



# THE HAYDON NEWS



HERE COMES SUMMER

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**EDITORIAL COMMENT**

The editors have received a letter this month which refers to The Haydon News as a, 'magazine..... which repays reading and encourages a sense of village identity'. The writer however bemoans a lack of variety in the content of our publication.. The lady in question has lots of ideas but although most capable of making her own contribution to the 'News, is unable to put pen to paper for us because she has other things to do. Haven't we all! And that is just one reason we welcome new contributors; on a monthly basis, for occasional features or simply a one off article. A regular 'Education Page' is proposed on page 8 as part of the 'Haydon Parish Plan' and this would undoubtedly provide a valuable link between our schools and their community. Are there any other volunteers out there willing and able to write features for the Haydon News on our behalf? We are of course grateful to those who contribute to the features contained in the Haydon News now and our feedback suggests that their efforts are much appreciated. So we are talking about adding to our team, not replacing those already finding time to share their busy lives with you our readers.

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*Dennis Telford (Chairman).*

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Dennis Telford (chairman), Dennis Gilert (vice chairman), Elena Parkin (secretary),  
Mike Parkin (Treasurer), Alastair Bowen, Sylvia Mitchell, Catherine Hall, Storey Hall.

**Public Participation**

Residents of Douglas Gardens presented a list of complaints relating to the behaviour of site traffic passing to and from the bypass construction site. It is understood that site traffic will not use the Land Ends Road once a haul road is provided, but due to inherent water problems the construction of the haul road has been delayed.

It was also pointed out that vehicle restriction signs are incorrectly placed and should be re-sited. The council stated that the site manager should be contacted and stressed that co-operation with the contractor has been good to date.

The council will approach the site management to try and get this resolved. (See also Bypass update page 9)

The point was made that some of the bypass traffic re-direction signs are incorrectly spelt; this reflects badly on the village and should be corrected.

It was pointed out that the seat halfway up North Bank is in a shoddy state of disrepair and in a dangerous condition. The council agreed to look into how this can be made good.

A query was put to the council relating further development of the Showfield housing estate. The council stated that no applications for development have been received to date.

The seats adjacent to the monument require refurbishing and the council will investigate and take action where necessary. It was also stated that a drain appears to be blocked behind the wall, with water flooding the pavement.

Correspondence had been received relating to a barrier behind Church Street closing off the back lane. This is a dispute between residents relating to access and it was stated that as the lane is a private road the council could not intervene.

**Council Meeting.**

7 councillors were present.

The resignation of councillor Michael Zellas has been received, this leaves two vacancies however there are two prospective applicants for these posts.

The minutes of the last meeting were accepted.

**Highways.**

Some concerns were expressed relating to the A69/A686 Alston road junction during work on the bypass, it was suggested that slow signs or other means of traffic control could be introduced. See Bypass update page 9

The new repairs recently carried out on the Lowgate Road are very poor. The council will write a letter of complaint and have this work redone.

**Planning.**

Three planning applications were accepted without objection. Following a meeting on May 17th to discuss two planning applications the parish council, in its response to Tynedale Planning Dept, objected to the current proposals for the development of Tait's Yard, but raised no objections to the development of residential units at the Anchor Garage.

**Accounts.**

Excessive charges for lighting of the church clock were discussed. The supply authority are charging **ten times** the electricity charge for administration fees. The council agreed to seek justification of these charges and will petition the supplier and Ofgem.

**Correspondence.**

Risk assessments may be required for future council work and local authority code of conduct directives have been received. It was agreed to hold a special meeting of the council at the end of the month, to review these government guidelines.

Response is still awaited relating to the unitary authority for Northumberland.

The closure of the old bridge for urgent repairs was discussed as this will affect access to both schools and shops. The work is expected to take six months and the contractor requires part of the picnic area to establish a temporary office and storage area. Because of the disruption, it has been agreed that only base work to the footings etc. will be carried out at this time.

Concerns about the possible disruption to fish migration were expressed and it was also pointed out that a Roman ford may exist in this

area and any work carried out should consider this. The work is essential however and maintenance is urgently required.

**Village Projects.**

The school governors have expressed a desire for the school to become involved in the Parish Plan and have suggestions as to how this could be executed. (See Parish Plan page 8)

No further progress has been made on the proposed library closure. The council is awaiting information from the library service.

The cost of reprinting the leaflets re-routing the John Martin trail is higher than expected, however funding may be available from the bypass budget to cover this additional cost.

The Spa Well access was discussed and some work is required to the footpath at the bottom of the steps.

It is understood that the Highways Agency own the old road adjacent to the spa and their response would be a requirement if car parking is to be provided there. A letter will be sent to the landlord to fell the trees which are in a precarious condition adjacent to the access steps. It was agreed that the sign needs replacing and this will be investigated.

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**PARISH COUNCILLORS**

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Mrs. V Fletcher  
Mr. M R Parkin  
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Mr. R Snowdon  
Mr. E Brown\*.  
Mr H Oliver  
Two vacancies

Any resident of the parish wishing to put their name forward for co-option to the Parish Council should contact the Parish Clerk on the number below.

(\* also a Tynedale Councillor)

Parish Clerk  
Mrs. C McGivern

**FROM ESP HILL TO CLITHEROE**

When my son David and his wife Ruth chose to live at Whalley in Lancashire and my granddaughter Jessica was accepted as a pupil at Queen Mary's Grammar School in Clitheroe, I wasn't expecting to come across a Haydon Bridge connection. I should have known better, because wherever you go in the world our small village seems to be represented in one way or another.

As I turned the pages of a book in Clitheroe library, outlining the history of the town's four hundred and fifty year old school, I came across the name of the school's headmaster from 1900 to 1930. Charles Mathew Henderson. Remarkably, this turns out to be the Charlie Henderson who played football for Haydon Bridge in the same village team as my grandfather William Ridley Telford, towards the end of the nineteenth century.

