



# THE HAYDON NEWS ON LINE



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August 13th 2008  
The final steel beams spanning the  
river are fixed into position,  
forming the  
South Tyne Viaduct.

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

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

Welcome 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

There's quite a bit that's new in this edition of the Haydon News.

Dr Paul Wyatt has his first 'Doctor's Page' in what we hope will continue to be a feature in future editions.

There's also news from the Garden Station at Langley and its new manager, Mike Winstanley. Have you tried one of the delicious vegetarian dishes at his restaurant?

(More news/items from the Langley area would be welcomed in the Haydon News).

Then there are several new advertisers.

We are particularly grateful to the people who choose to advertise their businesses in the Haydon News as the income generated makes the Haydon News possible. We hope that the custom from our readers makes their advertising worthwhile.

We would also welcome new members to the Friends of Haydon Bridge and/or donations to our '**new printer appeal**'.

So far this year 107 people have made a personal contribution towards the costs involved in producing the Haydon News, either by paying membership, or making a donation. Some people have done both. The committee of the Friends Association and the Editors of the Haydon News are very grateful for their contributions.

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Thanks.

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## WELCOME TO THE PARISH OF HAYDON, NORTHUMBERLAND, ENGLAND



### **HAYDON BRIDGE BYPASS, A69.**

**29th September 2008.**

**While work continues on the South Tyne Viaduct and at the east and west end tie-ins, the bypass bridge over the Langley Burn in Gee's Wood is almost complete.**

**This photograph is taken looking north east.**

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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 September 2008**

### **Public participation**

A query was raised once again about replacing the seat at the corner of Strother Close and Church Street. The Council is considering providing a simple bench type seat on the opposite side of the road. A discussion followed on the provision of metal seats in public places, as these would be less liable to suffer damage. It was pointed out that the cost would be considerable and beyond the council's means at present.

The Council's attention was drawn to a metal post left in the pavement on Church Street following the removal, earlier in the year, of the directional road sign it used to support. The Council is to contact NCC Highways to ask if the sign is to be replaced and if not, for the post to be removed.

It was reported that the drain at the south end of the old bridge was still blocked and caused a large pool of water to collect at this point after rain. The Council is to request that this and all other street drains in the village be cleaned.

**Council meeting** 9 councillors present.

### **Tynedale Council minutes.**

Local government changes have been the focus of much discussion at Tynedale Council meetings. The proposals to centralise social/affordable housing allocation through 'Northumberland Homefinder' has caused some concern, especially regarding the possible loss of local accountability within the system and maintaining the principle of provision for local people first. Homefinder will be operated on a county wide system and place applicants for housing into bands, depending on housing need. Consultation with Parish and District Councils is taking place over the next few weeks.

Boundary changes to local government wards are also being discussed at present as NCC look to ensure that wards are of a similar size.

Fly tipping continues to be a problem, especially where it blocks water courses. One bone of contention is that the landowner is responsible for clearing rubbish dumped on their land.

Returning to changes in local government it was pointed out that the 'belonging communities' idea has now been abandoned and discussion on

'localities' taking place. This is all about how Parish Councils will relate one to the other and with the County Council.

It was noted that an increasing number of decisions taken by Tynedale District Council now have to go to NCC for approval. Part of the centralisation of local government powers.

The Parish Council was informed that the Showfield Development has reached a stalemate position due to the current financial/economic situation.

The Local Government Ombudsman has at last responded to the Parish Council's concerns over Tynedale Council's handling of the Showfield Development application by informing it that the ombudsman's department cannot deal with complaints from Parish Councils, only from residents or residents groups. Showfield residents have been informed.

### **Highways.**

The concern, expressed by the Council to NCC Highways Dept, about the hidden dip beneath the bypass bridge over the Langley road is being followed up with a site visit by an official from the Dept. It is hoped that this will take place at the end of the school day when there is a particular problem with cars parked outside Shaftoe School and in the Showfield entrance.

The Council has submitted its request for works to be included in the Local Transport Plan for next year. This includes improvements to Ratcliffe Road. The Council was informed last year that NCC accepted that improvement would be needed to the road following de-trunking and that money should be available from the Highways Agency's 'de-trunking fund'. A site visit is to be arranged. Following work by Northumbrian Water in Church Street, a complaint has been received that tarmac has been used to make good an area of pavement rather than the paving stones reinstated. The Council is to contact the company about this issue.

The footpath between Page Croft and the Old Church has been cleared and NCC Highways are to approach Network rail about providing a handrail by the steps on the path beneath the railway. In the longer term the steps are to be replaced with a ramp to make the path accessible to all.

### **Lighting.**

NCC is now paying for the electricity used to illuminate the Church clock. It was reported that a street light is not working in Greenwich Gardens.

### **Planning applications.**

The Council had no objections to the following applications; Change of use of building at Bounderlands to holiday cottage, Construction of agricultural building at The Tofts.

Concerns were raised about the proposed development of an agricultural machinery repair centre on the Riverside beyond the picnic area. The site proposed for this development was flooded when the river overflowed its banks at this point earlier in the month. If the development gets approval then a similar flooding occurrence could result in oil from the repair centre polluting the river. The Parish Council objected to this proposed development at its last meeting. The application has been re-submitted as the applicant failed to notify Greenwich Hospital, the owner of the access road.

### **Correspondence.**

A letter from a resident was received requesting a seat on the North Bank near 'Brinkburn' be repaired.

Consultation documents were received from North Pennines and Northumberland National Park about their respective development plans.

A letter was also received from Northumberland Strategic Partnership regarding changes in the future in line with changes in local government structures.

The council also received notice of the forthcoming AGM of Tyne Valley Community Rail Partnership.

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### **PARISH COUNCILLORS**

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(* also a Tynedale Councillor)	

Parish Clerk  
Mrs. C McGivern

As the 2008-09 season gets underway, I had hoped for an improvement on last season's village football which, it has to be said, was a pretty poor affair as far as Haydon Bridge was concerned. The relative success of our young teams and young players and the excellent facilities at Low Hall Park do provide a basis for optimism for the future, however at senior level in 2007-08 the Saturday team failed to complete their fixtures in the Northern Alliance League - sadly we are without a Saturday senior team again this season - and our Haydon Bridge Anchor Sunday team finished in the bottom half in the second division of the Hexham and District Sunday League. All a far cry from a successful season fifty six years ago when, in 1952, Haydon Bridge United won the Hexham and District League.

**And the significance of 1952 in my Historical Notes this month?**

In tracing our village's football history, arguably the outstanding achievement to date relates not to one of our successful teams but to an individual; George Albert Anderson.

George Anderson, who was born at Haydon Bridge, played in goal for our village team and for Mickley, from where he went on to play for Sunderland and Aberdeen before joining the Board of Directors at Aberdeen and then, most famously, at Dundee. At Dundee, George managed the Scottish First Division team to two Scottish League Cup victories and on Saturday April 19th **1952**, an appearance in the Scottish Cup Final in front of 136,000 spectators.

George Albert Anderson was born on 6th June 1887, his mother was Rachel Pigg who died in childbirth and his father was George Anderson who died in a horse riding accident when George junior was three years old.

Not the happiest of starts to George's life as a Haydonian then, but things did improve from there on.

George was brought up by his father's sister along with his cousin Polly Anderson and they lived in number 20 Smith's Terrace; with the Duffy and Curry families as neighbours on either side. George's cousin, Jenny Anderson, was also brought up in the house on Smith's Terrace. Jenny remained in Haydon Bridge and older Haydonians will remember her and her husband Eddie Dinning living in the bungalow

number two Whittis Road. They will also remember that Jenny worked locally in Bell and Riddles Chemist's, on Ratcliffe Road, before leaving the village in 1954.

Eddie Dinning died on 27th March 1986 and Jenny (nee Anderson) died on 30th May 2001 at Saltburn-by-the-Sea, where she lived in a retirement home close to her only daughter Frances (Fran) Duncan, her husband and family.

