



# THE HAYDON NEWS ON LINE



Stuart Davison and Jenny Porteous reopened the Carts Bog Inn on March 26th 2010 (See Cover Note page 11)

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Friends of Haydon Bridge.**

## EDITORIAL

Is there a person in the country who doesn't know about the forthcoming election?

While attitudes to all the electioneering, posters, adverts, newspaper articles, interviews, comment and, new for this time, TV debates will vary, the end result shouldn't.....

### EVERYONE WITH A RIGHT TO VOTE SHOULD VOTE.

Universal suffrage in the UK hasn't yet reach it's first 100 years anniversary yet. It's still quite new, but for many the novelty seems to have worn off already. Turnout on polling day in some areas is often unbelievably low.

#### **Please turn out to vote.**

It's not that long ago that our relations were demanding the right to vote.

It's not that long ago that our relations, some still alive today, fought against dictatorship and fascism to protect our form of government.

We owe it to them, and ourselves and those that follow us. Use your vote on May 6th.

MP

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



### **'THE BRIDGE' Church Street**

**The Haydon Bridge  
Community Library  
and  
Information Centre  
opened on February 3rd 2010  
in the original but renovated  
library building.**

**The interpretive panel outside  
the building on the right, is  
the start of the parish's  
John Martin Trail.**

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**Thank you**

**Editors: Mike Parkin. Dennis Telford.**

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**Site construction by Henry Swaddle.**

## **PARISH COUNCIL NOTES from the meeting in April 2010**

At the start of the meeting the Chairman explained that Mrs Ida Burrows and Mr David Robson had now been co-opted to the Council, and welcomed them to the meeting.

Alan Bawn, from NCC Highways Dept, attended the meeting to discuss the parking problems in Shaftoe St and John Martin St with the Council and members of the public. He said that the Highways Dept was reluctant to use double yellow lines or introduce other parking restrictions. In May 2011 NCC may take over the enforcement of parking restrictions from the police.

Residents from the two streets made the following points:

The volume of traffic was greatest in the mornings;

Concern about the number of buses and trucks using this route;

Some have experienced difficulty leaving their own property/garages due to other people blocking their access;  
Restrict access to local residents;  
Stop school buses from using this route.  
Damage has been done to some residents cars parked on the street.

Councillors noted that parking spaces for the dwellings through the archways were not used; they were informed that access was often blocked or cars parked too close to the turning to allow access. A question was raised about residents' permits. Mr Bawn said that residents would have to pay £15 per permit and as parking spaces would need to be marked out the actual space for parking would be reduced.

Local residents asked for school buses and heavy vehicles to be taken off these roads.

This proposal was not supported by councillors who expressed concerns about the safety of the 'dog leg' crossing to the A686 Alston road at the eastern bypass junction.

It was noted that there appeared to be more traffic using Shaftoe St since the opening of the bypass.

The original complaint brought to the council was about the concerned parents of children walking to Shaftoe First School and crossing the road between parked cars on Shaftoe St.

Mr Bawn is to undertake a survey of current traffic volume and speed in the area and compare it with older data. Another step could be to put white line markings outside peoples garages to deter parking. The results of the survey are to be sent to the Camera

Partnership, and a letter sent to the Clerk of the Parish Council with regard to the white line markings.

### **Public Participation.**

No points raised.

### **Council Meeting.**

10 Parish councillors present and the NCC councillor.

### **Report from NCC**

Cllr Sharp has spoken to the Highways engineers about the number of road repairs still to be carried out in the Parish as identified in the Parish Council's survey.

Ditches have now been cleared along Land Ends Road at West Land Ends and a drainage survey carried out. As the location of drains could not be found, new drains are to be put in and a stretch of road resurfaced in the next two weeks.

There is still work to do near East Land Ends Farm. NCC will do this work and charge the Highways Agency, who will try to get the money back from CVC.

Work on the old bridge will be carried out this summer.

In response to a question about the removal of the yellow lines from Ratcliffe Road, the councillor is to raise the issue with NCC Highways Dept.

### **Highways**

A councillor reported that the caravan site owners were concerned that their sign, removed while work on the bypass progressed, had not been replaced. The Clerk is to contact the Highways Agency.

### **Planning Applications.**

The following planning application was received for comment:

To erect an attached garage to rear of Corner Cottage, Sewingshields.  
No objections.

### **Correspondence.**

Details of a 'clean up' scheme were received from NCC. The clerk is to request materials for a general clear up of the village.

Hadrian's Wall Heritage wrote regarding the success of the 'Lighting the Wall' project and to thank people for their support.

A request for comments on the winter treatment of footpaths was received from NCC. The following additions are to be requested for inclusion in

future treatment programmes:

The cut between Hordley Acres and Greenwich Gardens;

The area around the mobile post office at Langley;

The pavement between Shaftoe St and The Showfield.

Northumberland National Park Authority requested comments on its Draft Statement of Community Involvement. Representatives from the National Park are to be invited to the next Council meeting.

A reply had been received from Network Rail regarding the complaints that pedestrians and motors had encountered problems with the level crossing barrier coming down and hitting them, or trapping them on the crossing. The letter stated that the crossing is operating as it should. If similar incidents occur again Network Rail ask that the individuals concerned contact them directly on the same day the incident occurred.

A reply had been received from Smiths Gore, acting for the Greenwich Hospital Commissioners, regarding the proposed tree work on the riverside and possible sale of the area to the Council. They agreed to pay for the work and suggested a price of £5,000 for the sale of the riverside picnic area plus £2,000 in legal and other fees. The Council agreed not to proceed with this at present, particularly as the Council's expenditure has increased greatly over recent years.

### **Parish Council Notes continued on page 13**

#### **PARISH COUNCILLORS**

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**When Haydon Bridge Community Association raised £9,000 in 1965 to purchase the Wesley Hall on Ratcliffe Road and convert it into a home for the association, the committee called upon the interests and expertise of inhabitants of the parish, to develop clubs and societies that would appeal to local people and ensure a thriving Community Centre.**

**It was our Haydon Bridge doctor, Robert High, who came up with the idea of a Nature Club.**

**Doctor High suggested that if anyone was interested they could put a note through his letter box at 'Tyneholme' on the North Bank.**

**Doctor High's enterprise proved to be a great success from day one and the Nature Club continues to flourish today.**

## HAYDON BRIDGE NATURE CLUB 1969 - 2009

### THE FIRST 25 YEARS

The Haydon Bridge Nature Club was started in the summer of 1969 to enable members of the Community Centre who had an interest in the countryside around Haydon Bridge, to meet regularly and share and extend their interest and knowledge. It was perhaps predictable that our local naturalists, Charlie Coombes and Bill Tait would join forces to help inaugurate and develop the club over the coming years.

**The first meeting of the Nature Club in the summer of 1969** was an informal walk along the banks of the River Tyne from the Anchor Hotel to the Spa Well, under the guidance of Mr. Coombes, to see what plants and flowers were growing there.

Plans were also made for a series of winter meetings in the Community Centre and from October to December 1969, between twenty and thirty members attended each of six lectures given by David Burleigh - taxidermist at the Hancock Museum in Newcastle - on the flora and fauna of Northumberland.

There followed in January 1970, two talks by Mr. Coombes on the geological structure of Northumberland and the Haydon Bridge area in particular.

The first Nature Club meetings were held on a Thursday in anticipation of the founder, Dr. High, taking an active role

in the club - Thursday was his surgery's half day. In the event, Dr. High's work and other activities did not allow him time to attend the Nature Club regularly, however the members still meet on a Thursday over forty years later.

It was not a Thursday however, but a Tuesday which proved to one and all that there would be a demand for a Nature Club in the village. Tuesday February 4th 1970, when a remarkable turn out of over 100 packed the Community Centre to watch Bill Tait's own production, 'Wild Nature's Ways'.

Bill's wonderful film was received with tremendous enthusiasm and the Nature Club was on its way to being an important part of the Community Centre's activities.

Major General and Mrs. Hedley donated books and magazines to the Nature Club and bird recognition charts and large scale maps of the district were framed and eventually hung in the Community Centre.

The activities of the group were formalised when a temporary committee was set up to organise more events.

Chairman: Dr. High.

Secretary: Mrs. Jean Brown.

Treasurer: Mr. E. Armstrong.

All aided and advised by Mrs. Dr. Bell and Mr. Coombes.

The **first Annual General Meeting** of the Haydon Bridge Nature Club took place in the Community Centre on **March 19th 1970** when the Treasurer reported a balance of £3 and ten pence. The first elected officials of the club were voted for at the meeting.

Chairman: Mrs. Felicity Bell. (*Before the PC days of 'Chair' or 'Chair Person'*)

Vice Chairman: Mr. E. Armstrong.

Secretary: Mrs. Jean Brown.

Treasurer: Mr. E. Armstrong.

Librarian: Mr. Raban-Williams.

