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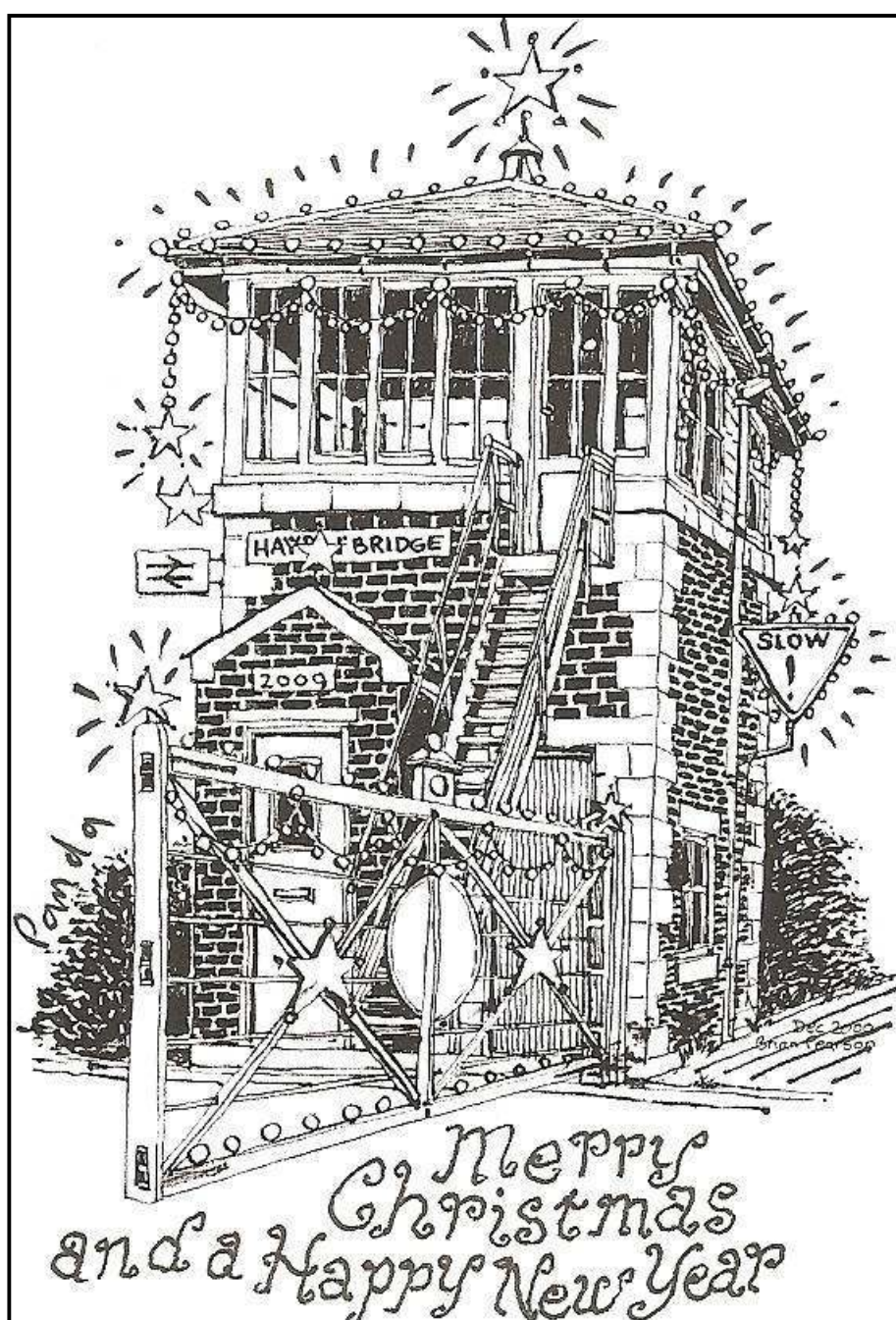
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Dennis Telford. (Chairman and Co-editor)

EDITORIAL COMMENT

At the last Parish Council meeting, during a discussion on the proposed Parish Council Precept, one councillor noted that the precept had risen by 33% in 3 years.

The precept is the amount of money the Parish Council raises to fund the various services it provides.

The money comes from the householders of Haydon Parish and is paid as part of the council tax.

The steep rise can be partly explained by rising costs and improvements to some services, but most of the rise is due to the Parish Council agreeing to take responsibility for new or additional facilities during the last 3 years.

These include maintaining the John Martin Trail; the inspection, maintenance and repair of Shaftoe Green Play Area; and this year taking over the lease of the Library building from NCC. Without the Parish Council's support the library would have closed, as Northumberland County Library Service made cuts in Library provision.

The Parish Council has now been informed that NCC is delegating responsibility to the Parish for the maintenance and repair of the play areas at Innerhaugh Mews and Showfield.

These play areas were provided by the housing developers as a planning permission requirement. The developers also made provision for future maintenance, money for this going to NCC. Will this money now come to the Parish Council?

Unlikely! Does it mean further increases in the Parish Precept?

Certainly. Will there be a reduction in the amount of money going into NCC coffers from the Council Tax as they 'off load services' to Parish Councils. **NOT LIKELY!!**

Parish Councillors and householders take note.

MP

WELCOME TO THE PARISH OF HAYDON, NORTHUMBERLAND, ENGLAND



Pupils from Shaftoe Trust First School, Haydon Bridge, met on the old bridge over the River Tyne for the lighting up of fifteen village Christmas trees. (see page 8)

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Thank you

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Site construction by Henry Swaddle.

PARISH COUNCIL NOTES from the meeting in November 2009

The meeting opened with a report by Dick Phillips from NCC Highways Department. This was in response to letters sent by the Parish Council, on several highway issues in the Parish. He told the Council that, following a site inspection of Land Ends Road, the dilapidation of the road since the bypass works had been noted and that the section of road between West Land Ends and East Land Ends was in a particularly poor state. Water ingress suggested damage to the drains beneath the road and that a survey of the drains would be needed. A meeting had been held with Andrew Harding of CVC, the bypass project manager, to discuss repairs to the road. An approach has also been made to the Highways Agency to fund the necessary repairs to this section. Other parts of the road, beyond West Land Ends, would be repaired by NCC. No date was given for when the repairs will be carried out.

A request was made for Mr Phillips to ask CVC to make good the entrance to the cemetery which was left in a poor state following the change in level of the Langley road as part of the bypass works.

£55,000 has been allocated for improvement works to Ratcliffe Road. This is considerably less than the sum required to carry out the works originally requested by the Parish Council, but would see some of the improvements implemented. These included changes to the street lighting (reducing the height of the posts and fitting new 'more friendly' lights), changing the road side fencing at the end of the old bridge and Church Street corner and introducing stone planters at this junction. The changes to the parking in Ratcliffe Road were at present being discussed by NCC, but it seems likely that chevron parking will be introduced on the south side of the road with a widening of the current parking space and a re-alignment of the centre carriageway white line to accommodate this change. The yellow lines would also be removed from the north side of the road but be retained at the corner of Church Street. It could, however, be 2011 before the yellow lines are removed.

Mr Phillips was asked about the replacement of the seat that was opposite the cemetery, but removed by CVC during work on the Langley road, and also about the water supply to the tap in the cemetery, disturbed by the

construction of the bypass. He is going to raise both matters with CVC. It was pointed out by a councillor that the settlement tank feeding water to the cemetery tap may be full of sediment and just requiring cleaning out to restore the flow of water. CVC had said that the pipe to the tank was clear following the bypass works.

The poor quality of workmanship in fitting the dropped curb to the pavement outside the chip shop was raised and is to be checked and made good by NCC.

Public Participation.

