



# THE HAYDON NEWS ON LINE

**LOCAL ARTISTS  
SUMMER  
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SHAFTOE TRUST FIRST SCHOOL PUPILS

**Haydon Local Artists** hold their **fifth Summer Exhibition** in the Haydon Bridge Community Centre from **22nd to 28th June** this year.

Our local artists' first exhibition was held as part of the John Martin Heritage celebrations in 2004 and the subsequent annual displays of paintings by adult artists with a connection to our parish, and work by pupils from Shaftoe Trust First School, have drawn widespread praise from visitors.

Last year over 400 people visited the exhibition.

This is an excellent community event for which there's no entry charge and you don't have to buy a painting.

**Please go along to the Haydon Bridge Community Centre and support our local artists and Shaftoe Trust School staff and pupils.**

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Welcome 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.

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**Dennis Telford. (Chairman)  
Friends of Haydon Bridge.**

## EDITORIAL COMMENT

It seems that volunteers are in short supply but greater demand nowadays. (A bit like oil I suppose). Last month it was the Community Association pleading for new committee members to help with the running of the Community Centre. This month it's the turn of Haydon Bridge Playgroup and Tiny Tots to make a similar plea (Page 15).

Then there are almost endless requests for volunteers to support or help with a range of tasks around the village throughout the year. Check this month's Parish Council Notes for a number of examples.

Some groups, and some requests, draw a better response than others, particularly where there is a practical task to be done. The Friends are particularly fortunate in having a great team of volunteers who distribute the Haydon News to homes across the Parish.

The response to calls for help to run our Community Access Library has been unbelievable.

The Friends of Shaftoe Green have a small but beautifully formed group of dedicated volunteers maintaining the play area and keeping it free of litter.

However, membership of committees is another matter.

There can't be many, if any, committees with a waiting list to join their ranks. Committees do play a vital part in the running of any organisation or group and it is to be hoped that the current pleas for members will be heeded.

On the other hand I do often question the boundary between what should be done by volunteers and what services I'm paying for. As a tax payer at national and local level I do, like most others, expect some return in the form of service provision. Should we really be asking for volunteers to take on tasks paid for locally through our Council Tax or Parish Council Precept?

MP

## WELCOME TO THE PARISH OF HAYDON, NORTHUMBERLAND ENGLAND



May 2008 views of the north abutment and the east river pier under construction for the South Tyne Viaduct of the Haydon Bridge Bypass

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**Thank you**

**Editors: Mike Parkin. Dennis Telford.**

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**Site construction by Henry Swaddle.**

## **PARISH COUNCIL NOTES from the meeting in May 2008**

The meeting began with the election of the chair and vice chair of the council. Esmond Faulks and Eileen Charlton were re-elected.

### **Public Participation.**

No issues were raised by those members of the public present.

### **Council Meeting**

10 councillors were present

### **Shaftoe Green Play Area**

Following a site visit the previous week with Mick Hall, the landscape architect responsible for the design of Shaftoe Green, councillors discussed what action to take to re-open the toddlers' play area. Concern was expressed at the estimated £4,000+ cost of clearing the broken glass and wood chippings from the area surrounding the play equipment and providing new wood chippings. Possible cheaper solutions were discussed. These included the use of volunteers to remove and replace the wood chippings; approaching Egger to donate new chippings; changing the toddlers play area to a rubberised surface; fund raising to meet the costs. It was pointed out that a possible cheaper solution had been made at the site meeting costing about £2,000. This involved retaining some of the larger bark chippings, from which glass shards could easily be removed and replacing the crushed compacted chippings. A further meeting with Mick Hall is to be requested before any action is taken. Shaftoe Green is an important asset to the village, both for locals and visitors. Councillors hope to have it re-opened as soon as possible.

### **Tynedale Council Minutes.**

Tynedale District Council propose to arrange a meeting with Parish Councils to discuss Post Office closures.

### **Highways**

The brown sign for Haydon Bridge on the Langley road at Esp Hill has still not been erected. It was paid for by the Council when it was ordered last December. It was postponed due to the delay in re-opening Langley Road but should have been in place shortly after the road opened in March. Complaints

have been made to those responsible for the continuing delay. The council have been told that the sign should be in place in the next few weeks.

When the council applied for a brown sign at the Repeater Station road junction permission was refused as it is too far from the village. However, the council was informed that a new directional sign could replace the present rather faded one if funding is available. No action has been taken on this by NCC Highways dept.

### **Lighting**

A councillor expressed concern about the street light by the main gate to Shaftoe School. It was felt that the light, illuminating the path to Shaftoe Green, encouraged night time visitors to the play area. The Parish Council had not requested this light, erected by NCC over a year ago. When asked, a NCC representative had said that it was put in place in response to a request from a resident. On making a complaint more recently the councillor was informed that it lights the way to the school and was there in case of a fight! The Parish Council have requested its removal but it seems it is there to stay.

### **Planning Applications.**

The council received three applications for comment.

Extension to 1, Ratcliffe Road.

No objections were raised.

Erection of a conservatory at the Old Vicarage. No objections.

Newsagent shop on Ratcliffe Road, change of use to ground floor living accommodation.

Concern was voiced by some councillors at the loss of yet another shop in the village. The shop closed last year, loss of trade being given as the reason for closure. While the council expressed sympathy with the young couple, who had purchased the business only the year before, it was pointed out that the council policy was to oppose further change of use applications as the permanent loss of facilities is detrimental to the future viability of the village.

The council objected to this application.

### **Correspondence.**

Letters were received from Tynedale District Council and Milecastle Housing Association following receipt of the Draft Haydon Parish Plan. They proposed meetings with the Parish Council/Parish Plan Group to discuss the Plan and Village Design Statement. Information was received about a meeting of the North Pennines Group at Melmerby Village Hall. Members of the council were invited to attend.

### **Village Projects.**

#### **Haydon Parish Plan**

Peter Fletcher, leader of the Parish Plan Group, informed the council that copies of the Draft Parish Plan have been sent to the following organisations along with a request for meetings to further develop the Plan with them:

Tynedale Council,  
Northumberland County Council,  
The Joint Implementation Team for the new unitary authority,  
Northumberland Care Trust,  
Northumberland National Park,  
North Pennines AONB,  
Milecastle Housing.  
Further copies are also to be sent to other 'partnership' organisations i.e. The Highways Agency and Environment Agency.

He went on to report that Cllr Ed Brown and Dr S Ford have started work on setting up the Community Trust. This body will apply for grants to implement the initiatives contained in the Parish Plan.

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#### **PARISH COUNCILLORS**

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Parish Clerk  
Mrs. C McGivern  
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**The industrial remains at Stublick are a reminder of our most famous of historic coal mines, there were many other coal mining sites of interest in our parish however. Read on!**

**L.C. COOMBES**

*Those of you who knew Haydon Bridge resident L.C. Coombes, will be aware of his particular interest in the geology of our area. I am grateful to David and Christopher Coombes for allowing me to call upon the results of their father's substantial research into coalmining in Langley Barony and beyond, in order that I may place the English Heritage Listed Grade II site at **Stublick** within the overall context of coalmining in the parish.*

*Where the content in my Historical Notes this month is the result of Mr. Coombes' research I have occasionally edited but not substantially altered the original text.*

**COALMINING IN HAYDON PARISH**

Foremost among the non-agricultural employment activities in the ancient Langley Barony was coalmining. The carboniferous rocks of the district consist of relatively thin limestones, together with sandstone, shale and mudstone. The limestones were extensively quarried for lime burning and the durable sandstones provided the local building stone. Among these are several thin coal seams, but only one thick enough to have been worked over a long period. This is the Little Limestone coal, found below the limestone of that name.