Committee: Dr. Robert High.

Mr. Charlie Coombes.

Major General and Mrs. Hedley were offered honorary membership as a thank you for their donations and it was decided to arrange autumn term lectures, through the Workers Education Association and one walk each month during the summer, to be lead by Charlie Coombes, Bill Tait and

David Reay of Bardon Mill.

The walks would visit Barcombe Fell, Crindledykes Quarry, Muckle Moss, the Roman Wall and Ridley Woods.

In 1971 the bird charts and large scale maps of the village and surrounding areas were hung in the Nature Club's venue, and meetings included a repeat showing of Bill Tait's film 'Wild Nature's Ways' and Dr. High's first hand account of an ambitious youth expedition to Iceland.

It was agreed that AGM's would be held in the January of each year and in 1972 the club appointed Mrs. Bradley as Chairman and Mr. and Mrs. Suckling as Secretaries.

A special request was made to individual members to walk 'Rights of Way' whenever possible, to ensure they were kept open. This was a request that found little favour; it appears that walks had to be guided to attract members' interest.

Although a small charge was being made for some lectures in the early years, the first subscription for club membership wasn't introduced until 1973. It was agreed that an annual fee of 50 pence be charged. Also in 1973, Mr. Raban-Williams took over the Chair; Mrs. Suckling was Secretary and Mr. P. Uldall, the new Treasurer, invested a balance of £13.05p in the Post Office Savings Bank.

Mr. Coombes and Bill Tait were still guiding the Nature Club walks and they continued to alternate this role until 1991 when Charlie stood down, although Bill continued on a regular basis until 1993.

**Were you a member of the Haydon Bridge Nature Club in its early days? There exists a list of paid up members at 50p per annum, probably from 1973 or 1974.**

#### Members from Haydon Bridge.

Dr. & Mrs. High. Mr. C. Coombes. Mr. C. Edmunds. Mr. & Mrs. E. Armstrong. Mr. & Mrs. S.N. Brown. Mr. & Mrs. P. Jones. Mrs. J. Norris. Mr. & Mrs. Raban-Williams. Miss E. Shout. Mr. & Mrs P. Uldall. Maj. Gen. & Mrs. Bradley. Mrs. A. Robinson. Mr. & Mrs. H. Watson. Mrs. Dr. Bell. Mr. & Mrs. Suckling. Mr. Scales. Miss A. Carter. Mr. & Mrs. D. Telford. Mr. W. Tait. Miss E. Harrison. Mr. B. Corbett. Mr. Farndale. Miss McAndrews. Miss M. Clarke. Miss M. Proctor. Mr. & Mrs Atchison. Mrs. Rutherford.

Mrs. Allitt. D. & C. Humble. Mr. Best.  
Mr. Johnson. Mr. & Mrs. Hedley.  
Mrs. I.A. Icton. Miss Foster.

#### Members from elsewhere.

Dr. & Mrs. Hunter. Mrs. W. Douglas.  
Miss M.G. Allan. (Hexham) Mr. & Mrs.  
F.E. Soar. Mr. & Mrs. Griffith. (Bardon  
Mill) Miss J. Dougherty. (Corbridge)  
Mr. & Mrs. Cleminson. (Fourstones)

Summer outings in 1974 included visits  
to Oakpool and Old Town, Holms Linn,  
Sewing Shields and Halley Pike Lough.

From 1974, chairmen in successive  
years were Dr. W. Hunter of Hexham;  
Cliff Edmunds and Norman Suckling.  
Mr. Suckling continued as Chairman  
until 1986 when he was made the first  
Nature Club President and Mr. Coombes  
took on the role of Chairman.

Mrs. Suckling, Mrs. Icton, Mrs. C.  
Elliott and Mr. & Mrs. Allan were  
Secretaries of the club in the years from  
1975 until 1981 when Mr. Brogdon of  
Catton took the position and retained it  
until 8th January 1987. - On which date  
John DeStefano was appointed and  
continues as secretary today (2010)

It was agreed in 1975 that the club  
would join the Northumberland  
Naturalists Union at an annual fee of £3.  
The club lectures in 1975 included,  
'Moths and Butterflies', 'The Natural  
History of Holy Island' and 'The Coquet  
Valley', while Bill Tait took members to  
see Badger country around the Low  
Hall, Gulls' nests north of the village  
and Beltingham Churchyard, where a  
Woodcock was espied.

In 1976 it was decided that a Librarian  
was no longer required. The club  
continued to build on the early  
enthusiasm however and as well as  
autumn and winter talks; visits to Town  
Shields, the Haltwhistle Burn, Cupola,  
Stublick, Hareshaw Lynn, foxes on the  
Roman Wall and owls at Lipwood, were  
among those walks guided by Charlie  
Coombes and Bill Tait.

Full day 'expeditions' were introduced  
in 1977 when Mr. Coombes guided a  
memorable trip to Upper Teasdale.

Newton by the Sea, the Ingram Valley,  
the source of the South Tyne, Bass  
Rock, Holy Island and Windermere  
followed as successive annual trips with  
Mr. Coombes as leader.

In 1978 Dr. John Knight of 'Ashmount'  
Belmont Gardens, replaced Mr. Uldall as  
Treasurer and continued in the post until  
he left Haydon Bridge in 1982 and was  
replaced by Mr. Denis Orton.

Along with other affiliated groups, the  
Nature Club gave its support to the  
Community Centre through raffles,  
bring and buy sales, coffee mornings  
and special events such as a showing  
of Bill Tait's own film 'The Hills Are  
Mine' which raised £19.50 in 1978.

In addition to its activities for the  
benefit of the Community Centre,  
members of the club were able to  
provide occasional support to various  
wildlife charities, through collections  
and small sums from the club funds.

A record membership of 53 paid an  
annual fee in 1980 and at the request  
of several members an excursion was  
arranged to the wildfowl reserve at  
Caerlaverock.

The club members mourned the death  
of Mrs. Hunter from Sandhoe,  
Hexham, a member from the club's  
earliest days.

Following his appointment as  
Secretary at the AGM in January 1981,  
John Brogdon introduced a stand alone  
Secretary's Report to the minute book  
records and this summary of the  
Nature Club's year remains as a  
feature of the AGM's today.

It was also in 1981 that the annual  
subscription was raised to £1 and it  
was agreed that the Thursday meetings  
would start at 7.15pm.

The objectives of the Jersey Wild Life  
Preservation Trust impressed the  
members in 1981 and £12 was  
donated.

In 1981 the Haydon Bridge Nature  
Club had 56 paid up members in  
addition to those who came to the talks  
and walks on an ad hoc basis.

In 1982 L.C. Coombes and Miss Hilda  
Foster, two of the Nature Club's  
founder members, were awarded Life  
Membership in appreciation of the  
work they had done for the club.  
According to the minutes of the 1981  
AGM, Miss Foster had been  
responsible for providing a unique  
feature of the Haydon Bridge Nature  
Club. The quality of her coffee and  
biscuits!!

Sadly, Mrs Dr. High another founder  
member passed away in 1983.

It was during 1984 that the Nature  
Club committee decided to create a  
new position and it has become one of  
the most important roles undertaken in  
the club. Mrs. Dorothy DeStefano was  
the first official Programme  
Secretary, the job having been done up  
to then by Mr. Coombes, supported

through his link with the Workers  
Educational Association.

A surplus for the year of £70.71 and a  
balance on deposit of £214 in 1985 was  
an indication of the club's good financial  
housekeeping, overseen by Treasurer  
Denis Orton.

In 1986 Norman Suckling's work for the  
Nature Club was recognised officially  
and he was invited to become the club's  
first President. It was also this year  
when Mr. Coombes succeeded Mr.  
Suckling as Chairman.

In 1987, John Brogdon resigned as  
Secretary after five years of service and  
in 1990 John was given an Honorary  
Life Membership in view of his work for  
the club.

A proposal by Ann Carter, seconded by  
Mrs. Icton, that John DeStefano be  
elected Secretary was agreed.

An inspired appointment as John  
continues the good work today, (2010)  
having served the Nature Club  
admirably in the position for twenty  
three years.

1987 had been another in a long line of  
successful years for the Haydon Bridge  
Nature Club and sixty paid up members  
enjoyed a full and interesting  
programme of walks and talks. After  
eighteen years however it was perhaps  
no surprise that the club was finding it  
difficult to obtain local speakers on  
subjects that had not already been  
covered.

It was generally accepted that speakers  
from further afield would have to be  
sought and it was agreed unanimously to  
raise the subscription to £2 per annum  
from 1988 to cover additional speakers'  
expenses.

Mr. Coombes and Bill Tait continued to  
lead the walks on alternate Wednesdays  
and Thursdays and the club once again  
gave support to the Community  
Association, providing a one off  
donation of £60 for exceptional  
expenses'. The money was raised  
through a raffle and plant sale.  
It was in 1988 that the Nature Club lost  
another member when Jack Hindle died  
in tragic circumstances.

