

# THE HAYDON NEWS

June 2022

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The Haydon Parish Neighbourhood Plan Referendum is to be held on 30 June 2022.

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The power and value of volunteers is a recurring theme in this month's issue, from those who organize the Haydon Bridge Festival, the Scouts, the Neighbourhood Plan and those who have taken the time to write articles this month.

Thanks to everyone who has been involved in this issue. And speaking of volunteers... if anyone would be able and interested in helping with the editorial production of the magazine, I would particularly love to hear from you!

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

All the best  
Alex

editor@haydon-news.co.uk

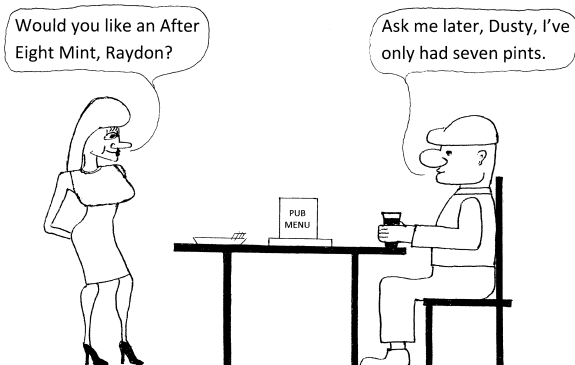
## Charity quiz nights at the General Havelock, Haydon Bridge

Our quizzes after our post-Covid return have proved to be very popular and it's been good to hear the sound of folk enjoying each other's company. The next quiz is on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June. At present we have no target charity for giving at this event, nominations are welcome.

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

**Correction:** The May issue's Parish Council minutes wrongly attributed Phil Harley as involved in the proposed cycle path. The correct name is Phil Hartley. Apologies to both Phil Harley and Phil Hartley for the confusion.

### RAYDON FRIDGE and DUSTY BINN



## New history and visitor's guide to St Cuthbert's

### St. Cuthbert's Parish Church Haydon Bridge

#### A Short History and Visitor's Guide

By Dennis Telford



*Goodness and mercy all my life  
shall surely follow me,  
And in God's house for evermore  
my dwelling place shall be.*

*23rd Psalm of David*

In May's Haydon News, the Reverend Gill Alexander's Clergy Letter emphasised the importance of 'stories' in our daily lives.

A new history and guide to St. Cuthbert's Parish Church is now available and I think you will agree that the church, its memorials and associated stories, are fascinating.

The booklet is available at St. Cuthbert's and will soon be on sale in The Bridge Library and our village retailers.

*Dennis Telford*

## MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HAYDON PARISH COUNCIL AT 7.30PM ON THE 28th OF APRIL 2022, AT LANGLEY VILLAGE HALL.

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

### **Public participation –**

Doris Engelmayer-Wardle said that she was in the process of buying a 4 acre site near New Alston. She intended to start a business there and was seeking the PCs views on this. She plans to buy Fell House, which includes the woodland. She plans to build a log cabin and campsite on the land. There is an existing foundation, 20 x 10 yards wide, in the wood and this would be used as the foundation for the cabin. The cabin would be Scandinavian style, very basic, where people could experience the atmosphere of the place and get away from it all. As well as the cabin, there would be a six-bed bunk room, providing for up to 10 people in total. She hoped that it would be used by those working on the Duke of Edinburgh award, as well as Scouts, with everything kept as flexible as possible. In the woods small islands would be cleared to allow tents. Compost toilets would be used, and when funding allowed a shower room for the log cabin. She explained that adults with disabilities don't often get to experience this sort of thing, and through the various special needs groups in Hexham she hoped to provide access to it. A footpath allowing wheelchair access into the woods would be created. Ms Engelmayer-Wardle has been doing Duke of Edinburgh Award work at Dilston and the biggest hurdles is to find a campsite with wheelchair access, and an accessible toilet. Special events could be provided including Saturday morning sessions for families with children to enjoy woodcrafting, lantern making and marsh-mallow roasting. Ms Engelmayer-Wardle said her plan was to live in the cottage, where there is a generator, but no mains water. Cllr Bates said that the water supply would be important for the business, and the quality of the water would need to be regularly monitored. A bore hole has been recommended already, and this would also be useful for the farm. It is hoped to provide a car park using two existing gaps in the boundary wall, but only 3-4 cars would be expected. Cllr Sharp said he was familiar with the site and decent parking/turning space would be needed. Planning permission would be needed if a campsite was to be created. Cllr Sharp said he would be happy to visit the site and give some advice. A Prosperity Fund is coming in shortly, which would look to assist new businesses. All were in support, and Cllr Thornhill said that it would be a non-intrusive development which would add to the area. He said he was sure the PC would want to support it. Ms Engelmayer-Wardle left the meeting.

