



THE HAYDON NEWS ON LINE

HAYDON BRIDGE STREET PARTY

IN CELEBRATION OF THE COMPLETION
OF THE BYPASS

SUNDAY 24TH MAY

from 11.00am until 4.00pm

(Ratcliffe Road will be closed from 9.00am - 6.00pm)

Live entertainment from our own local musicians

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‘Pikeybeats’

Dennis Telford

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Tug of War

Children’s Butterfly Cake Competition

And of course lots to eat
courtesy of a gallant band of volunteers

Any offers of support or help on the day will be most welcome

See page 8 of this Haydon News

or contact Eileen Charlton 01434 684505

Activities and personnel are subject to change. Check village posters closer to the event.



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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'.

www.haydon-news.co.uk

A web site that includes an archive of earlier issues.

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

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**Dennis Telford. (Chairman and Co-editor)
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EDITORIAL COMMENT

So no decision has been made yet on setting up the proposed 'Community Forums'. (See page 13, Parish Council Notes). These were part of the package put forward by Northumberland CC in its application to become a Unitary Authority, the idea being to give local people, interest groups and businesses a voice in local government.

But, having found out more about the function of the Area Committees, the members of which are the county councillors representing all the wards in the area, it appears that the Community Forum would just be another talking shop. Members of the public are able to participate in Parish Council meetings either directly, through correspondence or reporting concerns/views to individual Parish Councillors. We are now informed that the public will be able to attend and ask questions at Area Committee meetings and Parish Councillors allowed to participate in these meetings.

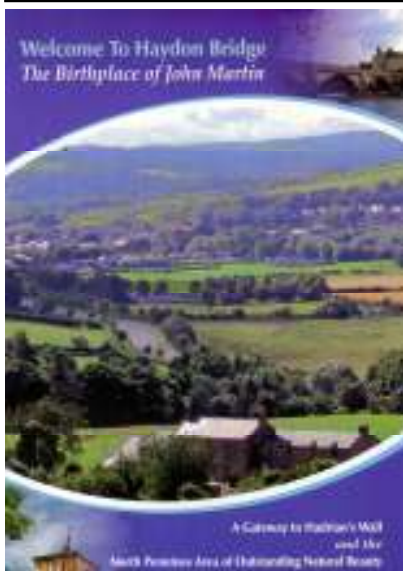
It sounds as though the Area Committees may well fulfil the aims of the proposed Community Forums, making the forums an additional layer of non effective local government we can well do without.

It is worth noting that, other than in matters of planning applications, the Area Committees are not the final decision making bodies. Their role will be to discuss and prioritise local needs and make recommendations to meetings of Northumberland County Council, who will make the decisions on where provision is to be made, and our money spent.

All we can hope is that local views on local matters, as expressed to and by Parish Councils and Area Committees, will be listened to and acted upon rather more than they appeared to be under the previous local government organisation.

MP

WELCOME TO THE PARISH OF HAYDON, NORTHUMBERLAND, ENGLAND



Are you reading 'The Haydon News On Line' as an ex Haydonian yearning for memories of home?

Or perhaps your family / ancestors have connections with Haydon Bridge and / or its parish and you would like to find out what all the fuss is about!

Maybe you are contemplating a visit to Haydon Bridge / Haydon Parish and you are looking for an introduction to the area.

Whatever your interest, Dennis Telford - Co-editor of The Haydon News - has written and published a personal welcome to Haydon Bridge, with historical references, just for you!

For your copy, send a cheque for £3 (incl. post & packing) to:

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Thank you

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Site construction by Henry Swaddle.

PARISH COUNCIL NOTES from the meeting in April 2009

This meeting took place at Langley Village Hall.

The session opened with the Annual Parish Meeting. The vice chair gave a brief summary of the activities of the Parish Council during the year. The opening of the bypass and the completion of the Parish Plan were singled out as particularly important developments for the Parish. As there were no points raised by members of the public the Annual Parish Meeting was closed.

General Meeting.

Public Participation.

Following a query from a member of the public the meeting was informed that CVC is to replace the bench seat by the cemetery.

It was drawn to the councillors' attention that the bales of hay, placed by CVC in the top field of the cemetery, to stop the flow of water from the bypass construction site entering the cemetery, were now infested with rabbits and vermin. The council is to request the removal of the bales.

A member of the public asked why at some recent Parish Council meetings discussion on planning issues had been left until the end of the meeting when the public had left. In response councillors agreed that this should not be the case and that in future more time needed to be found in the meeting for councillors to study and comment on planning applications.

A supplementary question was asked about Parish Councillors attending Planning Meetings to express the council's views on planning applications. Occasionally, when there were particularly strong views held by the whole council, then a councillor, usually one of the two Tynedale Councillors representing the Haydon Ward, would address a District Council Planning Meeting.

Councillors were critical of some of the planning decisions affecting Haydon Parish made by Tynedale Council. It was pointed out that although the District Council no longer existed, having been replaced by Northumberland Unitary Authority on April 1st this year, planning officers and committee members had to follow a nationally set code when dealing with planning applications.

A member of the public noted that Church St had recently been swept and

that residents had been given prior notice and so had been able to remove their cars from the street to allow the street sweeper to do its job. However, Shaftoe St had not been swept due to parked cars as residents had not received prior notice. A request was made that in future, notice be given to all residents of streets to be swept. A complaint was received from residents of Belmont Gardens that bins had not been emptied this week due to cars parked in the lane. It was pointed out that if a car was obstructing the road then it should be reported to the police.

Council meeting.

7 councillors were present. The county councillor arrived during the meeting.

A critical view was taken on the new formalised agenda for meetings and a request made to retain much of the old format.

Councillors were asked about the wording for the bypass opening commemorative plaque. It was felt that this should be kept simple and straightforward. More information was needed on the size of the plaque and number of words allowed as well as Highways Agency requirements before a decision could be made.

Highways.

Road repairs have been completed at Langley.

The Council is to remind NCC about the need for a ramp and handrail on the path beneath the railway between Station Rd and the riverside.

Report on proposals for Ratcliffe Road. (See page 11)

Concern was once again expressed about the poor state of the road at Esp Hill junction, the whole of Land Ends Road and the A686 at Threepwood junction as a result of the use by heavy construction vehicles from the bypass site. Checks are to be maintained to ensure these are repaired before CVC depart.

Councillors were reminded that work on the old bridge will start in May and is scheduled to take 17 weeks. During this period the bridge will closed.

Planning

Four planning applications were received for the councils comments. Change of use and refurbishment of existing bastle from farm workshop to

holiday let at Chesterwood Farm. No objections.

Construction of orangery to rear of High Meadows, Haydon Bridge.

No objections but concern expressed at the size of the proposed building.

Construction of replacement 2 storey extension to the rear of 9 Belmont Gardens, Haydon Bridge.

No objections.

Change of use and conversion of bastle currently used as farm store to provide extension to the adjacent house at Chesterwood Farm, Haydon Bridge.

No objections.

Correspondence

In a letter Sgt N. Cockburn informed the council that PC Y. Clements had been conducting foot patrols through Haydon Bridge and area. He reported that the disorder in Church Street had quietened down for now and that no problems were noticed regarding parked cars in Shaftoe Street.

A request was received from Haydon Bridge Cricket Club for the Council to sponsor a match. The Council agreed that it was not able to sponsor a match but would be willing to make a donation towards equipment or improved facilities if requested next year.

Parish Projects

Lighting the old bridge.

No progress to report. A bat survey will be required. Councillors asked whether a survey had been taken prior to the works soon to start on the bridge and if so could this be used. NCC to be asked.