On a happier note; Bill Foster the Club's  
present Chairman (2010) joined the  
committee in 1988, having been a club  
member since 1977.

1989 was significant for the quality of  
the speakers organised by Mrs.  
DeStefano the Programme Secretary.  
An indication of this was an audience of  
107 in the Community Centre for a talk

by Mrs. P. Hornsey of Durham on Badger preservation. There were by now three full day excursions undertaken each year. For example, to: Longhoughton, the Eden Valley, Malham Cove, Wallington Estate, Ingleton, Haystacks, the Washington Wildlife Park and the North Yorkshire Coast.

The AGM on Thursday 4th January 1990 attracted 53 members, an excellent attendance at an AGM for a village society I suggest, and a sign that the club continued to flourish.

The audited accounts showed a balance of £658.19 although it was acknowledged that expenditure for speakers, room hire, postage and telephone was likely to increase substantially.

In 1990 the club departed from its practice of joining with the WEA and/or Newcastle University for the autumn series of talks, choosing instead to arrange independent lecturers.

Two active and enthusiastic members died during the year: Gordon McQueen and Mary Atkinson who left a bequest to the club.

In 1991 Joan McCabe took over the responsibility for organising the programme of talks and Bill Foster was appointed Vice Chairman to Charlie Coombes.

Mr. Coombes had been a founder member of the Nature Club of course and for twenty two years had organised and guided the summer walks. In 1992 Charlie decided to relinquish this responsibility and it was agreed that individual members and Bill Tait would lead the walks in future and the programme would be organised by Vice Chairman Bill Foster.

It was with regret that Secretary John DeStefano reported the sad loss of three members during 1992: Marjorie Suckling, Ted Hargreaves and Jean Reynolds.

The Nature Club continued their financial support for the Community Centre, raising £89 through a White Elephant stall at the 1992 Christmas Fayre and £93 in 1993.

At the AGM in January 1993, Programme Secretary Joan McCabe's resignation was accepted and she was replaced by Margaret Moffit.

A significant change in the method of financing the Nature Club was agreed. The meeting accepted a proposal for an annual fee of £7.50 to include coffee and

biscuits and all walks and talks, for each of which members had previously donated £1.

There were 78 paid up members of the Nature Club in 1993.

A successful year for the club in 1994 was marred by the death of three valued members: Dorothy Todd, a member since 1983, John Wylie who had served on the committee since 1991 and Norman Suckling who had been the first President of the club following his appointment in 1986. Mr Suckling had also served the club as Secretary and Chairman between 1972 and 1986.

1994 was also the year that Bill Tait was forced, through ill health, to give up his leadership of the Nature Club's wildlife outings that had been a feature of the outdoor programme since the club's foundation.

In 1993 the committee had been charged with the task of drawing up a Constitution for the club. - This Constitution was accepted by the

members at the AGM in January 1994.

**The Haydon Bridge Nature Club celebrated its 25th anniversary on Thursday August 4th 1994 with a social evening at the Kings Head, Allendale.**

Following the celebrations, Secretary John DeStefano wrote:

'I am assured that all of the 50 plus members who attended had a very enjoyable time and perhaps the club can find another reason for repeating a similar event before their 50th anniversary.'

The 25th AGM was held in the Haydon Bridge Community Centre on Thursday 5th January 1995 and the Chairman, Mr. Coombes, officiated.

**After 25 years the affairs of the Haydon Bridge Nature Club were in good hands and members from across the district were attracted to the club's meetings.**

**(To be continued next month)**



In this photograph of a Haydon Bridge Nature Club walk to the top of Latrigg in the Lake District in the summer of 1985, Christine Swaddle shares out the sandwiches between Stephen Todd, Jonathan Swaddle and Alistair Wardle.

Photo. Henry Swaddle



Left to right:  
Back Row: Mark Leader. Christopher Heslop. Eric Donnelly. Raymond Nicholson. Andrew Brown. Kevin Lamb. David Dover. Jason Irwin. Johnny Heslop.  
Front Row: David Telford. Michael Wren. David Tait. Bryan Robson. Adrian Clark.

In last month's issue we published this photograph of Johnny Heslop's young footballers in the 1970's

Did you recognise them?

March 5th 2010

To the Editors.

I have read the interesting article mentioning Bewick and Partners in the 'Haydon News On Line' and I wonder if you could help me with some information concerning this firm.

My great grandfather, William Chatterton, worked for this company. I have a copy of a newspaper cutting from 1880 which refers to him.

*'A very pleasing ceremony took place on Monday night at the house of Mrs. Cowing, Wheat Sheaf Inn, Haydon Bridge, namely the presentation of a purse of gold to Mr. William Chatterton, who has been Chief Engineer to Messrs. Bewick and Partners for six years but who has now left that company and gone to pursue his fortune in Colorado. He is now engaged by a Glasgow company.'*

There is a mention of a Mr. J.W. Hetherington who made a speech and also of Mr. Wm. Lee and Mr. T. Clemitson who proposed a vote of thanks at the end of the meeting. There is also a mention of a Mr. Toppin who was also going to Colorado.

I wondered if you might know if there are in existence any records of the personnel of Bewick and Partners which might give details of the Glasgow company which my great grandfather left to join. I might then be able to pursue some further research on him.

All this happened a long time ago but maybe you have knowledge of some documentation which would be of use.

Thank you  
Peter Marren

**Any relevant information that might help Mr Marren's research, to the editors in the first instance please.**

Victoria British Columbia.  
February 25th 2010

Dear Sirs,

I wonder if I might ask a couple of questions.

First, I've only recently heard of 'In the Bewick Vein' by Susan Harley though I have a hunch it may not be a recent publication.

I wonder if it may still be available and if so to whom should I address my request?

Second question. Has there been any biography of Thomas John Bewick

published in recent years?

Bewick was a remarkable individual and while many in the north know an abundance concerning Thomas Sopwith, a gentleman about whom, "...I hae me doubts..." few know of his one time assistant who became an internationally known mining consultant.

For some context, I'm a retired mining engineer, originally from N/C and have lived in Canada and elsewhere most of my working life. Any help you may be able to offer would be gratefully received.

David Scott

**Although Susan Harley's book, 'In The Bewick Vein' (Published 1999) is out of print, thanks to Sue I have been able to offer Mr Scott a copy of her story of Thomas John Bewick's Langley Barony (Honeycrook) Lead Mine.**

**Additionally, my short history of the mine was published in the February 2008 issue of The Haydon News and is available on the Haydon News web site:**

[www.haydon-news.co.uk](http://www.haydon-news.co.uk)

**Thomas John Bewick lived in Haydon Bridge of course, at 'The Nook'. A property that was later named 'Haydon Park'.**

February 12th 2010

Hello,

The Grainger Family.

I don't know if you can help me at all. I have come across a letter to the editor of The Haydon News which was published in April 2000 from a John Ward, of Norwich.

Mr Ward was looking for any living relations of his on his maternal mother's side. The Graingers.

My mother is his cousin on the Grainger side. Her mother was John Ward's mother's sister.

I don't suppose that you are able to contact him at all, I know that it was 10 years ago, but if you can make contact, we have old photographs of grandfather, grandmother etc.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind Regards  
Karen Lawford

**If you still read The Haydon News Mr Ward, perhaps you would get in touch with the editors.**

Cramlington.

March 17th 2010

Dear Editors,

Hello, my name is George Nichol and like yourselves I am a proud resident of Northumberland, but my roots are in the south east corner of the county.

Now to my query.

My grandmother's maiden name was Whitfield and I have traced her family back to 1655 when John Whitfield, a stonemason was born in Haydon Bridge and baptised at St Cuthbert's Church on March 15th that year.

John married a lady named Emma from Hexham and they had ten children together. Unfortunately, nine of the children died in infancy and only Thomas Whitfield lived into maturity and was therefore, the linchpin of the entire family which followed.

After the death of Emma in the 1690's John, the Stonemason, married a lady named Mary Carrick from Haydon Bridge and they had one son, William, who was born in 1701.

John Whitfield died in 1704.

Okay, what am I trying to find out?

Are there any stone quarries / stonemasons' yards in the Haydon Bridge area which may have existed in John's lifetime?

Next.

Were there any diseases which were particularly commonplace in Haydon Bridge in the 1680's and 1690's which could have caused the death of nine children from the same family before their first birthday?

Finally.

Are you aware of any current, but longstanding Whitfield connections with Haydon Bridge?

Any information you may be able to provide would make myself and my Whitfield contacts in Yorkshire, North Carolina, Wyoming and Melbourne very happy.

Best Wishes and thank you in anticipation.

