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**THE HAYDON HUNT
TRADITIONAL
BOXING DAY MEET
(See Cover Note: page 8)**

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GEORGE HUTTON

1935 - 2010

It is with great sadness that we report the death of George Hutton.

George has been of special help in the production and distribution of The Haydon News and will be difficult to replace.

More than that however, George has been a great friend to all who have come to know him since his arrival in Haydon Bridge with his wife Josie, twelve years ago.

Although George was not a Haydonian by birth, he has had a very special relationship with the people of Haydon Bridge and beyond since he moved to the village. Always considerate and willing to help out, whatever the circumstances, and always prepared to put his own plans on hold if it meant that his skills or knowledge could benefit others.

But George will be especially missed by most of us, because he was a thoroughly nice person to be with.

Wednesday January 13th was a very sad day for all who were fortunate to know George Hutton, and our sincere thoughts are with his wife Josie and family as we share their loss.

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**Haydon Bridge
from the
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Site construction by Henry Swaddle.

PARISH COUNCIL NOTES from the meetings in December 2009 & January 2010

Meeting held on December 17th 2009.

Public Participation

The small size of the new waste bin at the cemetery was commented on. As this issue had also been raised at the previous Parish Council meeting the clerk was able to inform all present that Andy, the person tending the cemetery, is to set up a composting bin on the edge of the cemetery for dead flowers and other green waste. This will reduce the amount of waste being binned.

A councillor, speaking on behalf of three Langley residents, asked if the Council still opposed the proposed development at the Langley Brickworks site. He was informed that the Council's view was unchanged.

Parish Council Meeting.

10 councillors were present.

NCC Report.

As Cllr Sharp was unable to get to the meeting he sent notes on recent developments at NCC.

He informed the Parish council that he was prepared to contribute £5,000, from his capital fund, towards the cost of setting up the lighting scheme on the old bridge.

It has been confirmed that a new hospital will be provided at Haltwhistle. It is hoped that building work will start in 2011.

Highways

Following discussion on the safety of the by pass junctions at the previous meeting, councillors were informed by the Highways Agency that the present number of incidents at any one of the junctions is not giving cause for concern.

In answer to an enquiry the Council was told that the cost of speed activated traffic signs was about £9,000 each and would need to be funded either by the Parish Council or the local County councillor from their 'capital fund'.

During an inspection of the retaining walls alongside the A686 and Langley Burn between Threepwood junction and Langley Castle, it was noted that the burn is eroding the bank near to Esp Hill Farm. There has never been a retaining wall here so there appears to be little to

stop the water continuing to erode the bank to a point where it will affect the stability of the road. As a safety measure NCC Highways Dept have placed traffic lights on this section of the A686 to remove traffic flow from the affected area. The lights will remain until NCC have completed remedial works or until it is deemed that the risk is reduced sufficiently.

Following a survey on the general state of repair of roads in the Parish, three councillors and two officers from NCC Highways visited 25 sites where the condition of the road is giving cause for concern. The patching of the lane to Threepwood, and the lane between West Rattenraw and Peelwell, is to be done as soon as possible. Other works will be included in the programme for the coming year.

Concern was expressed about the reduction in the road gritting allocation and particularly how this would affect rural roads.

A councillor reported that she had had a complaint about the number of vehicles parked in Shaftoe Street and how this had caused the road to become blocked at a time when there were many children about. The police had been informed.

Planning applications.

The Parish Council was informed that planning permission had been given for building alterations to 7 Ratcliffe Road and also for building work at the Health Centre.

A planning application was received detailing plans for the conversion of the Haydon Hotel building into two dwellings. No objections were raised.

2010/2011 Parish Precept.

It was agreed to request a Parish Precept of £42,000 for the coming financial year.

Correspondence.

A continuing and regular correspondence is at present being conducted between NCC and the Parish Council about the County Council devolving to Parish Councils the responsibility for the maintenance of children's play areas. There will be more on this at the next PC meeting. (See page 11)

Village Projects.

The Council was informed that the Development Trust are considering applying to Northumberland National Park's Low Carbon Challenge Fund to undertake an energy conservation or generation project in the village. The Development Trust are also to collaborate with other Trusts to develop tourism along the Tyne Valley. Work on the new website for the Parish is now nearing completion. Businesses featured on the website are to be asked for their comments when the site is launched. (See page 12)

Library Project.

The temporary Library in the Community Centre will close in January. The books will then be transferred to the newly refurbished library building in Church Street. The library will reopen in the 'new' premises in February. The current library opening times will remain unchanged until the Visitor Information Centre and Internet Cafe open later in the year.

Lifebuoys.

The riverside lifebuoys have recently been checked.

Next meeting January 28th at 7.30pm.

The report on the January meeting is on Page 11.

MP.

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**HAYDON OLD CHURCH - Part II
(Part 1: see HN December 2009)**

The old church at Haydon was a 'chapel of ease'; one of a number of convenient places of worship for the residents of the large Parish of Warden. Haydon was a chapelry within that parish and was answerable to the Warden church until June 26th 1879.

Haydon Old Church, as it came to be known following the consecration of a 'new' church at Haydon Bridge on July 20th 1796, was probably built in 1190 and consisted of a chancel, and a nave with a western tower and a south aisle.

Around 1350 - 1360 a chapel was added to the chancel's south elevation.

The known incumbents of the 16 /17th Centuries were:

1577-78: Martin Liddle.

1578-1584: William Watson.

1604: John Clementson.

In 1795 the nave, aisle and tower of the original church were demolished, leaving the chancel and the south chapel we can visit today.

By the 16th Century, and almost certainly for many years before, the Haydon Chapel kept a lonely vigil high above the 'new town' of Haydon Bridge. The population within the ancient farm hamlet of Haydon was in decline.

To account for the remote location of Haydon Old Church, I need to introduce a brief history of the settlement of Haydon and for this I am indebted to L.C. Coombes for his close examination of Langley Barony's primary source material; and to his sons David and Christopher for allowing me to access their father's notes.

Our late historian formed the opinion that Haydon was a 'farm hamlet' rather than a village, as is often assumed. A cluster of dwellings and farm buildings would have stood on the sites where East and West Haydon Farms are today; and perhaps across the road from our old church in a field called Hall Garth. Hall Garth is part of the neighbouring farm today but in the 13th Century it was the site, suggested by L.C. Coombes, of a manorial hall, where Lady Anora - a daughter of Adam de Boltby, the Lord of Langley Barony - lived. Certainly, in

1296 Lady Anora was the wealthiest resident of Haydon, her Royal tax assessment being £14 : 10 shillings, £12 more than the next highest assessment.

These scattered farmsteads were a feature of our rural community - for example: Haydon of course, Deanraw, Brokenheugh, Chesterwood, Elrington, Grindon, Harsondale, Lees, Lightbirks, Lipwood, Millhills, Moralee, Tofts, Peel Well, Rattenraw, Sillywrea, Tedcastle, Vauce, Whinnetley and Woodhall - and before the village of Haydon Bridge was built alongside the river crossing in the 14th Century, these were the centres of the barony's population.

It follows then that when it was built in 1190, the Haydon chapel of ease was within relatively easy reach of many residents, certainly on the north side. By the 14th /15th centuries however, although Haydon maintained its importance in the barony alongside Haydon Bridge, the population was on the move into the valley where a market (1323) and other trading opportunities were developing.

The history of Haydon as written by L.C. Coombes, indicates a steady decline in the number of tenants there between 1296, when thirty tenants of Haydon were assessed for the 'Royal tax', and 1717 when there were only two. In 1396 there had been nine taxpayers and in 1570 there were six.

