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## **EDITORIAL COMMENT**

Having recently watched a Panorama programme which dealt with the issue of new standards of cleanliness for beaches set by European ministers, it comes as no surprise to find that it's not just the beaches of Cornwall that don't come up to scratch.

Neither does the riverbank at our Riverside Picnic area. In both cases it appears to be Combined Sewers Outlets (CSO) that are the cause.

In the programme viewers were shown a number of these outlets close to the surfing beaches of North West Cornwall with a combination of water and raw sewage discharging from the outlets across beaches and into the sea. A serious risk to the health of those using these beaches.

CSO outlets are intended to take any access water away from the sewerage system after heavy rain and so prevent water and sewage backing up in the system and flowing into the streets from manholes or drains.

Our own CSO does the same job and discharges onto the riverbank between the new bridge and the picnic area, and on occasion depositing raw sewage and other solids flushed down local lavatories onto the bank.

The situation was reported to our Parish Council several months ago but after much correspondence with Northumbrian Water little if any progress has been made. (See PC Notes on page 13)

Why do we still have Combined Sewer Outlets?

Cost is probably the answer!

Hopefully, now that the issue has been raised nationally action will follow, but then of course that's not always the case.

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## **PARISH COUNCIL NOTES from the meeting in September 2009**

The meeting opened with a presentation by Richard Powell and Susi Goncu, Locality Officers from NCC, on Community Forums in Northumberland. They explained that NCC needed a process to engage with local communities and that the Community Forums were intended to fulfil that function. They went on to explain what was happening in those areas where Forums have been set up and that they were a useful way of dealing with cross local area issues, such as transport, and for Parish Councils to share knowledge/expertise.

Questions raised concerned the effectiveness of Forum meetings if the Forums had no budget to implement issues raised. It was also pointed out that Haydon Bridge had developed a Parish Plan, in full consultation with the local community, that identified the issues and priorities for the Parish and the task now was to implement these with the help and support of NCC.

The Parish Council's main objection to participating in Community Forums was that they appeared to be another 'talking shop' and that they were for the convenience of NCC rather than Parish Councils. However, it was conceded that an annual meeting with neighbouring Parish Councils, on clearly identified issues, may be useful.

### **Public Participation.**

A resident of Land Ends Road expressed grave concern about the state of the road following construction of the bypass. He pointed out that the use of Land Ends road by the bypass contractors heavy vehicles far exceeded the original plans, as explained by the contractors, prior to work on the bypass commencing. As a result drains had been broken and drainage channels blocked. Patching up of parts of the road surface, following completion of the bypass, had been poorly done and were far from adequate. He expressed concern that NCC would need to expend a large amount of money to restore the road if the bypass contractors did not do this work. The Parish Council is to send a letter to NCC expressing the urgent need for the road to be properly repaired by the contractors.

A Church Street resident complained about the continuing problem of the smell from the street drains. The drains have been cleaned but, according to Northumbrian Water, a bung is missing from the drain and that it was

probably dislodged/removed during cleaning. The bung prevents smells from the sewer entering the street drain. The Parish council is to contact the relevant department at NCC to request that the bung be replaced as soon as possible.

The poor state of Ratcliffe Road back lane was brought to the Council's attention and a request for repairs made. It was pointed out that the back lane is not an adopted highway and that repairs are the responsibility of the residents.

The Parish Council is to replace the bin removed from the cemetery and the bins that have been burned out at the riverside picnic area and Shaftoe School car park.

### **Council Meeting.**

9 councillors were present and local NCC councillor, Alan Sharp.

### **NCC Notes.**

Cllr Sharp reminded the Council that the Area West Committee has a fund, called the 'Community Chest', to support local community groups with purchases of equipment or other capital costs. Applications for grants from the 'Community Chest' are welcome from our local groups.

As part of the restructuring of the care services for adults, four care homes in West Northumberland are to close. They are in Hexham, Prudhoe, Haltwhistle and Ponteland. People requiring care are to be given their own budgets to purchase care services they need and some improvements are to be made in day care provision. Respite care facilities are to be maintained.

The West Area Planning Committee approved the planning application for the demolition of the Anchor Garage and the building of six homes on the site. (*The Anchor garage is to remain in business at new premises on Station Road*).

### **Highways**

NCC Highways have carried out resurfacing work to John Martin Street, Shaftoe Street and the Langley road as far as The Showfield. In response to Parish Council's requests for road repairs the hole in the road at Greenwich gardens has been repaired but a permanent repair is to follow.

The situation on the A686 at the Langley Cross where stones appear to have fallen by the road is being monitored. The Council have been informed that the stones are tucked in tightly by the edge of the road and are not at present a hazard to traffic.

With regard to the request, made at the last council meeting, for comprehensive repairs to Land Ends Road, the Council have been informed that the bypass contractor is probably liable for these repairs and that NCC Highways dept is following this up.

The quality of the dropped curb outside the Fish and Chip Shop is to be checked. As the need for other dropped curbs on the route into the village from the Showfield were not included in the original request they will now have to wait until next year.

A Parish councillor has started a list of highways in the Parish requiring repair. When completed it will be sent to NCC Highways.

### **Planning**

The following applications were received by the Parish council for comment

Demolition of existing utility room and construction of single storey side extension at 32 Greenwich Gardens;  
Construction of extension to provide 2 consulting rooms, seminar room and additional office space at Haydon Health Centre;  
Construction of conservatory to the rear of Stonecroft Bungalow, Ratcliffe Road.

No objections were raised.

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County Councillor: Alan Sharp

I hope you have enjoyed your summer break, whether taken in the parish or out of the area. Unfortunately, after a reasonable start to the summer months, our weather locally went downhill and for those of us travelling abroad, the collapse in the value of the £ added substantially to the costs.

But let's be positive!

I'm told that the reduction in the £'s value is good for our manufacturing exporters - do we still make things? - and it's the 2½ inches plus of rainfall we get each month that keeps our South Tyne valley so green and beautiful.

My own summer holiday included a visit to Canada and the far north. As we watched hundreds of tourists queuing to cross the Capillano suspension bridge at Vancouver, we reflected on the happy times we had as youngsters and later with our children and grandchildren, on the suspension bridge crossing the beautiful Allen valley at Plankey Mill. And we cursed those who, for the sake of financial expediency, agreed to the ghastly wooden structure that has replaced Martha Helen Davison's magical crossing.

But let's be positive!

When visiting Fairbanks, less than 100 miles from the Arctic Circle, we sought directions from an elderly Alaskan lady. She immediately recognised our accents and was eager to point out that for her, the joy of England was:

"A visit to a place called Housesteads on that lovely little train that follows the River Tyne, and the little station from where I got a taxi to Hadrian's Wall."

So you see. There are reasons to be cheerful!

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**HAYDON BRIDGE TOWN HALL  
and the  
HAYDONIAN WORKING MEN'S  
CLUB**

**See also: Dec. 2008 and February, May,  
June, July and August 2009**

My history of the Haydon Bridge Town Hall has, thus far, been covered in six previous issues of The Haydon News. It is important to point out this month that my ramblings do not purport to provide a history of the organisations that use or have used the Town Hall as a venue. My series of 'Notes are intended to cover the history of the building itself,

with enough digressions to provide readers with a flavour of those activities that provided so much interest and / or pleasure within its four walls along the way.

This month, in relation to the Haydonian Working Men's Club and its part in the Town Hall's history, I have drawn upon my own knowledge and memories pre 1965.

A full and accurate history of the Haydonian Working Men's Club is unlikely to be written until the Club's minute books and relevant documents are found and / or made available. Indeed, that I am able to add any primary source detail at all to my 'Notes this month, is due in the main to material archived by Tula Thompson and her late husband Roy who was a one time Club official. Thank you Tula!