George Nichol

**Are any of our readers able to help Mr Nichol in his search for information about the Whitfield family of today or 'yesterday'?**  
**Information to the editors please.**

Durham,  
March 3rd 2010

Hi Mr. Telford,

I'm trying to trace descendents of a relative of mine, Harold Linton Heslop, who married Isabella Sinclair Knox at Hexham in 1913. Harold was killed at Passchendaele in 1917, and he is listed on the Commonwealth War Graves Commission web site as:

'Husband of Isabella Sinclair Heslop of Selwood House, Haydon Bridge, Northumberland.'

Whilst doing a Google search, I came across a reference to Selwood House in the June, 1991 edition of Haydon News. I don't know whether Harold and Isabella had any children and the only subsequent reference to Isabella that I've found so far is in Aberdeen from 1925 to 1928.

Harold was a Surgeon, so I imagine he would be in local directories.

I would very much appreciate any information you, or anyone you can direct me to, may be able to provide.

I would be interested in:

- The dates between which Harold and Isabella resided at Selwood House.
- Any other property they occupied in the area.
- Whether they had children.
- Any clues as to when Isabella left the area.
- Any details of Harold's death, obituaries, etc.

Your sincerely,  
John Heslop

**Any information about Harold Linton Heslop and Isabella Sinclair Heslop (nee Knox) would be gratefully received by the editors.**

Haydon Bridge.  
April 9th 2010

Dear Editors,

I have read the April edition of the Haydon News and wish to clarify a couple of issues regarding the Railway crossing.

Wicket gates:

The primary purpose of wicket gates is not a means of allowing the public to gain access over the railway, they are there to prevent people walking on the open highway. When the old crossing was operating if someone chose not to use the wicket gates they would find themselves walking unprotected on the

highway, the "new" crossing prevents this by the addition of solid white lines on the ground, thus a demarcation line is established. This line will not prevent a motor vehicle from running someone over who is legitimately using the crossing but I assume that the railway company could not be held responsible for that.

On the subject of wicket gates being opened facilitating access to a "live railway" allowing people with no experience or training into this highly dangerous environment would be negligent in the extreme; this is why it is forbidden in the signalman's rules and special instructions.

Barrow crossings:

Barrow crossings should never be used by members of the public and unless it has been removed or defaced there would be signage to that effect, they are intended only for use by railway workers in possession of the appropriate certification i.e. P.T.S. (Personal Track Safety).

There may be occasions when a "local understanding" exists between railway staff and the public but I can assure you that knowingly allowing this practice is a disciplinary offence for the railwayman and an act of trespass for the public.

Crossing Gates:

Crossing gates are down for a reason, normally they indicate a train is coming, unfortunately trained railway personnel occasionally get caught out in this environment, a member of the public has the odds stacked against them. It is for this reason and not financial that the opportunity to access the railway is reduced as much as possible.

Catching Your Train:

I have pondered this problem for a good thirty seconds and believe there is a safe and workable solution to this problem. GET THERE A LITTLE BIT EARLIER!

P.S. With reference to the representatives from Northern Rail, it seems as though they have made a mistake, sometimes it happens.

P.P.S. Note to editors. If any of the above is to be abridged in any way please don't print it at all. The last time I wrote regarding the railway crossing (a subject I know a little bit about) some pertinent points were left out

causing the article to become disjointed and miss the point. If someone can be bothered to write an informative piece I would have thought it would be advantageous to print it.

David Horsman

**The Editors reserve the right to alter or shorten letters when necessary. (See Editorial Policy Page 2.) This is seldom necessary, but relevant when the correspondence includes accusations which are untrue, or space is limited. In these circumstances we do endeavour to maintain the general tenor of the correspondence.**

**Errors or omissions that escape the keen eyes of our proof readers and occur in the printed copy, are usually corrected in the Haydon News On Line, at: [www.haydon-news.co.uk](http://www.haydon-news.co.uk)**

Haydon Bridge.  
April 4th 2010.

Dear Editors,

Re. 'Taking The Scenic Route' page 9 Haydon News April 2010.

Amidst the doom and gloom of inclement weather, recession, strikes, job losses etc., one glorious moment of uproarious laughter raised my spirits. John Irving's succinct comment that, "... some of the more articulate villagers will have something to say when they hear of the idea".

*(Northern Rail's 'idea', you will recall, is that passengers could take a 1/2 mile walk to and from the railway underpass as an alternative to the closed barrow crossing. (Ed's.)*

I'm sure there would be comments of a "!!!!" "!!!!" "!!!" nature.

As John Irving comments on succinctness, mine would be that of echoing John McEnroe. "You can not be serious man."

Odd that I am reading the article on 1st April too!

Hermie Humble.

Haydon Bridge.  
April 16th 2010

Dear Editors,

I was lucky enough to win first prize, a meal for two at Langley Castle, through the Magnificent Aerobathon.

I wish to say a big thank you to all concerned as my friend and I enjoyed the four course meal very much.

Thanks again.

Mabel Renney and Susan Nichol.

## Shaftoe Trust First School.

### THANK YOU!

Many thanks to Mr and Mrs Hill who very kindly made a donation to school funds in celebration of their Golden Wedding Anniversary. The children thoroughly enjoyed talking to them. Staff and pupils would like to wish them all the very best for the future.

### SUNFLOWER COMPETITION.

Children in Langley Class are proving to be great gardeners as their sunflowers rapidly take over all the window space in the classroom. Spirits are running high as each one hopes to become the proud owner of the tallest plant! Watch this space for results.....

### CYCLING TO SCHOOL.

In support of our healthy school status we continually encourage children to partake in different forms of exercise. Many children and parents now cycle or scooter to school. Over the Easter holidays we had an outside building converted into a bike and scooter store where vehicles can be kept safely during the day and taken home again at the end of the school day .

### YOGA SUCCESS.

Local toddlers and Early Years children have recently been introduced to the wonders of yoga courtesy of Sure Start. All the children thoroughly enjoyed the sessions.

### DORMICE PROJECT.

Before the Easter break children in Kielder Class worked enthusiastically with National Trust staff to make 22 dormice boxes in just over 1 hour! Many blisters later we decorated the highly desirable residences and posed for photographs. This term we will position the boxes locally in the hope of protecting this very elusive and beautiful creature.



## HAYDON BRIDGE ROCKS

In the December 2009 issue of The Haydon News, we published correspondence from Mr. Peter Atkinson who sought information on a rock spiral in the River Tyne at Haydon Bridge. Was it an example of a Roman or pre Roman rock spiral perhaps?

Thanks to Ozzie Davidson, a local resident and a most observant Rambler through our parish byways, we are now able to provide a photograph of the spiral in question. Ozzie photographed the spiral some time ago near Limestone; a natural swimming pool on the River Tyne that will hold happy memories for many Haydonians and was in regular use long before commercial swimming baths at Hexham and Haltwhistle were considered.

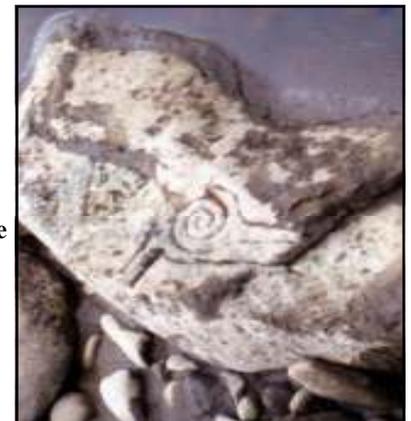
Remarkably, the river hasn't been low enough since December to the time of writing, to allow confirmation that the rock on which the spiral is carved is still in its former position. Nevertheless, it is thanks to Ozzie's sharp eye that we have a record of this interesting carving.

Our thanks are due also to Ken and Pam Linge, as it is their connection with Peter Atkinson that has encouraged us to follow the story of the Haydon Bridge spiral through The Haydon News. And now, having examined Ozzie Davidson's photograph, we have an opinion from probably the main authority on Northumbrian cup and ring rock carving, Stan Beckensall.

**'The more I see of this spiral, the more I am convinced that it is fairly recent. Unlike prehistoric spirals, which are made by hammering persistently with a hard stone tool, this one looks as though it is done with a sophisticated metal tool.'**

So thanks to Mr. Beckensall we are closer to an answer. All that remains is to find out who carved the Limestone Rock Spiral.

Maybe there is a Haydon News reader who can add to our knowledge and provide information as to when the spiral was carved and who was the artist.



A very wet Easter Monday morning clearly affected the entry for the Annual Wheelbarrow Race. Dennis and Jackie were nowhere to be seen – It was rumoured Dennis had ‘man flue’. Bill Foster refused to get his barrow out of the shed, insisting it had been sabotaged and had a flat tyre; and although husband Ken seemed willing, Joan Benson made it clear she was too young to get involved in such capers!

A decent turn out of spectators however did see Mickey Thirlaway and Zak Scott first to the railway crossing winning barrier - in a streamlined mode of transport that only just passed scrutiny by Barry Hope the starter.