The second source of supply came from the seams outcropping around Stublick.

**The earliest known references** to coal mining are from Fourstones and a mine at **Bogle Hole**, both in the 15c. The latter had been in the tenancy of Thomas Smith at a rent of two shillings but was then without a tenant. The site of this mine may have been near **Esp Hill** where a tenement called Bogle Hole or Boglehall was held by Hugo Parker in 1570. Another possibility is the dene formerly mapped as **Lees Cleugh** but now as Robbs Dene.

*Robbs Dene should not be confused with the Bogle Wood given notoriety through the mid 19c story of the 'Land Ends Bogle'. This Bogle's famed haunt was Gatesettle Plantation to the east.*

Both the Esp Hill and Robbs Dene sites have thin seams present and some coal has been mined at the latter but at a much later date. Bogle Hole was leased to Michael Stokoe in 1579 who still held the lease in 1597. By 1604 he was dead and his son John had his possession. A 1608 survey refers only to coal mines in general and gives the rents as 6s-8d but states that 'no pits worked for a long time'.

From this one may reasonably assume that coal was not yet a common domestic fuel; no doubt because there was peat or turf in abundance.

Celia Fiennes, in a memorable account of her travels in Northern England in 1681, left a record of her stay and her experience of a turf fire at Haltwhistle.

*'This Hartwhistle is a little town, there was one Inn but they had noe hay nor would get non, and when my servants had gone some else where they were angry and would not entertain me, so I was forced to take up in a poor cottage which was open to ye thatch and no partitions but hurdles plastered. Indeed ye loft which they called it was over the other roomes was sheltered but with a hurdle; here I was fforced to take up my abode and ye landlady brought me out her best sheetes which serv'd to secure my own sheetes from her dirty blanckets, and indeed I had her fine sheete to spread over ye top of the clothes; but noe sleepe could I get, they burning turff and their chimneys are sort of fflews or open tunnills, yet ye smoake does annoy the roomes.'*

The enclosure documents for Grindon Common state; 'tho much coal, the inhabitants prefer peat.' So there is no doubt that Celia Fines would have had a similar 17c experience of cottage fires at Chesterwood, Langley, or Haydon Bridge had she stayed in our parish. In the event, at Haydon Bridge, the author '*had the Tyne much in view...then cross'd over it on a large stone bridge and so rode by its bank or pretty much in sight of it on the other side to Hexholme 6 mile more.*'

As shown in my April 'Notes, 17c and 18c leases included the provision of a number of fother's of coal to be provided for the landlord, sometimes referred to as bondage coal. Until 1716 this was the Radcliffes for the Langley Barony tenants and they would be expected to carry the fother's to Dilston, or perhaps, before its

closure, to the Woodhall smelting mill.

My own research suggests that a 'fother' or 'fodder' is defined in different ways at different times and places. For example a Hexham fother differs from a Newcastle fother.

From the old 14c English, a fother is a cart load, varying between 2,184 lbs and 2,540 lbs. Or if you prefer it: 19½ cwts. or 12 weys or 170 stones.

And by the way, there are 5 fother's in 6 bushels!!!

*Mr. Coombes's explanation of the units of measurement in this early coal trading is also well worth examination here. If only to be astounded by its complexity.*

'The metrology of the coal trade is to say the least obscure. If it is of any help, a Newcastle boll could be 2½ cwts., a cartload 8¾ cwts., and a wain load 17½ cwts. A corfe or corve was the basket used for hauling coal to the surface in early mines and was presumably less than those mentioned. Two corves were the equivalent of a cart load or a Hexham corn bushel - but such measurements should be treated with caution.'

*So there you have it.*

*It's amazing what you learn at Shaftoe Trust School!!*

Coal has been won from many long forgotten or unofficial drifts in our parish over the years, the general location of a mine occasionally hinted at by now overgrown waste heaps, the nomenclature on an Ordnance Survey Map or a local name given to a feature of the landscape and handed down through the generations. The 'Pit Cover' to the south of Haresby Lonnin for example. I can only write with certainty in these 'Notes however, where official records for mining activity exist today, are accessible AND, I have found them!

The Little Limestone coal was worked at **West Brokenheugh** from at least 1723 when leased to John Coats at £10 per annum and still in his hands in 1741, on a lease expiring in 1758. The rent was then £15 per annum. This colliery was recorded by Coal Viewer John Barnes in 1774 and he described it as. 'A course of pits about twenty fathoms deep running westward from Brokenheugh' and 'being won from a level beginning some fathoms above the Tyne and continuing north to work a great deal of coal to the north east.'

In 1774, two pits were opened here for which William and Thomas Coates held the leases. One pit was worked for lime burning and the other domestic coal in a 30" seam and the output is given as 'nine thousand horse loads per annum sold at 3 1/2 d a load'.

In 1833, two collieries were reported at West Brokenheugh. One in 'Backfield behind West Brokenheugh Farm' and a shaft in 'Pit Field east of the road to Plunderheath.'

A new winning near **West Mill Hills** was completed in 1807 and looked upon as a supplement to Stublick should that ever be necessary. The last known 19c leaseholder was Mathew Pattison who held a twenty one year lease expiring in 1835, rent £82. Mr. Coombes surmises that coal borings dated April 14th 1806 probably relate to this new winning. The first boring struck the whin dyke which traverses this part of the Tyne valley, and the second, to the south of the whin dyke, reached coal at eight fathoms deep. This shaft at Springfield is still remembered by our older residents.

Further workings in the Little Limestone seam to the south of the whin dyke, in the vicinity of the old quarry at West Mill Hills, date from 1928, this pit was known as the **Mid Tyne Colliery**.

Strange as it may seem, I have found it more difficult to access information about this relatively recent colliery than those of earlier centuries. I am still searching however and any knowledge from readers of The Haydon News would be most welcome.

Golden coloured water flowing to the Tyne through a drift from these and earlier workings can still be seen today, in the river bank below 'Springfield'.



The River Tyne drainage drift from the old coal mines north of Springfield. Unless you are reading this in colour, in 'The Haydon News On Line', you will have to believe me that the flowing water is 'golden'.

An earlier industry opposite Springfield that involved the extraction of minerals was whinstone quarrying for road stone. The quarry was owned by Mr. Kirton



This photograph shows the whinstone quarry at West Mill Hills / Springfield before its closure, after which it became the village refuse tip in 1921

and reputed to be one of the earliest coating plants for 'Tarmac'. After it closed, the quarry was acquired by the Parish Council in June 1920 and part of it was used as a refuse tip, in an attempt to stop residents leaving their rubbish on the riverside.

Stephen Westall has described to me how the old quarry, and adjacent tip, with a deep pool and the remains of an open drift and a vertical coal shaft, provided ideal terrain for the 1940s Home Guard to hone their skills in defensive military operations, in case the invaders arrived!

Before it was filled in and landscaped, the tip was an early example of re-cycling as our residents carried their rubbish back and forward along past California Gardens. One Haydonian's worthless trash returned to the village as another's treasure. And specifically; battered black prams became our bogies.

David Westall remembers that the tip was "wick wi' rabbits" and he used to go fishing in the pool for stickleback. "Until one day a yellow coloured stream started to run into the tip from up towards Howdenside, and all the fish died."

"Anything and everything, from earth closet waste to furniture and even cars, was dumped into the tip."

In my boyhood, the 'tip' was a place of dubious entertainment for the young lads of the village as we hurled stones into the former quarry, targeting the many rats that scavenged amongst the household waste, and I agree with David's memories of the tip as a youngster when he reflects on: "Happy days!"

