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Welcome to our July issue

This is my last issue as editor and I hand over the reins to two new volunteers. A huge thank you to all our contributors, advertisers and readers throughout my time as editor.

We don't produce a September issue, but if you have any submissions for our October issue, please send it to us by 19 August.

All the best
Alex

editor@haydon-news.co.uk

Thanks to Tony Messner for this month's cover image
– 'Looking up river'

Community Garden

Would you like to be involved in developing and maintaining a community garden?

- share in growing and eating fruit and veg
- make flower beds to support pollinating insects..and be beautiful!
- somewhere lovely to sit, chat, picnic..
- build healthy, thriving soil
- develop and encourage community composting
- grow plants for community shared spaces and to sell in village

What else? Ideas welcome!

Contact Siobhan at siobhanshilbot@aol.com

lydia.coulson@nurtureenvironmentaleducation.com

Charity quiz nights at the General Havelock

Our June quiz contributed £190 to fundraising for the work of the Great North Northern Air Ambulance Service. Thank you everyone.

We plan to hold our next quizzes on Tuesday AUGUST 2nd (mnda) and SEPTEMBER 27th (Macmillan) Nominations for future quizzes are welcome.

Haydon Bridge Nature Club

We are delighted that The Nature Club returns after the pandemic hiatus. If you haven't been before, each event covers a different topic of nature with an opportunity to ask questions of the speaker. We've had many fascinating events in the 50 years of our existence, and we are excited by this year's programme which starts in September. If you have even a passing interest in nature and the natural world, come along to our next event. You can either join as a member and then each event is free, or pay for each talk you attend, and refreshments are included. It's a great way to spend an evening and get to meet some new people. It's open to all – you don't have to be a resident of Haydon Bridge!

Meetings held at: The Methodist Hall, Church Street, Haydon Bridge NE47 6JG to start at 7.15 pm

29th Sept - Kyrgyzstan – Where Steppe & Mountains Meet
- *Margaret Jacot*

13th Oct - Farming in the North Pennines
- *Robert Phillipson*

27th Oct - The Red Kite Returns - *Harold Dobson*

10th Nov - Yorkshire Dales with a bit of Geology
- *David Hughes*

24th Nov - Wildlife Crime and Heritage Issues - *Lee Davison*

CHRISTMAS / NEW YEAR BREAK - Commence again 2nd February 2023

Haydon Bridge Library

Our own volunteer-run library is now open on Monday (9 to 12), Tuesday (1 to 4) and Wednesday (1 to 4). We would like to open on other days but we need reliable volunteers to help with all sorts of jobs. Priority times are Fridays (4 to 6.30) and Saturdays (9.30 to 12.30), full training will be given and no prior experience is needed. If you can help we would love to hear from you – please call in.

As a volunteer-led service we also try to raise funds to meet our running costs. We are hoping to restart our BONUS BALL draw. A £30 prize is available each week determined by the Lottery Bonus Ball number. You keep your own number, the cost is £1 per week. Let us know please if you want a number and we can get started!

The popular Summer Reading Challenge is up and running for younger villagers, drop in and find out more.

Haydon Parish Council Meeting

MINUTES OF MEETING OF HAYDON PARISH COUNCIL AT 7.30PM ON THE 23rd June 2022, AT HAYDON BRIDGE COMMUNITY CENTRE. You can find the minutes of each meeting as soon as they are published at www.haydon-bridge.co.uk

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

Public participation – none.

Apologies – were received from Cllr J. Thompson.

Declarations of interest – none received.

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

Report from Northumberland County Council –

Cllr Sharp said that problems with the the gully beside the War Memorial have now been resolved. With regards to the 20 mph scheme at Martin's Close the scheme is currently with the design team. The speed humps will stay. The interactive speed sign is now obsolete and therefore would have to be replaced. The PC are happy for the sign to be removed.

The ditching work and the cutting of the verges continues to be carried out around Langley and Haydon Bridge.

In answer to queries about Haydon Park and Lodge NCC said they were still waiting for the land the buildings stand on to be transferred.

The sweeper has been around the village and weed spraying has been taking place, although recent wet and windy weather has hampered progress with this. Litter picking on the A686 is scheduled for the 24th of June. The new bin at Peelwell has now been added to the collection schedule. Cllr Sharp is looking at the costings for brown signs and agrees they are a good idea.

Highways –

Cllr Howard said that as there were a lot of visitors in the village over the summer and he wondered if it would be possible to get electronic signs at the bus stops providing bus times and destinations, like those at Hexham and Corbridge. The Clerk will investigate.

Cllr Bates said that stones were washing down onto the road below the green lane near Castle Farm again. Cllr Sharp will look into this.

Lighting – nothing to report.