Gary Newton and Dave Williams were second - no surprise there, Gary and Dave are from Nottingham and didn't know the route, so had to follow someone else's wheelbarrow. And third were Karen Cameron and Emma Wilson. Karen and Emma were at a disadvantage, as they stopped on the way round the course to hand out

sweets to the spectators; but they won a deserved first prize for their fancy dress as Hanibal and Mr T.

Thanks are due to the race starter Barry Hope and to the Railway Hotel, Anchor Hotel and Haydonian Social Club for organising and supporting this annual Haydon Bridge event.



The competitors are on their marks on the Land Ends Road and complete the race on Church Street



**HAYDON BRIDGE NATURE CLUB  
2010 Summer Walks Programme**

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

**Thurs. 13th May:** Circular walk along Hadrian's Wall towards Gilsland and Irthing House. 4 miles.  
Meet: Thirlwell Castle Car Park between Greenhead and Longbyre.  
GR 658 659  
Emmi Althaus. Tel. 01434 606173

**27th May:** Walk to Beltingham. 3.5 miles.  
Meet: Allen Banks Nat. Trust Car park.  
GR 798 640  
Dave Rutherford. Tel. 01434 601461

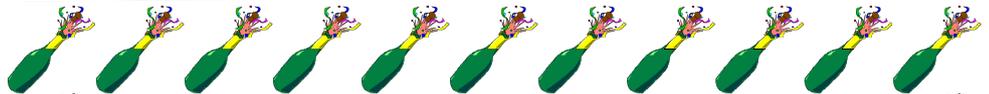
**10th June:** Vindolanda and Charnley Burn. 2.5miles  
Meet: Bowes Hotel, Bardon Mill.  
GR 778 648  
Ben Gibbard. Tel. 01434 688608

**24th June:** Walk to Dotland. 4 miles.  
Meet: Steel. GR 937 588  
Peter Ninnim. Tel. 01434 688776

**8th July:** Folly Lake and Hallypike Lough. 4 miles.  
Meet: Sewingshields Farm.  
GR 810 703  
Emmi Althaus. Tel. 01434 606173  
Cynthia Bradley. Tel. 01434 684622

**22nd July:** Crindledykes. 4 miles.  
Meet: Stanegate, near Barcombe.  
GR 785 6708  
Betty Hargreaves. Tel. 01434 684217

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



**RAIL ALE**

Out of approximately 55,000 pubs in Britain, only 4,500 of the finest outlets for cask beer can be included in the best-selling 'CAMRA Good Beer Guide', so it is a fine achievement for the **Railway Hotel** in Haydon Bridge to have been selected for inclusion in the 2010 edition.

Congratulations to Sue, and Jackie Oliver who is responsible for making sure that the ale is served to the customers in the finest condition.

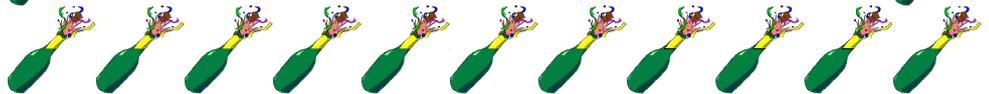
The Railway Hotel joins the **General Havelock** in the 'Good Beer Guide'.

The 'Havelock' is a Haydon Bridge Public House / Restaurant that has enjoyed a reputation for the quality of its varied 'guest ales', and a place in the Good Beer Guide, for many years of course.

Well done to everyone concerned.

So now I'm off to celebrate the Railway Hotel's and Newcastle United's promotion to the Premier League, with a pint or two of Deuchar's finest, or maybe a Black (and white) Sheep.

Why not join me?



**SHAFTOE YOUNG FARMERS' CLUB**  
NEW MEMBERS' NIGHT  
MONDAY MAY 10th AT LANGLEY VILLAGE HALL 7.30pm  
Anyone between 21 and 26 years welcome  
SHAFTOE YFC COFFEE MORNING  
SATURDAY MAY 15th AT HAYDON BRIDGE COMMUNITY CENTRE 10.30am  
To raise funds for the Young Farmers' Club

In quieter reflective moments, do you yearn for your pubescent school days, when a crumpled love letter passed under the desk, or a message from the girl or boy of your dreams, asking you to go with them to the Christmas party, made your heart race and your cheeks burn?

Do you recall the young love that was innocent and all too often fleeting, leaving only memories of long lost friendships, the girl you didn't dare ask to dance; and thoughts of what might have been?

Well, it is good this month to hear from two former school pupils and Haydon Bridge residents, for whom those early meetings were to lead to marriage and many happy years together.

It does seem by the way, that Leslie and Joyce Hill's lifelong friendship was born, not in Jimmy Nicholson's Shaftoe Trust School classroom - where chalk and a blackboard rubber thrown through the air with remarkable accuracy, was a practised method of interrupting teenage dreams - but one evening at the Haydon Bridge Town Hall Cinema. A place of great pleasure for all Haydonians until it closed in 1959.

*I wonder if Trevor Howard and Celia Johnson looked down wistfully at the moment that signalled a lifetime together for Leslie and Joyce!*

On Sunday April 4th, Leslie and Joyce

Hill celebrated fifty years of happy marriage by renewing their vows at Haydon Bridge's St. Cuthbert's Church, having earlier joined staff and pupils at Shaftoe Trust School, where they first met in 1953. Leslie is, in his own words: "A true Haydonian, having been born in the back bedroom of the family home at Martin's Close." Joyce moved to Haydon Bridge in 1953 when her father Leslie Cooper took over the management of the Low Hall Farm for John Straker.

When they left Shaftoe Trust School, Leslie went to work for John Davison at Peel Well Farm for eighteen months and Joyce worked with her father at the Low Hall Farm, bottling milk for Wilf Turnbull's local delivery.

Leslie's farming career also took him to the Low Hall, where he worked for John Brown, but by that time Joyce and her family had moved to a farm at Kenton Bar and from there to the Waterside Farm at Humshaugh. Leslie and Joyce continued to keep in touch however and on April 2nd 1960, they married at St Peter's Church, Humshaugh.

Leslie's work took the newly married couple to farms at Morpeth, Durham and eventually back to our parish, at West Deanraw, where he was employed by Jimmy Drydon for ten years.

Since 1974 Leslie and Joyce have

lived in Langley Gardens and until his retirement, Leslie worked as a bus driver for 'United' and the bus companies that followed them. This career was shared with his community responsibilities as a Special Constable.

Leslie Hill and Joyce Cooper met at Shaftoe Trust School as thirteen year olds and grew up together as well known members of our parish. Following their Golden Wedding Anniversary last month, I leave the last word with Joyce.

"I can really say that we have had fifty years of happiness together; and with our children Carol, Audrey and Kathryn, and our extended family."



Leslie and Joyce at St. Peter's Church Humshaugh in April 1960

*Leslie and Joyce thank everyone involved in their Golden Wedding celebrations, including the Rev. Judith Hampson and Margaret Marshall and her helpers.*

#### COVER NOTE

At a time when over fifty public houses are closing every week, it is wonderful to report that Stuart Davison and his fiancée Jenny Porteous, reopened the Carts Bog at Langley on Friday March 26th. Stuart and Jenny provided a remarkable 1,000 meals in their first twelve days in business, and many repeat customers since, is a sure sign that the 'Bog' is well worth a visit.

The business is very much a family run affair, with Jenny and her sister Amy managing the bar and restaurant with help from Amy's partner Ian; Stuart running the kitchen and Jenny's aunt Elva Mason - another with a Haydon Bridge connection - providing the sweets.

The meat at the Carts Bog is sourced from local farms, including 'Lough Green' where, along with 'The Vauce', the well known Davison families have farmed for many years.

Following his schooling at Shaftoe Trust First School, Allendale Middle and Haydon Bridge High Schools, Stuart has enjoyed a wealth of experience at Langley Castle, The Hadrian at Wall and more recently in New Zealand, where Jenny's parents live.

We are all fortunate that when the Carts Bog came onto the market, Jenny and Stuart decided to return home and reopen the country pub that had meant so much to them in the past. They are committed to providing a family atmosphere with a quality menu and real ales for locals and tourists alike.

We wish Stuart and Jenny every success and will raise a glass of 'Mordue Bog Bitter' to their future.

#### HAYDON BRIDGE MOTHERS' UNION

Members of the Mothers' Union had a

very successful Coffee Morning on Saturday March 13th. We raised £250 towards projects in Third World Countries and I would like to thank those who made it the success it was. We hope to be able to fund a school teacher for a year, amongst other projects still to be decided. So far we have sent a bicycle, birthing kit, health workers, chickens and shelters for them, to name a few of the projects organised by the Mothers' Union.

The Mothering Sunday service in St. Cuthbert's was well attended and enjoyed by the whole congregation. Mums were given a posy of daffodils made by members of the Mothers' Union.