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PARISH COUNCILLORS

Esmond Faulks (chairman)	
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Mrs. E Charlton	684505
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Mr. M R Parkin	684340
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Mr. R Snowdon	688871
Mr. E Brown	684084
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Mrs. C McGivern	688020(after 6pm)
County Councillor:	Alan Sharp

UPDATE

It is two months since my last Historical Notes referring to the 100 year old Haydon Bridge Town Hall, what with the opening of the Haydon Bridge Bypass and all taking priority. This month I'm able to return to the story I started in December 2008.

**HAYDON BRIDGE TOWN HALL
1908 — 2008**

The new Haydon Bridge Town Hall, built at the west end of Shaftoe Street by the Haydon Bridge Town Hall Company, with F.W. Charlton of Allendale as the contractor, opened for business with a low key Territorial Social on November 27th 1908 and on December 5th of that year the venue was opened officially at a public dance on behalf of the 4th Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers.

(See HN December 2008 & February 2009 for parts 1 & 2)

Part 3

Following the official opening of the Town Hall in November 1908, folk from across the district met together in large numbers for a variety of events there.

On Thursday December 17th the Haydon Bridge Choral Society gave what was its most successful concert in its history and the Town Hall was described as, 'an environment wholly suited to the occasion'.

The first political meeting in, 'the beautiful new Town Hall' was held in January 1909 under the auspices of the Liberal Party and the attendance was reported as, 'the best seen at a political gathering for a long time'.

In February 1909, the officers of 'C' Company - Haydon Bridge 2nd Line/4th Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers, made arrangements with the Town Hall Company, to have the use of the Town Hall for the purpose of a Drill Hall. Certain nights in the week were set aside for drills, lectures, a gymnastic class, instruction in signalling, dumb bell exercises, boxing, fencing, weight lifting and physical exercises. (See next column)

It was perhaps appropriate that the Town Hall should become the home of the Territorial's 'C' Company. It may not be common knowledge, but when the hall was first built, a shooting gallery was incorporated below ground level

2nd Line/4th Battalion 'C' Company - Haydon Bridge

A brief diversion here - but relevant to our social and Town Hall history - in memory of those who fought for us all in the First World War.

The 4th Territorial Battalion of the Northumberland Fusiliers had come into being as a result of army reform in 1908, when 'Volunteer' and 'Yeoman' Battalions were combined to form the Territorial Force. The Battalion headquarters were established in Hexham and 'C' detachment formed at Haydon Bridge.

You will recall that the new Town Hall was declared open by the Commander of the Battalion in 1908, (HN Feb. 2009) and after the building became a Drill Hall, the Battalion continued its close connection with Haydon Bridge until 1918.

For example: the history of the 4th Northumberland Fusilier Territorial Battalion records that on Friday April 16th 1915, the recruiting detachment of the Battalion, under the command of Captain Hankin and headed by the Regimental Band playing 'Tipperary', marched in Haydon Bridge along Church Street, Ratcliffe Road, the (old) Bridge, and Shaftoe Street to the Town Hall.

Crowds lined the streets and followed the party. Upon reaching the Town Hall, they lined up on the road where Richard Davison, Chairman of the Parish Council, welcomed them to Haydon Bridge on behalf of the parish, offered them hospitality and 'hoped they would enrol many more recruits'.

The men then marched into the hall where tea was ready for them, 'the tables being laden with good things and tastefully decorated with masses of daffodils'.

At 7.30pm the soldiers were entertained to a smoking concert, including songs by Miss Lily Kirton, Miss Jeannie Swallow and Mr. George Natrass; sword dancing by Sadie Walton and Mr. Cooper played the concertina.

We are informed that the soldiers were 'well supplied during the evening with tobacco, cigars, cigarettes and aerated waters and at the close of the concert, supper'.

The back of the Town Hall was crowded with civilians and ladies and during the evening Captain Hankin appealed for recruits. He informed the audience that Haydon Bridge had so far done well and had sent them a good many splendid men, but he saw many young men present whom he hoped would join them. Their country needed them all.

Company Sergeant Major Wray called upon the men to give the people of Haydon Bridge and especially the ladies, three cheers for their splendid hospitality. According to the report, 'The response was unmistakable'.

The soldiers occupied the Town Hall for the night and at 10.30 on the Saturday morning they paraded for inspection and drill in Church Street. The band again delighted onlookers with their fine music.

At 1.30pm the detachment left the village, for Bardon Mill, to the strains of the band; having added nine new recruits at Haydon Bridge.

The 4th Battalion had suffered heavy casualties in action during the early months of the war and that necessitated hundreds of men to be recruited and drafted, mainly from Tynedale.

The 4th Battalion ceased to exist after the Battle of the Aisne in May 1918, because so many fusiliers were killed, wounded or captured.

under the main hall. (The builder Frank Charlton had incorporated a similar gallery below the Allendale Temperance Hall, built before the Haydon Bridge hall.) When the Haydon Bridge Town Hall was converted into a Workingmen's Club, part of this area proved to be ideal for the beer cellar and it continues in that role today.

To return to February 1909; the Football Club held a Whist Drive and Dance with J. Brown and Jack Swallow as MC's, and between three

and four hundred people attended a supper and concert held in connection with St. Cuthbert's Church. The event was described as one of the most successful social evenings of the year.

On 18th March 1909, C. Bowes Lyon presided at the Annual Conservative Association Dinner when one hundred and eighty guests were fed and watered in the Town Hall. After the tables had been cleared, the annual whist drive and dance took place.

A seriously contentious topic of the day in Haydon Bridge in the early 20c

was an adequate water supply for the village - or lack of it! The largest attendance at a ratepayers' meeting for many years crammed into the Town Hall in March 1909 to discuss the improvements to the water supply and how payment could be met.

Would all residents have to pay? Or only those without an existing supply?

It is of interest to note that it was pointed out at the Town Hall meeting that some improvements had already been made, because, 'in 1875, there were no sanitary works at Haydon Bridge at all. The sewage ran in open channels through the streets or lay festering in the sun, and on the North Side there were only two public wells, the Pasture Well and the Penny Well'. Oh dear!!

The full story of the Haydon Bridge water supply over the years would fill many Haydon News's. On this occasion in 1909, the residents were successful in arguing that everyone should pay for a new water supply, including those farmers and landowners with their private supplies, who had argued against the majority.

The Emigration Board of Canada held an illustrated lecture in the Town Hall on the evening of Easter Saturday - did any Haydonians take up their offer I wonder - and on Easter Monday April 12th the Haydon Bridge Floral and Horticultural Society held a most successful dance, including a waltzing competition, to raise money for repairs to their marquee, that had been damaged due to stormy weather at the September 1908 show.

The Haydon Bridge Show, held on the first Saturday in September, was one of the largest events of its kind in those days and visitors from across the north flocked to the village. On September 4th 1909, the Annual Flower Show Ball was held in the Town Hall for the first time.

We have seen previously that an important figure in the building of the Town Hall at Haydon Bridge was William Samuel Walton of 'The Dene' on the North Bank. W.S. Walton was an entrepreneur of some standing and once the Town Hall was up and running he turned his attention to a commercial venture that is of interest, when he joined W. Smith of Threepwood Hall and W. Fisher a solicitor from Hexham, in financing a new enterprise; the 'Langley Barony Coal and Fireclay Company', with capital of £25,000 in £1 shares.

This new company was registered to take over the existing Langley Barony

Fireclay Company - formed for the manufacture of porcelain enamelled sanitary ware - and the colliery at Stublick. (See HN April/May 2008)

It is clear from the variety of the events held during its first year, and the large attendances of residents from across the district, that the new Town Hall was an immediate success and became central to the social life of Haydon Bridge and the parish. A life that had improved considerably for many older residents with the payment on January 1st 1909 of the first instalment of the newly created state pension of between one shilling and five shillings a week, to those eligible; lifting the threat for some of having to spend their final days in the workhouse.

Incidentally - a heart felt cry for the 2009 pensioners' lot here - five shillings was 25% of the average wage in 1909. Today's pensioners receive just 17% of the average wage.