One thing clear to me, having talked to those close to the founding officials of the Club, is that Jackie Wardle, Alfie Kent and Benson Brown each gave their lives - twenty four hours a day, seven days a week, fifty two weeks of the year - to the Club and its members, and as a consequence guaranteed a bright future for the Town Hall. This commitment could not have been achieved without support from and sacrifice by their wives and families and it is to three ladies; Mrs Wardle, Mrs Kent and the late Mrs Brown, that I dedicate my Historical Notes this month.

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The Haydon Bridge Town Hall was built in 1908 by an enlightened Haydon Bridge businessman, William Samuel Walton. W.S. Walton took it upon himself to provide a local venue for community activities, while his parish council colleagues dithered in their response to the local residents' requests.

The result was an early and successful example in Haydon Bridge of private enterprise and public participation.

The Town Hall was the centre for many of Haydon Bridge's indoor social activities for over fifty years, but by the mid to late 1950's early 1960's there came about significant changes in the way Haydonians spent their leisure time; particularly with the introduction of television reception to the South Tyne valley and the ease of travel out of the parish.

I have to say that from 1956/57, my friends and I were among those who joined the exodus from Haydon Bridge for our entertainment.

After all, even though we did leave empty seats in the Town Hall Cinema where we had previously enjoyed so many happy times, there were new faces and new pleasures in which to indulge at Len and Molly Hepple's and the Queen's Hall at Hexham, and the Olympic Hall and Church Hall at Haltwhistle.

In 1959 the by then owner of the Town Hall, Mr. Tom Scott from Hexham, cited the locals' access to two television programmes and their commuting to larger towns, as the reasons for the Haydon Bridge Town Hall's demise. In 1960 the Haydon Bridge Town Hall, in its original form, closed its doors for good.

**Mr. Scott may have lost faith in the Town Hall as a going concern, but there were others closer to home who had a new vision for the old building that had served the community so well for so long.**

**This part of the Town Hall's history has its beginnings in 1957.**

If our Town Hall, and incidentally the Haydon Bridge Reading Room, had become victims to a new era of home entertainment and car ownership, the licensed premises in our community were booming. In the mid to late 1950's, full employment and decent wages from local industries provided the 'working man' of the parish with a reasonable amount of cash in his pocket, a good portion of which he was happy to spend on a jar or two in our privately owned public houses.

The General Havelock, Railway Hotel, Scotch Arms, Anchor and Haydon Hotels and the Carts Bog were busy watering holes, and I recall the early evening trade in our village pubs as being especially buoyant, as the men slaked their thirst on the way home from a hard days work.

In 1957, a Haydon Bridge coal miner with a strong sense of community spirit, Jackie Wardle, believed that the time was right to set up a social club in Haydon Bridge. A club that would be non-profit making and would be run by and for the benefit of his fellow workmen and their families. Jackie Wardle received support and

encouragement for his idea from his workmates and others and he was almost certainly influenced in his proposal by the knowledge that his father John Wardle had himself inaugurated a social club for working men in Durham, before he moved to Northumberland to work at Whitechapel Colliery and live in Haydon Bridge, where Jack was born in 1920.

On August 15th 1957, a general meeting was called for those who were interested in establishing a working men's club in Haydon Bridge. The meeting was held in the Town Hall, the hire of which was four shillings and paid for by money collected at the meeting, and on that Thursday evening forty seven residents voted unanimously to form the Haydonian Working Men's Club.

It is certainly worth recording here the names of those working men who joined the club at that first meeting, and so originated an institution that has given much enjoyment to so many over the years and continues, albeit in a different form, today.

- 1-Jack Wardle. (Secretary)
- 2-Jack Davies. (Chairman)
- 3-Ed. Davison.
- 4-John Barron.
- 5-Jackie Boyd.
- 6-Lennie Tait.
- 7-Tot Barron.
- 8-Sid Thompson.
- 9-Charlie Pattinson.
- 10-Charlie Brown (Snr).
- 11-Harry Bowman.
- 12-Joe Foster.
- 13-Sammy Gilchrist.
- 14-Tot Pickering.
- 15-Alec Cathrae.
- 16-Robert Wylie.
- 17-Charlie Brown (Jnr).
- 18-William Philipson.
- 19-Jackie Harrison.
- 20-Jimmy Harrison.
- 21-Bob Clark.
- 22-Joe Thompson.
- 23-Bob Thompson.
- 24-John Duff.
- 25-G. Brown.
- 26-Lance Spooner.
- 27-Barney Dabbs.
- 28-Kit Hudson.
- 29-Charlie Glenwright.
- 30-Eric Rimmer.
- 31-Eddie Henderson. (Haltwhistle)
- 32-K. Conroy.
- 33-Frank Barron.
- 34-Andy Skeen.
- 35-Benson Brown
- 36-Jack Philipson.

- 37-Dent. Oliver (Snr).
- 38-Doug Eggington.
- 39-Charlie Frankland.
- 40-Jake Hill.
- 41-George Waugh.
- 42-E. Prior. (Bardon Mill)
- 43-Stan Emler.
- 44-Alfie Kent.
- 45-William Tait.
- 46-Frank Brown.
- 47-John Bowman.

The annual subscription for one share in the new club was set at two shillings and sixpence and in addition, each of the 47 original members provided a loan of £1, to be repaid when the balance sheet allowed.

By September 20th 1957, the Haydonian Workingmen's Club had registered its intentions with the Northern Clubs' Federation, for a fee of £3.

The Club was without a permanent home, but the success of its lotteries and bottle draws and its increasing membership were encouraging signs. Within one year of its registration, the Club had built up an income of £600 and the officials were in a position to start paying back the loans provided by the original members.

By late 1958, positive steps were being taken to secure either a site on which a building to house the new Club could be erected, or an appropriate existing building which could be altered to provide the facilities the committee desired. A men's Bar, a Concert Room, a Lounge and accommodation for a club steward.

In 1959, the Haydon Bridge Community Association - formed on November 19th 1959 - was also on the lookout for appropriate premises and the Town Hall would have satisfied their requirements.

Having heard a rumour that the committee of the two years old Working Men's Club were also seeking possession of the Town Hall as a home, the Community Association committee gave consideration to the suitability of sharing the property with them.

Mr. Jackie Wardle, a member of the Community Association committee as well as the Club Secretary, made the point that it was the opinion of the Working Men's Club that the Town Hall should not be lost to the village for village functions.

Mr. Wardle then provided the Community Association with details of

the alterations the Club would carry out if they had possession of the Town Hall.

- The clear area in the hall would be increased to 15 yds x 10 yds.
- Wall seating would be placed around the hall.
- The first floor ante rooms would be converted to accommodation for a steward.

And significantly:

- Access to the Bar would be to members of the Working Men's Club only.

Mr. Wardle's presentation was a clear indication that the Club committee did have the Town Hall in their sights as a home and had already spent some time formulating their proposals.

In fact, the Club's committee had first approached an architect with their ideas as early as April 1958 and by August 1959 the architect had visited the Town Hall for a preliminary inspection.

It was soon decided by the Community Association that it was unlikely that an acceptable working relationship could be agreed with the Club, and at a meeting on December 2nd 1959 Mr. Jack Wardle seconded Mr. Edward Waite's proposal that the Community Association take steps to purchase the old Wesley Hall on Ratcliffe Road as a Community Centre.

The proposal was carried, thus leaving the way clear for the Working Men's Club to continue their discussions with Mr. Scott, the owner of the Town Hall, unencumbered.

*(The Wesley Hall was eventually purchased for £750 by the Community Association, but not until 1965.)*

By the early Spring of 1960, following meetings between the Haydonian Working Men's Club and Institute Ltd., the Northern Clubs' Federation, the Town Hall owner Mr. Tom Scott and the estate valuer Thos. Pattinson, agreement was reached on a sale price for the Town Hall and a mortgage facility of £5,559 for the Club, which would cover the purchase and fittings.

