



THE HAYDON NEWS ON LINE



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THE HAYDON NEWS ON LINE

Hello again and I offer a welcome to existing and new on line readers of The Haydon News. Established in 1979 and preceded on and off for over forty five years by a church Parish Magazine, The Haydon News is published by the Friends of Haydon Bridge and is written, printed, collated and delivered by volunteers.

Around 1,000 copies of The Haydon News are distributed free of charge, ten months of the year, throughout the parish of Haydon in Tynedale, Northumberland.

The Haydon News on line doesn't replace this traditional publication but allows those living outside our delivery area, who have a connection with or an interest in the parish, to keep in touch.

Welcome again then to The Haydon News on line, a web site that will build throughout the coming months and already includes an archive of earlier editions.

Contributions to The Haydon News in the form of articles or letters are welcome, especially from those with a family connection within the parish.

Please email us. email: editors@haydon-news.co.uk

Dennis Telford. (Chairman)

Friends of Haydon Bridge.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

As far as I understand it, Northumberland County Council, as part of its bid for unitary authority status, came up with the notion of listening to and taking account of local views and needs through the development of 'Belonging Communities' and 'Characteristic Communities'. Nice idea!

Cosy, comfortable sounding titles but just what do they mean for local communities and the delivery of local services?

The answer to that is no one really knows at present.

We're working on it. But it will happen by 2009!

What is known is which parishes will be grouped together to form a 'Belonging Community', except that since the concept was introduced some parishes have objected to the groupings proposed by NCC, so at present we're not quite sure to which community we belong. Haydon, as reported last month, have requested links with Allendale and West Allen rather than Hexham and Hexhamshire, as proposed by NCC.

Since then the Whitfield part of Whitfield and Plenneller have decided they would like to 'belong' to this grouping. That of course would require changes to their parish boundary.

So while we are all positioning ourselves questions are being raised about the composition of the 'Community Forum' that will represent the 'Belonging Community'. What will be the role of parish councils? What services will parish councils and/or Belonging Communities be responsible for delivering? How will these be funded? How do councils link with the County Council? 'Characteristic Communities' will provide the answers but who/what are they? They're groups of 'Belonging Communities'! But.....

HAPPY CHRISTMAS.

MRP.

WELCOME TO THE PARISH OF HAYDON, NORTHUMBERLAND ENGLAND



FOLLOW THE PROGRESS OF THE HAYDON BRIDGE BYPASS

**These views were taken from above
the West Rattenraw junction of the
bypass.**

**They show how our countryside along
the Tyne valley is changing**

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Thank you

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Site construction by Henry Swaddle.

PARISH COUNCIL NOTES from the meeting in November 2007

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.

Following a complaint last month about the blocked pavement drains on Church St the council was informed that they are blocked with cement. In a letter received by the council a representative from the Highways Dept said that as people might catch their heels in them if they were cleaned out the Dept intend to leave the gutters as they are!

A member of the public reported that a section of a safety barrier on Shaftoe St had been missing for sometime and needed replacing.

A complaint was received that a sign erected by the by pass construction contractors blocked the view of the road for people turning out of Martins Close. A request will be made for it to be repositioned.

Two members of the public told the councillors that Taits Yard development plans had been resubmitted to the Planning Dept following amendment. They were informed that the council was aware of this and had included the item in the agenda for the meeting. They went on to remind the council that Brigwood lane is private and, as stated in residents' deeds, must be maintained by householders. They stated that some residents had paid over £300 per household to have the lane repaired and that they had maintained 'their section' with loose chippings etc. Their main objection was the planned new entrance to the Taits Yard Development moved from its present position near Victoria Terrace to opposite 1, Brigwood.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

9 councillors present.

Tynedale Council Minutes.

The parish council was informed that the main point of discussions in Tynedale Council at present was 'Belonging Communities'. Along with 'Characteristic Communities' they are likely to be the bodies delivering local services when the district councils are abolished and Northumberland becomes a unitary authority in 2009. The problem at present seems to be that no one knows how they will be formed or what, if any, services they will be responsible for delivering. Two parish councillors are to attend a meeting on Monday along with representatives from other Tynedale parish councils to find out more about these new tiers of local government and give their views on their formation and function. The future role of parish councils is also to be discussed as it seems likely that they will have increased responsibilities in the delivery of services.

Highways.

In response to the parish council's request for a 40mph speed limit on the A69 at its junction with the Alston road during the period of the by pass construction the Highways Agency replied that it could not agree to the request. It stated that the introduction of a speed limit at this point would cause accidents as the slower moving traffic on the A69 would cause the traffic waiting to join the road from the A686 to be delayed even longer and so encourage drivers to take more risks in trying to move onto the A69. The introduction of a speed limit on the A69 was also likely to cause nose to bumper crashes as traffic slowed unexpectedly.

Following a complaint from the council last month about restricted vision caused by the new signs at

Langley crossroads Northumberland Highways Department stated that drivers in low vehicles could see the road by looking under the signs and drivers in high vehicles could see over the signs. The councillors expressed their dissatisfaction with both these replies and are to communicate this to the two departments.

In a letter from NCC Highways the council was informed that it would be necessary to carry out a risk assessment on the paving blocks in Church St pavements before any changes could be made. As any alterations would prove expensive it was unlikely that any changes would take place unless the paving stones were out of alignment. This was in reply to the council's correspondence with the Dept following a number of trip/fall incidents in Church St. As the council feel there is an inherent problem with the type of paving used, councillors again expressed dissatisfaction with the reply and will respond to the Highways dept accordingly.

Planning.

Amendments to the plans for Taits Yard were discussed. It was difficult to ascertain the changes made but one councillor did point out that now all of Brigwood lane between Ratcliffe Rd and the corner in the lane was included in the development site. The council are to ask for clarification on this.

Parish Council Notes are continued on Page 16

PARISH COUNCILLORS

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Mrs. C McGivern
688020(after 6pm)



OUR 'CRUMBLING HERITAGE'

The, 'English Heritage Buildings At Risk Register', brings together all the Grade 1 and Grade II listed buildings and scheduled ancient monuments, known to be at risk, or on the way to becoming so.

The register focuses attention on these historic buildings and monuments to enable the scale of the problem, and the extent to which these important buildings are at risk, to be established. The information helps English Heritage to determine the practical advice and resources necessary, to help owners bring these buildings into good repair.

English Heritage lists three of the historic structures in our parish as being in the 'very bad condition' or 'poor condition' categories.

Chesterwood.

There are three scheduled defended farm houses, or bastles, at Chesterwood. Dating from between 1550 and 1650 they have played a major role in our parish's history and folk lore. English Heritage names two of the buildings, now reduced in height and used for general storage, as suffering from structural weakness to the gables.



Langley Barony Mines.

Better known to most readers perhaps as the Honeycrook lead mines or Joicey Shaft, the buildings are, according to the register, in a very bad condition; and I'm sure those of us who have visited the lead mining complex recently will agree.

The seclusion of the site and its difficult access, situated as it is alongside the densely wooded Honeycrook Burn, is



partly responsible for its deterioration. English Heritage cites 'tree and scrub growth and rabbit activity' as the major destructive influences.

Stublick.

The old colliery site at Stublick is famously, the finest example of an early 19c group of colliery buildings in the region. Although most of the buildings are in fair condition, the **beam engine house** 'is in urgent need of repair' and work will start on a grant aided project in the new year.



I will examine each of these sites in turn in my 'notes over the coming months.