If the events in the early years of the Town Hall attracted mainly an adult audience, the flickering black and white images of the silent films were to bring entertainment and excitement to Haydon Bridge for all ages.

An early introduction to the black and white images in Haydon Bridge was provided by the, 'Cine Motor'. The Hexham Courant reports that this mobile unit visited the village in 1918 to provide an open air exhibition. An audience of over one thousand residents congregated at the end of the bridge and watched the pictures. 'Films depicting every stage of the war, thrown onto an immense screen which was erected on the front of the Odd Fellows Hall.'

The silent pictures arrived in Haydon Bridge at their permanent Town Hall venue in the early 1920's and while further research might reveal a definite date, at this stage I cannot record the timing of this momentous occasion in the Town Hall's history with any certainty. Except to say that proposals for alterations to provide a projection room above the entrance to the Town Hall, were made in January 1920.

There are but a handful of present day Haydonians who can remember the Haydon Bridge Town Hall in the early 1920's and I hasten to add that Mrs. Rene Armstrong is **not** one of them. But Rene can remember her mother, Mrs. Lax, telling stories of her nights spent at the silent pictures in the Town

Hall during her youth; perhaps 1922 or 1923.

First hand information comes from Haydon Bridge resident William Foster who has clear memories of the Town Hall silent moving pictures when he came as a young boy in 1928, to live at 'Cubstocks'.

Bill would walk down to the to the village from 'Cubstocks' and he recalls that Laurie Rushton, who owned the Gem picture house at Haltwhistle, was the first to show silent pictures in the Town Hall.

Laurie Rushton, and Haydonian Harold Myers, who lived on John Martin Street, provided the live music to accompany the moving images. Mr. Myers was for many years the organist at St. Cuthbert's Church and Bill remembers with a laugh, how Harold used to have to rush across the bridge after the church service on a Sunday, to be in time to tinkle the ivories for the silent pictures in the Town Hall.

The Haydon Bridge Town Hall was unusual in that it was granted a seven day licence from its earliest days, allowing the films to be shown there on a Sunday, whereas the Gem Picture Palace - now the Forum - and the Queens at Hexham had licences for Monday to Saturday performances only.

The power for the moving pictures was provided by an outside generator at the south east corner of the Town Hall and here Bill Foster takes up the story.

"I remember that the machinery often broke down and the show had to be abandoned. That caused an uproar in the hall. The generator was looked after by Bill Charlton you know; he lived up Parker's terrace and his nic-name was 'Blather' Charlton. 'Blather' used to chew baccy and if the picture went off everyone would shout: 'Oh! That's Blather, he's spit in the generator again!'"

Maurice Armstrong of Church Street also remembers the silent moving pictures at the Town Hall, but he has a particular recollection of being at the very first talkie there.

"The pictures had been stopped for a few weeks for some reason, and then they started up again. It must have been about 1937 mebee, and aa remember that they showed the first talkie there. It was called 'Oil For The Lamps Of China'. Aa remember it broke down on the first night but we all got complimentary

tickets for the next night's performance. Aa cannot remember a thing about the picture but aa do know that Alan Scudamore and me were first in the queue to get in, an' we sat in the middle of the second front row. That was always Alan's favourite seat."

Well Maurice. I can tell you that, 'Oil for the Lamps of China' was released in 1935 and concerned a young man and his girl, caught up in a confusion of mystery, glamour, hatred, and intrigue. Come to think of it, just a normal Saturday night in Haydon Bridge, once the Haydonian Workingmen's Club opened its doors in the Town Hall twenty six years later!!

Maurice lived on John Martin Street at the time, with his father and mother Joe and Elsie and sister June and he recalls:

"When aa was a lad aa used to collect empty pop bottles and get the money back on them, a penny or tuppence, so aa could afford to go to the pictures."

Both Bill and Maurice remember the staff at the Town Hall in those early days, and as most of them were long serving employees, many others still living in our community will, like me, also have fond memories of them all.

Nancy Phillipson was caretaker at the Town Hall and was eventually joined in the role by her brother Norman. They lived on Shaftoe Street. The caretakers' job was certainly an onerous one, as all the seats had to be moved to the side and under the stage to make room for supper or dancing in the main hall. Norman continued to work there as a doorman, when the Town Hall was converted to the Workingmen's Club.

Nancy Phillipson was also an usherette as well as caretaker - although I have to say that 'usherette' sounds very grand for the Town Hall Cinema I remember - along with Rene Spark, who lived at the Oddfellows' Hall;

Elsie Watson; Nancy Curry, Ralph Curry's sister, from Smith's Terrace; and Edie Robson, who lived in Shaftoe Court. The Haydon Bridge ladies tore our tickets, showed us to our seats sold ice cream and shouted at us when we were misbehaving or over exuberant!

Katie Waugh from the Railway Cottages was in the ticket office, a job she shared with Elsie Watson.

Benny Hutchinson and Walton Spark were the Town Hall Cinema's early projectionists, with support from Harry Watson, and Walton was eventually joined in the box by Arnold Brown and then, in 1942, John Bowman.

So, who better to ask about the Town Hall Cinema than those employees who are still with us today?

Join me next month and I will share their wonderful memories with you.

PERSONAL NOTICES

In this occasional column we are pleased to archive your memories of those from our Parish who are no longer with us.

This month Mary Moore remembers her husband, **Thomas George Moore** or '**Tot**' **Moore** as he was affectionately known.

Tot was born in 1937 and from early in his life he trained to be a miner and ended up working for the National Coal Board at Bardon Mill Colliery. Tot was a hard working man and like many pitmen liked nothing better come a Friday night, than to sink a couple of pints and throw a few darts.

Tot always said that he could, "do owt but have a bairn" and so in March 1983 we bought 'Peel Well Farm', previously part of Haydon Bridge High School, and took on the mammoth task of converting it into 'Peelwell Rest Home' a residential home for the elderly.

This was no easy task as most of the farm buildings had to be demolished and the farm house had to be restructured to accommodate the forthcoming residents. Tot and I lived on the premises in a mobile home for four years from where Tot would start his working day at 4am each morning to meet his personal target of opening the home by September 1983, giving himself just six months from start to finish. Bill Tait, my brother and Tot's brother in law, decorated the converted farmhouse throughout and eventually it opened its



The union flag is prominent in the Haydon Bridge Town Hall, at a dance on the eve of the 1914 - 18 war.

And the tables are set for a supper dance. (Who are the ladies in waiting?)



doors for business.

Tot was a kind hearted man who would give his last and whom is deeply missed by his wife Mary and family who would like him to be remembered as a true Haydonian who grew up in the village which he loved greatly.

One of the things Tot used to say to Mary was:

"I spent a lot of years working under the ground mining so when I die that's where I want to go back to."

After living in Acomb for ten years, Tot Moore is now back home, in Haydon Bridge cemetery.



Thomas 'Tot' George Moore died suddenly on November 25th 2008 aged 71 years

HAYDON BRIDGE NATURE CLUB

Does nature offer anything more remarkable than migration?

A 1/2 ounce Sedge Warbler flies over 2,000 miles without stopping!

A 1/2 pound Shearwater flies a 200 day, 40,000 mile trip every year of its 30 year life!

Mike Carrier, of the British Trust for Ornithology, gave a fascinating and entertaining insight into bird moult and migration at the final meeting of the Haydon Bridge Nature Club on April 2nd. A wonderful end to an excellent programme of autumn and winter talks.

A vote of thanks to the speaker was proposed by the club President Mrs. Betty Hargreaves, when she also thanked the Chairman William Foster and his committee for their admirable efforts during the year.

Now! That's enough of the talking for a while. Why not try walking with the Nature Club?

(See a calendar of 2009 Nature Club walks, in this Haydon News on page 8.)