Although the population of Haydon declined from the 13th to the 18th Century, there is no doubt that St. Cuthbert's Chapel at Haydon was still used by many Haydon Bridge residents, even though the Langley Chapel of St Mary and St Katherine - on Chapel Hill where Shaftoe Terrace now stands - was more convenient. Certainly during the period after the demolition of the Langley chapel (between 1715 and 1723) and the consecration of the new Haydon Bridge church on July 20th 1796, there was no place of worship other than the Haydon chapel of ease.

It is also worth recalling that, although there may have been burial grounds long forgotten, there were no other churchyards in or near Haydon Bridge where interments could take place; until July 1796.

So the chapel at Haydon continued to be used regularly into the late 18th

century, even though by then it was and had been for many years previously, inconveniently situated for a large part of the barony's population, and had been neglected by the authorities.

In 1715, the chapel of ease at Haydon was described by John Warburton as:

'Built of good freestone, hye roofed and covered with (stone) slate with a tower at ye west end.'

The visiting antiquary gave no indication of the general state of affairs within and around the chapel in 1715, but Thomas Sharp, the Archdeacon, was not so reticent in his report of a visitation on September 12th 1723 when, 'upon a view of the defects', the following directions were given by him to the church wardens and recorded in the St. Cuthbert's Chapel Register.

To provide:

- 1 A paten and flagon for ye communion
- 2 A Bason for the Offertory
- 3 A New large linen cloth and a lesser cloth or napkin to cover the Elements
- 4 A Carpet or Cloth for the Communion Table
- 5 A Cover to ye font
- 6 A Book of Homilies
- 7 A Table of Marriages
- 8 A Book of Common prayer for ye Clerk

Also:

- 9 The Stone pulpit to be new cleaned and painted or white washed and a new desk of wood fitted to it and a little block of wood to kneel upon and a new door fixed to it
- 10 The Font also to be cleaned and painted or whitened A Door made to ye Reading desk
- 11 The Reading desk to be repaired and strengthened and ye great stones about it removed and decent regular stone steps or wooden stairs to be made into ye Reading desk and into the pulpit

All these things to be done before Easter next and a certificate thereof signed by ye Minister and Churchwardens to be delivered into the Archdeacons Court ye visitation immediately following

Thos: Sharp

In addition to these improvements to be done before Easter 1724, Thos Sharp ordered that before Michaelmas 1724:

- 1 The floor to be paved where it is not now flagged and ye flags and stones now in ye Church to be new laid, plain and

even throughout Church and Chancel
2 The seats to be made even and regular and uniform by ye possessours of them and upon failure hereof ye Churchwardens are to certify that an order for regulation of seats may be issued from ye Courts at Durham

All to be certified at ye Michaelmas visitation following

And there's more!

Ordered before Easter 1725:

The bell formerly hanging in the steeple to be recovered and exchanged of new cast Otherwise a new bell nearly of ye same weight and dimensions to be bought and hung up and ye steeple sufficiently covered and repaired

This report of September 1723 appears to be a clear indication of the state of disrepair into which St. Cuthbert's Chapel at Haydon had fallen.

The next Archdeacon's visitation for which we have a record was forty years later on July 15th 1763 and the situation doesn't appear to be a great deal better. The Churchwardens are once more directed towards the earth floor, broken pews, communion table and the church bell; that had gone missing by 1763.

Upon a view of the defects the following directions were given by him (the Archdeacon) to the Churchwardens:

- Imprimis: that the passage be broken out betwixt the Church and the Steeple and a door hung
2 A roof to the steeple
3 The pews to be flagged throughout the Church or boarded
4 All the pews in the Church to be furnished with kneeling boards either fixed or moveable
5 All the broken pews repaired and set even
6 A new communion table
7 A new carpet or cover for the Communion table so large as to reach down to the floor on three sides
8 The Parish Chest or closet to be removed from within the rails and placed in a corner of the Vestry
9 The highest part of the passage before the Pulpit Door removed and a step made close within the door of the Pulpit
10 A panelled partition drawn between the north Corner of the Reading Desk and the nearest pew
11 The floor of the Reading Desk to be continued to the said partition
12 The side wall of the porch raised somewhat higher Arched in front and the

- whole decently slated
13 A Bason for the Alms
14 A Table of Marriages framed and hung up
15 The flagging where sunk laid even and regular
16 A Bell of a sufficient size provided and hung with a wheel
17 The two cracks one on each side near the east end of the Church to be repaired and strengthened
18 All the heaps of stones and rubbish lying against the walls of the church or chancel to be removed
19 The Chapel yard wall to be put into decent repair
20 No stones allowed to be placed at either end of any Grave but such as have inscriptions on them and these only with the consent of the Minister
All.....to be done before Michaelmas next

John Sharp

Whether the repairs at St Cuthbert's Chapel at Haydon, as directed by John Sharp, were ever carried out, I do not know. My guess is probably not, because just thirty years later plans were being made for the building of a new place of worship for the population of 1,740 in the Haydon chapelry; which was still within the Parish of Warden.

The new dependent chapel was to be built on a more convenient site in Haydon Bridge, on land given by the Governors of Greenwich Hospital. The nave, tower and south aisle of the 12th Century Haydon chapel were demolished to provide some of the building stone for this new chapel, our present St Cuthbert's Church, which was consecrated on July 20th 1796.

I will introduce the interesting story of 'The Cross of Haydon' at this point in my history of the old church.

According to the Black Book of Hexham Priory, the prior and convent of Hexham held seven acres of land 'in the ville of Hayden' which they had had in their possession 'from a time beyond all memory'.

Four acres were 'laid round the church of Hayden.....' Perhaps the field to the north of the chapel, called Cross Field.

According to John Hodgson in his Northumberland County History, a large stone, traditionally called the 'Cross of Haydon', was removed from the field and set up by Mr. Tweddle in

Haydon Bridge.

Further information is provided by William Lee, a 19th Century recorder of parish events. In 1876 Lee writes that the 'market cross' was removed from the chapel at Haydon on January 26th 1771 and taken down to Haydon Bridge where it was placed at the south end of the bridge. - Where the 19th Century Odd Fellows Hall stands. (*The Haydon Bridge Tandoori and a residence in 2010.*)

After remaining a very short time there, it was removed to the Red Gate, east of Low Hall farm house - where the A686 Alston road joined the A69 before the Haydon Bridge Bypass was built. It was apparently the intention of Mr. Francis Tweddle of Threepwood Hall to have it conveyed to his residence.

William Lee's information suggests that this was never done and about the year 1835, when a large drain was being made in a field called the Haugh, east of the Low Hall, one of the workman named James Nichol broke up the old cross and put it into the drain. Interestingly, the burn that runs south to north at that spot is called the Crossley Burn.

The contradictions in Hodgson's and Lee's stories pose the questions: Was it a chapel cross from Haydon or was it a market cross from Haydon Bridge? - Haydon Bridge having been a market 'town' since 1323 when Anthony de Lucy procured a charter for a market and fair.

We will probably never know the answer, but whatever the origin of the 'Cross of Haydon', this particular piece of parish history appears to have come to a rather sad end.

But can we be sure that the drain at the Haugh was the end for our ancient cross?

In 1923, a local historian writing in the Hexham Courant, referred to an 1889 letter from Cadwallader John Bates in which he related the find of a 'piece of a small Anglican cross shaft' in the river near Crossley Burn.

The fragment reported by Bates was confirmed as being of Saxon origin and according to the late Charlie Coombes in 1990, it was housed in Langley Castle.

So where is the last resting place of the Cross of Haydon?

Following the removal of the nave, tower and aisle of St Cuthbert's Chapel at Haydon, in 1795, a new stone wall was built across the west end of the

remaining chancel and the chancel and the south chapel became known from that time as 'Haydon Old Church'.

The 'Old Church' remained, but only as a mortuary chapel and interments continued to be made in the churchyard there for many more years; long after the churchyard of the chapel in Haydon Bridge was consecrated in July 1796, and even occasionally after a further cemetery was consecrated behind Alexandra Terrace, on March 23rd 1871.

