

THE HAYDON NEWS

December 2022

Supporting the community of Haydon Bridge, Northumberland



WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

**The Haydon Bridge
War Memorial
on
Church Street
November 2022**

**The Memorial
was unveiled
in its original position
on
September 25th 1921**

(See also page 9)

Local information • Businesses & Services • Community, Environment & Planning • and much more!
• www.haydon-news.co.uk •

Advertisements

SHOTTON WASTE SERVICES

SEPTIC TANK EMPTYING

REGISTERED WASTE CARRIER. COMPLETE SYSTEM CHECK.
FULL DOCUMENTATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AGENCY USE.

DRAIN JETTING. SUPPLIERS OF FUEL TANKS.

CHOLLERFORD GARAGE, CHOLLERFORD, HEXHAM.
TEL 01434 681219

NICHOLSON CLARK

FOR WILLS AND LASTING POWERS OF ATTORNEY

Home visits or video meetings
Please call for more information

Tel. 07970 651 615

www.nicholsonclark.co.uk



HERITAGE COUNTRY GARDENING

- General Maintenance
- Lawn Mowing & Care
- Weeding & Pruning
- Hedge Management
- Tree Surgery
- Spring and Autumn Clean
- Landscaping
- Planting & Design Advice

NEED HELP WITH YOUR GARDEN?

GARDENING AND LANDSCAPING

Based in Haydon Bridge



GET IN TOUCH TODAY FOR A FREE QUOTE

We can offer a full regular maintenance package or simply a one off tidy up with no commitment

no job too small!

Call or Text - 07585 115 000

email : heritagecountrygardening@gmail.com



Facebook: /HeritageCountryGardening
Instagram: @heritagecountrygardening



safe and secure 24

SSAIB Registered Firm
Wire free Alarms

Supplied & Installed from

£ 225 +VAT

Quotes for CCTV

01434 688423

hq@safeandsecure24.com

Based in Haydon Bridge

www.safeandsecure24.com

THE GET IT TOGETHER SOCIETY ANNOUNCE THE RETURN OF THE NEW YEAR'S EVE HAYDON BRIDGE FIREWORKS DISPLAY



Duffets/outside catering.
Home made: in early morning
delivery service also available.
Contact Jill on
07957 571385

GARY CUNNINGHAM

Professional decorator 30 years experience

Tel 01434 684041

email: gary@tynedaledecorator.co.uk

'Quality doesn't cost, it pays'



Plates, cutlery, glasses & linens for hire great for all your parties & celebrations.

Environmentally friendly with a washing up service too!

www.violetstableware.com

TEL:07735462671

Quality Tableware Hire

HAYDON BRIDGE COMMUNITY CENTRE

Available for;

Celebrations, Concerts, Sports, Club activities, and much more

Contact:

01434 684705, Valeriebell2@gmail.com

or visit

www.northumberlandvillagehalls.org.uk/haydon-bridge-community-centre



Editorial

This will be my last Haydon News as a 'guest' editor. It is time for a new editor, or editor partnership, to take over the responsibility for the preparation and publishing of The Haydon News.

The next issue is planned for February 2023, and this allows time for a new editor or editors to become acquainted with the task ahead.

It would also be good news if The Haydon News Editorial Committee could increase its membership as support for the editor.

**If either of these roles is of interest to you, please get in touch with Pauline Wallis.
email: pjwallis58@gmail.com**

Thank you.

As we come to the end of another year in the life of The Haydon News - 43 years since our first issue was published in 1979 as a free newsletter to all parish residents - it is appropriate to recall some of those residents who have volunteered their time to edit and co-ordinate our successful magazine.

The first members of the 1979 committee responsible for the inauguration of a: 'news sheet to strengthen a sense of community within the parish', were Bill Howard, Mr. Bell, Mr. and Mrs. Carey, Mr. Duncan, Mrs. J. Heslop, Mr. and Mrs. Pumphrey, and Mr. E. Swinburne.

The new, 1979 'Haydon News' magazine followed earlier parish magazines published by St. Cuthbert's Church. For example, the earliest monthly **Haydon Bridge Parish Magazine** I have was published in September 1931 and was written by J.H. Salisbury, our parish vicar from 1928 to 1937. The content included:

A Clergy Letter - much like the Church page in our Haydon News of today.

A list of baptisms:

May 31 1931 - Stanley Myles Wilson.

July 1 1931 - Joan Teasdale.

July 26 1931 - Henry Alan Cattle.

August 1 1931 - Andrew Fredrick Brown.

August 16 1931 - Douglas Tait.

A list of marriages:

August 1 1931 - Wilfred and Florence May Turnbull.

August 3 1931 - John William and Nora Adamson.

A list of burials:

July 27 1931 - John Lishman Batey.

August 1 1931 - Douglas Armstrong.

This early Haydon Bridge Parish magazine was followed by '**The Beacon**', in 1958. A magazine of the Vicar and Churchwardens of Haydon Bridge. Much of The Beacon was written by the Reverend David Reid, our vicar from 1956 to 1971, and churchwarden Cliff Edmunds.

Into the 1970s and our parish magazine was the '**Haydon Herald**', still published by volunteers from St. Cuthbert's Church until, in February 1979, a new village community organisation was formed called The Friends of Haydon Bridge who accepted the responsibility for keeping residents in touch with our parish affairs, through the parish wide distribution of a new free magazine, **The Haydon News**.

The first editor of The Haydon News was Mr. Peter Bradley in January 1979, and he was followed by: Keith Lees (July 1980). Chris Bulman (September 1981). Martin Scudamore (December 1981). Marion Howard (February 1983). Gina Richardson (February 1991). Stan Mitchell (February 1995). Richard Snowdon (September 1999). Alistair Bowen (July 2004). Mike Parkin and Dennis Telford (February 2005). Steve Ford (October 2013). Brian Alderson (February 2018). Alex Kinsey (March 2020). Dennis Telford (Guest Ed. October, November & December 2022). Steve Ford has also acted as our guest editor.

The members of the editorial committee are also very grateful to those residents who have delivered The Haydon News to your doors during the magazine's life of 43 years. **Thank you in 2022 to:**

Richard Woodley (Co-ordinator & delivery).

John and Pauline Wallis.

Kate & Sandy Rutherford. Richard Snowdon.

Lee Southren & Joanne Southren. Mary Mulligan.

Claire Hunter. Tula Thompson. Karen Lumsden.

Tony Collins. Barbara Davidson. Liz Hamer.

Kathleen Armstrong. John Wardle. Mr. Westall.

Gladys Robertson. Mrs. Gilhespy. Michael Haggie.

Mrs. Ratcliffe. Gordon Liddle. Claire Marshall.

Kelly Richardson. Avril and David Kirsopp. Doris Murphy.

Anette Jobes. Henry Swaddle. Gerry Round. Jean Ford.

Pamela Faulks. Phil Harley. Peter Parker. Liz Jukes.

Volunteers at the Bridge Library.

And a special mention to Claire's Newsagents for their support; and the many advertisers, volunteers and contributors, without whom The Haydon News would not have enjoyed 43 years of success.

Ed. Please accept my apologies if I have missed anyone off this list. And, thanks to you all.

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HAYDON PARISH COUNCIL,
HELD AT 7.30PM ON THE 27TH OF October 2022 AT HAYDON BRIDGE COMMUNITY CENTRE .**

Present : Cllrs. J. Bates, E. Charlton, E. Faulks, J. Keyte, K. Richardson, A. Sharp, R. Snowdon, J. Thompson and D. Thornhill; Carole Price, Peter Fletcher and a member of the public.