CHESTERWOOD

16c Chesterwood seems to have been a defensible farm town with terraced bastle houses providing a ground floor byre below first floor accommodation, and enclosing a small green or yard into which animals could be driven. It is the lasting structure of these remaining substantial stone bastle houses that makes the hamlet an architectural treasure in our parish.

Perhaps the Chesterwood bastle best known to Haydonians is 'The Golf House'. The building is 9m x 6.3m with walls 900mm thick, external stone stairs and a blocked doorway visible on the north elevation.

Many of our older residents will be familiar with photographs of the early 20c golf course and 'club house'.

The stone structure was once an 18c cottage and is now an outbuilding, with the remains of the late 16c or early 17c bastle (or pele tower) built into the wall dividing 'The Golf House' and the next

door 'Old Pele House' cottage.

Interestingly, former Haydonian William Veitch tells me that his grandfather William Veitch and his grandmother Jane, lived in this cottage adjoining the Golf House bastle. William senior was the greenkeeper on the Chesterwood golf course and Jane was employed in the club house as a cook.

There are four other structures at Chesterwood whose features suggest converted post medieval bastle houses. A substantially altered rubble built house attached to 'Mellom Cottage' where a blocked up doorway can be seen on the first floor above the porch.

A building to the south east of the green at Chesterwood, with gables built of large pieces of rubble and re-built side walls.

And finally the two rubble built terraced bastles, now reduced in height and used as outbuildings and placed in the 'poor condition' category by English heritage.

So Chesterwood was an ancient farm 'towne' and part of Langley Barony, and yet compared to other similar early farm communities in the parish; for example Rattenraw, Lightbirks, Morralee and Lees, a trawl through the Barony records and earlier, provides little information about Chesterwood's history, until its 'enclosure' in 1792/93. Details from the sale particulars of Chesterwood Park in April 1873, drawn up by the Trustees of the will of James Ord, may shed some light on this, as they show that the property was held under a lease of 500 years, dating from 1654. Presumably the leaseholders and tenants at Chesterwood were allowed to continue their agriculture without interference from the administrators of the Barony, who were happy in the knowledge that their annual rent was guaranteed for such a long period. The ancient rent in 1654 was 20d per



THE GOLF CLUB HOUSE AT CHESTERWOOD

year for each of eight farms, a total in old money of thirteen shillings and fourpence. (Or almost 70 new pence per annum!)

The earliest reference to Chesterwood may be in 1296 when, 'Hugh of Chesterwood paid his taxes to the King'. A further reference occurs in 1369 when Anthony de Lucy was Lord of Langley Barony and we learn that, 'Chesterwood was held by Nicholas de Grendon'. By the early 17c the freehold of Chesterwood appears to have been in the possession of the Ridley family and it was sold in 1637 by William Ridley, along with his manors of Henshaw and Ridley, to Francis Neville of Chevet in Yorkshire.

In 1654, Francis Neville drew up leases with tenant farmers William Maughan, Thomas Robson and John Stevenson.

Subsequent leaseholders, tenants and/or owners at Chesterwood have included the Blacketts, Dickinsons, Nicholson, Eshtons, Ords and in the 20c the Rev. T.E. Crawhall, W.E. Wilkinson and more recently, Michael, Tommy and Jimmy Pigg, Billy Reed, Bob Straughan and George Wardle.

Returning to the 18c, areas of land tenanted by individual farmers at Chesterwood in 1792 were described as lying 'scattered and intermixed and of consequently less value to the said several properties'. As a consequence, an agreement was reached between the then freeholder Sir Edward Blackett and his tenants, to divide and re-distribute the lands as 'enclosed allotments', bringing order to the 18c field pattern. Each tenant was to have an allotment of the good land, of the land of interim quality and of the woodland in the park; the tenants casting lots to see where their allotments would lie.

The 'woodland in the park' referred to no longer exists, but according to the late L.C. Coombes' research it may have been in a field west of the road beyond Chesterwood Grange and may have been the wood from which Chesterwood took its name.

Certainly the Chesterwood tenants also had an ancient right to cut 'great wood and timbers' from Back Cleugh, (part of which is now known as Tony's Patch, but more about Tony's Patch in a later issue perhaps) as well as 'loppings, top, bark and other produce for houseboot, hedgeboot and ploughboot', old terms that refer to timber for the repair of house, hedge and plough.

The Chesterwood 'enclosure' was one of

the last enclosures to take place in our locality and the private enclosure document, drawn up in April 1792 and implemented in the autumn of 1793 for by now six farmers, refers to the following holdings:

Sir Edward Blackett: 1 farm, 30 acres.
John Dickinson: 1 farm, 24 acres.
Cuthbert Nicholson: 1 farm, 36 acres.
Mathew Parker of Hill House: ½ farm, 15 acres. John Henderson: ½ farm, 15 acres. Henry Eshton: 4 farms 120 acres.

It is of interest that Henry Eshton also had tenancies at Lees, Lightbirks and Rattenraw. Clearly an important farming name in the 18c/19c, Henry Eshton of Chesterwood Grange is buried along with members of his family in a grave with a substantial memorial at Haydon Old Church.

**Died August 16th 1829 aged 60 years
HENRY ESHTON'S HEADSTONE
AT HAYDON OLD CHURCH**



I will digress here to point out the grave stone next to Henry Eshton's memorial. It is on this 75½" x 38" flat stone that probably the most often recorded epitaph at the old church is engraved. The weathered and moss covered epitaph is almost illegible today.

*Here lieth the Body of Mr
Simon Dryden of the Lees who
died the 13t day of Marh MDCCLX
in the 49th year of his Age Dur
ing the four last years of his life
he was tapped for the Dropsy LIII
Times and had taken away from
him above MCCC pints of water
he bore his Disorder with won
derfull Resolution and in the
Intervals of tapping pursued his
Business with chearfullness and
never dreaded the Operation
he was remarkable for Neatness
in Husbandry an affectionate
Husband a sincere friend &
A good Neighbour
Margret his wife ob Jan 23
1800 AEt 83*

John Dickinson died October 4th 1840, Mathew Parker died December 11th 1810 and John Henderson died April 6th 1807 are also buried in our old church graveyard.



The headstones of John Dickinson and his family who lived at Chesterwood Grange and Hill House



Mathew Parker's grave slab is overlooked by the old church

And now I return, from the interesting graves at Haydon old church, to Chesterwood.

The 1851 census return shows forty six individuals living at Chesterwood within thirteen family groups headed by: John Kent, George Kent, Elizabeth Wear, Joseph Parker, Mathew Stobb, William Dickinson, Robert Charlton, Hannah Smith, John Reed, James Ord, John Natrass, Henry Charlton and William Eshton.

Not every inhabitant of Chesterwood would have worked in agriculture full time as might have been the case in earlier years. Ironstone was being worked at nearby Standalone in 1846 and when production fell there, the Honeycrook lead mine opened in 1871 and had a productive life of almost twenty two years, while coal was being mined from a drift at nearby Whinnetley.

The early years of 20c Chesterwood provide two interesting stories that reflect contrasting emotions in the social history of our old 'towne' hamlet.

On May 27th 1905, visitors came from all parts to witness the opening of the 'new' golf course, although golf of sorts

had been played there earlier. The inhabitants are reported to have 'risen to the occasion', and they 'appeared in holiday attire to welcome the visitors'. The Golf Club secretary Mr. Beattie reported that the opening drive by the President, Mr. Carrick, 'was nicely done under the circumstances and the play which followed was of a real brilliant character'. A happy day indeed.