For example: my grandparents Elizabeth and William Ridley Telford, were buried in the old Haydon churchyard in 1956 and 1964.

It was not always easy to get a grave digger to make his way to the old church in the 1950's however, and it is sad to recall that the grave of my grandmother Elizabeth Telford, who died suddenly in 1956, had to be dug by her mourning son, Ridley Telford. Digging a grave for his mother could not have been an easy task for my uncle. Older residents will remember Ridley as a native of Haydon Bridge, our village butcher and a parish councillor.

The next record I have of St Cuthbert's Old Church at Haydon is from 1840 when it was described by John Hodgson.

'The antient chapel of Hayden was dedicated to St. Cuthbert, and a spacious and venerable fabric, seated on a conspicuous knoll, in the farm called the Tofts, and near the village from which it derives its name. Its site, upwards and downwards, commands a wide prospect over the valley of the South Tyne.

The nave has been entirely removed, and its site now forms part of the chapel yard, which is still used as a burial ground, and very decently and creditably fenced around. But the chancel, where the funeral service is performed, is in every respect in a very squalid and neglected condition. It measures 27 feet in length, and has been lighted with three semi-circular windows of one light each, and over-canopied with mouldings, supported with round and graceful side columns.....'

Hodgson continues with a description of the internal monuments and inscriptions to which I shall return in future issues of The Haydon News.

It is John Hodgson's description of the chancel as being 'squalid and neglected' that should have shamed

those responsible for its upkeep in 1840. And perhaps it did eventually, because in 1882 Charles Clement Hodges was given the responsibility for surveying the Haydon Old Church and planning for its restoration.

Hodges's description in 1882 confirms John Hodgson's account of the 'neglected' chapel forty two years earlier.

'When I first saw (the old church) on the 18th May 1882, I never saw a sacred building in a more forlorn or squalid state. It had not been used for some time..... The floor was damp and uneven, and so covered with dirt that many of the inscriptions on the slabs were illegible: some of the windows were unglazed, and the ceiling of lath and plaster was full of holes and large portions of it hanging down ready to fall. In the north-west corner was a sort of pulpit, formed of old panels.....from which the funeral service was read, and for the accommodation of the mourners were a few seats formed of boards laid loosely upon the baluster shafts of some destroyed table tombs, and which had been brought from the graveyard.'

And so, the 1882 restoration of our old chapel at Haydon was decided upon and it is that to which I shall turn my attention in next month's issue.

HAYDON OLD CHURCH A MYSTERY!

In the Register of St Cuthbert's Chapel, Haydon, there is a gap in the records of marriages between 1754 and, save for the occasional ceremony, 1798.

The 1908 compilers of a composite archive of births, marriages and deaths at Haydon had an explanation for this oddity. Under Lord Hardwicke's Marriage Act of 1753, the Register of Marriages had to be kept in a separate book from the births and deaths and the researchers of 1908 assumed that this book had gone missing in the intervening years.

Ex Haydonian William Veitch offers another explanation to readers of The Haydon News.

In March 1754 a strange situation occurred at Haydon Old Church - all marriages ceased to take place and did not resume there until 1798. What was

stranger still was that baptisms and burial ceremonies carried on as before, so it could not be that they lacked a priest, or that the Church had collapsed, or that the village went 44 years without anyone needing to get married.

Could they have lost the Marriage Register?

The reason for this strange situation was an Act of Parliament, the Marriage Act of 1753 which became operative on the 24 March 1754.

This Act of Parliament required that a marriage be performed in the Parish Church of one of the spouses (or in certain designated Chapels) by an Anglican Clergyman in the presence of at least two witnesses and after the publication of Banns, or by authority of a valid Marriage Licence. (This did not apply to Jews or Quakers.) Churches had to keep a separate Book of Marriages - prior to this the entries were often mixed up with baptism and burial entries in the Parish Register.

The reason for the cessation of marriages at Haydon was that they (whoever was responsible) did not licence Haydon Old Church for marriages within the Act. Maybe it was the fault of the mother church at Warden or that chapels of ease could not be licensed. Certainly the nubile ladies of Haydon Bridge must have been unaware of the impending problem as there was no rush of couples to be wed before March 1754, but they must have got a shock when they did apply!

So, what did the Haydonians do?

They all had to go to the Mother Church at Warden to be wed!

What a trek - no buses or trains in those days and the vast majority would not own a horse so would have to walk. Just imagine the happy couple - with friends - having to walk from Haydon Bridge to Warden and back on a wet or snowy day. Not a promising start to a marriage, but the only real alternative was Gretna. - An even worse trip.

Even wealthy couples such as the Eshtons of Chesterwood or the Mulcasters of Langley had to make the trip to Warden - although they would most likely have carriages. If there was an Inn where the Boatside Inn now stands, it would have done a roaring trade!!

For some unknown reason there were a few couples who appeared to get around the ban.

When Henry Richmond married Mary

Elizabeth Hall in 1790 the ceremony was performed in Haydon Old Church. Maybe the fact that the Curate who performed the ceremony was called George Hall could have something to do with it. In 1783 three couples were married in Haydon Old Church by Joseph Fell, the Curate of Warden and there were three other marriages in the 1790's.

Strange goings on. I wonder if anyone told them that, as the Church was not licensed for marriages, their marriages would be illegal!

In the period 1754-1798 an average of seven couples per year from Haydon Parish were married in Warden Church, a total of 315 marriages. This average was similar to the annual numbers before 1754 and after 1798 who married at Haydon.

In the period in question, some thirty seven couples were married by licence -

this was more expensive but useful because the marriage could take place immediately.

Oh dear! You are probably jumping to conclusions now!

One crafty couple were William and Elizabeth Brown who had twins baptised at Haydon Old Church in March 1787 and then went to Warden to get married by licence in the April. Or, there was poor Elizabeth Mewes who had to get to Warden in the middle of January 1782 when over eight months pregnant, to allow Joseph Burnhope to make a decent woman of her (he must have been somewhat reluctant).

But that was not always the case, as being married by licence also meant that you were comparatively affluent.

Haydon Old Church was not in a particularly good condition at this time

but Warden Church was probably little better as in 1765 it was almost entirely rebuilt and that probably accounts for the fact that only three couples from Haydon Parish made the trek that year.

It is not known when a licence to carry out marriages was eventually obtained for Haydon, but it appears to be circa 1797 as they were back 'up to speed' by 1798. - Perhaps it was due to the new Church being built in the village. Even then, a few couples must have doubted its authenticity as they still made the trek to Warden in the interim two years.

So, Haydon Old Church moved from being a chapel of ease to Warden Church to a chapel of (un)ease to St Cuthbert's Church in the village.

A mystery resolved!

Wm Veitch

HAYDON BRIDGE THEN AND NOW

On the north side of Ratcliffe Road is John Spark's former grocery shop. A much smaller version of today's Co-operative.

The Haydon Bridge Drug Stores were occupied in turn by Thomas Bell Rowell. Nicholas Dunn Pringle. Bell & Riddle. and W. Reynoldson

And on the other side of the street!

* Four dwellings stand on the site of the Rose garden.

And left to right in my lower photograph:

- 1: Ned Henderson's joiner's shop.
- 2: Wm. Henderson Brown's blacksmith's shop.
- 3: General Havelock Inn.
- 4: Turnbulls the cobblers
- 5: The Black Bull public house.
- 6: Jimmie Birnie's barbers. Later it became 'Antonio's'.



THE TURKEY CROWN AFFAIR

On Friday December 18th in Woodies Café, Sue Zellas provided a lovely Christmas lunch for what has become a very enjoyable annual treat for our older residents.

