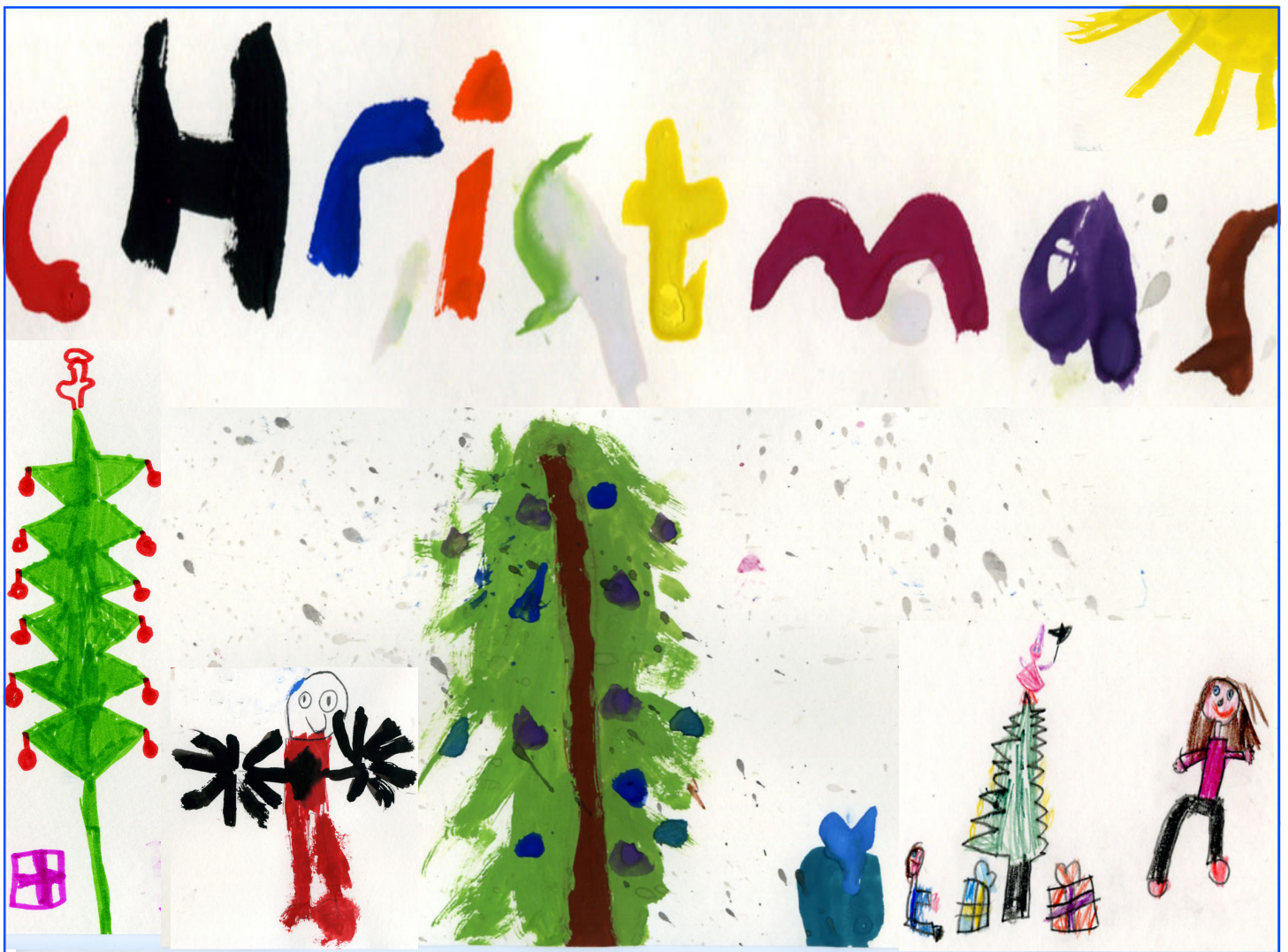




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This year for the first time, due to huge public demand, it will continue right through to January 21st. It's not too late to book seats and make the magic of Christmas last a little bit longer.

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## **PARISH COUNCIL NOTES from the meeting in November 2011**

Iain Hedley, Communities Officer at Northumberland National Park, gave a short presentation on Neighbourhood Planning. This is part of the government's new planning policy to give local communities more say in the planning process and in decisions on areas for future development. He explained that parish councils can develop their own Neighbourhood Plan and would receive support from NCC and the National Park to do this. Consultation would have to take place with the residents of the parish as part of the process. At present there are three pilot schemes taking place in Northumberland; Allendale, Alnwick and in the National Park. Once completed the Neighbourhood Plan would have to go to a local referendum where a simple majority of those voting would give it approval. It would then go to NCC for approval and adoption. Once adopted by the County Council it would have legal status and would need to be taken notice of by developers and planners. Questions were asked by councillors particularly on how far it would be able to reflect local needs and wishes if it also had to match with government and county strategic planning and housing policy. As none of the pilot schemes are complete it seems it's a matter of wait and see.