FULL STEAM AHEAD

I took a short break from printing the April issue of The Haydon News, to sample the delicious home made delicacies on offer at the regular Saturday Coffee Morning in the Community Centre. These Saturday coffee mornings are hosted each week by, among others, the clubs affiliated to the Haydon Bridge Community Association.

On the occasion to which I refer, I was surprised to find that the event was organised and catered for by a Haydon Bridge Community Centre activity of which I had very little knowledge. I feel sure that there are other readers unaware of this committed group of enthusiasts who meet in the Ratcliffe Road Community Centre or at Dacre Hall near Lanercost Priory, on the second Sunday of every month.

Well! There is an opportunity for us all to find out more: **on the second Sunday in May (Sunday 10th May) and the second Sunday in June (14th June), 11.30am - 4.00pm** when the **'Borders Group of The Hornby Railway Collectors Association.'** hold its meetings in the Community Centre at Haydon Bridge.

The group meets to run toy trains - mainly by Hornby, in 0 gauge electric, 0 gauge clockwork and Dublo - and the Haydon Bridge Community centre is ideal for their purpose.

Haydon Bridge is central for their members, with easy access from east and west along the A69 and the size of the hall is, I'm told, the most suitable in the area for their track layouts. Refreshments are provided and visitors are most welcome to take along something to run. Or if it won't run, take it along for the attention of some of the experts who may be able to help. There are usually sales' tables offering everything from small spares to boxed train sets, and advice and assistance is always on offer. The group often have other makes of trains to see running or to purchase and visitors are welcome to take any kind of toy train along.

I am told that members and enthusiasts come to these venues from all over the North of England and from Scotland, but local residents who would like to visit the society's events at Haydon Bridge will be most welcome.

For further Information ring:
Grant Robinson: 01661 844843 or
Malcolm McGeorge 01461 203154
Or call in to the events in May and/or June.

HAYDON BRIDGE LOCAL ARTISTS SUMMER EXHIBITION

It's that time again when you budding and experienced artists should be getting your works together for the 'Annual Local Artists' Exhibition'.

The artists' Summer Exhibition will be held this year from the 20th June to the 27th of June.

The Local Artists' committee has now installed an up to date hanging system in the Community Centre, which will improve the presentation, and it is hoped that some of the participants from earlier years will join in again along with new entries, as well as work from regular entrants.

Any queries can be directed to Robert Ford Tel. 01434 684486 and Robert is hoping that the 2009 Exhibition will be the best yet for participants and for visitors.

So come on Haydon Bridge, don't let Robert and his committee down!

AN ENTRY FORM IS ATTACHED TO THIS ISSUE OF THE HAYDON NEWS

CORRESPONDENCE

Haydon Bridge.
25th March 2009

Dear Editors,

There are issues arising in the village which I will be bringing to the attention of the Police at their next Haydon Bridge surgery. I believe these issues need to be brought to the attention of Haydon News readers also, because of the time of day the incidents occur.

Tonight, in the early evening, I saw four young people roaming around the cemetery to no purpose.

I didn't think this was acceptable and certainly wouldn't be acceptable to anyone who has loved ones there.

Yours faithfully,

Concerned resident
(Name and address supplied.)

THE OLD BRIDGE CLOSURE

When repairs to the old bridge take place from May 4th 2009, the bridge will probably be closed for 17 weeks until August 28th 2009.

(Not 6 weeks as I reported in last month's Haydon News.)

During this period, pedestrians will have to use the new bridge to move between the North and South sides of the river.

BYPASS UPDATE

The Haydon Bridge Bypass is open but the contractors will remain on site until all the ancillary work is complete. The access to and from East Land Ends Farm along the Land Ends road; the reinstatement of all land surrounding the bypass that has been part of the construction site; completion of land drainage round the site and a permanent power supply from the village for the west junction lighting.

With a bird's eye view from Rattenraw, of the western end of the bypass, I have witnessed some very strange vehicle manoeuvring at the west junction and some dangerous overtaking on the road out of the cutting, since the road opened.



One of the first accidents at the West Rattenraw junction was on April 2nd, eight days after the bypass opened. Please take care at the east and west junctions.

If in doubt Don't pull out.

HAYDON BRIDGE NATURE CLUB 2009 Summer Walks Programme

Walks start at 6.30pm from the given meeting place. If in doubt about the walk taking place due to bad weather, please confirm with the walk leader or the programme secretary. (Tel. 01434 606173)

Thurs. 14th May: Walk to Watersmeet along the North Tyne, to enjoy spring flowers. 2.5 miles.

Meet at entrance to Acomb Mineral Water Treatment Scheme (next to Tyne Valley Coaches). GR 928662
Chris Irvine. Tel. 07718495793

28th May: Vindolanda Circular Walk. 3.5 miles.

Meet Twice Brewed Car Park.
GR 752668
Anne Carter. Tel. 01434 684856

11th June: Threepwood and Elrington from Haydon Bridge. 3 miles
Meet Geeswood House, Haydon Bridge.
GR 847643
Ben Gibbard. Tel. 01434 688608

25th June: Langley Middle Dams and Castle. 3.5 miles.
Meet Langley Castle. GR 835625
Barbara Wardle. Tel. 01434 688886

9th July: Whapweasel Burn, Hexhamshire. 4 miles.
Meet Crabtree Ford, Rowley Burn.
GR 90285647
Dave Rutherford. Tel. 01434 601461

23rd July: Portgate, Housty and East Allen. 4 miles.
Meet Allendale Town Square.
GR 838558
Dot de Stefano. Tel. 01434 683124

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

SILENCE IS

The opening of the Haydon Bridge Bypass has had some interesting consequences for village folk.

"It's so quiet now, I cannot get to sleep at night!"

"I didn't realise that the birds make such a racket in the mornings."

"Eee whey! Aa've never heard the church clock chime afore; 'till now!"

And! I have it on good authority that for some residents on Ratcliffe Road and Victoria Terrace, the earth hasn't moved since Wednesday March 25th.

P.C. NOT P.C.

In my summary of events leading up to the construction of the Haydon Bridge Bypass, I gave the impression that Lesley Philp wrote letters as part of the bypass campaign, as a parish clerk.

(Delivered copy of *The Haydon News - Historical Notes, April 2009.*)

I am happy to set the record straight.

Although Mrs. Philp did correspond in support of the bypass, she did so as a parish councillor not a 'parish clerk'.

HAYDON BRIDGE STREET PARTY Even at this late stage you can still help

Volunteers to bake: ring Joanna or Pauline. 684376 or 684742.

Entertainment: To help or perform, ring Kevin or Andrew. 684736 or 688696.

Willing workers: ring Ian or John. 684579 or 684061.

Fund raising / Sponsorship: if you are able to help, ring Jacky or Tula 688551 or 684578

Games organisers or any other queries:
Ring Eileen. 684505.

Thank you all

MARIE CURRIE

Sue, at the Railway Hotel, wishes to thank everyone who contributed to the Marie Currie Daffodil Award.

A grand total of £100 was collected and a special thank you must go to Irene Hopkinson, whose donation of chocolate Easter eggs raised £67.50.

Thanks to all.
Sue.

HAYDON BRIDGE CRICKET CLUB WEST TYNE CRICKET LEAGUE FIXTURES FOR SEASON 2009 All Saturdays unless otherwise stated

Divison 1

25th April :	v Humshaugh (H)
2nd May :	v Stocksfield (A)
9th May :	v Benwell Hill (H)
16th May :	v Allendale (A)
23rd May :	v Wylam (H)
30th May :	v Newton (A)
31st May :	v Haltwhistle (A) Sunday
6th June :	v Matfen (H)
7th June :	v Stamfordham (A) Sunday
27th June :	v Hexham Leazes (H)
4th July :	v Stocksfield (H)
12th July :	v Benwell Hill (A) Sunday
18th July :	v Allendale (H)
25th July :	v Matfen (A)
1st August :	v Newton (H)
8th August :	v Wylam (A)
15th August :	v Haltwhistle (H)
22nd August :	v Stamfordham (H)
29th August :	v Hexham Leazes (A)
5th September :	v Humshaugh (A)

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN PLAYING
CRICKET FOR HAYDON BRIDGE, OR
SUPPORTING THE CLUB IN ANY WAY

PLEASE CONTACT:

BARRY HOPE
(Secretary) 01434 684845

OR

GRAEME PIGG
(Captain) 01434 688079



I notice in the Hexham Courant that a house at 'Plunderheath' is advertised for sale. It seems to me then, a good time to publish an article received from ex Haydonian, William Veitch; in response to a Haydon News reader.

