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Welcome to our April issue.

Thank you to all our contributors in this issue and to Tony Messner for his beautiful cover photo of 'Spring Snow Covering.'

Thank you to everyone who donated to support the Haydon News. The total raised was £1111.20 – a superb amount that will help us with magazine print costs.

If you'd like to submit something for our March issue, please send it to us by 19 April.

All the best, Alex
editor@haydon-news.co.uk



The Gardening Group take a quick break

Community News

Gardening Group

The Gardening Group meetings every Tuesday, weather permitting, to work on sites in the village. Some of our work is now visible with spring bulbs coming through on Ratcliffe Road, the Heatherbed on John Martin Street, Foundry Court and Church Street.

Thanks to Siobhan and Phil we have secured free hedging plants from Northumberland County Council and the Woodland Trust and, with the Parish Council's agreement, have used them to strengthen the hedges around the parish cemetery.

We are planning a Plant Swap/Sale later in spring and would be grateful if you could grow a few extra things for us, donations of plants and cash are very welcome. Thank you for those already received.

If you would like to join our weekly email group (no obligation to do anything) to keep up with what we have planned or make suggestions of your own, please get in touch.

Carole Price
caroleannprice@hotmail.co.uk

Haydon Bridge Nature Club

Members may be pleased to hear that the committee has come forward with a programme for a resumption of meetings, commencing in September 2022. The secretary has been in touch with members via e-mail. Please respond then we can resume meetings.

Charity Quiz Nights at the General Havelock

Having decided to bring our regular quizzes back to life again after the long COVID break, our first attempt was on February 22nd. Well over 40 attended and it was good to hear the sound of folk enjoying each other's company. The evening raised £223 for the charity SANDS. We plan to meet on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 8.15 pm - table booking will be absolutely vital. Watch out for posters.

If you have any community news you'd like us to include, please email editor@haydon-news.co.uk

MEETING OF HAYDON PARISH COUNCIL AT 7.30PM ON THURSDAY 24TH OF FEBRUARY 2022 AT HAYDON BRIDGE COMMUNITY CENTRE.

Present : Cllrs J. Bates, I. Burrows, E. Faulks (Chair), B. Howard, A. Kirsopp, K. Richardson, A. Sharp, R. Snowdon, J. Thompson, and D. Thornhill; Parish Clerk (mins.)

Jo Gooding, Development Manager, Castles & Coasts Housing Association and Jason Wylie, Imperator Group to discuss East Lands End Farm –

Mr Wylie explained that his company was looking at the East Lands End Farm site as an affordable housing development, and said they would work with Castles & Coasts who specialise in affordable housing. There is outline planning permission for 16 units on the site. Ms Gooding said that C & C specialise in rural market towns, between Tyne and Wear and Carlisle. They would only build where there is evidence of housing need. She said they have a high focus on quality and there is a drive from the board for “cost in use”, ie being economical to run. So far they have looked at the existing housing need and worked with an architect to look at the site. They will consider doing further consultation with the public in the Spring, with a view to submitting a planning application in the Summer. At present they were looking for an indication that of whether the PC would support the application.

Cllr Faulks asked about access to the site and was informed that this would be via the Showfield. Cllr Thornhill said that he was conflicted as he would instinctively support affordable housing, however there were some issues with the site.

These were sewage and drainage, as the previous development at the Showfield was already putting pressure on drains they were never designed for. In addition to this, land in this area had held back water during periods of heavy rain and then released it later. Each stage of development at the Showfield had opened the way to otherwise inaccessible farmland. Cllr Faulks said that the Neighbourhood Plan did reveal a big need for social housing. Cllr Bates declared an interest in this application as she is married to one of the beneficiaries of the Langley Estate.

It is expected that three of the properties on sale will be on the open market, this will help with the viability of the whole scheme. As well as this the proposed mix is 3 shared ownership, 5 rent to buy (ie first 5 years rented at discounted level to allow residents to save for a deposit), and the majority will be at an affordable rent.

Mr Wylie said that the planning application gave permission for a road from the Showfield, and the increase in the number of properties was needed to create affordable housing. He also said that any scheme of more than 9 houses must have flood alleviation. They had made enquiries to NWL regarding sewage and were waiting to hear from them. Cllr Thornhill said that in the past NWL had said that they could not stop developers plugging into existing sewage, despite the fact that drains were already dealing with more waste from properties than they were designed for.

Turning places on original application were discussed and Mr Wylie explained that the turning head to the boundary was needed for refuse vehicles etc. Concerns were expressed regarding anti-social parking and Mr Wylie said that if the scheme went ahead Castles & Coasts would deal with any parking issues.

Cllr Sharp asked if there would be a playground for this development, but Mr Wylie said that 25 units did not require a play area. Returning to the issue of access Cllr Thornhill explained that while in the past developers had wanted vehicles to come down the Langley Road and into the Showfield, in reality drivers came out of the estate and down onto Shaftoe Street. He said that this was a very narrow street, with parking on both sides and use of this road at school times was a nightmare. Ms Gooding said that C & C try to find land that is less challenging, but that this site offered an opportunity. Cllr Thornhill agreed that a lot of what was being suggested would meet local needs. Cllr Bates asked about the size of rooms, saying that many people who are downsizing still have large furniture. Ms Gooding said that they were looking to replicate what they had done recently on a site in Blyth, with attention to light and windows giving a feeling of spaciousness. Mr Wylie said that when they had the plan worked up they would be in touch again. Cllr Faulks thanked them for coming along to talk to the PC.