Carole Price provided an update from the gardening group – she said they had written to 20 households who lived closest to the recently replanted flower beds. Part of the plan was that the Parish Council had always included two benches and spaces had been left for them amongst the planting. The bench on the pavement opposite the Co-op has proved to be very popular. There had been 4 responses from 5 of the households. All were delighted by the plan. The size of the space had been modelled on the memorial bench at Chesterwood. The original plan had been for the benches to face the road, but it had been suggested that instead they face each other over the flowerbeds, and this was felt to be a more sociable arrangement. It was agreed that the PC would be responsible for the installation of the benches.

Public participation – Mr Thompson of the Showfield said that he was not opposed to development but he had a number of issues that he wanted to raise regarding the proposed development at East Land Ends. He said that there had been drainage problems on the estate from the beginning and this would not be helped by further development, if access to the new development through the Showfield then 2 parking spaces would be lost. The proposed 25 dwellings might lead to another 50 cars travelling through the estate with increased risks to children playing nearby. Mr Thompson wondered why access could not be created onto Land Ends Road instead. He also wondered whether all of the affordable housing would be at this site. The PC explained that there would be affordable housing at the Strawberry Fields site too if it went ahead. The Chair said that the PC would take these views into account when an application was presented to them.

Apologies – were received from Cllrs Burrows, Howard and Kirsopp.

Declarations of interest – none were received.

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

Report from Northumberland County Council –

Cllr Sharp said that the ditching work around Langley had still not been completed but he was hoping that it would be done during the next month. Work on the road markings and improvements on the C284 road at Woodhall Mill have commenced.

The white lines on the road going east past Innerhaugh had still not been done and Cllr Sharp was continuing to chase this matter up as he felt that this work should be done.

With regards to the trees overhanging the road at Douglas Gardens, Cllr Sharp was continuing to chase the County Council regarding the pruning work to determine the full responsibility as to the ownership, as it would appear that the County Council and the Home Group are responsible for different sections.

Cllr Sharp had attended the opening of the newly improved play area in Langley Gardens now that the work has been completed by Karbon Homes. They have provided a zip wire and swings for both younger and older children. He said that it was very nice to see some of the children from Shaftoe School also attend the opening and to see them enjoy using the new equipment despite the awful weather on the day. It was particularly pleasing that Shaftoe School has had a very good Ofsted report as well.

The hedge has now been cut back on Whittis Hill, at the bottom of the bank and the hedge will be cut back on the footpath just above the entrance to Innerhaugh Mews as the branches are overhanging the 30mph sign as well.

There has been a further meeting of the Cycle Way Group who hope to have a cycle route between Haltwhistle and Wylam created, which Cllr Sharp is very supportive of. Cllr Keyte was also present at the meeting.

The need for a dropped kerb to be installed opposite the school and beside 25 Greenwich Gardens has been reported to NCC, and hopefully this work will be done shortly. Cllr Sharp said that if necessary he would fund this himself.

The road sweeper will be coming into the village and going into the estates shortly but during the last week or two it had been deployed clearing leaves to make roads safer for road users. Most of the highway works which were in the scheme this year have now been completed.

There had been several policy meetings at NCC recently regarding the Cost of Living Crisis and Diversity and Inequalities. In addition, it is hoped that a new Chief Executive would be appointed in the next week.

Cllr Charlton said that she had read in the Journal recently of a project for new trails beyond Hadrian's

Wall. £150,00 is to be spent, but she said that that all of the routes started above the wall it might take visitors away from the parish. She went on to say that another £4.8 million had been given to cycle paths near Blyth. Cllr Keyte hoped that this meant that it was a good time to push for the Haydon Bridge to Hexham cycle route.

Highways –

White signs – as promised, Roadlink had discussed signage on the A69 with National Highways. The matter of tourism into the village was considered and whilst they acknowledge some inconsistencies with the symbols between the signs at either end of the bypass, currently, they remain unchanged in the belief that the village is adequately signposted from the trunk road. Funds towards new signage are not currently available, nor seen as a priority at this moment in time. They will review this if new signs are required in the future.

Cllr Bates said that a lady at Brigwood had asked who owns the service road behind the houses, as it was in a very bad state. The ownership was not known and the lane is unadopted as it is too narrow, NCC can only adopt roads of a certain width.

Lighting – nothing to report.

Planning applications -

22/03721/FUL Langley Methodist Church Allendale – proposed change of use & conversion of chapel to live/work unit for artist's studio – NO OBJECTIONS.

Accounts – as in the budget were agreed.

Parish projects –

Development Trust – Cllr Charlton said that the library was now open 5 days a week again and visitor numbers were rising. The produce stall has also returned on Saturday mornings. Cllr Thompson thanked the library team for opening their doors to Storybook Church, which had been well received.

Flooding – Earlier in the month the PC had met with representatives of the Environment Agency and Northumbrian Water to discuss the results of their Integrated Drainage Survey. Tristan Drought had explained that most of their proposals for large schemes could not go ahead because the funding shortfall was too large. Cllrs and Flood Warden Craig Tulip had suggested a number of small actions that could make quite a difference in storm conditions. It was agreed that the Clerk would send a list to the EA in the hope that they would be taken up. Cllr Keyte noted that it seemed that NCC liked to clear ditches out while nowadays it was thought to be more

beneficial to leave vegetation as it would filter and slow water down. Cllr Sharp responded that it was not NCC practice to open all the ditches up.

Cycle route meeting – Cllr Keyte said that the aim of the group, to develop a cycle route from Haltwhistle to Wylam, was a good one and a Haydon Bridge to Hexham route would provide a link in this chain. The route had been discussed and it seemed obvious to follow the old A69 past the Spa Well site. There had been negotiations with the Straker family, who seemed to be on board. Cllr Keyte said that the feeling was that it was best to get whatever route they could initially, to get it open and then aim for a more ambitious/scenic route later on. Cllr Charlton said that there were two aspects to this. The first was tourists, as the Haydon Hundred now brought visitors all year round; the second was commuting to work in Hexham. This second group is very large and they pay high parking costs in Hexham. Cllr Keyte said that the route would be geared toward those travelling to Hexham for work and shopping. Cllr Keyte and Phil Hartley will do some detailed route research over the next week, and will map any obstructions. Cllr Bates said that she felt it was important for the cycle path to be separate from the A69, with at least a strip of grass separating them. She said that the aim had to be to get cyclists off the road.

Any other business -

Cllr Richardson requested that the PC contact Karbon Homes to ask them to remove a tree stump between the disabled persons bungalow and the houses backing onto it. This was agreed.

Cllr Richardson asked if there was news about the Patient Participation Group. She said that she would be happy to attend along with Cllr Kirsopp. The Clerk will chase this up.

Cllr Thompson had been asked whether the PC had any responsibility if there was a nuclear strike. She was told that the PC did not have any responsibility.

Preparing Pets for New Year's Eve

Take your dog out for its last walk before it gets dark, well before any fireworks start to prevent scaring the dog.

Keep windows and cat/dog flaps closed. Play music and draw the curtains. If you have a pet that prefers to go off and hide, let them as this is their way of coping.

You can also giving calming products as this may help relieve some stress (some products need to be given in the run up to bonfire night) In the case of small animals try to cover the cages with blankets to soften the noise. Add extra bedding so they have somewhere to hide and feel safe. If you have a outdoor rabbit/guniea pig try and bring the cage into the house or in a car free garage for a few nights.

Louise Murray : Farmcare

R.G. TAIT & SONS

PART 2

In November's Haydon News, we followed the early history of the haulage business in Haydon Bridge that made its home on the allotments and field behind Victoria Terrace. An area of land that soon became known as Tait's Yard, a name that reflected the surname of William, who bought the land in 1921, his son Robert (Robbie) Graham Tait, whose initials adorned the business name shown on the sign above, and Robert's sons William, Robert (jnr), and Douglas.

I'll let David Tait continue the story of the business during the 1950s, 1960s and 1970s. David is the great grandson of William Tait who was the original purchaser of the land, the grandson of William's son Robert who was known in Haydon Bridge as Robbie, and the son of Douglas. Doug Tait joined his father's business when he left school and had much to do with the expansion of the firm from the 1950s.