No members of the public were present.

Council meeting.

9 councillors were present.

Northumberland CC Notes.

The county councillor was unable to attend the meeting but sent notes for the Parish Council.

He mentioned discussions with Dick Phillips regarding the issues following the bypass construction. See notes above on Dick Phillips presentation. Much of the last month has been taken up with discussions on the budget. NCC are required to make nearly £30million worth of savings next financial year. It is hoped that the savings (cuts) to be made will not affect front line services. Many of the proposed cuts will affect the south east of the county. The budget will not be agreed until February. A report on further developments will be given to the December Parish Council meeting. The county councillor has informed the Development Trust that he is prepared to use some of his capital fund to help meet the costs of lighting the old bridge.

The Care Homes have been closed but the buildings will remain until the new proposals are agreed regarding where the day care will be provided in the future.

The next Area West Committee meeting will be held at The Manners, West Wylam on Dec 8th at 6.00pm. Members of the public and Parish Councillors are welcome to attend.

Highways.

A response was received from the Highways Agency about two issues raised at the last meeting. The first questioned why Langley and Alston were not shown on the directional sign

at the west junction on the bypass. It was explained that current policy is that the forward destinations shown on advance direction signs should only be 'primary destinations' (large centres of population or important road junctions) hence Newcastle and Hexham are shown but not Langley or Alston.

The second issue concerned the lack of a plaque to mark the opening of the bypass although provision has been made for one near the Langley road bridge. Arrangements are to be made to provide and mount the plaque in the near future.

The parish council are to order a seat to replace the one on Ratcliffe Road by the Hordley Acres junction.

A list of roads in the parish that are in a poor state of repair has been compiled by a councillor. He is to meet with a NCC Highways representative next week to discuss a possible programme of repairs.

The developing pot hole in Strother Close has been repaired.

Planning Applications.

No new applications were received this month.

The Council was informed that the planning application for change of use from commercial to residential—demolition of existing garage and construction of 4 flats and 2 houses with associated parking at the Anchor Garage had been granted planning permission conditionally.

The council received notice that an appeal has been made to the Secretary of State against the County Council's decision to refuse planning permission
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As we enter this month of Christian celebration, my thoughts turn to our old church at Haydon.

*To the old church where ancient bones beneath its shadows lie,
Within its walls, dark mysteries of Haydon days gone by,
As bairns we'd brave the dead of night and dare to enter there,
To listen for the echo of a spirit's dying prayer.*

*Just like the River Tyne flowing full from Cross Fell to the sea,
Sweet memories of a scene so fine come flooding back to me.*

(From 'Childhood Days')



Haydon Old Church from the south west

HAYDON OLD CHURCH - Part I

Depending upon your state of mind - or the weather - a visit to Haydon's old church and its surrounds can appear in equal measure, sinister or welcoming, eerie or comforting; and with a bright blue sky and the birds singing or an inspiring sermon and a congregation in full voice - uplifting. As surely it should be.

Entry to the churchyard will be made through the fifty year old double oak gates that, in 2009, are in their twilight years; or over the adjacent stile in the stone boundary wall.

As a young child, I loved the stile and climbing over and through the wall was great fun. An exciting entrance for a six year old to God's mysterious little acre and the highlight of a Sunday afternoon walk with my parents; through the Catholic field to Ernie Harrison's 'Tofts' farm, to Haydon and then a return to the village by Pagecroft and along the back of the station. - I was easily pleased!

Years later, around 1956, Major Seth - Smith of Chesterwood made an offer of new gates for the old church at Haydon.

Beyond the stile and gates in the west boundary wall, the 20th century arch of Yew trees can hardly be bettered as an entrance leading to this most atmospheric of churchyards.



To nine centuries of Roman stones and Christian worship. To the resting place of generations of Haydonians, each of whom played his or her part in a chapter of our history.

Remarkable. Don't you think? For me there is nowhere else in our parish that provides such a sense of the past.

It is generally accepted, by experts in the matter, that architectural features of the Haydon Old Church - as it has been called locally since the turn of the 19th century - indicate a building date of around 1190 A.D., although the first written references to the church which we can date accurately appear to be from

1256 A.D. - as recorded in the Surtees Society, Northumberland Assize Rolls - when it was alleged that Nicholas de Boltby, Lord of Langley, closed an accustomed right of way through a wood along which some of his tenants at 'Lees' made their journey to the church at Haydon.

A further reference to 'Haydon Chapel' about this time relates to Alan 'Clericus' of Haydon who broke into the offering box there and stole 'many pennies'. Incidentally, it is written that this 'Alan' being as poor as the church mouse, had no possessions to confiscate as a recompense for the crime.

It is to Charles Clement Hodges and his paper on the Haydon Church, read on May 31st 1883 on the occasion of the first outdoor meeting of the Society of Antiquaries of Newcastle Upon Tyne, to whom I turn for evidence indicating when the church was first built. C.C. Hodges, one time resident architect to Hexham Abbey, surveyed the old church in 1881 / 1882 and was responsible for its subsequent

restoration in 1882, to which I shall refer later. Hodges relies on the architectural details found in 1882 to provide an approximate date of 1190 for the building of the old church at Haydon.

In his paper, Hodges points as evidence to:

'The bold string course under the eastern triplet, the narrow lancet and the small carved capitals to the detached (internal) shafts, with foliage of early character, one of which has a square abacus, and the round headed south door,..... all indicate..... 1190 or the death of Henry II'

Hodges continues:

'I think we may safely assume that this building was erected at this time. The capitals to the two detached shafts on the south side are original.'

The Old Church's heritage is much earlier than 1190 however; having been built of stone carted from a structure of Roman origin, maybe the remains of Borcovium / Housesteads, or perhaps from an earlier church where the body of St Cuthbert was rested in 800 A.D. and to whom the ancient chapel of Haydon was dedicated.

John Hodgson, author of the standard history of Northumberland published in 1840, refers to this dedication of the chapel to St Cuthbert:

'The antient chapel of Haydon was dedicated to St Cuthbert. This I say on the authority of a roll in the handwriting of prior Wessington (1416-1446) and now remaining in the treasury of Durham and in which it is asserted that the following churches were dedicated to the same great Patron Saint of antient Northumberland; namely, the antient church of Norham; the parish church of Bedelyngton; the parish church of

Carram; the parish church of Elysden, in Redesdale; the parochial chapel of Hayden Brygg; and the chapel of Belyngeham.

Before examining further the history of Haydon Old Church, its architecture and its churchyard in more detail, it is appropriate to consider this place of early worship in context.

It was not until June 26th 1879 that Haydon Bridge was constituted as a parish in its own right, with a stipend of £300. Previous to that date, the village, its farmsteads and hamlets were within the Parish of Warden and as such the old church at Haydon was a 'chapel of ease' or a chapel established to serve the religious needs of outlying communities within the large Warden parish. The Parish of Warden lay between the North and South Tyne from their waters meet, and was bounded on the north by the Parish of Simonburn, on the east by St John Lee, on the south by Hexham and Allendale and on the west by Whitfield and Haltwhistle.

From this geography, at a time of doubtful transportation, the need for the Haydon chapel and other chapels of ease in the parish, each served by the mother church at Warden, becomes clear.

It is worth digressing here to recall a related issue of Haydon history, and note that a considerable part of the Warden parish was within the barony of Langley which had its own, 'Chapel of St. Mary and St. Katherine'.

This building is long gone but was assumed by John Hodgson in 1840, and confirmed in 1981 by our own historian, the late L.C. Coombes, to have stood on the south side of the River Tyne on the approximate ground on which Shaftoe Terrace now stands.