Planning applications –

22/01868/FUL – Conversion of an attached stone outhouse/coal shed into ensuite toilet, shower room and dressing room to bedroom 2; conversion of former pig sty and enclosed pig pen into a greenhouse/horticultural storage - NO OBJECTIONS.

Accounts – as in budget.

Internal Audit – The Clerk explained that the Internal Audit had had to be postponed due to Mr. Miller's workload.

Correspondence –

a) NCC had written to say that painting of the road bridge in the village would take place over the summer. Cllr Thornhill said that it was a shame to lose parking spaces on the bridge just as people were beginning to use them. It was agreed that NCC would be asked to mark out the parking bays in the picnic area and put up proper signage..

b) Chris Armstrong had written to the PC to say that cars parked on the pavement were blocking access to Oddfellows café. Cllrs said that there is nothing that the PC can do about this. Some people might think they are being public spirited parking on the pavement and not narrowing access for emergency vehicles.

c) Chris Armstrong had also written to raise the issue of damaged railings at the corner near Shaftoes Guest House. The railings are the responsibility of NCC. This has come up in the past and NCC's response had been that they would remove them. The PC did not want them to be removed, as they help stop school children running onto the road. Cllr Sharp will take this up at NCC.

d) The Environment Agency had provided an update on the integrated drainage study:

"The integrated study for Haydon Bridge has been now completed. This is currently in draft form, and will need to take account of reviewer comments before finalisation.

The draft study shows that there are three potential options for schemes at Haydon Bridge that would meet the criteria to allow a scheme to progress; this being that they are cost beneficial (i.e. the estimated benefits would outweigh the estimated costs) . Provisionally these schemes are termed;

i) Haydon Bridge North & South bank, ii) Haydon Bridge North Bank, iii) Haydon Bridge South Bank.

Each option is an option in its own right, i.e. option i) is not a simple combination of option ii) and ii), You will hopefully recall, that for a scheme to progress and qualify for central government funding, termed Grant in Aid (GiA), it must be cost beneficial. You will also hopefully recall that a scheme is very rarely 100% government funded, and most need additional 'partnership funding' (financial contributions) from external sources. The amount of government funding that a scheme is eligible for is largely dependent on the level of flood risk and the number of properties that will see an improvement in their level of protection.

The study and initial economic appraisal show that all 3 options at Haydon Bridge appear to be cost beneficial.

However, though options i) & ii) would qualify for a level of Government GiA, the initial estimate in the shortfall of funding required is in the region of £millions. Due to the scale of this shortfall it is highly unlikely that the required additional funding would be sourced and therefore under the current government funding rules these options would not progress and will not be placed on our current 6 year investment programme (April 21 – March 27).

However, both options will be placed on our future pipeline of potential projects such that they could be brought forward if funding rules change or other sources of funding become available which would allow them to progress.

For option iii), the initial estimate in the shortfall of funding is under £200k, and we have more confidence that we would be able to potentially find sources of contributions that could address this shortfall. This scheme will now be taken forward through to the next stage and it is hoped that an outline business case can prepared later in the year.

The study has also identified some other measures which may also reduce flood risk & improve resilience and these may be able to be pursued by individual organisations, - for example Northumbrian Water has sealed manholes where these have been identified as being in the flood plain."

Parish projects –

Development Trust – The library is now open on Mon/Tues/Wednesday mornings. More volunteers are still needed, but it is hoped that it will also open on Friday evening and Saturday morning. Tourists are visiting again and feedback has been very positive. Cllr Faulks said that Saturday opening was very useful as allotment holders provided fruit and veg for a produce stall and this contributed to the library funding.

Haydon Hundred – Cllr Faulks said that this had gone well again, although the number of entrants was down from over 300 last year to 180. Unfortunately, the weather forecast for the day had been horrendous. Cllr Charlton said that those taking part had commented on the friendly welcome in the village and the fantastic views on the route. Cllr Thornhill said that some of those taking part were unable to use their vouchers as they had to get away afterwards. He wondered if these could be held over, perhaps for a month, as this might encourage people to return to Haydon Bridge.

Affordable housing – Cllr Thornhill said that a firm called Gentoo are the favoured partner for the Strawberry Fields. They intend to seek planning permission for around 50 houses, with 8 of these affordable, and 3 of these available for rent. If a strong case can be made to NCC the mix might be slightly different. Gentoo are happy for there to be 6 properties to rent. The DT would be the right legal body to take this forward and to take on a landlord role A feasibility study would need to take place quite soon, and this would cost around £40,000. 10% of this would have to come from the DT. As so much of the work on housing needs has already been carried out it is expected that in fact the cost will only be about £2000. This would probably be split between the DT and the PC and would be covered by an underspend on the Neighbourhood Plan.