The 1950s was a period of steady investment and expansion for the R.G. Tait & Sons partnership, which meant there were more employees and more trucks in the business. For example, my dad, Doug, always had an entrepreneurial spirit and a capacity for hard work, and he wasn't content simply working for his father and wanted to buy his own lorry. So, in 1952, dad borrowed £200 from Les Graham, a local farmer, as a deposit for a wagon. My granddad Robbie was against the idea, but, dad did it anyway and I'm sure he had plans for expansion and growth of the family partnership.

The Tait brothers were also supporting self employed wagon drivers in Haydon Bridge and district, and one story that illustrates that support comes to my mind. Many readers will remember Teddy Thompson, a World War II veteran who had once been a POW of the Germans in Italy, but escaped. Teddy had a huge capacity for hard work and in the late 1940s and early 1950s he owned his own wagon. On June 1st 1952, Teddy walked into my dad Doug's office (which was a wooden hut at that time), gave my dad the keys to his truck and said:

"My wagon is yours. I want to work for you."

Teddy went on to explain: ***"I want to work for you***

because although I can find the work and I can do the work, and I can chase up the money and make sure I get paid, and I can service my own wagon. I can't do all of these things all at the same time."

Teddy told me that story on June 1st, 1994, the day of my dad Douglas Tait's funeral.

The expansion of the R.G. Tait & Sons partnership during the 1950s and 1960s was remarkable, and this is illustrated in the documents that list the company's assets on **November 20th, 1964**, when the business reformed as a Limited Company and was renamed **R.G. Tait & Sons Ltd.** The assets of the Tait brothers' 'new' Limited company included, in addition to the yard and the significant goodwill of the business, fourteen Bedford, Leyland and Albion wagons, three Vauxhall cars, a forklift truck and a Ferguson tractor. The directors of the Ltd. Company were named as: Robert Graham Tait (senior), Jinny Tait (Robert's wife and company secretary), and their sons William, Robert Graham (junior), and Douglas Tait. - The same owners as the original R.G. Tait & Sons partnership.

As I recalled in Part 1, my great grandfather William Tait, a former rivet catcher and coal hewer, died in 1952. William, who lived at number 4 Innerhaugh, had been the first of the Tait family to demonstrate an entrepreneurial spirit, when he bought the field and allotments behind Victoria Terrace on December 16th, 1921. (Known as 'Tait's Yard' for almost 100 years and 'South Gables' today). I often wonder how William, with his horse and cart in 1921, would have viewed the remarkable growth of his son's and his grandsons' haulage, and eventually sales, business.



A 'new' garage was built on Tait's Yard in the mid 1960s, it had a row of four offices, a mess room (*I still have the dart board*), a parts department with a small office, and two workshops with inspection pits. Prior

to the building of the new garage, the office was a wooden hut.

Around this time, the haulage business in Haydon Bridge was receiving national publicity, and in 1966 R.G. Tait & Sons purchased a Bedford/Primrose 8x2, Registered JNL 158D. An article in the August 2019 'Classic and Vintage Commercials' magazine suggests that the R.G. Tait purchase must have performed well, since they added another later model to their fleet the following year, registered KNL 659E. The article points out that Tait's trucks were engaged on demanding work transporting coke from Gateshead to various steelworks in Scotland.

The new garage and improved facilities on Tait's Yard led to more expansion, and were the key to achieving an historic Volvo dealership in 1967.

It is a matter of public record that Volvo's first ever sale in the United Kingdom was through the Haydon Bridge dealership of Tait (Tipper Sales), when my dad Doug persuaded Jonty Hutchinson of Lee Hall Farm at Wark to buy a Volvo F86; registered as LNL 465E.

A fascinating article in a 2011 'Heritage Commercials' magazine, by Bob Tuck, tells the story.

Volvo's newly formed concessionaire was Ailsa Trucks in Scotland, and Jim McKelvie of Ailsa Trucks was about to hand the first Volvo dealership to the Birtley company of Cawthorne & Sinclair. It seems that when the Tait brothers heard what was about to happen, they went to Barrhead in Scotland where they met Jim McKelvie. The brothers realised that being involved right at the start with Volvo was an exciting prospect, and their enthusiasm for a new dealership at Haydon Bridge, centrally located for the north east and the north west of England, convinced Mr. McKelvie to offer the Tait brothers the dealership instead of the County Durham company, and a deal was agreed at a later meeting in the Anchor Hotel. There followed, three brand new Volvo F86 tractor units delivered to Tait's Yard at Haydon Bridge.

The author of the Heritage Commercials' article, Bob Tuck, recalls that it was Doug Tait's enthusiasm for the F86, that convinced Jonty Hutchinson of Wark to buy the first Volvo sold in the UK, Jonty had known Doug for many years, since he had spread lime on the farm, and knew that any recommendation from him would be a good one. A practical example of how the truck and trailer performed in Kielder forest with 20 tons of timber on the back and Doug driving up Birk's Bank out of Kielder, sealed the deal. And, of course, the dealership was only ten miles away at Haydon Bridge if he needed parts, and Doug promised Jonty

and his father Tommy that if they bought the Volvo, F86, the Haydon Bridge dealership would service and maintain the vehicle and keep it on the road.

At the end of 44 years of working life, this first Volvo sold in the UK (F86 - LNL 465E) and bought from Tait (Tipper Sales) of Haydon Bridge, had travelled over a million miles and spent a long period in Volvo's museum in Gothenburg, Sweden.



Thomas Hutchinson of Wark bought the first Volvo in the UK from Tait (Tipper Sales) of Haydon Bridge

From this time on, R.G. Tait & Sons began to operate, sell and hire out only Volvo trucks, the sales and hire side of the business had a larger turnover than the haulage side and the Haydon Bridge Tait's Yard depot became a relatively small part of a much larger business.

The 1970s was probably the most topsy-turvy decade in the history of the business, although, there had been expansion from the mid 60s onwards and the Tait group of companies included Tait (Carlisle), Tait (Darlington), Tait (Carnforth), Tait (Oldham), Tait (Bedlington), Tait (London), Tait (Vehicle Hire) Ltd., Tait (Tipper Sales) Ltd., and Euroturbo Ltd.

As for the road haulage business at Haydon Bridge, there would be a change in the business model. The existing drivers were given the opportunity to buy their own trucks and become self employed. R.G. Tait & Sons sold the trucks to drivers such as John Brown, Brian Elliott, John Bowman, Charlie Glenwright, Arnold Mason, Trevor Baugh and John Kendrew. I can remember some of the registrations from that time: AHH 221T, AHH 222T, AHH 223T and AHH 224T. The drivers paid an agreed amount hire purchase each month. The work was organised by Frank Smith and Hurley Young from the R.G. Tait & Sons office, and Nancy Tazey and Audrey Phillips worked in the office next door to the traffic office and they undertook the administration. Drivers were paid for the work they did, less an office and admin percentage,

and diesel was bought in bulk by R.G. Tait & Sons, with the self employed drivers paying for the amount they used.

Repairs and servicing of the trucks etc., was done in Tait's yard by R.G. Tait & Sons employees and the cost of the work was invoiced to the owner drivers.

Employees working in the garage/workshop included Jackie Harrison, his brother Jimmy, Jimmy Alexander, Edward Kirsopp, Ernest Marshall, Shaun Elliott (*before his career as a professional footballer*), and Maxi Edwards in the parts store.

Being self employed meant that the more work the drivers did the more they earned, and some drivers would 'double-shift' their trucks; for example, the owner driver would work Monday to Friday and maybe Saturday morning, and they might pay a friend to drive in the evening, tipping and loading up ready for the next day. Balance sheets from the 1970s show that the Tait brothers were altruistic employers, occasionally lending money to employees and also allowing them to borrow company cars to go on holiday.