In recalling Charlie Henderson's football exploits at Haydon Bridge, I am indebted to the memories of Tot Barron. Tot died on 12th June 1986, one month before his eighty ninth birthday, and having lived in Haydon Bridge all his life he often related his experiences as a player for our village team; a side that included Joe Armstrong, Tommy Crowe, Ralphie Curry, 'Dodger' Best, Jimmy Buchan, Mattie Glaister, 'Curly' Kirsopp, Geordie Thompson and Tommy Thompson.

Tot also had a host of stories, passed down to him, of football characters who played for the 'Robins' in the late 1800's and early 1900's, including Charlie Henderson who was, according to Tot: "One of the legendary Haydon Bridge greats. Once he got the ball no one could get it off him. It was the way he was built, all body and bandy legs."

As well as playing football for our village team, Charlie Henderson played rugby for Tynedale and cricket for Haydon Bridge and Tynedale.

Charles Mathew Henderson, a bachelor, was Joseph Henderson's second son and a brother of Harl Henderson. This well known Haydon Bridge family farmed at the Esp Hill. Charles won a scholarship from Barnard Castle School to Cambridge University where he studied Mathematics for his degree, but he continued with his sporting interests and went on to play for

the famous Corinthians Football Club; a fantastic achievement.

Corinthians were founded as a wholly amateur team in 1882 with strict rules that forbade them to 'compete for any challenge cup or prizes of any description'. They were based in London and played friendly matches at various venues including Crystal Palace and many of their players also played for their university sides. Eventually the club toured the world popularising football and the now famous Real Madrid white football shirt was adopted from the English Corinthians.

A particular and remarkable claim to the Corinthians' fame was that in 1894 and again in 1895, the entire England international team chosen to play against Wales was made up of Corinthian Football Club players.

Charlie Henderson, the Cambridge Mathematics graduate, had been a Master at Gloucester County School and was a Second Master at the Royal Grammar School in Lancaster for seven years before his appointment at Clitheroe. He was appointed three days before the end of the nineteenth century, from one hundred and thirty three applicants.

The Queen Mary's Grammar School history records Charles Mathew Henderson as: 'The first layman' to be chosen for the post for over a century and his appointment marked 'the beginning of the modern era in the history of the school'.

By the way! By this time the Haydon Bridge footballer **Charlie** Henderson was known as **Mathew** Henderson.

(Charlie) Mathew Henderson was appointed by Governors who were 'impressed by his enthusiasm...' and it is undoubtedly a sign of his popularity at Clitheroe that he was, 'known affectionately as Matt to generations of his pupils'.

At the start of 'Matt' Henderson's first term in January 1900 there were thirty five boys in the school and during his time there, this increased to two hundred in spacious new buildings and a wide range of activities flourished under his leadership.

It is no surprise that sporting activities were a feature of Charles Mathew Henderson's thirty years as

Headmaster at Clitheroe Grammar School.

He is remembered in the school history notes as: 'A keen footballer and cricketer, and he encouraged the development of these sports in the school. He himself took part in practices with the boys. He and other members of staff often played in school XI's and a programme of matches against other schools became a regular feature of school life.'

One pupil under Mr. Henderson's care in 1926-27, who played for the school cricket team aged twelve and reached the highest distinction in the world of sport, was the Lancashire cricketer Cyril Washbrook.

Charlie Henderson (at Haydon Bridge), or Matt as he was affectionately known in Lancashire, retired from the Headship of Queen Mary's Grammar School in Clitheroe at the end of the Summer Term 1930 and in July 1930 over two hundred 'old boys' assembled at a local hotel to express their appreciation and to make him a presentation of a cheque and a radio-gramophone. It is recorded that he greeted each one of his former pupils by name.

In a tribute it was said that: (Matt Henderson) "has been the friend of all, and it is by his friendly manner and cheerful spirit displayed both in the school and on the playing fields that he will be remembered by his scholars both past and present. Not only is Mr. Henderson an able, respected and beloved headmaster, but one who has that rare gift of imparting his knowledge to others. We shall always remember him for the ready wit, with which his lessons were interspersed."

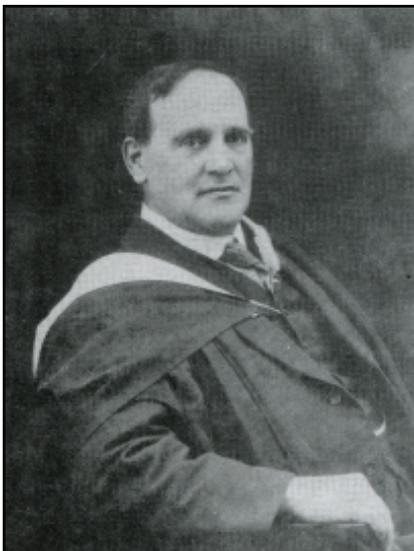
The Haydonian and former Headmaster was also honoured with a rose bowl presented by the school Governors and it was observed that: "His scholarly bearing, the breadth of his interest in everything for the good of the town and district far beyond the realms of education, his geniality and tact, had gained for him a popularity and esteem hitherto unequalled in the history of the town of Clitheroe".

Charles Mathew Henderson returned to the Tyne valley in his retirement to live at Haydon Bridge and then Hexham. He continued his association with Haydon Bridge by becoming President of our football club and a Governor of Shaftoe Trust School, and he also

represented the Shaftoe Trust on the Hexham Grammar School Board of Governors.

Charles Mathew Henderson died on October 14<sup>th</sup> 1948 at the age of seventy eight years. An obituary on behalf of his former school's old boys recalled: 'His geniality, his warm humanity, and his capacity to win the confidence and friendship of the boys, all of whom he addressed by their Christian names long after they had left school, gained him a long lasting affection and respect that cannot easily be transmitted into words.'

Charles 'Matt' Henderson is still remembered in the history of his old school, and my granddaughter's new school, by the 'Henderson Sports Shield' and the 'Henderson House', named in 1939 to commemorate him; a sure sign that he was still remembered and revered nine years **after** his retirement.



**Charles Mathew Henderson.**  
(1870-1948)

**Headmaster**  
**Queen Mary's Grammar School**  
**Clitheroe**  
**1900-1930**

My Sources:

- 'Queen Mary's Grammar School Clitheroe' Published 1983.

- Clitheroe Local Studies Library.

- The Hexham Courant.