This proposal was agreed by the PC. Following this a proper agreement would be entered into with Gentoo. During the design stage they will ask the DT what is required, eg 3 bedroom houses, or starter flats. Gentoo will hope to get a planning application in by the end of this year, and to break earth 12 months later. There are good models elsewhere for raising the necessary funds. Cllr Thornhill said with regards to the rented properties they would be able to decide on a community led policy on letting. This would look at housing need AND a connection to the village. They have decided that they would not want to become a housing association because this would open them up to the risk of "right to buy".

Tom Johnson from CAN Will continue to be involved. Gentoo seem to be good partners and there is a great deal of willingness and unanimity within the steering group. Cllr Thornhill went on to say that these things take on a life of their own, the scheme would generate an income and then the group would be able to look for other opportunities. This meant that when significant community assets become available the steering group will need to consider if anything can be done. With this in mind Cllr Thornhill sought the PC's permission to raise a request for Haydon Park and Lodge to be considered as community assets for asset transfer. This was agreed and the Clerk will investigate how to go about this. Cllr Sharp said that in Haltwhistle a building had been gifted to the Partnership and they were in the process of getting other transfers.

Any other business –

Cllr Sharp asked about the lack of white lines on the road going west near Innerhaugh. Cllr Thornhill said that this had happened somewhere else nearby and this had been thought to be a traffic calming measure.

Cllr Sharp said that the tree officer at NCC had looked at trees overhanging the road at Douglas Gardens and said that some pruning would be done. Cllr Sharp was not sure when this would take place.

Close to Park Style, where the salt bin is, is currently very overgrown.

Cllr Burrows wondered if there was any news about the flats at Anchor Court. Cllr Thornhill said that there had been an open day for the 9 units for assisted living, but this had not been advertised locally.

Cllr Howard said that he had been in contact with Lydia Coulson at Low Hall. The project is making great progress and has received a lot of funding. He promised to circulate an update on the project shortly.

Cllr Snowdon wondered about the benefit of having the PC minutes in the Haydon News when they were a month behind. The Clerk explained that the most recent minutes can be found on the website. Alex Kinsey, who is the current editor, needs all of the content for the magazine by the 20th of each month as he has to do all the editorial and magazine production by himself. He is looking for help with the magazine as he is struggling to manage everything on his own. Any offers of help would be appreciated.

Historical Notes of Haydon Bridge

By Dennis Telford

“CHEERS”

Part 6

The Anchor Inn (Continued)



On our Haydon Parish pub-crawl this month, we return to the Anchor Inn where, in December 1877, we left James Davidson holding a dinner for Thomas Burrell Bewick, the son of John Bewick who owned the Langley Barony lead mines on the banks of the Honeycrook Burn. James Davidson, the landlord of the Anchor, had purchased the Inn from the Lords of the Admiralty, at an auction in June 1877.

By September 1878, James Davidson's widow Ann was the innkeeper of the Anchor. Ann and James had been married at Whitfield in 1834, where they were both servants at Whitfield Rectory. Their son James (jnr) had been a farmer at Whinnetley, but by 1871 he was also living in the Anchor with his mother Ann, his wife Hannah (nee Rowell) and their six children, all of whom had been born at Whinnetley.

Ann Davidson got off to a difficult start, following her husband as the Anchor Inn landlady, when she was charged with unlawfully permitting drunkenness on her licensed premises on the day of Haydon Bridge's Annual Flower Show, on September 7th, 1878 and was fined £5 plus costs.

Ann and her waitresses and waiters had insisted that the customers in question, 'were tipsy when they came into the Inn', and drink had not been served to them by Mrs. Davidson. However, one resident who was drunk and fighting, another who was in a lying position against a window very drunk and a third who was lying against a table very drunk, were each fined 5 shillings plus costs.

Mrs Davidson wasn't alone in coming under the close

scrutiny of the law on the day of the Flower Show in 1878, however, as Job Waugh of the Scotch Arms was also charged with similar offences.

By 1891, 82 year old Ann Davidson had retired as the landlady at the Anchor and was replaced by George and Mary Jane Weatherald. George Weatherald was born at Cassop in County Durham in 1843 and he married Jane Oxley at Corbridge in November 1872. Before coming to the Anchor, George weatherald was an innkeeper and commercial traveller at Wark.

We met the Weatherald family earlier in our Haydon pub-crawl, at the Wheatsheaf - renamed the Haydon Hotel - in my 'February 2022 Haydon News Notes.

The Weatherald family moved from the Anchor to the Wheatsheaf and George Weatherald died there in 1898.

The landlords and their families who succeeded George Weatherald at the Anchor into the twentieth Century, included John Hunter and his wife Florence and children Frederick, Florence and Hedworth; in 1911, James and Ann Scott; and in 1939, widow Margaret White who lived there with her unmarried housemaid Mary Gardiner and her 2 year old son, Donald Gardiner - who some readers will remember.