The authority for this assumption is confirmed in the knowledge that in July 1697, three roods of land were bought 'on Chapel Hill' from John Green, blacksmith, for £10 and upon which was built the Reverend John Shaftoe's school.

It is recorded that the chapel was given, along with the church of Warden and the chapels of Stayncroft and Hayden, to the canons of Hexham by Adam de Tindale, a Lord of Langley. To this grant was added seven acres of land in Haydon, and common pasture for two hundred and sixty sheep.

Even later, a charter granted in 1297 by Edward I also mentions Langley, along

with Haydon and Stonecroft, as being dependent chapels on the church of Warden.

John Hodgson referred to this issue in 1840.

'The prior and convent of Hexham held the whole of the manor of Wardone with all its pertences and the church of the same place, for their own use, together with the chapels of Stayncroft, Heyden, and Langley in free, pure, and perpetual alms, by the gift of lord Adam de Tyndale, for which they had a charter, and the confirmation of the lord bishop of Durham, and' in 1298 'they had them from a time beyond all memory.'

Further to this, Hodgson makes the assumption that the Chapel of Langley was:

'suffered to grow into disuse when the bridge was built at Haydon Bridge and the inhabitants of the South Tyne, in all states of the river, had free access to the chapel of Haydon'.

The last known mention of Langley Chapel was in 1715, when the antiquary John Warburton, on his visit to the old church at Haydon, recorded that:

'On ye south side of ye village is another neat little chapel.'

By 1723 the chapel was no longer in use and probably demolished.

I return from my wanderings on 'Chapel Hill', to the Haydon Old Church, or more accurately the chapel of ease at Haydon, which was, as I have shown, in the ownership of the prior and convent of Hexham and eventually became the place of worship for Langley Barony residents on the north and south sides of the River Tyne.

I should make it clear at this stage that the Haydon Old Church as it stands today is not the full extent of the church built in 1190. Only the chancel remains from the original 12th Century church, with a small south chantry chapel added to the south elevation in the 14th Century. The western end of the earlier church was demolished around 1795 and some of the stone moved down into the valley and used to build a new church in Haydon Bridge.

So how did our ancient Haydon church look during its early years?

Information passed down through generations of Haydonians and the writings of John Warburton suggest that the original building extended west from the ancient walls we can see today, and included the nave of the church, a south aisle and a tower at the west end.

No photographs of course, but I am reliably informed that a pencil sketch of Langley Castle exists which confirms that the Haydon church, on the far northern horizon in the artist's drawing, had a western tower.

I haven't seen this drawing personally but would love to do so.

Does anyone know where it is today?



Did the tower look like that of Haydon's mother church at Warden I wonder?

Architectural features were uncovered during 19th Century renovations to the church that offer a few clues to the plan of the 13th Century building and, according to C.C. Hodges' paper, the width of the nave would have been the same width as the existing chancel (14ft 8 1/2 inches) - I have no record of the length of the nave.

Hodges calculates that the south aisle of the nave would have been somewhat wider than the existing (14C) south chapel. The evidence for this theory is the single splayed jamb and sill of an original lancet window, against which the 14th Century chapel that we can see today was built.



Splayed jamb and sill of 12C window shown within oval outline. The 12C nave and aisle were built to the south and west from this point.

It is extending the church rather than demolishing it that I next want to turn to, and that occurred when the chantry chapel was added to the south side of the chancel.

The chapel was built, according to Charles Clement Hodges, around 1350 - 1360.

Hodges was of the opinion that two narrow lancet windows (*one has since been replaced, perhaps in the 17th Century, by a large three light mullioned window*) and the priest's door opening, were re-built from the original chancel, into the south wall of the new chapel.

So we should be grateful to the 14th Century builders that they re-used some of the earlier 12th Century work for their chapel - the priest's door opening, one lancet window, the uncovered splay and sill of the lancet window to the 12th Century south west aisle, and the original chancel building all remain for us to see today.

Excavations in the 19th Century revealed a 14th Century column base, and Hodges sees this as evidence that the 14th Century chapel was divided from the 12th Century chancel by an arcade of two arches supported by columns. The 1882 renovations re-created this arcade.

The 14th Century builders also introduced the small window you can see today at the east end of the chapel. This window is described by Hodges as;

'....of a design characteristic of the later decorated or curvilinear period (1315 - 1360).

Through the 15th, 16th and 17th, Centuries, very little is known about our old church; although the Black Book of Hexham does record the holding of eleven acres of land at Haydon at a rent of four shillings, together with a tithe barn and pasture, in 1479.

According to L.C. Coombes, this tithe barn stood at the north east side of the churchyard.

Also; John Hodgson does name three 16th / 17th Century incumbents.

1577: Martin Liddail, without licence.

1598 to 1584: William Watson.

1585: 'No curate for this place.'

1604: John Clementson.

Visitations in 1723 and 1763 provide the next clues to the history of Haydon Old Church. By then, keeping a lonely vigil over a de-populated rural community. I will continue this fascinating story in our next issue.

HAYDON BRIDGE THEN AND NOW

Introducing the late Joseph Morton's correspondence in my 'Notes last month, in which he listed some of the Haydon Bridge shops of his younger days, has certainly got folk reminiscing. Joseph recalled twenty seven community or business / retail premises at Haydon Bridge during his time here and remarkably, twenty of them are no longer in operation.

This month, enjoy my photographs of two of Haydon Bridge's shops as Joseph Morton might have remembered them.



Peter Watson continues to trade as 'H. Watson & Co' but the confectionery shop next to the garage, where we stocked up on sweets for the Town Hall pictures, is no more.



Todd's grocery shop, at the corner of Shaftoe Street and the old bridge, is 'Shaftoes' Guest House today.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR GREETINGS

I hope you have enjoyed my 'Notes during 2009 and I'm most grateful to all our readers who have contributed, in writing or in conversation. Many thanks and best wishes for Christmas and the new year.

THANK YOU

At the end of another year in the life of The Haydon News, it is time to thank all those who make its publication possible.

The committee members of the Friends of Haydon Bridge, who oversee the publishing process.

The regular and occasional contributors to The Haydon News; including 'Panda' and our crossword compilers.

Businesses advertising in The Haydon News and those individuals who provide finance through donations and membership of The Friends of Haydon Bridge. Without their support this parish publication would not exist.

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We also welcome John Steele to our list of distributors this month. John has kindly volunteered to deliver The Haydon News to houses in the extended Showfield estate.

Thank you all, on behalf of our readers.

A CHRISTMAS STOCKING FILLER

Dennis Telford - Co-editor of The Haydon News - has written and published a personal welcome to Haydon Bridge, with historical references. Available from 'Claire's' for only £3.



CORRESPONDENCE

Illingworth.
November 2009.

Dear Mr. Telford,

I would like to thank you so much for publishing my Dad's letters in The Haydon News.

(See Historical Notes: 'Joseph Morton', The Haydon News, November 2009.)

Dad would have been very proud to see them in print, as I am. I miss him very much so this is almost like having him here again.

I know Dad missed Haydon Bridge, as did my Mam and I also. I come up to Haydon Bridge once a year to visit my Granma's and Granda's grave, and Fred and Isobel Brown's.

Mam had a good friend at Haydon Bridge called Vera Hope. I just wondered whether Vera is still living in the village?

Once again. Thank you.

Carol Doherty (nee Morton).

VILLAGE TRAIN SERVICES

13th November.

On Wednesday I boarded a train at Haydon Bridge for Carlisle and was delighted to be charged £5 rather than £6.10 return with a Senior Railcard. The conductor told me it was a special deal - £5 return between any two stations on the line for the over 55's. It finishes today and starts again in January.