Thank you so much to everyone, including The Haydon News for publishing information about the events.

Anne Brunton. (Hon. Secretary)  
Haydon Bridge Mothers' Union.

## **The Haydon Bridge Development Trust NEEDS YOU!**

The Haydon Bridge and Haydon Parish Development Trust was set up to take forward initiatives identified by local people in the 2008-18 Parish Plan. So far it has secured funding to: refurbish and re-equip the library building; develop a new community website; and develop tourism information (see below for more). The old library is now a multi-functional building we have named '**The Bridge**'.

If you have not already visited '**The Bridge**', call in and be impressed!

The library book service is still supplied by Northumberland County Council so we can request any book in the County's network. **Why not become a library member?**

21 new members have joined the Haydon Bridge Community Library since it reopened on February 3rd.

In addition to the **Community Library Service** other services are starting up at **The Bridge** such as the **Internet Café** and **Visitor Information Point**.

To help raise funds to meet the running costs of The Bridge, we are selling second hand books and starting a jigsaw club. Donations of books would be welcomed. Books not sold after a period of time will be put into the library system.

Join our jigsaw club; we have lots of jigsaws for hire.

We'd welcome your ideas for our Community Library.

### **Website**

Have a look at the new Haydon Bridge website – [www.haydon-bridge.co.uk](http://www.haydon-bridge.co.uk)

IF YOUR COMMUNITY GROUP OR BUSINESS WANTS TO PUT INFORMATION ON THE WEBSITE, OR YOU WANT TO CHANGE AN EXISTING ENTRY email: [webmaster@haydon-bridge.co.uk](mailto:webmaster@haydon-bridge.co.uk)

### **Volunteering**

*We are looking for volunteers for the following initiatives:*

**The Bridge:** Over 30 people have signed up so far as volunteers to run the library, coffee shop and Visitor Information services. The Development Trust is looking for more volunteers for The Bridge.

Contact Eileen Charlton on: 01434 684505.

**Renewable energy:** We need a small team of volunteers to work with 3 of the Trust's Directors (Will Rutherford, Peter Fletcher and Steve Ford) to develop and secure funding for renewable energy initiatives in the Parish.

Contact Peter Fletcher on: 01434 688872

**Tourism and Heritage:** Next year there will be a major new John Martin exhibition at the Laing Art Gallery in Newcastle. This presents a big tourism opportunity for Haydon Bridge, the birthplace of John Martin. We need volunteers to help develop practical plans to exploit this opportunity and to develop other initiatives to support tourism such as new trails linked to our mining and 'border reiver' heritage, and local nature reserve at Tony's Patch.

Phone Sonja Bailes on: 01434 684858.

## **THE BRIDGE - LIBRARY OPEN DAY on 22 May**

**We are holding an open day at The Bridge from 10am to 3pm on Saturday 22 May.** We would really welcome EVERYONE LIVING IN THE PARISH to come along and see what The Bridge has to offer the community, and tell us what you would like it to offer you in the future.

**PLEASE PUT THE DATE IN THE DIARY AND COME AND SEE US**

**Correspondence (cont'd)**

A reply had been received from the Governors of the High School regarding the events on Charity Day. This stated that while they were concerned to maintain good relations with the community, they would appreciate it if any local residents who had concerns relating to student behaviour would contact the school directly.

Telephone 01434 684 422.

A school governor, present at the meeting, informed the Council that a teacher had cleared up after the students, and that the school is investigating what had happened. She expressed concern that under aged students had been seen drinking in the village, which placed them in a vulnerable position, and no one had contacted the school in concern for their welfare. She also expressed concern that as this had been reported in the Haydon News, now available on line, this bad impression of the village/school could be seen worldwide.

The letter from the Governing Body suggested that a group of students could come along to a Council meeting to present some of the work they had done over the year. It was agreed that the clerk contact the school and suggest possible dates.

**Parish Projects.**

**Haydon Development Trust**

Peter Fletcher, the Trust's secretary, said that more debate was needed about how to involve the community in responding to the issues raised in the discussion about the High School. A councillor informed him that local residents are to meet with the High School.

It was pointed out that the Trust now has charitable status. As a charity it is entitled to rate relief. (It wouldn't be required to pay business rates on the Library building). However, as the Trust only manages the building, the lease is held at present by the Parish Council, the Trust faces an annual rates bill of about £1200. A request was made for the Council to consider the issue.  
(See the Trust Report on page 12)

**Flashing speed warning signs.**

The clerk read a report from a councillor on his meeting with Alan Bawn, from NCC Highways, and a representative from Solagen, suppliers of warning signs. Three possible locations for speed

**MAGNIFICENT AEROBATHON**

**Thanks from Lorna Woodward to all those involved in the Aerobathon events**

**And so to thanks, but where do I begin?**

First off, the Haydon Bridge Community Association who allowed me the use of the hall and coffee room. I really couldn't have organised it anywhere else, nor would I have wanted to.

To all the local businesses and friends who donated raffle prizes. To everyone who turned up to help at the event, helping to sell raffle tickets and taking a turn in the kitchen making sure we had plenty food and snacks. (Thanks to the Co-op staff who supplied breakfast goodies.) To Chris and Anna who organised and set the quiz, Alison and Geeta for making sure we had the pies, peas and drinks to enjoy at half time.

Special thanks to Lucy and Alison my fellow teachers, who taught some of the classes and stayed to participate in some of them too. And of course to my daughter Katie who kept popping in and out of the classes with words of encouragement and helped with the raffle ticket sales and made me tea throughout the day.

**Finally, A MAJOR THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE WHO TOOK PART IN THE CLASSES AND GAVE DONATIONS TO THE FUND RAISING EVENT.**

PS. Thanks to the WI ladies who went to see 'Calendar Girls' and had a raffle on the bus which raised £43, and they donated it to the fundraising.

**The Aerobathon Day and further online donations have so far totalled £628.**

This is more than half way to our target of £1000, which we will be donating to The Moonwalk, Edinburgh, where I, Alison, Anna, and Jacqui will be walking 26miles in 7 hours to raise funds for Breast Cancer campaigns.

Just to give you an idea of the distance we are undertaking... it equates to walking from The Metro Centre at Gateshead to The Community Centre at Haydon Bridge.

**Thank you all. LORNA WOODWARD, Bee-Active Sports.**

warning signs had been discussed; on Ratcliffe Road near the junction with Innerhaugh Mews; on the A686 at the east end of the village near Langley Burn bridge; Station Road east of the Fire Station. Moving the Station Road 30mph sign from its present position, next the North Bank junction, to a point several metres further east was also discussed. A quotation for the purchase of a sign had been received. As the councillor involved was not at the meeting it was agreed to postpone further discussion until a future meeting. Cllr Sharp reiterated that he would be happy to use the local project funds available to him to pay for this scheme.

**Any other business.**

NCC are to be requested to remove graffiti from the wall beneath the old bridge.

A quotation has been received and accepted to replace the latch on the cemetery gates.

Two councillors are to investigate the options for making provision for woodland burials at the cemetery.

There was agreement that in principle the Parish Council would go ahead with NCC's proposed transfer of responsibility for play areas next year, along with the transfer of funds for this work.

The Clerk is also going to make further enquiries about the transfer of responsibilities for bus stop maintenance.

Concern was expressed that although the village had a 'flood group' this was more in name than reality with few participating in meeting etc. A register of volunteers is to be held in the Library. These people would be called on to help in case of a flood alert being issued.

Prices have been received from two organisations for filling hanging baskets for the village. A budget of £200 has been agreed to provide baskets. Local businesses are to be asked to contribute towards costs.

**The next Parish Council meeting is on MAY 20th in the Community Centre.** (Please note that the date of the meeting is one week earlier than usual). MP.

*"Deep fat fryer for sale: genuine reason for sale...heart attack."*

*"I think the worst time to have a heart attack is during a game of charades, especially if your teammates are bad guessers."*

I apologise for the morbid start to my musings this month. The effects, I think of being overworked over the last month or so. The school holidays are always harder work for those of us not on holiday as we seek to cover for those who are!

I am sure you are all aware things will be even busier for Dr Ford who is now well in the midst of an election campaign... good luck to him.

As well as putting a lot of effort into keeping up with the endless changes in the NHS and the extension to our premises, I am keeping cycling. Mostly this is for fun, but I do enjoy one or two races per year. I usually struggle through to the end somewhere in the middle of the pack (I am a typical man, and whilst I mainly do it for the taking part, I do keep at least half an eye on how I am doing). So, I was very pleased with myself last month.