There is so much more social history to reflect on in relation to the Anchor as an Inn, and especially more recently as the Anchor Hotel. And, there are others in Haydon Bridge and its parish who have frequented this wonderful historic drinking establishment more often than I have, and are better able to recall events there in recent years than I am. Why not share your experiences at the Anchor Hotel with readers of our Haydon News and recall Jock - whose sudden demise was a shock to us all - and Mrs. MacAvoy, Roy Thompson and Joe Riches who had us dancing to a disco beat beneath strobe lighting and black painted internal walls, or John and Vivien Dees who provided Haydon Bridge with a truly 'five star' Anchor Hotel.

And as for me? ... I started this pub-crawl in The Haydon News of October 2021, at the Carts Bog with William Veitch and, as we come to the end of our visits to the public houses on the South Side of Haydon Bridge, I'm leaving the Anchor Hotel and recalling a 1950s escapade.

It's time for a night out on the town with my mates, ending with a hangover that ensures I'll never touch another drop of alcohol again. Well ... Not until next weekend!

OOT ON THE SPREE

Aa'd been te Marcus Price's bought a pair of blue suede shoes,
Drain pipe trousers and a coat of charcoal grey,
Geordie Fraser said he'd mek us look, just like Tony Curtis wad,
If he had had his hair cut there that day.

We aa'l went on the spree that neet oot te the Anchor bar,
Where we had a pint or two or three or four,
But we hadn't had much practice and we couldn't had wor drink,
And Mrs. Mac soon hoyed us oot the door.

Joe says, "We'll try the Havelock cos me Faather thinks it's grand,
And Jack Rumney's sure te let us hev a sup,"
Edna welcomed us with open arms and filled us up wi black and tans,
And by eight o' clock we hardly could stand up.

As we staggered onto Ratcliffe Road Flash says, "The night is young,
We'll try the Railway cos aa'm feeling mighty fine,"
But when Ernie Mitchell pulled me pint it took that lang to clear,
Aa thowt it come straight oot the River Tyne.

At the Scotch Arms Charlie Broon said that he'd buy us aa'l a glass,
"Aye, Gan on" says Jeff, "We'll hev a rum and pep",
But when the spinning started in me heed aa rushed oot for fresh air,
And aa was sick, aa'l ower Charlie's front door step.

Mind aa thowt aa med it reet that neet when at the Toon Haa'l dance,
"Aa'l let ye tec us yem" a lassie said,
But aa missed me chance in the last Waltz when she danced roond the room,
And aa stood still, and let the room gan roond instead.

Mind, me blue suede shoes, me drain pipes and me coat of charcoal grey,
They never quite recovered from that neet,
Cos gannin yem when sackless drunk aa laid doon for a kip,
In a dorty garden doon John Martin Street.

When ye wake amang the flowers with a thumping in your heed,
And the contents of your stomach doon the drain,
There's things in life that mek nee sense, cos when the lads come roond,
Ye gan oot the next week and dee it aa'l again.

**Aye, there's things in life that mek nee sense, cos when the lads come roond,
Ye gan oot the next week and dee it aa'l again!**

In The Haydon News in June and July last year I introduced you to some of Haydon Bridge's 1928 business advertisements. Here are a four more:

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Alan and provided many Haydon Bridge residents with their early motor vehicles, through a Standard-Triumph agency. The business continues to thrive today in their Station Yard premises, thanks to Alan's Grandsons' Simon and Martin and their expert staff.

Wm. Barron's bakery and confectionery shop is likely to be remembered by Haydon News readers from its time with William's grandson Thomas (Tot) in charge. The business was next to the Anchor Garage on John Martin Street.

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By 1891, widow Frances Vickers had opened her bakery business at number 9 Shaftoe Street. As the shop obstructed the highway, part of it was demolished and the business moved to 19 Church Street.

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Correspondence

Dear Editor, Reading David Armstrong's recollections as a news-paper boy for Mr. Marsh, in last month's Haydon News on the website www.haydon-news.co.uk, I was reminded of my own early morning deliveries, in all kinds of weather, for John and Maureen Clarke who took over Mr. Harding's newsagents on Church Street.

During some of my time as a paper boy, I lived with my parents and sister Joanne at Chesterwood and every morning I would walk or cycle to the village, deliver my papers, and walk or cycle back home for breakfast, before walking back to Haydon Bridge to school. All for £1.60 a week ... but my dad said it would do me good!! My wages did increase to £2.00 a week, eventually, and then, due to a cost of living crisis in the 1970s, I went on strike to get £2.50. (How topical. I wonder if John remembered the dispute?)

I also delivered on a Sunday for Marsh's on Ratcliffe Road, but that wasn't for the money. It was so I didn't have to go to Sunday School!!! And, I got to read all the Saturday football match reports early.

Best wishes to everyone at Haydon Bridge.
David Telford.



David Telford was John Clarke's newspaper boy in the 1970s.