I knew nothing of this deal. This morning I checked the notices on Haydon Bridge station and last week's Hexham Courant and found no mention of it. Nothing in the Haydon News either.

Why do train operating Companies and the Association of Community Rail Partnerships not take advantage of parish newspapers to get their message to potential customers? It would cost them nothing. Full details of the scheme are on Northern Rail's website, if you know where to look.

It is not only travellers who are not told about changes to fares, train staff seem to have been poorly briefed. The flat fare is only available after 0930. My ticket was printed at 0913.

John Irving.

John is our Haydon Bridge representative on the Tyne Valley Rail User Group and continues to question the authorities on our behalf.

South Africa.
November 6th 2009

Dear Editors,

I read an article in the Haydon News Online, on the Shipley family who lived at Plunderheath. There was also a letter from Nola Powell asking if any family members still lived in Haydon Bridge.

(See The Haydon News; December 2008 and May 2009)

Well I do not live in Haydon Bridge but I am a great niece of Hannah Shipley, my grandmother Frances was Hannah's sister. I have two cousins John and June who are also grandchildren of Frances Shipley.

I would be so pleased if you could pass this information on to Nola Powell.

I visited Plunderheath a couple of years ago while on holiday from South Africa and it was great to see the home where my ancestors had lived for so long.

Kind regards,

Andrea Batty (nee Shipley)

Thank you Andrea.

We are pleased to receive your information and will pass it on to Nola Powell our correspondent from Australia.

HAYDON BRIDGE NATURE CLUB

AUTUMN AND WINTER TALKS September 2009 to April 2010

10th December: Conrad Dickinson.

'Siberia in Winter: The First Crossing of Lake Baikal' (The biggest lake in the world.)

7th January 2010: Trevor Bridges.
'The Scottish Highlands Around Fort William.'

21st January: Adam Barr.

'The Natural History and Culture of Chile.'

4th February: Derek Parker.

'Trees and Famous Gardens.'

Nature Club A.G.M.

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HAYDON BRIDGE LOCAL ARTISTS' ARTS AND CRAFTS WINTER SALE.

The Haydon Bridge Local Artists' Arts and Crafts Sales have acquired a fine reputation and it was good to welcome stall holders and visitors from across the region to Haydon Bridge again this year.

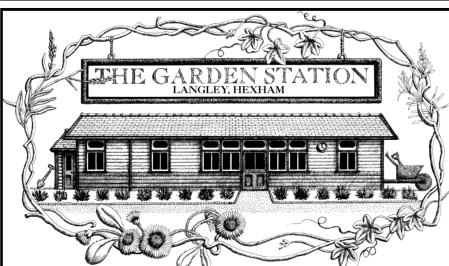
The Community Centre was packed on November 28th with twenty two stalls and the majority of stall holders had a successful day and will return again next year.

The Local Artists' exhibition and sales activities are organised on a voluntary basis and an amazing amount of work is involved in putting together events like these. We are so fortunate to have the Local Artists and their supporters here in our parish.

The event organisers - Barbara Wardle, Robert Ford and Bill Nicholson - and the Local Artists' committee, are most grateful for the help they have received and thank everyone who participated and visited and those who provided support; including - David and Eileen Charlton, June Willis (baking and kitchen), Will and Marion Nicholls (publicity posters), Karen Lumsden (Hexham Courant publicity) and The Haydon News.

The one day raffle raised £120 and this income will go towards the purchase of screens for the Summer Arts and Crafts Exhibition.

Barbara Wardle told The Haydon News: "It was a brilliant day. The best ever. And I want to thank everyone for their support."



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Seasons Greetings to all
Haydon News readers from the
Garden Station

THE LIGHTS ARE SWITCHED ON AT HAYDON BRIDGE

The weather was not the kindest but the spirit and enthusiasm of the villagers who turned out to support the day was tremendous. At a guess the crowd was even greater than last year.

In spite of the wind and the earlier rain, the children of the Shaftoe Trust First School were uplifting with their torchlight procession and they sang their hearts out. They made the effort really worthwhile.

The ladies who manned the refreshments were overwhelmed with requests for warming soup and mulled wine but handled the situation with amazing dexterity and good humour despite the strength of the wind. At one stage, I was worried that they would be blown away but Joyce Brown, Joanna Thompson and their willing team, helped to make the day a special occasion.

Santa from the Tynedale Lions and the Marshall's fair ground organ made it a day to remember for all of us, but more especially for the children.

The trees looked wonderful and the additional display by the war memorial has just added an extra dimension to the decorations.

Behind the scenes a great many people contributed hugely to make the afternoon a success. For several days before the event, delicious smelling aromas wafted over the village as mince pies and other goodies were being baked and prepared. The actual preparations started at 8.30am on Saturday with the arrival of the trees from the Leazes Estate, swiftly followed by the newly refurbished containers from Alastair and Jonathan Knowles, helped by Andrew.

As ever, the indefatigable Dennis Oliver and his team, who do more than could be reasonably expected, made sure that electricians were installed and connected. Finally the Young Farmers added some youthful and enthusiastic help, tying the lights to the trees. It is refreshing to see these young farmers making a tedious task much more fun. And many thanks to the Anchor for keeping the workers refreshed with coffee and tea but especially to Harry Steele who very generously cooked and gave fish and chips to all of the sixteen volunteer workers. A much needed encouragement, perfectly timed and quite delicious.

To all of you who did so much and to those who braved the elements to attend, my heartfelt thanks to all of you.

Howard Oliver.



The children from Shaftoe Trust First School stole the show as a choir when the Haydon Bridge Christmas Trees were lit up on Sunday November 29th 2009

Left to right in our photographs:

Above - Charlotte Roberts, Hannah Doughty, Mathew Caisley and Ben Doughty.

Below - Erin Armstrong, Katie Woodward, Jane Collier and Alicia Brown.

Well done everyone and special thanks to Mrs Audrey Cox and her staff.



It is 50 years ago that the Shaftoe Trust School 'Class of 54' left our village school to make their way in the world; supported by the wonderful education for which Shaftoe Trust has for many years been renowned. - *Even if maybe we didn't all appreciate it at the time!*

Thanks to the efforts of John Little, a pupil in that 1954 Form 1 class, sixteen former pupils and two teachers got together at their old school on Saturday November 14th for a 'Golden Jubilee' celebration of their leaving school.

John tells me that it was a very good and enjoyable occasion. The ex pupils, teachers and their wives/partners met at Shaftoe Trust at 11.00am and with the co-operation of the present Head Mrs Audrey Cox and Philip Newton the school caretaker, they were able to take a journey of nostalgia through the school buildings. A journey that evoked many happy memories.

John was able to trace two former teachers who were able to attend. Mr. Alec Swailes (P.E. and Woodwork) and Mr. Bernard Abrahart (History).

Following the school visit the former pupils retired to The Boatside Inn at Warden to enjoy an excellent lunch together - *neither lumpy mashed tatties nor semolina pudding to be seen I bet!* It was a time to exchange many memories and it was agreed that it was difficult to believe where fifty years had gone.

On behalf of the 'Class of 54', John Little expresses their appreciation for the support from Mrs Cox and Philip Newton and the day was such a success that it is hoped to hold the re-union on a bi-annual basis.

WHERE ARE YOU NOW?

If you are a former pupil of the 'Class of 54' or a former pupil of any Shaftoe Trust School year and are a regular reader of The Haydon News, or maybe have just come across us by chance, we would be delighted to share your memories of Haydon Bridge schooldays and your experiences since you left.

email:

editors@haydon-news.co.uk or

Write to:

Dennis Telford,
The Buildings, West Rattenraw,
Haydon Bridge, Northumberland.
NE47 6ED

"GOODBYE"

Oh dear! Changes are afoot at my favourite watering hole and Tim is moving to Devon where he has another life to lead.