The enthusiasm following this success was tempered somewhat by an issue raised by the planning authority in relation to car parking for patrons of the new Club.

The Club committee was informed that unless a car park could be provided, planning permission for the change of use from a village hall to a working men's club was unlikely to be given.

Fortunately, in May 1960 Haydon Bridge resident Bill Nevin agreed to sell



1.487 acres of land along the Land Ends Road as a car park and a major obstacle to the Club's plans was removed.

*Bill Nevin had purchased 2.487 acres of land at Park Style in October 1955 for £300 from Mr. Sam Craddock who owned the Poplars Caravan Site. Mr. Nevin subsequently sold one acre to the owners of Settlingstones' Mines, on which Douglas Gardens was built, and the remainder was sold to the Club for their car park on August 19th 1960, for the sum of £775.*

*Further apportioning of the land to the west of Douglas Gardens has taken place since 1960, but whether a single vehicle has ever used the car park insisted upon by our enlightened planners is questionable.*

**On November 14th 1960, the Haydonian Working Men's Club and Institute Co. Ltd., purchased the Town Hall for £3,200 from Tom Scott's Haydon Bridge Town Hall Co. Ltd. of Queen's Hall, Beaumont Street, Hexham, and a new chapter was about to be written in the history of William Samuel Walton's 1908 building.**

Once the purchase was complete, the first issues to be dealt with by the new Chairman Benson Brown, Secretary Jackie Wardle and Treasurer Alfie Kent, was to organise the internal alteration to the former Town Hall, arrange a further £4,449 advance from the Northern Clubs' Federation to pay for the alterations and double their efforts to increase the Club's income.

That they were able to commence the alterations almost immediately and start paying off the capital and the interest by July 1961 was thanks to the members' wholehearted commitment to the cause and the financial success of a weekly 'forecast' that had been introduced in January 1960.

By September 28th 1961 the internal alterations were well underway and the Haydonian Club had advertised for its first Steward.

In November an interim payment of £2,500 was paid to the contractors, Victor Dillon Ltd.

**On Saturday December 9th 1961, four years after the inaugural meeting (August 15th 1957), there was great excitement in Haydon Bridge as the Haydonian Working Men's Club opened its doors to members, in what had previously been the village Town Hall, with Sid Fothergill and his wife**

**Betty as the first Steward and Stewardess and former caretaker of the Town Hall, Norman Philipson, 'on the door' to ensure that only members were allowed to join in the fun.**



**The Hexham Courant recorded the opening of the Haydonian Working Men's Club with a photograph of Jackie Wardle and Syd Lavers, chairman of the Northern Clubs' Federation Brewery, pulling the first pint.**

**Through the combined efforts of Steven Brown and Ernie Swinburn and thanks to the Hexham Courant, I am able to provide this image from a very poor quality news print.**

**Can any of our readers supply an original photograph of the occasion?**

It is interesting that the original concept of the Club and Institute Union, set up by Londoner Henry Solly in 1862 and to which the Haydonian Club subscribed, was to: 'Provide recreation and refreshments free from intoxicating liquor' in an effort to reclaim the working men from the public houses and their 'temptations' and 'excesses'.

How ironic then that Mr. Solly's temperance ideals were sunk in a flood of Fed. Special, and the Haydonian CIU Club was, like most others, kept afloat by pouring the profits back into the business and providing affordable alcohol to the parish's working men and incidentally, their wives.

So alcohol, so despised by the fathers of the CIU, was a major part of the 1961 Club's attraction and the Bar takings of £1,300 for the first month of

trading were significant amounts in 1961/62. Weekly outgoings during the period included £22 : 19 : 6d for the Steward and his wife's wages; £2 for Isobel Bell (pianist); £1 : 12 : 6 for the Doorman and £1 for Joe 'Taffy' Edwards, the first Concert Chairman.

My recollection of the Haydonian Working Men's Club of 1961 is that 'temptation' also became part of the Club environment. However, any 'excesses' were, I believe, far outweighed by the sociability and bringing together of the generations that the Club engendered - and I'm sure still does today as the Haydonian Social Club.

By April 1962 it had become clear that a bigger cellar was needed to cope with the Working Men's Club's success and, in keeping with the Club's spirit of social partnership and self help, the members themselves extended the area below the Bar and Concert Room. An area that had been a shooting gallery beneath the original Town Hall.

Sid Bell, the oldest early member of the Club who still survives at the time of writing these notes, recalls the extent of this work in April and May 1962.

"We took up the floorboards behind the Bar you know, and just dug and dug to get rid of the soil. Then Sammy Gilchrist built the walls and supports. Sid Thompson, Tot and Billy Pickering, myself and one or two others were on over two weeks digging it out."

On February 24th 1962 the Haydonian Workingmen's Club had paid £12 for its first concert party; 'The Optimists' and certainly the group was appropriately named. All the signs were positive for a bright future, with the Club membership continuing to rise to 573 in its first year of opening, income exceeding the expenditure, cash in hand of £1,258 and fixed assets worth £12,000.

**Thanks to the commitment of Jackie Wardle, Alfie Kent, Benson Brown and all those members, including the first Chairman Jack Davies, who first met in 1957 to support the vision of a working men's club - and not forgetting the stewardship of Sid Fothergill, who oversaw the Club's formative years until he left in 1965 - the old Haydon Bridge Town Hall was once again a centre for much social activity in Haydon Bridge.**

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Do you have memories of the Town Hall as the Haydonian Working Men's Club? Will you share them?

If so: Tel. 01434 684636

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or: Leave them for 'The Haydon News' at Claire's.

And, if you'd like to sing along to my early memories of the Haydonian Working Men's Club, try (approximately) Les Reed's 1962 tune to, 'Messing About on the River'.

**Aa'll tell you a tale of grand folk and fine ale,  
At the Haydon Bridge Workingmen's Club,  
They'd queue all down the street to get in there at neet,  
At the Haydon Bridge Workingmen's Club.**

There was Go As You Pleases and Sunday Stripteases,  
Keep your eyes down for a house or a line,  
You could furnish a room with the leek prize you won,  
And the jackpot's three fruit at a time.

**Chorus:**

**Aa'l tell you a tale ...etc.**

"Write your name here" said Norman "or you'll not pass the doorman",

"Unless you're a member then you've got no chance,"

"Aa pay me sub's when they're due and me card's CIU,"

"Oh all right then" said he, "join the dance".

**Chorus:**

**Aa'l tell you a tale...etc.**

On a stage in the room Isabel played a tune,  
We'd no cares in the world when the week's work was through,  
Aa met John, Jeff and Flash, Cap, Ed., Ray and Joe Bass,  
For a pint of the Fed Special brew.

**Chorus:**

**Aa'l tell you a tale...etc.**

Aa went straight to the bar and asked Sid for a jar,  
Aa had one or two and then three or four more,  
And before very long aa was singing a song,  
And aa danced a lass right round the floor.

**Chorus:**

**Aa'l tell you a tale...etc.**

There was lads and their lovers, wives, dowers and mothers,

No more for the lasses the housework to dee,  
They thought, better by far for to drink Advocat,  
Pony, Babycham and Cherry B.

**Chorus:**

**Aa'l tell you a tale...etc.**

When it's time for the turn a pint token to earn,  
Jack played the moothie and Bob the Jews Harp,  
Some lads made sec a din that the pollis called in,  
To make certain we aa'l went yem sharp.

**Chorus:**

**Aa'l tell you a tale...etc.**

It's a shame that we lack skills to turn the clock back,  
But divvent despair, when your memories die,  
Jack and Alf'll be there, Benson's still in the chair,  
In that big workmen's club in the sky.