2. Public participation – none.

3. Apologies – were received from Cllrs Charlton and Keyte.

4. Declarations of interest – A declaration of interest in Lands End Farm plans was expressed by Cllr J. Bates.

5. Report from Northumberland County Council –

Cllr Sharp said that unfortunately the parts which came for the new bin for Peelwell corner were incorrect so new parts have had to be ordered and hopefully the new bin will be installed very shortly.

With regards to the drains on Church Street, they had been cleaned out recently but unfortunately a car was parked over one of the drains and the owner was not contactable, so there is some work still to do on this. With regards to the drain beside the War Memorial, the area around the drain has been improved and resurfaced so hopefully water will go into the drain and not pool at this location in the future.

There is also a blocked drain behind the Community Centre which will be cleared..

Cllr Sharp had received a speed survey which was carried out for Martins Close and he had asked NCC to apply for a Traffic Regulation Order which is required to give this road a 20mph speed restriction as well.

NCC have now been in touch with the manufacturer of the 30mph activation sign on Ratcliffe Road and this will hopefully be changed to 20mph soon. Road maintenance work is still behind due to the damage caused by the recent storms.

With regards to the Queens’ Jubilee Events there is funding available up to £500.00. Cllr Sharp had circulated an email with links for the funding and Jubilee Beacons, and said he would be happy to make a personal contribution as well.

The County Council has now finalised the Local Transport Plan which of course includes the road re-surfacing works from the A69 to Esp Hill and works on the Ridley to Carts Bog Road.

6. Highways – nothing to report.

7. Lighting – nothing to report.

8. Planning applications – none received.

9. Accounts – as in budget.

The Clerk asked Cllr Sharp who to contact for permission to attach a dog bag dispenser to a street lighting pole on the old bridge. Cllr Sharp said that Andy Olive at NCC had already agreed to this. The Clerk will order the dispenser and liaise with the Handyman to get it installed.

The Chair said that a request for a new bin at Rock Springs Crescent had recently been received. This was discussed but it was agreed that a bin at this location would not be emptied, as any new bins need to be on the existing route. The Chair will inform the gentleman who made the request.

10. Correspondence –

a) Details of the annual Spring Clean were received from Keep Britain Tidy, and this will be discussed at the next meeting.

11. Parish projects –

Development Trust /Bridge – The library is now open again on Wednesdays. Cllr Burrows explained that it wasn't possible to open additional days yet as volunteers need to be trained, and as Hexham Library is short staffed they are not able to provide the training.

Haydon Bridge Matters Facebook page – Cllr Thornhill said that he had tried to contact Wooller PC but had had no response yet. He explained that there is little conversation on the Wooller Facebook page, and it acts more like a parish noticeboard.

Emergency response - Cllr Snowdon said he had contacted members of the flood group via email and via Whatsapp. Four people had not responded. There are 12 members of the group, but realistically more are needed. He suggested that it might be wise to rename this the Resilience Group and widen things out to include other bodies. Cllr Thornhill suggested an open meeting so that anyone who wishes to can get involved. Cllr Snowdon said that planning was needed on how to take this forward. For example in the case of power cuts, perhaps there might be a landline that can be accessed at the Community Centre. People would need somewhere in the village to go to get information. Cllr Snowdon said that he would produce an advert to go in the Haydon News, newsagents, Facebook etc and possibly have a meeting in the 2nd week in April.

Climate champions – Cllr Thompson said that she and Cllr Howard had not yet been able to meet with Siobhan to discuss this. To be considered at the next meeting.

Jubilee – Cllr Thompson said that the GITS had held an emergency meeting to discuss this. They would like to encourage everyone to decorate their houses with red and yellow. They were also keen to have a party on the green at Strother's Close with people bringing their own picnics. Kerry, who now runs Comfort Cakes, is prepared to make a large cake at cost. Medals were suggested for all school children, at a cost of 89p each. Amber Lauren has offered to help with children's entertainment from 2-5pm. Bank holiday Thursday was suggested as a good day to hold the party, with Langley planning to hold their own party on the Friday.

It was hoped that chairs and tables from the Community Centre and Methodist Church could be used, as well as their toilet facilities. Cllr Richardson will ask the schools and the Scouts if they'd like to get involved. The Parish Council approved of the plans to mark the Jubilee.

12. Any other business –

a) Cllr Howard asked if the PC could write to Northumbrian Water to ask what the capacity of the sewage works in the village is. He wondered, given all of the recent developments, how far we were from the limit. The Clerk will write to NWL.

b) Haydon Bridge Integrated Drainage Study – Cllr Snowdon said that in October 2021 Amanda McKeivitt of the EA had apologised for not coming to a meeting to update the PC on the proposed outcomes of this study. It is now February 2022 and the meeting has still not been held. Cllr Snowdon said that a meeting to discuss this needs to be a standalone meeting. This will be considered next month.

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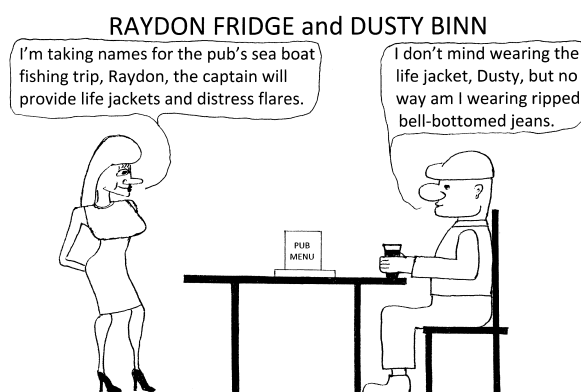
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Haydon Parish Neighbourhood Plan Passes Independent Examination

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Peter Fletcher

The draft Haydon Parish Neighbourhood Plan passed another milestone in March when Tony Burton, the Independent Examiner appointed by the Secretary of State, approved the draft plan subject to certain modifications. In the Executive Summary to his report he stated that:

'I consider the Plan to be an adequate expression of the community's views and ambitions for Haydon Parish. It is based on an effective programme of public consultation which has informed a 2036 Vision supported by seven sets of Objectives to be achieved through 20 planning policies dealing with issues distinct to the locality. There is also a series of community actions outside the scope of this examination. The Plan is supported by a Consultation Statement and Basic Conditions Statement and Strategic Environmental Assessment and Habitats Regulations Assessment screening opinions. There is good supporting evidence provided and strong evidence of community support and the involvement of the local planning authorities.