Dear Editor, I have been corresponding with the secretary of a local Northumberland History Society. I was asking for any information that they might have that would help me with my family tree and it was suggested that I contact you, who may be able to help.

I have discovered that my grandfather, grandmother, great aunt and father, who was then 6 years old, lived at Lipwood Hall Cottage, or simply Lipwood Cottage, Haydon Bridge and attended school at Beltingham. Whether Lipwood Hall Cottage and Lipwood Cottage are one and the same I do not know. My father told me that they were farmers, and in the 1921 census my grandfather was a 'cow man'.

My family name is Watters and my name is John Haydon Watters, the Haydon (of which I am proud) is after Haydon Bridge where my family resided for a time. The Watters family also lived at Plankey Mill farm, and West Hot Bank where I visited recently and realise it is quite remote.

Apparently, my father, Thomas Harrison Watters was working at an hotel in Haltwhistle and met my mother there.

I'd be very grateful if you or your readers could help me in my quest for more information.

John Haydon Watters.

If any reader can help John with his research, we would be grateful if you could contact the editor, or: dennistelford636@btinternet.com, in the first instance.

Your local bowls club needs you!

A village institution for almost 40 years – Haydon Bridge Carpet Bowls Club is fighting for its future.

The club was established back in 1986 and has been an ever-present at the community centre ever since, with members taking part in matches against other clubs across the Tyne Valley, as well as in county, regional and national competitions, picking up numerous honours over the years.

But like all other organisations, the club was affected by inactivity during the pandemic. There were no competitive matches last season although club nights, which are all about practice, socialising and enjoying a cup of tea, have resumed.

We are getting by - but we need more members to make sure the bowls club has a healthy future. Regardless of your age or ability, please come along and give it a try. Bowls and coaching will be provided. It's a great opportunity for families to do something together, or for individuals looking for a recreational activity.

During the summer months we are meeting at the community centre once a fortnight, on Thursdays at 7pm. Forthcoming dates are Thursday 21st July, Thursday 4th August, Thursday 18th August, Thursday 1st September. Simply turn up at one of those sessions, or for more information call Joseph on 07534 214 365.

YES vote for the Haydon Parish Neighbourhood Plan as it passes the local Referendum

The draft Haydon Parish Neighbourhood Plan has passed another milestone when it was firmly supported by local people at the public referendum on Thursday 30 June.

89% of those who voted, said YES to the question **“Do you want Northumberland County Council to use the neighbourhood plan for HAYDON Neighbourhood AREA to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?”**

This was based on a turnout of 21% of voters. Nearly half the votes received were postal votes.

The plan will be formally made (approved) at the County Council Cabinet meeting on 13 September and will also be approved by the Northumberland National Park Authority, which is the planning authority for the part of the Parish situated within the national park.

In the meantime the plan already carries full weight in decision making on planning issues within the parish.

In addition to the planning policies within the plan, Annex 1 includes a set of Community Actions which will be taken forward via the Parish Council or under the auspices of the Haydon Bridge and Haydon Parish Development Trust. There will be regular updates in the Haydon News about progress made on the community actions.

The Parish Council would like to thank all residents who voted in favour of the Neighbourhood Plan.

Northumberland Log Bank

Are you in need of wood fuel due to financial constraints, poor health, advanced age or rural isolation?

The Northumberland Log Bank works to help fuel poverty in the region, delivering seasoned logs to those who need them. There is no charge for this service, although donations are welcome.


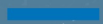


We are also looking for volunteers to help us. There are five Log Banks across the County, one of them being just south of Haydon Bridge. We are expecting a very busy winter and we will need more volunteers (we reimburse fuel costs) to help deliver logs to those in need. We begin delivering again in September and are looking for volunteers to help in this area.

If you'd like to help, please contact **Kate Thick** katethick@hotmail.com Tel. 07900963234

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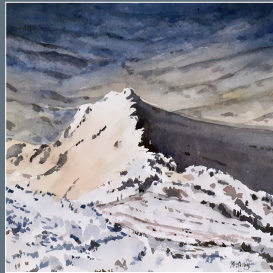
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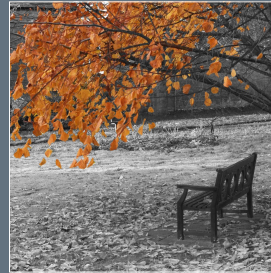
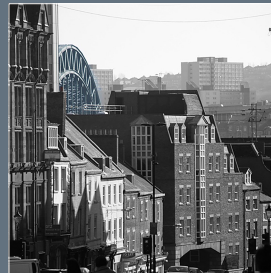
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RAPHY G 26 MAY-1 JUNE 2022

Friday 27th May 2022 The wind had hardly abated overnight and was still whistling through the rigging as we headed towards the shower block at 6.30am. In addition, it was overcast and quite cold, although the hot showers and spotlessly clean facilities provided by Dunstaffnage Marina were most welcome. Breakfast - a healthy choice of porridge, muesli and granola offered from the ship's stores – was hastily eaten and we struggled into our wet weather gear, excited that we were about to get under way but a little nervous about the weather.