Jasper Stephenson, who farmed West Mill Hills as did his ancestors before him and whose sons continue the

tradition - "unless this government knock the job" - recalls a story handed down that describes the final days of the whinstone quarry there.

"The manager was a chap called Hetherington. A relation of Miss Hetherington who taught us at Shaftoe Trust School. Hetherington and his workmen stopped for their bait one day and while they were out of the quarry the whole place collapsed, the sides rushing in from the south. Probably because all that hillside is riddled with drifts, and water that didn't run into the Tyne at Springfield ran into the deep quarry hole.

When the sides of the quarry fell in, all the machinery and water pumps were buried and are still there, underground, to this day. The men were gay lucky they were having their bait at the time. Anyway, that was the end of quarrying at the Mill Hills."

The hole that was left became partly filled with water draining in from the old drifts and from 1921 until the late 1900s when the council filled it in with spoil from the alterations to the Bush Bends on the A69, and seeded it, it remained our Haydon Bridge tip.

A detailed plan showing ancient workings in the same area as the Mid Tyne Colliery but to the north of the whin dyke, also shows a level called the **Lucy Drift**, and dated 1914.

Another small mining enterprise, working in 1735, was at **Birchy Bank** near The Vauce farm. The name is no longer in use but Mr. Coombes suggests that it probably refers to Morrallee Wood, where a line of bell pits can be clearly traced.

The total output here apparently went to supply 'Mr. Ainsley's country house at Threepwood'.

From 1880 to 1890 the owner of the

**Morallee Fell Mining Co.**, R.R. Buck undertook exploration in this area but as far as I am aware, there are no records of employment or production.

At the **Lees**, a coal drift was worked in 1888 by Hetherington Johnson of Langley; the drift closed in 1893 when the coal was said to be exhausted.

Three other 19c/20c pits of interest in the locality were Carts Bog, Morwood and Harsondale Collieries.

It is often fatalities that bring coal mines to the attention of the public and at **Carts Bog Colliery** on Wednesday 11th February 1874, twenty three year old Henry Stobbs from Allendale was putting coals when, 'from some mishap' he was run over and the back injuries he sustained led to his death the next day.

At **Morwood**, a colliery outside the parish of Haydon but providing employment for a number of residents until its closure in 1960, there were three unnamed fatalities on 13th December 1852 when, according to the Mine Inspector's Report: 'This accident occurred in consequence of a very ill manufactured rope in a pit eight fathoms deep. I made it the subject of a report to Lord Palmerston in the hopes of being able to procure compensation for the widow and four children, founded on the proof of the rope being worthless, although paid for at the highest price.'

Morwood experienced a significant upturn in its fortunes in the 1900s when employment there rose from two miners in 1921 to one hundred and thirty six after the NCB took it over in 1947. Morwood Colliery closed in 1960.

Three unnamed fatalities are recorded at **Harsondale Colliery**, on 5th June 1851 (falls of stones and coal), 29th July 1851 (choke damp) and 31st July 1852 (crushing).

In the 1900s Harsondale Colliery was owned by the Langley Barony Coal and Fireclay Co. Ltd., and from 1914 until 1925 it was managed by John William Stobart. (*The subject of my Historical Notes last month.*)

Harsondale was mainly a fireclay mine from 1948 and it closed in 1952.

**Two other well known parish coal mines of later origin were at Whinnetly Drift and Whitechapel. Next month I will examine the history of each of them.**

**I would be very grateful if any readers have photographs of the Whitechapel and/or Whinnetly Collieries that I can use in next month's or a future issue.**



**Another view of the quarry at West Mill Hills / Springfield**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Hexham.  
8th April 2008.

Dear Editors,

I have no doubt your correspondent Sheila Dodsworth of Queensland, Australia (*see March and May 2008 issues of HN*) will be glad to receive the enclosed photo of her grandfather in law, Charlie Mason, taken nearly 100 years ago at West Mill Hills. He also used to be employed by Col. Robert Allen.

I knew Sheila's mother in law Doreen very well, she was employed as a housemaid / receptionist by Dr. Hall GP before the war.

I also know that Doreen's young brother 'Sunny' Mason was shot by an Italian guard in the Western Desert while a P.O.W. Sunny dropped his water bottle over the side of their lorry and when he followed to retrieve it he was promptly shot.

There must still be quite a lot of the Mason family of Page Croft in the Haydon Bridge district much better qualified than me to tell Sheila what she wants to know, but if she cares to write to me I will be pleased to reply, although Parkinson's disease makes writing a difficult and laborious matter.

Yours sincerely,  
C. E. Charlton.

**Thank you Edmund, it is good to hear from you and we have passed your address and early 20c photograph (published here) on to Sheila in Australia.**



**CLIPPING DAY AT WEST MILL HILLS (Before 1914)**

**From the left: Charlie Mason (Page Croft); William Nelson (Stockman & Shepherd) and Edmund Charlton's grandfather: Richard Davidson (The Boss); William Hutchinson (Ploughman); Pearson Hutchinson (Son of Will) who was killed on the Somme.**

**In response to my 'Notes on Bewick's 19c Langley Barony Lead Mines at Honeycrook, and last month's related correspondence, I have received an alternative suggestion for the origin of the redundant arched bridge over the Honeycrook Burn.**

Joicey's Shaft,  
Haydon Bridge.  
May 2008

Dear Dennis,

Regarding the question of the intriguing 'pack horse bridge' over the Honeycrook some 10m downstream from the current road bridge.

The Ordnance Survey Map published in 1865 pre-dates the mine development at Joicey's Shaft and clearly shows the straight alignment of the enclosed Haresby Road corresponding to that as exists today, and there is no indication of the pack horse bridge or any track that might align with it. The following Ordnance Survey edition dated 1898, shows the abandoned mine workings but still no pack horse bridge. There are no other plans that I know of that show the detail of the mine in the intervening years.

Taking a close look at the bridge, the arch itself is well engineered, but the platform surface consists of very uneven stonework. Examination of the stream bed in the vicinity reveals several dressed stones that may well have formally been part of the structure.

Water was problematic for Bewick when he developed the Honeycrook Mines. There is only a meagre catchment from the Honeycrook and its tributaries. The dams and reservoirs he built, together with the complex system of leats that can still be traced threading their way on both sides of the Honeycrook are testament to this, as was the unique necessity to use steam power for the winding gear and crushing mills.

My suggestion is that the bridge was indeed associated with the mine, was probably a much taller structure, and may have been an aqueduct taking effluent from the ore washing floor to be re-used further down the valley.

Phil Harley

**Thank you for that Phil.**

**I am always delighted to receive responses to my Historical Notes that can put the record straight.**

Dear Editors,

Can any of your readers help me please.

I am looking for Norwegian connections in 1700 / 1800 in or around the area.

The name I am looking for is **Nordby**. I understand there was a Norda Milburn in the Settlingstones area around 1880 who was said to have a Norwegian mother.

Any help would be gratefully received and followed up.

Yours,  
Ann Elliott

**If any readers can help Ann, please contact the editors.**

Haydon Bridge.  
April 2008

Dear Editors,

Please find enclosed my donation towards a new printing machine. Of course living in the north of England is good, but living in Haydon Bridge is even better. People are much kinder as I have much experienced of late.

We may have some teenage problems but that is only temporary. They grow up to be responsible. Just watch the gathering of small boys for football practice.

Finally, are there any knitters in Haydon Bridge?

If there are, I have wool and needles surplus to my needs and they can have them. Please ring first: 684324.

Yours sincerely,  
Enid Garrow.