### **Public Participation.**

Representatives from the GITS group asked what plans the Parish Council had to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee in 2012. They were informed that the Council have allocated money in the 2012/13 precept to support a community led celebratory event and that if GIT Society was to plan for such an event then the Council would support them. A street party was suggested as one possibility.

### **Council meeting**

9 councillors were present and the NCC councillor.

### **NCC Report**

Councillor Sharp informed the Council that, following several complaints from local residents and Parish Councillors about the road repairs in Strother Close and Langley Gardens, he had made the complaints known to NCC Highways. He also said that he had received complaints about the current state of the area previously occupied by West End Joinery, also concerns about the size and proximity to the end of Victoria

Terrace of the new office development proposed for the site. A site visit by members of the Planning Committee is due to take place soon prior to a final decision being made.

There is money for community group projects in the Community Chest and the time for applications is running out. Cllr Sharp urged local groups planning projects to apply for funding and to contact Susie Goncu at County Hall in Morpeth.

Planning permission for a new 15 bed hospital in Haltwhistle has been granted. This will also have 12 flats for the elderly. Building work will start in the New Year.

### **Highways**

Permission has been received to locate a new seat east of the village near the top of the lane leading to the water treatment plant.

The police have been looking at the parking near the bus stop on Ratcliffe Road. While there were favourable comments about the chevron parking for cars it is considered unsuitable for larger vehicles that protrude further into the road and cause an obstruction. The parking of vehicles on the extended pavement at the bus stop is against the law, causes an obstruction and must not happen. The situation is to be monitored and offenders issued with a ticket. The police are also to monitor the situation following complaints regarding parked cars that have been deliberately scratched.

The bulge in the railway retaining wall has been declared structurally stable but is to be monitored.

The blocked gullies near the pedestrian crossing in Ratcliffe Road are to be cleared.

### **Lighting.**

There is a light missing from the post at the foot of the road leading to St John's Church.

### **Planning**

The following planning applications were received;

Change of use from warehouse to MOT testing station and service/repair garage at Unit 2 Industrial Estate.

Construction of polytunnel to house sheep at West Moralee Farm.

Conversion of window to double doors and construction of Juliette balcony at

first floor rear of 1A Ratcliffe Road. No objections were made.

### **Correspondence**

The council received a letter from a local resident complaining about dazzle from the floodlighting of the old bridge. While very appreciative of the Christmas lights, the correspondent felt that the floodlighting could only be appreciated by motorists crossing the new bridge.

A consultation is underway about possible changes to the mobile library service in Northumberland. The mobile library calls at Langley and Grindon in the Parish. Users of the service wishing to respond can view the proposals document at 'The Bridge' Library.

An inspection report was received concerning the condition of the play equipment at Shaftoe Green.

Councillors received an invitation to the Tynedale Sports Awards evening on Dec 5th.

### **Parish Projects.**

Haydon Bridge Development Trust.

The Development Trust are considering setting up an Oil Buying Co-operative. (see notice on page 13).

### **Library Project.**

The Library have received a very good response to the request for old photographs and other items of interest about the Parish for inclusion in the Haydon Archive.

**Parish Council notes continue on page 13.**

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## THE DELUGE



**Get out your gamps and gaiters, it's going to be very wet during the next three pages.**

**In last month's Haydon News I surveyed the devastation wrought by the River Tyne during the great flood of November 1771. The bridge at Haydon Bridge was rebuilt at a cost of £1,350, and one halfpenny in the £ was added to the rates each year over eight years to pay for the rebuilding of all the lost or damaged bridges in Northumberland. Those residents of Haydon Bridge who had suffered from the inundation received damages, for their suffering and distress, of between ten shillings, and sixteen shillings and eightpence, in each £ claimed. This financial contribution was made up from voluntary donations.**

According to popular reports following the 1771 inundation, the bridge at Haydon Bridge was 'carried away' in the flood. A closer examination of the detail in the payment to the contractor for rebuilding, however, suggests that the 'carried away' portion of the bridge was probably only the two south arches and the 'environs at each end of the bridge'. In 1806, another arch fell and two were lost in a great flood recorded on the River Tyne in 1815.