All Change:

1978 will be recalled by those Haydon News readers who lived through it, as the 'Winter of Discontent'. High inflation, public and private sector pay rises restricted to a maximum 5%, 13 million work days lost through strikes, low economic growth and a weak pound - *sound familiar?* The Tait brothers' haulage and Volvo sales companies in Haydon Bridge and elsewhere didn't escape the financial crisis of 1978 and cash flow was a major problem for the business. Vehicles purchased from Volvo by R.G. Tait & Sons were without buyers and indirect costs still had to be paid. Sadly, as a result, the end of the Haydon Bridge business was in sight.

A meeting at Carlisle of the Tait brothers and Volvo, in 1978, signalled the closure of the business when the Volvo representatives forced through a purchase of all the assets of R.G. Tait & Sons, including Tait's Yard and all their other depots, for £1. Each one of four directors received a postal order for 25 pence.

I still have my dad's 25 pence postal order, a sad memory of a remarkable Haydon Bridge business.

By 1978, the Tait brothers had provided employment in Haydon Bridge for well over 100 local residents during the previous 55 years, on the land first bought by William Tait in 1921 and in the old and 'new' garages (**See photos right**). My granddad Robbie Graham (R.G.) Tait had recorded the building of the old garage by scratching his name and the year onto one of the inside walls: *RGT, July 1922*. This 'graffiti'

was discovered when work was undertaken on the original 'old' building. - an interesting piece of Haydon Bridge social history.

I know that my dad, Doug, was proud of the three generations of the Tait family's achievements that provided local employment, on 'Tait's Yard', and he was determined to continue in business on the yard premises, if possible, in spite of the disappointment of 1978. So, following the final winding up meeting in Carlisle, dad took out a mortgage and agreed a deal to buy back Tait's Yard from Volvo, and it was there he started his new family business, 'Tait Transport Services', on 24th August, 1978, employing those who had been with the previous company, and on the yard that had for 57 years been 'Tait's'.

It is appropriate at this time for me to remember and thank the many people who worked with or for R.G. Tait & Sons, R.G. Tait & Sons Ltd., and for my dad when he started on his own in 1978 as Tait Transport Services. There are too many people to name everyone individually; how many over the many years I wonder? Certainly in the hundreds. However, as I write this article for The Haydon News in October 2022, one driver springs immediately to mind. It is 40 years this month since John Brown tragically died in an accident at Bardon Mill, so close to home. John and others are regularly in my thoughts.

Doug Tait died on May 25th, 1994 and within a few weeks, Tait Transport Services was no more.



The 1922 old garage and below, the 1960s new garage



R.G. Tait & Sons (Post Script)

Perhaps the event of greatest interest in this story (Pages 6,7,8.) and the one that will live longest in the memory both here and in Sweden, is that Tait's of Haydon Bridge sold the first Volvo truck ever to be bought in the UK. A proud record and one worth recording, I think you will agree.

David Tait's article is a reminder of a Haydon Bridge business that employed many local residents and he would be delighted if those with memories of the business and their employment there, could get in touch.

In the meantime, here is a list of a few of those local residents employed or supported by R.G. Tait & Sons:

Jimmy Alexander, Trevor Baugh, John Bowman, John Brown, James Brown, William Carruthers, Kevin Charlton, Ossie Davison, Lyndon Davison, Maxi Edwards, Brian Elliott, Shaun Elliott, Tommy Fletcher, Charlie Glenwright, Jackie Harrison, Jimmy Harrison, John Kendrew, Alfie Kent, Edward Kirsopp, Ernest Marshall, Ralph Marshall, Richard Marshall, Arnold Mason, Dennis Oliver, Audrey Phillips, Don Phillips, Trueman Reed, Gordon Robson, Maurice Robson, Jack Rumney, Frank Smith, Peter Wylie, Nancy Tazey, Teddy Thompson, Hurley Young, Ronnie Youngman, and young boys, Paul Stead and Dickie Crowe.

Finally, as I remember it, for many R.G. Tait & Sons' employees, their working shift didn't end until they had discussed the day's haulage experiences over a couple of pints in the General Havelock.

In the bar room, in the bar room, It's where they'd congregate,
To sup Newcastle Brown, be sure they'd stop up very late,
Any excuse to raise a glass and they would celebrate,
At the famous General Havelock, in the bar room.

Jack Rumney in the Havelock would gather round
Tait's men,
They'd take lime to Linlithgow and bring coals back over yem,
Back axles, clutches, differentials, made nee odds to them,
They'd all be well oiled when they're suppin in the bar room.

**NEW YEAR'S EVE FIREWORKS
THE GET IT TOGETHER SOCIETY WELCOME
EVERYONE TO THE FIREWORKS**

COVER NOTE

The Haydon Bridge Memorial to the fallen in the Great War was originally sited in 1921 between two trees on the north west end of the 'old' bridge. One of the trees remains to this day.

The first proposals for a War Memorial at Haydon Bridge were made on January 16th, 1919 and the result of the Parish Council and public discussions was the Memorial seen on our front cover, being unveiled by Sir General Loftus Bates on September 25th, 1921 after The Haydon Bridge War Memorial Committee had accepted a tender of £972 for the bronze statue and its surround.

**In proud and
loving memory
of the men of the
parish of Haydon
who gave their lives
for King and Country
in the Great War
1914-1919**

**Also in memory of
those who fell
1939-1945**

On April 21st, 1967, St. Cuthbert's Parochial Church Council agreed to a request to re-site the Haydon Bridge War Memorial from its original position, to a new position facing Church Street, on the west boundary of St. Cuthbert's churchyard.



Moving the Haydon Bridge War Memorial from its original position, was necessary to accommodate the new 1970 road bridge through the village.

GENERAL HAVELOCK

**OAP's COMPLIMENTARY CHRISTMAS LUNCH
WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 14th 2022**

Names to Gary and Jo at the General Havelock please
Tel: 01434 684376

**NEW YEAR'S EVE
AT THE GENERAL HAVELOCK
FIZZ and QUIZ
EVERYONE IS WELCOME**



**ALLENDALE
FORGE STUDIOS**

**FROM DECEMBER 1st 2022
The gallery at Allendale Forge Studios
is holding a Festive Fair**

Visitors to the gallery will find a special selection of seasonal gifts, showcasing an eclectic mix of creations by the Forge makers. (See below)

Why not visit Allendale Forge and support one of our Haydon News advertisers!



Haydon View Nursing Home
Christmas Fair
Saturday 17th December
10am till 2pm
Haydon Bridge Community Center

Free entry
Refreshments available
All money raised is going towards residents activities and entertainment.



**HAYDON VIEW CHRISTMAS FAIR
SATURDAY DECEMBER 17TH FROM 10AM TILL 2PM
IN THE COMMUNITY CENTRE**

Our lovely mum Margaret has vascular dementia and lives at Haydon View. We decided we'd like to raise some funds on behalf of the residents so they can have some days out and entertainment throughout the year.

The wonderful carers do a fantastic job looking after our relatives and we hope everyone will join us to support them on the day. We have some fantastic traders who are really talented and will have some lovely gifts and crafts for you to browse, there will be a cake stall, refreshments, lucky squares and lots of festive fun. All money raised will go to the residents' entertainment fund.

For more information find us on Facebook at CH Event or our website www.chevent.co.uk

Festive Fair

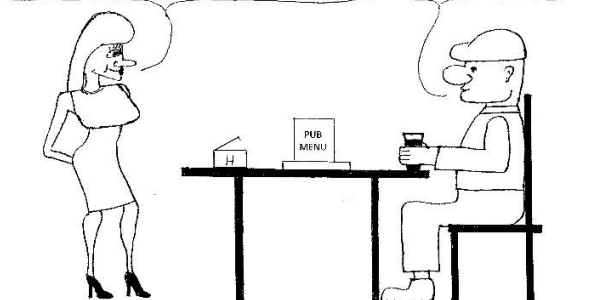
Visit the Gallery in December for a special selection of seasonal gifts
10am till 4pm

Allendale Forge Studios
Market Place, Allendale Town, NE47 9BD
open daily: Shop & Gallery 10am - 4pm, Cafe 9am - 4pm
allendaleforgestudios.co.uk tel: 01434 683975

RAYDON FRIDGE and DUSTY BINN

You've been swindled, Raydon, ripped-off, duped, robbed, conned, cheated. You paid way too much for that haemorrhoid cream.