I have considered the eight representations made on the submitted Plan, including representations from statutory bodies, and representations on the Strategic Environmental Assessment and Habitats Regulations Assessment screening opinions. These are addressed in this report as appropriate.

Subject to the recommended modifications set out in this report I conclude that the Haydon Parish Neighbourhood Plan meets all the necessary legal requirements, including satisfying the Basic Conditions. I make a number of additional optional recommendations.

I recommend that the modified Plan should proceed to Referendum and that this should be held within the Neighbourhood Area'.


Following the Independent Examiners report Northumberland County Council are making modifications to the draft plan. The modified plan will go to the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group at the end of March. Subject to the Steering Group agreeing to the modifications the draft plan is then prepared for the public referendum of all voters in Haydon Parish who are registered on the electoral roll. The referendum will take place in May or June this year and will be publicised via the Haydon News and Facebook.

If the draft plan is supported by a simple majority of local residents who vote in the referendum, it then goes through the process of formal adoption by the county council over the summer and becomes a formal part of the planning policy for the county. All the documentation relating to the plan is available via the parish website. Go to haydon-bridge.co.uk/community-plan



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As you are no doubt aware, we live in a beautiful part of the county and this walk took in not one but two World Heritage Sites (WHS). We started with a climb up Barcombe to the Long Stone and looked down on Vindolanda (first WHS), we wound our way towards the Roman Fort, passing a Roman Milestone and then headed up to Shield Hill, crossing the Military Road and onto WHS number two, the Roman Wall. The views, north, south, east and west were outstanding and well worth the climb.

We turned west into a strong head wind but found a sheltered spot to have lunch. After a sandwich and a cup of tea, we set off again, walking past Steel Rigg and arrived at the highest point on the entire Wall, Winshield Crags and then walked down towards Winshield Camp Site. We followed the path over the Military Road towards High Seatsides with again amazing views of the Wall we had left behind.

We were lucky enough to spot lapwings, curlews and a hare all in the same field near Seatsides which was a real treat. Heading back towards Vindolanda we walked through Layside. Layside gives a great long-distance view of Sycamore Gap. We then followed the paths to High and Low Fogrigg and arrived back at the starting point at about 3.15pm.

It was a great first walk. If anyone is interested in joining the group and wants more information about the next walk, please contact Anne on 07761 908793 or anne.suddes123@btinternet.com

Clergy Letter

Fr. Luke Wilkinson

Matthew, Mark, and Luke all record accounts of Our Blessed Lord's Transfiguration, bathed in the light of glory, between the great figures of Moses and Elijah, the three evangelists tell us that they spoke with one another, but only St. Luke tell us what they spoke about.

Most of our English translations say they spoke of his departure in Jerusalem, or his passing, but behind this a mystery is hiding. For the Greek word used is 'ἐξοδος' – exodus. Atop Mt. Tabor, Jesus spoke with those who most represented the law and the prophets and he spoke of an exodus he would accomplish in Jerusalem. This should ring bells for us, a new exodus invites us to consider the first exodus; to see what it is the Lord is making new. The first exodus is that story with which we are so familiar, brought to life by Cecil B Demil in 'The Ten Commandments', by DreamWorks in 'The Prince of Egypt', somewhat less successfully by Ridley Scott in Exodus – Of Gods and Men; it is that account – supremely sacred to the Hebrew people of their salvation by God, their departure out of a land of slavery unto a land of freedom. The sacrifice of a lamb spares the people and the passing through the Red Sea waters brings them safely out of harms way. And Jesus speaks of doing this anew.

But it will not be slavery in Egypt that Jesus will free the people from, it will be from slavery to sin, it will not be the blood of any lamb that saves but of the Lamb of God, Jesus himself will be the sacrifice, his open and wounded side the water we pass through, not the waters of the Red Sea, but the waters of Baptism. 'Behold, I make all things new' (Rev 21:5).

God knows our hearts, he knows our minds, for in His love he crafted them both in His own image. He knows our love for stories, how patterns and repetition help us to make sense of the world and come to a deeper understanding of the truth. God lays this narrative track throughout history, he makes time – rhyme. He does this so that when he does a new thing, when he saves us in a new way; we can understand it because of he does it by taking up the methods of the past and breathing new life into them.

But remember, the people upon crossing the Red Sea did not find themselves in the Promised Land but in the Desert, just as we do not find ourselves in Heaven after we have been baptised. There is a time after our initial salvation wherein we must work out 'in fear and trembling' (Phil 2:12) the fullness of that salvation that God is working in us. He brought the people through the desert and fashioned a nation after his own heart. He does the same today. He calls us to model our lives on Him, to run the race set before us (Heb 12:1) with our eyes fixed on Christ our goal. Let us run, this lent, with our eyes fixed on Jesus, let us allow him to accomplish His new Exodus not only in Jerusalem but in our very souls.