#### TURKISH DELIGHT

The lady regulars in the Railway Hotel were insistent that their sylph like figures were not appropriate for belly dancing. - I couldn't possibly comment - other than to congratulate Sue and her staff, the customers of the Railway Hotel and those who did don Fez and Galabijeh to join in with the nubile ladies of the east during a delightful Arabian Night on Saturday 3rd May.

£100 was raised towards the Alzheimer's Reminiscence Room at St. George's Hospital, Morpeth.

Well done.

It is disappointing to have to report that Haydon Bridge Cricket Club Second XI has withdrawn from the league before a ball has been bowled.

*(So please disregard the Division 2 fixtures published in The Haydon News last month.)*

Coming, as it does, after the failure of our first XI football team to complete their fixtures last season, it looks as though our village's tradition for sporting achievement in team games is on the wane. At least our football club can boast an active junior section that may bode well for the future. The same cannot be said for our cricketers.

Perhaps our Haydon Bridge High School with its 'Sports College' status and our cricket field on its doorstep, could do more to coach and encourage young Haydonians to play in competition for our village teams.

Haydon Bridge isn't alone of course. It was recently reported that across the country only one school in ten bothers with cricket at all.

How sad!

#### HAYDON BRIDGE WEST TYNE CRICKET LEAGUE FIXTURES

##### Divison 1

**7th June : v Stocksfield (A)**  
**15th June: v Newton (H) - Sunday**  
**21st June : v Hexham Leazes (H)**  
**28th June : v Humshaugh (A)**  
**5th July : v Benwell Hill (H)**

#### HAYDON BRIDGE NATURE CLUB 2008 Summer Walks Programme

**Walks start at 6.45pm from the meeting point given.**

**If in doubt about the walk taking place due to bad weather, please confirm with leader.**

**Thursday 12th June:** Hay Meadows around South Wooley Farm. 3 miles (2 hours).

Meet Allendale Town Square.  
Ann Nicholson. Tel. 684639

**26th June:** River Hill Farm and Gunnerton. 3 miles.

Meet on roadside near entrance to Barrasford Quarry. GR NY 909739  
Chris Irvine. Tel. 606512

**10th July:** Elrington, Threepwood, Woodhall Mill Farm. 4 miles.  
Meet at Woodhall Mill Farm, Lowgate Road, Haydon Bridge.  
Alan Howard.

**All are welcome on the Haydon Bridge Nature Club's Summer walks.**

## HAYDON BRIDGE BYPASS UPDATE

The work on the River Tyne east pier of the South Tyne Viaduct is almost complete as we go to press and the contractors will now concentrate their efforts on the west pier and the abutments. Once all the supports are complete and the steelwork is pre-fabricated, a 1,000 tonne crane, the like of which has not been seen in this part of the country before, will lift the bridge deck frame onto the composite steel and concrete substructure. This 'event' will take place sometime in August.



The completed east pier of the South Tyne Viaduct



Late afternoon on Thursday 22nd May 2008.

A date for the archives as the first vehicles used the new road forming the 'West Rattenraw Loop' of the Haydon Bridge Bypass

Traffic lights will continue to operate on the West Rattenraw Loop, until the end of June after which two way traffic will run freely east and west round the loop.

Please do not forget that a 30mph speed limit is operating on the Langley (Cemetery) Road, at least until the end of the contract.

### **VILLAGE LIBRARY PROGRESS REPORT.**

After several months of little activity things have at last started to move on the Haydon Bridge Library Project. It is now almost two years since the Parish Council first discussed the possibility of taking on the running of the Library, following the NCC decision to close several of the smaller libraries in the county, including Haydon Bridge. In that time Eileen Charlton has gathered a group of 35 prospective volunteers to help with the running of the library. It was also proposed, in discussions with the volunteers, that the use of the library be extended to include tourist information, refreshment facilities and cycle hire.

At a meeting held in mid May with Marguerite Gracey, head of the Northumberland Library Service and other service members, a group of parish councillors and two volunteers started the process of making Haydon Bridge Library one of nine 'Community Access Libraries' in Northumberland. Under the 'Community Access Library' scheme NCC Library Service will continue to maintain a full library provision but the Parish Council will have to fund the cost of the building and utilities, and the day to day running of the library be taken over by local volunteers.

Eileen told the meeting that the Parish Council had negotiated a 20 year lease with Network Rail, the owner of the building.

Marguerite Gracey explained the future commitment and role of the Library Service in relation to Community Access Libraries. This included:

- A one off grant of £1,000 to help with the running costs during the first year;
- Providing training for the volunteers in the day to day running of the library and making staff available to give support when required in the future;
- Keeping the volunteers up to date with new books available;
- Circulating book stock;
- Maintaining access to the NCC catalogue of books and providing a book request service;
- Providing the IT equipment used for the book loan service and also community access computers;
- Providing a file of information on library routines and procedures;
- Maintaining insurance on the library stock and IT equipment;
- Monitoring the library on a monthly basis.

As the library volunteers will have access to confidential information, i.e. the names and addresses of library members, and be working with children, they will all be required to

have CRB checks. It was suggested that this start as soon as possible as it can take some time to complete.

The Library Project has been included in the recently completed Haydon Parish Plan. It is proposed to set up a Community Trust to apply for funding to implement some of the initiatives contained in the Parish Plan. This is seen as one of the next steps in the process so that applications can be made for funding improvements to the building. However, a survey of the library building needs to be undertaken first to ensure that the proposed improvements and additional services can be accommodated.

A Business Plan for the library, clarifying what improvements are to be made and the benefits of these to library and other users, will also be required if applications for funding are to be successful.

A service level agreement provided by NCC was given to those present for consultation. The agreement is negotiable to fit the particular needs of each Community Access Library.

A meeting with the library volunteers is to be held in the near future. Nancy Blake from NCC Library Services will attend the meeting to discuss in more detail training for the volunteers.

MP

## NEWS FROM SHAFTOE TRUST FIRST SCHOOL

### THANK YOU

Families across school joined staff to take part in the Greggs children's cancer run on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May. Many thanks to all those who sponsored the runners or gave donations.

### FUTURE EVENTS

**Our summer 'Open Day' is on  
Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June.**

**Please call in and see us at work.**

**Summer Fair Saturday  
5<sup>th</sup> July at 10.00 a.m.**

### CALLING ALL JOURNAL READERS

We have recently registered to enter the 'Tokens for Schools' scheme in the hope of winning some money to support activities in school. Schools who collect the most 'tokens per head' win some cash.

Tokens to collect will appear in the Journal from Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June. If you would like to support us in this venture please give the tokens to any of our children or leave them at Claires Newsagents on Church Street.

### CLASS 4 COMMENTS

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On Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May there was a man called Mr Brown, he was a guitar teacher and he taught us some amazing songs. My favourite song was 'Another one bites the dust' by Queen.

**By Alexander McHarg.**

On Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May we went to the newspaper offices in Newcastle. We had a look round and saw some journalists working. I thought it was interesting.

**By Dale.**

On the 4<sup>th</sup> May 2008 Matthew Irwin won a silver medal for judo at Carlisle Sands Centre. We have been learning about music with Mr Ian Brown. I think it is amazing because we got to learn 'Another one bites the dust' by Queen!

**By Connor Rushton.**

In class 4 we went to the news room in Newcastle. It was excellent! We wrote about anything and we did good stuff.

**By Hugo.**

In school we have a cool play yard because we have mint toys and it is huge. We also have a walled garden and pond garden. It has a big football pitch. At the end of the day we have clubs like gardening club and football club to learn about new stuff.

**By Courtney.**

In class 4 we have been learning about Romans and Celts. I learned about a Celtic leader called Bodica.

**By Kieran.**

In class 4 we had a music lesson with Ian Smith and it was amazing! I really liked it because the music was fun.