In November 1918 however, a more sombre occasion than that which struck a family at Chesterwood, could hardly be imagined. While Germany was capitulating abroad, influenza was very rife in our parish and many cases of serious illness existed as a consequence. My research shows that there were twenty deaths in our parish in the two months, November and December 1918. One gentleman aged 85 years and the remainder averaging 33.5 years old. In the twelve months of the previous year, 1917, there had been only nineteen burials in the parish and yet seventy six parishioners died during 1918 and 1919.

One household suffered more than most. Mr and Mrs George Reed of the Chesterwood Park, lost three of their children through the epidemic and the other four members of the family were seriously ill. Emma Reed (24 years) died on Sunday November 3rd. Her sister Elizabeth (18 years) died on Thursday 7th. and the Reed's eldest son Nicholas (27 years) died on Friday 8th.

On a much lighter note, I can report that remarkably, Chesterwood once had a football team! I'll let one time 'Cubstocks' resident Bill Foster take up the story. "Oh Yes, Chesterwood had a football team. They used to play derby matches against Altonside, and those games would be fought just as fiercely as Newcastle against Sunderland. And what's more, none of the England players who were knocked out of the European Championships by Croatia would have got a game for Chesterwood. In those days players kicked the ball up the field, not back and forward across the pitch and then backwards to the goalkeeper!"

From the mid 20c, Chesterwood was experiencing significant changes in its structure and population. Bill Foster reminds me that at least two properties around the green have been demolished in his memory. Bill Reed's farm was split up and the land sold off, by his son David, and in the 1970's redundant farm buildings

were converted to domestic dwellings and most of those who chose to live in the ancient farm 'towne' did not rely on the land to make a living. Nevertheless, having lived in the Chesterwood Farmhouse - which may well have been a bastle originally - with my own family for a while in the 1970's, I can attest first hand to the sense of history that still pervades this ancient setting and the old buildings with their thirty six inch thick random stone walls.

In 2007, it is left to the sons and daughters of the Pigg and Wardle families to deal with the rigours of 21c farming and to care for the wonderful countryside, historic field patterns and ancient structures, in and around what is arguably our parish's best known historic hamlet.

I leave our famous hamlet now, but not before saying "goodbye" to the glamorous ladies of our early twentieth century Chesterwood Golf Club!



THE LADY MEMBERS ON THE STEPS OF THE GOLF CLUB HOUSE AT CHESTERWOOD

William Veitch's grandmother, Jane Veitch, is the lady in the apron so William suggests, "She probably looked after the brew!" Can anyone name the rest of the ladies?

My sources:

*English Heritage.
Greenwich Hospital.
L.C.Coombes.*

And many a grand crack with Bill Foster over a pint of Black Sheep or Deuchars' ale.

HAYDON NEWS BACK ISSUES ARCHIVE

We now have issues of The Haydon News' back to 1990, archived on our web site www.haydon-news.co.uk and earlier issues will be uploaded soon.

There are still a few back issues we do not have - were they ever published? These are the dates we are looking for.

1990: April.
1989: Jan. May. July.
1988: Sept.
1987: Jan. April. June. Aug. Nov.
1986: Jan. April.
1985: July. Sept.
1984: Jan. Aug. Sept.
1981: Oct.
1980: Jan. March. May.
1979: Feb. April. June. Aug. Oct. Nov.

CHILDREN INDEED!



Customers taking part in the 'soup-in' at the Railway Hotel on November 16th raised £160 towards 'Children in Need'.

If the bemused bed and breakfast visitors, in the Railway for a wedding at Langley Castle, thought this strange behaviour was a one off. Oh no! The same suspects had been at it two weeks earlier, masquerading for Hallowe'en.



A HIDDEN GEM?

I have always felt that since the late 18c early 19c, when Haydon Bridge was a jewel on the north east tourist map, we have tended to keep the joys of our parish a closely guarded secret from the outside world. But I have to admit surprise to hear that when telephoned by a resident with a request to deal with a particularly raucous Friday evening outside her home, the police call centre was unable to guarantee a response because they didn't know where Haydon Bridge was and couldn't find it on their map!

"Is it somewhere near Alnwick?" our police force's representative asked. When our bemused resident passed on the information that we aren't near Alnwick but have a post code of NE47 and are situated halfway between Newcastle and Carlisle on the A69, she was informed that in that case it would be two hours before the police could attend.

Not surprisingly perhaps, by now our village resident had run out of patience and told the law in no uncertain terms.

"You needn't bother. It'll be all over in two hours!!"

Another anti social behaviour problem sorted then!

ROBERT BURNS

25-01-1759 to 21-07-1796

Some hae meat and canna eat
And some wad eat that want it:
But we hae meat, and we can eat,
And sae the Lord be thankit

**CELEBRATE BURNS' NIGHT AT
THE GENERAL HAVELOCK
on the evening of
FRIDAY 25th JANUARY 2008**

GORDON GOWAN WILL PIPE IN
THE HAGGIS
and will be joined by
JOHNNY HANDLE and FRIENDS

All are welcome

LYRICS £10 PRIZE COMPETITION

**You still have time to list as many of
the songs and artists as you can,
that were recalled last month in my
memories of happy nights in the
1950's at Len and Molly's.**

**All entries to be in to
J & M Clarke's
by 31st December please.**

"CONGRATULATIONS"

At about the same time as this issue of The Haydon News is published, the winners of the Tynedale Sports Council's annual awards will have been chosen and presented with their trophies.

The awards recognise the district's sporting excellence in various categories and we congratulate all those from our parish who have been nominated, including:

Sportsman of the Year.

Peter Watson:

Peter won the Northumberland Clay Pigeon Shooting Championship, having switched to shooting left handed after losing the sight in one eye.

Young Player (Boy).

Jack Brown:

Eleven year old Cumberland and Westmorland wrestler Jack, has won over twelve prizes and £600 in prize money in this traditional sport.

Mathew Welch:

Mathew has come through the Haydon Bridge Football Academy and now plays for Hibernian, in the Scottish Premier League.

Young Player (Girl).

Sarah Graham:

Sarah has been selected for the England under 19's girls' rugby squad.

BETTY HESLOP

While on the subject of awards, we are pleased to report that Haydon Bridge North Bank resident Mrs. Betty Heslop was overall winner of the 'Pride in Tynedale Awards' organised by the Hexham Courant and supported by regional development agency 'One North East'. The presentation was made at a lunch at Hexham racecourse on Friday November 16th.

Betty has long been a volunteer supporter of Haydon Bridge activities and for many years had a special interest in junior football in the village. Betty's award last month however was given for her role in the wider community and particularly her work for the Northumberland Cancer Support group.

Hexham Courant editor Colin Tapping aptly described Betty as, "A fine ambassador for Tynedale who never sought recognition but thoroughly deserved it".

Congratulations Betty

DISTRESSED

One of the saddest sights in our rivers and streams during recent weeks has been the number of salmon or sea trout affected by disease. During my last visit to the River Allen, a group of onlookers stared silently in morbid curiosity as three once beautiful large fish floated listlessly in the river below the suspension bridge, in what appeared to be their final hours.

How sad! Set against a wonderful autumn scene in a gorge that brings so much joy to many visitors.

Our photograph reflects happier times for one returning salmon in the River Tyne.



HAYDON BRIDGE NATURE CLUB

2007

13th December: Conrad Dickinson.
'North Pole.'

2008

3rd January: John Newham
'Geology of Iceland.'

24th January: Dr. Mike Jeffries
'Ponds.'

7th February: A.G.M.
Also: Trevor Bridges
'Images of Northumbria.'