Okay, okay, Dusty. You just can't resist rubbing it in, can you?



Haydon Bridge Community Centre

Coffee Mornings are back

Coffee, Tea & Biscuits £1.50 with free refills
Every Saturday 9.30 to 11am

GITS

BE SURE TO JOIN US ALL FOR THE NEW YEAR'S EVE FIREWORKS AT HAYDON BRIDGE

GEORGE STEPHENSON DOUBLE GLAZING LTD

For all your 'A' rated windows, composite & UPVC doors, porches, WARMroofs, conservatories, sliding sash, bifolds & replacement glass units Repairs to windows & doors, locks, hinges & seals.

OVER 30 YEARS EXPERIENCE!

SHOWROOM & OFFICE

23C Hough lane, Industrial Estate, Hexham NE46 3PU

T: 01434 608619 M: 07801 574799

gws17@live.com www.georgestephensonwindows.co.uk

J. LESTER ROOFING

Slating, tiling, flat roofing, guttering, pointing, chimney stacks, lead work, insurance work.

FULLY INSURED

Call 01434 344 504. Mobile 0787 675 6616

Email: johnlesterroofing@gmail.com

D & J OLIVER ELECTRICAL

ALL TYPES OF ELECTRICAL WORK UNDERTAKEN
Tel. 01434 688132 Mobile 07730 533 348

STEPHEN BROOKS

(formerly W. G. DUFFY) Established 1910—
old family business.

Approved Solid Fuel Merchant

Old Coal Cells – Haydon Bridge

01434 684348

Suppliers of coals and smokeless fuels

ALL TYPES OF FUEL

AT COMPETITIVE PRICES

Call: 07710 445227 / 07464 760927

Fresh 'N' Thyme

Quality Fresh Produce

Mobile Fruit & Veg Shop
Delivering Fresh local
Produce Daily



**Orders Now
Taken For Our
Fruit & Veg Boxes**

Quality | Fresh | Produce



Paul Brown
wall & floor ceramic tiling

Kitchens, Bathrooms and Conservatories

Porcelain ♦ Ceramic ♦ Natural Stone ♦ Mosaics

Tel: 01434 684 890 Mobile: 07769537513

**WE ARE LOOKING FOR A NEW EDITOR
AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS
FOR THE HAYDON NEWS
COULD THAT BE YOU?**



Ofsted Registered
DAY NURSERY

For children
from birth to 5 years.

Activities follow the Early Years Foundation Stage.
Sensory garden.

OUT OF SCHOOL CLUB/HOLIDAY CLUB 5yrs-12yrs

Sports. Arts & Crafts.
Fun & Games. Trips.

Call 01434 684 446 for further information

“Berlin, the greatest cultural extravaganza that one could imagine.”

David Bowie.

Ryan Porter also organised an annual visit to Berlin, on this occasion without uniforms and parades, during the October half-term and it wasn't too long before I was able to renew my acquaintance with this fascinating city.

Our convoy consisted of two minibuses, with two drivers and ten youngsters in each. The ferry trip, again from Sheerness to Vlissingen, was uneventful thanks to very favourable sailing conditions, and we began the 500 mile overland journey to Berlin in the early evening, planning to drive overnight and arrive at our hotel in West Berlin for breakfast. The first part of the journey, through the Netherlands and West Germany, was again fairly straightforward and we hit the border between West and East Germany in the small hours, with very little traffic. I was driving the second 'bus and my well-organised colleague had our passports and other documents ready to present to the border guards.

It was an ordeal just getting to the first command post, with the route winding from left to right through endless corridors barricaded with bollards and the inevitable barbed wire, but we eventually drew up next to a small kiosk and stopped the 'bus. To say that the border guards were fastidious was an enormous understatement. Each passport was scrutinised in turn followed by a guard with a powerful torch marching around the 'bus in an attempt to match each passport photo to a face, which inevitably resulted in grumpy teenagers being roused from their slumbers. Eventually the check was complete and I was ordered to drive on, despite the fact that our documents had been retained; my feeble attempts to remonstrate with the guard met with an aggressive and noisy reaction and I reluctantly pulled away, slowly heading towards the next guard post some 200 yards away. My observant colleague noticed a covered conveyor belt running alongside and soon came to the conclusion that our passports were making their own way to the next stopping point. The second booth gave us a shock. The inside was pitch-black but a pair of eyes was visible in the back; even the guards were being scrutinised from behind. As each passport came through, it was again acutely studied by the guard on duty, but this time all passengers were required to leave the 'bus and be matched up to their passport.

Eventually we were able to continue; the whole process had been horribly intimidating and time-consuming, but nevertheless fascinating and educational. There was a statutory speed limit of 50mph throughout the 150 mile journey through East Germany and, as we had agreed to change driver every two hours, a stop was necessary. A huge and empty layby, with signage indicating that it was a transit stop for those travelling along the corridor, was a welcome sight and both 'buses came to a halt. Within seconds, two police cars with sirens wailing and lights flashing, screeched to a halt and four officers sprinted to the first 'bus, which fortunately contained the only German speaking member of our party. In short, we were not allowed to stop there; the area was for the use of motorists in transit from West Germany to West Berlin, but we were classed as travelling from England to West Berlin and were not entitled to stop! Crazy bureaucracy and I'm not totally sure that they were absolutely correct (it's more likely that they were just bored!) but we didn't want to argue and resumed our journey having sneakily swapped drivers.

The city of Berlin before the Wall came down in 1989 was a very different place than it is today, with the dividing Wall, adorned by all manner of political graffiti on the west side, dominating the centre. We wanted to give the students a taste of the difference between life on either side – literally – so on the second morning we took them to Kafhaus des Westens (also known as KaDeWe), the second largest department store in Europe after Harrods, covering more than 650,000 square feet. On one of the floors was an enormous selection of cured cold meats, all of which were available to sample, and we gave the boys 30 minutes to fill their boots – not literally this time – and let us know their favourites. Later in the day we crossed through into East Berlin through Checkpoint Charlie, which was another frightening experience, and found the equivalent department store. On offer there were just a few sorry-looking packs of smoked ham, a stark contrast indeed. While the boys were given a couple of hours to explore, the staff retired to a plush hotel for afternoon tea. The food was plentiful and tasty, immaculately presented and served by no fewer than four attentive waiters who couldn't do enough to ensure our satisfaction - simply because we were the only customers in a cavernous room which could easily have accommodated hundreds of people. And the accompanying string quartet only added to the somewhat bizarre experience.

Another linguistic oddity to finish: English is the only language where you recite in a play but play in a recital!

In long holiday traffic queues breakdowns such as over-heating are a common occurrence and perhaps you have occasionally stopped to give a hand to get a fellow motorist back of the move. Such was the case of Bill and Gladys when their car stalled on a mountain road in the Lake District. Luckily another driver stopped and gave them a push start. Some weeks later, now back at home, they were disturbed by a knock on their front door. When he answered, Bill was confronted by a total stranger who asked "Sorry to disturb you but could you give me a push?" Inclined to refuse the request at such a late hour, Bill remembered how he had been helped when his car broke down in the Lake District so he put on his outdoor shoes and went out to help the man, only to find that there was no sign of any car. After minutes of fruitless searching Bill assumed that the man had been helped by someone else but then he heard a distant voice which seemed to be coming from the community playpark over the road. Following the source of the voice Bill found the man sitting on the swings repeating his request "could you give a push?"