I entered a mountain bike race at Whinlatter in the Lake District and started about 100 people from the front. I was overtaken most of the way through my 2 hour contribution. I was incredibly surprised to be told, when I turned off early (most were doing 2 laps of the course, I had enlisted to do only one) "a one lapper, well done, you're doing very well". I powered my way to the finish to be met by a teenage scouser looking very chirpy sitting astride his bike next to his dad. I was second of the one-lappers and only 20mins behind him! I revelled in my never-to-be-repeated podium placement, (not enough to wait the three hours to the presentation unfortunately...I had to get home to look after the kids). I offered any prize to the young lad, I don't know if he collected it though!

No prizes for guessing the first item in this month's blog:

### **The Extension:**

Once again thank you very much for your patience with our extension. It is gathering pace and, by the time you read this, we should be into our new reception and waiting area. This is not the end of it, however. We still have to convert the old reception and dispensary areas into two new consulting rooms. We are assured this should only take a couple of weeks, so, not much longer now.

I know there have been problems with parking and traffic movement on the North Bank over the last few months. I apologise for our part in it and am sure things have been worse than usual through our building works. However, many of the cars parked on the North Bank do have nothing to do with us! We are doing our best to try to minimise the effects of the building works as nearly all staff are parking offsite and away from the main road.

It will all be over soon and I am sure it will be worth it!

### **Cancer Death rates falling in the UK**

Recent UK figures show 5 year cancer survival rates are increasing for bowel, breast and prostate cancer and are improving for the people diagnosed in 2003 compared with those diagnosed in 2001. (i.e. more people are living to five years after the initial diagnosis of cancer now. This often, but not always, represents cure). I think this represents improvements in secondary care, BUT the most important aspects in better survival of most cancers are related to *early diagnosis*. I would urge people who think they might have signs of cancer to book an appointment and come and see us. It is hard to summarise the first things people tend to notice in cancer as it depends on the individual cancer, but a useful

guide can be found at:

[www.cancer.org/docroot/cric/content/cric\\_2\\_4\\_3x\\_what\\_are\\_the\\_signs\\_and\\_symptoms\\_of\\_cancer.asp](http://www.cancer.org/docroot/cric/content/cric_2_4_3x_what_are_the_signs_and_symptoms_of_cancer.asp).

It is, of course, extremely important to take part in the currently running NHS screening programmes for bowel, breast and cervical cancer. These screening programmes often diagnose cancer at its earliest and most treatable stage.

### **NHS Health Checks:**

We will be introducing health checks for all of our population between 40 and 75. This is an NHS wide programme and we are pleased to be taking part. We think we have already done much of the work, as we have been very proactive in this area over many years.

This programme will be a consistent and comprehensive summary of each individual's risk of strokes and heart attacks (by far the biggest causes of death in the UK) and WILL HELP PEOPLE UNDERSTAND WHAT THEY CAN DO TO LOOK AFTER THEMSELVES FROM THIS POINT OF VIEW.

I think we can nearly all use help in this regard (the important areas are, of course, smoking, exercise levels, weight, diet, salt and alcohol intake) so I would urge people to make it a priority to come along.

EVERYBODY IN THE AGE RANGE WILL BE INVITED OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS. WE WILL BE INVITING THOSE WE ALREADY KNOW TO BE AT HIGHEST RISK FIRST.

And finally, after that very brief run through some of the most important areas in primary care:

**Alpha Geek:** The most knowledgeable, technically proficient person in an office or work group. "Ask Larry, he's the alpha geek around here"

**Anthrax:** Trail made by ants

**Antibodies:** Things uncles are familiar with

**Enjoy spring.**  
**Dr Paul Wyatt.**

Dear Editors,

### **Mending the gaps with local pride.**

Reading in the Hexham Courant of March 12th about Peter Moorhead, chairman of the Northumberland branch of the National Dry Stone Walling Association, and the work done now by the Northumberland National Park Authority to help train a new generation of dry stone wallers, hedge layers, fencers and footpath makers, made me decide to write this letter. I have long been saddened by the gradual demise of our once wonderfully crafted dry stone walls. Farmers no longer hire labourers with time and skills to fill in gaps when required, and so these distinctive field boundaries dating back a couple of centuries are being lost.

As they are not being repaired the ice, snow and frost get inside, where capping stones are gone, and soon blow out the lower stones too, leaving a sorry heap of stone. Then they are no longer able to house the mice, spiders, stoats, and adders whose havens they have long been. Wrens no longer flit along their length searching for titbits. Bob Charlton told me stonechats used to nest in the wall opposite my home. The ewes and lambs have nowhere to shelter, and believe you me they can do with somewhere more solid than a stock fence on the hillsides up here. Bob used to leave the old pig huts open for his sheep to use in bad weather and the lead ewe ushered her little flock in often.

The School Farm uses an old stone walled sheep pen that was probably once part of the Ridley farm at Peelwell – a farm that used to provide beef for Queen Victoria, if I remember my Nancy Ridley correctly. This sheep pen has high stone walls and, in my memory, had a perfect cobbled floor to one section, the cobbles comprising those smoothly rounded ovals found on the river bank, and angled into a drainage channel in the centre. This floor, which was truly a work of art, is no longer whole.

Would it not be something people seeking regular exercise could band together to do locally, to show their pride in the skills and traditions that have been lost in and around the village? It has even been suggested that people living along a road facing a decaying dry stone wall could get together to rescue a little bit each, especially if someone has or could get the know-how. Of course farmers and landowners would have to be supportive. But if they are, why not give it a go!

June Henriksen

**If you're interested in following up June's idea, but are unsure of how to proceed, or if you'd like to find out about dry stone walling, the Northumbria Branch of the Dry Stone Walling Association is running a series of 'Taster Days'. The next 'Taster Day' is at Catton on June 5th.**

This 'Taster Day' is organised in conjunction with the North Pennines AONB.

**For further details please contact Leigh Dobson, Tel; 07740 868 880 or email [leigh@drystonewalling-services.co.uk](mailto:leigh@drystonewalling-services.co.uk).**

*Editors*

### **Appeal from Langley Castle**

Do you remember Langley Castle being used as something other than a hotel over the last century?

Were you at school here perhaps?

Can you remember the Castle when used as a barracks during the war?

Have you worked here before it was a hotel?

Do you remember the medieval banquets, as staff or as a guest?

We are looking for any old photographs and stories that some of you may have, to go into a new history book about the Castle.

We have a lot of information and history relating to the castle prior to the restoration, but not too much regarding the past century; which is unfortunate as this is when the castle has had the most use.

Have you old photographs of yourself, parents or grandparents that we could put into the book?

If you have anything you think we will find interesting and would like to share it with others, we would be delighted to see your photographs and hear your stories.

**Please send what you have to Gary Naylor, Langley Castle Hotel, Hexham, NE47 5LU**

**Or Email**

**[manager@langleycastle.com](mailto:manager@langleycastle.com)**

**Original photographs can be collected and will be returned. Thank you for your help with this appeal.**

### **HAYDON BRIDGE UNITED A.F.C.**

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**By 15th May 2010**

### **HAYDON LOCAL ARTISTS**

**DON'T FORGET**

**The Haydon Local Artists'  
Annual Summer Exhibition  
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### **MAGNIFICENT MINIATURES AT HAYDON BRIDGE**

This exhibition of illustrated letters of the alphabet, taken from ancient manuscripts and early bibles, and each reproduced about one metre tall, hence the event's title 'Massive Miniatures', takes place at:

**St John of Beverley, Catholic Church, Haydon Bridge**

**Each Saturday in June**

**10.30am to 4.00pm**

**Each Sunday in June**

**12.00 noon to 4.00pm.**

Refreshments will be available.

**Special arrangements to view the exhibition outside these hours  
can be made by telephone: 01434 674317 .**

The 'miniatures' have been made, under the direction of Celia Kilner, by members of Northumbria Scribes, York Scribes and Calderdale Calligraphers.

**Admire the craftsmanship and humour of a bygone age,  
at Haydon Bridge.**

**CHURCH PAGE**

**CLERGY MESSAGE**

From

*Leo Pyle*

Let's learn a new word.  
Let's learn a big new word.  
Let the word be ESCHATOLOGY. Do we like it? Not a lot! Anyway, that's our big new word; ESCHATOLOGY.

Jesus never uses the word. But he talks to us about eschatology all the time. Jesus talks to us about the meaning of life. He talks to us about what follows death. He claims that his message is all about our destiny. And what we are for, what follows death and our destiny is eschatology. That's what it means.

There's a lot of it about! Given the deaths, funerals, terror and violence that are always with us. There's no ducking the issues of our final meaning, what follows death and our destiny. There's no escaping the issues of eschatology.

Not to worry.  
Jesus accepts responsibility for each one of us and all of us. He is the only person able to absorb the threat and reality of death – and still be there when the dust of death has settled. There is only one who has the breath of life to blow the dust of death away and that's Jesus, who is Christ and Lord. He is the beginning and end; the be all and end all.

But the Spirit of life is breathed forth in sacrifice. It does not come easy, but with the lifelong groan of self-sacrifice.