So be it I suppose, and along with probably everyone who has had the pleasure of meeting Tim during his fifteen months at Haydon Bridge, we wish him the very best in whatever he chooses to do in the future.

Tim's gregarious character and a willingness to commit his time here to village folk and our Northumbrian life, made him a welcome resident of the parish.

As Tim returns 'darn Sarth' we are left with happy memories of his stay and..... his menu at the Railway Hotel.

A menu that hints at a grasp of the Geordie dialect and humour!!



POET'S CORNER

*Take time to ponder my words if you please,
And raise up a glass to a friend as he leaves,
His name is Tim Taylor and I'm sure you'll agree,
The best barman by far when you're out on the spree.*

*Tim came from 'down South' to the cold, frozen North,
For the flat caps and whippets he searched back and forth,
For the back to back houses and nettles outside,
But now, he knows it's God's country where we all reside.*

*Sue made Tim so welcome when he first came here,
To pour out the wine and the glasses of beer,
To open up in the morning and lock us in late at neet,
And in his spare time, sweep the leaves from the street.*

*There's been times when we thought that it might come to pass,
He'd fall head over heels for a young Geordie lass,
And in the Parish of Haydon he'd lay down his head,
But for his North country sport.....he chose 'beating' instead.*

*Now his time here is done, back to Devon he'll go,
And friends made on Tyne side their affection will show,
It's just fifteen months since he first passed this way,
But Tim Taylor, we'll welcome you back any day.*

William Beershakes



Saturday November 28th and Tim gets close up and personal with the customers, while saying "Goodbye" and passing on his best wishes to everyone in Haydon Bridge and beyond.

HAYDON BRIDGE ROCKS

I make frequent visits up the river (Tyne) to fish, and it was in October that I found a rock carving in the river near to Haydon Bridge. I took some photographs at low water of the spiral which, if it is from pre Roman times, is quite rare. I have become interested in the ancient history of Northumberland and wondered if it was an example of Roman or pre Roman.

I have made contact with Stan Beckensall who is the main authority on Northumbrian rock carvings (the cups and rings) and has written many books on the subject. Also Rob Collins who is at the Museum of Antiquities, Newcastle University. Both are quite interested and would like to see it. However just now the river is too high to get in for a good examination.

Apparently a local artist carved a spiral a few years ago at a local swimming place. We are now trying to establish where the swimming place may be and if anyone knows of the artist.

Peter Atkinson.

If anyone can help Mr Atkinson with his quest, please contact the editors.

AWARDS FOR ALL

Our parish was well represented in the Hexham Courant 'Pride of Tynedale Awards - 2009'.

The 'School Enterprise' section included a group of Year 12 Young Farmers from Haydon Bridge High School who formed 'Completely Planted', an enterprise producing a range of flowers and vegetables grown using eco-friendly methods.

Another group of Year 12 High School students were included for their enterprise called 'Sweet', which makes cup cakes with transfers of the teachers on them, for sale in the school.

Haydon Bridge's Jonathan Philp was nominated in the 'Young Business' section, for his successful enterprise in providing first aid kits containing medical essentials for day trips. The kits are being retailed across the country in branches of 'Boots'.

In the 'Community' category, Eileen Charlton of Haydon Bridge was nominated for her work as leader of the Haydon Bridge Bypass Campaign Group and as a parish councillor.

AND THE WINNERS WERE

'Completely Planted' won the 'School Enterprise' award. Jonathan Philp was commended in the 'Young Business' category, and Eileen Charlton won the 'Community' section.

Eileen was also declared overall champion at the awards ceremony.

Our congratulations to all those nominated and especially to Eileen, a well deserved champion of the Pride of Tynedale - 2009.

TYNEDALE SPORTS COUNCIL AWARDS

We are equally well represented in the 'Tynedale Sports Council Awards'. These awards will be judged after we go to print, on December 1st 2009. Those nominated, with a Haydon connection, are:

Leean Irving: netball coach and umpire at Haydon Bridge High School.
Haydon Bridge Under 14 Volleyball team.

Haydon Bridge Under 16 Rugby team.
Haydon Bridge Under 14 Rugby team.
Charlotte Sadler: winner of the Northld. Schools 300m Hurdles title.

Michael Bolton: from Haydon Bridge and a well known and dedicated Judo Coach for over 35 years.

Josh Brown: a candidate for the Edward Waite Trophy ('Young Player' Boy).

WOODTURNING

On Sunday October 25th **The Border Wood Turners** held their Annual Show at the Community Centre Brampton. The large number of enthusiastic wood turners and others interested in hand made crafts were entertained by demonstrators producing some beautiful pieces of work which showed off the art and skill going into the making of the large range of exhibits on show. The annual Inter-Club Competition, held between the Northern groups, was won by the Eden Valley Wood Turning Club.

Part of the winning entry was a large segmented vase created by Bill Robinson, a well known intricate precision Wood turner. The Judge of the competition explained that the selection had been very difficult to judge because of the exceptionally high standard of entries, he complimented all the groups on the wide range of techniques which had been used.

The most recent meeting of the **Border Wood Turners** was on Sunday November 15th 2009, when a demonstration of the woodturning craft took place.



WHO ARE WE ?

We are a group of enthusiastic wood turners, from all round this area, of varying experience, who all appreciate the great beauty of wood.

WHAT DO WE DO ?

We meet at regular intervals and invite professional, experienced and amateur wood turners to demonstrate their skills and techniques.

We also visit exhibitions and woodturning shows.

WHERE DO WE MEET ?

Meetings are held at

Brampton Community Centre Union Lane, Brampton, CA81BX

WHEN DO WE MEET ?

A programme of events and meetings with demonstrations are arranged monthly throughout the year.

WHY DO WE MEET ?

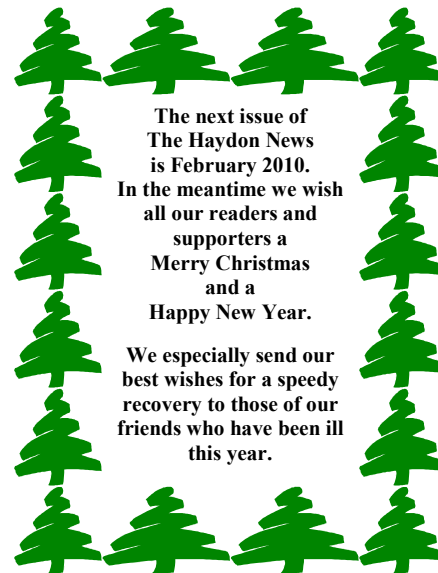
The aim of the club is to stimulate local interest in wood turning, help improve skills, exchange ideas and techniques, and pass on information on all aspects of wood turning.

For more information call Peter Parker: 01434 684571

or email

b.w.turners@googlemail.com

"We wish you a merry Christmas"



The next issue of
The Haydon News
is February 2010.
In the meantime we wish
all our readers and
supporters a
Merry Christmas
and a
Happy New Year.

We especially send our
best wishes for a speedy
recovery to those of our
friends who have been ill
this year.

HAYDON BRIDGE & HAYDON PARISH DEVELOPMENT TRUST REPORT.

In November the Development Trust held a special meeting to consider the possibilities of a 'Community Energy Project', one of the priorities identified in the Parish Plan. This meeting followed on from a presentation, by Ross Weddle from CoRE, at the Trust's previous meeting in October. CoRE is a social business whose aim is to advise and support **Community Renewable Energy** initiatives. Cat Wright, a science teacher at Haydon Bridge High School and co-ordinator of the school's Zero Carbon Project was present at the meeting. Two members of the school governors, Pat Hirst and Ed Brown, were also present.