**Repeat slowly:** In that big workmen's club in the sky!!



**HAYDON BRIDGE AFC 1954-55**

*In our last issue (August 2009) I asked whether you could name the Haydon Bridge players and officials on this team photograph*

**Back left to right:** Jackie Wardle, Tot Pickering, Billy Pickering, Jimmy Clines, Bob Brown, Ted Raine.

**Middle:** Mrs D. Oliver, Ronnie Moffat, Jackie Thompson, Ralph Curry, Ken Lax, Matty Reed, Jackie Harrison, Brian Ridley, Mrs J. Brown.

**Front:** Jackie Robson, Tommy Westgarth, Eddie Moffat, Norman Heslop, Robert Harding, Josie Thompson, Freddie Hetherington.

**Supporters:** Jean Ridley, Vera Bowman.

The trophies held by supporters Jean and Vera are the Haltwhistle Charity Cup and the West Tyne League Trophy.

**O**ur village team won the Haltwhistle Cup in 1955 by beating Corbridge Rangers 3 - 1. Goalscorers: Tommy Westgarth, Ronnie Moffat and Matty Teasdale (*Not on the photograph*); and won the West Tyne League by defeating Corbridge Rangers 8 - 2, Tommy Westgarth scoring 5 goals.

The league title was won by a record margin of 9 points from the nearest challengers Prudhoe ICI, the Haydon Bridge 'Robins' dropping only two points all season, scoring 97 goals and conceding 36.

Matty Teasdale scored 55 goals (14 in cup ties) and Tommy Westgarth 41 goals (11 in cup ties).

The 1955 League win meant that Haydon Bridge had won the West Tyne League in successive seasons and four seasons out of six. In Season 1953-54, Haydon Bridge had also won the Clayton Cup, beating Kielder Hearts 3 - 1 in front of 1,200 spectators at Tyne Mills, Hexham.

**Those were the days!!**

**W**hy 4 - 2 - 4 or 4 - 3 - 3 formations is my question - when local centre forwards could score 55 goals in a season and 1,200 spectators turned out to watch village teams playing 2 - 3 - 5 ? England might have won the world cup in 1966 but those who were spectators in the 1960's will know that Alf Ramsey's 'wingless wonders' did little to encourage entertaining football and for many seasons afterwards the future was bleak for outside rights and outside lefts!

#### **A CENTENARY CELEBRATION**

**H**aydon Bridge football club's first West Tyne League championship was won 100 years ago this year.

In May 1909 our village side beat Prudhoe Woodbines 3 - 1 in a League decider play off at Corbridge.

## RAILWAY HOTEL 4th ANNUAL FLOWER and VEGETABLE SHOW

The Railway Hotel Annual Show took place on Saturday August 29th and the entries were judged by Vin Thompson (Hexham) and Jean Oliver and Mary Douthwaite.

Eleven classes, and an excellent raffle with over 40 prizes says much for the voluntary work undertaken by the show committee: Sue Zellas, Tim Taylor, Mick Smith, Ronnie Youngman, Brian Burrows and Alan Barker, and the much appreciated support offered by Joyce Brown, local individuals and businesses.

The fruit and vegetable exhibits were once again displayed on Church Street while the floral, baking, jams and chutney classes adorned 'Woodies' café.

### Prize winners in the various sections:

#### Blanched Leeks:

1 Gary Cunningham. 2 Brian Burrows. 3 Mick Smith.

#### Three Tomatoes:

1 Mick Smith. 2 Rene Armstrong. 3 Gordon Brown.

#### Three Cherry Tomatoes:

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

#### Three Mixed Vegetables:

1 Ronnie Youngman.  
2 Gordon Brown.  
3 Alan Barker.

#### Two Dressed Onions:

1 Josie Brown. 2 Maurice Robson.  
3 Jack Brown.

#### Heaviest Onion:

1 Maurice Robson.

#### Home baking:

1 Caroline Pigg. 2 Irene Cunningham.  
3 Joyce Brown.

#### Jams:

1 Joyce Brown. 2 Jack Brown.  
3 Charlotte Kennedy.

#### Chutneys:

1 Jackie Brown. 2 Jack Brown.  
3 Margaret Young.

#### Vase of Flowers:

1 Irene Hopkinson. 2 John Rix.  
3 Margaret Young.

#### Display of flowers:

1 Trevor Corbett. 2 Margaret Young.  
3 Josie Brown.

There were over 240 entries at this year's Railway Hotel Show, a fantastic achievement for what is the pub's fourth show.

Well done to all the competitors and



SUE ZELLAS, THE LANDLADY OF THE RAILWAY HOTEL, HAS A CLOSE ENCOUNTER WITH THE EXHIBITS

Sue, at the Railway Hotel, thanks everyone who participated in and supported this year's event.

The show goes from strength to strength and once again John Hodgson provided the evening entertainment for a large and enthusiastic audience.



Above  
FLOWER AND  
BAKERY  
JUDGES  
JEAN OLIVER  
and  
MARY  
DOUTHWAITE



Left  
SHOW  
SECRETARY  
MICK SMITH  
WITH JUDGE  
VIN  
THOMPSON  
FROM  
HEXHAM

### "ROMAN WALL!" "WHICH ROMAN WALL?"

Did you hear the one about the two Liverpoolians who came from their present home in Nottingham to the Tyne valley looking for Hadrian's Wall.....and couldn't find it?

After 17 miles and five hours walking west and north of Haydon Bridge they'd:

"Never even come across the wall yet!"

Our visitors weren't short of directional advice from the Railway residents mind, but remained unconvinced.

"I don't think this Roman Wall exists."

They even had the temerity to ask born and bred Haydonians:

"Have you ever seen this Roman Wall?"

It was fortunate for Ron McDermott and Rick Pitt however that they did stumble across the Railway Hotel, on the night of the Annual Vegetable and Flower Show, where they won 3 prizes in the Grand Raffle including an Indian takeaway and a brace of game.

So all was not lost for our wandering 'Hadrian' foot soldiers.

Readers of a black and white persuasion will recall that Ron McDermott's brother Terry also paused at Haydon Bridge for a while in 1992. Terry McDermott encouraged his friend and Newcastle United Manager Kevin Keegan to pull into the Low Hall lay-by where, in spite of KK's assertion that the job had not been: "Like it said in the brochure", Terry Mac persuaded him to change his mind about resigning and return to Newcastle to complete the job he started in February 1992.

KK and Terry Mac returned to St. James's Park and the turnaround in a Haydon Bridge lay-by became part of NUFC's recent history.



**LANGLEY CASTLE HOTEL  
OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE  
'CASTLE VIEW ROOMS'**

**Monday August 17th 2009**

A mid morning downpour may well have been of some concern to General Manager Anton Philips and his staff, but it served to refresh the beautiful Castle grounds and by the visitors arrived in their Sunday best at noon, the pristine lawns and foliage were sparkling and bathed in sunshine.

Over one hundred Friends of Langley Castle met to enjoy the hospitality of the owners, the Lord of Langley Barony Dr. Stuart Madnick and Mrs Yvonne Price - Madnick, on the occasion of the opening of Stage II of the Castle View Rooms.

Before the main event of the day Mr and Mrs Madnick and Sandy Rutherford, Hexham Business Forum Chairman, made presentations to nine members of staff who had served the hotel for five, ten and fifteen years:

(5) James Weatherson, Cheryl Findlay, Amy Murphy. (10) Matthew Wilson, Adrian Flatman, Iain Gilhespy. (15) Carla Wall, Bob Rutherford, Fiona Wealleans.