**7.15 p.m. in the Methodist Church
every other Thursday
Coffee/tea and biscuits provided**

All are welcome

HAYDONIAN SOCIAL CLUB

Our 'Club' was founded in September 1957 and is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year, while 2008 is a significant year in the life of the building the 'Club' occupies. My research for an article on the history of the 'Club and the 'Town Hall' is underway and if anyone has information they would like to share, or memories we could archive for future generations, then I'd be pleased to hear from you.

email: dennis@haydon-news.co.uk
Or: contact Paul Carruthers at the 'Club.

Thank you.

OUR HAYDON PARISH LICENSEES THANK ALL THEIR CUSTOMERS FOR SUPPORTING THEM DURING 2007
AND WISH ALL THEIR CUSTOMERS AND OUR READERS A HAPPY AND PEACEFUL NEW YEAR



RAILWAY HOTEL

Monday 3rd December:
Sam Hutchinson female vocalist
Tuesday 11th December:
Christmas Quiz

Wednesday 19th December:
In Woodies Café (mid-day)
Complimentary Christmas Lunch
and sing - along for Haydon Bridge
Senior Residents.

Wednesday 19th December:
Under 14's footballers' Christmas quiz
and pizza.

Saturday 22nd December:
John Hodgson vocalist.

Christmas Day:
Punch served from mid-day to 2.00pm.

Boxing Day:
Buffet and Sports.
Darts, cards, dominoes.

New Year's Eve:
Party Night.
Celebrate at the Railway Hotel.

New Year's Day:
Buffet.

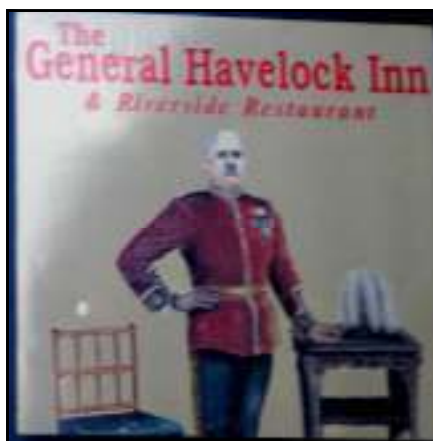
Monday 28th January:
Burns' Supper, pipes and music.

Remember our music evenings on
2nd and 4th Monday of every month.
Folk : R&B : Open mike :
Angus Gardner and friends

For further information
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THE GENERAL HAVELOCK

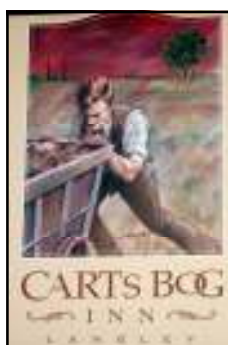
Havelock Christmas Puddings for sale
10% off all local group bookings

Christmas Day:
Our bar is open at lunch time and
closed in the evening.

New Year's Eve:
Fireworks and Fizz at midnight.
Open to all.

Friday 25th January:
Burns' night celebrations with Gordon
Gowan and Johnny Handle and friends

For further information
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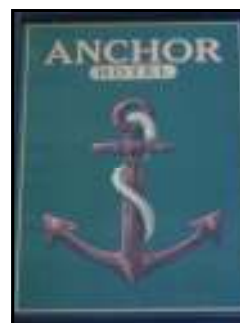


CARTS BOG INN

Festive Bookings Now Being Taken

December 8th.
Leek Club Auction
(See advert on page 14)

For further information
Telephone 01434 684338
email: info@cartsbog.co.uk



ANCHOR HOTEL

Christmas Fayre throughout December
Party Menu: £17.70

Christmas Day:
Open 12.00-2.00pm and 8.00-12.00

Boxing Day:
Disco at night.

New Year's Eve Celebrations.

New Year's day:
Open for Breakfast (£5)
11.00am-1.00pm

For further information
Telephone 01434 684227



LANGLEY CASTLE HOTEL AND RESTAURANT

**Enjoy a festive luncheon in our
restaurant from the 3rd December**

CHRISTMAS FARE £19.95

Morning Coffee & Afternoon Tea
Midweek

**We will be closed during the afternoons
on Saturdays and Sundays**

Restaurant open for Dinner
£32.95

'THE PACK IS BACK'
RAT PACK DINNER DANCE

Saturday 12th January 2008
7.00 pm £34.95

For further information
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email: manager@langleycastle.com

FRIENDS of HAYDON BRIDGE.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

at 7.30pm

on

MONDAY 21st JANUARY 2008

at

HAYDON BRIDGE
COMMUNITY CENTRE

The chairman must be notified of any items for inclusion in the agenda at least one week in advance of the meeting.

All members welcome.



Joyce Brown and Rene Armstrong look through the ideas left by previous visitors, for future developments

SHAFTOE SCHOOL INVOLVES **CHILDREN IN VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT**

Back in the classroom children from Shaftoe First School follow up their visit to the Village Development Consultation Day.

The children are pictured here with their teacher Mrs J Cooper.



VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT **PUBLIC CONSULTATION**

About 60 local residents visited the public consultation on future developments in Haydon Bridge held by members of the Haydon Parish Plan Group on Wednesday 14th November.

Among the first visitors was a group of children from Shaftoe First School accompanied by their teacher Mrs Cooper. They had quite a few ideas on how the village could be improved including; up-grading the riverside picnic area with grass and flowers, a new play area for Langley Gardens, a car parking area (it's difficult to cross the roads with all the parked cars), and an additional dog bin on the bridge, as we don't like to see the dog dirt on the bridge when we walk to school.

The riverside picnic area was seen as a village asset in need of major improvements by many other visitors to the consultation day.

Other suggestion for improvement and development included:

Planting lots of trees in and round the village;

Allowing development up to the by pass and as far west as Rattenraw;

Not extending the present built area of the village but limiting development to infill with improved landscaping;

Planting a community orchard in the land at the west end of Innerhaugh;

Making it more difficult for businesses to close and get 'change of use' planning permission (two shops and a pub having closed in recent times);

New buildings using renewable/sustainable energy;

Improved off street car parking facilities;

Resiting the businesses currently in the Station Yard to the edge of the village (closer to the by pass junctions) and developing the yard with housing and 'village green';

Providing more units for small businesses on the outskirts of the village;

Developing Haydon Bridge as an 'eco town';

Cycleways in and around the village and an activity area for

Teenagers e.g. skateboard park;

Retain the allotments;

The overriding impression from the comments made was that most people want to retain and enhance the rural nature of Haydon Bridge, want housing development to be limited in extent and sympathetic to the existing buildings in the village. As one visitor put it '...unbridled growth is invariably unattractive. Obese villages!'

To gain the views of more parish residents a questionnaire, based on the comments made by visitors to our consultation day, will be circulated with February's edition of the Haydon News. The Parish Plan Group hope as many people as possible will make their views known by returning their completed questionnaire so that the Village Design Statement reflects the views of the majority of Haydon Parish residents.

MRP

DEEP AMID THE HOLLY AND THE IVY...

'Time For You'

is a free and confidential counselling service, funded by Comic Relief, for young people aged 12 to 25 in the Tynedale area.

Based at the Youth Initiative at Hexham Community Centre, young people only need to talk about what they want to, to the friendly and non-judgmental counsellor, Blossie. Individuals can self-refer or be referred by another and can choose to attend for as long as they like.

Counselling can help a young person to make sense of their feelings, make changes in their life or come to terms with what cannot be changed. They will not be told what to do but will be helped to think through the issues and make decisions that feel right for them.

Test/Phone between 10am and 7pm to arrange a session – 07833 693 858.

Pick up a leaflet from the Café Counter at the Community Centre.

Drop-In on Thursdays 3.30 – 5.30pm to have a chat and meet the counsellor.