*Charlie Henderson is not the only Lancashire connection to Haydon Bridge I have come across on my visits to the red rose county.*

*Did you know that a one time famous Mayor of Blackburn was born at Haydon Bridge?*



**This photograph of Haydon Bridge AFC in 1931 shows club President Charles Mathew Henderson surrounded by players and officials.**

**The players in this photograph are lined up as they would be on the pitch in 1931:**  
*Goalkeeper.*

*Right full back. Left full back.*

*Right half. Centre half. Left half.*

*Outside Right. Inside Right. Centre Forward. Inside Left. Outside Left.*

**Back Row:** Tot Birnie. Bob Brown. John Heslop. Anderson Robinson. Sid Brown. George Ferguson (Goalkeeper). Jimmy Young. John Spark. Mick Steele. Jack Southwick.

**Middle Row:** Fred Dixon. Jimmy Armstrong. **Charlie Henderson (President).** John Ward. Edward (Curly) Kirsopp.

**Front Row:** Charlie Bates. Johnny Bates. Jack Leathard. Tommy Cowen. Edwin Bowman.

My thanks are due to Mr. Bill Foster for helping me name the players and officials.

**Shaftoe Trust and the Hexham Grammar School.**

Charles Mathew Henderson's role in the administration of Hexham Grammar School (see previous notes) poses the question:

**Why was the Rev. John Shaftoe's Trust afforded a representative on the Board of Governors of another school in another town?**

John Shaftoe's school was founded in 1697 to provide alternative opportunities for its scholars; an education in Latin and Greek, and a free 'English School' where the rudiments of reading and writing were taught. It appears that while the 'English School' was far and away the most successful in its provision, the implied status for the charity and certainly the headmaster in offering the 'classics', led to our village school's title 'John Shaftoe's (free) Grammar School'. This was a title it retained until 1905 although it is clear that by the mid.19c it was a grammar school, as we understand it, in name only.

In the wake of a Schools Enquiry Commission set up in 1864, with powers to make legal changes in ancient statutes and to re-direct the use

of charity money, the John Shaftoe trustees became concerned about their future independence.

Proposals by a 'Middle Class School Committee', comprising a number of prominent Northumberland clergy and landowners, to provide some sort of higher education in rural areas and published in correspondence to the Newcastle Journal in 1872, seemed to the trustees to be a way forward that would maintain their independence and be agreeable to the Commission. The trustees' confidence was influenced by the Schools Inquiry Commissioner J.L. Hammond's report, following a visit in 1867, which suggested that the area needed a 'Second Grade' school and the base for it should be Haydon Bridge where it would provide a 'modern' curriculum for boys up to sixteen. *(No mention of girls. They were probably busy darning stockings and mending pit claes!)*

This way forward, proposed by the Shaftoe trustees was to meet with strong opposition from three quarters.

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From nearby Hexham Grammar School, from the residents of Haydon Bridge who would lose the 'free' element of education at their school and from the Headmaster W.L.Pendered who feared loss of status and income.

Although the trustees' proposals were put forward with good intent, they had not anticipated that the nationally designed scheme, presented in 1874 and 1876, would hand the one hundred and ninety year old Shaftoe Trust foundation to a sixteen man governing body with little if any local representation. Once the implications became clear; namely the loss of control of the management of their estate and the income accrued from it, the trustees themselves had second thoughts and the campaign for a regional 'Middle Class High School' at Haydon Bridge was aborted; although educational reforms at Shaftoe Trust School did take place and the 'Grammar School' with its clerical Headmaster was abolished.

The way was now clear for Hexham Grammar School to mount its own campaign, in 1881, to become the higher education school in our rural area.

The difficulty the Hexham school had in funding its ambitious proposals was its limited income at that time, whereas the Haydon Bridge John Shaftoe Charity, with an income of £1,250 p.a., was 'the richest in the County'.

Having withdrawn from the competition with Hexham for the proposed rural 'High School', the Parish Council and Shaftoe trustees were not at all pleased to find that the Charity Commissioners had used their legal powers to include a clause in the Hexham scheme, allowing the school governors there to divert accumulated funds and any 'surplus' from the Shaftoe Charity for the benefit of the new Hexham school. This affront in 1892 led to a public outcry in our village and an attempt by the charity trustees to resurrect the case for a 'High School' at Haydon Bridge.

By 1909 however, when it was definite that the new school was going to be at Hexham, the Shaftoe trustees conceded that it was time to bargain with the LEA and agreed to £1,000 from the charity being used to help finance the building of the school and £200 being allocated annually for its maintenance (which continued until 1919) in return for a promise of improved teaching facilities for 'special teaching' and a 'Higher Division' within the Haydon Bridge

school. A representative of the Shaftoe Trust on the Hexham school's Board of Governors allowed the trustees to keep an eye on their investment.

Residents in the parish of Haydon today and those who have benefited from the Shaftoe Trust Charity over the years can be grateful; for the determination of our villagers in the 1870's, the Trust's belief that John Shaftoe's School could provide more than just a basic elementary education, and the bargaining powers of the 19c trustees who ensured that the Rev. John Shaftoe's Charity was able to maintain its independence.

#### My references:

William Lee 1876.  
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'Hexham Historian' June 1999.  
Newcastle Journal / Hexham Courant.

#### WERE YOU ABLE TO ADD THE NAMES TO LAST MONTH'S CRICKET TEAM



#### Back Row:

E. Porteus. J. Brown. J. Taylor. D. Allen.  
R. Allen. I. Ferguson. T.K. Brown.

#### Front Row:

N.L. Brown. H.N. Kirsopp. E. Waite.  
L.C. Coombes. C. Bates.

The photograph shows Haydon Bridge, West Tyne League winners in 1949.

Our village cricket team won the league two years in succession, in 1949 and 1950.

Shortly after this photograph was published in your April Haydon News, Bellingham resident and ex Haydonian Robert Allen died aged 86 years, on 18th April 2007. Charlie Coombes died in December last year and therefore only two members of the 1949 team are still alive. Bob Allen's brother David, and former Haydon Bridge Doctor, Ian Ferguson.