**Apologies** – were received from Cllr E. Charlton, B. Howard and J. Keyte.

**Declarations of interest** – none received.

**Minutes of previous meeting** – having been circulated, were agreed and signed with the following amendment –

Cllr Thornhill queried why a planning application Low Hall had been supported. The Clerk explained that following discussion about this at the last meeting, it had been agreed that she would wait to respond until Cllr Howard had visited the owners of the property again. Cllr Howard had said that they had accepted advice from the PC, and he had asked the Clerk to Support the existing application.

### **Report from Northumberland County Council –**

The new bin on Peelwell corner has now been installed and is being used. Drains have now been cleared on North Bank, Station Road, Church Street and on Strothers Close. The drain outside 45-47 Strothers Close had also been cleaned. With regards to the drain behind the Community Centre NCC have looked at this problem and it appears that builders waste has been tipped within the gully pot. This drain is on private land and Cllr Sharp is trying to persuade NCC to deal with this matter in case it effects other drains in the vicinity.

The rumble strips on the road going up to the cemetery in front of Shaftoe School will be replaced but the timing of this will be dependent on the weather. The tar around the radius kerb along from the memorial on Church Street has been relayed but there are some gullies still to be cleared because once again when they went out to attend to them cars were parked over the gullies. NCC are hoping to attend to these issues next week.

Stone and gravel has now been cleared from the Green Lane Bridleway beside West Lands End. Cllr Sharp had inspected this earlier in the week and still felt that further work was required to the bridleway ditches and he has mentioned this to NCC.

Ditches at various locations around Langley will be being attended to over the next two months. Cllr Sharp is still pressing for re-surfacing work to be done on the road from North Bank to Grindon. Work on the A686 from the junction on the A69 to Esp Hill has not yet started, but as previously reported this is in the Local Transport Programme to be done in this new financial year and Cllr Sharp is pressing for this to be done urgently.

The planning application for Low Hall will now be going to the planning meeting in May.

There had been a zoom meeting in the last week to discuss the feasibility study on the road improvements beside Woodhall Mill. Cllr Richard Snowdon and some of the residents met with the NCC on site. Cllr Sharp hoped that the feasibility study will be available before the next meeting for further comments.

## Highways –

a) Cllr Bates said that in March/April thousands of frogs and toads crossed the road at Langley to reach Langley Dam to spawn. She asked whether signs warning motorists could be installed at the top and bottom of the relevant section of road. Cllr Sharp agreed to request this at NCC.

b) Cllr Burrows reported that potholes at Greenwich Gardens, caused by lorries travelling around the estate, have not been dealt with. The Clerk will report this.

c) Cllr Richardson said that there were also potholes near Foundry Yard. The Clerk will report this.

**Lighting** – nothing to report.

## Planning applications –

22/00965/FUL – Construction of new rear terrace with accessible path to garden, reconstruction of front balcony, reconstruction of front entrance steps, replacement of all windows, insertion of roof lights and internal re-arrangements at Highfield House, Heugh House Lane – NO OBJECTIONS.

21/03704/FUL – HAYDON PARISH COUNCIL STRONGLY OBJECTS TO THIS RETROSPECTIVE APPLICATION.

**Accounts** – as in budget.

## Correspondence –

a) Northumberland National Park Authority had written with details of the Draft Management Plan consultation, which ends on the 15th of May.

## Parish projects –

**a) Development Trust** – Nothing to report.

**b) Climate champions** – Cllr Thompson said that she and Cllr Howard had not yet had a meeting with Siobhan Stephenson, but they were in correspondence with her.

## Any other business –

a) Cllr Kirsopp said that the dog bag dispenser, recently installed on the old bridge, was already empty. The Clerk will ask the Handyman to refill it.

b) Members of the public had been asking about overhanging trees at Lands End Road again. Cllr Bates confirmed that Bellways own the land and are therefore responsible. They have said that local residents are welcome to employ a tree surgeon to prune them back. Cllr Thornhill wondered if they were a traffic hazard and therefore NCC would need to take action. Cllr Sharp said that he would ask someone at NCC to take a look at them.

c) Cllr Kirsopp asked whether roads on the Showfield estate were now adopted by NCC. Cllr Sharp said that if the housing development was now completed then they should be. He will check with NCC.

d) Cllr Thompson said that Cllr Howard had made contact with the owners of Anchor Court to enquire whether it could be used to house refugees. He had been told that they had prospective tenants from June. Cllr Howard had requested that the situation be monitored. Cllr Thornhill asked if change of use would be required if the tenants did not need assisted living. Cllr Sharp confirmed that the planning department would need to be consulted as additional parking would be required if this was the case.

e) Cllr Thompson said that the Clerk had passed on an email from Karbon Homes regarding funding for Jubilee events held on their land.