Although the weather continued to be dominated by an extensive pool of warm tropical air to the south, jet stream activity brought unsettled conditions during **October** with frequent rain and fresh to strong winds, more typical of autumn. By the end of the month surface water courses ran with measurable flow and the ground was covered with a deep litter of fallen leaves brought down not by frost but a fresh to strong breeze.

With unsettled cyclonic weather patterns in control there was remarkably little day-to-day variation in daytime temperatures. The strong influence exerted by tropical air to the south ensured that it felt mild throughout the month, the 30th for example reaching 16.8 degC locally while temperatures in excess of 20.0 degC were recorded in the south of the British Isles. Only for a brief interval mid-month did cooler polar air from the north-west bring about a slight reduction in daytime temperatures. Rain was a frequent visitor, often as showers, alongside some significant spells of sunny weather.

The first seven days were mild and quite wet but a ridge of high pressure brought relatively drier weather until the 14th and occasionally clearer skies allowed night temperatures to fall to their lowest, but there was no sign of any autumnal air frosts. This seemed to set the weather for the remainder of the month which remained unsettled. When the wind came from S/SE conditions had a tendency to be dull and there were some very lengthy spells of low cloud, poorer visibility and continuous rain. The next month will provide some indication of what manner of winter we are to expect. We need a short cold snap soon !!!

Summary Statistics

Month 2022	Average Max Temperature (Daytime) deg C	Relative to long-term average degC	Average Min Temperature (Night-time) deg C	Relative to long-term average degC	Rainfall mm	Percentage of long-term average
October	14.5	+1.8	8.3	+2.3	107.9	125%

Gladys has been away in Cornwall helping her cousin Bert who was recently injured in a serious motor-cycle accident, which crushed both of his legs below the knee. Gladys was at his hospital bedside when the surgeon came to visit. "Well Bert" he said, "the bad news is that I have had to amputate both your lower legs, but the good news is that Gladys has managed to sell your slippers to the man at the end of the ward".

CHARITY QUIZ NIGHTS AT THE GENERAL HAVELOCK HAYDON BRIDGE

October quiz on the 25th raised £220.00 for Newcastle Street Friends – we seem to be attracting 50 or more folk to our quiz evenings. Our November quiz will be supporting Prostate Cancer UK (in memory of John Wardle) after which our Christmas quiz will be on December 13th and will be supporting the Salvation Army Christmas Appeal. Nominations for future quizzes are welcome.

Contact John Harrison email: johnandaveril@aol.com

GEORGE GAMBLE

Est. 1988

ALL BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION

PLANT HIRE WITH OPERATOR
MINI DIGGERS, CONCRETE BREAKERS,
DUMPERS
ROLLERS, TELEHANDLER.

TEL: 07710193144
01434 688804

WE ARE LOOKING FOR A NEW EDITOR
AND
COMMITTEE MEMBERS
FOR THE HAYDON NEWS

COULD THAT BE YOU?

PLEASE CONTACT PAULINE

email: pjwallis58@gmail.com




Beautiful handmade curtains, blinds & soft furnishings made to your exact requirements.

Call Samantha Dumish to arrange an appointment
Telephone: 07963026298
www.lynwoodinteriors.co.uk

Handmade in Northumberland

Give your love some love ☺

CLAIRE'S NEWSAGENTS

11, Church Street Tel: 01434 684 303
Mon - Sat: 6.00am - 6.00pm
Sunday: 6.00am - 1.00pm

PAPERS & A WIDE RANGE OF MAGAZINES
Groceries, Confectionary, Tobacco, Beers, wines & spirits, Birthday & Special Occasion cards, Stationery, Toys.



24 hour cash point



kitchen design studio

Unit 1, Allen Mill, Allendale, NE47 9EA
www.redonionkitchens.co.uk
Ring Katherine for an appointment 01434 618920

LANGLEY · FURNITURE · WORKS

Cabinet making & specialist joinery in the heart of Northumberland



www.langleyfurnitureworks.co.uk
01434 688 977 - admin@langleyfurnitureworks.co.uk

Haydon Bridge & Allendale Medical Practice

Monday to Friday: The Health Centre is open continuously from 8.00am until 6.00pm
(except for Practice Meeting and Staff training from 12 noon on the 2nd Wednesday of the month)

Doctors consult between: 8.00am and 11.00am
3.00pm and 5.30pm

All phone calls for appointments and visits, including 'out of hours': 01434 684216
All phone calls for dispensing or prescriptions: 01434 688351
E-mail address: Haydonbridgea84045@nhs.net
Website www.haydonbridgesurgery.co.uk

Churches Working Together

Methodist Church 10.30 am

4 Dec 2nd Sunday in Advent Envoy Eunice Blakey,
Salvation Army (Toy Service)

11 Dec 3rd Sunday in Advent Communion Worship
Rev. Jenny Porterpryde

18 Dec 4th Sunday in Advent Jacqui Cameron
**Extra Service 6.00 pm Village Carol Service at
St. Cuthberts Church**

25 Dec Christmas Day Deacon Anne Taylor

**1 Jan New Year's Day Join with Fourstones
Methodist Church (same time 10.30 am)**

8 Jan Rev. Michael Holland (Covenant Service)

15 Jan Norman Fullard

22 Jan Sandra Martin

29 Jan **Christian Unity Service**
Deacon Anne Taylor

**Informal Worship on Wednesdays during December
and January are on 1st and 3rd weeks**

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

please note, no coffees on 27th December.

.....

St. Cuthbert's Anglican Church Sunday Services 10.30 am (note time of Remembrance Service)

4 Dec Eucharist Rev. Janet Jackson

11 Dec Eucharist Rev. Michael Jackson

18 Dec Eucharist Revs. Nigel and Mary Warner

Extra Service ... 6.00 pm Village Carol Service
Rev. Gill Alexander

25 Dec Eucharist for Christmas Day
Rev. Gill Alexander

1 Jan Morning Prayer

8 Jan Eucharist Rev. Gill Alexander

15 Jan Eucharist Revs. Nigel and Mary Warner

22 Jan Eucharist Rev. Michael Jackson

29 Jan **Christian Unity Service at Methodist Church**
Deacon Anne Taylor (same time)

Extra Service Haydon Old Church 3.00 pm Service
for Candlemass Rev. Gill Alexander

.....

All Hallows Henshaw (please note the time as listed)

4 Dec Benefice Eucharist **10 am** Holy Cross, Haltwhistle
Rev. Steve Wright

11 Dec Holy Communion 11 am All Hallows, Henshaw
Rev. Steve Wright

18 Dec Carol Service 11 am All Hallows, Henshaw Rev.

Keith Teasdale

**25 Dec Holy Communion 11 am All Hallows, Henshaw
Rev. Steve Wright**

**1 Jan Benefice Eucharist 10 am Holy Cross, Haltwhistle
Rev. Steve Wright**

8 Jan Holy Communion 11 am All Hallows, Henshaw
Rev. Steve Wright

15 Jan Holy Communion 11 am All Hallows, Henshaw
Rev. Keith Teasdale

22 Jan Morning Prayer 11 am All Hallows, Henshaw
Mrs. Anne Galbraith and Mrs. Carol Adam

.....

Catholic Church Services

St. John of Beverley Haydon Bridge 6.00pm 24th.

St. Oswald's Bellingham 11.00 am Sunday 25th.

St. Wilfred's Haltwhistle 9.30 am Thursday

St Mary's Hexham

Public Mass and Live Stream

(please check St. Mary's website)

**Please note Village Crib Service 4.00 pm St. John's
Christmas Eve All Welcome**

**Village Christian Unity Service 10.30 am Sunday 30th
January at the Methodist Church with Deacon Anne Taylor**

CLERGY LETTER

Christmas is fast approaching. Christmas songs and carols are ringing out from every shop doorway, school assembly, and in our churches. Christmas markets, fetes, choirs and concerts are springing up and inviting us to enter into the seasonal cheer.