Haydon Bridge won the West Tyne League last year as well of course, beating Matfen Hall by 13 (lucky for some!) runs in what was effectively a play off for the championship on the last day of the season, So the cup held by Edward Waite in the photograph

taken in 1949, now stands proudly in the home of our cricket team's sponsors, the Railway Hotel.



A closer look at the old trophy, the 'West Tyne Senior Cricket League Challenge Cup', shows that it was first played for in 1905, when it was won by Close House, and other than the war years, 1915-1919 and 1940-1945, has been played for every year since. Haydon Bridge's name is engraved on the trophy on ten occasions. 1910, 1949, 1950, 1955, 1965, 1982, 1983, 1999, 2000 and 2006.

#### REMAINING CRICKET FIXTURES FOR SEASON 2007

All Saturdays unless otherwise stated

#### Division 1

2nd June : v Benwell Hill (H)  
9th June : v Wylam (A)  
16th June : v Hexham Leazes (H)  
23rd June: v Humshaugh (A)  
30th June: v No game  
7th July: v Haltwhistle (H)  
14th July: v Newton (A)  
21st July: v Prudhoe (H)  
28th July: v Matfen (A)  
4th August: v Allendale (A)  
11th August: v Stocksfield (H)  
18th August: v Benwell Hill (A)  
25th August: v Wylam (H)  
1st September: vHexham Leazes (A)  
8th Sptember: v Humshaugh (H)  
15th September: No game

#### Division 2

2nd June : v Stamfordham (A)  
9th June : v Wylam (H)  
10th June (Sun.): v Haltwhistle (H)  
16th June : v Hexham Leazes (A)  
23rd June: v Humshaugh (H)  
30th June: v No game  
7th July: v Haltwhistle (A)  
14th July: v Newbrough (H)  
21st July: v Prudhoe (A)  
28th July: v Wark (H)  
11th August: v Stocksfield (A)  
18th August: v Stamfordham (H)  
25th August: v Wylam (A)  
1st September: vHexham Leazes (A)  
8th Sptember: v Humshaugh (H)  
15th September: No game

**If Ian Foster, One North East's new Tourist Information Co-ordinator, is looking for someone to sell Haydon Bridge across the world.**

**I've found her!**

**12 year old Kelly Hudson is from Victoria in Australia.**

**Kelly submitted this essay for a college assignment.**

#### **MY SPECIAL PLACE**

My special place is a small village called Haydon Bridge.

Haydon Bridge is situated in the North of England. The population of Haydon Bridge is only 2,000 people.

It takes an awfully long time to get to England, about 23 hours. To get to England I had to go by plane. The plane trip was extremely long and very uncomfortable.

This is a snapshot of Haydon Bridge through my eyes.

Haydon Bridge is a spectacular place. It has miles and miles of luscious green grass followed by picture perfect trees and glorious hills.

Haydon Bridge has a crystal clear river that is constantly flowing.

The majestic view is incomparable, along with the comforting atmosphere.

In 2004 I visited England. Sadly this was the only time I visited England. I am truly hoping that I can go back and visit soon.

When I went to England I visited with my mum, aunty, my cousin Abbey and my nana. When we stayed in Haydon Bridge we stayed with mum's cousin Maureen and her husband Harry. We stayed in their 3 storey house which was beautiful. The bottom storey was a fish and chip shop - even better!

Harry use to make freshly cooked chips for Abbey and myself - yummy!

When I visited Haydon Bridge we did a lot of fun and exciting things, especially sight seeing. When we crossed the bridge over the Tyne River we use to go for a nice blissful walk along the river which was absolutely remarkable. We also used to feed the ducks and geese along the lovely river.

Looking at the view from the river was truly magnificent. I also used to go with my family to the pub across the road called The Anchor and I played pool with my cousin Abbey.

I was getting good.

When I was in England I found an extremely delicious dish of food that I just couldn't resist! It was called a

Yorkshire Pudding.

Its description is round with a hollow middle. You have a Yorkshire Pudding with a roast. A Yorkshire Pudding is made out of batter like a pancake, only it doesn't have any sugar. You pour luscious gravy in the hollow middle part of the Yorkshire Pudding.

I also discovered a new game when I visited England. To play this game you needed a conker also known as a Horse Chestnut. The aim of the game was to break the other person's conker which was on a string. I also remember searching for conkers scattered around the conker trees in the village.

We also visited lots of places including Scotland, Wales, London, The Lake District and Yorkshire. Those were just a few of the sensational places we visited.

Haydon Bridge gave me a happy sort of fuzzy feeling inside, like it was a second home. When I visited I felt illuminated by the experience. I never really felt like relaxing while I was on this holiday, because there was always something to do or something to see. Going to another country and seeing their truly remarkable land and experiencing what they do in their day to day lives is just so amazing. It was a wonderful opportunity for me and if I was able to have this opportunity again, I would definitely take it! That is why Haydon Bridge, and all of England, makes me feel this way. Haydon Bridge is special to me because some of my relatives live there, while my other relatives live in different parts of England, Scotland and Wales. Most of these relatives, I had never met before this holiday. Haydon Bridge is very special to me because it is a tremendous place. It is so beautiful!

My ultimate dream would be to spend a white Christmas in England. I absolutely loved going there and I hope to go back very soon.

Haydon Bridge is a very peaceful and lovely location and that's why it's special to me.



#### **HAYDON BRIDGE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE**

Sue Dunn entertained us this month with not only tunes on the Northumbrian Pipes but also a little about their history and how they are made.

The pipes have been around for about 800years (not the ones she was playing I hasten to add). They have of course changed slightly over the years and in fact during the time of Oliver Cromwell they almost died out altogether. However Cromwell was not able to eliminate them entirely from the north of the country.

In fact the pipes are having a bit of a come back and are steadily growing in popularity again.

We were entertained with a couple of laments, Bonny at Morn followed by The Wounded Hussar. Then to lift the mood we listened to Stagshaw Bank Fair and a variety of Jigs and reels.

Tea and Cake rounded off the evening nicely.

Names were taken of members wishing to attend the BBQ in July, if you are a member who was not at the meeting and would like to come to the BBQ would you please let either Karen, Sheila or Pam know by next month.