Email: info@hexhamyi.org.uk and put the subject heading 'Counselling'.

This new service, run by the counsellor who works at the practice, is a very promising development and I hope it will be keenly used. Young people can sometimes face problems that they don't want to share with family, friends or authority figures (like doctors) – though we are, of course, all there if required! An easy-to-get-to extra option is welcome.

Please pass the word around about this new service. Parents please tell young people and young people tell other young people. Thanks.

Three cheers

The percentage of people smoking in the practice is 22 – compare with a national figure of 28. This is excellent news and brings a smokeless community closer. We are as keen as ever to help people give up – just ask.

Three Boos

On the other hand – the percentage of obese people in the UK is 7.4, in Northumberland 9.9 and in this practice 10.7. Everybody stop eating! Or at least eat fewer foods with calories in. Fresh fruit and veg, lean meat, chicken and fish are excellent foods and, frankly, most people don't actually need anything else.

Bread, cakes, biscuits, pasta, rice are not bad food but most people are consuming more than their bodies need.

Confectionary, sweet drinks, crisps, snack foods, pies, burgers, sausages, pasties etc. – delicious but totally sinful – AVOID!

NO KET!!!!

We are keen to provide more detailed diet advice – just ask.

Fewer calories in and more calories out – don't forget to get more exercise.

If the most you can do is swing your limbs about in a chair then do it. If you can walk - then do more of it. If you've got a bike – ride it. If you've got a dog – take the poor beast for ever longer walks. If you're honest and you really haven't got a good excuse for not exercising, then get cracking and make use of all the lovely countryside around us, go to a gym, go swimming, join in with local sports activities – GET IT INTO GEAR!

The prescription drugs that are available to help weight loss are really not working at all well. The current advice is that they are probably a waste of time and money. The weight loss products that people are keen to persuade you to buy are almost certainly ideal for removing that small bulge in your wallet but otherwise useless.

Another strange choice

Derek Wanless has been the author of two very influential reports on the Health Service in recent years and he has also just left a very senior post in The Northern Rock building society.

Hmmmm!

Almost as inexplicable as putting a surgeon (Lord Darzi) in charge of general practice.

Perhaps the problem is not so much the health service and the people within it but rather government, the people within it and the people to whom they turn for advice.

Human 1.0

The original Mark 1 human - us - has been around for perhaps 200,000 years. The bodies that we inhabit now are the same design as those that carried our ancestors around in Africa before our species migrated all over the planet.

With the recent announcement of primate cloning and other genetic engineering developments, we are drawing closer to a time when we will be able to move beyond our current genetic endowment. This sort of development is usually conveyed in terms of 'superhuman' whereas the better title might be 'different human'.

If we are spared, then within a century or two we will become a space faring species and we know from the current space program that Human 1.0 is poorly adapted to that environment.

Back on earth, climate heating will leave less land for people to live on, famine and drought will increase and air quality will decline. Humans could be permitted to cope better by having their genetics altered to suit the new circumstances.

If good mental and physical health could be assured, would there be any unassailable necessity to die at any particular age?

Everything on our home planet has changed and continues to change and cannot ever return to its original condition. Survival and progress may require that we change too. We are encouraged to view the 'differently abled' as fully equal citizens in every respect so why are we afraid of the possibility of those who are 'differently abled – on purpose'?

Get me out of here, I'm a man!

The other day, in conversation with a female patient and nurse, I was

commenting respectfully on the astonishing feats that a woman's body can accomplish. Making people has to be the neatest trick that anyone can pull – taking a project from initial proposal, through design, selection of manufacturing partner, commissioning, keel-laying, sourcing/procuring/processing raw materials, construction, launch, initial in-flight refuelling and long term care and maintenance – Amazing! I went on to say that I had often thought how interesting it would be to be able to experience first hand those events that will, realistically, be forever denied to me.

However, I said, it would definitely be a precondition of the experiment, were it ever to occur, that a 'Get me out of here!' or 'Return to factory settings!' button be readily to hand, just in case things became at all vivid.

Both women remarked, somewhat wistfully I thought, that they had never encountered said button, despite having enjoyed more than adequate occasion to press it.

Perhaps, just perhaps, generations to come will be able to engineer reversible gender change in adult humans. Such a situation is described in the Sci Fi books of Iain M. Banks – an author whose output I can strongly recommend and who has a new book out in 2008.

It is too frequently the case that men and women say that they do not understand each other. When and with what degree of honesty did you last try to imagine the experience of the opposite sex? Not only physically but psychologically and socially too. Ask your partner or other trusted member of the opposite sex to give a detailed account of their thoughts, feelings and experiences. New knowledge and insight is rarely wasted.

Astonishing!

This year we have had the greatest ever uptake of flu vaccine. This is excellent news.

Christmas has come early for many turkeys this year and, whilst the current flu jab does not contain any version of H5N1, the more people are immunised against the currently circulating flu viruses, the less the risk of pandemic flu developing in a human host.

Back pain

For practical purposes it can be said that everyone gets back pain.

We are not yet fully evolved to cope with walking on two legs, we are not evolved to lead the sorts of lives that most of us do (when did you last swing through the trees?) and, perhaps most importantly, we are not designed to live much beyond the age of thirty.

The Arthritis and Rheumatism Council have just published an excellent pamphlet on managing back pain. Download the pdf file from: www.arc.org.uk/arthritis/rdr.asp

The key messages are these:

Back pain rarely points to the presence of serious disease.

Exact diagnosis can be difficult but this does not prevent effective treatment.

Sudden onset back pain usually gets better on its own – at least partly, but will recur.

X-rays and scans in uncomplicated cases rarely help.

Physical activity and exercise does not cause more damage.

Prolonged rest and time off work makes the development of long-term problems more likely.

A positive and optimistic outlook aids recovery.

Complete abolition of pain is unlikely – believing otherwise may delay a return to normal life.

Find an enjoyable physical activity and/or do proper, regular exercise.

Pain after activity is not a reason to be inactive.

Very short periods of rest, when the pain is troublesome, can help sometimes.

Also on the ARC website is a program of back exercises suitable for everyone.

And finally...

"He has all the virtues I dislike and none of the vices I admire." Winston Churchill

"I have never killed a man, but I have read many obituaries with great pleasure." Clarence Darrow

"I've had a perfectly wonderful evening. But this wasn't it." Groucho Marx

"I didn't attend the funeral, but I sent a nice letter saying I approved of it." Mark Twain

"He has no enemies, but is intensely disliked by his friends." Oscar Wilde

"I am enclosing two tickets to the first night of my new play; bring a friend. . . If you have one." George Bernard Shaw to Winston Churchill. . . followed by

Churchill's response: "Cannot possibly attend first night, will attend second, if there is one." Winston Churchill

"He is a self-made man and worships his creator." John Bright

"I've just learned about his illness. Let's hope it's nothing trivial." Irvin S. Cobb

"He is not only dull himself; he is the cause of dullness in others." Samuel Johnson

"He had delusions of adequacy." Walter Kerr

"Some cause happiness wherever they go; others, whenever they go." Oscar Wilde

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AND STAFF OF
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PRACTICE WISH
ALL READERS A
VERY MERRY
CHRISTMAS AND
HAPPY NEW YEAR.*

OoOoo

Steve Ford

CHURCH PAGE

CLERGY MESSAGE

From

Judith Hampson

Well, here we are again in the build up to Christmas. How do you feel just now, I wonder? Is there a warm glow of expectation? Maybe you are panic stricken because of all the preparation? Often there's anxiety over family tensions and a sense that you never want to see another sprout again. Many of us will only feel relief when it's all over. At last we can stop feeling the pressure to buy things. We have been subject to a relentless marketing campaign that started sometime in September, and in that time we've been encouraged to spend more and eat more than is good for our health. Marketing is big business these days; it's all about targeting the right people in the right places with techniques and tricks that get ever more sophisticated.