However when the GITS had tried to access it they had been unsuccessful. Similarly, when Cllr Bates had tried to access funding from NCC she had been unable to get anything. Cllr Bates said that if all funding had been used up then it should say so on the website, rather than waste people's time applying. Cllr Sharp said that he would make a donation, and the GITS have already started fundraising with a quiz at the Havelock and a coffee morning at the Community Centre.

f) Cllr Thornhill said that the administrators of Haydon Bridge Matters were still receiving the odd advert, but these are being removed and things seem to have settled down. A query had been received about where the line is drawn and he explained that any profit making operation is rejected. However, something like the football club, which is not for profit, would be allowed, as are genuine endorsements.

g) Cllrs Kirsopp and Thompson wondered whether the PC was happy to go ahead with hanging baskets again. All agreed that they did and that the baskets looked fantastic last year.

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## PHILIP LARKIN AND MONICA JONES CENTENARIES

Dear Dennis,

**Larkin100** is an organisation that is working alongside the Philip Larkin Society to promote the centenary of Larkin's birth, this year.

My vision is to have something happening in as many Larkin 'places' as possible and we have made some progress in persuading a number of organisations to run Philip Larkin inspired events of some kind in places like Coventry, Leicester Oxford, Wellington, and even the Channel Islands, where Philip used to holiday.

My mind is now turning to Haydon Bridge and also to the fact that it was Monica's 100th birthday on May 8th of this year. I'm wondering whether this might be something that could be marked in some way in Haydon Bridge, at a later moment during the year?

We're just about to launch a YouTube channel for the Larkin Society, which might be one way of getting something out there, and maybe there is an option for having an evening in the General Havelock pub as you did last time?

I'd be happy to come up and do some filming or take part in any kind of event.

We are also running a very successful podcast called 'Tiny In All That Air', which featured Monica in the May edition. Anyway, it would be good to know your thoughts.

All good wishes,  
Philip Pullen.

**It is eight years since we celebrated Monica's years in Haydon Bridge; if any readers or groups would like to organise a village event to mark Philip and/or Monica centenaries, please contact the editor or: [dennistelford636@btinternet.com](mailto:dennistelford636@btinternet.com)**

# Haydon Parish Neighbourhood Plan - Voting for Community Issues

A plan to give the community of Haydon Bridge more control over key issues to the parish, including new housing development, transport, the climate emergency, renewable energy and how we heat our homes now needs your support by voting.

Haydon Parish Council has produced the Neighbourhood Plan in consultation with local residents and organisations. Over two years, the council has worked with local people to address the key priorities that the community has identified for the next ten years.

Residents are now asked to take part in a local referendum to bring the plan into force, which will be held on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June.

## What's in the Neighbourhood Plan

The plan includes a range of planning policies which will be used to help the County Council determine housing, development, planning and the built and historic environment.

Alongside this, the climate emergency is at the heart of the plan, with policies that focus on the impact of climate change, energy efficiency and flood prevention, as well as protecting the natural landscape of the area and protection of local green spaces, walks, picnic and play areas. It covers the protection of local facilities and services to ensure the sustainability of the village centre and local economy through supporting business and tourism development, along with agriculture and diversification. Transport and accessibility is another key aspect, through promoting sustainable transport, parking, public transport, cycling and cycling routes and electric vehicles.

The County Council's county level Local Plan required parishes such as Haydon to have a certain level of new housing development up to 2036. The Neighbourhood Plan includes a number of policies (and supporting documents such as a Design Code, which is a part of the plan, and a housing needs assessment) that specifically aim to ensure that new development is sustainable and is of a type and in a location that meets the needs of the parish. There is also a focus on protecting our heritage and the conservation area.

## Voting

A referendum asks you to vote 'yes' or 'no' to a question. For this referendum you will receive a ballot paper with this question: *"Do you want Northumberland County Council and Northumberland National Park Authority to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Haydon Parish Neighbourhood Area to help decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?"*

You vote by putting a cross (X) in the 'Yes' or 'No' box on your ballot paper. If more people vote 'Yes' than 'No' in this referendum, then Northumberland County Council and



Northumberland National Park Authority will use the Haydon Parish Neighbourhood Plan to help decide planning applications in the Parish of Haydon.