Get It Together Society

Last month I told you that celebrations were being planned for the Queens Platinum Jubilee in June. Well things are starting to take shape and the plan so far is to have a Community Jubilee Picnic on Thursday 2nd June from 2pm-5pm. This will take place on the green at Strother Close.

There'll be tables and chairs set out or, if you prefer, bring picnic blankets. Everyone should bring their own food for their family and friends. There is also a food van coming that will sell burgers, hot dogs etc and an ice cream van. Hopefully we'll have some people making hot drinks and if you want anything stronger to celebrate the occasion then bring your own. Oh, and as it's a celebration there will be CAKE!!!

We have someone to organise children's activities, but she will need help, so any volunteers would be very welcome. There will be music, hopefully some of it will be live – that's still in the planning stage. We encourage everyone to wear red, white and blue or come in fancy dress.

We're looking at other things for the celebration weekend. Hopefully Shaftoe Primary students will get involved with an art project that will go on display. The Haydonian Social Club and the GITS will host a Jubilee Quiz on Saturday 4th June. We'd like to have an exhibition of photos from past village events, especially if anyone can find any from the Coronation. If you have anything then please contact Tula Thompson. Other community groups have plans too so it promises to be a fun filled weekend. If you're part of a group that wants to contribute, then please do. The more the merrier.

Don't forget that the weekend before the Jubilee is **Northumberland Day** – Sunday 29th May. Get your Northumberland flags out, or order some now before the rush, decorate your house, dress up in red and yellow and have a get together with your neighbours to celebrate being proud to live in Northumberland. Let's turn the village red and yellow for this special day.

Contact me with your ideas – Pauline Wallis - 01434 684061 - pjwallis58@gmail.com



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William Blackstone

Although I had been furnished with the uniform relevant to a Sub-Lieutenant in the Royal Naval Reserve (I still have and wear the shoes some 35 years later!) and was fulfilling duties as directed by The Commander, my commission could not be confirmed until I had completed and passed the Officer Initial Training course held annually at Britannia Royal Naval College, Dartmouth. There were about 60 school teachers attending the week long course in August 1986 and we were given lectures about the history of the Royal Navy, parade drill and were occasionally let loose in picket boats for practical training in boat handling and seamanship.

A long-standing tradition maintained on all naval vessels is that any sailor entering or departing the quarterdeck must salute. Some believe that this is derived from the very early seagoing custom of the respect paid to the pagan altar on board ship, and later to the crucifix and shrine. Others hold that the custom comes from the early days of the Royal Navy when all officers who were present on the quarterdeck returned the salute of an individual by removing their head wear. Today the salute is seen as respecting the authority of the ship and the colours that are flown on the quarterdeck. The tradition was no different on dry land and we were required to salute when entering and departing from the central hall of BRNC. On one occasion, probably when I was late for a lecture, I forgot, but was rapidly reminded when the word ‘SIRRRRR!’ resounded around the hall. I stopped dead in my tracks, came to attention and saluted clumsily, feeling very embarrassed, almost certainly to the amusement of the NCO who had called me out.

Although we were just school teachers, we were treated in exactly the same way as full Royal Naval Officers and, despite the fact that we were used to being addressed as ‘Sir’ by our charges at school, to be called that by adults who had vastly more experience of the Navy than ourselves, was at times disconcerting.

The Royal Naval salute with the palm downwards differs from the salute used by other branches of the Armed Forces and is said to have evolved because the palms of naval ratings, particularly deckhands, were often dirty through working with lines and was deemed insulting to present a dirty palm to an officer; thus the palm was turned downwards. Another tradition of the Royal Navy is that since the 1850s, only a ‘full set’ of facial hair is permitted. This is defined as ‘covering the whole jaw and attached to the moustache’. One reason for this, as opposed to members of the Army and RAF who are not allowed to sport a full set of facial hair, is that at sea one is less likely to have to put on a mask quickly in the event of a gas attack. No prizes for guessing who turned up at Dartmouth in 1986 wearing just a moustache!

Other traditions include the fact that each day at noon, every sailor was given one-eighth of an imperial pint (about 70ml, so just short of three shots) of over-proof rum. Known as a ‘tot’, this popular tradition was abolished in 1970, as it was deemed unsafe for sailors to use heavy machinery after their tot. In days gone by, whistling was a sign of mutiny. The only crew member aboard the ship allowed to whistle was the chef. It meant he wasn’t eating the crew’s food. The RN has also evolved a rich volume of slang, known as Jackspeak. Nowadays the British sailor is usually Jack (or Jenny) rather than the more historical Jack Tar, which is an allusion, either to the former requirement of tarring long hair or the tar-stained hands of sailors. Nicknames for a British sailor, applied by others, include Matelot (pronounced ‘matlow’, and derived from mid-19th century nautical slang) originally from the French, a variant of ‘matenot’ which was also taken from the Middle Dutch ‘mattenoot’ or ‘bed companion’, because sailors had to share hammocks in twos, and Limey, from the lime juice given to British sailors to combat scurvy.

Following (kind of) in the hallowed footsteps of HRH Prince Philip and HRH Prince Charles, we all graduated at the end of the course and qualified for the Passing Out parade. I remember spending a huge amount of time trying to persuade the leather on my shoes to become shiny with spit and polish; although clean, they were positively shabby compared to the mirror-like shine emanating from the shoes of the NCOs. There was still time to disgrace myself one more time. There was a practice parade before the real thing and, having brought us to attention, one of our instructors went from officer to officer in order to make us present as respectably as possible. With his mouth no more than six inches from my face, he yelled ‘Sir, your tie is drunk!’ Only he didn’t use the word ‘drunk’, preferring a more pejorative term. I couldn’t help myself. I sniggered. So did the chap to my right and then several others joined in. More shouting and we finally recovered some sort of dignity in time for the real thing. Unbelievably, we passed.