Steve Ford led a discussion on the issues of energy saving, energy making and energy storage. The High School has recognised that education about energy is a major issue and is looking at strategies for promoting behavioural change amongst students and their families in relation to both energy saving and energy making. Potential was identified for the Development Trust, the High School and other local schools to work together, initiating a programme of information provision to the entire community, to assist everybody in changing their usage of energy in all aspects of daily life, both at home and at work.

A second stage for the Development Trust might be to assess the acceptability and feasibility of a community wide energy saving survey, undertaken by the Energy Savings Trust or Warmzone. This would be aimed at every household but particularly at those on benefits who would be eligible for free or subsidised help

to improve the energy efficiency of their homes.

It was also proposed that the Trust promote alternative approaches to car usage for all local passenger journeys such as walking, cycling and car sharing schemes.

Discussion on energy making identified two main areas for potential energy generation. It was proposed to investigate, with help from the High School and from CoRE, the water power resources within the Parish with a view to using one or more of these for power generation. The second option was using an anaerobic digester. CoRE is to be asked to help the Trust investigate the local potential for this option.

The requirement here is for a plentiful local supply of biodegradable waste. The digester uses micro-organisms to breakdown the waste. In the process it produces methane and carbon dioxide (biogas) that can be used for power generation. It was considered that one option might be to work with Northumbrian Water, using waste material from their sewage works on the edge of the village. Agricultural waste, including slurry, and green waste from gardens/allotments/farms could also be used. There was a lot of support for this option.

A sub committee was formed to look more closely at the proposals.

It was noted that the High School has a group of students looking for an energy project to get involved in. A feasibility study on local hydro and anaerobic digester possibilities

was seen as a possible project for them.

Members of the sub-committee are to draft an action briefing to consider the next steps in this project.

Members of the Development Trust Committee:

Mark I'Anson. (Chairman)
Kate Minto. (Treasurer)
Peter Fletcher. (Secretary)
Steve Ford.
Will Rutherford
Henry Swaddle
Sonja Bailes
Ed Brown
Esmond Faulks
Eileen Charlton
Mike Parkin

MP.

NORTHUMBERLAND WARM ZONE.

To make the most of the heat in your house and to keep you warm this winter, it should be well insulated.

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anyone in the household is under 5
OR
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or **01670 356624**

Autumn is a season for big decisions -- like whether or not it's too late to start spring cleaning

Autumn -- time to drag out your winter clothes and see what kind of summer fun the moths had.

The autumn leaves are a lot like raising kids. First they turn on you, and then they fly away. And next thing you know, you look out the window and they're back!

Late autumn is not my favourite season. I don't enjoy the gathering darkness and the dampness. Still it is passing quickly in to winter...maybe snow and sledging?? The little Wyatts *have* been enjoying the fruits of autumn, however. Bonfire Night on the Sele is a well-established family favourite. We have also been on several after-dark expeditions, with games like "torchlight tig" and "lantern up a hill" entertaining them and their father alike.

The "baby" (now nearly two and growing bigger every day, but still very definitely our family "baby") continues to delight me. I was particularly amused by him the other day:

Baby Wyatt: (having just eaten a reasonable portion of his first course,. Not quite enough to qualify for pudding in the, from his perspective, brutally strict family regime). "my (means "I") full daddy,,,full up" (He was turning his head away from the proffered sausage
Me: "have you had enough?"
Baby W: "my full daddy....tummy big"
Me: "are you sure?...no eat, no pudding"
Baby W: "yes daddy, my full"
Me: (getting the message and turning to the elder boys, one of whom always looks like he could do with a little filling out) "who wants some of this lovely grub?"...blank faces all around.....

Baby W: "My do daddy.... Yes"
Well, I offered him his food again, several times, and would he eat it? Not one bit of it...

A little lesson to all of us perhaps in meaning what we say...

Forget the rest. Ford is best

I don't know how many of you noticed the single page spread in the Courant in early November. Dr. Steven Ford, former partner of this practice and long term writer of these pages is standing for parliament at the next election. I would

like to wish him well and offer him my support. I am sure he would welcome anybody else who would like to support him..... You can see more details on his website at www.stevenford.co.uk.

(I would like to point out that I am no more likely to follow Steven into parliamentary candidate-shire than I am to follow his namesake, the son of 70s U.S. president, Gerald Ford into acting...he pulled out of the original "Grease" before filming. Subsequently he has had many supporting roles in, e.g. "Black Hawk Down")

Swine Flu, again:

We now have swine flu vaccinations in Haydon Bridge! Fortunately most people will only need one vaccination (apart from the under 10s who, unfortunately will need two vaccinations 3 weeks apart). By the time you read these pages many of you in the first priority groups will already be vaccinated! At the time of writing, we are not quite sure when we will be able to offer the next priority group vaccinations. This is partly because we are not clear when we will receive our next batch and also because of technical difficulties with the vaccine that mean we cannot easily offer it on an ad hoc basis.

However, we will be setting up further clinics so watch this space.

A reminder on the priority groups for this vaccination:

- i. individuals aged six months and up to 65 years in the current seasonal flu vaccine clinical at-risk groups
- ii. all pregnant women, subject to licensing conditions on trimesters
- iii. household contacts of immunocompromised individuals
- iv. people aged 65 and over in the current seasonal flu vaccine clinical at-risk groups listed above. ***.I.E. NOT EVERYBODY OVER 65***

Failing to attend or cancel appointments:

Please try to attend appointments that you have made, or contact us (by phone or internet). We have a stable, but continuous, problem with people not coming to appointments they have made. We understand there are sometimes unpreventable reasons for this. We, also, sometimes forget appointments, etc. But remember, if you make and do not attend an

appointment you are potentially denying that appointment to somebody else.

Vitamin D supplements reduce falls:

I recently read a good quality paper that surprised me. In older people having falls, vitamin D supplements makes them about 20% less likely to have more. It seems likely that this is due to vitamin D's role in helping muscles work to their full potential. Vitamin D is largely made in response to sunlight, the absence of which has led to us northern Europeans developing fair skins. So, a reminder to me to think about prescribing vitamin D supplements to this group, and another pointer to the benefits of that old virtue, fresh air and exercise!

Video taping of consultations:

Some of you may have been videoed on coming to the surgery recently. We review these videos and they help us to think about, and hopefully improve, the way we behave when we see patients. So I would like to thank those of you who agreed (and most of you we asked did agree) for helping us to help you. I should add that all videoed material remains highly confidential and is quickly wiped if not needed. Patients do have the right to say no to videoing too, and I would encourage you to say no if you do not feel completely comfortable with the idea.

End pieces:

On a lighter note, here are a few definitions of ancient slang words about smiling and laughing:

A "grinagog"(1500s)...one who is always grinning

To "cachinnate" (1820s) is to laugh loudly and immoderately

To "winnick" is to giggle and laugh alternately

And to "snirtle" (1780s) is to laugh in a quiet and restrained manner

So, its good-bye from me.,and it's good-bye from us...But not before....

**WISHING YOU ALL A
HAPPY CHRISTMAS
from everyone at
Haydon Bridge Health
Centre.**

Parish Council Notes.
(continued from page 13)

for the development of a holiday village at the former Langley Brickworks. The proposed development includes 15 self catering holiday accommodation units, leisure building with indoor swimming pool, lodge building with cafe, retail, bar and function area and two 4 bed bunk cabins, ancillary outbuildings for maintenance, bike hire, heating plant and equipment, septic tank, two all weather multi sport courts and installation of 14m high vertical axis wind turbine. The appeal will be decided by way of a public enquiry, venue and date to be announced.