If more people vote 'No' than 'Yes', then planning applications will continue to be decided without using the Haydon Parish Neighbourhood Plan. Instead planning applications would be decided using policies in the Northumberland Local Plan and the Northumberland National Park Local Plan.

## Where to view the plan and supporting documents

The Haydon Parish Neighbourhood Plan and supporting documents can be viewed:

- At the Bridge Library on Church Street which will have paper copies to read.
- on the County Council's website at: [www.northumberland.gov.uk/ourplan](http://www.northumberland.gov.uk/ourplan)
- Or by scanning the QR code below with your smartphone or tablet camera



# Haydon Bridge Festival

The Haydon Bridge Festival returns this month after a 2-year hiatus during the pandemic.

Originally established around 15 years ago as the Haydon Bridge Beer Festival, in 2015 a new group was set up to run the event as the first Haydon Bridge Festival. Before the pandemic put a stop to everything in 2020, the festival raised over £18,000 in 5 years for local charities and good causes.

This year's festival is being organized by two members of the existing committee, Paula Collis and Brian Alderson, with new members Kim Wright, Danielle Webster and Rebecca Mulder.

Rebecca spoke to us about this year's event; 'The main focus of the festival is raise money for local charities and good causes and provide a fantastic family friendly event for the people of Haydon Bridge, Hexham and the surrounding area.

As usual we'll have great live music, locally sourced food vendors and our bar serving real ales, wine, prosecco, lager, cider etc! We try to source all of our entertainment, food vendors and drink providers from local companies.'

'Five years ago, the organisation was taken over by Brian Alderson, Paula Collis and Kim Wright. Danielle Webster and I were asked to join the team this year. As a team we feel very privileged to be able to bring the festival to the community.'

The main benefactors this year are two charities; FACT (Fighting All Cancer's Together) and The Compassionate Friends (TCF) Hexham.

FACT is a North East based Charity who offer a range of non-clinical services for people diagnosed with cancer, as well as their families, friends and carer. FACT has helped families and individuals from across the whole North East region but more specifically provides regular support to over 300 people/ families in Haydon Bridge and surrounding areas.  
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The Compassionate Friends (TCF) Hexham is a Charitable organisation of bereaved parents, siblings and grandparents dedicated to the support and care of other similar bereaved family members who have suffered the death of a child or children of any age and from any cause. [www.tcf.org.uk](http://www.tcf.org.uk). Local causes within the community will also benefit.

'The success of the festival would not be possible without the generosity of local businesses and businesses in the area that very kindly support the festival. We have had a great response this year and our thanks as organisers goes out to all of these companies for their generosity.'

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## Scouting for leaders


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You have an enormous amount to offer and don't need any previous experience or special skills, you will meet some extraordinary people, have many new experiences and gain all sorts of new knowledge and capabilities.


Scouting can only happen when people in our community step forward to give these kids an opportunity to develop and thrive independently outside the school or family environment, so why not give it a go, at the very least you will learn what a woggle actually is!

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Nearly into June, which means only six months to December (I refuse to say the 'C' word), but it also means halfway through the year.

Some while ago Mr G. and me planned another Scottish tour - mainly because by about halfway through the year we knew we would like to have something to look forward to - not travelling by train this time, but by car.

He'd expressed a wish to get more acquainted with bonnie Scotland and we decided to do a little trip around the area I was born and brought up in, which is the East Neuk of Fife. It is a part of the country he has never been to and well worth a visit in my opinion.

It may not be the capital of the country or hold pride of place for mountains and glens, but St Andrews, where I was born and that Eastern coastline in general is beautiful in its own way.

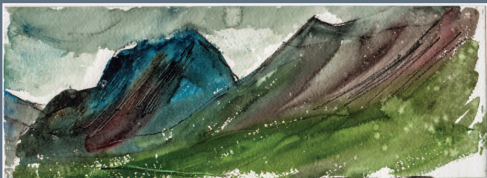
It boasts one of the best universities in the world (my eldest son was lucky enough to attend there), it has one of the most prestigious drinking holes (no. 19), attended by golfers from all over the world - some famous and some not so famous.

This Kingdom also extends to other personages: Alexander Selkirk - (author of Robinson Crusoe), Andrew Carnegie - (industrialist and philanthropist), known in America in the late 19th century. More recently in the 20th century : Ian Rankin (Author), Gordon Brown (ex PM), Jimmy Shand (accordion player and traditional Scottish musician) and The Proclaimers who have indeed rolled for 500 miles and many many more .....