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Meteorologically December, January and February are the three winter months but what on earth does 'winter' mean? It is that time of year when the atmospheric circulation is dominated by the air in polar latitudes. In the Northern Hemisphere most of the Earth's surface is land and the atmosphere above it is dominated by extensive areas of high pressure. Shorter hours of daylight increases the probability of frosts, snow and fog, However the weather we experience here in the British Isles is a balance between the cold polar anticyclones and occasional storms from the Atlantic. In 2009-2010 when Averil and I first moved to Plunderheath; the lane was more like the Cresta Run. However, more recent winters have been very different with strong winds, heavy rain, echoing a similar warming that occurred in the late 1970s.

Over the first two weeks of February atmospheric pressure was moderately consistent, but well-developed waves in the jet stream led to relatively vigorous winds for much of the time. Transient cyclones brought further strong breezes which followed each other in close succession. Between the 13th and 21st storms were named Dudley, Eunice and Franklyn and collectively they added to the already existing catalogue of weather-related damage. The wind was gusting in excess of gale force on the 16th (Dudley), and Franklyn(20th) resulted in 22.5 of rain and widespread floods over Northern England. Although the weather was unsettled, the latter half of the month was very mild. The first daffodil to flower in the local lanes was on the 26th, slightly earlier than usual.

Month 2021	Average Max. Temp (Daytime) deg C	Relative to long-term average degC	Average Min. Temp (Night-time) deg C	Relative to long-term average degC	Rainfall mm	Percentage of long-term average
February	8.9	+2.5	2.5	+1.2	81.5	129%

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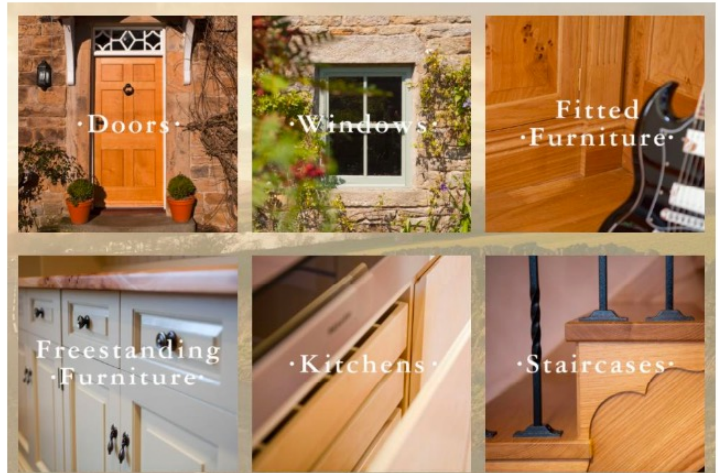
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10 April	Join with worship at Fourstones Methodist
15 April	<i>Good Friday 10.30am Short Service of reflection led by Diana Bell</i>
17 April	Easter Sunday Deacon Anne Taylor
24 April	Rev Mike Wilkinson
1 May	Circuit Service at West End Methodist, Hexham

Informal Worship on Wednesdays 7pm

6 and 13 April will continue to be Lent Studies

Please note that **Meeting Place** meets at the **Methodist Church** on **Tuesdays only** 10 am to 12 noon why not call in for coffee or tea and a friendly chat

St. Cuthbert's Anglican Church Sunday Services 10.30 am (except one)

3 April	Rev. Rosalind Brown (Eucharist)
10 April	Rev. Gill Alexander (Eucharist for Palm Sunday)
14 April	Maundy Thursday 7.30pm Eucharist (Holy Week Service)
15 April	Good Friday 2pm 'The Last Hour' service of hymns and readings
17 April	Easter Sunday Rev. Gill Alexander Eucharist
24 April	Gill Valentine Morning Prayer
1 May	Rev. Gill Alexander Eucharist

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3 April	Rev. Canon Steve Wright (H/C) 11am
10 April	Holy Communion 11am
13 April	<i>7pm Service for Holy Week</i>
15 April	Good Friday 2pm 'The Last Hour' service of hymns and readings
17 April	Easter Sunday Holy Communion 11am
24 April	Holy Communion 11am
1 May	Holy Communion 11am

Catholic Church Services

St. John of Beverley	Haydon Bridge 9.00 am Sundays
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Details in italics indicate mid-week services for Holy Week

Musical weekend in Haydon Bridge – join the audience or even the choir!

A very special weekend of praise and fellowship will take place in Haydon Bridge this summer.

Seasoned composer Roger Jones will lead a two-day musical workshop at Haydon Bridge Methodist Church, on Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th of June, with his team from Christian Music Ministries.

It will be based on one of Roger's newest musicals, 'Torn Curtain' - a series of 11 songs with narration in-between, focusing on the idea of the torn curtain and how, because of Jesus' sacrifice, we can now come to God freely without any barrier.

The weekend will conclude with a performance of the musical on the Sunday afternoon at 4pm in front of an audience, when the choir will be performing to a backing track supplied by Roger. People are being encouraged to join the audience.

There is still space for singers, regardless of age or ability, to join the choir. Practice sessions are taking place. Anyone who would like to be involved is being encouraged to get in touch. The event is open to everyone – you don't have to be a churchgoer. Attending the practice sessions is not essential, but is advised if possible. All participants will also be given a CD of their part, for practise at home. Over the past 40 years Roger has written over 20 Christian musicals which have been performed across the UK.