Maybe you can tell by the photographs that it was a 'Happy Hour' in the Railway Hotel!

Thank you so much once again Sue for your generous gesture, and to everyone else involved. All your efforts were much appreciated by those present.



COVER NOTE

As I joined a large crowd of spectators gathered on Church Street to welcome the annual Boxing Day meet of the Haydon Hunt, I recalled the words penned in 1927 as an introduction to a history of the Haydon Hunt and its neighbouring packs.

'As long as our memories go back we recall the pessimistic prophesy that 'fox-hunting is doomed'. The passing of the squirearchy, and their estates, with the hateful and misnamed socialistic spirit, the ever increasing expense of maintaining a pack of hounds, all combine to make us pessimists in our generation.'

So what is new?

And in reference to the Haydon Hunt.

'Hunting counties most blessed with tradition and local patriotism will be the last to lay aside the horn'

Recognised as the longest established pack of fox-hounds in Northumberland, the first record of the Haydon Hunt may be a stuffed fox in an inscribed glass case that was placed in the Anchor Inn in 1809; in honour of a great run.



This fox, a wild inhabitant of the west banks of River Allen, was killed November 25th 1809, after a hard chase of three hours by the celebrated hounds of the Haydon Hunt, and placed here by members thereof in honour of the Receiver of Greenwich Hospital.

A fox was not a common sight in the early years of the hunt, the usual quarry of the Haydon being the hare. The traditional Haydon huntsman's dress colour reflected this; it was the green associated with hare hunting.

Following a presentation to Michael Lloyd for his twenty years' service to the Haydon, and a thank you to Sue the Railway Hotel licensee, for hosting the Boxing Day meet, the dogs and supporters made their way up the North Bank to Chesterwood and the northern boundaries of the Haydon country, celebrating over two hundred years of countryside tradition; in spite of a 2004 Act that seems to have been a proper pantomime in its application.

Oh well! If you are dragging a smelly rag across Grindon Fell on a Boxing Day morn, beware.

"The dogs are behind you!"

"Oh no they're not!"

"Oh yes they are!"

"Oh no they're not!"

"Oh yes they

TYNEDALE SPORTS COUNCIL AWARDS

In December's issue of The Haydon News we reported on Haydon Parish's nominations for the 2009 Tynedale Sports Council Awards.

Congratulations to Haydon Bridge's under 14's boys' volley ball team who won the 'Isobel Icton Trophy' for the High School Team of the Year, at the prize giving on December 1st 2009.

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The Haydon News would not arrive at your door were it not for more than thirty volunteers who give of their time each month. We would like to thank Mabel Renney for her support recently.

HAYDON LOCAL ARTISTS

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

The Haydon Local Artists' Annual Summer Exhibition will take place this year from July 4th to July 10th

This is an early reminder for entrants that in 2010, the exhibition will be in July, not in June as has been the case in past years.

Why not start the new year by preparing your work for this popular annual exhibition.

Enquiries to:

Robert Ford Tel. 01434 684486

HAYDON BRIDGE NATURE CLUB

AUTUMN AND WINTER TALKS September 2009 to April 2010

4th February: Derek Parker.
'Trees and Famous Gardens.'
Nature Club A.G.M.

18th February: Dr. John Richards.
'A Naturalist in Borneo.'

4th March: Mr & Mrs L. Jamieson.
'Flowers of the Mediterranean.'

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

Coffee/tea and biscuits provided

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

ALL ARE WELCOME
INCLUDING NEW MEMBERS

For further information please contact:
John DeStefano, Hon. Sec. Tel: 01434 683124

Or Programme Secretaries:
Emmi Althaus: Tel: 01434 606173
Christine Swaddle; Tel: 01434 684498



“HO, HO, HO.”

This happy chappie was delighted to have been out and about in Haydon Bridge for the Christmas lights switch on.

And three year old Kristian Parker was also so pleased to have met up with him.

Congratulations to everyone involved in lighting up the village. You can all be sure your efforts were much appreciated.

£5 SENIOR FARE OFFER ON THE TRAINS

Anyone 55 years old or over can travel until Friday March 5th 2010 between any two stations on the Carlisle to Newcastle route for £5. (proof of age required, either a passport, birth certificate, concessionary bus pass or senior railcard)

To take advantage of this senior flat fare offer:

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- Show proof of age
- Pay £5.00 flat fare

There are some restrictions:

Mondays to Fridays only – outward; any train timed to depart from 0930, return any time the same day, but not valid to return from MetroCentre or Newcastle between 1601 – 1759 inclusive.

Valid between any two stations on routes stated.

Not available weekends.

No railcard discounts permitted.

This offer ran from Monday January 11th and ends on Friday 5 March 2010.

Please note: offer tickets can only be purchased from the conductor on the train when boarding at unstaffed stations or when the ticket office is closed.

**We are grateful to the
Tyne Valley Line Rail Users' Group
for providing this information
for readers of The Haydon News**

www.tvrug.org

CORRESPONDENCE

New Zealand.
December 31st 2009

Hi,

Just a short note to wish all those ‘back home’ all the best for the New Year. Just about to finish work here (It’s New Year’s Eve) and had a quick look at The Haydon News. I do so regularly throughout the year and its always good to see what’s happening in a town I left many years ago but still have fond memories of.

We were back recently for a couple of months. It was great to catch up with the family and it’s still a beautiful part of the world.

A special hello to Kevin, Lynne,

Petula and Sandra and of course my parents in Allendale. I’m unsure what the weather’s like over there at present but it was 32C on Christmas Day here and they are forecasting 27C tomorrow.

The beach beckons!

All the best again and keep up the good work.

Graham Bulman.

Thank you Graham and it’s good of you to remind us about the temperatures you are enjoying!!! Global warming doesn’t appear to have arrived in Haydon Parish yet. Although I believe we are paying for it!

**‘WHEN THE SNOWMAN BRINGS THE SNOW
WELL HE MIGHT JUST LIKE TO KNOW
HE’S PUT A GREAT BIG SMILE, ON SOMEBODY’S FACE’**



Sledding in the field below Peel Well : Haydon Bridge January 2010



AND WHAT ABOUT 100 YEARS AGO?

WELL, FEBRUARY 1912 TO BE PRECISE.....

37 degrees of frost were recorded in the second week of February 1912 and the river above the bridge at Haydon Bridge provided an ideal skating rink.

Unlike 2010, the Arctic conditions did not lead to the cancellation of local sports; although our football team may well have wished they had. Haltwhistle beat Haydon Bridge 6 - 1 on February 10th 1912 in a Clayton Cup second replay!

Did you know that the coldest temperature ever recorded in the North East was at Haydon Bridge; 42 degrees of frost on January 21st 1881. My grandfather was nine years old then and when alive he used to regale me with stories of skating, tar barrel bonfires and the village’s brass band playing, on the frozen Tyne at Haydon Bridge.

I am sure I've written this before but make no excuse for repeating myself.

A story told by a true lover of nature never ages and just as Bill Tait's musings were a delight thirty years ago, so they are a pleasure to read again today.

A WOODLAND WALK IN THE WINTER SNOW

Cold and bleak lay the countryside and evil was the wind as I trudged across the fields above Morralee towards the vast, wooded banks of the Allen.

A good foot of snow made walking difficult as I looked down towards the old farm house, and I felt that more snow was to come.

Still and silent lay the wood as I made my way along the frozen track towards the lily pond, a place well known to me as a boy and holding countless nostalgic memories. Nature's icy mood held the woodland in frozen beauty.

Every tree was festooned in glistening white and every rock and overhanging root bedecked with icicles. But how the place has changed over the years. Gone are the tall pines at the margin of the pond where I would sit and watch the heron. Gone also are the badgers from the sett where once stood old timber.