But Christmas is a time of mixed blessings. A time to gather with loved ones and a time to remember those who we have lost, or who are far away. It is a time of celebration – but it is also a time of anxiety for many about the cost of living, the demands of life and of being a parent.

The Christmas story has characters who in so many ways are just like us. A couple having their first child, journeying into the unknown. People working long hours, for little reward or recognition, worrying about how they will make ends meet. People seeking answers to the big questions of life. People living within the power struggles of their time. People wrestling to make sense of things and in their own ways working out what to do for the best.

On Christmas Eve the Churches Together in Haydon Bridge will gather at St John of Beverley RC church to listen to those characters - Mary and Joseph, shepherds, wise men,

Clergy Letter continued on page 16

Clergy Letter continued from page 15

donkeys, angels - tell the extraordinary story of Christmas - of God coming to be with us as baby Jesus, and how that changed everything. And on 18th December there will be a community carol service at St Cuthbert's where we will tell the story in carols and readings.

However, every Christmas Eve, after the carols have been sung, the drama is over and the church is still and quiet, I am reminded of God's desire for us to know that He is with us. It is a time to pause and to remember that first Christmas night, when the word of God was heard, not through a prophet or a priest, but through the cry of a new-born infant. The word of God spoken, and wailed through the mouth of a babe, inviting and trusting those ordinary characters to pick him up and love him, to help bring God's love to the world. And, our hope lies in God's trust in us, God trusts us to pick him up and to hold him and to love him and to make God's love known in the midst of our compromised world.

The Christmas story is an unexpected and inspirational story of courage, compassion, commitment and change. It is an eternal story that reminds us that love wins, and it is a story that invites each of us to consider what kind of relationship we want with God and with each other.

I encourage you to make space this Christmas to join us to hear that story afresh.

The Reverend Gill Alexander
Interim Minister, St Cuthbert's Haydon Bridge

THE HAYDON NEWS DONATIONS & SUBSCRIPTIONS

Donations of any value are always gratefully received, and will help us to keep this publication going. For people living outside the Haydon News delivery areas, we can arrange delivery by post of the Haydon News for the year at a subscription cost of £20.

Donation / Subscription value £.....
Name.....
Address.....
.....
Postcode.....

For payment by BACS (Bank Transfer) - please use the Sort Code: 20-40-09 and Account No 93898830 and reference the payment Donation or Subscription.

Cheques should be made payable to 'The Haydon News' and can be handed in to 'Claire's' on Church Street, addressed to the 'Treasurer of The Haydon News'. Or, posted to **Mark Weldon**, The Haydon News Treasurer, Heugh House West, Heugh House Lane, Haydon Bridge. NE47 6HJ.



Haydon Bridge Nature Club

Haydon Bridge Nature Club

Spring Programme

All Meetings are held in Haydon Bridge Methodist Church on Thursday Evenings at 7.15pm

Date Name of Speaker and Topic

2nd February : Bill Burlton "Forests Throughout the World"

16th February : Christina Taylor "Curlews"

2nd March : Paul Hewitt "Wilder Wallington"

16th March : AGM (Members only)

30th March : Steven Liscombe "Green Lough Project"

Membership £10 - 5 Meetings

Guests and Visitors - £4 per Meeting

REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE



Hog Roast and BBQ catering, local sourced meats and home made burgers & sausages.

www.wmhqualitycatering.com

TEL: 07711488377



We have a variety of natural dog treats available. We also stock frozen dog food from complete meals to treats, even dog friendly ice cream. Call in for more details

**6 Church Street, Haydon Bridge,
01434 684248**

Solar Air Programme

A pilot programme of a new solar space heating (warm air) design is being undertaken in the Haydon Bridge area.

The technique maximises efficiency on south facing stone and brick walls reducing fuel bills and carbon dioxide emissions.

The programme aims to demonstrate the novel approach at suitable houses (or other buildings) whose owners are enthusiastic to play an active part.

If you are interested in exploring the potential of an installation at your property the inventor, Ross Ferguson, will carry out a free assessment to determine if a project is viable.

For those who participate in the pilot scheme, no charge either will be made for the site-specific designs and related additional energy advice or for overseeing installations.

The cost of a system will vary with size and materials but will probably be in the range of £500 - £2k, a fraction of prices for heat pumps or solar photovoltaic (PV) modules.

Those taking part will be asked to keep technical aspects confidential and to record temperatures with provided thermometers as well as allow performance data and photographs to be used.

For a survey please email:

ross.ferguson@solarparks.org.uk

THE HAYDON NEWS NEEDS AN EDITOR AND TREASURER
AND
MEMBERS TO SERVE ON THE EDITORIAL COMMITTEE

WE WOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR YOUR SUPPORT

PLEASE CONTACT PAULINE WALLIS
email: pjwallis58@gmail.com

Thank You

gentoo homes

Public Consultation

Proposed residential development of land west of Langley Gardens, Haydon Bridge



Where: Haydon Bridge Community Centre

When: 14th December, 6pm to 8pm

Gentoo homes will be submitting a planning application for the residential development of this site in the new year.

To inform our plans for this development site, we would welcome your views before this application is submitted.

At the consultation you will have the opportunity to review the development proposals, speak with the project team and provide feedback.

Mark Davison

Carpet, Upholstery,
Leather and Patio
Cleaning



HEXHAM, NORTHUMBERLAND
T: 01434 604 711 M: 07768176873



THE ANCHOR GARAGE

A. SCUDAMORE
Established 1919

CHURCH STREET IND EST ATE
HAYDON BRIDGE NE47 6JG

MOTCENTRE including Class 4, 7 & Motorbike
TYRES, LASER TRACKING, DIAGNOSTICS
ALL MAKES OF CAR REPAIRED AND SERVICED
ALL MAKES OF EXHAUST SUPPLIED & FITTED

Tel 01434 684345 Mobile 07903 049 147

CORRESPONDENCE

By email
November 6th 2022

Hi Dennis,

I've just read the November Haydon News - by heck but that brought back a few memories.

Those poplar trees in particular, as we often used to travel down the dene from Peel Well rather than use the road = more adventurous for young lads.

I have a school infants class photo with Jinnie Brown in it as she was in the same infants class as my father.

Hexham Cattle Market was always a hectic one for Robbie Tait as everyone wanted the services of his wagon. I seem to recall that hauling livestock was a large part of his business in those days.

Of course, as you know, I lived along the road at Brigwood, beside Tait's garage and Bobbie bought the house from us when we moved to Darwen and into our new house there, named 'Haydon'.

Happy memories.
William (Veitch).

NATURE

BLOOD STAINS IN THE SNOW

by
William Tait

The vixen stirred from her warm couch beneath the rock on Muckle Moss, shaking the snow off her coat as she rose.

As she gazed out across the snow-covered moss she could hear the whistling pinions of the mallard passing overhead in the steely cold light of dawn.

Nagged by pangs of hunger, she arched her slim back and with a yawn set off at a trot to hunt the frozen margins of Grindon Lough.

Pricking her ears forward, a hare heard the cries, then continued to forage in the snow for grass and roots. Now and then her sensitive nostrils sniffed the air, and as she rose on her hind legs, ears erect, she saw the vixen moving towards the lough.

Discretion the better part of valour, the hare disappeared, her white tail bobbing as she leapt the stone wall.

The day was just beginning at Beamwham as a light shone from the kitchen window across the yard onto fresh snow. A door creaked and the barking of collies carried far in the chill of the morning as a tractor chugged away from the buildings, loaded with hay.

A heron, motionless on one leg amongst the frozen

reed mass, flapped slowly away as if it had been disturbed.