**Our next meeting will be on June 19<sup>th</sup> in the Community Centre from 7.30pm.**

**Karen Lumsden.**

#### **DELIVERED TO YOUR DOOR**

This month we welcome Tommy Cunningham to our team of dedicated volunteers listed below who, along with The Friends of Haydon Bridge committee and Clarkes' newsagents, ensure that the Haydon News is delivered to your door.

Joyce Armstrong. Pam Armstrong. Ed. Brown. Peter Carruthers. Ann Carter. Tommy Cunningham. Ralph Curry. Mrs. J. Ford. Mr. M.C.Gamble. Ben Gibbard. Mrs. Gillespy. Mrs. Glenwright. Phil. Harley. Mrs. A. Howard. Mrs. R. Hunter. George Hutton. Elizabeth Jukes. Kate Mc Kirkle. Margaret Marshall. Doris Murphy. Brian Pearson. Mrs. Plumb. Gladys Robertson. Mrs. Ratcliffe. Louise Ray. Pauline Smith. Sammy Smith. Henry Swaddle. Tula Thompson. John Wardle. Christine Youngman.

**Thank you all.**

# HAYDON PARISH PLAN 2007



## Progress is gaining pace.

\* Meetings have been held with the High School and various issues have emerged which appear to centre around funding and how the School is able to market itself in the Community.

In this regard it was suggested that there could be a regular Education page in the *Haydon News* which would cover all the schools in the Partnership as well as the Virtual College which is linked with QEHS, Prudhoe and Ponteland High Schools.

\* The Steering Group recognises that it has an understanding of what initiatives the Parish Council are already involved in.

These include; the Library, changes which will arise from the Bypass, work

on The Old Bridge, Improvements to the riverside at the Elland, The John Martin Trail, The Flood Plan which may evolve into a disaster plan and Brown Tourist signs at strategic points on the outskirts of Haydon Bridge.

\* The next step in the Parish Plan is to group the identified themes into 3 main blocks with a team looking at each.

The blocks will be:

1. Parish economy and identity after the Bypass.
2. Physical design and layout of the Parish after the Bypass.
3. The Community and a 'People-based' agenda e.g. health, leisure, education, environment

The next scheduled meeting of the Steering Group is *Tuesday 26 June*.

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## LANGLEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Jane Penny gave an interesting talk about traditional Guernsey knitting to Langley WI and their guests from Warden WI. She showed examples of fisher ganseys which she still knits. We were shown the basic pattern which ensures that the garment has no specific back or front, but can be worn either way. This she explained was so that if the front wore out while the wearer was fishing he could just turn it around and continue working.

The sleeves were also knit slightly differently from the usual method in that they are knitted from the shoulder down to the cuff. This meant that if the sleeve was damaged it was easier to unpick and reknit. Jane showed us some examples of the patterns found on ganseys. Each fishing village down the east coast, from Scotland to Whitby had their own pattern. Jane also told some tales of other fishing traditions. She is most concerned that these traditions and patterns are disappearing and appealed for anyone with any access to these patterns to get in touch with her. She was pleased that knitting is enjoying a revival.

After a superb supper the raffle was drawn with prizes being won by members of both WIs.

The competition for a souvenir from Scotland was won by Elaine Pesarra, second was Cathy Duffy.

No meeting next month as it is Langley WI's outing.

Cath Duffy.



*New Bridge:* "So. Aa ye happy wi me diversion signs then?"

*Old Bridge:* "Wey naa man. It shud be the Langly Road, shudn't it?"



The good weather during the past weeks has enabled CVC Highway Solutions to keep to their planned programme of work during the construction of our bypass.

Project Manager Andrew Harding issues a word of caution however.

“It is especially important in these early months of the work that it remains dry. Wet weather would severely hamper the bulk earthworks being undertaken at the moment.”

Having watched at close quarters the extensive movement of soil at the west end of the site recently, I can well imagine the resulting quagmire if the heavens open for any length of time!

The daily changes in our landscape are not so noticeable now that the turf has been removed, and yet during the course of the contract around four hundred thousand (400,000) tonnes of top soil and sub soil will be shifted. All the earth moved will be retained on site and re-used as the construction of the bypass continues.

Temporary roads for construction vehicles on site are clearly visible now, on the southern slopes of the valley, and the piling work for the ‘South Tyne Viaduct’ is underway at the west end of the by pass.

Environment Agency consents have been received to allow work to commence in the River Tyne at West Rattenraw, and temporary works for the

river piers will start after the May Bank Holiday.

Excavation of the cemetery road will probably have started before this update is published, but access to the site offices and compound will continue to be from Esp Hill off the A686 Alston road.

**There is no access to the site from Shaftoe Street, up the Langley (cemetery) road.**

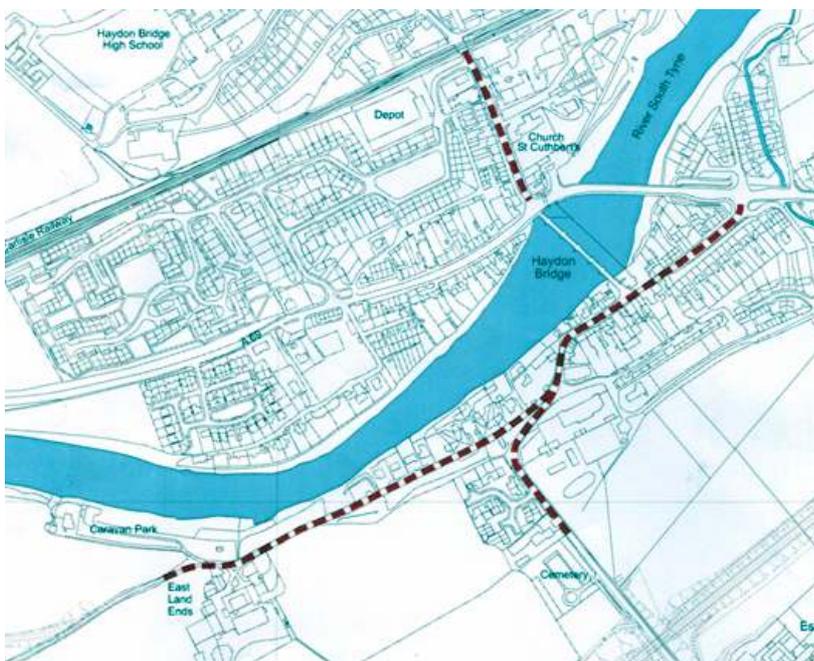
A request has been made to the Highways Agency, for a temporary traffic regulation (40 mph) from the east end Alston road junction, where the traffic has increased considerably.