**By Georgia.**

Haydon Bridge were in the cup final against Prudhoe on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May. Haydon Bridge took the lead after Owen Graham put them ahead then Prudhoe scored. It went to penalties! Owen and Kedwin scored their penalties but sadly we came runners up with a trophy.

**By Owen Graham.**

### **THE ANTEPENULTIMATE EXTRAVAGANZA**

#### **Families USA.**

This organisation, which can be found on [www.familiesusa.org](http://www.familiesusa.org), has produced some salutary statistics on the consequences of compulsory insurance for healthcare.

26,260 Americans between the ages of 25 and 64 died in 2006 as a direct consequence of not having medical insurance. More than twice as many as were murdered. Between 2000 and 2006 the number of deaths due to lack of medical insurance reached 162,700.

The number of uninsured Americans in 2006 was 47,000,000 – the number continues to grow.

The numbers are broadly supported by other organisations such as The US Institute of Medicine and The Urban Institute.

The commercialisation of medicine, the route down which we are being taken by successive governments, has a savage price.

#### **Pandemic flu.**

The Chinese are having a dreadful time at the moment and to add to their and our woes their scientists have confirmed a case of human to human transmission of H5N1 flu – between father and son.

#### **Fingers crossed.**

Breast-feeding

Those who have not done it may be under the mistaken impression that there is nothing to it – apply A to B, relax, job done!

Those who have done it have a different story to tell. Nature and instinct will take mother and baby a long way but close support, encouragement and advice will help enormously. Midwives, health visitors and other experienced Mums are obvious helpers.

Here are some other sources of help:

Department of Health – 0844 20 909 20  
NCT – 0870 444 8708

Breastfeeding network – 0844 412 4664  
La Leche – 0845 120 2918

Assoc. of Breastfeeding Mothers –  
08444 122 949

Try these for videos:

[www.dipex.org/breastfeeding](http://www.dipex.org/breastfeeding)  
[www.bestbeginnings.info/](http://www.bestbeginnings.info/)

Norway has over 60% of mothers still

breastfeeding at four months – in Britain the figure is less than 10%, though we start with 80% immediately after birth. Ideally, all infants would be breast fed ENTIRELY for a minimum of six months. The short and long term benefits for both mother and child are overwhelming.

#### **Confidentiality**

Most people will have a vague notion about what this term means – loosely, what you tell the doctor remains secret.

Are there any exceptions? What about computer records? What about after you are dead? What about crimes? What about Police or Court enquiries? What about children and young people? What about relatives or parents? Who sees the records and do laws of confidentiality also bind them? What if the patient represents a threat to the lives or safety of others?

This is a very complex area to put it mildly.

Disclosures to medical staff about rape, murder, manslaughter, treason, kidnapping, child abuse, neglect, assault, road traffic accidents, notifiable diseases and, of course, terrorism are all situations in which breach of confidentiality is either required by law or highly advisable.

Contrary to popular myth it is not a crime for a doctor not to inform the police if he/she becomes aware that a patient has committed or intends to commit a crime – the exception being terrorism.

My own approach to some of the more 'delicate' issues to which I am privy is to not make a physical record of any sort – neither written nor electronic. Inevitably this leads to my covering the same ground twice in consultations sometimes, which might be thought of as reassuring in some ways, I suppose. What consumes an individual with grief, remorse, embarrassment or whatever is, in the broader sweep of things, usually pretty mundane – it's just that they don't know that.

Inevitably, a significant proportion of people's secrets involve sex in one way or another. As I have observed in this column before, nobody has invented anything new in the field for thousands of years and yet sex seems to tie people into knots of wild anxiety. Driving is also a major source of

concern. If we become aware that a person is or maybe unsafe behind the wheel then, first, we must encourage them to tell the DVLA and then, if they refuse to do so, we have to do it for them.

If in doubt – ask. Lawyers can provide some guidance too. A patient's data is the property of the patient and must be kept confidential – that is the bottom line.

#### **The best sort of help.**

Author and lecturer Leo Buscaglia once talked about a contest he was asked to judge. The purpose of the contest was to find the most caring child.

The winner was a four-year-old child whose next-door neighbour was an elderly gentleman who had recently lost his wife.

Upon seeing the man cry, the little boy went into the old gentleman's yard, climbed onto his lap, and just sat there.

When his Mother asked what he had said to the neighbour, the little boy said: 'Nothing, I just helped him cry'

#### **An anxious moment.**

You have no idea how anxiety provoking it is to see your own job advertised! The advert has, however, attracted loads of enquiries and getting on for thirty actual applications.

I feel seriously threatened - everyone's so bloody brainy, been everywhere, done everything and got qualifications by the yard. They are all concert standard carilloneurs – a skill they demonstrate whilst paragliding and discoursing in ancient Greek (of their six or more fluently spoken languages) on advanced management concepts – all at once. They all go to the gym three times daily, are devoutly observant in their chosen faith and help little old ladies across the road at every opportunity. They have publications by the acre and have appeared on stage, screen and radio.

Interviews will be conducted soon.

At a retirement planning meeting for GPs recently – there's a lot of us locally of like mind – anxieties and feelings were shared. There's a certain amount of relearning of social skills to be done – we learnt, for example, that it is not done in the best circles to breeze up to a complete stranger and ask: 'How many partners have you had since your last

STD screen?’ As an opening gambit it lacks subtlety and finesse and is unlikely to yield new friends and influence people.

On the other hand, those enjoying a more than averagely dynamic social life might be well advised to adopt the ploy.

### **Steaming**

In the early 90’s I purchased, at a charity auction, a trailer load of manure for garden use. On delivery day an immense tri-axle trailer was threaded carefully between our gateposts and approximately twenty tons of the best quality steaming s\*\*t slithered decorously onto the drive.

An hour or two later, peering through the writhing vapours, I was exchanging pleasantries with a passing acquaintance. ‘I see the Community Charge bill has arrived’ he quipped...

Out for a ramble today above Sandhoe I discovered where all the local authority composting goes on. There is a two-acre patch where raw plant waste arrives at one end and is sorted and minced before being stacked in a twelve-foot high and fifty-foot long heap.

Fifty feet further into the stack there is a twelve-foot wide gap and up and down this trundles a secondary mincer with side-mounted muck flinger. This shaves off foot deep sections of steaming compost from one side and hurls it onto the opposite bank of the ditch – all turned and aerated. The entire stack but especially this gap is permanently fog

bound – real dense swirling minimum visibility fog.

A further fifty feet along the finished product is sorted and sifted ready for delivery.

As the use of peat is coming to an end soon this is the sort of thing that will be a partial substitute. It’s good to see that the process is in top gear locally.

### **Important product announcement.**

‘Viagra’ is now available in powder form for your tea or coffee. It doesn’t enhance your sexual performance but it does stop your biscuit going soft.

### **The importance of education.**

TEACHER: Winnie, name one important thing we have today that we didn’t have ten years ago.

WINNIE: Me!

TEACHER: *Now, Simon, tell me, do you say prayers before eating?*

SIMON: *No sir, I don’t have to, my Mom is a good cook.*

TEACHER: Clyde, your composition on ‘My Dog’ is exactly the same as your brother’s. Did you copy his?

CLYDE : No, it’s the same dog.

Steve Ford

## **Parish Council Notes continued from page Page 3.**

### **Parish Housing Needs Survey.**

Copies of the survey results had been circulated to councillors prior to the meeting. As this has an important contribution to make to the Parish Plan the Chairman asked Peter Fletcher to help the Council interpret the tables and information given as it was not particularly clear what was the outcome of the survey.

A letter is to be sent to Tynedale Council who conducted the survey on behalf of the Parish Council requesting a clearer link between the tables in the analysis and the survey questions to give greater clarity and aid understanding.