Dr Madnick also thanked Anton Philips for his overview of the project and for his continuing commitment to managing and improving Langley Castle Hotel.

Mr. Rutherford complimented Langley Castle Hotel, its owners, General

Manager and staff, on its customer care, training and development and its confidence in tourism in the area, as one of the north's finest hotels.

Following the presentations and reception, the visitors made their way to the eight new Castle View Rooms that were officially opened, to a background of fireworks, by Dr and Mrs Madnick.

The new building having taken eight years from design to completion, fits perfectly with the adjacent phase I, the one time stables block converted to accommodation in 1994.

The visitors on August 17th appeared to be unanimous in their agreement that the new rooms were a fine addition to the Langley Castle Hotel's accommodation.

Modern in construction and facilities and yet retaining a traditional feel and internal grandeur. A credit to the architects, the construction team, Anton Philips and not least to Mrs Price-Madnick's penchant for fine internal design.

A most successful event ended just before brooding August clouds returned to drench the Castle grounds once again.

I'm sure I heard Anton heave a sigh of relief. Or was that gurgling noise the last dregs from a bottle of champers?

Langley Castle has been a significant landmark in our Barony/Parish since it was built in 1350, so it's no surprise that there have been many references to it published over the years.

I came across this piece during my research a number of years ago. I cannot provide any information about the author I'm afraid, but I have noted that it was written around 1890 and published in the Hexham Courant.

I hope you enjoy it.

**TO LANGLEY CASTLE**

Thou ruined pile; what scenes thou hast observed,  
When in times long past thou hadst thy day;  
Knights thou hast seen by maidens' glance unnerved,  
And cupid reigning with enchanting sway.  
Thy walls have rung with many a lusty cheer  
When in thy hall the tempting feast was spread,  
And each one toasted wife or sweetheart dear,  
Alas! Each one now in his earthly bed.

And thou hast looked on maids and weeping wives,  
When to the wars were summoned bravest men,  
Leaving behind the dearest in their lives,  
Never perchance to meet with them again.  
From out thy watch tower, hath the peering eye,  
Seen foe approaching; or the beacon flame,  
Gone shooting upward toward the lowering sky,  
As though an equal altitude to gain.

These all are past, whilst thou remains to tell,  
In silent language, with unspoken tone,  
Of transient joys, of woes, of dark deeds fell;  
All have been seen by thine enduring stones,  
These still will live when all are passed away  
Who now are living round thee in their pride;  
Till thee thyself shall live thine own last day,  
And fall to earth; in falling thou hast died.

C. Phillips.



**December  
2008**

**With the  
basement  
complete,  
work begins  
on the  
ground floor**



**January  
2009**

**The build was  
up to the  
first floor  
and  
steel supports  
are moved  
into place**

## SO NEAR YET.....

A most successful season saw Haydon Bridge Cricketers' First XI at the top of the West Tyne League with two games to play. Unfortunately their next game was lost and that allowed Haltwhistle to overtake them and win the league with Haydon Bridge runners up.

No!.....Not season 2009.

The season I am referring to was 1909.

One hundred years ago this season our village cricket team won ten games and lost only two but the defeat against Hedgefield at Ryton on August 14th 1909 meant that Haltwhistle were crowned champions of the West Tyne League.

And who played for Haydon Bridge cricket team one hundred years ago?

T.M. Horsfall, C.M. Henderson, G.T. Brown, W.C. Clemitson, W.J. Pittar, T. Telford, J. Todd, T. Walton, W.J. Reay, C. Bowes-Lyon, G.W. Natrass, G. Anderson, J. Gibson, J. Curry and Dr. Routledge.

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No!.....Not season 1909, one hundred years ago.

The season I am referring to is this season, 2009.

You couldn't make it up could you?

I had hoped to celebrate a significant event in the history of Haydon Bridge Cricket Club by reporting a West Tyne League championship trophy for the First XI this season; and it looked for a while as though I was not to be disappointed. But the championship trophy next season will have to do instead now and indeed, success in 2010 would perhaps be just as fitting.

In **September 1909**, Alderman T. Carrick gave permission to the Haydon Bridge Cricket Club to lay out a cricket pitch on 'The Park' field. It was reported at the time that when completed the cricket field would be one of the best in the district, 'the site - as we are all aware now - being an admirable one'.

The club held jumble sales and other fund raising activities over the winter to meet the cost of laying out the ground and building the pavilion.

Haydon Bridge Cricket Club had previously played games at Low Hall, just to the east of the present football field, but in 1910 'The Park' replaced the Haydon Bridge show field as their home.

It was from the show field that prolific Haydon Bridge batsman Billy Pittar, who lived up the North Bank, hit the ball so hard during one match that it ended up in the middle of the River Tyne. A canny clout I think you'll agree.

The first game at 'The Park' was played on Saturday June 4th 1910, the new ground having been opened by the Rev. J.H. Mandell, President of the Cricket Club.

So you see. It will be appropriate if our Haydon Bridge Cricketers win the West Tyne League next season, to celebrate a cricketing century at Haydon Park.

No pressure there then lads!

## HAYDON BRIDGE NATURE CLUB AUTUMN AND WINTER TALKS September 2009 to April 2010

**1st October:** Gemma Hall.

'A Tour of Lapland: Linnaeus and the Wildlife of the North.'

**15th October:** Dr. Tony Hellen.

'The Legacy of Britain's POW Camps.'

**29th October:** Roy Deane.

'Public Wrongs of Way.'

**12th November:** David Raeburn.

'Images of Alaska.'

Talks are at 7.15 p.m. in  
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every other Thursday

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## OUT FOR A DUCK : Sunday August 30th 2009

Crowds lined the old bridge and as usual, Haydon Bridge residents were generous in their support for a local fund raising event when 900 ducks were purchased for the Cricket Club's annual 'Duck Race'.

This generosity resulted in the Cricket Club and The Haydon Bridge Playgroup and Tiny Tots, each benefiting by £810.

The winner of the £200 first prize in the 'Duck Race' - one of 30 prizes - was Ken Farish from Carlisle and

perhaps he deserved the prize having, along with his mates, purchased £40 worth of ducks on the day of the race. Second with a prize of golf for four at Slaley Hall, was James Brown. Third, with a meal for two at Langley Castle was Hope Thoburn, and Kevin Sim won a thirty day pass to 'No Limits Gym' for two; the fourth prize.

Congratulations to the winners and once again, well done to the Haydon Bridge Cricket Club and the supporters of another successful event.



JOHN KIRKUP and CHAD ALDER PREPARE TO LAUNCH 900 DUCKS  
INTO THE RIVER TYNE FROM BRIGWOOD

## ANCHOR HOTEL

In saying goodbye and best wishes to Norman and Janice, as they leave the Anchor Hotel, we welcome Colin and Jane and wish them every success during their time at this historic Haydon Bridge public house.



The winners of the Haydonian Leek Club may not have been able to 'furnish a room' with the leek prize they won, (*See page 7 column 2*) but £100 for each of the winners of the Pot Leek and Blanched Leek classes at this year's show, were prizes that ensured an excellent display of competitive entries.

In the Pot Leek class, Ernie Edwards triumphed with a leek of 165.61 cubic inches. Second and third were Bob Richardson and Gary Cunningham.

Jimmy Reynolds won the Blanched Leek section with 197.61 cubic inches. Bob Richardson and Gary Cunningham were again second and third.

In the Intermediate Leek class, Gary Cunningham won first prize and Davie Sutton was second.

Bob Richardson won the trophy for Best Leek in the Show.

The Leek Club entries were judged by Vin Thompson, and Mick Smith, who has been secretary of the Haydonian Leek Club for twenty years, expressed his delight at the overall standard of this year's entries.