After casting off, we motored out of the harbour and into open water where we were soon subjected to the full force of the north-westerly wind. The genoa was unfurled and we practised tacking, taking it in turns to release and winch in the genoa sheet upon the skipper's command. It was decided that the main sail would not be used as enough speed was being made under the genoa alone; the boat was heeling quite dramatically and water was frequently coming over the sides as Raphy G rode the waves. Practice over, we began to head in a south-westerly direction on a beam reach, which essentially meant that the movement of the boat was more up and down due to the swell rather than side to side. This resulted in several of the crew feeling quite queasy, and there were few takers for the Pot Noodles offered at lunch time. As one of those suffering, I found that going down below, even for a short period of time, made the feeling worse, so I remained up in the open air, breathing deeply and the nausea gradually diminished.

Sailing with the tide in our favour, we made about 8 knots over land and were soon passing the island of Luing on our port side en route to our destination of Craobh (pronounced Croove) Haven on the mainland. A controlled gybe, albeit with genoa only, was successfully executed and we maintained a decent speed until the harbour entrance appeared off our starboard bow, at which point the genoa was furled and we motored through the breakwater into the natural harbour. Craobh Haven was purpose-built as recently as 1983 on the west coast of Argyll and Bute, and consists of a small marina, a number of colourful houses and a pub named Lord of the Isles. Our vessel was expertly manoeuvred alongside the jetty, mooring lines were swiftly secured fore and aft, and two of us went to check in with the harbourmaster, pay our fees and visit the chandlery; we had lost one of the fenders overboard earlier in the day and a replacement was purchased. The showers and washing facilities were once again excellent and a real credit to those who maintain them.

We were unable to book a table for dinner until 8.45pm due to the fact that the pub was hosting both a wedding reception and 50 sea-kayakers in the early part of the evening, so some of us went exploring along the rugged coastline. Having built up a healthy appetite, our dinner certainly did not disappoint; our table was ready promptly, despite the fact that they had been so busy earlier on, and the waiters were both friendly and good-humoured. I opted for Haggis Bites with Honey, followed by the Seafood Pie, both of which were delicious and filling, so much so that the offer of dessert was turned down. The crew then retired to their bunks, reflecting on a terrific day.

Saturday 28th May 2022 After a decent night's sleep, we again made use of the showering facilities (not really knowing when the next opportunity would arise) and enjoyed breakfast. It was much less windy than the previous day with some warm spells in the sunshine. And, of course, the dreaded midges always confine themselves to the land, so we were never bothered. Leaving the jetty proved to be troublesome as both wind and tide combined to prevent the bow from swinging round and our vessel had no bow-thruster to assist. We eventually made it out into the harbour and back through the narrow entrance into open water. With the wind still from the north-west and blowing force 3/4, we were able to hoist both sails and began to head south across the channel to this evening's destination, Craighouse on the island of Jura. Visibility was excellent throughout the day and amongst the stunning scenery, we were able to make out the mountains of Glencoe to the north, Goat Fell on the Isle of Arran to the south-east and the wonderfully named Paps of Jura to the west. There is no marina at Craighouse but we were able to pick up a swinging mooring. The shoreline in front of the Jura distillery (the only one on the island) was a mass of tents and our shore party learned that our visit coincided with the annual fell race across the Paps; at 16 miles and over 700m of ascent, the winner had come in at just under three hours. Not surprisingly, the hotel was fully booked for dinner and so we settled for fish and chips again, eaten in the cockpit of Raphy G. The evening was spent keeping up with alerts from the Champions League Final, together with a few drams of Jura whisky which seemed most appropriate to our location.

During warm sunny weather, I can think of few things that I would rather do than sit outside a country pub drinking a pint of best bitter with some friends. Mike, was engaged in this healthy outdoor sport one day, and was still waiting for his drinking companions to arrive. The sun beat down and it became extremely hot when an elderly man sat down beside him. Strangely the temperature dropped to a far more comfortable level while they talked – apparently the man used to be the village policeman before he retired. After a short while Mike’s friends arrived and he turned to introduce the gentleman to them, only to see that he had vanished. Disappointed, Mike told his friends at which they started to laugh. “That’ll be Old Bill – haunts this pub ever since he retired 40 years ago. Around these parts He goes by the name ‘The Inn Spectre’

June provided us with first signs of a memorable summer with the daytime air temperature exceeding 20 degC on 13 occasions, including an exceptionally warm spell towards the end of the month. It also marked a continuance of a long sequence of months with above-average temperatures. Before we become too alarmed at the prospect of Haydon Bridge as a desert oasis, we have only had four months with below average rainfall. Nevertheless, the soil in my veg patch is very dry and most of our smaller water courses are almost empty. The wettest day of June brought only a meagre 6.7 mm (0.26 inches). The presence of a cloud cover ensured that night-time temperatures remained well above freezing (lowest 3.7 degC on the 2nd) so our gardeners escaped the curse of late spring frost.