What was clear from the survey was that far fewer ‘affordable houses’ are needed for local people in Haydon Bridge than the 40 proposed in the earlier survey carried out by Tynedale Council.

### **War Memorial Repair**

It has been suggested that the broken bayonet on the war memorial be replaced with a wooden one.

### **Library**

An account was given on the meeting about the library. (see report on page 8). Concerns were expressed about the service level agreement proposed by NCC Library Services.

### **Spa Well Path.**

A councillor proposed asking for volunteers to help reconstruct the path across the area where a landslip removed the original path some years ago. Concerns were expressed about health and safety issues and the Parish Council’s responsibilities/liability.

### **Tyne Rivers Trust**

The council was informed that the Trust had carried out a clean up of the riverside near the football ground and was organising another ‘Balsam Bash’ by the picnic area on June 16th and July 24th.

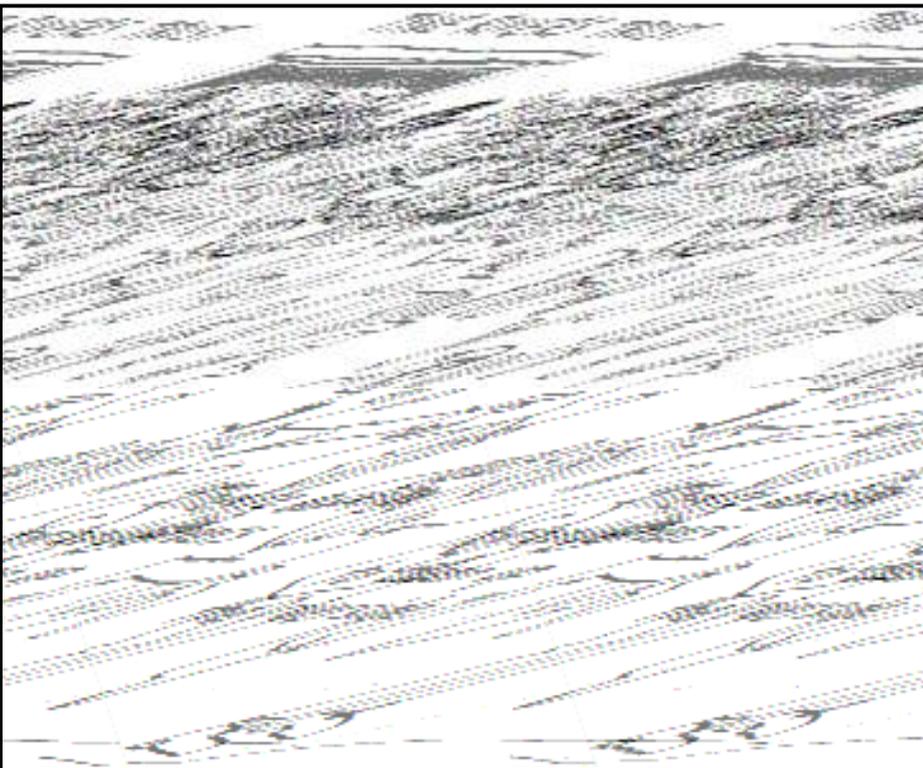
### **Christmas Lights**

Work is continuing to organise Christmas lights in the village this year. The District Council’s conservation officer is to be consulted about erecting the lights on the old bridge.

A letter is to be sent to the newly elected NCC councillor for Haydon and Hadrian Ward notifying him of the dates of future Parish Council meetings.

**Date of next meeting June 26th  
at 7.30pm**

MP



**CHURCH PAGE**

**CLERGY MESSAGE**

From

*Leo Pyle*

**JUNE 2008**



In this Pentecostal moment God is winning. God is accomplishing the salvation of the whole of humankind through Christ in the Spirit in the Church. In our various tongues and voices we praise the mighty works of the Lord, culminating, as they do, in Jesus. We reverse the Babel episode. We unite the nations, overcoming our tensions, divisions, discriminations and antagonisms. We witness to and for the Lordship of Jesus.

In this Pentecostal moment the Lord is breathing on us, imbuing us with the Spirit and we are a new humankind. Through, with and in Jesus, we bring the Father's peace to our world. We take away the sin of the world by lives of forgiveness. We live our lives in the same Spirit as Jesus leads his. By living within us in the Holy Spirit Jesus perfects God's unique and mighty work of love for humankind.

So we are the body of Christ. Each one of us has a vital part to play. Each functions for the benefit of the whole. It is the Spirit who leads us. Our faith is essentially visible, social, tangible and functional. No one is an island in our Church family.

And in this Pentecostal moment we recognise our call to service. Members of the Servant Christ we serve. Members of Christ the light we shine out to show the way. Through, with and in Christ we are a sacrament and sign of our intimate union with God and the unity of humankind. Our every thought, word and deed makes this sign and sacrament that we are, more

**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

visible, more tangible and more audible, at home and abroad, locally and universally.

Hence the force and purpose of our Pentecostal prayer: "Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love" **now.**

And "Send forth your Spirit, O Lord,  
And renew the face of the earth."  
*Psalm 103.30.*  
**Now.**

*Leo Pyle*

**METHODIST CHURCH  
SERVICES**

**1 June**

10.00am Communion  
Rev David Flavell  
*6.00pm United Service at West  
End, Hexham*

**8 June**

10.00am Family Service  
Mr Trimble  
6.00pm Evening Worship  
Brian Massey

**15 June**

10.00am Morning Worship  
David Applegarth  
6.00pm Evening Service  
Rev David Flavell

**22 June**

10.00am Morning Service  
Stan Rowntree  
6.00pm Evening Service  
David Campbell

**29 June**

10.00am Morning Worship  
Barrie Jackson  
6.00pm Evening Service  
Geoff Orrock

**BELTINGHAM/HENSHAW  
CHURCH SERVICES**

**1 June**

**Henshaw**  
10am BCP Communion

**8 June**

*11am Service at  
Haydon Bridge*

**15 June**

**Henshaw**  
9.30am Communion

**22 June**

**Beltingham**  
9.30am Communion

**29 June**

**Beltingham**  
9.30am Joint Service

**HAYDON OLD CHURCH  
SERVICES**

Next service is Evensong  
29th June at 6pm

**ST. JOHN OF BEVERLEY  
CHURCH SERVICES.**

**Mass each Sunday**

9.30am Haydon Bridge  
11.00am at Haltwhistle

**Mass on weekdays**

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

**ST CUTHBERT'S CHURCH  
SERVICES**

**1 June**

11am BCP Communion

**8 June**

11am Joint Service

**15 June**

11am Communion

**22 June**

11am Communion

**29 June**

*9.30 Service at Beltingham*

**Changes to Service Times at Haydon Bridge, Beltingham and Henshaw**

Due to difficulties in staffing the present rota, changes need to be made.

So from 1<sup>st</sup> June :-

Sunday Services at Beltingham and Henshaw will begin at 9.30am.

Sunday Services at Saint Cuthbert's, Haydon Bridge will begin at 11am.  
Haydon Old Church service will be on the last Sunday of the month at 6pm.

Communion from the Book of Common Prayer will be on the first Sunday of each month at 9.30am or 11am

The Joint service at Haydon Bridge will be on the second Sunday of each month.  
The Joint Service at Beltingham/Henshaw will be on the last Sunday in each month.