There are numerous others, needless to say, but these prominent Scots are detracting me from my point. This particular coastal locale with its piscatorial villages that nestle by the sea for mile after mile, castles, monuments and lochs, fables, myths and history from centuries ago also has a lot to offer.

Hopefully my husband will come away from this corner of Scotland and the UK with some more in depth knowledge of its sometimes hidden treasures and I can re-acquaint myself with the bits of it I have always loved.

Needless to say, surely no-one can visit Scotland without trying some traditional Scottish fare - we are both really looking forward to the thought of dining on any of the following delights ; haggis, grouse, oatcakes and smokies to name but a few. We shall make a point of visiting Anstruther and definitely be tempted to try whatever freshly caught fish they are offering. BUT - who can leave Scotland without trying Irn Bru or quaffing a wee dram - not us! Can't wait!



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**Alexander the Great**

There has been an establishment for military training on Dartmoor since the 19<sup>th</sup> century and by 1895 the War Department had acquired all the necessary land leases required for a permanent camp just south of Okehampton (as the Field Artillery Practice Camp). Today, it provides spartan accommodation for up to 720 military personnel on a temporary basis. Dartmoor gives scope for the challenge and space needed for light force tactical training, making good use of the open expanses of the moor, the rough terrain and the sometimes demanding climate.

And it was bleak, in terms of weather, location and accommodation. We were billeted in a couple of buildings which provided us with metal bed frames, broken springs and a paper thin mattress, communal showers and very basic cooking facilities. If there was any heating it was negligible; in keeping with most other aspects of the camp, it was probably broken.

For the first part of the week, we were joined by a couple of Physical Training Instructors (PTIs) who led the climbing and canoeing activities. We were also fortunate enough to include amongst our number the husband of one of the teachers at school who was at the time a serving Major in The Second Battalion, Parachute Regiment (2 Para), known as Big Den. Den had seen active service in the Falklands a few years earlier and, in typically modest fashion, was never comfortable when asked about his participation, although his contribution to the success of the operation was considerable. He did, however, recount one story about the journey home when members of 2 Para were billeted on the same troopship as soldiers from 3 Commando Brigade, predominantly Royal Marines. All were happily enjoying a few beers together when an argument developed and a full scale punch up ensued; Den reckoned that the medics were busier that evening than they had been in the actual conflict!

I spent the first few days on minibus duty, ferrying the cadets between activities. Having no head for heights, I steadfastly refused any offer of participating in the climbing and abseiling, but enjoyed the opportunity to hone my kayaking skills on Meldon Reservoir. Evenings were spent by the cadets playing impromptu games of football whilst the adults were trying to prepare hot meals, followed by supervised sessions on the assault course and various initiative exercises.

The highlight of the week, however, was a 36 hour navigation exercise from Ivybridge on the south side of the moor back to camp, with an overnight bivvie at Little Mis Tor, north of Princetown. I was attached to a group of eight cadets; although I had plenty of experience of walking in Snowdonia and the Brecon Beacons, and had reasonable knowledge of Dartmoor after four years at Exeter University, I had no Mountain Leadership qualifications and was asked to intervene only if the boys were in danger of getting lost. The first day provided good visibility, although the wind on the tops was biting cold, and the trek to Little Mis Tor was uneventful. A colleague was waiting at the bivvie site in the Landie (minibuses would not have been able to cope with the track) and we left the cadets to set up camp while we went to ‘check in with the Park Ranger’ – the beer at the Prince of Wales in Princetown went down particularly well. As we approached the bivvie site upon our return, the cadets were conspicuous by their absence; we eventually found them hiding behind some of the stones. I turned out that, although we had permission to camp there, but some regular squaddies out on exercise had mistaken the cadets for ‘the enemy’ and had stormed the camp until they realised their error. No real harm done, but one cadet did mention that he had tried to bribe the invaders with cigarettes!

After a few hours’ sleep in the back of the Landie, day two began early with preparations for breakfast followed by striking camp. We set off northwards but after a couple of hours, the mist began to close in and soon we found ourselves in the middle of a real pea-souper. The only way of ensuring a safe return to camp was to take a bearing, send a cadet out along that bearing until he was almost invisible then regather at that point and repeat the painstaking process until we eventually hit a road, Remarkably, we were only 300 metres out over a distance of almost 11 kilometres, but the appearance of the road met with universal exhilaration, and we completed the remaining 3 kilometres in good heart, despite being wet, cold and tired.