George Anderson's football career as a goalkeeper started with Haydon Bridge and after playing his final game for the village team, a 0-1 defeat by Acomb in the West Tyne League on October 1st 1910, he moved to Mickley where he made his debut in a Northumberland Aged Miners' Cup tie on October 8th 1910 against Choppington St Pauls. Mickley won 4 - 0 and George Anderson's first appearance created a very favourable impression. George's first game for Mickley in the Northern Alliance League was on October 15th, another 4 - 0 win in which he starred, this time against Jarrow Caledonians.

It wasn't long before George Anderson's performances in goal for Mickley attracted scouts from professional clubs and on Saturday April 29th 1911, Aston Villa, Bolton and West Bromwich Albion were each represented to watch him in a Northern Alliance fixture at Blyth.

George had a choice of clubs but stuck to an earlier gentleman's agreement that had been given to Sunderland and he signed for the Wearsiders on May 2nd 1911, only seven months after playing his final game for Haydon Bridge. Mickley received a transfer fee of £10.

Sunderland's management described George as 'steady and reliable' and consequently allowed him to stay at Haydon Bridge over the weekends from Saturday night until Tuesday morning.

At Sunderland the twelve stone, five foot ten and a half inch twenty two year old, received a signing on fee of £5, his wages during the summer and £2 - 10 shillings a week during the season; rising to £4 a week when he played for the first team.

Following an 8 - 0 reverse at Sheffield Wednesday on Boxing Day 1911, the heaviest defeat Sunderland had ever sustained, George made his first team

debut in goal on December 30th, playing alongside such famous footballers as Charlie Buchan and Jackie Mordue in a 3 - 3 draw against Middlesbrough, in front of a 20,000 crowd at Ayresome Park.

For those with an interest in Sunderland F.C. history, the team that played Middlesbrough ninety seven years ago was:-

George Anderson: Billy Troughear: Albert Milton: Billy Cringan: Frank Cuggy: Gavin Jarvie: Jackie Mordue: Charlie Buchan: John Young: George Holley: Arthur Bridgett.

It was reported that, apart from the first goal which he should have saved, Anderson performed very satisfactorily indeed.



**Haydon Bridge's George Anderson in his playing days at Sunderland.**

**I cannot account for George not being photographed in his goalkeeper's jersey. The Laws of the Game had been amended in 1909 to ensure that the goalkeeper wore a different coloured shirt - scarlet or royal blue - to his team-mates. The colour green was also allowed from 1912.**

George played another seven games in the 1911-12 season; against Sheffield United (h) 0-0: Oldham Athletic (a) 0-0: Bolton Wanderers (h) 0-1: Bradford City (a) 2-1: Woolwich Arsenal (h): 1-0 Manchester City (a) 2-0 and Liverpool (a) 2-0.

In the following Championship winning season, 1912-13, George Anderson kept goal for the Wearsiders in two matches; on September 21st 1912 against Oldham away 3-0, and a 2-2

draw against Tottenham Hotspur at Roker Park September 28th 1912.

After ten games for Sunderland this fixture against Tottenham proved to be George's final appearance for the first team, although it wasn't until May 26th 1914 that he made his next move, to Aberdeen.

George Anderson's career at Aberdeen was interrupted by World War I, during which he served in the Royal Artillery, but following the conflict he continued playing for the 'Dons' into the 1920's.

It was when he was at Aberdeen that George met and married Maggie Ann Lily Stables - Lily as she was generally known - on December 31st 1918 and their daughter Mildred was born on August 29th 1928.

Following George's playing days his interest turned to management within the game and he joined the Aberdeen Board of Directors, during which time he was apparently responsible for the discovery of a young Stan Mortenson whom he recommended to Blackpool. Mortenson was born in South Shields, joined Blackpool in 1938 and played for England twenty five times, scoring twenty three goals.

While George Anderson's playing career at Sunderland and Aberdeen, as Haydon Bridge's first ever professional footballer, is certainly worthy of mention here, it was his success in the game following his years as a player that brought him national recognition.

George went on to become a successful Aberdeen businessman - manufacturing ice cream and confectionery at 10 Mount Street - a respected civic figure in the city and one of Scotland's best known football legislators.

In 1945/46 George Anderson moved his allegiance from Aberdeen F.C. to Dundee F.C. He was appointed Managing Director of the Dens Park club and it was his drive and initiative that was credited with Dundee's return from the Scottish 'B' Division to the 'A' Division in one season, followed by a period of unprecedented success on the pitch.

He went on to manage the Dundee team that came close to winning the Scottish League in 1949 - losing the title by a single point to Rangers - and the team that won the Scottish League Cup twice. In the 1951-52 season, beating Rangers 3-2 and in 1952-53, a 2-0 victory over Kilmarnock.

Sandwiched between those two victories was maybe George Anderson's ultimate achievement, in managing Dundee to a Scottish Cup Final at Hampden Park, for the first time since 1925, in front of 136,495 spectators on the 19th April 1952. The result of the match turned out to be a disappointment - a 4 - 0 defeat by Motherwell - but this setback did little to undermine the success of George's managerial career with Dundee. F.C.



Front cover of the Scottish Cup final programme of 1952



George Anderson.  
Managing Director of Dundee F.C.

George Anderson's teams of the late 1940's and early 1950's were reputed to have, 'combined the winning mentality with an attractive brand of football' and within twelve months,

they made no fewer than three cup final appearances at Hampden.

This was without doubt a remarkable achievement.

As recently as 2006, a Scottish newspaper poll voted Haydon Bridge's George Anderson as '47th in the top 50 best Scottish football managers of all time', sharing top billing with the likes of Jock Stein and Alex Ferguson, and during his time at Dundee his success and influence received glowing testimony.

Witness the following quotes from the 1952 Scottish Cup Final programme and elsewhere:

'Dundee's Managing Director, is one of the Scottish game's most respected figures. George used to keep goal for Aberdeen where he has business interests.'

'Since he (George Anderson) joined the Dundee board some seven years ago the club has gone right to the top, not only for the type of football played, but for the personalities the Managing Director has brought to Dens Park.'

'Under the guidance of Managing Director George Anderson, Dundee have become one of the most ambitious clubs in the (Scottish) game.'

'The enigmatic bowler hatted manager George Anderson looked north to the shipyards of Aberdeen in search of a star. The smooth talking Mr. Anderson persuaded sixteen year old Doug Cowie, - maybe the greatest ever to play for Dundee F.C. - and his dad, that Dundee was the team for him.'

'It was typical of the Dundee club's ideas (under Mr. Anderson) that two years ago (1950), they shattered the Scottish ways of looking at things by paying over £20,000 for the great God, Billy Steel. (£23,000 from Derby County) Other clubs wondered what things were coming to when a Tayside club could pay what most clubs prefer to receive.'

'There must be a big hole knocked in the £20,000 paid for Billy Steel now. The 'Iron Man' Steel is just about the biggest box office attraction in the Scottish game and since he joined Dundee they've averaged crowds of 20,000, won the League Cup and are in the final of the Scottish Cup.'

Just as today, football was not without its controversy in the 1950's and George Anderson's signing of Bobby Flavell for £6,000 for Dundee caused a major stir at

the time. Flavell, the former Hearts player, went to Dundee after completing a six month suspension and a £150 fine for taking part with a group of British players, in a pirate soccer league unrecognised by FIFA and set up in Bogota, Colombia. Flavell apparently received a £5,000 signing on fee and £100 a week salary; quite a sum in the early 1950's, the days of the £12 a week maximum wage in England and Scotland.

Appropriately perhaps, Flavell played for F.C. Millioneros of Colombia. The Dundee Manager was clearly of strong enough character to deal with this difficult situation and he was rewarded, as were the Dundee supporters, when Flavell scored three times in Dundee's two League Cup Final wins and the crowds flocked to see Flavell and Billy Steel playing together.

Throughout his career at Sunderland, Aberdeen and Dundee, George Anderson was faithful to his Haydon Bridge roots. Indeed, his home in King's Gate, Aberdeen was called 'Haydon Villa'.