HANNAH SHIPLEY

In the December 2008 issue of The Haydon News, Nora Powell wrote from Australia seeking information of her husband's grandmother, Hannah Shipley, who was born at Plunderheath on 8th October 1888.

I am able to shed some light on the family for Mrs. Powell.

Hannah Shipley had eight living brothers and sisters :- Elizabeth (1875), Annie Maria (1877), Frances (1879), Ralph (1881), twins John and Edward (1884), William (1886) and Florence (1891). So Hannah was the second youngest.

All the children were baptised at the Haydon Bridge Presbyterian Chapel and during all this time they were living at Plunderheath.

Unfortunately John died at the County Asylum, Morpeth, on 23rd May 1910.

Hannah and her brothers were the children of Ralph and Annie (nee Simm) Shipley who probably married in 1875 when Ralph was 35 years old.

They most likely moved in with Ralph's 77 year old mother Elizabeth, who lived at Plunderheath where Ralph was a Woodkeeper (probably on the Allerwash Estate).

In 1891 Ralph and his family were still living at Plunderheath but Ralph was now a Woodkeeper and Gamekeeper.

Ralph Shipley died at Plunderheath on the 29th March 1905 aged 67 and was buried at Haydon Bridge on the 1st April (not a good day to be buried). His wife Annie had died at Plunderheath on the 23rd July and was buried on the 26th July 1898 - so they spent all their married life at Plunderheath. Their Tombstone reads:

'In affectionate remembrance of Annie the beloved wife of Ralph Shipley who died at Plunderheath July 23rd 1898 aged 50 years also the above Ralph who died March 29th 1905 aged 67 years'.

Ralph was born at Haydon Bridge, the son of John and Elizabeth Shipley. John's occupation was Forrester and he was from Ninebanks, baptised in 1792, whilst his wife was from Bywell. John and Elizabeth lost a number of children in infancy as a further tombstone at Haydon Bridge illustrates:

'In memory of Ralph son of John Shipley of Plunderheath who died at Corbridge Feb 11th 1833 aged 10 months. Edward his son died March 26, 1833 aged 9 years. Anne his daughter died March 29, 1833 aged 5 years. William his son died April 4, 1833 aged 3 years. John his son died on Oct 4 1841 in infancy at Plunderheath. John his son - named after the dead infant - died March 26, 1845 aged 1 year. Also the above John Shipley* died April 3, 1864 aged 72 years. John, grandson of the above, died Jan 4, 1864 aged 2 years. Elizabeth wife of the above John Shipley died at Gateshead Nov 4, 1885 aged 87 years and was interred in Haydon Bridge Cemetery.'*

(* Hannah Shipley's grandfather.)

There would appear to have been an epidemic of some description at Haydon Bridge in March 1833 as they lost so many children at that time.

They were obviously great re-users of Christian names as, apart from Ralph, they had further sons Edward and William who lived full lives.

This latter William, also a Forrester, lived with his wife Isabella and family on Church Street before moving to Woodbine Cottage. One of their sons was called Ulricke Walton Shipley (grand name that) and he was also a Woodman which appears to have been a family occupation.

Reverting to Ralph's wife Ann or Annie (nee Simm), she was the daughter of John and Ann Simm from Allendale. John was originally a Woodcutter but later became a Lead Miner. Although Ann was born at Allendale the family moved to Haydon Bridge and lived at Altonside where other children Joseph, William, Hannah, John and Elizabeth were born. The sons soon followed their father into the lead mines. Before her marriage, Ann worked as a domestic servant at Elrington Hall, Haydon Bridge.

Thank you William.

We passed on William's research to Nora Powell who has in turn replied through The Haydon News.

Western Australia.

Dear Editors,

Thank you very very much for the information gathered by Mr. Veitch regarding the Shipley family. Hannah

Shipley was my husband's grandmother. We were both very fond of her but she was very tight lipped about her own family and had no contact in later years as far as we know. We still had a young family when we knew her and we regret not taking the time to ask her the questions that would have enlightened us regarding the family history. **(A lesson for us all here I would suggest. Ed.)** The material Mr. Veitch sent has enabled me to add to our family history and I am extremely grateful for your time and effort.

Thank you again,

Kind regards,
Nora Powell.

POETS' CORNER

ODE TO HAYDON BRIDGE

Haydon Bridge - a village,
It ought to be a town,
The greatest in West Tynedale,
A place of great renown.

It has been there for countless years
Astride the River Tyne,
It's charm is always evident,
Like classic vintage wine,

It sits in glorious countryside,
Rich meadow land and wood,
The river adding to the scene;
But not when it's in flood.

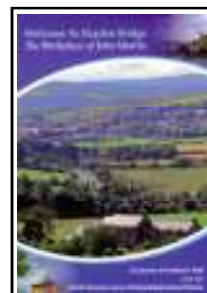
It can lay claim to many things,
Not just the bridge you know,
It also has three churches,
One 'up top' and two below.

Among its many famous Sons
Is one you know for 'sartin',
It is of course the very famous,
Land Ends' own John Martin.

Although now being by-passed
To save its folk from harm,
The peacefulness that this will bring
Should well enhance its charm.

To keep in touch with village life
And other peoples views,
You can do nothing better than
Peruse 'The Haydon News'.

W. Veitch



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2009 WHEELBARROW RACE



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FANCY DRESS WINNERS

Thanks to the Haydonian Social Club; Anchor Hotel; General Havelock; Railway Hotel; and the twenty two entrants, well supported by a good crowd of enthusiastic spectators, the Haydon Bridge Easter Monday Wheelbarrow Race - held on April 13th 2009 - was a success once again.

Starter Barry Hope had been checking out that the fuel on the route was an appropriate mix, before turning up on the Land Ends Road to get the race underway.

This year's winners were Mick Hayter and Chad Alder. Keiron Mitchinson and Joe Murgatroyd were second with Gary Blackburn and Gary Sim third.

The winners of the best fancy dress, as judged by Sue Zellas, were boxers Emma Wilson and Karen Cameron.

Well done to everyone who took part and to those who supported this annual event.



A PIT STOP AT THE GENERAL HAVELOCK

COMING SHORTLY

THE HAYDON BRIDGE BYPASS STREET PARTY

on

**RATCLIFFE ROAD
SUNDAY 24th MAY
11.00am to 4.00pm**

If you can help in any way to make the day a success please ring Eileen 684505

RATCLIFFE ROAD DE-TRUNKED

Now the bypass is open, and we're all gradually getting used to a very much quieter Ratcliffe Road, attention is being turned to proposals for the road. The following are being considered by NCC Highways Dept.

Parking. Increasing parking provision by removing the double yellow lines on the north side of the road. (The previous proposal for herringbone type parking on the south side has been turned down as the road is considered too narrow).

Lighting. Reduce the height of the lamp posts and use a more subdued white/yellow light.

Ratcliffe Road/Church Street junction. The retaining walls, at the end of the old bridge and on the Railway Hotel corner, are to be faced with stone. The railings are to be removed and those at the end of the old bridge replaced with railings of an improved design. The railings on the Railway Hotel corner are to be replaced with planters and bollards. A heritage type directional finger post is to be erected at the corner to help visitors find their way around the village.