## What's flowering in May?

The month began with the wood anemones, or windflowers, in full bloom

under trees above the stone retaining wall down the bank to Standalone, delicate white and pink flowers lying low to the ground. Poets have waxed lyrical



*Wood anemone*

about them and I don't blame them. This display is usually succeeded on the other side of the road by a bolder mass of wild garlic. Lesser celandine carpets areas of woodland in yellow and we enjoyed such a sight on our four day holiday based in Newton Stewart where celandines spread unfettered along the wooded banks of Loch Trool. A friend was lucky enough to spot spring squill, a bulb with a pretty blue flower near St Ninian's Cave on the coast beyond Whithorn. Both windflower and celandine may be growing in your garden if you have the right environment for them. My mum discovered some colt's foot in her garden, a tight daisy-like yellow flower on a grey-green hairy stem with scale leaves down the stem before the true leaves appear. It used to be much more numerous and its leaves were either smoked or used in an infusion to cure asthma (not recommended now). Mum also has a lovely display of pink and blue bluebells – the lavender pink being a bit of a bonus. They are interspersed with forget-me-not.

The verges have been full of dandelions and their 'clocks' are already appearing; the young leaves are an excellent addition to salads. Buttercups are appearing too, and the creeping kind are mischievously spreading their strong runners to all parts of the garden borders from the lawns of lazy lawn keepers such as I am (Craig tries to encourage me to use weedkiller, but I just love the daisies too much, and I'm even quite fond of moss). Buttercup leaves are sometimes difficult to distinguish from young hardy geranium leaves, so that it

pays to work out which to eradicate. A buttercup display in a large meadow is a sight for sore eyes.

On a day visit to Lindisfarne, when we walked right round the northern, eastern and southern coast line, we found clumps of pink thrift on the cliff tops, patches of dog violet glowing on the greener dunes, and whole vales of primroses. There was a lot of yellow and red flowered bird's-foot trefoil too, in bloom rather early. The day was organised by the botany group who went off to the Snook to look for the coral-root orchid, which I don't believe they found. I walked with the geology group (all U3A) and learned a lot about limestone pavement, natural rock platforms, and vesicles (tiny worm holes made by escaping gases) in volcanic rock. A skylark obligingly spent some time fearlessly wandering at our feet, probably trying to lead us away from her nest.



*Birds-foot trefoil*

In the garden I encourage native plants and sometimes buy them from providers such as Northumberland Wildflowers ([www.northumberlandwildflowers.com](http://www.northumberlandwildflowers.com)) who had a stall yesterday at the Haltwhistle Plant Festival. There were banks of cowslips in the meadows along the Military Road as we went to the festival, a plant once so numerous it was gathered to make cowslip wine. The comfrey is flowering now in two of my borders, and threatening to become a bit invasive; I'm going to try to make a natural fertiliser by steeping leaves in rainwater, and I believe you can plough leaves into the ground to fertilise it too. The sweet cicely comes into bloom quite early, and I've already used leaves to help sweeten stewed young rhubarb. I'll keep some of the seeds.

Along the lane cuckooflower or lady's smock nods pretty pinky-lavender-white heads along a shallow ditch on the road edge. I prefer the name lady's

smock as the flowers always make me think of smooth freshly ironed white poplin. Down towards Peelwell the lane abounds in wildflowers and the cow parsley is just now opening its frothy creamy-white heads. Speedwell adds a touch of low blue and crosswort, of the bedstraw and cleavers family, raises yellow green stems with four leaves like a cross springing at intervals, minute yellow flowers that smell of honey arising from the leaf nodes. The hawthorn blossom is just opening out and looks so fresh and intricately beautiful if you examine it closely. Large ribbed greater plantain leaves are appearing, along with silver green silverweed leaves. The greater plantain is known as Englishman's Foot in North America and Australasia as wherever the Englishman trod it grew. It has seeds that become sticky when wet and are carried in mud on boots.



*Cuckoo flower or Lady's Smock*

I'm no expert – you've no doubt heard these words before prefacing an attempt at being just that. So anyone who sees errors here is quite at liberty as always to put me straight. But otherwise just look around you and enjoy the display nature is putting on, particularly throughout the summer months.

June Henriksen

## **If you go down to the Fire Station today - you're in for a big surprise!**

Some of you may not be aware that just a little over 2 years ago the Fire Station, in California Gardens opened its doors, with the help of Sure Start, to a number of local child-focused groups.

Two of the groups are Tiny Tots and Playgroup: Both run regularly during term-time.

**Tiny Tots** runs on a Thursday from 9.15am - 11.15am. For £1.50 Mums, Dads, Grandparents and other carers are all welcome to drop in with their toddlers for a coffee, and a chat whilst the children play. It's a great way to get out and about when you're either new to being a parent/grand parent or when you are new to the village and looking for people with similar aged children to play with!

**Playgroup** - on Monday and Friday mornings 9.15am-11.15am is for children aged 2yrs onwards. Sessions (currently cost £5.50) are more structured and are supported by a qualified playgroup leader and assistants. Activities provided cover a range of subjects and allow children to develop social and creative skills; whilst not curriculum based, staff also aim to help children bridge the gap between, home and school nursery - for which they are eligible the term after they reach 3yrs.

Both Tiny Tots and Playgroup are run by a voluntary committee and are funded by fees from the above sessions coupled with the sheer hard work of a small but dedicated number of local women! Since fees alone don't cover the regular running costs of the sessions, it is the task of the committee to raise funds through various activities, such as raffles, cake stalls and fairs, and to write to organisations in a bid to attract money which helps with the day to day running costs of the sessions.

Currently both Tiny Tots and Playgroup are flourishing and the committee is constantly working to ensure that these two vital groups stay within the village as they provide a valuable resource for local families.

With ever increasing pressures on parents to work, run the home **and** bring up their children, it is often difficult for people to give up time to join the committee but, this summer, we are asking for help.

**We desperately need new committee members!** Being part of the committee is not an arduous task - it requires coming to a meeting about 5 times a year and helping with baking, selling raffle tickets, etc.

**Our AGM is on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June 7.30pm in Woodies Coffee Shop** next to the Railway Hotel (drinks and nibbles provided!). We would welcome most warmly anyone who wishes to come along and see what goes on at our committee meetings. Please come along. We need new input and new ideas and hope that anyone out there with a little time might feel they can come and join in. It can be a lot of fun!

As an aside, if your child is going to be 2yrs old between now and September and you would like more information about a Playgroup place, please contact Lynne Thompson ( 07798676215 ) or Kathryn McHarg (014343 - 688718).

We look forward to hearing from you!

### **Langley WI notes**

The May meeting at Langley WI was all about fire safety. Richard, Jon and Dan, all retained fire fighters at Haydon Bridge Fire Station explained their training and types of incident they can be called out to deal with. They passed around some items of the kit they wear, which was amazingly heavy. They explained that it is designed to protect the wearer up to a temperature of 450 C before the kit starts to melt.

They also gave lots of home fire safety advice. One of the tips they gave was if you have the misfortune to have a fire which prevents you from leaving your property, get everyone into one room, put a duvet along the bottom of the door, call the fire brigade and tell them exactly where in the house everyone is. Richard explained that this can save vital time and is especially useful if they are called to a terrace of houses as it may be quicker to gain access to the property from the rear of the building if that is where people are trapped.

Everyone was given a fire safety leaflet and a form to fill in for a fire alarm fitting, an opportunity which many members will be taking up.

After thanks were given to the firemen for an interesting and thought provoking evening, WI members discussed the forthcoming table top and plant sale at Langley Village Hall on Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> May from 10am until 12.30pm.

There is no meeting next month. It is the annual outing.

8<sup>th</sup> of July - St Oswald's Hospice. All welcome.