Following the second world war when life in our village was settling down to something approaching normality and Haydon Bridge Football Club, with its finances in a parlous state, resumed its place in the re-constituted Hexham and District League, George - by then Managing Director at Dundee - presented the football team of his birth place with new green and yellow strips for a new start. Why there appears to be only nine new shirts and a goalkeeper's jersey on the 1946/47 team photograph is unclear and the one remaining team member who is with us today (do you recognise him?) is unable to enlighten me. In the event, Bob Thompson is the player who had to make do with a strip from a different era.

The new strips certainly seem to have had a positive effect. In the second game of the 1946/47 season, Haydon Bridge played Park United at Newcastle in the Ryton & West Tyne League and won 14 - 1, playing most of the game with ten men when goalkeeper R. Coates had to go off injured after ten minutes and was replaced in goal by Sid Brown. There were no substitutes allowed then of course.

Goal scorers that day in 1946 were: Jimmy Spark (5); J. Thompson (4); Hunter Bradley (2); E. Brown (2); Ronnie Marshall (1 pen.).

Our village team continued with a most



#### HAYDON BRIDGE F.C. 1946/47

Back Row left to right: Ted Mack. Bob Thompson. Ken Lax. Eddie Moffat. Jimmy Spark.

Middle Row left to right: Nevin Kirsopp. Ronnie Marshall. Sid Brown. Bill Foster.

Front Row left to right: Dick Beach. Hunter Bradley.

The players are wearing green and yellow striped shirts provided by George Anderson.

Does anyone recognise the small boy on the left of the photograph?

encouraging season, that must have pleased George Anderson, unfortunately however they failed in the final games to turn their earlier successes into the number of trophies expected of them.

In a period of two weeks at the end of the season, Haydon Bridge lost a Ryton and West Tyne League play off with Crookhill, finishing the season runners up, and they lost two cup finals, but did win the Challenge Cup trophy, beating Crookhill 1 - 0 in the final.

George Anderson's commitment to the place of his birth is also confirmed by individual Haydonians. For example, Edmund Charles Charlton is one.

Edmund, one time Haydon Bridge resident who lives in Hexham now and is a subscriber to The Haydon News, tells me that when he was in the army in Scotland he met George Anderson.

"We used to call in at this shop and George's wife used to give us sweets. When I told her I was from Haydon Bridge I couldn't do any wrong!"

In fact, Edmund's mother became a neighbour to George Anderson's cousin, John George Stokoe, at New Alston after the war.

There were also those from Haydon Bridge who received tickets from

George Anderson for Scotland v England International matches in the 1950's; Wilf Dawson, Dr. Ferguson and Bill Foster among them. Bill also speaks of Mrs. Anderson's generosity in giving confectionery to the Haydon Bridge visitors.

George kept in regular contact with Haydon Bridge and visited his relatives in the village, including Jenny his cousin and Polly Anderson of 20 Smith's Terrace, with whom he had been brought up after his parents died.

In fact I have learnt that George's visits to Smith's Terrace did not go un-noticed by one young Haydonian who lived close by. Visits not remembered for an introduction to the famous football club manager mind; it was George's daughter who turned this young fellow's head!

"I remember George Anderson's daughter Mildred. She was a bonny lass, that's how I remember her. I used to notice things like that in those days!!"

George was also close to his cousin John George Stokoe.

The mother of John George Stokoe - or simply George, as he was generally known in the village - was Mary (nee) Anderson and she was a sister of George Anderson's father.

George Stokoe worked at Settlingstones Mines and eventually for LNER. Long

time residents of Haydon Bridge will remember George and his wife Edith (nee Heslop) living at New Alston before moving to number 10 Ratcliffe Road.

When he lived at New Alston, George Stokoe kept hens and an interesting postcard in George Anderson's hand that has survived to this day, makes it clear that he made sure his cousin was well supplied with eggs when he was playing on Wearside.

**George Stokoe and Edith had a son George and daughters Betty, Mary and Amy and it is thanks to Mary and Amy, - both of whom are subscribers to The Haydon News - to Eddie and Jenny Dinning's daughter Fran, - who lived at Haydon Bridge until she was seven years old - and to Mildred, George Anderson's daughter, that I am able to add the photograph of George at Sunderland and family details, to my history of George Anderson's career.**

*I will continue my story of  
George Albert Anderson,  
Haydon Bridge's  
first professional footballer,  
Aberdeen F.C. Director,  
Dundee's Manager  
and renowned soccer legislator,  
in next month's Haydon News.*

#### CORRESPONDENCE

**Recent 'Historical Notes'  
on our parish's mining heritage  
brings back memories of Whinnetley  
for ex Haydonian, Willam Veitch.**

Lancashire.

Dear Editors,

I remember Whinnetley Drift Mine from well over sixty years ago when my father would go there to collect his household supply of coals.

Usually there would be no-one around and you had to weigh and fill your sacks yourself and then leave a note telling the owners how many bags you had taken - usually it was only two as they had to be carried on the boot of the car. This was the old kind of boot where the lid folded down like a platform.

I recall on one occasion when there was no coal and the man said that he would have to go down the drift and "couple up" some tubs. He asked me, a young lad then, if I would like to go down with him - which I did. (What would today's



#### DECORATED CHRISTMAS TREES ON THE OLD BRIDGE

This will be the last time that through traffic will pass through Haydon Bridge. Whilst it is good that we can finally reclaim our village, the downside could be that it will suffer a downturn to the tourist trade when it is bypassed. We need to take every opportunity to present it favourably whilst the A69 thunders by. The passer-by needs to remember the area as a must for any future holiday or visit.

One of its visually strongest features is the old bridge and we intend to use it during the festive season to convey a warm and welcoming introduction to the village. Five groups of Christmas trees will be lined across its length. They will be free standing, secured in containers and attractively lit and decorated.

The plan sounds simple but it needs to be done well and to be actively supported by the residents and businesses of the parish. We do need as much help as possible. The support is growing; already we have received donations to help towards the costs. We are looking at the best ways of publicly acknowledging everyone's efforts and to encourage ownership and involvement of the event. And what could be a better time to foster a good community spirit?

Will you be able to help?

The immediate need is sponsorship and advice for purchasing and installation of the electrics. (The Anchor Hotel has kindly provisionally agreed to use their power source.) In October we will need timber to construct the containers and basic metal working skills to secure the trees and containers. In late November the trees will need to be erected, secured and weighted in the containers. For this degree of expertise, muscle power will be of great value in handling the logistics, the assembling of the displays and finally dismantling and storing them for the following year.

If you can contribute to any of the above, your help will make it a bigger success. If you can, please talk to Howard Oliver at Bush Farm, NE46 2PW or phone 688856. Or leave your details at 'Claire's' newsagents.

**Yours sincerely,  
Esmond Faulks,  
Chairman, Haydon Parish Council.**

Health and Safety make of that?) All that I recall is that it was murky and wet and that even as a young lad I had to stoop in places because the roof was so low.

Incidentally, in an earlier edition of The Haydon News you mentioned shops in the village. I wonder how many can recall the following.

There was Barrons' Pie Shop (useful in those days before school dinners) and Harry Watson senior's sweet shop beside the garage - usually with Elsie behind the counter. Tom Clemitson had his hardware shop on Church Street and Miss Urwin had

a haberdashery shop on the corner where 'Woodies' Railway Hotel tea shop now exists.

Also on Church Street, Vickers had a bakery, Robert Harding had his paper shop and Joe Armstrong his greengrocers.

On Ratcliffe Road, George Laverick had his greengrocers (he used to sit outside while his wife, dressed all in black, served in the shop) and near the west end was Heslop's Fish and Chip Shop.

All long gone but I'm sure still recalled by some.

Regards,  
William Veitch.