The red squirrels are still here - as I observed from their footprints in the snow - but winter is a drowsy time in field and woodland for many creatures, tucked up in secluded nooks in hibernation until gentler days arrive.

The squirrel and wood mouse can be seen during the cold days of winter, for they do not hibernate completely. Usually they take advantage of a mild spell to visit their stores of nuts and seeds, but they soon hurry back to their warm drey or tree hollow and fall again into a deep sleep.

Although the wood is silent, a little observation dispels the feeling that it is devoid of life. Tracks of a hunting fox coming from the rhododendrons will end momentarily at the edge of the pond, where digging is commenced among deep snow. "Obviously looking for mice" I thought as I wandered on.

A heron had recently walked on the ice at the edge of the lily pond. Its track is easy to recognise on account of its size and general make-up, for apart from the front toes, which are long and slender, they also have a long first toe. Each toe

has a long claw, used by the bird to grip branches of trees when landing from flight.

As I ploughed my way back through the snow towards the fence, and lights flickered on in the old farmhouse, I stopped a while with my memories and looked out over the cold scene.

Half a century ago, the country villages and farms would have been in danger of running out of food supplies in such hard weather as this.

My old friend Joe, who then lived at the Fell Cottage, would be prepared for such eventualities.

In November, Joe would have ordered paraffin oil, and at least 2-3 tons of coal and 9-12 stones of flour, to store away in the stone-floored larder.

His wife, Annie, would have busied herself baking barley and treacle scones and storing them away on groaning shelves alongside home-made cheeses and farm butter and bowls of eggs.

Sides of home-fed ham would have been hung from the oak beams, and with meat from the pig, Annie made sausages from her own special recipe; adding to the meat chopped-up hardboiled eggs, rather than bread or biscuit meal.

The strings of sausages would be wrapped around a hazel stick and hung along the oak beams until they were black, with smoke from the fire or oil lamp, along with strings of home-grown onions. In the outhouse, swedes, potatoes and carrots would be snugly stored.

Cattle munched away at hay which had been spread out for them in the frozen snow, and sheep fed upon rolled barley and oats from the long troughs as I climbed the fence towards the lower fields, spotting at the same time the tracks of a hare which earlier had travelled my way.

The pleasant architectural outline of Ridley Hall sank gently into the darkness, lost among leafless trees as the sun went down, staining the snow with delicate tints of crimson and rose, and I climbed the fence back to the road and the prospect of home.

**This story was Published in
The Haydon News
with the kind permission of
Mrs Jean Tait**

WOOD TURNERS

The latest meeting of the Wood Turners at the Brampton Community Centre was a '**Hands-On-Day**' to give members the opportunity of repeating some of the demonstrations given by Peter Parker and Ian Forster. Using two lathes to show improved techniques with standard tools, as well as methods of using specialist tools to produce a range of textures on spindle work and end grain articles.

Apart from allowing members to try these tools before considering buying them for themselves in the future, it also allowed the average turner to have an experienced specialist standing by to give advice and encouragement.

The next meeting will be a "**Critique Evening**" on Thursday 18th February at 7 p.m. when members will bring along recently finished articles to be appraised on design and craftsmanship.

Visitors are very welcome.

**For more information. (Telephone
Peter Parker - 01434 684571)**



**It was so cold, even the man on the monument
needed a 'top-hat' and scarf!
(Photo: Peter Parker)**

PERSONAL NOTICE

Ebullient 44 year old has much love he would like to share with a willing lady of similar age. She must be prepared to spend many hours in the pub, discussing Bouncers and Googlies; Scrums and Rucks; and (of course) the Offside Rule. This suitor has been well schooled in taking care, and is full of hope that he can bowl a maiden over.

Please reply through The Haydon News.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 28TH 2010

Councillor Dave Smith died on Monday 25th January. The meeting began with a period of silence in memory of Cllr Smith and to mark his contribution to the Haydon and Tynedale community.

Public Participation

The unsatisfactory size of the bin at the cemetery was mentioned again. A compost area is to be created for dead flowers, hopefully reducing the waste deposited in the bin. People visiting the cemetery and taking bottles of water for flowers are reminded that the tap at the cemetery is working again. They are also requested to take plastic water bottles home, rather than leave them at the cemetery.

It was noted that the gate latch at the cemetery is broken.

A new waste bin for the riverside picnic area has been ordered.

The council was informed that the crack in the parapet stonework at the southern end of the old bridge has widened. It was noted that complaints/concerns about the crack have been expressed to the council on occasions over the past 15 years. A letter is to be sent to NCC Highways Dept to request its repair when work on the bridge decking is carried out later in the year.

Concern was expressed at the amount of broken glass round the glass recycling bins. The bins are filled to overflowing as they have not been emptied since December.

PC Sue Cockburn joined the meeting to discuss, with those present, the problems presented by parked cars in Shaftoe Street. This followed a complaint received by the police and reported to the December council meeting. She pointed out that any action to restrict parking would have to be taken by NCC Highways. The police roll was to ensure people complied with any restrictions put into place.

PC Cockburn suggested that a starting point could be a survey of local residents and those people regularly using the route along Shaftoe Street, whether on foot or by vehicle.

Concerns were repeated about the dangers presented to children and

parents walking to Shaftoe School as the pavements were frequently blocked by parked vehicles, forcing pedestrians to walk on the road. Access by emergency vehicles was another concern.

It was noted that the Langley road/ Shaftoe Street route into the village was busier now the bypass was opened and the new Showfield housing development occupied. The council are to consider undertaking a survey in the hope of finding a solution to this long standing problem.

PC Cockburn was thanked for her contribution to the discussion.

Council Meeting.

4 parish councillors were present and Alan Sharp, the county councillor.

Northumberland County Council Report from Cllr Sharp.

Discussions continue between NCC Highways Dept and CVC, the bypass construction company, about the condition of Land Ends Road and who is responsible for repairs.

CVC are arguing that there has been little deterioration in the road surface as a result of its use by their construction vehicles during the bypass works. NCC are taking the position that CVC should make good the damage their vehicles caused to the road surface and drains. This particularly applies to the section between West Land Ends and the village. As there were, initially, no proposals for Land Ends Road to be used by heavy vehicles, during the construction of the bypass, no photographs were taken of the road prior to work commencing. This would be normal practice, so evidence would be available, if required, to indicate the condition of the road before and after use.

The meeting was informed that at a Bypass Forum Meeting (these were held at regular intervals during the bypass work) CVC did say they would make good Land Ends Road when the bypass was completed. The council was told that this would have been recorded in the minutes of the meeting. Discussions are to continue to resolve the problem.

Cllr Sharp then went on to talk about the budget proposals and the effect these would have on services. He said there was no truth in the rumour that Tourist Information Centres were to be

closed as part of the cuts. He also said that there were no cut backs in proposed road maintenance programmes.

He congratulated the workforce responsible for gritting the roads and said that they had done a good job keeping the main roads open. He did note, however, that there did appear to be something of a problem initially as road clearance and gritting got off to a slow start and lacked organisation. This resulted in the snow becoming compacted on many roads, a clearance problem made more difficult by the freezing weather conditions.

Highways.

It was noted that several more potholes had appeared in local roads since the council's road condition survey in November. This is due to the long period of below freezing temperatures experienced during December and much of January.

Lighting.

The council was informed about a light in need of repair in Shaftoe Street.

Planning.

The following planning applications were received for comment :

Demolition of agricultural buildings and construction of two detached dwellings on land adjacent to Arran, Belmont;

Application for prior notification of proposed development by telecommunications code system operators—erection of 7.6m wooden pole outside 14, Smith's Terrace;

Application for prior notification of proposed development by telecommunications code system operators—erection of 7.6m wooden pole Bon Acord, Belmont.

There were no objections raised to any of these applications.