Accounts.

The monthly salary payments to Council employees and annual donations to local charities was agreed.

The Community Band informed the Council that it was not in a position to accept the grant offered by the Council for the coming year, until other funding issues, regarding the band's main source of income, were resolved.

Information about the use made of the grant, allocated to them by the Parish Council last year, was received from the Youth Club.

Correspondence.

A letter was received from Haydon Bridge United Football Club expressing the Club's concerns about the use of land owned by them, next the footpath to Spa Well, as a BMX cycle track. The letter pointed out that the club has erected signs stating that it is private ground and for footpath use only, but cycling activities continue. Because of the liability issues the Club has decided to put a stop to the cycling and have reported the matter to the police.

Knowing of the Parish Council's interest in developing recreational facilities in the village the Club enquired whether the Council would consider entering into an agreement with them exempting the Club from any liability.

The Council decided it couldn't enter into such an agreement.

In a letter from NCC the Council was informed that the Northumberland Charter for Local Councils is now in place. It lists those services parish councils will be expected to manage and finance from their precept.

From 1st April the Parish Council will be expected to take on responsibility for the Showfield and Innerhaugh Mews play areas.

A letter from NHS North Tyne outlined

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the £200m package of developments, over the next 10 years, to improve hospital services in the county. As well as the new emergency care hospital to be built near Cramlington, assurances were given on the future role of general hospitals, such as Hexham, and a commitment made to redevelop community hospitals at Berwick and Haltwhistle.

Parish Projects.

Peter Fletcher gave a brief report on the Development Trust meetings and activities. (See article on page 11) He also advised the Parish Council to reassess its approach to the Community Forums. (The PC has taken the view that these are just powerless talking shops taking up valuable time that would be better spent dealing with Parish issues). He went on to say that NCC officers viewed the Parish Council stance as 'isolationist'.

Final arrangements for the Christmas Lights 'switch on' event on 29th Nov were outlined.

In a progress report on the library project the Council was informed that work is almost complete and bookcases awaited. The lease is to be assigned to the PC in December.

Cllr Eileen Charlton was congratulated on being the overall winner in the Pride of Tynedale Award for sustained contribution to the local community. She thanked the people of Haydon for their support.

Finance

The Parish Precept for 2010/11 was agreed.

Next meeting December 17th at 7.30pm

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**MONDAY, 25TH JANUARY 2010
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***ALL MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO
ATTEND.
NEW MEMBERS WELCOME.***

CHURCH PAGE

CLERGY MESSAGE

From

Judith Hampson

The run-up to the millennium was a rich source of prophecy for doomsday merchants. On 31st December 1999 some groups assembled to await the dramatic events. When midnight struck without a single drop of fire from the heavens, the subdued sects had a quiet supper before returning home disappointed. And little wonder, after they had staked everything ~~they had~~ on the precise time of the apocalypse! The date of the millennium contains a wonderful lesson about human failing. The Christian calendar sets the birth of Jesus as "year zero", but scholars and theologians have worked out that it was originally miscalculated making the actual moment a total irrelevance. But the apocalyptic significance that people attached to it wasn't confined to sects in remote caves. Even the Western media became preoccupied by the Y2K bug, predicted to lead to a widespread computer crash. It, too, turned out to be a damp squib.

The fact that so many people eagerly grasped the millennium as significant shows that there's something in us that is strangely drawn to drama, apocalypse and catastrophe – a combination, perhaps, of dread and awe. Jesus speaks about the need to be watchful and alert for the end of times. And as we approach the end of another year we start to think about this with anticipation. But there is an important distinction between anticipation – a state of prepared, relaxed watchfulness – and apprehension – fear of the future. For if we indulge in a frenzied groping for certainty about the future, we simply end up in a frozen state of fear.

**WINTER FAIR HAYDON BRIDGE
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**DECEMBER 2009 &
JANUARY 2010**



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

It's a safe bet that each and every one of us has wasted energy anticipating a future event. Perhaps it was something we were looking forward to – Christmas Day, a new job, or the birth of a child – or a dreaded event – an exam, a business meeting, the loss of a loved one. And it's certain that, when it did happen, it wasn't what we'd expected at all. This apprehension is a human failing, because it takes our energy from the present moment, which is where we do our living. We can only be truly prepared if we're living in the present, because that is what gives us spiritual flexibility and suppleness. Of course we're human, and fear is our natural reflex. As we saw, even the disciples tensed up in fear when Jesus talked about apocalyptic events. The antidote is lived-out faith and prayer, which inevitably lead to our souls acquiring a deep understanding of what it means to be fully present and prepared. So let us approach 2010 resolved to discover the spirit of anticipation rather than apprehension.

Judith Hampson

**METHODIST CHURCH
SERVICES**

6th December

10.00am Morning Worship
Joan Histon
6.00pm Holy Communion
Rev Les Hann

13th December

10.00am Family Service
Joyce Short
6.00pm Evening Worship
Christine Caddy

20th December

10.00am Morning Worship
Rev Peter Wright

Christmas Day

10.30am Morning Worship
Rev Les Hann

27th December

10.00am Morning Worship
Rev Les Hann

3rd January

10.00am Covenant Service
Rev Les Hann
6.00pm Evening Service
Superintendent Stephen Caddy

10th January

10.00am Family Service
Christine Caddy

17th January

10.00am Morning Service
Norman Fullard
6.00pm Evening Service
Rev Les Hann

24th January

10.00am Morning Worship
Tom Dodds
6.00pm Evening worship
Kevin Williams

31st January

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

**BELTINGHAM/HENSHAW
CHURCH SERVICES**

6th December

Henshaw
9.30am BCP Communion

13th December

*10.00am Joint Benefice Service
at Haydon Bridge*

20th December

Henshaw
9.30am Carol Service

Christmas Eve

Henshaw
6.00pm Crib Service

Christmas Day

Henshaw
9.30am Communion

27th December

Beltingham
10.00am Joint Service

3rd January

Beltingham
9.30am BCP Communion

10th January

*11.00am Joint Benefice Service
at Haydon Bridge*

17th January

Beltingham
9.30am Communion

24th January

Beltingham
9.30am Communion

31st January

Henshaw
10.00am Joint Service

**HAYDON OLD CHURCH
SERVICES**

10th January

4.00pm Evensong for Epiphany
(All Churches Together)