**RAILWAY HOTEL  
3rd ANNUAL FLOWER and VEGETABLE SHOW**



The Railway Hotel Show took place on Saturday August 23rd and the entries were judged by Vin Thompson from Hexham. Vin is seen here with show secretary Michael Smith. Eleven classes, a prize fund of over £1,500 and an excellent raffle says a great deal for the voluntary work undertaken by the show committee and the support offered by local individuals and businesses. To hit on a fine day this summer was also an achievement and the committee were able to bench the show exhibits on Church Street. Sue, at the Railway Hotel, thanks everyone who participated in and supported this year's show.

**Prize winners in the various sections:**

**Blanched Leeks:**

1 Brian Burrows. 2 Mick Smith.  
3 Jack Brown.

**Pair of Onions:**

1 Katy Brown. 2 Brian Burrows.

**Largest Onions:**

1 Brian Burrows. 2 Josie Brown.

**Three tomatoes:**

1 Brian Burrows. 2 Gordon Brown.  
3 Mick Smith.

**Three Cherry Tomatoes:**

1 Mick Smith. 2 Gordon Brown.  
3 Andy Smith.

**Collection of Vegetables:**

1 Mick Smith. 2 Maurice Robson.  
3 Gordon Brown.

**Flowers:**

1 June Willis. 2 June Willis.  
3 John Rix.

**Home baking:**

Sweet:  
1&2 Joyce Brown. (Church St.)  
3 Irene Cunningham.

**Savoury:**

1&3 Joyce Brown. (Greenwich Gdns.)  
2 Joyce Brown. (Church St.)

**Jams:**

1 Irene Cunningham. 2 Beth Aitken  
3 Joyce Brown (Church St.)

**Chutney:**

1 Jack Brown.

**Well done to everyone**

**THE GARDEN STATION**

**Taking on the Lady's Mantle:**

The Garden Station in Langley has had its first summer under new management. Mike Winstanley, a former teacher and now restaurateur took over from The Garden Station's founder, Jane Torday, in the Spring, and admits it has been hard work. "It's such a wonderful place," he says, "with so much to live up to and even more to do." Mike has opened a longer week and a longer season, keeping the cafés running from March right through until the New Year. The day courses, which have always been a strong and popular feature of The Garden Station, have been just as numerous and successful as ever, and there are still plenty of places on some of the Autumn ones. Mike describes himself as "keen but

rusty" when it comes to gardening. He says, "My father was a great gardener and as a child I was proud to be able to pronounce names like *metasequoia glyptostrioides* and *ligularia przewalskii*, but as an adult I have had frustratingly little time for gardening. So I'm hugely grateful to Jane Torday, the volunteer group and the two great gardeners I employ for all their help this year."

**Art for all:**

The Garden Station took part in the fabulous Art Tour and hosted a marvellous range of work of all sorts, from ceramics by Walter Storey of Alston to embroideries, prints and watercolours inside the Station. Mike values the arts: "As a person who would struggle to draw a lollipop tree,

I have nothing but admiration for artists and craftspeople, whose work gives so much joy to so many. It seems unbelievable that the stereotype of the artist struggling to make a living is still a true one. I hope in some small way The Garden Station can contribute to bringing the arts to people and offering artists a bit of a showcase."

A new exhibition is now up, including work by much-loved water colourist Rosie Villiers-Stuart, photographer Iain Duncan and print-maker Christina Mingard, to name just three. Craft and design work in the foyer and elsewhere ensure there is something for all to marvel at and indeed to buy.

**In the family**

Now that the Station is open through the autumn, it is able to host further exhibitions, and the first solo one will be an exhibition of batiks by Pete Winstanley, Mike's brother. Pete has practised the ancient craft of batik for over 35 years, and he has exhibited at many venues in the North. His work, most often inspired by natural forms, is full of power, light and wit. The exhibition runs from 3rd October until 19th November, and Pete is running a course in batik on the last day of the exhibition.

There are still some places on The Garden Station's Autumn courses, which can be booked now by ringing (01434) 684391, or going to the courses page on the Garden Station's website.

[www.thegardenstation.co.uk](http://www.thegardenstation.co.uk)

**HAYDON BRIDGE NATURE CLUB**

**AUTUMN AND WINTER TALKS  
September 2008 to April 2009**

**2nd October:** Ruth Robards.

'Kapiti Island and South Island  
New Zealand.'

**16th October:** Mark Winter.  
'Northumbria's Best Birds Revisited.'

**30th October:** John Newham.  
'A Natural History of Iceland.'

**13th November:** Margaret Jacot.  
'The Golden Road to Samarkand,  
Uzbekistan.'

**Talks are at 7.15 p.m. in  
Haydon Bridge Methodist Church  
every other Thursday**

**Coffee/tea and biscuits provided**

**Annual subscription: £10  
Non-members £2 each meeting**

**A programme of evening walks are  
organised in the Summer 2009**

**ALL ARE WELCOME INCLUDING NEW  
MEMBERS**



# HAYDON BRIDGE BYPASS - THE 'SUPER LIFT'



1. Friday August 1st. 2008 at West Rattenraw. 237 tonne of steel is placed in position in preparation for the first lift at midnight on Saturday.
2. Sunday August 3rd. The first lift went well and the steelwork is in position across the railway.
3. Monday August 4th. The steel beams from the second lift are in place on the river piers of the South Tyne Viaduct.
4. Wednesday August 13th. The steelwork from the final lift is connected into position.
- 5/6. The South Tyne Viaduct 'super lift' is complete.



After a very lengthy training in many areas of medicine I've now started as the new GP partner at Haydon Bridge. I have really been enjoying it.

Everybody's been making me feel extremely welcome...so thank you all very much. I have heard many times about how Dr Ford is "a hard act to follow" and a will be "a real miss". I hope I can serve the community as well as he clearly has over the last many years. I hope also that I can continue in his tradition. Here's some advice he might have given me:

*The old family physician being away on vacation, entrusted his practice to his son - a recent medical student. When the old man returned, the youngster told him among other things, that he cured Miss Ferguson, an aged and wealthy spinster, of her chronic indigestion.*

*"My boy," said the old doctor, "I'm proud of you, but Miss Ferguson's indigestion is what put you through college."*

I have enjoyed taking on much of his work though, including his role writing in this paper. I think it was Ernest Hemingway who once said that to become a real man it was necessary to: have a son, plant a tree, write a book and fight a bull. I have 3 sons and planted a plum tree a few years ago, so, if you allow this column to be a book, (I have always wanted to write a book) I may become a real man sometime soon .... Flights to Spain anyone?

The surgery has not changed so much though. Other than Dr Ford leaving and my arrival, only Dr Ford's wife, Jean, has left and will be much missed. The admin team and your team of doctors and nurses remains the same. I hope that some of them will get involved in writing these pages, so, expect to hear a few more voices.

Since I started I have been very pleased by the organisation levels in the practice and by the thoroughness of the note keeping. Here are some things taken from medical notes around the world that I do not ever expect to find in the notes at Haydon Bridge:

The lab test indicated abnormal lover function. (we never do tests of this sort)

The baby was delivered, the cord clamped and cut, and handed to the paediatrician, who breathed and cried immediately. (home

deliveries are definitely the province of our midwife colleagues)

The patient lives at home with his mother, father, and pet turtle, which is presently enrolled in day care three times a week.

She slipped on the ice and apparently her legs went in separate directions in early December.

Patient has chest pains if she lies on her left side for over a year.

The patient is a 79-year-old widow who no longer lives with her husband.

Many years ago the patient had frostbite of the right shoe.

The bugs that grew out of her urine were cultured in the Casualty and are not available.

I WILL FIND THEM!!!

#### **IMMUNISATIONS:**

On a more serious note there are several pieces of news in the area of immunisations:

#### **MEASLES**

There has been a mini-epidemic of measles and increased rates of mumps nationally in older children and college students. This is certainly related to a low uptake of the MMR vaccine, especially when this cohort of people was young, due to the scare about a putative link with autism. Vaccine scares are common worldwide but the scare about the link between MMR and autism is unique to the UK. The connection between the MMR and childhood autism was always based on the most circumstantial of evidence. Dr Andrew Wakefield, the initiator of the claim, is now facing charges of serious professional misconduct from the GMC which do relate to the conduct of the MMR autism trials and his publicising of them.