The wind was mainly from the east over the first week which brought very dull cloudy weather, very little sunshine, light winds and early rainfall. As cyclonic weather conditions moved in from the west, the wind became fresh to strong westerly but there was little by way of rainfall. A large area of hot air extended northwards out of Africa from the 15th onwards, resulting in some exceptionally high temperatures across western Europe. Saharan dust was deposited which many may have noticed on their cars. The highest temperature reached in Haydon Bridge (Plunderheath) was 27.2 degC on the 23rd, which appears to agree reasonably well with the 28 degC registered by many local car and other thermometers around the village. After the settled and very warm spell, less settled cyclonic conditions reappeared for the remainder of the month with more frequent showery rain and fresher winds. With anticyclonic weather patterns over the North Atlantic the signs for a spell of warm weather soon were good.

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
June	19.4	+1.7	9.5	+0.8	35.1	67%

Gladys spent part of her summer holidays last year in a remote village in Switzerland. As it so happened there was a local athletics competition taking place and the area was packed with competitors and spectators. One day Gladys was walking across the cobbled square in the middle of the village when she saw a young man walking by carrying a long pole. Always one to befriend the locals, she walked up and asked the young man “Are you a pole-vaulter?” To which the man replied “No, I’m Austrian, but how did you know my name?”

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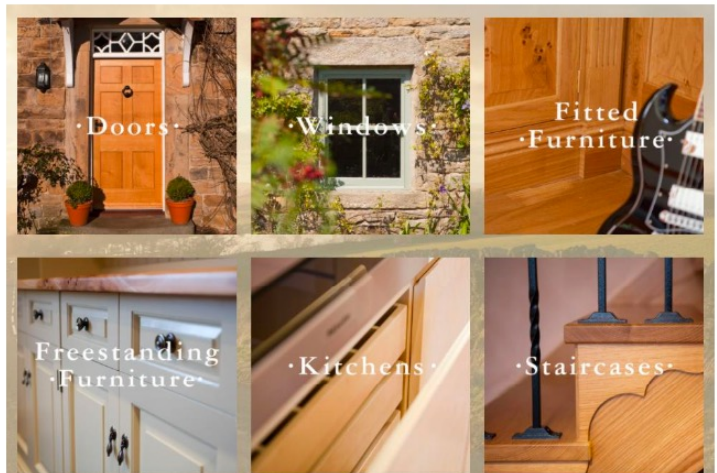
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11 Sept Deacon Anne Taylor
18 Sept June Beeby
25 Sept Readers Service Vicky Herod

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Clergy Letter: Holy Ground in Haydon Bridge

The Lindisfarne Gospel Manuscript is visiting the North East this year and will be on display at the Laing Gallery in Newcastle from 17 September to 3 December. If you get a chance, I recommend you go along to the Exhibition. The Lindisfarne Gospels has long been acclaimed as the most spectacular manuscript to survive from Anglo-Saxon times. The manuscript was created by a monk named Eadfrith on the holy Island of Lindisfarne to the glory of God and to honour St Cuthbert and has survived over thirteen centuries. And legend has it that the Gospels visited Haydon Bridge in the eighth century. When the monks had to flee Lindisfarne to escape Viking raids, they carried St Cuthbert's body and the Gospels for seven years from place to place and it is thought that one of those resting places was the site of Haydon Old Church. The places where his body rested became associated with holy ground which is why Haydon Old Church, and St Cuthbert's in our village are dedicated to this great Northern saint.

The Lindisfarne Gospels are a reminder of the rich Christian Heritage of our region. It is a heritage that is reflected in the wonderful church buildings which form part of the topography of our landscape; churches that are not only those of the Saxon period, but those that have been shaped by the Norman Conquest, the Middle Ages, the Reformation and the Industrial Revolution. As sacred buildings they hold the prayers of generations, have dignified a community's important human milestones like birth, death and marriage and tell the story of a place. And the Churches in Haydon Bridge tell an incredible story that you can find out about in the wonderful guides produced by Dennis Telford that are on sale at Claire's.