What a refreshing change, then, to read of Jesus' birth. While today's experts are finding cleverer and cleverer ways to target the right person in the right place, God targets all the wrong people in the wrong places. Instead of delivering their child among their friends and family, Mary and Joseph have to deliver the saviour of the world in a town that they don't know, in an anonymous inn, among people who haven't a clue that the one that all Israel has waited for centuries is tucked up in an animal-food trough next door.

And the shepherds. Really, not a good choice for spreading the word. Shepherds were right at the bottom of the pile – the lowest of the low; definitely not the coolest kids in the playground. Not much chance of anyone wanting to believe or copy them. But God tells the greatest news that ever was, accompanied by angel choirs and celestial fireworks, right out in the fields where no one will see but a bunch of people no one will listen to. They'll just think they've been on the moonshine again.

**DECEMBER 2007 &
JANUARY 2008**



WHO AND WHERE

The names and phone numbers of the Clergy who minister in Haydon Bridge

Rev Judith Hampson,
with St Cuthbert's Anglican Church
The Vicarage, Station Yard
Tel. 01434 684307

Rev Les Hann,
with the Methodist Congregation
Wesley Manse, Moor View, Haltwhistle
Tel. 01434 320051

Father Leo Pyle ,
with St John's Catholic Church
St John's Presbytery, North Bank
Tel. 01434 684265

As events started to unfold all those years ago in Bethlehem it didn't matter that, in terms of spreading the news, it was all in the wrong place and to the wrong people. God's concern was for those who were completely insignificant in everyday life. In God's eyes, the right people were the wrong ones. It just goes to show what kind of God we have: one who treasures the unloved, values the disregarded, listens to the lonely, lavishes attention on the ordinary and unsuccessful. This was the good news, and this is what the season of goodwill is all about.

Merry Christmas and a Blessed 2008

Judith Hampson

**METHODIST CHURCH
SERVICES**

2 December

10.00am Morning Worship
J Wall
6.00 pm Holy Communion
David Flavell

9 December

10 am Toy Service with
Envoy Eunice Blakey
Les Hann
6.00pm Evening Service
Campbell

16 December

10.00am Morning Worship
Errington
**6.00 pm Village Carol
Service with Brampton
Silver Band**
Les Hann

23 December

10.00am Morning Worship
Fullard
6.00 pm Evening Service

Christmas Day

Local Arrangement

30 December

10 am Holy Communion
Les Hann

6 January

10.00am Covenant Service Les
Hann
6.00pm Rev Peter Wright

13 January

10.00am Family Service Margery
Gazzani

20 January

10.00am Morning Worship
Joan Histon
6.00pm Evening Service
Rev David Flavell

27 January

10am Morning Worship
Valerie Anthony
6.00pm Holy Communion
Les Hann

**BELTINGHAM/HENSHAW
CHURCH SERVICES**

2 December

Henshaw
10 am BCP Communion

9 December

Service at Haydon Bridge

16 December

Henshaw
10.00am carol Service

23 December

Beltingham
10.00am Joint Service

Christmas Eve

Henshaw
6 pm Crib Service

Christmas Day

Henshaw
10 am Communion

30 December

Beltingham
10 am Joint Service

6 January

Beltingham
10 am BCP Communion

13 January

Service at Haydon Bridge

20 January

Beltingham
10 am Matins

27 January

Henshaw
10 am Joint Service

3 February

Henshaw
10 am BCP Communion

**HAYDON OLD CHURCH
SERVICES**

6 January 2008

4pm Epiphany Service

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Mass on weekdays

(except Mondays)
10.00am St John's or Haltwhistle

Christmas at St John's

24th. Dec 10 pm Carols and
Christmas Vigil Mass

25th. Dec 9.30am

Christmas Day Mass

**ST CUTHBERT'S CHURCH
SERVICES**

2 December

10.30 am All Age

9 December

8 am BCP Communion
10.30am Joint Service

16 December

10.30 Communion

23 December

10 am Service at Henshaw

Christmas Eve

4 pm Crib Service
11.30 pm Midnight Mass

Christmas Day

10.30 Communion

30 December

Service at Beltingham

6 January

10.30 Morning Prayer

13 January

10.30 Joint Service

20 January

10.30 Communion

27 January

Service at Henshaw

3 February

10.30 All Age

**TYNE VALLEY RAIL USER GROUP
AGM - 20 NOVEMBER 2007**

Twenty four people attended the TVRUG AGM in Hexham. The Haydon News was the only newspaper represented. The meeting was addressed by a manager from Northern Rail (one of two passenger train operators on the line) and included a briefing about the Tyne Valley Community Rail Partnership. TVRUG have aspirations for an improvement to the train service at Haydon Bridge but there is no prospect of change in the foreseeable future.

Northern Rail's franchise requires only the maintenance of the timetable they inherited in 2004 with no obligation to provide additional rolling stock. The total number of carriages does not vary but they are occasionally swapped between operators which is why you may see some unfamiliar liveries and signs written in Welsh. The Pacers will be with us forever. TVRUG are pressing for more services to stop in the village but Northern Rail are not keen. The other franchise holder, First ScotRail, refuses to negotiate. Trains will become even more crowded during the morning and evening peaks.

The line has been branded the *Hadrian's Wall Country Line*. All stations (including Dunston) will soon be displaying the logo.

Northern Rail will be running what they call Santa Specials on Sundays 2nd and 16th December with Santa, mince pies, sherry, goody bags for children and "general seasonal fun". They are not specials but scheduled services, leaving Haydon Bridge for Carlisle at 1258 and back in the village at 1549.

The Community Rail Partnership is looking for people to adopt their local stations and improve their appearance. There was no rush of volunteers. The Partnership is funded by Nexus, Northern Rail and Cumbria County Council. Note that Northumberland CC does not participate.

Replacement of the Church Street level crossing gates was outside the scope of the meeting. It is in the hands of Network Rail, a unique organisation, seemingly answerable only to itself. Their debts, currently standing at £18.4 billion, are guaranteed by the British taxpayer.

The most optimistic impression created by the meeting was that our train services are unlikely to become any worse.

John Irving

HAYDON BRIDGE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Haydon Bridge W.I. held its AGM in November with almost our full complement of members attending (despite the weather). Pauline Patrick our local W.I. adviser was on hand to make sure the proceedings went smoothly.

Karen Lumsden was voted back in as President for the coming year, Pam Gibbard has agreed to continue in the post of Treasurer, however Sheila announced her intention to resign her post as Secretary.

No members volunteered on the night but hopefully someone will come forward by January to take over this important role.

the evening was rounded off with Birthday Cake as we celebrated our 3rd birthday and a music quiz with music from the 50's. Long before my time of course!

The quiz was won by Tula and Liz, I'm not saying anything about their age though!

Karen Lumsden

DENNIS GILERT

Dennis Gilert, Vice Chairman of the Friends of Haydon Bridge, was taken ill recently and as I write this, is still in hospital.

We wish you well for an early recovery Dennis, and a quick return to the meetings of the early evening drinkers of the Old Fellows And Ramblers and Trackers Society.



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last month in
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yours

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SYLVIA'S POETS' CORNER

*We love the changing colours of
Autumn and in this poem we feel that
the summer is drawing to a close and
winter is just around the corner.*

AUTUMN

Colours changing leaves are lost
Next thing is well, we'll have a frost
Flowers gone, gardens bare
Only berries everywhere.