Professor David Salisbury, Director of Immunisation at the Department of Health, has said:

"Parents who have not had their children vaccinated with the MMR vaccine should do so now. The evidence on MMR is absolutely clear - there is no link between the vaccine and autism." Measles can be a very nasty illness in children and young adults with

possible (albeit rare) results of brain damage and severe pneumonia. Mumps and rubella can also have potential serious complications. As a result the DoH has instituted a catch up programme aimed at every child up to the age of 18 who has not had full course of MMR.

We will be contacting all patients in the unvaccinated group under 18 we can identify but please contact the surgery if you know you are in this group and wish to be vaccinated.

#### **INFLUENZA**

The annual flu vaccine programme begins soon. We will be having our annual "flu day" soon. The flu vaccine remains a vital part of our aims to keep people healthy through the winter. We offer vaccination to:

All those over 65.

Those with: chronic respiratory, renal or cardiac disease; diabetes; or immunosuppression due to disease or treatment

People who live in residential homes or sole carers of people with disabilities

Health and social care professionals

We have booked our annual Flu day in the Methodist Chapel is Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October 8.30am 4.00pm....so a date for your diary.

Remember the flu virus changes every year so last year's flu vaccine provides no protection this year.

#### **CERVICAL CANCER VACCINE**

Yes, a vaccine against cancer! Cervical cancer is closely related to HPV virus infection in women. Trials of a vaccine to prevent infection with this virus have been highly effective. It is extremely likely that this will lead to a huge fall in rates of cervical cancer. I agree with Professor David Salisbury, the head of the Department of Health's vaccination programme, who has said the trial results for the vaccine are "fantastic", with only minor side-effects and strong indications protection would be long lasting. "They show it is possible to change the course of cancer. It is very exciting," he said.

The DoH will be offering routine vaccinations to all 12 to 13 year olds as of September 2008. There will be a catch up programme for older girls too. We do not yet have full information on local implementation but watch this

space.

## CREDIT CRUNCH

We have just had our building revalued for the princely sum of £1000. It helps us to decide how much Dr Ford's share of the building is worth. It also confirms that we are being paid about the right amount in rent by the PCT and that the building is in good condition. The only problem appears to be some plant matter growing into the gutters so, despite my accidental setting off of the alarm leading to a visit from the local community policeman, we look in good condition for the future. We got a very glossy brochure and some lovely photographs of the building too.

On a more serious note here are some possible sources of help for those struggling financially with the credit crunch:

Try visiting [www.moneysavingexpert.com](http://www.moneysavingexpert.com). Some useful money saving tips along with many adverts.

Or try [www.citizensadvice.org.uk](http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk)

For local advice :Tynedale Citizens Advice Bureau

The Community Centre  
Gilesgate  
HEXHAM  
Northumberland  
NE46 3NP

Telephone:  
01434 605 254  
Fax:01434 607 611

## AND FINALLY SOME "FACTS"

Apparently:

A United Nations survey has revealed that postmen in Britain are bitten by dogs far less than in any other country (who paid them to do this?)

Apples, not caffeine, are more efficient at waking you up in the morning (if you drop them on your head)

Cat's urine glows in black light?!

Until next time

Paul Wyatt

**We welcome Dr. Paul Wyatt  
to our parish  
and  
as a contributor  
to  
The Haydon News**

## CHRISTMAS ON THE OLD BRIDGE

**On page 7 of this issue of The Haydon News, our Parish Council Chairman outlines the plans for Christmas celebrations on the Old Bridge.**

**We are pleased that there has already been a positive response but more help and advice would be welcome as outlined by Councillor Howard Oliver below.**

There has been a wonderful response to the call for help in **decorating and lighting the old bridge**. People have been very generous with either making a donation or offering their time and expertise to help make the project a success.

With so much enthusiasm it has been possible to have broken the project into various tasks: electrics; wood and metal working; joinery; erecting and dismantling the displays, social and other activities.

My thanks to everyone who has volunteered so far and we will give thanks publicly nearer to Christmas.

It is heartening to have had a good response from the three churches and the schools.

The First School is having a competition to suggest a design for the top of the tree. The winner will see his or her drawing, if practical, produced as the finished article and positioned on top of the tree.

At the time of writing, the High School is discussing ways in which it can be best employed.

The interest that the Christmas lights have generated has been fascinating. Apparently, there used to be a tug of war every year on the bridge. There maybe many other activities that our older residents may recall. Probably the dreaded "Health & Safety" and Liability issues would preclude them these days, unless the rules could be circumvented!

We would love to hear from anyone with memories of any of the events, please let us know by calling Howard Oliver on 01434 688856.

In recent times the bridge seems to be an under used but an ideal focal location to make much more of the Christmas celebrations – carols; silver/brass bands and many more opportunities spring to mind.

**More of this in the next issue if the interest and willingness to be involved is there.**

## PARISH COUNCIL NOTES CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3

### Parish Projects.

A progress report was given on the Parish Plan. (See report on page 17).

Library

A report has been prepared for NCC Libraries on the condition of the library building in Haydon Bridge. As the lease, currently held by the Library Service, requires full repairs and maintenance, NCC are responsible for ensuring the building is in good repair before the Parish Council take it over. Plans are also being drawn up for improvements to the library building. The Parish Plan Group will need to apply for funding to undertake this work. A Business Plan is also being prepared.

Shaftoe Green

The Council was informed that the new bark for the Toddlers Play Area at Shaftoe Green still hasn't been replaced although it was delivered to the CVC Highways compound in early August. CVC Highways, who volunteered to do the work involved in replacing the bark, will do it as soon as possible but, trying to keep periods of current road closure to a minimum, must give priority to completing bypass works at these points.

The Council has been informed that because the War Memorial is 'listed' any repair must reinstate the memorial as it was before being vandalised. This is well beyond the costs affordable by the Council. Priority is to be given to replacing the plaques on the memorial but as the cost of this is also prohibitive it will be some time before the work can be undertaken.

Haydon Bridge Football Club requested advice from the Council regarding use of their land by young people for a cycle area. The club was advised to discuss the situation with their insurers.

A progress report was sent to the Council on the Christmas Lights Scheme. (See report on this page)

**Next meeting October 23rd at 7.30pm.**

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CHURCHES WORKING TOGETHER

**CHURCH PAGE**

**CLERGY MESSAGE**

From

*Leo Pyle*

**OCTOBER  
2008**



“The word is very near.” So we do not have far to go to discover the Law of Life. All we have to do is to listen. All we have to do is to listen to our own heart beat and our better self. It is all there.

Made in the image and likeness of God we are persons in relationship. We are persons in love. We are if we allow ourselves to be. And all we need to do is to get out of the way of the true self. This is the process, the way to love God with our whole heart, soul, strength and mind and our neighbour and ourselves. And this is all in place long before we get to religion.

Much good does religion for the man mugged on Jericho Road. The religious people ignore him. It is the Samaritan, the outsider and heretic who following his heart, saves his beaten-up neighbour. The rules and regulations of religion prevent the Priest and the Levite from responding.

They think with “either-or” minds. It is either the laws of ritual cleanliness or care of the half dead. It is called dual thinking. Everything is “either-or” instead of “both- and”. And we in the West have suffered from dual thinking since Plato and Aristotle.

So we miss the big picture of the “both-and” creation. We miss the big picture delivered and revealed in “Christ Jesus ....the image of the unseen God....in him were created all things in heaven and earth: everything visible and in visible.”

So where do we get this “either-or” when everything in heaven and earth was created in him. There is no “either-or” in Jesus Christ. We are into big banquet creation.

Everyone and everything is invited to God’s party. Jesus is the head, principal and chief guest. All perfection is to be found in him who is the

**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

proximate Word and the Law of Life. We are the body of guests and the body of the chief guest and head, we are the body of Christ. As body of Christ and Church we praise and thank God. We are reconciled and at peace. As Church and Christ we know who our neighbour is. And we bandage, anoint, wine and dine, look after and pay the bill. Jesus assures us, “Do this and you will have life.” This is the Word that is very near us. This is the Law of Life. “Do this and you will have life.”