A planning application was also received for the construction of a new single storey, zero carbon, learning centre at the High School. The Parish Council expressed its support for this application.

Parish Council Notes continue on page 15

Haydon Bridge Development Trust Takes Wing

In previous editions of the Haydon News we have reported on setting up the Haydon Bridge and Haydon Parish Development Trust, to take forward some of the projects prioritised by local people for the Haydon Parish Plan 2008-2018. The Development Trust is a company limited by guarantee and is also becoming registered as a charity.

The Development Trust has secured around £80,000 of funding for a range of initiatives. Here we report on two initiatives that are starting in February.

‘The Bridge’ – Community Library, Visitor Information Centre and Internet Café

Eileen Charlton writes - By the time this Haydon News is delivered the library will be in the process of moving back into its refurbished building on Church Street and will re-open there on **3rd February**. Thank you to all library users for tolerating the reduced service in the Community Centre for so long - I am sure you will be delighted to know all the books are to be replaced. To start with, the hours for the library will remain as they have been in the Community Centre:

Monday	9 am - 12pm
Wednesday	1pm - 4pm
Friday	4pm - 7pm.
Saturday	9.30am - 12.30pm

We intend to keep these hours for a while, so all our volunteers can be trained. We must thank those volunteers who have manned the temporary library so well. I am sure you will agree they have done an admirable job.

Some volunteers have been waiting for the refurbished library to be completed, so our workforce will increase over the next few weeks. Then we will be increasing the use of the building to incorporate lots of new initiatives, including the Visitor Information Point and Internet Cafe – call in and we will be glad to share our plans with you.

Can I take this opportunity to thank The Tynedale Lions who have donated the proceeds from their collections at the turning on of the Christmas Lights and the Santa Sleigh ride around the village; a total of £200+, this will be used towards purchasing a coffee making machine.

The New Haydon Bridge website

As from **mid February** Haydon Parish will have its own new website

www.haydon-bridge.co.uk

The website has 3 main sections, providing information on:

Community – local community groups, clubs, schools and churches, the Parish Council and the Development Trust

Services – local shops and services, and a job shop to advertise new jobs

Visitors – tourism information, accommodation providers, pubs, hotels and restaurants, outdoor activities and local tourist attractions

It also includes a photo gallery, history and map of Haydon Parish, local events, useful links to other websites and contact details of how to include new information on the website.

Please browse the website – IT IS YOUR COMMUNITY WEBSITE

**If your organisation or group has an entry on the website that you would like to add to or amend,
or if you want to have an entry on the website, or publicise an event then:**

**PLEASE GO INTO THE ‘CONTACT US’ SECTION AND EMAIL US
OR DROP IN THE DETAILS YOU WANT TO ‘THE BRIDGE’ (see above) DURING OPENING HOURS
OR PHONE ‘THE BRIDGE’ AFTER 3rd FEBRUARY ON: 01434 688658**

**‘THE HAYDON NEWS ON LINE’ WEB SITE AND ARCHIVE WILL CONTINUE AS NORMAL WITH CURRENT AND BACK ISSUES
AND WILL LINK WITH THE COMMUNITY WEB SITE**

www.haydon-news.co.uk

NEW BOOK GROUP

**INAUGURAL MEETING AT
THE RAILWAY HOTEL
HAYDON BRIDGE**

ON THURSDAY 4th MARCH AT 7.30pm

(By kind permission of Sue)

The first meeting will discuss future books and meeting times.
Please just turn up or phone 684474 to express an interest



OVERHEARD IN BROADBAND CORNER

**“There’s no chance of my wife learning to use the computer.
We haven’t got one in the kitchen!”**

HAYDON BRIDGE CRICKET CLUB

The Cricket Club committee would like to thank the following businesses for their sponsorship in 2009 and look forward to their continued support.

Railway Hotel
Haydonian Social Club
Langley Castle
Westall Ltd
Claire’s Newsagents
Conservatories made Superior
Haydon Bridge A.F.C.

Anyone wishing to sponsor a cricket match, please contact
Barry Hope (Telephone 01434 684845)

Thank you.



FRIENDS OF HAYDON BRIDGE: CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR 2009

At the Friends of Haydon Bridge AGM held in the Haydon Bridge Community Centre at 7.30pm on Monday January 12th 2009, the following officials were appointed:

Chairman: Dennis Telford; Vice Chairman: Dennis Gilert; Secretary: Elena Parkin; Treasurer and Membership Secretary: Mike Parkin; General Committee: Catherine Hall, Storey Hall, Sylvia Mitchell; Editors: Mike Parkin and Dennis Telford.

Vice Chairman Dennis Gilert resigned from the committee in September 2009 for personal reasons. On behalf of the committee, I thank Dennis for the help and support he has given during his period of office.

THE HAYDON NEWS

During 2009, subscriptions/donations were received from 117 members of the public. **I am grateful to those who have supported The Haydon News financially throughout the year and look forward to your continued support in 2010.**

Advertising income just about covered our basic production costs in 2009 but we do incur additional expenses for repair, maintenance, replacement of equipment, web site hosting and administration that can only be met through subscriptions and donations.

The many hours involved in writing, printing, collating and delivering The Haydon News are provided on a voluntary basis and I thank each one of those volunteers, without whom The Haydon News would not continue.

In 2009; 985 copies of The Haydon News were printed, collated and distributed free each month (10 issues during the year, excluding January and September). The Haydon News was posted to 34 subscribers each month. In 2010; 1,000 copies will be printed each month, to include the additional houses in The Showfield.

'The Haydon News On Line' is published monthly on www.haydon-news.co.uk where back issues of The Haydon News are archived. I am grateful to be able to call upon Henry Swaddle's technical support in times of difficulty when compiling the Haydon News web site. The web site has proved popular with those who have individual or family connections with the Parish of Haydon. My thanks are due to ex Haydonian William Veitch, for his support in tracing family histories when requested by our readers and web site visitors.

Regular features in The Haydon News during 2009 included: Editorial Comment, Parish Council Notes, Historical Notes, Doctor Paul Wyatt's column, Church Notices and a Clergy Message, Shaftoe Trust First School news and events, a monthly cartoon by 'Panda', the monthly crossword, and reports on local group meetings/events/projects, - including Langley and Haydon Bridge Women's Institutes - and reports of individual achievement and issues of interest and concern within the parish.

During the year we continued to report in The Haydon News, the plans and outcomes of the Haydon Bridge and Haydon Parish Development Trust, and various parish projects including the development of the Parish Council's Community Library.

Throughout the year we have also included issues and activities related to the Tyne Valley Rail Users' Group, the Tyne Rivers Trust, the Northumberland County Council West Area Committee, Road Link and Haydon Bridge High School.

Our March issue included the Development Trust's Riverside Public Open Space Community Consultation Document as a two page supplement.

In our April and June issues we celebrated the opening of the Haydon Bridge Bypass and the subsequent Street Party. The Haydon News was the contractor's chosen publication through which to inform residents during the building of the bypass.

In May we published the Haydon Local Artists' summer exhibition entry form and the Tyne River Trust Programme.

In December we publicised our licensed premises' Christmas and New Year activities and included a full page news sheet and programme for the Haydonian Social Club.

I take this opportunity to thank all our regular and occasional writers and correspondents who have contributed to The Haydon News in 2009.

NORTH PENNINES AREA of OUTSTANDING NATURAL BEAUTY

As part of the North Pennines AOB Partnership's 'Northern Rocks' event during 2009, Henry Swaddle guided a 'John Martin Trail Walk'. In response, the North Pennines Partnership donated £50 to the Friends of Haydon Bridge/The Haydon News.

On behalf of the committee, I wish to thank the partnership and Henry for this kind gesture, and Mike for organising the event.

REMEMBRANCE

Storey and Catherine Hall laid a remembrance wreath at the Haydon Bridge War Memorial in November 2009, on behalf of the Friends of Haydon Bridge.

COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

During the year, the Friends of Haydon Bridge has undertaken its Community Association responsibilities and has been represented on the Community Association by Mike Parkin.

Finally, a personal thank you:

To those volunteers who deliver The Haydon News and to those who provide content and support printing and production; to our advertisers; to Claire Marshall (Newsagent) who provides a central location for The Haydon News contributions etc. and to each one of the officers and committee members who carry out and oversee the activities of the Friends of Haydon Bridge / The Haydon News.

Thank you.

Dennis Telford
(Chairman)
January 2010

I couldn't possibly begin this month's "news" without mentioning the weather, so here goes:

"Heat, ma'am! It was so dreadful here that I found there was nothing left for it but to take off my flesh and sit in my bones"...to quote the 1800s society man and preacher, Reverend Sydney Smith one hot summer. Things could always be worse!

I've enjoyed bits of the "big freeze", but am more than happy to see the "slow and gentle, still really-quite-icy" thaw. For the first time since I moved to Tynedale we've had to get the hairdryer out to de-ice pipes and have had to head out into the evening gloom armed with hats, gloves and lagging to prevent re-freezing, or should I say several extra layers of lagging...I have even struggled to persuade the little Wyatts (normally so adventurous) to head out into the cold and try some more perfect powder sledging. They did enjoy building an igloo though (perhaps not quite as much as I did). Yes, we've been some of the lucky ones....no burst pipes and only a temporary suspension of services from our boiler...My thoughts are with all of you who have had it harder.

At the risk of teaching grandmothers to suck eggs, (and hoping we have already seen the worst of the winter weather), top tips for staying well in the cold weather of winter include:

Keep your home warm - close curtains and shut doors to keep heat in the rooms used the most.

Use hot water bottles or electric

blankets (but never both together) to keep warm at night.

Eat well – food is a vital source of warmth, so eat regular hot meals and drink plenty throughout the day.

Wrap up warm, inside and out. Several thin layers of clothes are better than one thick layer. Don't forget to wear hats, gloves and scarves. If possible, stay inside during a cold period if you have heart or respiratory problems.

Keep active. Move around at least once an hour and don't sit down for long periods of time. Even light exercise will help keep you warm and improves circulation.

And probably most importantly:

Look out for elderly friends and neighbours. Check they're safe and well through the winter. Make sure they're warm enough, especially at night, and have stocks of food and medicines so they don't need to go out during very cold weather.

Extension at the Surgery

I am very pleased that the building of our new extension is now very much under way. Our builders have already dug a great big hole and filled it with huge quantities of concrete. Please bear with us through the building work as we are sure our larger building will enable us to offer a better service to you all.

Unfortunately all this building work is inevitably going to lead to some disruption inside the building. We are doing

everything we can to keep this to a minimum. However, there is bound to be some disturbance with noise and even a little dust.

We will also need to partition the waiting room for some of the building work. This means that space in the waiting room will be at a premium. We will be endeavouring to restructure our appointments to minimise the numbers of people in the waiting room at any one time and will make every effort to run to time. We also ask that you try to arrive **"JUST IN TIME"** for appointments and try not to wait inside the building if possible. This will be especially important for a couple of weeks in March (we are not currently quite sure when).

Home BP monitors are missing

We have offered to lend out home BP monitors for some time. We have recently realised that 3 of our monitors are missing. If you know where they are (forgotten corners of cupboards??) please return them to us without prejudice so that we can continue to offer this valuable service.

Pear-shaped is good for you

We all think we know that, in general, fat is bad for you. However, researchers are constantly trying to find out which is most bad...some research is suggesting that fat around the hips and thighs is actually good for you, whilst emphasising the detrimental effects of fat around the tummy. "Lead researcher Dr. Konstantinos Manolopoulos, of Oxford University, said in an ideal world, the more fat around the thighs the

better - as long as the tummy stays slim. "Unfortunately, you tend not to get one without the other," he said
Equally, unfortunately, whether you tend to put fat on around the hips and thighs, or around the tummy, is probably one of those genetically decided things it is very difficult to change!

Finally for this month and apropos of nothing very much:

A Famous Gaffe

George Brown, ex MP for Belper and Foreign Secretary to Harold Wilson, made many a gaffe under the influence of alcohol. My favourite apparently occurred when he was attending a state banquet in Peru in 1966. He was expected to dance with the president's wife so he approached a lady in a red dress and tapped her on the shoulder. She declined his invitation to dance apparently with these words :
"First you are drunk. Second, this is not a waltz, this is the Peruvian National Anthem. And third, I am not a woman, I am the Cardinal Archbishop of Lima".

Keep Warm.

Regards

Dr Paul Wyatt

ANNIVERSARY!

This is the 50th edition of the Haydon News produced by the current editors.

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Parish Council Notes, continued from page 11.

Correspondence.

In a letter from NCC, the Parish Council was informed that if it does not intend to take responsibility for the maintenance of those play areas, created by developers as part of house building projects (Innerhaugh and Showfield), then NCC would retain responsibility. However, parish residents would be charged for this service as part of their Council Tax. The charge made would appear as a separate entry on people's Council Tax bills.

It was explained that 'this will improve fairness between council tax bills and areas and ensure that the costs for these local services are met locally'. A councillor pointed out that, according to a representative from Bellway, over £40,000 was given by them to Tynedale Council to cover maintenance costs of the Showfield Play area for many years to come. No mention has been made by NCC of this funding. Correspondence on this issue is likely to continue between NCC and the Parish Council for some time.

The council received a letter complaining that a wreath left on a grave in the cemetery had been eaten by a rabbit. A request for rabbit proof fencing was rejected.

A survey, being undertaken by NCC to assess how the council coped with the recent winter weather conditions, was received.

One councillor commented that although reassigning members of the workforce to deal with the effects of the extreme winter weather was a good move, he felt that the council needed to improve organisation and coordination, to deal more effectively with adverse conditions.

Village Projects.

Development Trust Report

A written report was presented on

behalf of Peter Fletcher the secretary of the Development Trust. The report covered issues relating to the new library and village website. (See separate article on page 12).
In an appendix to the report, the division of the responsibilities between the PC and Development Trust were outlined, regarding the running of the Community Library. The Parish Council will hold the lease from Network Rail and pay an annual grant to the Development Trust, to cover the cost of rent and buildings insurance. The Development Trust will arrange other insurances and will manage the Community Library Service, Tourist Information Point and Internet Cafe on behalf of the Parish Council. It will also deliver other services in and from the library as appropriate.

Floodlighting the Old Bridge.

Peter Fletcher and Howard Oliver sent in reports on this issue as neither could attend the meeting.

Cllr Sharp has confirmed that he will contribute £5,000 from his NCC councillor fund towards the cost of the project, subject to other funding being in place.

The scheme has been discussed with English Heritage. Formal approval will be required from them for the scheme to go ahead. Approval will also be required from the Department for Culture, Media and Sport.

In his report Howard Oliver raised the issue of financing the project. As well as the £5,000 from Cllr Sharp's fund, he is applying elsewhere for funding.

However, he did request that the money collected for the Christmas lights over the last two years be re-allocated to the bridge floodlighting project. This would allow the project to progress more quickly. Cllr Oliver did make the point that the money collected for the Christmas lights had not been used due to the generosity of Dennis Oliver, David Knowles and the Leazes Estate.

Date of next meeting:

February, 25th at 7.30pm

Please make a contribution towards the cost of producing the Haydon News.

We need your support.

See page 2 for details.

Thank you.

CHURCH PAGE

CLERGY MESSAGE

From

Leo Pyle

After John Urdis, "The Pastoral Review" Jan/
Feb 2009

"Happiness is an inside job." Joy is a deep-down foundational condition. We do not belong to the "pressed service" and "high drudgery" school of thought.

