at Staward Pele (*held from 1856 to 1908*) or the famous Haydon Bridge Floral and Horticultural Society Exhibition.

And, **The Black Bull Inn:** which I have recalled in my Historical Notes in the past, as being the Inn where the Haydon Bridge Show was born in 1841.

This month I am joined by former Haydonian, William Veitch and William and I are starting on a 'pub-crawl', calling in at most of our early watering holes where we will recall some of their earliest innkeepers.

I hope you will join us for a glass or two.

WILLIAM VEITCH: William was born and raised on Heugh House Lane, Haydon Bridge and lived there until he was married, when he moved with his wife Ellen to Brigwood. William played both cricket and football for Haydon Bridge and was secretary of our village Cricket Club. William and Ellen's son Eric, a confirmed Haydonian, was born at Brigwood. William worked at Smith & Walton at Haltwhistle, until he was transferred to the larger main site of Crown Paints at Darwen in Lancashire, where he lives to this day.

Even though William left Haydon Bridge 55 years ago, he is still an Haydonian, not a Lancastrian; as a plaque given to him by his family explains:

'You can take the boy out of Haydon Bridge but you can't take Haydon Bridge out of the boy.'

A further hint at William's commitment to the place of his birth is the name of his Lancashire home: *'Haydon'*.

William tells me that his interest in family history and genealogy was triggered when standing in the churchyard at Haydon (Old) Church, where both his grandparents and great grandparents are buried, and, as some readers will know, William's father Norman and his mother Margaret are also buried at Haydon Bridge.

It is William Veitch's skills in genealogy and his wholehearted commitment to Haydon Bridge and The Haydon News that have brought him and I together in recent years. William's knowledge and expertise have been a much appreciated support in my writing, and this scrutiny of our early ale-houses couldn't have been completed adequately without his time consuming research.

William and I start the first part of our journey this month towards the southern boundary of our parish, where it is a delight that one of our oldest Inns still welcomes visitors for food and beverage in 2021.

CARTS BOG

The **Carts Bog** has served ale and, probably, food for more than two hundred and forty five years and is thought to have been built in 1775 as a coaching Inn.

The name, 'Carts Bog', probably referred to a swampy moorland area. (*The word 'Cart' having been derived from an ancient word 'ceart', describing a 'rocky moorland'.*) Or, more romantically perhaps, it is said

that the name came about after carts transporting ore and lead from the Alston mines to the smelters, got stuck in nearby bogs and the Inn was opened to offer beverages and a hearty meal to the carriers in distress. In fact, in the early and mid 18C, ore was carried to Langley on the backs of small horses, but both alternatives have understandable associations and there's no doubt that the Inn is on an important route for early carriers coming and going to and from Alston to Langley Mills, where the ore was smelted; and Haydon Bridge where the railway station and goods yard there provided easy access to the east and west of the county from 1838.

It is more than likely that for much of its life, the Carts Bog has been an Inn and a farm, or small-holding, and in this regard it is noticeable that from 1861, and probably earlier, many of those who occupied the Carts Bog Inn were, or had been, farmers as well as innkeepers.

The first officially recorded occupants at the Carts Bog were Henry and Jane Muse and their children, Jane, Margery, Richard and Ann, who lived there in 1841. Henry was a lead ore smelter and was still at the Carts Bog in the same occupation, ten years later.

It seems that Henry and Jane Muse were followed as occupants of the Carts Bog by George Robinson, his wife Elizabeth and their six children. George was the innkeeper in 1851 and was another who worked in the lead industry - as a lead and silver separator.

By the year 1861, the Robinson family had taken over the Railway Inn at Fourstones and the Carts Bog had a new innkeeper, one Mathew Briddock who was an agricultural labourer and had married Jane Foster at Haydon Bridge in November 1837. Mathew and Jane and family Ellen, Joseph and William lived at the Carts Bog until moving to nearby Stublick, where Mathew worked as a colliery banksman.

In 1871, William Robson was a lead smelter and the Carts Bog innkeeper, where he lived with his wife Margaret (nee Johnson), sons Robert and John and daughter Jane Ann. William was also a farmer at the Carts Bog, but after his wife died in 1889 he was another who moved to Stublick, where he worked as a woodman and forester.

In 1891, the new innkeeper and farmer at Carts Bog was Joseph Forster who lived there with his wife Isabella and children Joseph, Wilson, Mary Anne and, for a time, Elizabeth. Sadly, the Forsters' occupancy of the Carts Bog was curtailed by Isabella's death and Joseph was another former Carts Bog occupant who moved to Stublick as a woodman and forester.

Joseph Forster's connection with the Carts Bog was not over when he moved to Stublick, however, as his daughter Elizabeth, her husband Joseph Haygarth Robinson, and offspring Mary, Bella, Harry, Alice, Joseph and William moved in. Joseph was innkeeper and a mole catcher, but, their time in the Carts Bog at Langley didn't last and by 1911 Joseph was running his own business as a market gardener, at Sheepwash Gardens at Choppington.