In the vegetable section of the Social Club Show, the Haydonian Challenge Cup, presented to the competitor with the highest number of points, was won by Gary Cunningham by a single point over last year's winner Brian Burrows.

Prize winners in the vegetable show included:

6 Tomatoes: 1 Brian Burrows. 2 Michael Dickinson. 3 Gary Cunningham.

3 Onions: 1 George Carruthers. 2 Jimmy Reynolds. 3 Gary Cunningham.

2 Cucumbers: 1 Brian Burrows. 2 Gary Cunningham.

3 Globe Beetroot: 1 Michael Dickinson. 2 Brian Burrows.

2 Long Carrots: 1 Brian Burrows. 2 Gary Cunningham.

2 Stumpy Carrots: 1 Gary Cunningham. 2 Brian Burrows.

Large Cabbage: 1 James Brown. 2 Gary Cunningham. 2 Billy Carruthers.

Heaviest Onion: Won by George Carruthers.

Will Moore judged the vegetables.

In the flowers section, the Scottish & Newcastle Challenge for the competitor with the highest number of points was won by Michael Dickinson by one point from Club Steward, Robert Armstrong.

In the Industrial Bakery section, Carolyn Todd won the trophy for the overall winner. Success for Carolyn for the second year running.

Julie Carruthers judged the Industrial Classes.

**Congratulations to those who organised a most successful show and to everyone who took part.**



**JOANNA ARMSTRONG CHECKS OUT THE  
LEEK CLUB ENTRIES AT THIS YEAR'S SHOW**



**DAVE SUTTON WON FIRST PRIZE  
IN THE INDUSTRIAL CHOCOLATE CAKE  
AND THE FRUIT SCONES SECTIONS**

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Haydon Bridge  
July 28th 2009

I was privileged tonight (Monday July 27th) to witness the very best of what our local Volunteer Fire Service has to offer.

I was a customer in the Railway Hotel, Haydon Bridge when the Manager (Tim), on visiting the cellar, ascertained that the status of one of the carbon dioxide air cylinders was questionable. With his customer's safety in mind, he took the safe option, evacuated the premises and called the Fire Brigade. Five minutes after his call, I saw the Haydon Bridge Fire Brigade attend the premises.

As the Fire Engine drew to a stop and the Fire Chief stepped from the wagon, one of his crewmen stepped off the wagon fully attired in breathing apparatus and ready for action. His colleagues were similarly ready for duty seconds thereafter.

The Hexham fire appliance attended within five minutes, and was available to assist. The situation was resolved, no injuries incurred and the premises re-opened.

**I believe we are most fortunate to have volunteers of this calibre; men who are prepared and able to attend at a minutes notice, for the benefit of our community. We owe these volunteers to our community a heartfelt thanks.**

Sincerely,  
Captain Sam Quigley.

12 June 2009

Dear Dennis,

Your latest story of the Town Hall brought back memories of a long time ago. I remember the 'serials' on a Thursday night — Zorro, Roy Rogers, the Lone Ranger et al. All the kids would be in the (cheap) front two rows but as soon as the lights went out these rows mysteriously emptied as everyone crept further back into the more expensive rows in order to get a better view. When the ice creams were being sold down by the ante-room they would often open the door to the outside and there were one or two who would walk in (free) from the outside then go and watch the remainder of the film!

I was at the pictures the night that it caught fire. There had been a few breakdowns in the film accompanied by the stamping of feet as usual but suddenly it was accompanied by shouts and you could see the flames from the Projection Room. It was utter panic with a mad stampede for the side exit. It was a miracle that no-one was injured in the rush — there was no question of women and children first.

One further oddity was that the Town Hall was the only cinema that showed films on a Sunday night as it was usually frowned upon because it would interfere with church attendance. It was always full on a Sunday night.

Keep up the good work.

William Veitch.

Surrey  
August 4th 2009

Dear Mr. Telford,

I was very interested to read on the internet your historical writings in the Dec 2008 issue of 'Haydon Bridge On Line', especially those relating to the events in Haydon Bridge from around 1906 onwards.

I cannot contribute to that history, but am trying to discover as much as I can about Nicholas Dunn Pringle, the chemist who ran his business in Haydon Bridge at 10, Ratcliffe Road. He moved to there within the period 1901-05, and was still there in 1911. By 1920 he had left to begin a new life in Portsmouth.

Your article mentions (though does not describe) his contribution to the public meeting on March 24th 1906.

I am writing to ask whether you have encountered other material regarding

Mr. Pringle's life and business in Haydon Bridge, or perhaps even know of any photographs of him or of his shop in Ratcliffe Road. I would be very grateful to learn anything along these lines.

Yours sincerely,

(Dr) Christopher Hogger.

**Any information on our 20th Century chemist N.D. Pringle, reply to the editors in the first instance please.**

Australia  
July 15th 2009

Dear Editors,

It has been a great pleasure to have discovered 'The Haydon News On Line' and to see that letters from those of us with family connections to the area are welcomed.

Sometime around 1874 my Second Gt. Grandfather, William HAMLYN, moved his family from the small Devon village of Hermock, to live at Low Stonecroft and work in the lead mine.

In 1891, William was blind, possibly as a result of lead poisoning, and living in South Side, Haydon Bridge, and he died in 1892.

William's daughter Mary, known it seems as 'Polly' HAMLYN married Joseph GLENWRIGHT in 1884 and had three children, the eldest of which was my grandmother Elizabeth Ann GLENWRIGHT.

Sadly, Joseph died of TB in early 1890 and a year or so later Polly married another Haydon man, Joseph BROWN also a lead miner, but later a gardener.

I am fascinated by the fact that a man, then in his fifties, had the courage to move his family 300 miles north to make a new start in life, and I wonder whether or not he was a strike breaker.

My grandmother moved away after her marriage in Haydon in 1907 to Sydney NICHOLSON of Cumberland.

If any of this rings a bell with any of your readers I really would appreciate hearing from them, as I would if anyone has any photographs of the area taken in the late 19th century.

William HAMLYN and Joseph GLENWRIGHT were I believe buried at Haydon Bridge.

With many thanks and much appreciation.

David Mann.

August 15th 2009

Dear Editors,

I recently started researching my paternal family tree, which a couple of weeks ago took my wife and I to Haydon Bridge, and more particularly Grindon Hill.

Firstly, I should say that we had a very pleasant stay (albeit just one night) at The Reading Rooms B&B and found Haydon Bridge to be an attractive little place. However, the main purpose of the visit was to track down where my great grandfather, John Watson, was a shepherd as recorded in the 1871 census, and my grandfather and a great aunt were born. The census merely records his and his family's location as Grindon in the parish of Haydon.

We found two farms at Grindon Hill - the active Grindon Farm and the now partly B&B, Grindon Hill Farm. We couldn't find anyone in at the former and the lady at the latter could throw little light on whether or not my great grandfather could have once been there. I even called at H. Watson & Co's garage to see if there was a connection, but sadly there wasn't.

My question is, are you able to put me in touch with a local historian who might be able to help me with my research?

By the way, I found the August edition of The Haydon News very interesting.

Hoping you'll be able to help me.

John R. Watson.

York  
August 10th 2009

Good afternoon,

I wonder if it is possible to help with a bit of a 'quest' with the search for the family history of William Paxton, born at Bristol Lodge, Langley On Tyne in 1926.

He no doubt attended Langley School, and then possibly Secondary School in the area. Do you have any records of the school(s) from say 1930 approx onwards e.g. school records, photo's etc or indeed any local info or photo's of the Paxton family who lived in Langley On Tyne until most probably the 1940's?

Very many thanks in anticipation of your kind assistance.