**MAY 2010**



**WHO AND WHERE**

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

Rev Judith Hampson,  
with St Cuthbert's Anglican Church  
The Vicarage, Station Yard  
Tel. 01434 684307

Rev Les Hann,  
with the Methodist Congregation  
Wesley Manse, Moor View, Haltwhistle  
Tel. 01434 320051

Father Leo Pyle ,  
with St John's Catholic Church  
St John's Presbytery, North Bank  
Tel. 01434 684265

Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd who accepts total responsibility for us, is a sacrificial figure. This is the One who offers us the fullness of life.

Jesus gives us life as sparkling as running water, nourishing as bread, exhilarating as wine, as comforting as light and peaceful as green pastures. And he pays for these gifts with his life.

But if that self-surrender ensures the defeat of death – and it does – then here we have a Lord and Christ on whom we can rely absolutely and completely. We can leave our lives in Jesus' hands, just as they are.

*Leo Pyle*

**METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES**

**2 May**

10.00am Morning Worship  
Margaret Carr

6.00pm Evening Worship  
Roger Anthony

**9 May**

10.00 am Family Service  
Rev Les Hann

6.00pm Evening Service at  
St John's - Christian Aid

**16 May**

10.00am Morning Worship  
Joyce Short

6.00pm Evening Worship  
Readers Service

**23 May**

10.00am Morning Worship  
Sptdt. Stephen Caddy

6.00pm no Evening Service  
Pentecost at Old Haydon

**30 May**

10.00am Morning Worship  
Doug Hogg

6.00pm Evening Service  
Rev Peter Wright

**6 June**

10.00am Morning Worship  
Graham Wilson

6.00pm Communion Service  
Rev Les Hann

**BELTINGHAM/HENSHAW CHURCH SERVICES**

**2 May**

**Beltingham**  
9.30am BCP Communion

**9 May**

*10.30am Joint Service at  
Haydon Bridge*

**16 May**

**Henshaw**  
9.30am Communion

**23 May**

**Henshaw**  
10.00am Joint Service

**30 May**

*10.30am Joint Service at  
Haydon Bridge*

**6 June**

**Henshaw**  
9.30am BCP Communion

**ST JOHN OF BEVERLEY CHURCH SERVICES**

Mass each Sunday at  
9.30am

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either St John's or  
Haltwhistle

**ST CUTHBERT'S CHURCH SERVICES**

**2 May**

11.00am BCP Communion

**9 May**

10.30am Joint Communion  
Service

**16 May**

11.00am Communion Service

**23 May**

*10.00am Joint Service at  
Henshaw*

**30 May**

*10.30am Joint Service at  
Haydon Bridge*

**6 June**

11.00am BCP Communion

**HAYDON OLD CHURCH SERVICES**

Next service  
Pentecost Evensong  
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Warm welcome to all

### HAYDON BRIDGE UNITED ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL CLUB

HBUAFC hold their monthly meeting on the first Monday of every month at 7.30pm in the Lounge of the **Railway Hotel** where representatives of every football team in the village are invited to attend.  
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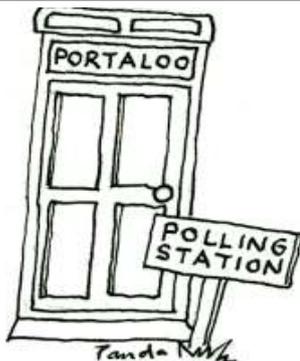
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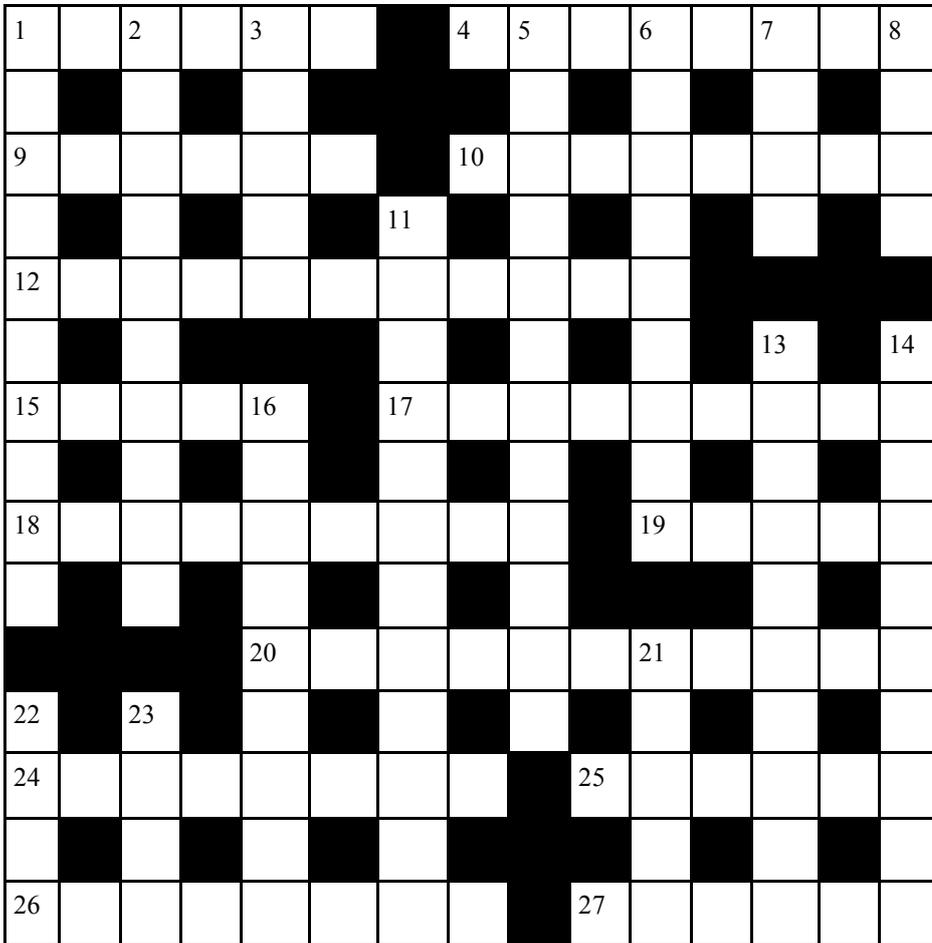
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# The £10 Crossword

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ADDRESS: .....



### ACROSS

1. Raincoat a firm manufactured for a prosimian. (6)
4. Stiff paper a mother combined for spice. (8)
9. Toilet Edward ransacked (6)
10. Speculation, if in charge, is limited. (8)
12. Advantaged one degree of reprehensible practice. (7,4)
15. Part of a fancy Celtic beaver. (5)
17. Sovereign dissolved territory. (9)
18. Sortie Rex lit up outsides. (9)
19. First name of Leone's favourite composer. Get it in one! (5)
20. Make known, passage restricted flying. (3,8)
24. Crazy lust paid for approvals. (8)
25. Conservative adores spices. (6)
26. Rough grain. Zizania. (4,4)

### SOLUTIONS TO APRIL'S CROSSWORD. (51)

#### Across

- 1 American City
- 8 Angelic
- 9 Twin bed
- 11 Fish pie
- 12 Nuances
- 13 Agate
- 14 Ethnology
- 16 Character
- 19 Fatal
- 21 Seattle
- 23 Proverb
- 24 Outages
- 25 Prattle
- 26 Frankenstein

#### Down

- 1 Augusta
- 2 Ellipse
- 3 Increment
- 4 Alton
- 5 Chicago
- 6 Tobacco
- 7 San Francisco
- 10 Dissyllables
- 15 Hornpipes
- 17 Adaptor
- 18 Antigen
- 19 Footage
- 20 Trenton
- 22 Elsie

### DOWN

1. Many looked, many sided. (10)
2. Angry knees - up leads to a type of agreement we may see a lot of this month. (5,5)
3. Native American penny tele printer. (5)
5. Fruit thrive to produce this. (5,7)
6. Art movement left dead. Beheaded! (9)
7. Bungle warmer. (4)
8. Spice club. (4)
11. Posh? Outraged, roast a critic. (12)

13. Patron of Welsh poets. (5,5)
14. Garden of flowers. Nice place to be. (3,2,5)
16. Record Ian mixed for flavouring. (9)
21. Laws control Sweden. (5)
22. Throw up starting price. each way initially. (4)
23. Outburst highlander heard. (4)

**NUMBER OF ENTRIES**  
**11 (7 Correct)**

**THIS MONTH'S WINNER**  
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*Entries in before **SATURDAY, 22nd MAY 2010**  
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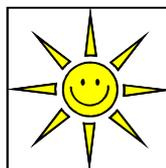
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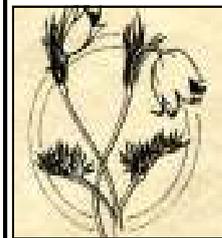
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