By 1911, the Carts Bog was known as 'The Green Tree Inn' and Elizabeth Forster was the innkeeper and her husband, 60 year old Robert Forster, was the farmer.

Interestingly, although the Carts Bog returned to its original title by 1939 and hadn't been called 'The Green Tree Inn' for many years of its life, in my early years and well into the 1950s and, perhaps, even longer, I knew the Inn at Langley as, 'The Green Tree'.

By 1939, the innkeeper at the Carts Bog was George Whitfield, living with his wife Sarah Ellen and married daughter Mary Robson. George and Sarah Ellen had been married at Ulverston in 1907 and following their marriage and before moving to the Carts Bog, they lived at Consett where George was a timber cutter and farmer.

We are now at a period within living memory, of course, and when George Dodd moved into the Carts Bog, he continued the long established tradition of innkeeper and farmer, and as such will be fondly remembered by our older readers as the friendly landlord as well as a keeper of milking cows; in a byre that has been developed as the restaurant at the Carts Bog today.

Before leaving the Carts Bog and this brief history, it is worth recording how fortunate we are that after the 'Bog' last came onto the market, Stuart and Jenny, the present owners, reopened the Inn in March 2010 and have cared for the business and public house that had meant so much to them previously. Together with their staff, Stuart and Jenny have achieved their original aim, "to provide a quality menu and real ales for locals and tourists alike", and we are assured that the future success of one of our oldest Inns is in good hands.

In the nineteenth century, the Carts Bog wasn't the only Inn at Langley where Scottish drovers driving their beasts to southern markets could rest their weary legs; or local farm workers and employees at the two Langley Mills could partake in their chosen alcoholic beverage ... but more of that next month.

Churches Working Together

Methodist Church Services 10.30

3rd October Sandra Martin
10th October Deacon Anne Taylor
(Harvest Service)
17th October Rev. Barrie Morris
24th October Readers Service Vicky Herod
31st October Rev. Gareth Sherwood

Mid week Informal Worship Wednesdays 7pm

6th October
20th October

Services in the Parishes by the Wall

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3rd October Eucharist Rosalind Brown
10th October Eucharist Rev. Gill Alexander

17th October Eucharist Nigel and Mary Warner
4th October Eucharist Rev. Gill Alexander (PLEASE NOTE SERVICE TIME FOR ONE WEEK ONLY 9 AM)
31st October Eucharist Rev. Gill Alexander

There is a short said Evensong at 3pm on Wednesdays.

All Hallows, Henshaw 10.30am

3rd October Morning Prayer, Harvest Celebration
10th October Eucharist Rev. Chris Simmons
17th October Morning Prayer Anne Galbraith and Carol Adams
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When we transition from one season to another my eyes and ears become more attentive to the diversity and grandeur of God's creation. And when summer turns its face to autumn, I frequently find myself just standing and staring. Perhaps it is because I am jolted into seeing new things around me – the changing colours of leaves, migrating birds, starry nights, ripening berries, signs of the harvest safely gathered in – but it is a time of year when time can stop still for me and I feel that I am part of something much bigger than myself – that I am woven into the life of the planet.

I'm probably not alone, indeed between 1st September and ending on 4th October, - the feast day of St Francis of Assisi - is the period in the annual church calendar known as Creationtide or the Season of Creation, dedicated to God as Creator and Sustainer of life. It is a relatively recent addition to the church calendar that is embraced by the leaders of all the main denominations and the World Council of Churches. During Creationtide churches around the world are encouraged to pray for and reflect on how we can collaborate to be stewards of God's good creation.

This global call for prayer and action seems particularly important this year as we journey in October towards the UN Climate Conference in Glasgow in early November – COP26. The situation has never seemed more urgent. The pandemic has shown us that we are not in control of creation. However, the impact of climate change reflects that our economic, social and political relationships can and do affect the balance of creation.

This year the theme for Creationtide is **A Home for All? Renewing the *oikos* of God.** In Genesis God set a dome over the earth. The word "dome" is where we get words such as 'domicile' and 'domestic' – in other words, God puts us all – all people, all life under the same domed roof – we are all in the

same house – the *oikos* of God. The Rev'd Martin Luther King Jr called this 'the Beloved Community' – an interconnected and interdependent global Beloved Community.

The *oikos* is a home for all that is now in danger because of greed, exploitation, disrespect, disconnection and systematic degradation. Our fundamental woven-ness into all life – our interconnectedness as part of the household of God - has been forgotten, or denied.

Sustaining life on our planet will require a huge global effort that reshapes our social and economic systems towards just and sustainable ways of living. A way of living that remembers that we live under the same dome. However, this is not just a matter for the world leaders meeting in Glasgow. Every household, village, town, city and community will need to change the way we live together if we are to sustain our common home.

I pray that it will be so.

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Moving on to the next month the opening thirteen days of **July** were dominated by a broad cyclonic system with associated frontal activity. The atmosphere was unstable, giving rise to heavy showers some of which were accompanied by thunder and lightning. The rainfall total over the 3rd-5th was 45 mm, more than half the total for the month, and fell entirely as heavy showers. Although there were extended spells of warm and sunny weather, it was more frequently dull and quite damp. Daytime temperatures consistently exceeded 20 deg C and night temperatures stayed well clear of the risk of ground frost.