Project Manager Andrew Harding is grateful for the support both himself and his team have received from residents, although the interpretation of ‘East Land Ends Lane’ has caused some confusion.

The restricted route for construction traffic (i.e. no construction traffic), from the village to East Land Ends farm was planned with safety in mind and to reduce noise and inconvenience in the residential area. The Land Ends road west of the Poplars Caravan Park will continue be open for construction traffic. This is clearly necessary to gain access to the south west area of the site.

The contractors apologise for any inconvenience caused.

**RESTRICTED ROUTES i.e. No construction traffic**



Tynedale Council is the planning authority for this area. Under an act of parliament that came into effect in 2004 Tynedale Council are required to produce a Local Development Framework. This includes a Development Plan which provides the basis for all decisions on planning applications.

When producing these documents Tynedale Council have to carry out public consultation often through Parish Councils and exhibitions at local libraries or community centres. The Development Plan Documents (DPD) must take account of national and regional policy requirements as well as specific local needs. The DPD must be examined by a government inspector to ensure overall soundness. The inspector may make changes to the document.

So while the district council may be responsible for taking decisions on planning matters, it is not a ‘free agent’. Decisions taken either by the Planning Officer or the Planning Committee must be seen to meet the requirements of the Development Plans unless there are overriding ‘material planning considerations’ (see below) So where do the Parish Council fit into the scheme of things?

Parish Councils are sent copies of planning applications in their area and are invited to comment on them. The views of the parish council are seen as a valuable contribution to the decision making process but must be restricted to the following ‘material planning considerations’ .....

- Loss of privacy/overlooking**
  - Visual appearance**
  - Parking provision**
  - Effect on listed buildings or conservation area**
  - Layout and density of buildings**
  - Traffic generation and highway safety**
  - Noise and smells resulting from use**
- Tynedale Planning Committee meet once each month and deal with applications that are major, controversial or ones that have a large number of objectors. The report, produced by the Planning Dept on each application to be considered by the committee, includes a summary of comments received and the comments of the parish council in full. However, having made a decision it may not be final. There is an appeal procedure which may overturn the planning committee’s decision.

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### **ANY BETS ON THIS SUMMER'S MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE?**

#### **Rationing for real**

The reality of rationing in the NHS is now upon us.

It is universally recognised that the idea of old people (those over 40) having sex is just gross. Accordingly, it is now official policy that NHS condoms are only available to the under 25s. Ageism is getting younger all the time.

Furthermore, those few people who are entitled to Viagra and drugs like it on the NHS are officially restricted to four tablets per month and only one month's prescription at a time.

#### **The Ostrich Question**

The question on everybody's lips is:

Whereas it is plain where The Sport's ostrich has its head, the question remains as to whether The Independent's ostrich has simply shoved harder and to greater effect or is a victim of French Revolutionary justice?

I think we should be told!

#### **Rheumatoid Arthritis**

There is to be an open meeting of the National Rheumatoid Arthritis Society, to which all sufferers, their carers and relatives are warmly invited, on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2007 in Rooms 137-138 Level 1, Education Centre, Freeman Road Hospital, Newcastle between 2.00 and 5.00.

There will be talks on:  
RA, work and benefits  
RA and services at Freeman  
Education program for sufferers.

Light refreshments provided.

#### **Driving**

A retired friend from Nottingham routinely forwards emails that have amused him – almost all of which have to do with the delights of old age:

Two elderly women were out driving in a large car – both could barely see over

the dashboard. As they were cruising along, they came to an intersection. The stoplight was red, but they just went on through.

The woman in the passenger seat thought to herself "I must be losing it. I could have sworn we just went through a red light." After a few more minutes, they came to another intersection and the light was red again. Again, they went right through.

The woman in the passenger seat was almost sure that the light had been red but was really concerned that she was losing it. She was getting nervous. At the next intersection, sure enough, the light was red and they went on through.

So, she turned to the other woman and said, "Mildred, did you know that we just ran through three red lights in a row? You could have killed us both!"

Mildred turned to her and said, "Oh, crap, am I driving?"

#### **Moral question**

Stories about people being denied treatment, for one reason or another, abound in the media.

Further questions have now been raised such as:

If a doctor is aware of an existing treatment that would be suitable but that is not available, is there an obligation to inform the patient of it?

If a treatment is suitable and available but for which there will be a significant delay before it can be administered, is there an obligation to inform the patient, not only of the delay, but also of the extent of the harm that the delay itself is causing?

I know the answer I would give but what do you think and to whom should the subsequent letters be addressed. At the moment, almost all doctors would declare themselves to be their patient's advocate against the machinery of state or other external entities but the time may be coming when that power of advocacy is eroded or terminated by contract or threat of legal reprisal or loss of employment. The professions, all of them, are being systematically

disempowered and the public service ethos corrupted. Whilst professional empowerment has itself been corrupt in the places, the options for the general population to find someone to be their advocate are diminishing.

You've heard the recorded messages – 'Your call is important to us – you are being held in a queue – one of our customer service executives will be with you in a moment.' You've had the letters – 'We are sorry that on this occasion our service has fallen below the high standards that the company sets for itself...' The insincerity is almost palpable. To a certain extent the NHS is already behaving like that and because everything is now recorded, it is routine for important discussions to be held on private phone lines or in unattributable conversations in corridors. If it's important – don't commit it to record!

Almost all of the rationing debate in the NHS is centred on expensive but rare treatments. One of the original purposes of the NHS was to ameliorate the fear of illness or injury – this is an aspect that is being disregarded with the result that people with less common conditions or less treatable conditions are now exposed to unnecessary distress.