Cathy Duffy

### HAYDON BRIDGE DANCE CLUB

SEQUENCE DANCING



EVERY  
MONDAY NIGHT  
7.30 to 10.00pm  
TEA & BISCUITS  
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DANCING IS FOR FUN  
Ask for details at:  
01 434 684 459

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If you are a victim of crime, we are able to offer support in practical and emotional ways. Just a phone call away. Call *Leanne* at:  
01661830770  
82, Front St. Prudhoe. NE42 5PU  
or  
01670822334  
(Bedlington office)

## NOTICES

### HAYDON & ALLEN VALLEYS MEDICAL PRACTICE

(Haydon Bridge Health Centre)

Monday to Friday: The Health Centre is open continuously from 8.00am until 6.00pm (except for the afternoon of the second Wednesday of every month)

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

All phone calls for appointments and visits, including 'out of hours': 01 434 684 216

All phone calls for dispensing or prescriptions: 01434 688351  
E-mail address: [Admin@GP-A84045.NHS.UK](mailto:Admin@GP-A84045.NHS.UK)

### THE MEETING PLACE

at THE METHODIST CHURCH  
Come and Join your friends for Coffee and Refreshments on **Tuesdays and Thursdays** 10am – 12 noon  
FAX facilities  
Warm welcome to all

### HAYDON BRIDGE UNITED ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL CLUB

HBUAFC hold their monthly meeting on the first **Thursday** of every month at **7.30pm** in the Lounge of the **Railway Hotel** where representatives of every football team in the village are invited to attend.  
This meeting is also open to members of the public.

### MUSIC AND MOVEMENT

Calling all parents/carers! Did you know that there is a Music and Movement group running in Haydon Bridge?  
We meet at the Methodist Church on Friday afternoons ( 1.10pm and 1.50pm ) during term time.  
This is a fun get-together for parents/carers and pre-school children alike which involves singing, instrument playing and movement with coffee and orange juice served afterwards.  
Please contact **Julie Finch** on: 01434 607 490 for further details.

### WEST TYNEDALE JUNIOR RUGBY CLUB

FOR BOYS AND GIRLS AGE 6yrs-11yrs

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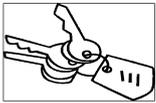
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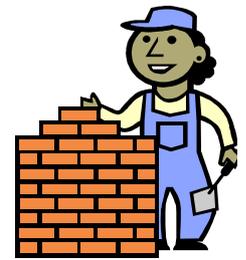
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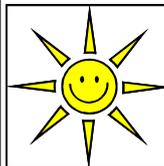
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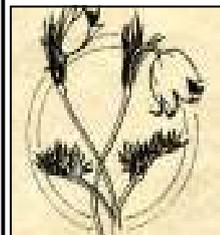
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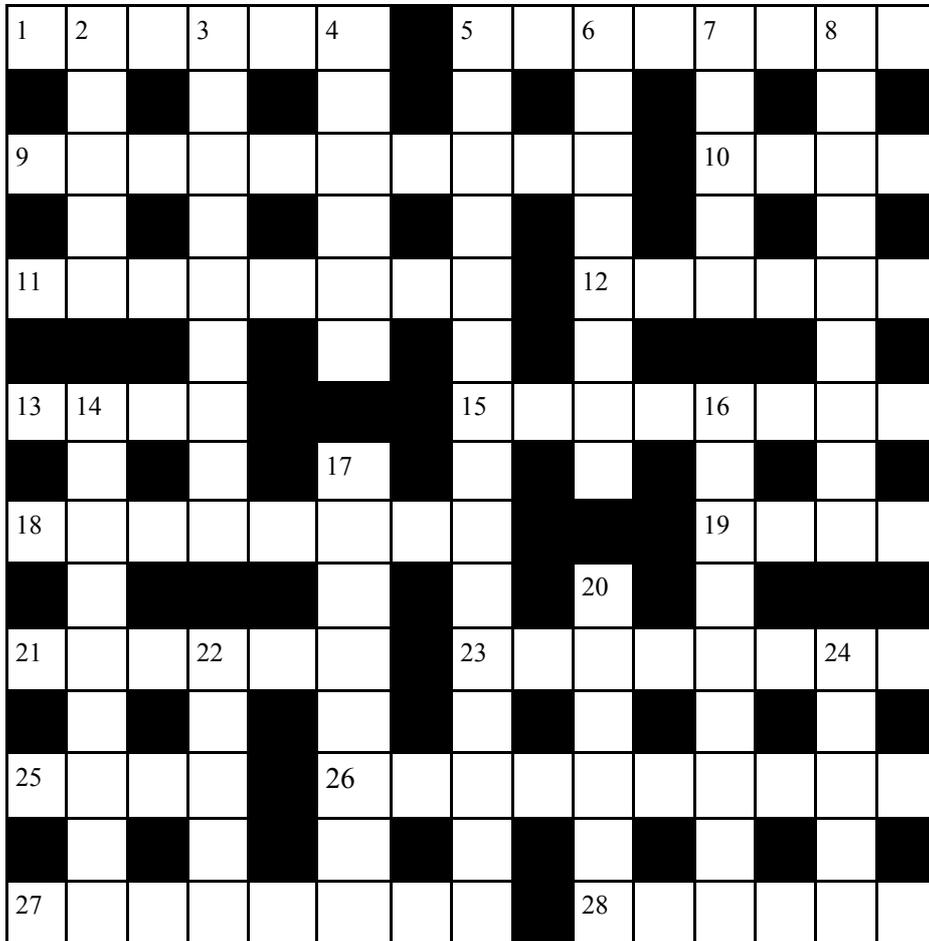
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### ACROSS

1. Belgian leader is correct and intelligent.(6)
5. Religious book in favour of actions. (8)
9. Bit part player spilt drink and was cut down to size.(5,5).
10. Will she blossom as a pupil? (4)
11. Be with Billy or Gene and entirely confuse.(8)
12. Upset the French tart.(6)
13. Part of a real district.(4)
15. Felt beneath the covering to increase resilience.(8)
18. Virginia and Len met American Spies in Mediterranean port.(8)
19. Pay attention when tone is altered. (4)
21. Boilerman who had a stroke perhaps. (6)
23. Virgin ran endlessly but was getting there!(8)
25. A hundred and one combine on a single occasion.(4)
26. Triggers to store and explode.(10)
27. Five finish with employment training and show appreciation for fuel.(8)
28. Captivate and terminate musical perception.(6)

### SOLUTIONS TO MAY'S CROSSWORD. (32)

#### ACROSS.

1. Maulstick.
6. Lobes.
9. Nascent.
10. Norimon
11. Chest.
12. Lion's head.
13. Bathe.
14. Retention.
17. Constable.
18. Waste.
19. Local hero.
22. Ideas.
24. Ascetic.
25. Dogstar
26. Yearn.
27. Stringent.

#### DOWN

1. Manic
2. Unsweeten.
3. Sweetmeat.
4. Intolerable acts.
5. King of the Border.
6. Larks.
7. Bombe.
8. Sand dance.
13. Bacillary.
15. Newbiggin.
16. Insheathe.
20. Cocoa.
21. Latin
23. Strut

#### DOWN

2. Ten replaces second in rosie character in Chicago.(5)
3. Develop a mere giant perhaps.(9)
4. Spanish or American city that could have been looted.(6)
5. Air Force used radar apart to display their maxim.(3,5,2,5).
6. Countermand that's above control. (8)
7. Dislodge from supreme victory.(5)
8. Resplendent till brain was puzzled. (9)
14. Inductance can create fused resistance.(9)

16. With reference to a bright star that little Edward modernised.(9)

17. Small account tried merger to authorize guarantee.(8)

20. A hundred circle to the east and tremble.(6)

22. Work with hands to make some dough.(5)

24. Lady of the manor? (5)

**NUMBER OF ENTRIES**  
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