A video premiere of the musical can be viewed on YouTube, if you search for 'Torn Curtain Roger Jones'. Of course, the Haydon Bridge version will look different, but it gives a good idea of the music involved.

For more information contact Deborah Bell on 07990928976 or by email at clocktowerbells@hotmail.com

For this month's Clergy letter
see page 7

Historical Notes of Haydon Bridge

By Dennis Telford

“CHEERS”

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The Scotch Arms

I have never been one to drink copious quantities of alcohol in the house. In fact, I'd rather have a cup of tea and a bar of Cadbury's chocolate or a box of 'Roses'. And yet, standing at the bar with a pint or two .. or more .. with friends and acquaintances old and new, and folk I'm meeting for the first time and, probably, never likely to see again is, and has been for sixty five years of my life, a great joy. ... Why?

The Irish and others are likely to call it “the craik”, and for many of those sixty five years, 'copious' is undoubtedly an accurate description of the amounts of ale that accompanied the craik in Haydon Bridge, Hexham and Haltwhistle; and long may the venues where the craik flourishes - our village pubs and clubs - survive and prosper. ... Please!

My first memory of a night in a public house was at Hexham, in The Robin Hood on Back Street - the pub has long gone but was next door to today's Grapes Hotel. The 'Robin' became our first stop before we moved on to Len and Molly Hepple's dancing club above and behind the Beaumont Hotel and accessed by a flight of external steps off Battle Hill. And later, but never quite the same nor quite as intimate as their first venue, in my opinion, The Fandango Club off Back Street.

As we 'grew up', we left Len and Molly's behind and on a Saturday moved from The Robin Hood to the Queens Hall, where the dancing was accompanied by a live band rather than the records at Len and Molly's, and we tripped the light fantastic in the Queens on a 'floor with a thousand springs'.

What a difference that made to our nifty footwork in the Bradford Barn Dance!!

Happy, Happy Days!

You might ask why, when there were five pubs in Haydon Bridge, we chose Hexham as our introduction to the amber nectar.

Younger readers will not recall that we used to have a local policeman in the village, living on the job: first on Shaftoe Street (next to the Town Hall Cinema - today's Haydonian Lounge and Bar) and later in a 1937 semi detached house on John Martin Street. Close scrutiny when drinking under-age, and when the law's representative took a special interest in our every move, was not a good idea in the 1950s. So, it

was: “Hello Hexham!” The Robin Hood, The Grapes Hotel and the like.

It wasn't long, however, in my mid teenage years, before Haydon Bridge's Scotch Arms Hotel was just too attractive a proposition to turn down. One of the friendliest of landlords in the late 1950s, Charlie Brown, had installed a juke box in the snug room of his pub, overlooking the River Tyne. Our Haydon Bridge teenagers were in Rock 'n Roll 'Heaven'! The musicians and pop stars we read about in the 1950s Melody Maker and New Musical Express, and tuned in every night to listen to on 'The Station of the Stars' - Radio Luxembourg, 208 metres on the medium wave - were now closer to home, on a 45rpm record on Charlie's juke box

In 2022, the buildings of the former Scotch Arms public house provide pleasant homes for Haydon Bridge families and, although we can trace the history of the Scotch Arms and its public house licensees to more than two hundred years ago, the date of its original construction is unknown. However, it is certainly of great age and the earliest landlord of whom we are aware was a William Pearson in 1820. William was the son of James and Isabella Pearson who had married at Haltwhistle on October 10th, 1777 and his date of birth is recorded in Haydon Bridge baptism records as December 10th, 1786. It seems likely that James and Isabella lived at Plankey and they had eight children, including William.

William Pearson married Ann Pickering, the daughter of Robert and Hannah Pickering of Henshaw, at Haydon Bridge on August 29th, 1819 and they had two children. Joseph, in 1820, and Hannah in 1821. William, his wife Ann and their son Joseph were still at the Scotch Arms in 1861, although, by that time William was almost seventy five years old.

William Pearson died at the Scotch Arms on January 27th, 1863 after at least forty three years in the pub. Joseph, who never married, died there in 1864 and Ann continued to live on the South Side of the village until her death in 1882.

The next tenant in the Haydon Bridge Scotch Arms seems to have been Job Waugh. We met Job Waugh earlier on our pub crawl, when he lived with his sister Hannah who was innkeeper at the Wheatsheaf in the north west corner of what is today's Shaftoe Street (*February/March Haydon News*').

Job Waugh moved to the Scotch Arms in 1871, with

his wife Margaret and their children Annie, Mathew and Walter.

Interestingly, the lintel above the door at the Scotch Arms bears the date of Job Waugh's arrival there. Maybe this is an indication that there were alterations to the pub at the south end of the (old) bridge, in 1871.



Ten years later, in 1881, Job, his wife Margaret and son Mathew had moved to Irthing House, Thirlwell, Haltwhistle, where they farmed 95 acres of land. Job and Margaret's son Walter was a draper's assistant at a store in Newcastle, but we know that their daughter Annie remained on her own as the innkeeper at the Scotch Arms. By 1891, all the Waugh family were back at the Scotch Arms where Mathew is described as a, 'Mineral Water Manufacturer'.

Job Waugh died at the Scotch Arms on January 5th, 1893 and his widow Margaret and son Mathew moved to Amble. The Waugh family had been in charge at the Wheatsheaf and Scotch Arms public houses in Haydon Bridge, for more than forty years.