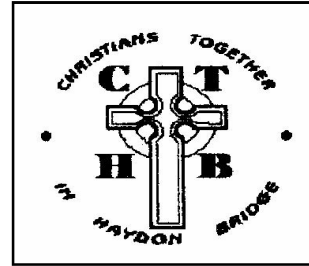
Our commitments are sustained, relentless and unremitting but our commitments, hopefully, are free, discerning and full of prayer. Just like the Master's and just like his disciple, St Paul's.

We are not into forced reaction to constraining demands over which we have no control. That is the way to a life of resentment. No, we decide freely to embrace certain demands as our own. We choose freely be constrained in doing so. We choose freely to forsake our freedom. It fills us with joy and we find a more profound freedom to do what is right and good and life-giving. Just like the Master and just like Paul who follows in the steps of the Master. "Nothing of our own" is a badge of honour that we wear with pride. And not being in control allows us to let God be god for us.

As with Jesus and his disciple, Paul, this whole perspective releases incredible energy. Like them we maintain this perspective and sustain this energy and find generosity in our wee small hours, in our lonely place and well before our dawn.

A generous flow of life is not possible if not balanced by the generous ebb tide of each day. Like the Lord in his ministry we need to re-collect ourselves, return to our centre of gravity and "breakfast on (our) Father's love." Then we go

FEBRUARY 2010



WHO AND WHERE

The names and phone numbers of the Clergy who minister in Haydon Bridge

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with St Cuthbert's Anglican Church
The Vicarage, Station Yard
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Wesley Manse, Moor View, Haltwhistle
Tel. 01434 320051

Father Leo Pyle ,
with St John's Catholic Church
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to work fortified with the protein of our prayer time.

Like the Master, we cannot cope without it, cannot cure, cannot care with endless compassion. Paul cannot be "all things to all people" without prayer. In the same way our capacity to give comes from our capacity to receive.

Such prayer often gets interrupted and overtaken. Sometimes it doesn't even get started. The edges of our prayer are often blurred but it entails openness, it makes us capable of communion. It leads inexorably to love and service. It is the first resort in life, work and ministry and prayer is the unfailing source of our '*respons ability*'.

Leo Pyle

**METHODIST CHURCH
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7th February

10.00am Morning Worship
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14th February

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21st February

10.00am Morning Worship
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Rev Sarah Charlton

28th February

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Christine Caddy

7th March

10.30am United Service at
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CHURCH SERVICES**

7th February

Henshaw
9.30am BCP Communion

14th February

10.30 am Joint Service at
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(New Time)

17th February

Henshaw
2.30pm Communion for Ash
Wednesday

21st February

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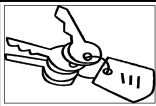
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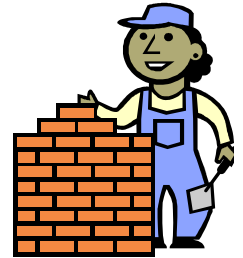
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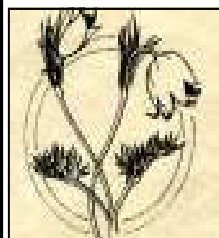
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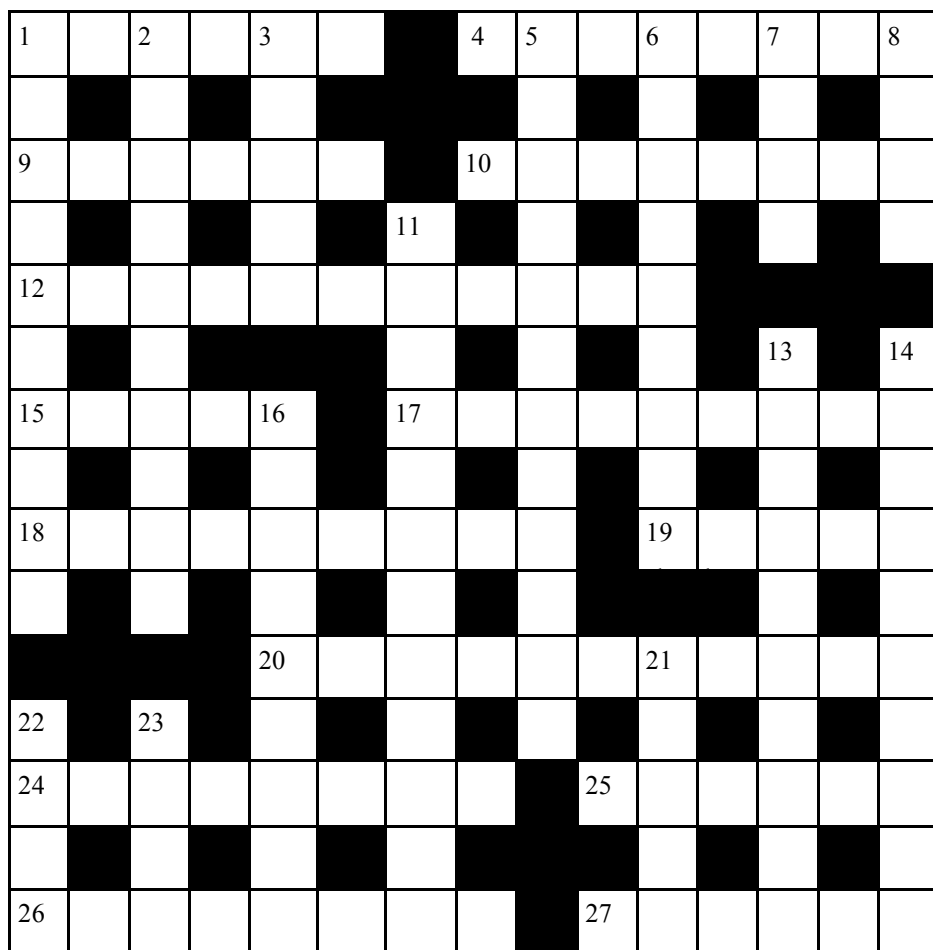
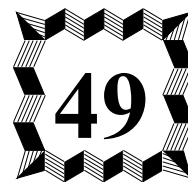
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ACROSS

- 1 Grass grown in instalments, we hear. (6)
 4 Beetle 'n' insect, unmoving. (8)
 9 About to bend and stretch to get response. (6)
 10 I part sea to get bloodsucker. (8)
 12 Friend tears round and sympathised. (11)
 15 Harry loses head to beast. (5)
 17 Protect against disease when going round the Spanish auction. (9)
 18 Pole turned with French and men in act of absconding. (9)
 19 Lark around a fenced enclosure. (5)
 20 Appear that time is a real conundrum. (11)
 24 Investigate underground for use in experiments. (4,4)
 25 Two crowns of the highest quality. (6)
 26 Advocated before a church edition. (8)
 27 Town where Ferraris are made, perhaps. (6)

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20 Galasses	15 Remasters
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22 Splice	18 Nascent
23 Elder son	19 Magpie
25 Neon	21 Model
26 Settlement	24 Ram

DOWN

- 1 One river that is usually blue. (10)
 2 About a quarter change direction. (10)
 3 A ridge in the Harare territory. (5)
 5 Rants and reports about action movies. (12)
 6 Island for a dignified European? (5,4)
 7 The detectives follow a vitriolic lead. (4)
 8 Definite number from days gone by. (4)
 11 Is it bleeding that makes it hard to eat? (12)

- 13 Twitch after large man is believer of divine will. (10)
 14 Jamie and sergeant together get tropical fruit. (4,6)
 16 Irate chum caused troubled joint. (9)
 21 Raise in a different way. (5)
 22 Pull up and change tops. (4)
 23 Wimbledon winner from Cash, Edberg or Sampras. (4)

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