Caroline Kavanagh

**If any readers can help our correspondents, please contact the editors in the first instance. Thank you.**



## **LIBRARY PROGRESS REPORT**

Work on the library refurbishment is moving toward completion. The electricians are making final fittings and the decorators have made a start painting the internal walls. There is still joinery work to be done with a new counter, shelving and storage space to be built. Then there's carpet fitting.

It is expected that our 'temporary library' will move from the Community Centre back into the library building in late October and continue running in the present way until the end of the year. By then all the new shelving and equipment should be in place. An application has been made to the Community Foundation for funding to purchase some new shelving and equipment for the library.

On Friday, 25th September Amanda Desmond from DEFRA paid a visit to the library to discuss the project. Accompanying her were representatives from One North East, Northumberland National Park and NCC. The Library Project was awarded a grant from Northumberland Uplands New Leader Funding. This is a combined government and European Grants scheme.

MP

*Our photograph shows Amanda Desmond discussing the scheme with Peter Fletcher and Eileen Charlton from the Haydon Bridge and Haydon Parish Development Trust, prior to looking round the library works.*



## **Parish Council Notes. (cont'd from page 3)**

Parish projects.

Christmas Lights.

As well as the trees and lights on the old bridge it is proposed to have a large illuminated Christmas Tree at the War Memorial this year. The Christmas Lights will be on from November 29th.

**Howard Oliver, organising the Christmas Lights again this year, would welcome suggestions for events/activities/performance at the 'switch on' ceremony. Please contact him on 688856 with your ideas**

Any other Business

In response to a letter of complaint from the Parish Council about the sewage outfall at the riverside, Northumbrian Water stated that the location and design of the Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) was undertaken in accordance with the Environment Agency. The suggestion that the pipeline be lengthened to ensure outfall was deposited in the river and not on the riverbank was rejected as this may result in damage to the pipe during times of high water levels. The company also stated that they had recently carried out cleansing work within the apparatus and now expect their actions to improve the performance of the CSO at the picnic site. They noted the Council's concerns regarding the potential health hazard following the CSO operating, and advised the Council to contact their customer care centre, in the event of further sewage debris discharging from the outfall onto the riverbank. They would then arrange for a cleaning operation in the affected area. The Council was not satisfied with this response and are to contact the Environment Agency.

Public Footpath Order.

The County Councillor informed the Council that in response to an application for the addition of a public footpath to the definitive map, NCC Rights of Way Committee resolved that there is sufficient evidence to justify that public footpath rights are reasonably alleged to exist from Bridge End to the end of Brigwood. There is now a period of time for appeal and objections, prior to the Secretary of State deciding whether or not there is a case for making the order.

**The next Parish Council meeting is on Thursday, 22nd October.**

MP.

## **PENNINE WAYS**

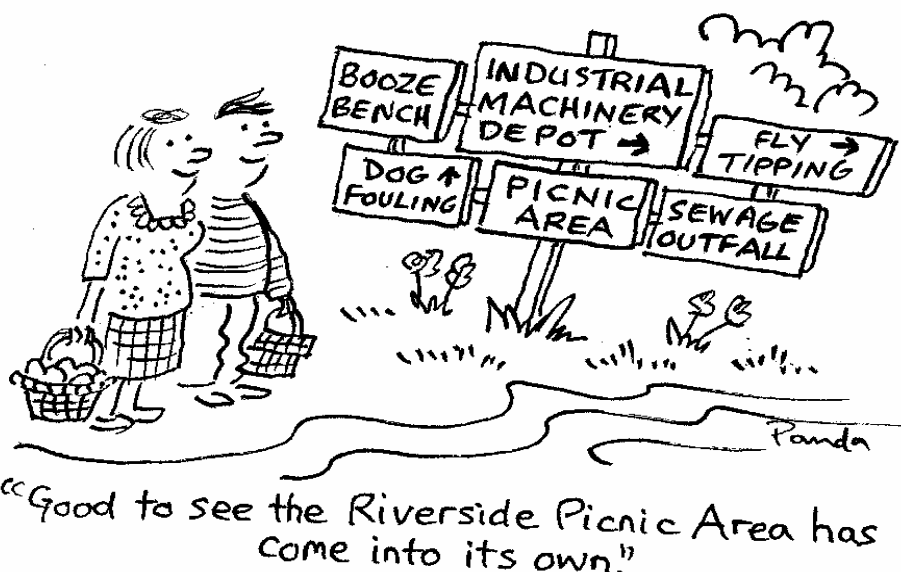
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**WE REGRET WE ARE UNABLE TO BRING YOU  
DR. PAUL WYATT'S BLOG THIS MONTH.  
IN THE MEANTIME WE HOPE THESE STORIES PROVIDE  
A TONIC FOR YOU.**

#### **EDWARD WAITE TROPHY 2009**



**Haydonian Jack Brown receives the Edward Waite Trophy.**  
At Skelton Show earlier in the summer Jack became the Under 8 stone, Under 15 World Cumberland & Westmorland Wrestling Champion.  
The Edward Waite Trophy for outstanding achievement was presented to Jack by Tony Jenkins, Chairman of Haydon Bridge United A F C.

#### **THE DALESMEN**



Our intrepid Haydonian walkers set off on their annual trip to Horton in Ribblesdale. We understand that the pathways up Pen-y-Gent, Ingleborough and Whernside were hardly disturbed, but the weekend takings in the local hostelrys exceeded all expectations.

Photo: Peter Parker

#### **BROADBAND CORNER**

An occasional column that brings you news and views from the internet that you may have missed.  
Contributions from our readers for this column are welcome.

##### **Teaching Maths in 1970**

A man with a saw mill sells a lorry load of timber for £1,000.  
Cost of production is  $\frac{4}{5}$  of the selling price.

**What is the profit?**

##### **Teaching Maths in 1980**

A man with a saw mill sells a lorry load of timber for £1,000.  
Cost of production is  $\frac{4}{5}$  of the selling price, or £800.

**What is the profit?**

##### **Teaching Maths in 1990**

A man with a saw mill sells a lorry load of timber for £1,000.  
Cost of production is £800.

**Did he make a profit?**

##### **Teaching Maths in 2000**

A man with a saw mill sells a lorry load of timber for £1,000.  
Cost of production is £800 and the profit is £200.

**Underline the number 200.**

##### **Teaching Maths in 2009**

A man with a saw mill cuts down a beautiful forest because he is totally selfish and inconsiderate and cares nothing for the habitat of animals or the preservation of our woodlands.  
He does this so he can make a profit of £200.

**What do you think of this way of making a living?**

**Topic for class participation after answering the question:**

How do the birds and squirrels feel as the man cut down their homes?  
(There are no wrong answers)

If you are upset about the plight of the animals in question, counselling will be available.

**DOCTOR WYATT'S COLUMN  
WILL RETURN TO THE  
HAYDON NEWS NEXT MONTH**

## Haydon Bridge High School goes green with £1,000,000 grant!



A team of Year 12 Students at Haydon Bridge High School are very excited to announce that they have been successful in their bid to become a Zero Carbon Exemplar Project. This means the DCSF have awarded them £1,000,000 to build an Eco Centre at the school and install renewable energy and energy saving technology to reduce our carbon footprint.

The team of students who initiated the project presented their feasibility study and the initial designs at a Zero Carbon Night held in the school hall on the 15<sup>th</sup> July. The architect of EcoCentre was also on hand for a question and answer session about the main design features. The planning application is due to be submitted in October, with work scheduled to begin in the Spring.



Alongside them, teams of students from Year 9 and 10 displayed green projects that they had been working on during the summer term. These included science projects looking at saving energy in the main building (a difficult task considering its age!) and geography students who had designed an environmental utopia. The science club were on hand to explain to the many visitors the steps that have already been taken to help the school reduce its carbon footprint, such as a staff car sharing day and the trees that the agriculture students have planted at the school. The students also encouraged visitors to make their own environmental pledge on a green footprint and then place it on the "road to carbon neutrality" which was running through the school hall!