The Highways Agency is to carry out repairs to Ratcliffe Road and to the 'old new bridge', including the bridge pavements. The bridge railings are to be painted.

Directional road signs in the village are to be changed to show the new road numbers. Ratcliffe Road from the Church St junction westwards to the bypass junction at West Rattenraw is now the B6319. The road east from Church St to the bypass junction it is now the A686 Alston road.

It is hoped that the directional signs will also be reduced in size and number, so they reflect the changed status of the roads, and that a pedestrian crossing will be provided across the A686 to connect John Martin St and Martins Close.

LIBRARY TO CLOSE FOR REFURBISHMENT

In plans drawn up for the Haydon Bridge and Haydon Parish Development Trust, the library in Haydon Bridge is soon to be extensively refurbished. Work is planned to start in June and be completed by early autumn. When the library reopens it will be a brighter more comfortable and welcoming place.

Refreshments will be available for library users and there will be new toilet facilities for staff and public. A major change will be the Tourist Information Point. From here visitors to the village will be able to get accommodation advice, information on activities and attractions in the area, as well as have access to a range of booklets, leaflets and guides on Hadrian's Wall, North Pennines, Northumberland National Park and the South Tyne Valley.

The library will close at the end of the open session on June 4th. It will then be cleared in readiness for building work to commence.

Plans have been made to run a temporary library service in the Community Centre, opening during the week beginning June 15th. As with the village library, when it reopens, this temporary service will be run by volunteers.

The Carts Bog Inn closed on April 22nd. We hope this is of short duration. The Parish can ill afford to lose another popular pub!



North Pennines Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty NORTHERN ROCKS FESTIVAL 2009. 23rd MAY - 6TH JUNE

This is the 6th annual festival in celebration of the internationally recognised geology and landscape of the North Pennines AONB. The two weeks of the festival are full of activities to suit all ages including art/crafts, talks, demonstrations, visits to places of special interest, heritage exploration and several walks. Listed among the walks this year is a guided walk of the southern section of the John Martin Trail. As with many of the activities booking is essential to take part in this guided walk. To book call 01388 528801. Further details of the John Martin Trail Guided Walk and all the other activities are in the 'Northern Rocks' festival guide, available from Claire's Newsagent and Tourist Information Centres. Information on the Festival activities is also available by calling North Pennines AONB Partnership on 01388 528801 or visiting their website info@northpenninesaonb.org.uk.

Langley W.I.

The merger of Northumberland Federation with Tyneside was discussed at the April meeting of Langley WI. Names were taken for the outing in June to Brough Park. Arrangements were discussed for next month's meeting which is a visit to Little Badgers Nursery at Haydon Bridge.

Members were then treated to some simple but tasty dishes which Marjorie Goodchild explained were designed so that the cook didn't need to spend too much time in the kitchen. She then proceeded to demonstrate the starter of pear in blue cheese sauce. With each dish she gave suggestions for accompaniments or alternative ingredients which worked well, she also made a chicken in spicy tomato sauce dish, a carrot and courgette salad with a lime and honey dressing, a mushroom stroganoff and a lemon cream dessert which could be served frozen. All the dishes were raffled at the end of the evening. Mrs Goodchild then judged the competition for a Pace egg. First was Margaret Smith with Susan Stephenson in second place.

Next month the WI will be at Little Badgers Nursery on May 12th.
Cathy Duffy

PENNINE WAYS

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I have been having a fine time since I last wrote for the "News". I have had a holiday in Galloway and a short break in the Lakes. I have made a "mini-Giza" on the beach at Liverpool, complete with three pyramids, a "syfinx" (as the boys call it!), and the river Nile arising from the sand dunes... (We went to Rheged a couple of months ago and saw "the Mysteries of Ancient Egypt" at the Imax cinema. It obviously had a major influence on son number 1. I am just glad he did not choose to try to recreate Everest!).

I have also been blown off a 300 metre hill called Hallin Fell. Wainwright described it as the "motorists fell". After lauding its easily gained views he said, "the hobnailed boots of the fell walker are seldom to be found here". Well my hobnailed equivalents were found there and the views were not easily gained as the Lake District killer wind was blowing a 'hooley' as they say up North. We celebrated the first cairn we reached with an Easter egg each and reset our sights for the bottom and the car. Very nice they were too.

Of course this leads me nicely on to a few eggie jokes:

Q. What did the chick say when his mum laid an orange?

A. Look what marmalade!

Q. Where do chickens come from?

A. Eggplants!

Q. What's the difference between a soldier and a fireman?

A. You can't dip a fireman in an egg

On a more sober note:

WHY MRS BEETON WAS RIGHT:

A recent study in Northern Iran has shown that people who developed throat cancer were 8 times more likely as those who did not develop throat cancer to report drinking tea "very hot". (People in this area drink a lot...average 1 litre of black tea a day). They also demonstrated that those who drank their tea within two minutes of pouring were twice as likely to develop throat cancer than those who waited four minutes or more

In the UK there are around 7,800 cases of oesophageal (throat) cancer a year and it has a particularly poor prognosis with only eight per cent of patients surviving for five years after diagnosis. There are two other well established risk factors for throat cancer: smoking and heavy alcohol consumption. However

this is the first study to conclusively prove the theory that drinking hot liquids could contribute to cancer... presumably through recurrent thermal damage to the throat lining.

David Whiteman, principal research fellow at Queensland Institute of Medical Research said in an accompanying editorial in the British Medical Journal: "These findings are not cause for alarm however, and they should not reduce public enthusiasm for the time honoured ritual of drinking tea. Rather, we should follow the advice of Mrs Beeton, who prescribes a five to 10 minute interval between making and pouring tea, by which time the tea will be sufficiently flavoursome and unlikely to cause thermal injury."

Seems simple enough advice to me.

HAY FEVER

The hay fever season is upon us again...the cloud for many in the silver lining of the arrival of spring and lengthening days, etc.

This common problem is caused by an allergy to airborne substances such as grass or hay pollens. Exactly when you get it depends on which pollens you are allergic to. From May to July grass and flowers are in pollen, making these the most common cause of hay fever. During spring, from March to May, pollens from trees are the most common cause of hay fever. Some people do get hay fever into the autumn months. However this is rare and is usually caused by weeds such as nettles and docks, late flowering plants, and mould spores.

Typically, the symptoms of hay fever are:

- * frequent sneezing,
- * runny or blocked nose,
- * itchy or watery eyes, and
- * an itchy throat, mouth, nose and ears.

You are more likely to get hay fever if there is a history of allergies in your family, particularly asthma or eczema. Hay fever usually begins in the early teens and peaks when you're in your twenties. The good news is that many people become less sensitive to pollen as they get older, and by the time they reach their mid-forties, hay fever may no longer be a problem.

If you have asthma, you may find that your symptoms, such as wheezing and breathlessness, get worse when you have hay fever as well. In some, asthma symptoms only occur during the hay fever season.

We are always willing to see people with hay fever to help with diagnosis and management. I would strongly encourage those with breathing difficulties due to hay fever to come and see us. There are, however, many things you can try yourself:

Prevention

It is more or less impossible to completely avoid pollen, but you may be able to ease the severity of your hay fever symptoms by taking some precautions:

Generally, the pollen count is highest in the early evening, so try to avoid going outside around this time.

Keep windows and doors shut in the house when possible.

Avoid cutting grass, playing or walking in grassy areas, and camping when pollen levels are likely to be highest... windy and humid days.

Change your clothes and take a shower after being outdoors to remove the pollen on your body.

Wear wrap-around sunglasses to stop pollen getting in your eyes when you are outdoors.

Keep car windows closed, and consider buying a pollen filter for the air vents in your car.

Keep fresh flowers out of the house, and vacuum (ideally using a machine with a HEPA filter) and damp dust regularly.

Do not smoke and stop other people from smoking in your house. Breathing in other people's smoke irritates the lining of your nose, eyes, throat and airways which can make your symptoms worse.