The vixen had worked her way around, facing into the chill of the east wind that carried the scent of all that lay ahead to her. Small groups of mallard sat or stood around looking miserable and forlorn on the ice where their food supplies were now entirely cut off.

Slowly, ever so slowly, moved the vixen with belly slung low to the frozen ground, avoiding the hoof depressions of cattle covered with only a thin skim of ice that would crack and alert the few remaining duck.

She remained motionless, every muscle tense, as she lay hidden in reeds only yards away from a group of five duck. Her amber eyes fixed on one at the extreme left of the group, standing with its back to her.

The vixen sprang from her hiding place, the flashing of white teeth and the snapping of jaws amidst the confused clamour of duck disturbed the silence of the morning as four duck rose from the frozen lough on whistling pinions to escape in the direction of Crag Lough.

An hour later, the heron was back to the verge of the frozen lough, watching for the slightest movement of fish or mouse.

The head, legs and feathers of a mallard duck lying on the blood-stained snow meant nothing to him.

Bill Tait of Haydon Bridge died in 1998 and his writing was shared across Tynedale through the Hexham Courant. The Haydon News was given permission by Bill's late wife Jean to publish her husband's work.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES IN HAYDON BRIDGE

**VILLAGE CAROL SERVICE ST. CUTHBERT'S
CHURCH 6.00pm SUNDAY 18TH DECEMBER
LED BY REV. GILL ALEXANDER**

CHRISTMAS EVE

**4.00pm CRIB SERVICE ST. JOHN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
6.00pm CHRISTMAS MASS ST. JOHN'S**

CHRISTMAS DAY

**10.30am EUCHARIST FOR CHRISTMAS DAY
ST. CUTHBERT'S REV. GILL ALEXANDER**

**10.30am CHRISTMAS MORNING SERVICE
METHODIST CHURCH DEACON ANNE TAYLOR**



CI ACCOUNTANCY

01434 601133

First Floor, 5 Cattle Market, Hexham,
Northumberland. NE46 1NJ
info@ciaccountancy.co.uk
Local Accountants for Local Businesses

Repairs to Cookers, Washers and other
domestic appliances. Also TVs Tuned.

Contact: Kevin Moore

Tel: 01434 684736

Mr George's Museum of Time



- Watch and clock museum

- Specialist repair workshop

(Mechanical, quartz, batteries and straps)

- Gift shop

2 Ratcliffe Road, Haydon Bridge, (next to the Co-op)

www.timeforgeorge.co.uk

The Barber Bus

This service will be performed by none other than your local barber Susan – 25 years experience.

The Barber Bus combines a modern day service of doorstep convenience and modern cuts to a very high standard performed in the bus.

Haircut	£7.50	Under 6s	£6
Head Shave	£6	OAPs	£6
Beard Trim	£2.50	Girls Fringes	£2.50

Family deal 3x cuts £20

07712609057 – also on Facebook

Parked on Church Street 12:30 – 5pm (approx.)

2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month.



Curlew Accounting

"Accountancy with a personal approach"

Based in Hexham, but providing services throughout the North East & Cumbria.

www.curlewoffcounting.com

Email: paul@curlewoffcounting.com

Tel: 07950 972152

HAYDONIAN

COMMUNITY LOUNGE & BAR

POOL • DARTS • LIVE TV

Shaftoe Street, Haydon Bridge, NE47 6BQ 01434 684 383
Traditional Ales, Heineken & Coors Beers, Guinness.

Available for Weddings, Birthdays,
Funerals and Anniversaries

Village fund raising welcome.

Bingo:

Sunday at 8:00pm & Wednesday at 8:30pm,

Join our Social Club for £5 and take advantage of our
Cheaper drinks, loyalty card & free room hire

For parties

*The General Havelock,
Riverside Inn*

01434684376

Email:

generalhavelock@aol.com

Opening times:

Mon., Bar only 5:00-11:00

Tues-Sat 12-3:00:5.00-12.00

Sunday 12.00-11.00

2nd Friday of the month from 7.00

"Woody's Pie and Mash Club"

Last Tuesday of the month from 7.90

"FILM & FOOD NIGHT"

AA Pub Guide 2020

Tripadvisor 2020

Highly Recommended

LANGLEY



CASTLE

Open throughout the year for

Morning Coffee

Light Lunches

Cream Teas

Restaurant lunch/dinner

Accommodation

01434 688888

www.langleycastle.com

THE GET IT TOGETHER SOCIETY

The Get It Together Society are thrilled to announce the return of the

NEW YEAR'S EVE FIREWORKS DISPLAY

Same place, same time, see you there.

Marshals are always needed on the day
during set-up from 3pm

until the end of the display at midnight.

If you can help, please contact Pauline
on Facebook (Pauline Johnson Wallis)

Or email: pjwallis58@gmail.com



ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS IN THE HAYDON NEWS

The Haydon News is delivered to 1,150 homes in the parish every month
Contact us to discuss our advertising options
hntreasurer@gmail.com

Beauty

The Barber Bus 07712 609 057

Childcare

Little Badgers 01434 684 446

Church Contacts

Methodist Church

Deacon Anne Taylor 01434 220 283

Catholic Churches

Father Jeffrey Dodds 01434 603 119

St. Cuthbert's Anglican Church

Pippa Exham 01434 684 239

Gill Valentine 07711 110 850

Henshaw Church

Anne Galbraith 01434 684 302

Councillor Contacts

Esmond Faulks (Chair)- faulksesmond@gmail.com
01434 684 329

Jo Bates- jobates@farmveterinaryservices.co.uk
01434 684 321

Ida Burrows- idaburr@gmail.com
Eileen Charlton eileen.charlton505@btinternet.com
01434 684 505

Brian Howard Br1anhoward@aol.com
07711 033 590

Jonathan Keyte jonathan.keyte@btinternet.com
07765 845 726

Avril Kirsopp avril_kirsopp@hotmail.com
Kelly Richardson richardsonkelly00@gmail.com
07732 260 415

Richard Snowdon rads01@btinternet.com
David Thornhill dave.thornhill7759@gmail.com
Jo Thompson 01434 684376

Health and Care

Haydon Bridge and Allendale
Medical Practice 01434 684 216

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:

D & J Oliver Electrical 01434 688 132
07730 533 348

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

GS Double Glazing 01434 688 804
01434 608 619

07801 574 799
Heritage Country Gardening 07585 115 000

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

Violets Tableware Hire 07735 462 671

Garage

The Anchor Garage 01434 684 345
07903 049 147

Legal and Clerical

CI Accountancy 01434 601 133
Curlew Accounting 07950 972 152

Nicholson Clark 07970 651 615

Shops

Claire's Newsagents 01434 684 303
Fresh & Thyme 07710 445 227

07464 760 927
Mr Georges Museum of Time 01434 688 055

Murray Farmcare 01434 684 248
Stephen Brooks Solid Fuel 01434 684 348

Venues

HB Community Centre 01434 684 705

**GENERAL HAVELOCK
RENOWNED CHRISTMAS PUDDINGS**

**HOME
MADE**



**DO NOT
CONTAIN NUTS**

FOR SALE FROM EARLY DECEMBER

The Haydon News Committee

Alex Kinsey (Editor), Pauline Wallis (Chair), Pat Hirst (Secretary), Mark Weldon (Treasurer), Richard Woodley (Distribution co-ordinator), Peter Parker, John Wallis, Michelle Gregg

The editorial policy of the Haydon News is the responsibility of the Committee, although day to day responsibility is delegated to the editor. Our intention is always to ensure that the content of the Haydon News is as fair and factually correct as possible. Any complaints concerning editorial policy should be addressed in writing to the Chair and will be considered by and receive a formal response from the Committee. Complaints other than those made above will not be entertained. The Editor reserves the right to decide which letters/articles are to be published, and to alter or shorten letters/articles when necessary.

Anonymous letters/articles will NOT be published. A nom-de-plume may be used if the Editors know the author's name and address.