*Leo Pyle*

**METHODIST CHURCH  
SERVICES**

**5 October**

10.00am Morning Worship  
Margaret Weatherson  
6.00 pm Evening Service  
Rev Les Hann

**12 October**

10.00 am Family Service  
(Harvest)  
Rev Les Hann  
6.00pm Village Harvest  
Rev Les Hann

**19 October**

10.00am Morning Worship  
Joyce Short  
6.00pm

**26 October**

**CLOCKS CHANGE**

10.00am Morning Service  
Brenda Mearns  
6.00 pm Evening Service  
David Stabler

**2 November**

10.00am Morning Service  
Rev Les Hann  
6.00 pm Evening Service  
Rev David Flavell

**BELTINGHAM/HENSHAW  
CHURCH SERVICES**

**5 October**

**Henshaw**  
9.30 am BCP Communion

**12 October**

*11.00 am Joint Service  
Haydon Bridge*

**19 October**

*11.00 am Joint Service  
Haydon Bridge*

**26 October**

**CLOCKS CHANGE**

**Beltingham**  
9.30 am Joint Service

**2 November**

**Beltingham**  
9.30 am BCP Communion

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

**Mass each Sunday**

9.30am. Haydon Bridge  
11.00am. at Haltwhistle

**Mass on weekdays**

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

**ST CUTHBERT'S CHURCH  
SERVICES**

**5 October**

11.00am BCP Communion

**12 October**

11.00am Joint Service

**19 October**

11.00am Joint Service

**26 October**

**CLOCKS CHANGE**

*9.30am Joint Service  
at Beltingham*

**2 November**

11.00am BCP Communion

**Operation Christmas Child  
Shoe Box Appeal 08**

The Methodist Church will be filling boxes for this worthy cause on  
**2nd November**  
anything you have to donate  
i.e. toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, flannels, pens/notebooks, small soft toys, gloves/hats, tennis balls

Please leave at  
**the Methodist Church  
during October**

Concert at St Cuthbert's  
Price £5 which includes supper

Saturday 25th October 7.30 pm  
"Sheds on Fire"  
Haydon Bridge  
Community Band

Tickets from  
Judith Hampson  
684307

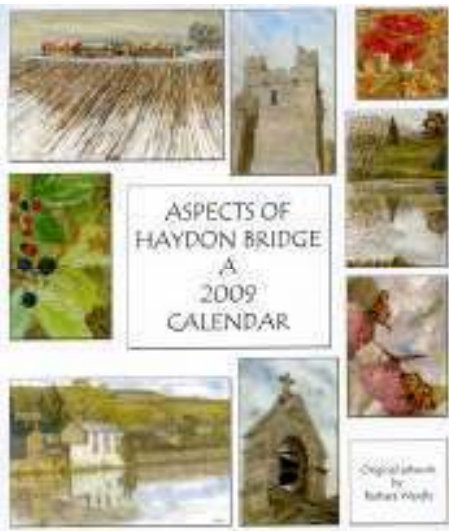
**ASPECTS of HAYDON BRIDGE  
A 2009 CALENDAR**

Are you looking for a Christmas gift? Then you may be interested in Barbara Wardle's original artwork, published as a calendar for 2009.

With so many beautiful views and interesting places in and around our village, choosing a selection of her many paintings of local scenes will not have been easy. I think you will agree that in 'Aspects of Haydon Bridge' the artist presents a good balance.

The calendar of Barbara's original artwork is priced at £7.50 and lots of Barbara's pictures are also available as cards.

Calendars and cards are available from Barbara Wardle on 01434 688886 or you can see a full range at the Art and Craft Fair Winter Sale on November 8th in the Haydon Bridge Community Centre.



**ART and CRAFT FAIR  
WINTER SALE**  
**November 8th 2008**  
**in the**  
**Haydon Bridge Community Centre**  
Tables for the Art and Craft Fair Winter Sale are available at £5.  
Further information is available from Barbara Wardle. Tel. 01434 688886

**FOR NOVEMBER'S HAYDON NEWS**  
**We invite readers to send in original poems about THE RIVER TYNE. For publication in November's issue.**  
**This is not a competition but a chance to share your writing with Haydon News readers. Please have a go, even if you've never written before.**  
**Leave poems addressed to the editors at Claires Newsagents**

**MUSIC AND MOVEMENT  
FRIDAY FUN FOR TODDLERS**

**'Music and Movement' is a small non-profit making organisation offering singing and dancing for pre-school children in the Methodist Church Hall at Haydon Bridge and Trinity Methodist Hall at Hexham.**

The Haydon Bridge Methodist Church Hall on Church Street rings with music, rhyme and laughter every Friday during school term time. Enthusiastic 2 to 4 year olds bring their parents along to have great fun with percussion instruments, singing, dancing and creative movement, following the lead of their talented music and dance teachers Lisa Hardy and Julie Finch.

This is "Music and Movement", run by a charity of the same name based in Hexham and Haydon Bridge for well over 10 years. **Music and Movement** has given a generation of youngsters a fun-filled foundation in musical skills. And the parents and carers seem to have a good time too, joining in and making friends over a cup of coffee and a chat.

One of the leaders, Julie, explains:

"We cover a combination of traditional and contemporary songs and give the children the opportunity to develop their sense of rhythm, musical timing, spatial awareness and vocabulary. Most of all we want them to have fun, because that's a great way to learn.

Two of us lead each session, one playing the piano and the other leading the circle of children. We're both qualified teachers and love working with very young children."

With the schools now returning after the summer break, Music and Movement also gets going again in Haydon Bridge each Friday afternoon.

**There are currently a few places left in each of the two classes.**

**The half hour sessions start at 1.10pm (aimed mainly at 2 year olds) and at 1.50pm (for 3 and 4 year olds), and it all costs just £2.75 per session.**

If Friday mornings are more convenient there are also sessions in Hexham's Trinity Methodist Hall.

**To find out more please ring Julie on 01434 607490.**

**BYPASS UPDATE**

Since our last update (August 2008) extensive work has been carried out at both ends of the bypass.

The 'super lift' on the South Tyne Viaduct went according to plan and during the two months since, the steel for the deck has been put in place. Work, on the remainder of the composite pre-cast concrete slab and insitu concrete deck, will continue until November.

In the meantime, structural work on the Gee's Wood Bridge is almost complete.

The traffic lights at the east end of the bypass, necessary due to work on the tie-in from the new road to the A69, have resulted in long queues of vehicles; stretching back at peak periods as far as Wharmley to the east and Willow Gap to the west. Management of the lights has allowed over 100 vehicles to pass through at a time and this seems to have been a satisfactory solution in difficult circumstances.

The A686 Alston road will be open again within the next three to four weeks, although work on the tie-in will continue, therefore some form of traffic management will still be necessary and some vehicles will still be diverted along John Martin Street and Shaftoe Street. Not unexpectedly, the diversion, in place since the August Bank Holiday, has caused some traffic problems, particularly on Shaftoe Street, but Project Manager Andrew Harding is grateful to residents for their patience and understanding and their support in minimising the difficulties that may have been caused by roadside parking.

The next road closure is the Land Ends Road. This will be from 29th September for a period of seven weeks while the road is diverted through the new culvert, and the embankment from the South Tyne Viaduct is completed, connecting the bypass over the Land Ends road.



## LANGLEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

WIA Jennifer Norderhaug attended Langley WI AGM in September. After a supper of soup and sweets provided by the committee, Jennifer talked about the opportunities available to all members at Federation and National levels. She also supervised the election of the president who will be Sylvia.

Linda Murray thanked the committee for their work. The committee have all agreed to continue.

Muriel Brown won the competition for a motto, with Kate Rutherford second. Cathy Duffy was presented with the cup for most competition points over the last year. Sheona Wardle was also presented with a cup for second place.