Keep pets out of the house during the hay fever season. If your pet does come indoors, wash it regularly to remove any pollen from its fur.

There are many **medications** available over the counter for sufferers too:

Antihistamine tablets or nasal sprays are usually effective at treating itching, sneezing and watery eyes, but antihistamine nasal sprays may not help if your nose is blocked. Many antihistamines are available over-the-counter at your pharmacy, and most can be used daily or often. Most are more

effective used regularly. Steroid nasal sprays and drops. These are more effective than antihistamine tablets in preventing and relieving nasal (nose) symptoms, including sneezing and congestion. They can also relieve itchy, watery eyes. They are most effective if you start using them a couple of weeks before your symptoms usually begin, and work best when used regularly.

Eye drops. These work by reducing the release of histamine from your eyes, which eases itching and swelling. Eye drops containing the active ingredient cromoglycate are most widely used, and are normally used alongside other treatments, such as antihistamine tablets and steroid nasal sprays.

Contraception, HIV and the Pope

Before the mid 1990s, most people did not survive more than 1-2 years after AIDS (caused by the HIV virus) had developed. Since the introduction of antiretroviral drugs the outlook has improved hugely. So much so that a research study published in the Lancet in 2008 came to the conclusion that we should now think of HIV as a chronic condition like diabetes. The study looked at over 43,000 patients with HIV and found that a person now diagnosed at 20 years old could expect to live for another 49 years (provided they had access to modern treatment). However, nobody has yet lived to 49 years post-diagnosis because the disease has not been around that long so we don't know.

Most people in developing nations have no access to anti-retroviral treatments

even if they have access to diagnostics. The burden of HIV-related disease is also far higher in developing countries than in the UK. Antiretrovirals remain extremely expensive and have many side effects, some of them very unpleasant.

So the keystone in HIV management has to be disease prevention. The most common means of transmission worldwide (and increasingly in the U.K.) is heterosexual sex. Abstinence rules out this risk and condom use dramatically reduces it. This collection of facts has led to one U.S. medic beginning a call to the Pope (who remains against condom use as well as sex outside of marriage) to encourage condom use within marriage not as a contraceptive, but for disease prevention. Apparently there is a precedent for finding a similar way out of similar ethical conundrum by U.S. Catholic medics...I hope the Pope can be persuaded as he has an extremely powerful influence in many developing countries. It also serves to remind ourselves that HIV and AIDS still exist and remain a very significant and growing health problem.

New Practice Manager:

After many years of faithful service Geraldine Pound retires this month. We wish you well Geraldine and thanks for your long service. She is to be replaced by Martin Bell, an experienced manager in public service. Welcome Martin.

I find it slightly sobering to think that if you like it here half as much as Geraldine does/did we may have you with us well into the 2030s!

People on Community Service are to start tidying the path to the Spa Well.

The council was informed that a seat dedicated to the memory of Nancy Moore is to be placed by Land Ends Road, just beyond the bypass bridge.

The council was told that the pavement on Station Road is covered with stone chippings following resurfacing of part of the road. NCC Highways to be informed.

Unitary Authority report.

Our county councillor informed the Parish Council that the West Northumberland Area Committee had now been established with Cllr C Horncastle as chair and Cllr A Sharp vice chair. This committee covers the area of the previous Tynedale District

Patient Representatives:

Interested in the process and functioning of local health care? Want to have an influence over how things run in Tynedale?

We are looking for patient representatives for two groups:

1. A representative on the newly established patient's group for Tynedale Practice based Commissioning Group (PBC). Tynedale PBC are seeking to develop services in Tynedale into the next decade.
2. A patients group for our practice. We are looking to establish a new patients group to help us with feedback and advice on our services from patients perspective.

If you think you might like to get involved in either of these groups please contact our practice manager via the practice.

And finally a few more "factoids":

The longest Monopoly game in a bathtub was 99 hours long.

The oldest known goldfish lived to 41 years of age. His name was Fred.

If an orang-utan belches at you, watch out. He's warning you to stay out of his territory.

The full Spanish name for Los Angeles' is "El Pueblo de Nuestra Senora la Reina de los Angeles de Porciuncula."

In 1976, a Los Angeles secretary formally married her 50-pound pet rock.

Cheers for now, Dr Wyatt

Parish Council Notes continued from page 3.

Library. Councillors were informed of the progress made towards the Parish Council taking over the library. (Report on page 11)

Shaftoe Green.

A report on the annual survey of Shaftoe Green and the play equipment was received by the council. Some minor repairs are required to the play equipment. These will be carried out by the village handyman.

Councillors discussed possible sites for a skateboard park. Land at the west end of Innerhaugh was put forward as one option. Councillors felt they needed to know more about the type and size of the skateboard area required.

Council with the addition of Ponteland. Sub committees have been agreed to deal with environment, community & health and transport/economic issues. The next meeting of the Area Committee will take place in Ponteland, with future monthly meetings taking place at various venues in West Northumberland.

Time will be allowed at committee meetings for questions from the public. Parish Councillors are welcome to attend and participate in meetings. No decision has been made regarding the proposed 'Community Forums'

Next meeting of the Parish Council is on May 28th at Haydon Bridge Community Centre

MP

CHURCH PAGE

CLERGY MESSAGE

From

Judith Hampson

MAY 2009



If we look up at the sky on a clear night, what can we see? The moon, probably. Perhaps a bright star. Maybe patterns in stars, the constellations. Orion with his belt, three stars in a row. The Plough. The signs of the zodiac. If we have lived in the same place for a while, these patterns in the sky become familiar, changing with the seasons, but reassuringly there above us, a reminder of our safe place in the universe.

So it can come as something of a shock to remember that they are not actually there, not as we see them. The light from the stars takes many years to reach the earth. We see the stars as they were long ago, not as they are now. And although they may look identical to us, some of the stars are much further away than others. The shapes and patterns that we see are only there because of where we are standing. From another angle they would look completely different. We look up and make meaning for ourselves. When we look up and realise that, our world tilts. We catch a glimpse of the endless possibilities for shapes and patterns in the universe. Our perspective is not fixed and eternal.

Sometimes things happen that seem to tilt the world on its axis, to make the familiar patterns shift, and something new emerge. Such an event is the ascension of Jesus. What exactly did the disciples see that first Ascension Day? If we think too hard about the ascension, it is easy to end up with a slightly ridiculous picture. Jesus zooms heavenward as if jet-propelled; two feet are all that can be seen poking out of the bottom of a cloud. The emphasis in the stories is on the reaction of the disciples. Something happens to them. Their world changes. It is the handing over. Jesus is not dead, but nor is he physically present. Now it is the turn of human beings to bring God's kingdom in.

“Why do you stand looking up?” the angel asks the disciples. They turn their gaze away from the sky. Their perspective shifts. They stop looking at the sky and instead look towards the world that needs to hear the good news. They stop looking to Jesus to do the work of the kingdom, and realise they need to look to

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

themselves. It looks different now. The death, resurrection and ascension of Jesus have changed their standpoint. The pattern of the universe has shifted.

The ascension of Christ tilts the universe for us. It gives us a fresh perspective, a new shape and meaning to the world. Jesus has taken our humanity to God. He has handed over his mission to human beings. The divisions between divine and human, between heaven and earth have been blurred. With the disciples, we stop looking up to heaven, waiting for a divine Jesus to come and rescue us. Instead we focus our gaze towards our world, looking for God there, and seeking to play our part in the establishment of God's kingdom.