Now the clocks are turning back
Time to get coal from the sack
Starlings gone to warmer climes
But Robin here with all its charms.

Bonfires give a warming glow
Till Mr. Wind decides to blow
The seasons are like natures paintings
Just like us, forever changing.

Hayworth

*In this next lovely poem we hear of the
changing landscape as winter
approaches.*

PREDETERMINED CHANGES

A waning summer's landscape
Warmed by Goldenrod's gentle glow
Watches breathless
Charmed by the calling of a lone
swallow

Welcome season of gilded sunsets
and mellow fruits aplenty
When bucks lock antlers
Jousting for glory in the age old tourney

Timeless, yet measured
Your Hunter's moon
Bathes a flurry of nocturnal searching
With impending violence and doom

Stealthily you creep onwards
Shrouded in mystery and rust decay
To weave your spell of trickery
And tease winter's first freezing display

Jester

Please send in your poems or favourite
pieces of creative writing, for Sylvia's
'Poets' Corner' in The Haydon News.

to: Sylvia Mitchell,
32 Ratcliffe Road,
Haydon Bridge.

or: Sylvia@haydon-news.co.uk

or: Hand them in to J. & M. Clarke,
Newsagents.

"Go on. Have a go!"

LARKIN WITH WOMEN

An important part of our recent history
was acted out in Newcastle last month
when Ben Brown's play, 'Larkin With
Women', was performed to packed
houses on each of five nights in the
People's Theatre Studio, by the
theatre's Art Group.

Those of you who remember Philip
Larkin and his lover and muse Monica
Jones in Haydon Bridge, would have
been startled by the accuracy of the
portrayal of the characters; Philip
(Peter Harrison) and Monica (Maggie
Childs). Based on my own extensive
research, Philip's other lady friends,
his long serving secretary Betty
Mackereth (Karen Elliott) and the prim
and coy Catholic Maeve Brennan
(Helen Macfarlane), who eventually
succumbed to Philip's carnal advances,
were equally believable thanks to the
performance of the actors, Anne
Havis' direction and the production
team.

The state of melancholy that Larkin
determined would surround him
throughout his life, interspersed with
moments of sharp comedy, had the
audience on the edge of their seats not
quite knowing whether to laugh or cry.
Philip and Monica's twenty three years
in our parish and the positive effect the
area had on his writing was perhaps
understated in the script (of course I
am biased). However, the brief period
in Haydon Bridge represented on

stage; the rude intellectual games, the
innuendo and the sexual pleasures
enjoyed by the couple in our
Northumbrian countryside and behind
closed doors at 1A Ratcliffe Road, shone
brightly through the gloom that settled
over much of Philip's life and his
complicated relationships.

I regret I was unable to give you all early
notice last month of this touching drama,
so relevant to our social history. I mean,
how many of our residents, other than
members of the Martin family, have
been portrayed in theatre? So if you
have an opportunity in the future to see
the play performed - maybe the People's
Theatre Art Group will go on tour to
Hexham Queen's Hall, or even Haydon
Bridge Community Centre - I urge you
to join the audience.

In 2003 I was unable to complete my
own research into Monica and Philip's
life and death as, at the time, Monica's
grave was unmarked. Thanks to a
photograph from Graham and Susan
Beales from Hull, I can now show you
Monica's final resting place, close to her
lover in Cottingham Cemetery.

And just imagine. If Philip had not
declined Margaret Thatcher's offer of
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Parish Council Notes. Continued from page 3.

The council received notices that the following developments had received approval;

The Dene. Music room and replacement garden room,
Hill Top, Langley. Conversion of redundant barn to three dwellings with car parking.

The council was also informed that the application by the High School to use the old stables to create a Music Centre was not approved pending the outcome of a second bat survey.

Correspondence

The council welcomed the news of the planned formation of a trust to develop a 'Foundation School' formed by the following schools Haydon Bridge High, Samuel Kings at Alston, Allendale Middle and Bellingham Middle. Councillors felt that a high level of cooperation between the schools, sharing resources and expertise, would benefit pupils and better ensure the long term future of the schools.

The drains and sewerage system in the area around the foot of the North Bank are to be surveyed. It was stressed once again that residents **must** report any incidents of drains flooding.

Village Projects.

Parish Plan and Village Design Statement (see report on page 9)

The council was informed that a jumble sale is to be held on Nov 24th to raise money for Langley Gardens Play Area improvements.

AoB

A councillor expressed concern regarding outflow of sewage into the river just east of the bridge. It was explained that the pipe at this point was meant for overflow only. Northumbrian Water are to be informed.

Tynedale are to provide larger glass recycling units and requested the council's views on where these should be sited. The parish council is at present looking for an alternative site for all the recycling units, as it wants to increase the number of parking spaces in the station car park.

A councillor regretted that the village wouldn't have decorative lights in Church St this Christmas and suggested carol singing on the old bridge as an alternative.

Next meeting; Thursday, 20th Dec at 7.30pm

MRP

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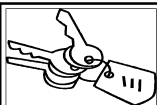
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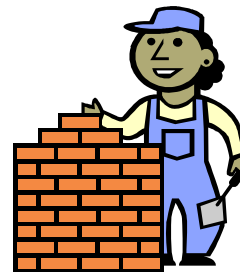
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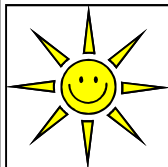
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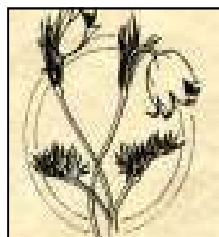
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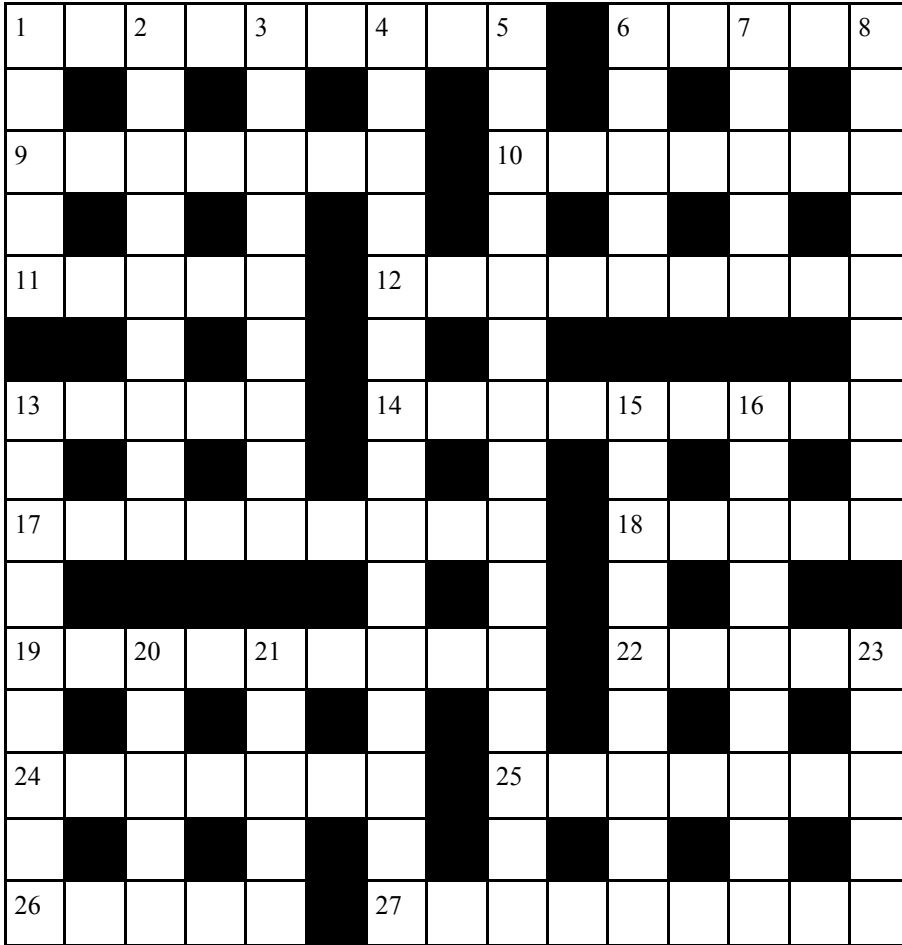
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ACROSS