The visit of Lindisfarne Gospel Book to the North East this year is an opportunity for us to honour our Christian past and think about our future. It comes at a time when there has been a decline in organised religion and many are worried about the future of the church in this village. It is over a year since the Rev Benjamin Carter left and it will take a while for a new permanent vicar to be appointed. However, on July 10th I was appointed as an 'interim minister' for St Cuthbert's. It is a great honour and I'm looking forward to working with everyone to review and reflect on how we can build on our past to shape a hopeful future. Because one of the things I have learned in my time here is that all the churches in Haydon Bridge are important to people whether they are regular church goers or not. *Continues overleaf*

Clergy Letter continued

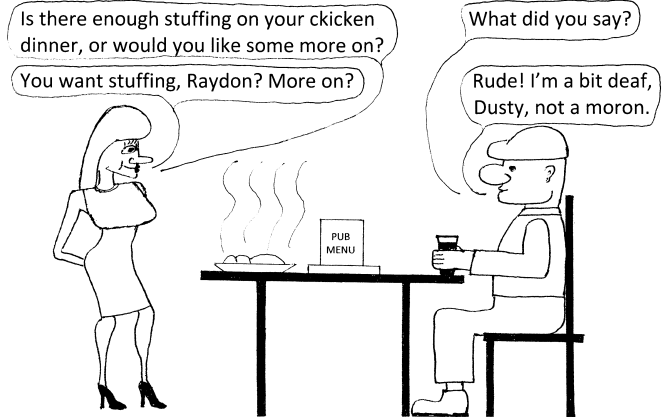
I think it is because they are places where we still can have a sense of the holiness of life. In the words of Philip Larkin, a frequent visitor to this village:

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If you feel you would like to gravitate towards the 'serious ground' of one of churches, you will be very welcome.

Rev'd Gill Alexander, Interim Minister, St Cuthbert's, Haydon Bridge

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Clartyboots – A quick look at our Herbal leys

Before we start I would like to thank Alex for all his hard work in bringing us the Haydon News in his stint as editor. In this article I was going to do the second part of the Nitrogen story, but as its silage time and we are busy cutting our herbage leys I thought we could have a quick look at them.

What is a herbal ley? (I will try not to go into it too much and leave that for another article)

Normally we would sow a mixture of rye grasses, white clover and timothy to create a ley that we could graze and make silage out of. This is not a very diverse mix and really requires fertiliser to perform. A Herbal ley is a diverse mix of grasses, legumes and herbs, as can be seen below.



Can we have a ley that performs without so many inputs?

With this in mind we have sown some herbal leys. Legumes take nitrogen out of the air and make it available to other plants. There are some of the plants that have chemicals in them for worming the livestock. There is a diverse mix of rooting depths and growth habits to help regenerate the soil. With nature's help we reduced the Nitrogen fertiliser input in the first field by about 65% and still baled 12 round bales per acre (would expect 10 – 12 bales with full Nitrogen application). Next year we plan not to put any Nitrogen onto the herbal leys.

The herbal leys are really good for insect life, bees, butterflies, beetles and flies. The fields are full of life, and a joy to watch and listen to. They also look good too, a myriad of different colours, growth patterns and heights. The tallest are the chicory and some of the grasses at just over 6 foot. We'll finish with this picture of chicory in bloom, enjoy.



Sixth form physics students Aaron Green-Reader, Ben Keyte, Gabriel Marshall, Aaron Walter and Charlie Dodd (pictured left to right) recently won the regional qualifier for the UK Youth Rocketry competition, beating all other teams from the north of England. We then went on to achieve 8th place in the national finals, and won the prize for best artwork on the rocket.

The target of the competition was to launch the rocket and deploy a parachute, with a total flight time as close to 44 seconds as possible, as well as not breaking the two eggs that were inside. The rockets also had to be completely designed and built by us, and we had to find sponsors to help cover the cost.



One sponsor was PDL solutions, an analytical engineering firm based in Hexham, that ran some computational fluid dynamics simulations on the rocket for us to aid in design.

We designed the rocket using 3D autoCAD software Fusion360, before 3D printing some of the more complicated parts, and using a laser cutter to cut out the fins. This was all done using the 3D printer and laser cutter in the school engineering department. We then painted the first rocket (on the right) for the regional qualifier, inspired by Wallace and Gromit's rocket from A Grand Day Out.

At the regional qualifier our best time was 44.17 seconds, giving us an average of around 3 seconds away from the target time and placing us first. After the qualifier, we redesigned some of the parts for the rocket to make it stronger and lighter, and painted it as the evil penguin from The Wrong Trousers, another Wallace and Gromit film.

At the national final our launch only placed us 8th, but we won the prize for the best artwork, as we had both rockets with us to impress the experienced rocketeers. The winning team have then gone on to represent the UK at the international final at Farnborough Airshow in July.



We found out about this competition through our amazing physics teacher Mr Ainsley (pictured left), who not only helped us design and manufacture the rocket, but drove us half way down the country to the competitions and managed to find rocket motors for us to use in tests and the competitions which were very hard to come by. He inspired us all to compete in this challenge, and no doubt he'll inspire next year's physics class too.





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