In 1901, John Dinning and his wife Elizabeth were mine-hosts at the Scotch Arms, where they had a coachman (George Makepeace), a stable boy (John McGugger) and a domestic servant (Isabella Robson). John had been born at Haydon Bridge circa 1855, the son of John and Elizabeth Dinning. John senior was a Lead and Shipping Agent and in 1861 lived with his wife Elizabeth and their children John and Joseph, at Winlaton.

The Dinning sons, John jnr. and Joseph returned to our parish and they have played a significant part in Langley's industrial history. For example: from 1865, Joseph had a seventeen year lease at Stublick colliery and he lived at Langley Hill Top with his mother Elizabeth. In 1881, Joseph is recorded as being a 'Lead Manufacturer and Colliery Owner', employing 56 men and 6 boys. We know that the colliery he owned was Stublick, of course, but also, in 1882, he held a lease at Langley Lead Mills. Joseph's executors continued to run the mills after he died and until they closed shortly after 1888.

Joseph's brother John also lived at Langley, with his wife Elizabeth, the daughter of Dixon and Mary Ann Bell from Catton, whom he had married in 1881. John was a grocer and draper living with his wife at

Langley Villa, before they followed the Waugh family as licensees at the Scotch Arms (circa 1901).

A container in the ownership of the present occupiers of the Scotch Arms (*see photograph*), suggests that John Dinning probably continued to manufacture mineral water at the Scotch Arms Hotel; following in the footsteps of Mathew Waugh.



A container attributed to John Dinning of the Scotch Arms Hotel suggests that he was 'manufacturing' mineral water there, circa 1901.

*Thanks to
John and Pauline Wallis
for this image*

By 1911, John Dinning and his wife Elizabeth had left the Scotch Arms and the inn-keeper with his name above the door was Ralph Curry (*see photograph*) who lived in the Scotch Arms with his wife Mary Ann and their family: Joseph, Mary Stuart, Charles, May, Ralph, Cecil Stanton (whom we have met previously as the husband of Ada Clark from the Haydon Hotel), John Redvers, and a step daughter Maud Booth.

The Curry family were soon to become well respected residents of Haydon Bridge and have maintained their connection with our village until the present day. Ralph Curry was born at Pelton on November 2nd, 1860 and he married Mary Ann (nee Stuart) at Chester-le-Street in 1886.

Before taking control at the Scotch Arms, Ralph had always worked as a 'Grocer's Assistant' in County Durham, so his move to Haydon Bridge signalled a major change of occupation.

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Worldwide there have been around 6000 species of worms catalogued according to Wikipedia. Britain has 27 species and they are divided into three different types: the small surface dwelling **epigeic** that lives in the plant litter; the most common lives in the topsoil in shallow tunnels, the **endogeic**; and the deep burrowing **anecic**, which can be up to a foot long and makes permanent vertical tunnels.

Earthworms eat soil! Their nutrition comes from things in soil, such as decaying roots and leaves. Animal manures are an important food source for earthworms. They eat living organisms such as nematodes, protozoans, rotifers, bacteria and fungi.

Worms are hermaphrodites. Even though they have male and female sex organs they still need to copulate. It is most easily seen with the deep burrowing worms that lie on the surface at night, side by side, aligning the bands that are toward the head end to exchange fluids. They each produce egg capsules from which the young are born.

Recycle Nutrients

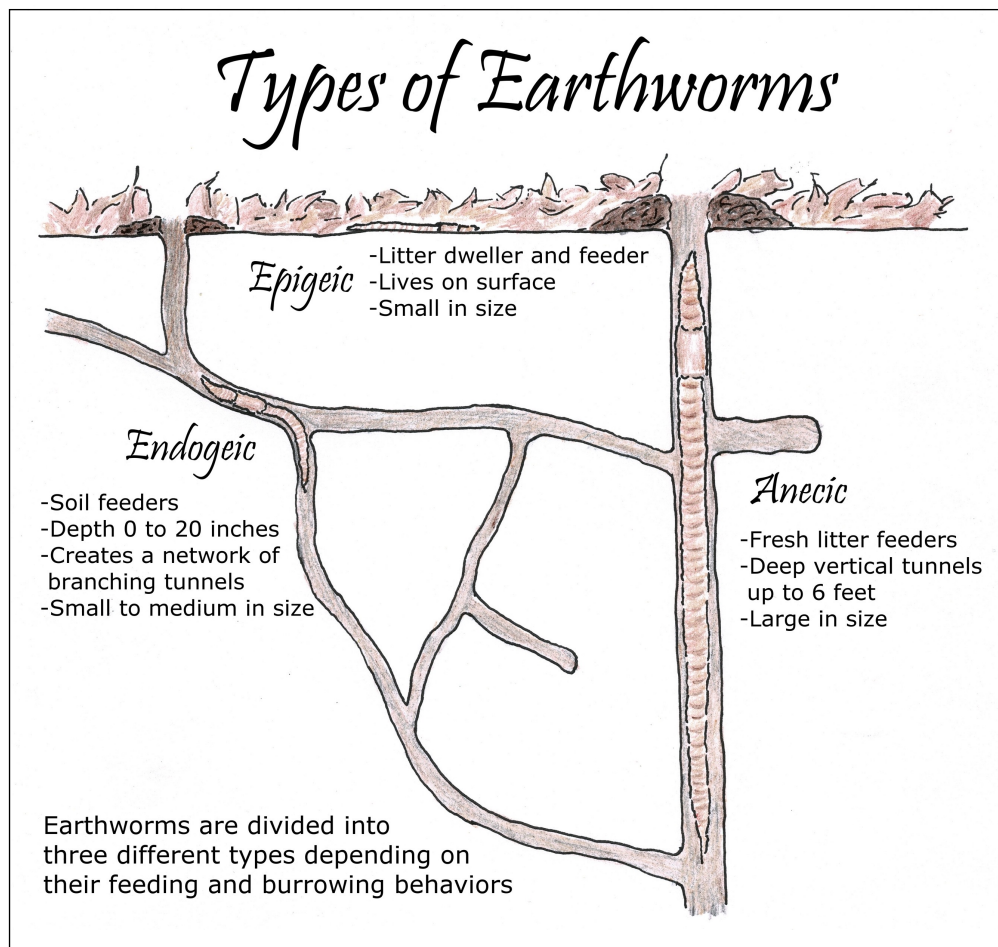
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Improve Soil Structure