1. Elephantine impediment, Chinese 26 (5,4)
6. Italian version of 1 across, 26. (5)
9. Italian picnic u-turn for composer. (7)
10. E.g. Sling worried complaints.(7)
11. Start of defence, NATO mixed up a primer.(5)
12. Old flame consumed filo, disturbingly shed flakes.(9)
13. Part of faulty Rolex found in Germany.(5)
14. Italian eatery baked a tart. Riot! (9)
17. Commanding at home, call the tune. (2,7)
18. S. African graduate cracked nut.(5)
19. Balearic found gold container behind shopping area.(9)
22. Sven, a confused ex-editor or murderer?(5)
24. Just delivered, historically on Dec 25th. (7)
25. Area of Antrim blessed Irish MP.(7)
26. Farm building the French converted to gracious living.(5).
27. Prolonged swallow on east of Derby. (9)

SOLUTIONS TO NOVEMBER'S CROSSWORD. (27)

ACROSS.

1. Card game
5. Whist
10. Neverland
11. Neath
12. Solo
13. Brutalises
15. Avenue
16. Cribbage
18. Patience
20. Bridge
24. Backgammon
25. Lamb
27. Learn
28. Ethnology
29. Raise
30. Presides

DOWN

1. Canasta
2. Revolve
3. Germ
4. Meagre
6. Handlebars
7. Swansea
8. Editors
9. Chaste
14. Aubergines
17. Scamper
18. Pebble
19. Toccata
21. Diamond
22. Embryos
23. Kosher
26. Cons

DOWN

1. Hole editor opened wide.(5)
2. Entire County Cricket Club reformed. Strange.(9)
3. Latino consumed HRT to gain Olympic sporting event. (9)
4. Mohammed hands dark, viscous mixture (yttrium). Waterway passage from North to South.(10,5)
5. Dream of Friday morning fish, 100 in Northumbria.(15)
6. From South to North beer is fit for a king.(5)
7. Toast Nellie.(5)

8. Fear snout will become subject of German horror film.(9)
13. Head North, grim mist swirls around appurtenances.(9)
15. Drink record drink. Could be Italian.(5,4)
16. Advice to rodents from Flannegan and Allen.(3,6)
20. Type of cattle shed for 24? (5)
21. Love area for invigorating atmosphere.(5)
23. Mug chef.(5)

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NEWSLETTER

Dec 07 / Jan 08

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Celebrating our 50th Anniversary—Brenda is back

The club are pleased to announce that Brenda Collins will be making a return to the club on Thursday 27th December 2007.

Brenda is now working on the Theatre circuits but would love to come back to our club to help us celebrate our 50th anniversary.

Her last two shows in 2003 and 2005 were both sell outs so it will be advisable to book your ticket in advance for this. Tickets are specially priced at £3 and also include top local band Three till Midnight.

This show night is the final part of celebrating the clubs 50th Anniversary.

Children's Xmas Party

This years Kids Xmas Party will take place on Sat 15th December, 1pm to 4pm, for children aged 14 and under.

All Children's names need to be put on the forms behind the bar before Sunday 2nd December to guarantee a personalised present from Santa.

The cost is £2 per child which is donated to Marie Curie Cancer.

All children will receive a letter from Santa.



There will be loads of games, music and a buffet, plus a visit from Santa Clause.

Christmas Opening Hours

Our Christmas opening hours are now on display. Please note that we are open from 5pm on Friday 21st December 2007. We are also open Christmas Day lunch time 11am to 1pm and are closed in the evening.



A.G.M

The clubs Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday 27th January 2008, starting at 6.30pm.

No admittance after the meeting starts.

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Smoking Area

There has been a very positive response from members for the new smoking area which is covered at the rear of the premises. Many thanks to eve-



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Clubs Christmas Raffle

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Seasons Greetings

A special thank you to everyone who has supported the club this year.

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Wed 12th Dec	Bingo (including chocolates)		8.30pm
Sat 15th Dec	Children's Christmas Party + Games + Buffet + Santa	£2	1.00pm
	Disco + Raffle (In aid of Children's play area—Langley Gardens)	£3	8.00pm
Sun 16th Dec	Bingo (including Turkeys) + Key Draw at 10pm		8.00pm
Sun 23rd Dec	Newcastle v Derby Live on Sky Sports		1.30pm
	Cash Added Christmas Eve Bingo + Key Draw at 10pm (Winning Ticket £100)		8.00pm
Mon 24th Dec	Christmas Eve Bingo (Cash Added Bingo)		8.00pm
	Christmas Disco	Free Entry	9.30pm
Tues 25th Dec	Christmas Day Lunchtime opening (closed evening)	10p off all draught pints	11am to 1pm
Wed 26th Dec	Boxing Day Bingo (Wines & Spirits)		8.30pm
Thurs 27th Dec	Top Comedienne Brenda Collins + Band Three Til Midnight	£3	8.15pm
Fri 28th Dec	Darts Knockout Competition + win in our PINTS DRAW		8.15pm
Sun 30th Dec	Bingo + Key Draw at 10pm (Winning Ticket £100)		7.30pm
Mon 31st Dec	New Years Eve Disco	Free Entry	8.30pm to 1am
Wed 2nd Jan 08	Bingo + Grand Prize Draw Drawn		8.30pm
Sat 12th Jan	Family Prize Bingo + Chair Bingo + Tin Can Alley + Picture Quiz	50p per book	7.30pm
Sat 26th Jan	Quiz Night (Teams of 2—6 people) WIN UPTO £100	£2 each	8.15pm
Sun 27th Jan	Annual General Meeting (AGM) (Please bring membership cards to gain admittance)		6.30pm

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Bingo as normal every Sunday evening at 8.00pm and Wednesday evenings at 8.30pm.

Look out for further events on the notice boards in the club

Competitions

Fri 28th Dec

DARTS KNOCKOUT COMPETITION

A Singles darts knockout competition.
Entry £2 + all monies paid out + donation from club
Start 8.15pm

Fri 28th Dec

PINTS DRAW

Win 20 pints in the pints draw.
Tickets only 50p.

* Draw may increase / decrease depending on number of tickets sold.

EXTRA OPENING HOURS OVER CHRISTMAS

Fri 22nd Dec Open early from 5pm
Xmas Day 11am to 1pm
Boxing Day 11am to 3pm
(See notice in club for further opening hours information)

KEY DRAW — £100**WINNING TICKET**

Throughout January the Winning Ticket will be £100 + Chance to Open Box

THURS 27TH DEC 2007

Top Comedienne BRENDA COLLINS + Top Local Band THREE TIL MIDNIGHT



Tickets on sale behind Bar £3 each
Start 8.15pm

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

Application forms available from behind the bar, only £2 per annum.