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This month finds me embarked upon a long list of tasks relating to my health – most of which I have been putting off for far too long. Not long ago I dealt with my failing hearing - but am not so certain that I was missing very much !!! My mobility has been a major concern for many years, a souvenir from those long-distance walks (30 +m miles) and the quick injections from my physio which kept me going. By the age of 75 I found myself with almost nothing left in my knees and sharp intakes of breath from a physio friend. It has taken the wider medical events of the last two years (Covid pandemic) to bring the realities of life and living into sharper focus despite finding myself being labelled, very much against my will, “Elderly”. One thing I have managed to do is to catch up with my reading and one book in particular has jumped straight into this review of my life. Joe Shute’s ‘Forecast. A Diary of the Lost Seasons’ (Bloomsbury Wildlife 2021), a random off the shelf gift from my son is superb. Shute begins *‘It takes three weeks for Spring to travel up the country, moving north-east at a rate of about 2 mph. As I drove along the A1 in the early days of the first spring of the new decade, I wondered at which point I had passed it by. There was nothing else to overtake but rising sap, roadside blossom and unfurling leaves. The Great North Road was so deserted I could drift across the white motorway lines.’* Shute explores the space for review offered by Lockdown and takes us into a vital aspect of life which should alarm us and that is CHANGE. It is vital that the life changes that are taking place around us are perceived in their fullness and are acted upon.

Our rural community is one in which there is a keen awareness of day-by-day changes in the weather and of the course of the seasons. In here lie profit and loss, fulfilment and despair. The beginning of April is one of those critical times of year. Barns sound with fecundity of breeding ewes while the weather outside can threaten lethal cold, suffocating snowdrifts and soaking rain. History supplies many accounts of blizzards during and after lambing, traditionally referred to as ‘lambing storms’ - that awful sound at dawn of crows eagerly feasting on lambs lying dead in the snow. Hills covered in snow at the end of March were a warning of possibilities but there were no further falls and apart from isolated patches, the uplands were mainly clear after three days.

An active depression took control of the weather between the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. This brought some very strong westerly winds and the majority of the month’s rainfall, the wettest day (10.4 mm) being the 6<sup>th</sup>. As the depression moved away, the sky cleared bringing night frosts but also some sunny spells. The frosts were generally light while some of the warmer patches exceeded 18 deg C (19.2 deg C on the 16<sup>th</sup>). This sudden arrival of spring warm began to bring on the fruit blossom. Anticyclonic conditions became well-established by the 15<sup>th</sup> and dominated the weather for much of the remainder of the month. The winds came from a variety of directions including E/NE which pulled night temperatures down to just below freezing – possibly for the last time this side of summer. At the end of the month surface water flows continued to be low. When did you plant your taties?

Apologies: there are no jokes this month – too much time spent receiving medical attention – I will try to smile again in June.

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
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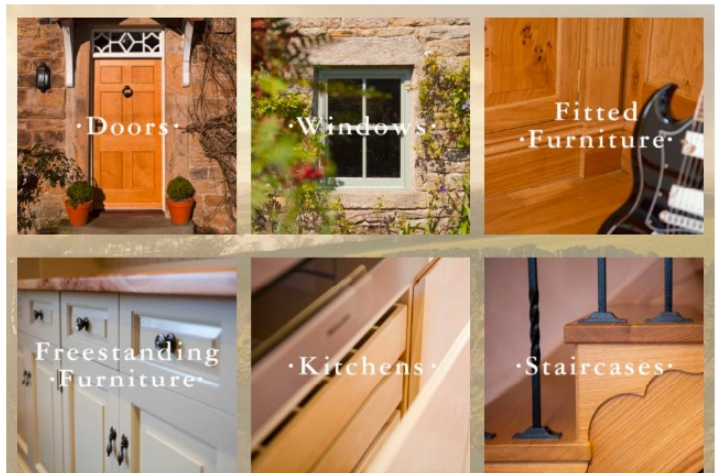
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This June the Queen celebrates 70 years of faith and service. On becoming Queen preparations were made for her Coronation - new coins were to be minted, new stamps printed and new robes made. What some people forget is that she had to prepare herself spiritually and emotionally for the task before her. The then Archbishop of Canterbury Geoffrey Fisher wrote a book of private devotions for the Queen to be used leading up to the Coronation. Elizabeth was not born to be Queen, it was only when her Uncle abdicated and her Father became King that she became next in line to the throne - with the death of her father at 56, she became Queen in her twenties.