Anticyclonic conditions took control of the weather from the 13th and with air arriving from a southerly direction, from Mediterranean Europe and North Africa, daytime temperatures exceeded 30 deg C across much of the UK. Although local car thermometers showed 30+ degC, the highest temperature reached in Haydon Bridge in a standard thermometer was 28.5 degC on Tuesday 20th. Cyclonic conditions with frontal activity returned on the 27th and daytime temperatures gradually began to fall. Rain returned on 27th and was accompanied by thunder. There were spells of relatively finer weather but on the whole the month ended on a dull and very damp note.

And finally, my good friend Gladys has been visiting friends who are recovering while is hospital. John accidently swallowed some loose coins but unfortunately the hospital reports that there has been no change yet. In the next bed to John, the report on Bill is more positive. Having accidently fallen into an upholstery machine, he is now fully recovered.

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
July	22.1	+2.2	11.8	+1.2	83.0	139%

Jobs for the Garden in October

If I've visited your garden in the last month or so, you'll be familiar with me referring to this time of year as 'riving season'. For much of the winter and early spring, we gardeners are thought of as nurturing and encouragers of new growth, which in many cases can be true. However, as a professional gardener, much of my time is spent controlling growth and reducing the size and spread of plants – often 'weeds', but also taming the range of the desirable plants in your gardens.

For much of August, and almost all of September, the finesse of pruning and the care of propagation goes out of the window – especially when like me, you are managing a very large space. (I've estimated that we currently manage gardens that would fill Buckingham Palace gardens at least 3 times over). When we combine pulling out brambles, sticky jacks, nettles and unwanted grass clumps with the spent spring flowers and dead heads of early summer perennials, 'riving' is what we spend the greater part of each day doing. Thankfully, many of the plants, weeds and otherwise, are fairly compliant when it comes to their removal in this season. In a fairly well maintained space, many of the perennial weeds have been reduced throughout the season and the really obvious and troublesome interlopers are annuals, which are very responsive to the sharp end of a hoe.

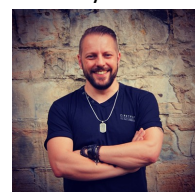
While it may feel as if the year is beginning to come to a close,

we should remember that there is another year still to follow and the days that are getting shorter are still days after all. Here's your jobs for October:

1. Divide herbaceous perennials.
2. Net ponds to stop leaves falling in.
3. Give evergreen hedges a trim for the winter.
4. Take advantage of any dry days to paint fences, sheds etc with a preservative.
5. Clean patios and paths now to stop them becoming slippery in the Winter- use a pressure wash to avoid harmful chemicals in the garden.
6. Replace any broken glass in the greenhouse and check for lost glazing clips or worn putty.
7. Clean your greenhouse before bringing in any tender plants for the winter. You will need a hose, a safe cleaning product and a scourer suitable for glass.
8. Check sheds for leaky roofs and fix them before the rainy season gets started!
9. Fallen leaves can be made into leaf mould for next year but the technique is different to composting – check out my website for instructions.

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Climate Corner

Stitching to keep calm in the face of the Climate and Ecological Emergency

How do you feel about the effects of our changing climate? And the ever decreasing diversity of plants and animals...?

Personally, I often feel extremely worried and frightened. The implications are so huge, especially for our children and grandchildren.

Something that's helping me a lot to cope with what can be overwhelming emotions, has been getting involved in an international project to make a 1.5 mile long scarf which will be displayed at the COP26 international conference on climate change in Glasgow at the start of November. The 1.5 miles is to represent the goal of the Paris Agreement to limit global warming to 1.5 degrees C (as compared to pre-industrial levels). This is a legally binding international agreement on climate change adopted by 196 countries at COP21, in Paris 2015. The idea of the scarf is for individuals all over the country – though it's caught on further afield too – to make panels 1m wide by 60cm top to bottom, in whatever way – usually

knitted, crocheted, quilted etc. They loosely have a blue-green colour theme, and could be on anything meaningful to them, in some way related to the climate and ecological emergency – or just plain. These will all be joined together and displayed at COP26 in Glasgow Green Park on 6-7 November.

This is part of a wider movement called 'Craftivism' – a term which combines 'craft' and 'activism' – a way of protesting quietly and gently, but powerfully. It has been amazing and inspiring to see the huge array of panels being made appear on the facebook page of 'Stitches 4 Survival', and feeling a part of something much bigger, but that I can do at home! Some of us in the North East have met up – usually as strangers – to work together and chat. (and drink tea and eat cake!). Some areas of the country have had local displays of their panels – eg in York Minster.

I wonder if we could form a craftivism group in this area? It would be lovely to meet up with others somewhere, maybe monthly, and create something, somehow, to raise awareness of climate change – something that relates to our area? Any ideas anyone? Let me know if you would be interested – siobhansib@protonmail.com

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