Staff at the school are immensely proud of the students' achievements – perhaps it's time to start learning a lesson from them!

Cat Wright, Haydon Bridge High School



## REPAIRS TO OLD BRIDGE

As reported in July's edition of the Haydon News, work on the inverts beneath the old bridge has been completed. However, the next stage, repairs to the deck at the north end of the bridge, won't get underway until March 2010 at the earliest. The Environment Agency will not allow work on the bridge that might restrict or otherwise interfere with the flow of water during the fish migration season. So we'll just have to wait!

## RATCLIFFE ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

The improvements requested by the Parish Council for Ratcliffe Road still seem some way off. The road is now the responsibility of NCC Highways but the Council are still in negotiation with the Highways Agency about funding. It now appears that the money coming from the Highways Agency is not related to the costs of carrying out any repairs to the road or implementing any of the proposed improvements but more in the way of a compensation/gratuity payment for disruption caused during the construction of the bypass. As such it isn't going to amount to much. NCC are also negotiating with the Highways Agency with regard to funding the repairs and painting of the new bridge.

When they do take place, changes to Ratcliffe Road will include; removal of the yellow lines on the north side of the street, new street lighting, further changes to directional signs and improvements to the appearance of the Church St/Ratcliffe Road junction. Changes will not include the previously proposed chevron/herringbone parking scheme for the south side of the road as NCC Highways officers have decided that the road is too narrow.

## NOTICE

**WILL THE YOUNG MAN  
WHO OFFERED TO PUT ON  
A DVD DIGITAL ART SHOW  
FOR NEXT YEAR'S  
LOCAL ARTISTS'  
EXHIBITION  
PLEASE CONTACT  
R. FORD ON 684486  
TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE  
ARRANGEMENTS**



**CHURCH PAGE**

**CLERGY MESSAGE**

From

*Leo Pyle*

**OCTOBER 2009**



**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  
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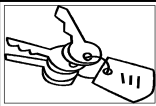
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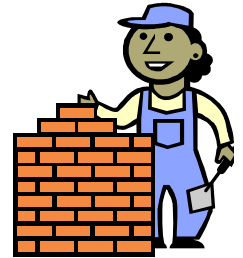
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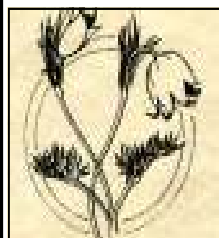
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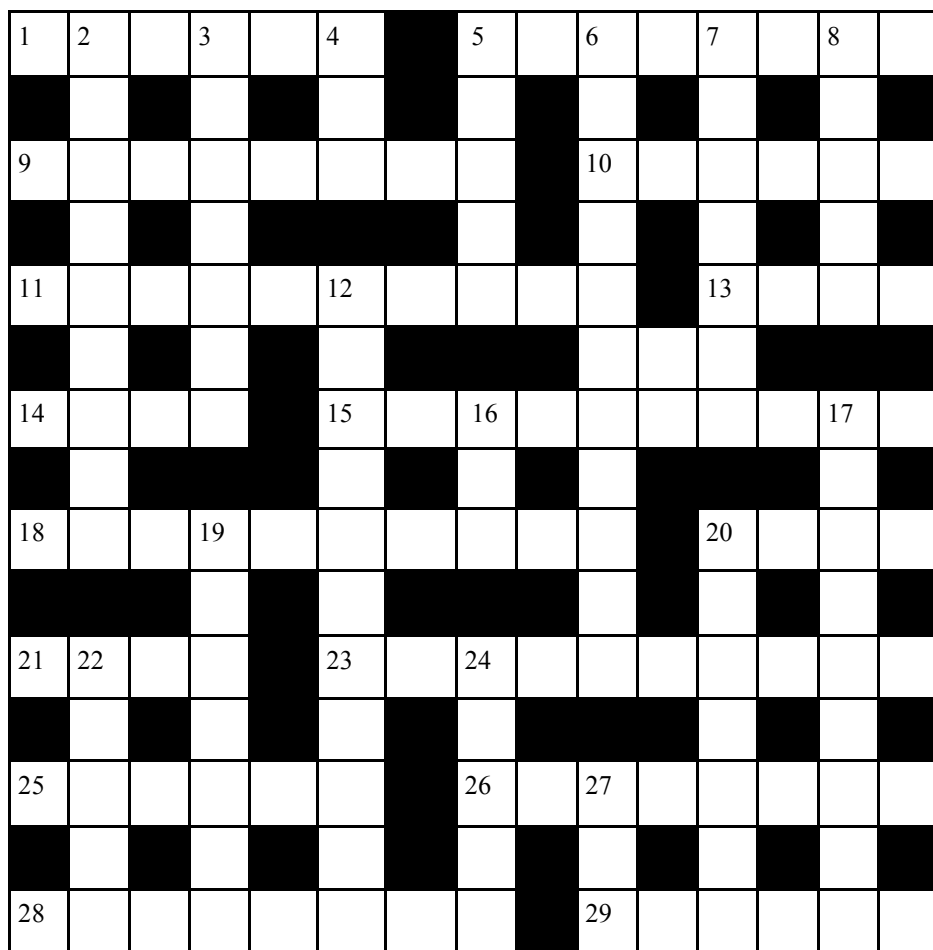
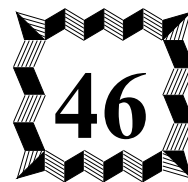
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## ACROSS

1. Hook the Spanish fish.(6)
5. Alcoholics breathe woven fabric.(8)
9. American female hormones found in plants.(8)
10. Hedged and dodged.(6)
11. A queer curl results in cracks.(10)
13. Blended teas satisfy.(4)
14. Conservative in the dumps.(4)
15. Saw projection cement cleaner.(10)
18. Rattle on, dingle in the Lakes.(10)
20. Luggage bulges.(4)
21. Discharge disease with a kiss.(4)
23. Chain up an old South American, a number devoured.(10)
25. Caress in a film.(6)
26. Support revolutionary servant.(8)
28. 18th August is her day. An emperor died on it.(2,6)
29. Being bust.(6)

## SOLUTIONS TO AUGUST'S CROSSWORD. (45)

### Across

1. Championship
8. Propane
9. Drastic
11. Luddite
12. Rapture
13. Sidle
14. Volunteer
16. Red spider
19. Cabot
21. Descant
23. Boredom
24. Laurels
25. Reflect
26. Obtuse angles

### Down

1. Crowded
2. Avarice
3. Preserved
4. Order
5. Sharpen
6. Intrude
7. Apple strudel
10. Cherry tomato
15. Lord Byron
17. Disturb
18. Plateau
19. Careful
20. Bidders
22. Taste

## DOWN

- 2 Ultra Asia reforms down under.(9)
- 3 Vessel with nothing in the middle shows elaborate style.(7)
- 4 Cut record.(3)
- 5 Forbid Trade Union language.(5)
- 6 Concerning flirty males, model stimulation. 24 down?(11)
- 7 Country torn apart is a unit.(7)
- 8 Day before National Trust function.(5)
- 12 Destroy old flame, wind up.(11)
- 16 Eggs heard to have six balls.(3)

17 Drunk loch, causing constriction.(9)

19 Ritter mah-jongg piece woven into fabric.(7)

20 Get older after body dressing.(7)

22 Left point to fewest.(5)

24 Two companies a recipe for a drink. 6 down?(5)

27 Withdraw initially from English basket ball.(3)

**26 entries for the last crossword is a record, and all correct, too. I have been informed by the compiler that this month's crossword is easier than his usual ones. Have a go!**

**NUMBER OF ENTRIES**  
**26 (all correct)**

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