The first words in the devotions were taken from the Bible 'Show me your ways, Lord, teach me your paths. Guide me in your truth and teach me for you are God, my Saviour and my hope is in you all day long.' Psalm 25: v 4-5

### The Queen turned to and put her trust in God.

She said, 'I have not chosen this office for myself, He (God) has appointed me to it, and I go to be consecrated to it by him.' Elizabeth felt God had chosen her for this role. 'By accepting her role, the Queen sacrificed her personal preferences and private life to adopt a life of duty and service in obedience to God's call, trusting him to lead her.' She knew it was not a role she could undertake alone. On her 21st birthday Princess Elizabeth asked for her peoples' support and God's help.

'I declare before you all that my whole life whether it be long or short shall be devoted to your service and the service of our great imperial family to which we all belong. But I shall not have strength to carry out this resolution alone unless you join me, as I now invite you to do: I know that your support will be unfailingly given. God help me to make good my vow, and God bless all of you who are willing to share it' it is a prayer God answered,

although life's journey had taken an unexpected turn the Queen put her trust in God and drew strength from him for the task ahead. At the heart of the Coronation hidden from the view of the cameras, the Queen was anointed with oil. Anointing symbolically sets people apart for service - God's anointing makes the difference between an ordinary human life and a life empowered by God's Holy Spirit. Through her anointing and the prayers of her people God equipped the Queen for her role. Just as God has equipped the Queen for her role as Sovereign and answered her prayers, Christians believe that God wants to equip each of us for our roles in life and invites us to talk to him in prayer so he can answer our prayers too. Excerpts taken from the booklet Our Faithful Queen, 70 years of Faith and service by Catherine Butcher (Hope Together, Biblica, The international Bible society)

# Historical Notes of Haydon Bridge

By Dennis Telford

## 'The King is dead, long live the Queen'

- February 6th, 1952 -

**This month, I take you back to 1952 and 1953 in Haydon Bridge, as we celebrate Queen Elizabeth's 70 year Platinum Jubilee on June 2nd, 2022.**

### June 1952

When the headmaster Mr. Waite and our teacher Miss Usher spoke in hushed tones at the classroom door, and Miss Usher turned to our class with tears in her eyes, we knew that something serious was amiss.

Fighting back her emotions, Miss Usher told us:

**"The King, George, is dead. And the school will be closed for the rest of the day."**

As 10 and 11 year olds, I doubt we fully understood the solemnity of the occasion, in fact I'm ashamed to say that I probably ran down the school bank and along Shaftoe Street with my class mates, cheering loudly at the thought of a day off school.

Oh dear! But you cannot put an old head on young shoulders, and that's my excuse.

King George VI died on Wednesday February 6th, 1952 aged 56 years and his daughter Elizabeth was told of her father's death in Kenya, while on holiday. Queen Elizabeth ascended the throne on February 6th, and her coronation would take place sixteen months later, on Tuesday June 2nd, 1953.

In Haydon Bridge on February 6th, 1952 the school flag was lowered to half mast, the Haydon Hunt's Whist Drive and Hunt Ball were cancelled and the Women's Institute meeting began with a two minute silence.

On Thursday 7th, 1952 we returned to Shaftoe Trust School and our preparations with Miss Usher for the Grading Examination or '11+'. The pupils who passed the examination would go to Hexham Grammar School in September and the 'failures' remained at Shaftoe Trust school. *(Later, Miss Usher married and became Mrs. Hobday, by which time she was teaching my own children.)*

- June 1953 -

The Coronation at Westminster Abbey was held on Tuesday June 2nd, 1953. The first coronation to be shown on television.

At Haydon Bridge, the Parish Council decided that the celebrations for Queen Elizabeth's coronation would be best staged with funds raised in the community by public subscription. No more than £40, or a one penny rate, was to be used from the rates.

On the big day, the gardens down John Martin Street were full of Lobelia, Lupins, Honesty and Peonies; providing appropriate red, white and blue colour. Throughout the village, the houses and the Reading Room were decorated with bunting and pictures of the Queen. Particularly impressive, as I recall it, was Jimmy Taylor's house fronting onto the main road at the west end of Innerhaugh. *(As Innerhaugh looked in 1953.)* All the woodwork was painted red, white and blue for the occasion.

Our school was closed, but we met at Shaftoe Trust and left there in a fancy - dress parade, headed by decorated vehicles and the Haydon Bridge Silver Band. The parade and the rest of the day's activities were partly spoiled by a cold north-westerly and the sports in the cricket field at Haydon Park were postponed until Monday the 8th. Nevertheless, the costumes and tableaux were judged by Colonel and Mrs. Allen, Mr. and Mrs. J.J. Straker, Mr. E. Waite the school headmaster, Mrs. Bunce, Mrs. J.D. Wood and Mrs. W. Morris.