Perhaps the time has come to change the focus from denying rare expensive treatments toward expecting people to be self sufficient in the treatment of common and/or mild conditions. As a loose illustration (if that is the *mot juste*) – if a thousand people with constipation altered their diets and/or purchased their own laxatives then one person with a rare tumour could have their treatment assured. If a couple of hundred people found ways other than taking sleeping tablets to spend a restful night then a dementing person could be offered a trial of an anti-dementia drug.

It's a question of priorities.

In places like Oregon in the USA there have been attempts to create lists of priorities by asking the public to rank the importance of conditions or treatments against each other.

#### **Hospital infections**

The media are always years behind when it comes to reporting the issues – at least in health and I imagine it is the

same in other areas too.

One might be forgiven for imagining that MRSA and *C. difficile* are new problems. Far from it. They've been around for decades but with the current high rate of patient admission and discharge, from a smaller number of beds and wards, accompanied by better diagnosis and reporting there appears to be a whole new problem.

Doctors, nurses and the cleaning arrangements in hospitals all routinely come in for a pasting and a proportion of it is deserved but there are other factors that require attention too. Famously a politician once asked 'Just how difficult can it be to keep a hospital clean?' and then did a 'pressing the flesh' tour of a hospital without once washing his hands. Well, now he knows how difficult it is.

Hospital staff are criticised for going to work in their uniforms, there no longer being any provision for changing or laundry at the hospital.

There has been no survey that I am aware of that examines the effect of the patients themselves and their standards of personal hygiene. More particularly, there has been no study that I am aware of that examines the effect of the patient's visitors. MRSA and *c. difficile* exist in the community, not just in hospital.

Every day scores of thousands of visitors to hospitals throng through the wards in every day clothing and footwear. The clothing may have been freshly laundered that day – or may never have

been laundered since purchase some decades ago and I shudder to think where some of the footwear has been. How often do you see visitors in hospitals washing their hands before and after approaching their relative/friend?

Could I ask you to do your bit for reducing hospital infection please? When visiting hospitals, either as a patient or to visit a friend/relative, please go in freshly laundered clothing – especially the outermost layers – and always wash your hands. Ensure that your footwear is as clean as is practicable – at the least, don't go in clarty boots.

**Just like that!**

Old Tommy Cooper jokes (why do the good die young?):

I went into my local ice-cream shop:  
'I'd like to buy an ice-cream please.'  
'Knickerbocker Glory?'  
'I do get a certain amount of freedom in these trousers, yes!'

'Doctor! I can't stop singing The Green Green Grass of Home.'  
'That sounds like Tom Jones Syndrome.'  
'Is it common?'  
'It's not unusual!'

**You might think that but I couldn't possibly comment!**

In 1988 our Health Centre was built to house two thousand patients, one doctor, a handful of part time staff and

basic services only. Now we have almost three and a half thousand patients, four doctors, a nurse practitioner, several district nurses, well over a dozen assorted other staff and every service we can squeeze into the building. We have detailed timetables governing the use of rooms, computers and even chairs!

As you may have noticed – it's getting cosy.

You may also recall that we have been trying to get a new build premises or an extension or even a Portacabin without luck so far.

Over the years we have made many attempts to get funding and our most recent approach has yielded the information that, for practical purposes, there is no funding for anything anywhere in Northumberland for the foreseeable future and no mechanism for deciding who should get any funding if it were available.

The further hint was dropped that the availability of funding for the new build premises at Corbridge might, quite independently of the unquestioned need for it, not be wholly unconnected with the presence within the catchment area of certain resident VIPs with 'connections'.

Keep filling those Lottery tickets in!

Steve Ford

## **THE 4th ANNUAL HAYDON BRIDGE LOCAL ARTISTS' SUMMER EXHIBITION.**

**SUNDAY 17TH JUNE— SATURDAY 23RD JUNE.**

**HAYDON BRIDGE COMMUNITY CENTRE**

**SHAFTOE SCHOOL ART DISPLAY**

**OPEN 10.00AM— 6.00PM DAILY.**  
(Except Wednesday, opens at 12.30pm and Saturday, closes at 4.00pm)

**ADMISSION FREE**

**REFRESHMENTS**

**RAFFLE**

**CHURCH PAGE**

**CLERGY MESSAGE**

From

*Leo Pyle.*

**JUNE  
2007**



Dear Friends,

"June is busting out all over" goes the old song but it is raining as I write (May)  
We hope summer will be with us in June.  
It will be summer on the 21<sup>st</sup> June, officially, no matter what the weather is doing, but we have an idealised view of what summer should be like, and that's what we want and anything else is a disappointment. But we will accept, rather reluctantly, that this year summer may be less than ideal. In so much of our lives we have an "ideal" picture of what love, friendship, being the church is all about and often we are disappointed by what we get but reluctantly we accept that that is how life is.

Pentecost or Whitsunday, which we celebrated on 27<sup>th</sup> May, is about a group of disappointed and dispirited disciples being filled with the Holy Spirit and shaken out of their self pity to embrace the message of love for themselves and the world. It is the spirit of God bursting out, pushing us onwards, and opening new ways of being the people of God.

Trinity Sunday follows Pentecost. The Trinity is about encountering the whole of God in our daily experience. It is about experiencing love, reconciliation and renewal to become more fully human.

In all our living we make progress in our relationships only through love, reconciliation and renewal.

WHO AND WHERE

The names of the Clergy  
who minister in Haydon Bridge

Rev Judith Hampson,  
with St Cuthbert's Anglican Church  
The Vicarage, Station Yard

Rev Les Hann,  
with the Methodist Congregation  
Wesley Manse, Moor View, Haltwhistle

Father Leo Pyle ,  
with St John's Catholic Church  
St John's Presbytery, North Bank

The people of Iraq, Afghanistan, Darfur, and so many other places in the world including our own Northern Ireland will only see peace and justice through love, reconciliation and renewal.

To embrace change and disappointment and infuse them with spirit and love will help change things.

We can't change the weather but we can change our attitude and we can change the world for the better.