Judith Hampson

**METHODIST CHURCH
SERVICES**

3 May

10.00am Morning Worship
Norman Fullard
6.00pm Evening Service
Reader's Service

10 May

10.00am Morning Service
M Gazzani
6.00pm *Christian Aid at
Saint Cuthbert's*

17 May

10.00am Communion Service
Rev Les Hann
6.00pm Evening Service
Rev Les Hann

24 May

10.00am Morning Service
Doug Hogg
6.00pm Praise Evening
Roger and Valerie
Anthony

31 May

10.00am Morning Service
Reader's Service
6.00pm *Pentecost Evensong at
Old Haydon*

**BELTINGHAM/HENSHAW
CHURCH SERVICES**

3 May

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9.30am BCP Communion

10 May

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24 May

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31 May

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7 June

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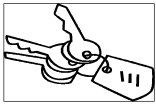
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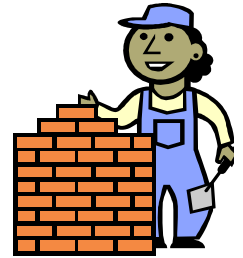
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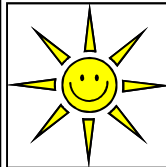
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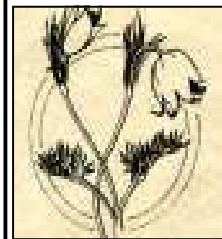
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ACROSS

1. Cover fasten fastener.(6,3)
6. Parking experts walks.(5)
9. Polish Capone's footwear.(7)
10. Three engineers construct gallery.(7)
11. I'm a German part of statue.(5)
12. Cat quieter under his control..(4,5)
13. Fashion learner mannequin.(5)
14. Have a clan bursting inundation.(9)
17. Canine tale.(6,3)
18. Lively dances right in front of fish.
(5)
19. Vegetable fruit, paint used in cooking.(6,3)
22. The French right advance broad and slow.(5)
24. Beat severely young animal before Atlantic Standard Time.(7)
25. Coat Eve wore to call up the dead.
(7)
26. Burn grass, energy!(5)
27. Plant majestic plant.(5,4)

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2. Stowage.
3. Estates.
4. Haymarket.
5. Amends.
6. Rambler.
7. Savoy.
8. Sirocco.
13. Exe.
14. Closed cup
15. Alb.
16. Auditor.
18. Hairpin.
20. Astoria.
21. Adelphi.
22. Apollo.
23. Crawl.

DOWN

1. Southern United States, Hawaii? Prepared raw fish. (5)
2. Area of Scandinavia inspired Sibelius.(9)
3. Register cross cut.(6,3)
4. Curse the French, also cannon, to construct grinder.(6,3,6)
5. Native spectator's arena for viewing pictures.(8,7)
6. Inflammation model make-up.(5)
7. Conservative quantity of paper. The best!(5)
8. Transparent lake in Kent.(9)

13. Bad magic, so wrongly delivers letters.(9)
15. One caught out at the beginning of last month.(5,4)
16. Red helper heard to offer fruit drink.(9)
20. After Christ, minimum management.
(5)
21. American senility treatment.(5)
23. A cone at sea.(5)

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**It's that Tyne again!**

Spring has sprung and with it plenty of River Watch events are planned for Haydon Bridge.

Can you spare a couple of hours to 'Get your Feet Wet'?

If so please contact Ceri Gibson (Tyne Rivers Trust, Project Officer)

Tel: 01434 611917 email: c.gibson@tyneriverstrust.org

Or Barbara Wardle (River Watch Champion) [tel: 01434 688886](tel:01434688886)

The Haydon Bridge River Watch group have organised a series of events that we hope you will want to join in, to discover life underwater, improve habitat along the river and collect valuable data relating to changes in the river conditions. With the completion of the by-pass there is even more reason to improve the peaceful river banks as a pleasant place to visit so please see the events diary and 'immerse yourself' in Haydon Bridge River Watch.



June's Jeans

Last year the group managed to improve on the initial clearing of Himalayan Balsam downstream of the picnic site and have recorded a raft of new indigenous plant species that have been able to colonise the area in the absence of the invasive plants.

A couple of river clean events revealed old bicycles and predominantly plastic waste washed down and caught up on the river bank. June's tenacity and athletic ability ensured that someone's old jeans were removed from high up in one river bank tree. Unfortunately they can't be returned as there was no name tag inside!

A dozen people came along to an introduction to River Fly and chemical monitoring on the river and were delighted to discover so much variety of life in the water. This has led to two people attending the Tyne Rivers Trust workshop at the end of April to learn more about the fly larvae forms, their sensitivities to pollution and changing river conditions and the sampling method for the River Fly Partnership project. Both will be delighted to impart this knowledge and enthusiasm to anyone else who would like to join the Haydon Bridge River Fly monitoring team. The group also planned activities to try to discourage fly tipping along the river bank which creates such an eyesore for visitors and locals alike.

These are just some of the ways people have been involved with managing and improving their river. We would also like people to take temperature readings of the river and local burns to contribute to the climate proofing database and we always need help with organising events, making posters and providing the vital refreshments.

We hope that this year even more people will 'Get their Feet Wet'.

Haydon Bridge River Watch Events		
When	What	Where
Wed 13 th May 6 – 8pm	River Clean	Meet Haydon Bridge Football Fields
Sat 11 th July 10am – 4pm	River Watch Day Out Come and learn more about what the group has been up to and how you can get involved	Haydon Bridge Picnic Site
Thurs 30 th July 6 – 8pm	Balsam Bash	Meet Haydon Bridge Picnic Site
Mon 17 th Aug 6 - 8pm	Balsam Bash	Meet Haydon Bridge Picnic Site
Events Further afield		
Sat 6 th June 10am – 4pm	Try It Day	Lambley Farm, Lambley
Fri 12 th June 2 - 5pm	Water Vole Survey Workshop Please book direct with AONB on 01388 528801	Allenheads Inn
Fri 7 th Aug 10am - 3pm	Stalking Himalayan Balsam along the River Allen	Meet Allen Banks Car Park

HAYDON LOCAL ARTISTS' SUMMER EXHIBITION

JUNE 20th - 27th 2009

Of Paintings, Sculpture, Photography or Embroidery Pictures

HAYDON BRIDGE COMMUNITY CENTRE

You are invited to exhibit your art work at our annual summer exhibition.

GUIDELINES AND ENTRY FORM

1. Entry is open to all artists with a connection to the Parish of Haydon. (Birth, residence, work, education, family etc).
2. Up to 5 works may be submitted, the last one listed may be held in reserve if hanging space becomes limited.
3. **Entry fee is £1 per work. Please make cheques payable to 'HAYDON LOCAL ARTISTS ASSOCIATION'** and send with the entry form below.
4. Please submit your entry form two weeks before the exhibition commences and no later than **Saturday 6th June**.
5. A label should be fixed to the back of each work giving your **Name, Address, Title of work, Medium and Price if it is for sale, or NFS if it is not for sale.**
6. All pictures should be strongly framed with fixings for hanging. Maximum frame size approx 71cms x 79cms (28x31ins).
7. The organising committee reserve the right to select or reject work at their discretion.
8. All works are exhibited at the owner's risk. Any insurance deemed necessary should be arranged by the artist.
9. Works for sale will be on a 20% commission basis. Proceeds will be used to offset the exhibition costs.
10. Works must be delivered to the **HAYDON BRIDGE COMMUNITY CENTRE, Ratcliffe Road, between 9am and 11am on Saturday, 20th June** and collected at the end of the exhibition on **Saturday, 27th June at 6pm.**
11. Exhibitors will be encouraged to act as invigilators during the exhibition.
12. All entrant are invited to the **PREVIEW on SATURDAY, 20th JUNE FROM 5pm-7pm.**
A limited number of tickets will be available for their guests.
13. If you have any queries regarding your exhibit(s) or the exhibition please telephone Robert Ford 01434 684486.

If you wish to show work at our exhibition please return the entry form below

HAYDON BRIDGE LOCAL ARTISTS' SUMMER EXHIBITION 2009. ENTRY FORM

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Title of work	Medium	Price or NFS (not for sale)
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