Plans were made for the annual pie and pea supper on November 14<sup>th</sup>. Members all agreed that the meal enjoyed at the Langley Garden Station in August had been successful in spite of the rain preventing all but a few brave members from enjoying a woodland walk.

Ten members enjoyed a musical evening at Newbrough which took the form of a quiz. Sylvia was our team captain and was very competitive, however, Newbrough were the overall winners. Everyone who took part enjoyed the good natured rivalry.

**Next month's meeting on October 14<sup>th</sup> is Langley's birthday party, when several institutes will be visiting. Everyone is welcome.**

Cathy Duffy.

## HAYDON BRIDGE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Sue Dunn made a welcome return to Haydon Bridge this month showing off another of her talents. Last time Sue came to play the Nothumbrian Pipes this time round Sue was demonstrating her talent making ceramics. Earlier this year Sue produced 100 ceramic eggs for the

## LIFE CYCLE CHALLENGE 2008

In August's Haydon News we introduced readers to David Armstrong's sponsored challenge; cycling 1,350 miles over 10 days, through 4 countries and crossing 4 mountain ranges in temperatures up to 40°C.

David has returned to Haydon Bridge having raised close to £4,000 for kidney disease research, and he thanks everyone for their support.

**In next month's issue we will follow David on his remarkable journey.**

Jemmima Puddle Duck 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations. Sue showed us a wide range of her designs including bowls, pots, tiles and an exquisite 'Birthday Cake' container including the pottery candles on the top. All beautifully made and finished by hand in her workshop at Ochrelands in Hexham.

The evening was rounded off with most of us having a go at making pottery biscuits. Sue kindly took them all away to fire them at home and will return them on a later date.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October at 7.30pm, when we shall be discovering how Fairtrade and Tradecraft work.

November 18<sup>th</sup> is the A.G.M. - when all members are asked to attend if possible - followed by the Christmas meal in December. Names of members wishing to come along for the Christmas meal are asked to let a member of the Committee know at the November meeting. Venue will be decided at the A.G.M.

**Ladies if you would like to join the WI but are a bit wary that it may not be for you or that you don't really know anybody, why not break the ice by coming along to one of the Coffee Mornings hosted by the WI on the first Saturday of the month in the Community Centre.**

Karen Lumsden

## HAYDONIAN SOCIAL CLUB LEEK CLUB SHOW



At the Haydonian Social Club on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2008 the Leek Club Show was extended to include Vegetable, Flower and Industrial sections this year.

There was a good entrance as usual for the Leek section the winners being David Sutton (**Intermediate Leeks & Pot Leeks**) and Brian Burrows (**Blanch Leeks**) - see photograph - **Best Leek in Show** winner was Gary Cunningham.

In the **vegetable section** there were joint winners for the Cup, Robert Armstrong & Brian Burrows.

The **floral section** trophy was won by Robert Armstrong.

The **Industrial Section** Cup was won by Carolyn Todd, with some good competition from some male entrants. (Come on all you lady bakers - where were you?)

Congratulations to all the winners in the various **children's sections** of the show.

The majority of the goods were sold at auction later in the day and raised a total of **£57.20** which is to be split between **Haydon View Rest Home** and **The Air Ambulance**.

The Committee and staff wish to thank all who took part and hope next year's show will attract more entrants, for bigger prizes.

**Don't Forget**

**PRIZE BINGO  
SATURDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2008  
Eyes down 7.30pm.**

**CHILDREN'S  
HALLOWEEN PARTY  
on  
1<sup>st</sup> NOVEMBER 2008**

## ROYAL LIFE BOAT INSTITUTION — TYNE VALLEY BRANCH LUNCHEON CLUB

The monthly Luncheon Club, with speaker, is held on the second Monday of each month until 13th July 2009, at the Hadrian Hotel, Wall, 12 noon for 12.30pm.

The next meeting of the Luncheon Club will be held on Monday 13th October.

One special event will be held on 17th October.  
This is the domino evening, followed by a Harvest Supper in Wall village hall at 7.00pm. Tickets priced at £6.

**ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND**

For further information please contact  
Jennifer Wild. Tel 01434 633231 or Morag Baird. Tel 01434 67488

## SO WHERE DO PEOPLE WHO WANT TO LIVE IN WYLAM GO?

The answer certainly isn't Stocksfield or Riding Mill as they're in a similar position to Wylam.

The Tynedale Local Development Framework sets out the overall strategy for the developments in Tynedale District for the next ten years. Most of the documents are now complete, in fact the only section not yet completed is the one dealing with Site Allocations. You may remember the well attended public meeting held in the Methodist Church Hall last year when two officers from Tynedale Planning Department explained the Site Allocations process and listened to the views of Haydon Parish residents on the proposed sites for development in Haydon Bridge. On that occasion the capacity audience was informed that Hexham, Prudhoe and Haltwhistle would bear the lions share of future developments as they are regarded as the main centres in Tynedale. They offer a wide range of services and amenities to their communities and the areas around them. The audience was also told that a limited amount of development will also take place in what the District Council refers to as 'local centres'. They are identified as those towns and villages that offer a limited range of services and amenities to their residents and people living in the immediate area. Allendale, Corbridge, Bellingham and Haydon Bridge are classed as the 'local centres'. Then there are those villages and hamlets in Tynedale that have very few or no amenities. These settlements will have very little or no housing development during the next ten years or so. Chesterwood and Langley are the settlements in Haydon Parish that fall into this category.

**What comes as something of a surprise is to find that Stocksfield, Wylam and Riding Mill are also included in this group of settlements.** Stocksfield has a population of over 3000, considerably larger than Haydon Bridge. Wylam has a population similar to that of Haydon Bridge. Riding Mill is somewhat smaller but is described on Northumberland's Communities website as 'a thriving community [with a] range of local facilities'. In fact all three places have a range of local facilities and in the case of Stocksfield and Wylam as good, if not better than Haydon Bridge.

So why are they classed along with the many small villages and hamlets in Tynedale? Why, especially in the case of Stocksfield and Wylam, aren't they grouped with Haydon Bridge as local centres with sufficient facilities to support future development? Surely a need for social/affordable housing must have been expressed by some residents in these settlements when Tynedale Council undertook its housing needs survey in 2004/5? After all Wylam emerged from the survey as having one of the highest levels of overcrowding in the District! Clearly settlement size, available facilities and housing need were not the only criteria used to select the areas for housing development between now and 2021 in the Local Development Framework (LDF). Not mentioned in any of the documents that form the LDF, but obviously an overriding factor, is the willingness of landowners to sell land for social housing development.

So where does this leave local opinion on local housing needs and future development? Ignored?

In the survey undertaken by Haydon Parish Council a need was identified for social housing in the village. In preparing the Village Design Statement people agreed that more social housing was needed to meet local requirements. However, most people also wanted to see small developments over a period of time to ensure that it was **local need** that was being met and to avoid changing the character of the village.

With 40 social/affordable houses soon to be built in the Showfield, 14 already being built at Bardon Mill, and 40 social housing units at the planning stage for Allendale, not to mention the 65 houses in a mixed housing development being built on the site of the old mart in Bellingham, Tynedale is going to meet its target of 100 social housing units per year.

**Local need** will certainly be exceeded in all these developments.

So those people who wanted affordable/ social housing in Wylam, Stocksfield etc now know where they can go!

MP



By the time this edition of the Haydon News is published, scenes like this one in John Martin Street may have become commonplace. This photograph was taken in early August when an accident on the A69 at Low Hall closed the main road and traffic was diverted along John Martin Street and Shaftoe Street.

By now, with the closure of the Alston road for the tie-in of the bypass with the A69 and the diversion of Alston traffic along these roads, we may have become used to the temporary increase in traffic flow through this part of the village.