*Les Hann*



**St Cuthbert's Summer Fete and Gift Day**

In the Church Hall  
**Saturday 9th June 2 pm**

Grand Raffle,  
Tombola,  
Teas and Cake Stall

**Garden Fete Sunday 24th June commencing 2.00 pm.**

In the grounds of  
**St. John of Beverley R.C. Church, Haydon Bridge**

In the event of inclement weather,  
Transfer to  
Haydon Bridge Community Centre  
all the Fun of the Fete,  
Grand Auction  
Bargains Galore.

**Strawberry Cream Teas**  
at  
Haydon Bridge Methodist Church

Saturday 30 June  
£2.50

Cake Stall  
Preserves Stall  
Everyone welcome

**METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES**

**June 3**

10.00am Morning Worship  
Stan Rowntree  
6.00 pm Evening Service  
Joan Histon

**June 10**

10.00 am Family Worship  
Les Hann

**June 17**

10.00am Holy Communion  
Les Hann  
6.00pm United Worship  
**At Haltwhistle**

**June 24**

10.00am Morning Worship  
Peter Wright  
6.00pm No Service

**July 1**

10.00am Morning Worship  
6.00 pm Evening Service

**BELTINGHAM/HENSHAW CHURCH SERVICES**

**June 3  
Henshaw**

10.00am BCP Communion

**June 10**

10.30 Service at Haydon Bridge

**June 17  
Henshaw**

10.00am Holy Communion  
6 pm Evensong

**June 24  
Beltingham**

10 am Joint Family Service

**July 1  
Beltingham**

10.00am BCP Communion

**ST JOHN OF BEVERLEY CHURCH SERVICES**

Mass each Sunday at 9.30am

Mass each Sunday at 11.00am at Haltwhistle

Mass on weekdays (except Mondays) at 10.00am either St John's or Haltwhistle

**Holiday Club 2007 23rd—27th July**

For all youngsters in and around Haydon Bridge  
Look out for the posters  
If any adults can spare a few hours there is still time for helpers to volunteer  
By calling Kathleen Armstrong on 674184 or Bobby & Rachel Martin (leaders) 0191 565 8660

**ST CUTHBERT'S CHURCH SERVICES**

**June 3**  
10.30am All Age

**June 10**  
8 am BCP Communion  
10.30 Joint Service

**June 17**  
10.30am Morning Prayer

**June 24**  
10 am Service at Beltingham

**July 1**  
10.30am All Age

**HAYDON OLD CHURCH SERVICES**

3rd June  
1st July  
6pm Evensong

**ST. JOHN of BEVERLEY — HAYDON BRIDGE**

**JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS WITH A FESTIVAL OF FLOWERS  
TO THE SOUND OF MUSIC**

<b>Thursday July 19th</b>	<b>Opening Preview 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.</b>
<b>Friday July 20th</b> (Refreshments on offer throughout the day with cake and craft stall)	<b>Church Open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.</b>
<b>Saturday July 21st</b> (Refreshments on offer throughout the day with cake and craft stall)	<b>Church Open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.</b>
<b>Saturday July 21st</b>	<b>Mass at 12 noon</b> (Buffet Lunch)
<b>Saturday July 21st</b>	<b>Haydon Chorale Concert 7.30 p.m.</b>
<b>Sunday July 22nd</b> (Coffee after Mass, Church open until 2 p.m.)	<b>Mass at 9.30 a.m.</b>

**We are pleased to welcome back Sylvia's POETS' CORNER this month**

**This poem is appropriate for the time of the year. Sent in by J. Rix.**

When fooling about frogs are fond  
Of stagnant ditch or a pond  
While others their presence maintain  
In some old agricultural drain  
Toads are conversely more prone  
To hide under leaves or a stone  
While those who desert their abode  
And venture to hop on the road  
Are sometimes inclined to explode  
But it's more distressing by far  
To see tadpoles entombed in a jar

**Ex Haydonian Robert Allen died on 18th April 2007.  
Robert lived at Bellingham and was renowned as the  
'Bard of the North Tyne'.**

**Robert's poem 'A Canny Welcome' was donated to the  
Northumbria Anthology in 1994.**

The North Tyne folks is canny folks  
From Kielder te the Waal  
But them that lives in Bellingham's  
The canniest of them aal.

And when ye come amang us  
Yer as welcome as can be  
Ye'll find that wer hospitable  
And open-hearted tae.

And when ye've been here fifty year  
And nivvor med a fuss  
Then mebbies, we'll be kind te ye  
And caal ye, "One of us!"

**A not so subtle message from Robert for those who join our tight knit communities.  
(Bellingham, or even Haydon Bridge perhaps!)**

But if ye plan te settle here  
Ye'll he' te larn the rules  
we divven't like the cocky yins  
And canna bide the fools.

For if amang us canny folks  
Ye wish te be elect  
Ne hang for reputation  
Ye must earn yer aan respect.

**HAYDON BRIDGE NATURE CLUB  
SUMMER WALKS PROGRAMME**

**Thursday 14th June:**

Brocolitia to Sharpley Farm  
(Hadrian's Wall). 4 mile  
Meet at Brocolitia Fort, Military Road.  
GR 861712  
Henry Swaddle.

**Thursday 28th June:**

Whapweasel Burn, Hexhamshire. 4 mile  
Meet at Crabtree Ford, Rowley Burn.  
GR 9028 5647  
Dave Rutherford.

**Thursday 12th July:**

Causey Arch and railway. 4 mile  
Meet at Causey car park.  
GR 205561  
Emmi Althaus.

**Walks start at 6.45  
Further information  
from the walk leaders.  
All are welcome**

**HAYDON BRIDGE UNITED F.C.**

Invites all families, sponsors  
and supporters  
to a

**PRESENTATION EVENING  
on  
SATURDAY 9th JUNE 2007**

Food  
Drink  
Dancing

**Come on down Starts at 5 pm**

**"EACH OF US CARRY SO MUCH  
HISTORY WITHIN THAT IT IS  
RARELY DISCOVERED  
BY OTHERS"**

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MEMORIES OF OUR PARISH  
WITH THE READERS OF  
THE HAYDON NEWS  
THROUGH MY COLUMNS**

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