Earthworms move a tremendous amount of matter around in the soil. By pulling residues into their burrows, they mix organic matter into the soil which improves soil structure and water infiltration. Research has shown soils that have poor populations of earthworms are up to 90% less effective at soaking up water. This can lead to increased run off and erosion and an increased likelihood of flooding with heavy rainfall. Oxygen is highly important for crop production. Worms help to oxygenate the soil by creating lots of tunnels, and these tunnels also help to create pathways for roots to grow deep into the soil.

Provide a food source for other species

Worms line their tunnels with microbe foods and then harvest the microbes that grow there. They are a rich food source for hedgehogs, birds and other wildlife including some insects like ants and beetles.



How to bring Earthworms back

Here are a few ways to help bring worms back to your soil. The use of multi species cover crops. The greater the diversity above ground, the greater the diversity below ground. Applications of compost and manures. Applications of liquid fish which is the by-product of the fishing and fish processing industry. Protozoa teas, earthworms love eating protozoa. Before earthworms can improve the soil they need organic matter, without it they have no food source. So increasing the organic matter is key. 'If you build it, they will come.'

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Life In Northumberland

Patricia Green

From late February we had a real change and a very pleasurable few days on our rail travels. Mr G. and me had an adventure up the West coast of Scotland, Carlisle to Inverness via Fort William, and then back down the East from Inverness to Edinburgh.

The scenery going up the West side was exactly what we had hoped. The plan was to time it for seeing some snow, but not enough to halt Scotrail in their tracks!! We were not disappointed - lots of snow capped mountains and frosted lochs, absolutely beautiful.

We came across somewhere called Carrou which turned out to be the highest mainland station in the whole of the UK, and many lochs that we had to Google and discovered we had never heard of, which I felt ashamed about being a Scot myself. Having spent a night in Fort William we continued to Inverness by bus. That decision was far preferable than returning to Glasgow for a train that was a lengthy five hour stint, there being no train routes from Fort William to Inverness.

Needless to say the bus route ended up negotiating some very windy bends and having made the decision the night before to have a substantial breakfast that would keep us going until evening, it was touch and go for me at an early stage on the journey as to whether said breakfast was going to remain where it should!

Having seen both West and East sides, we both preferred the less hostile and more rambling contours of the East from Inverness to Edinburgh than the quite samey landscape of the West.

On arrival in Edinburgh, we soon realised that the aftermath of the Scotland/ France rugby match from the previous day had been the reason we had postponed our stay by one day - accommodation prices were hugely inflated. What a rip off. It's so annoying when that happens, just like travel companies raising prices for the school holidays.

A bit of sightseeing took us towards the Royal Mile and Edinburgh castle - a walk that seemed as arduous as ascending North Bank in Haydon Bridge.

Our 'boutique' hostel was virtually opposite Waverley station and the planned return journey the next day took us in different directions. Due to a work call my husband had to depart from Edinburgh and go back to Glasgow and beyond. I continued towards Newcastle and home terrain.

What a great change it made. Surprisingly our trains were all on time, we were mostly blessed with very good weather - only one short walk one evening when we got rained on.

How little I seem to know about Scotland though, never mind the rest of the UK. Staycations are certainly more likely to be on the cards.

Art exhibition to support children in Uganda

SEDCU is a small charity based in Hexham whose aim is to provide an education for severely disadvantaged children living in the remote southwest corner of Uganda.

An exhibition of paintings by David Almond at the Allendale Forge Studio will take place during April, which are part of a collection bequeathed to SEDCU by his family for the purpose of raising funds. 100% of the money raised will go to Uganda for the benefit of the children.

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Medical Practice 01434 684 216
Bellevie Home Care 0191 313 0189

Hospitality and Catering

Haydonian Lounge & Bar 01434 684 383
Jills Catering 07957 571 885
Langley Castle 01434 688 888
The General Havelock Inn 01434 684 376
WMH Quality Catering 07711 488 377

Household Services:

DC Oil, Heating and Plumbing 07582 864 066
D & J Oliver Electrical 01434 688 132
07730 533 348

Gary Cunningham Decorator 01434 684 041
George Gamble Construction 07710 193 144
01434 688 804

GS Double Glazing 01434 608 619
07801 574 799

Heritage Country Gardening 07585 115 000
J P Westalls 01434 602 740

J Lester Roofing 01434 344 504
07876 756 616

Kevin Moore appliance repairs 01434 684 736
Langley Furniture Works 01434 688 977

Lynnwood Interiors 07963 026 298
Mark Davison Cleaning 01434 604 711
07768 176 873

Paul Brown Tiling 01434 684 890
07769 537 513

Red Onion Kitchen Design 01434 618 920
Safe and Secure 01434 688 423

Shotton Waste Services 01434 681 219
Simi's Sweeps 07920 104 404
Violets Tableware Hire 07735 462 671

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