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

Mass each Sunday

9.30am. Haydon Bridge
11.00am. at Haltwhistle

Mass on weekdays

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

Christmas at St John's

Christmas Eve

4.00pm Crib Service
10.00pm Christmas Vigil Mass

Christmas Day

9.30am Morning Mass
Christmas Day Mass

**ST CUTHBERT'S CHURCH
SERVICES**

6th December

11.00am BCP Communion

13th December

11.00am Joint Service

20th December

11.00am Communion
**6.00pm Village Carols with
Hexham Orpheus Choir**

Christmas Eve

4.00pm Crib Service at St John's
11.30pm Midnight Mass

Christmas Day

11.00am Communion

27th December

10.00am Service at Beltingham

3rd January

11.00am BCP Communion

10th January

11.00am Joint Service

17th January

11.00am Communion

24th January

11.00am Communion

31st January

10.00am Service at Henshaw

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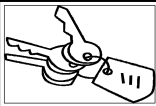
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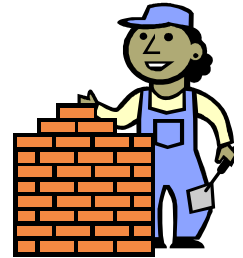
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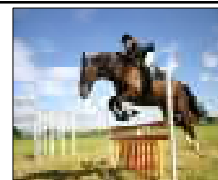
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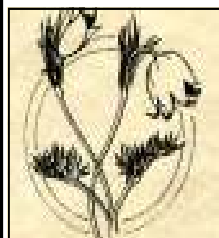
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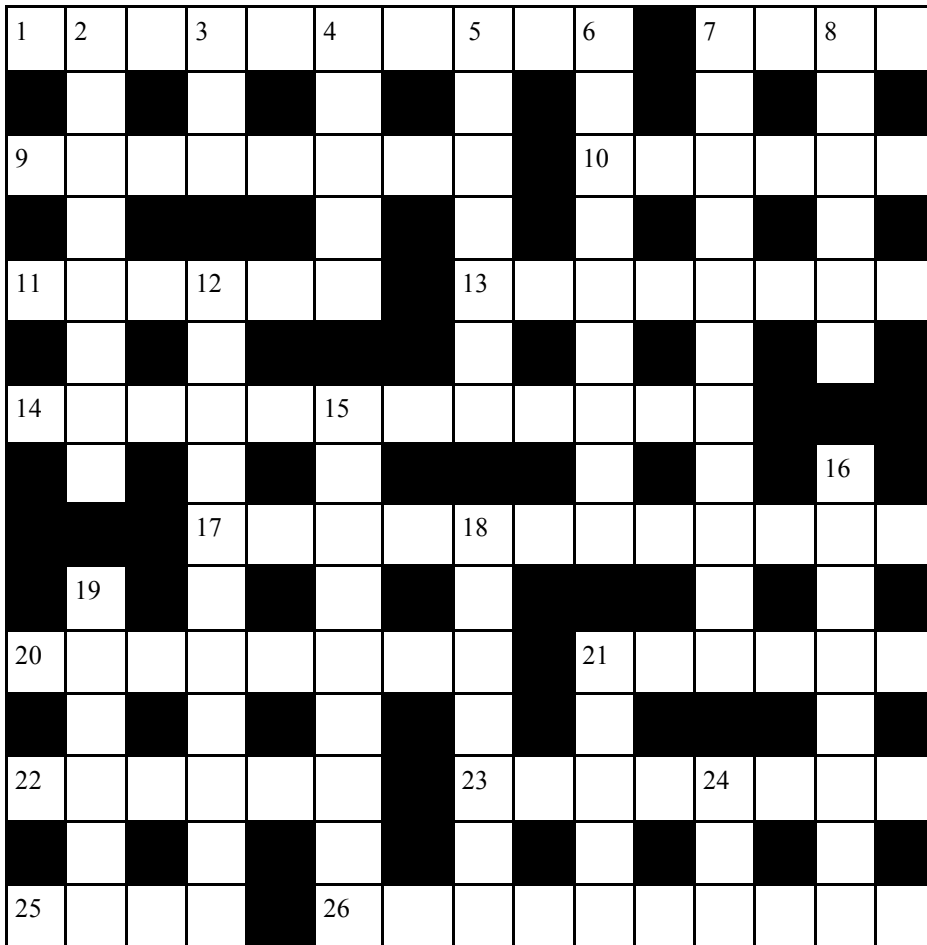
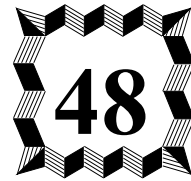
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ACROSS

1. Fuel unrefined boasting.(7,3)
7. Young animal English cut.(4)
9. Bail a nun out twice yearly.(8)
10. Ordnance Survey hunted one bird.
(6)
11. Dances about flavourings(8)
13. Soft drink, blue, strainer needed.(8)
14. Almost hot, almost sweltering.(12)
17. I am Manchester United, Northern
Ireland, South Africa, Thailand,
electrically charged particle for
protection.(12)
20. Braces female donkeys.(8)
21. Graduate American woman matures
into French speaking lady.(6)
22. Fix starting price on insects.(6)
23. Older people as a result of first born
male.(5,3)
25. Non confused one across.(4)
26. North Yorkshire town hands
Thailand discharge.(10)

SOLUTIONS TO NOVEMBER'S CROSSWORD. (47)

Across

- 1 Writer.
- 4 Stampede.
- 9 Reader
- 10 Sealable.
- 12 Sweethearts.
- 15 Ovule.
- 17 Excrement.
- 18 Tetralogy.
- 19 Later.
- 20 Incorporeal.
- 24 Tantalus.
- 25 Shoots.
- 26 Nonsense.
- 27 Braked.

Down

- 1 Wordsworth.
- 2 Inadequate.
- 3 Elect.
- 5 The brickyard.
- 6 Mild steel.
- 7 Elba.
- 8 Eden.
- 11 Seven of clubs.
- 13 Gentlefolk.
- 14 Sterilised.
- 16 Eradicate.
- 21 Other.
- 22 Stun.
- 23 Anon.

DOWN

2. Brings to life teams in a muddle.
(8)
3. Cremate losing first container.(3)
4. Spirit in the middle of arsenic
plants.(5)
5. Precious metal container found at
Cheltenham?(4,3)
6. Fasteners joined together footwear
and fabrics.(9)
7. Beat one Trade Union dead, 500
surrendered.(11)
8. Watery barley mix.(6)
12. Murder the Spanish. I am one
country.(11)

15. Records, again regarding teachers.
(9)
16. Thriving conurbation home to
vermin.(4,4)
18. Sodium smell not yet mature.(7)
19. Publication type, messed up bird.(6)
21. Ministry of Defence, the Spanish
ideal.(5)
24. Butt tup.(3)

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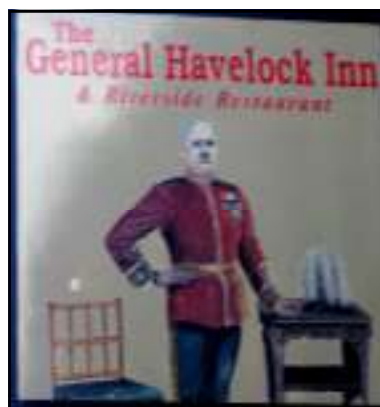
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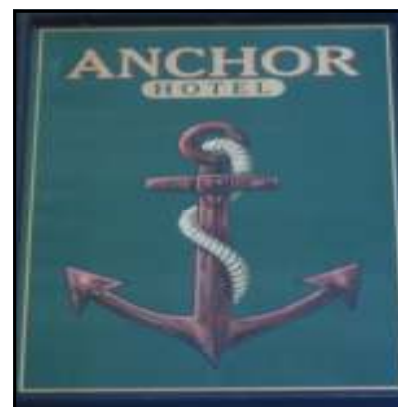
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PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR**



ANCHOR HOTEL

Friday December 18th:

Fancy Dress Bad Taste Night - Free.
Disco & Buffet - Tickets only, available
from the Bar.
8.00pm start.

Christmas Day opening hours:

12 noon - 2.00pm - for Christmas
lunches.

Boxing Day: 11.00am - midnight.

Pole Dancers 1.00pm.

Disco 8.00pm.

New Year's Day:

Breakfast served 9.00am - 2.00pm.

**BEST WISHES FROM THE
ANCHOR HOTEL**



LANGLEY CASTLE

Langley Castle is open for festive
lunches throughout December.
(excluding Bank Holidays)

Enjoy a three course lunch with
Christmas novelties and a glass of
mulled wine upon arrival (Monday -
Friday) £24.50 per person.

If you can't come for lunch, dishes on
the Josephine Restaurant menu will have
a Christmas theme during this period.
Open every evening from 7.00pm -
9.00pm.

Four mouth-watering courses for
£37.50 per person

**The staff of Langley Castle wish all a
very Merry Christmas and
a prosperous New Year**

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