However, it may be that with the opening of the bypass, scenes such as these return as drivers approaching Haydon Bridge from Hexham use the Alston road/Langley road route into the village to avoid waiting in the centre of the new A69 to cross the east bound carriageway to access the village, especially during busy periods. Add into the mix the traffic increases likely during and after the building of the 40 new houses in the Showfield, and the traffic already generated by the 'school run' each morning and afternoon, and it maybe that such scenes become a permanent feature.

Perhaps the NCC Highways Dept, while considering what improvements to make to the soon to be de-trunked and so much quieter Ratcliffe Road, need also to be thinking how best to manage increased traffic flows along these narrow roads south of the river.

MP





## **Parish Plan update – from planning to action**

The Haydon Parish Plan – a 10 year development plan for the Parish – was approved by the Parish Council in April this year. Here's an update.

A team comprising Parish Council and Parish Plan Group members has been meeting with a range of partners to get ownership of the plan, and in particular to get support for different areas of the action plan. They include Tynedale Council, Northumberland National Park, North Pennines AONB (Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty), Social Enterprise Northumberland, and Hadrian's Wall Heritage.

A Community Development Trust is being set up to act as a development vehicle for the Parish and to act as an umbrella under which a number of initiatives can sit. These include the Community Library – see more below. We have also been looking at what funding sources we can approach for different initiatives identified in the plan, and have started work on a number of these. For example, we have:

- Prepared a brief and asked for quotes for a Community website which we can use to publicise all tourism, business and community activity

- Brought local accommodation and other tourism businesses in the parish together with Hadrian's Wall Heritage to look at marketing and promotion

- Started feasibility work on taking over the library as a Community Library and Visitor Information Point, and looking at other possible uses as well

- Worked with the Highways Agency about signage when the bypass opens

- Prepared proposals to be submitted to the County Council Local Transport Plan for remedial works in Haydon Bridge after de-trunking of the A69 relating to areas such as congestion, car parking and road crossings

- Started work on the brief and funding for a Heritage Interpretation Plan, which can, for example, lead to new walks and trails

- Agreed to work with Tynedale Council about a number of areas in the plan, including the further development of the Riverside Park, housing support for vulnerable people, and adoption of the Village Design Statement

### **COPIES OF THE PARISH PLAN AND VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT ARE AVAILABLE IN THE LIBRARY**

The next stage will be putting together funding bids to a range of sources and starting work on other action areas in the plan.

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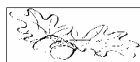
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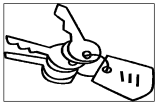
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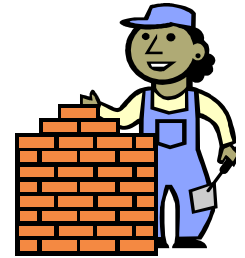


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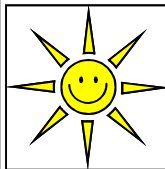
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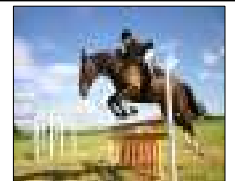
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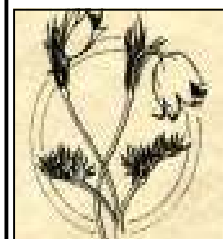
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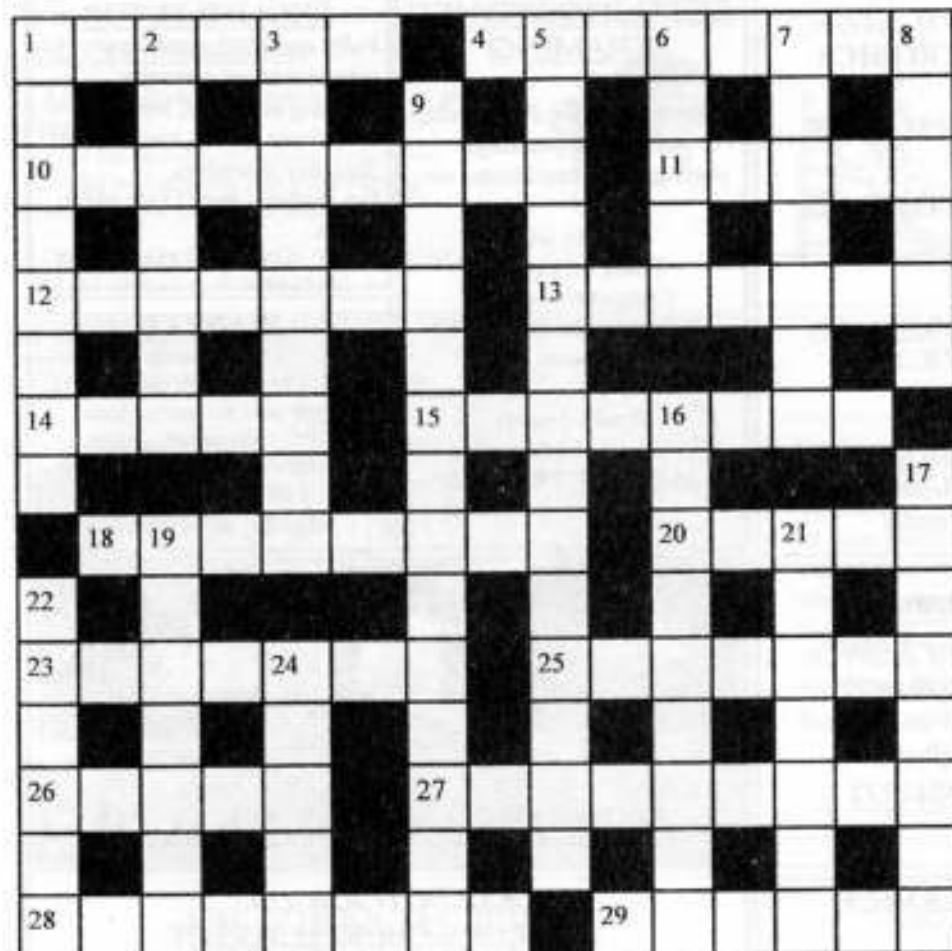
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### ACROSS

1. Ridicule settled anger.(6)
4. False promises after stimulus.(8)
10. Flyer confines passenger.(9)
11. Fish at anytime, learner involved.(5)
12. Cool oil cast carelessly.(7)
13. Belonging to the thigh, for lame uncomfortable.(7)
14. Sheltered part in front of church parasite(5)
15. Slay then reorganise, nevertheless.(8)
18. Part of 17.(8)
20. Medical or religious stand in.(5)
23. Toffees FC.(7)
25. Shoemaker trainee joins Australian friend.(7)
26. Open space pleased East.(5)
27. Frozen water trainee also in charge of island up North.(9)
28. Poverty of brief duration.(8)
29. Beautiful youth said no, foolishly.(6)

### SOLUTIONS TO AUGUST'S CROSSWORD. (35)

#### ACROSS

1. Senior
5. Cremated
9. Contingent
10. Rife
11. Reprieve
12. Reduce
13. Oder
15. Arachnid
18. Windward
19. Yogi
21. Brutal
23. Realtors
25. Item
26. Cowcatcher
27. Maestros

#### DOWN

2. Evoke
3. Interbred
4. Rented
5. Cleveland Browns
6. External
7. Acrid
8. Effecting
14. Dei Gratia
16. Haystacks
17. Cable car
20. Hazard
22. Times
24. Rheas

### DOWN

1. Weak market results in gentle persuasion.(4,4)
2. Blackberry Way group evolved into the ELO.(3,4)
3. Chic radio programmed for prized Italian veg.(9)
5. Feathered, mottled insect grabber.(4,10)
6. Discharge sounds like plenty of space.(5)
7. Opposite the front.(7)
8. Without doubt, England included in bad-tempered.(6)

9. Scandinavian flag fliers.(7,7)
16. Demi pension, 50% timber.(4,5)
17. Western Continents, North and South, home to 18.(8)
19. A Gooner chopped up herb.(7)
21. Mix a NE clod to get pale green.(7)
22. South borders grow coarse grasses.(6)
24. Handle doctor.(5)

**NUMBER OF ENTRIES**  
15 (14 correct)

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