The best dressed car was Stan Walker's and the horse drawn vehicle was John Batey's. The members of the Fire Service dressed up as Haydon Bridge's 'Night of Terror', recalling a train derailment of Monday April 20th, and the resultant ammonia scare. *(See: [www.haydon-news.co.uk/backnumbers/August 2016](http://www.haydon-news.co.uk/backnumbers/August%2016))*

The young prize winners on June 2nd, 69 years ago, were: Joyce Armstrong, Kathleen Armstrong, David Brown, Keith Brown, David Coombes, Maureen and Margaret Gilchrist, Keith Kirsopp, Christine and Barbara Robinson, Peter Routledge, Jacqueline Sloan, Shirley Temperley and Charles Thompson.

A tea and film show was provided for the children and elderly parishioners in the Wesleyan Methodist Hall, which was on the site of the 2022 Community Centre on Ratcliffe Road. Fireworks and a bonfire on the Esp Hill farm 'showfield' attracted a large crowd, in spite of the weather.

Later in the evening, Matt Smith and Robert Harding were Masters of Ceremonies for a Coronation Dance in the Town Hall, where spot prizes were won by Bertie Brown and Isobel Charlton, and Teddie Reed and Mary McVay.

At the end of June, the Haydon Bridge Town Hall Cinema was packed to capacity as we relived the Queen's Coronation on newsreels and a full length feature film called, 'Elizabeth Queen'.



My own abiding memory of our Queen's Coronation is viewing the great event through what can best be described as a 'snow storm', on our new Pye television, recently purchased for the occasion. The village television signal was received from Pontop Pike and Haydon Bridge, and especially John Martin Street, had then and for many years later, notoriously poor reception. But even so, nothing could take away the excitement of watching the Queen's Coronation on our first television set on that Tuesday in 1953.

**Our parish councillors, of 1953, agreed to mark the memory of the Queen's Coronation with an engraved stone in the gable of the village's new bus shelter and toilets, on John Martin Street.**



I have combined my Notes on the history of Haydon Bridge and a memorial to our Queen Elizabeth's seventy years on the throne, with three photographs (right) showing the life, death and rebirth of a small site on John Martin Street - or as it was once called, 'Broadstone'.

The stone built cottage (top) was the home and business premises of Mr. T. Kirton the Clogger.

The next occupier was a Mr. Fatherley, and by the twentieth century, the cottage was much the worse for wear; the stone flags had fallen or been removed from the roof, exposing the substantial king post trusses, and the timber window frames had long ago rotted away.

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On a changeable first day, the Bridge hosted Wylam winning the toss and putting Wylam in. The visitors started brightly but were quickly halted by Liam Stephenson and then a hatrick from Ian Watson (4-19). A little late order resistance got Wylam to 65 all out with Thomas Waugh (2-20) and Dale Leadbitter (2-5) also weighing in. Haydon Bridge also lost early wickets but Jamie Taylor (17) and Ian Watson (10 not out) stabilised the innings to see the home team to a comfortable win.

Belsay couldn't raise a team and conceded the second game, so May brought a visit from Newton.

Haydon Bridge, batting first, were immediately in trouble at 1-2 until Liam Stephenson (14), Jamie Taylor (30), Dale Leadbitter (11) and Michael Cunningham (18) brought some respectability to the total, however an aggressive 45 not out by Gavin Boyd really brought Haydon Bridge back into the game at 133 all out.

Newton, in reply, lost wickets regularly with Tommy Waugh (3-14) and man of the match Boyd (3-23), the pick of the bowlers as they nudged nearer to the Bridge's total, however they ultimately fell only 4 runs short at 129-8 running out of overs.

Haydon Bridge then made the long trip to Mitford, last season's surprise package finishing a clear 3rd just behind Haydon Bridge. Mitford batted first and were immediately under pressure slumping to 15-4 until a fine mid-innings stand of 55 helped Mitford limp to 103 all out. Tommy Waugh (4-26,) and Jamie Taylor (3-5) were the pick of the bowlers.

In reply, two early stands settled the match with Jamie Taylor (18) and Dale Leadbitter (19) supporting the brilliant Robert Gibson (56no) to see the Bridge home with the loss of only 4 wickets.

So, a great start to the season for Haydon Bridge. There'll be tough tests ahead, most notably reigning champions Stamfordham away on 28th May but no early slip ups. The club, as always, are indebted to some of our local businesses whose sponsorship keep cricket in Haydon Bridge and allow us to keep going especially Richard Hines Joinery, Claire's Newsagents, Haydonian Club and Graham Reader Motor Repairs.

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