**So, plodge with me through the storms and floods that settled over our community, soaking the ground and lighting up the sky at regular intervals until the 20th century.**

The earliest reference to a bridge at Haydon is in **1296**, but we have no knowledge of its fate during the first recorded 'disastrous' flooding of the River Tyne, as early as **August 12th 1339** in the 'Chronicle of Lanercost', when 'one hundred and sixty men and seven priests and more' were drowned in

Newcastle.

The first bridge at Haydon was of timber construction, of course, and we know that William Camden (circa 1586) described it as 'weak and shaking' and ready to fall, which we can assume it did as, in **1623**, the Justices of Northumberland were ordered to, 'raise an immediate levy for the repair of the bridge (at Haydon) which had lately fallen down'. It is claimed that many were drowned in crossing the river here when the bridge fell, although our late historian L.C. Coombes suggests that these claims were probably exaggerated.

There is no suggestion that the 1623 collapse was due to flood waters, and it is **between 1680 and 1686** when damage to the bridge due to a 'violent flood', is first recorded. A rate was levied for the bridge's repair following the flood.

Although Haydon Bridge may have suffered during subsequent Tyne floods in January 1699 and October 1701 - the bridge having by this time been built of stone - we have no written record and therefore it is not until **July 8th 1722** that we can be almost certain that the residents of our village were distressed due to the river's inundation, when the Newcastle Weekly Chronicle reported:

'We had such an extraordinary fresh occasioned by the excessive rains, the like has not been known for many years, and has done much damage to our neighbourhood and we hear the same has driven down most bridges on the South Tyne.'

In **November 1761**, incessant rains carried the bridge away at Ridley Hall but there is no record of the bridge at Haydon being affected. Our stone bridge also seems to have survived a severe flood in **1763**.

**Following the great flood of 1771 (See HN November 2011) the next local inundation of any consequence was in 1782.**

**On March 10th 1782** there was a heavy fall of snow followed by heavy rain which 'raised the River Tyne higher than ever remembered, except the flood in 1771'. The rapid current threw down the rebuilt Ridley Hall bridge and rendered the bridge at Haydon Bridge impassable.

*Following the 1782 flood, a new bridge was built at Ridley Hall. The foundation stone was laid on August 20th 1789 and the bridge still stands today, bearing the inscription: 'Built By The County 1792'.*

By the evening of March 11th 1782, the flood had brought down the new bridge at Hexham. John Smeaton had rebuilt the Hexham bridge after the 1771 flood.

*A remarkable engineer, John Smeaton had nevertheless apparently misjudged the flow potential of a flooded River Tyne. (See separate 'John Smeaton' panel on page 5)*

**On Sunday December 21st 1806** a disaster was narrowly averted at Haydon Bridge when, at about ten o'clock in the morning, one of the bridge's ninety five feet span arches, which was dilapidated and had apparently long shown signs of weakness, fell into the river with a tremendous crash just as a number of people were passing on their way to church. One unfortunate man, named Thomas Nixon, sunk with the ruins to a depth of forty feet, but was taken out alive although he had a broken thigh bone and was otherwise much bruised. The bridge collapse necessitated the rebuilding of three arches.

**There is no indication that the 1806 incident was flood related; however, the disaster following the famous 'snowmelt' of 1815 certainly was.**

William Garret, in his account of the **Tyne snowmelt flood in 1815** reports:

'After a continual succession of frost and snow since the 17th of November, a rapid thaw, accompanied with rain, commenced on Thursday the 28th December and continued the whole of Friday, when, towards the evening that day, the wind began to blow with great violence from westward and the southwest.

During the course of the night the gale increased in a most alarming and excessive degree, and particularly towards midnight when it blew with all the force of a tornado.

The immense accumulations of snow on the hills, being suddenly melted through the united powers of the thaw and wind, the River Tyne was swelled to an extraordinary height; and the rapidity of its course being greatly increased by the violence of the wind, it rolled along a restless torrent, overflowing its banks and overwhelming everything within its



reach.

So great a flood has not been known on the river since 1771

A fortunate result did not attend the bridge over the river Tyne at Haydon Bridge in 1815, two southern arches of the structure being carried away at nine o'clock on Friday night, being too low to admit the volume of water. The man who delivers weekly newspapers to Haltwhistle was, at Haydon Bridge, obliged to go round by the Cupola Bridge, to pass through Whitfield, and then proceed by the Ridley Hall Bridge to Haltwhistle.'

*If Garret's record is accurate, it implies that the two southern arches that were rebuilt following the 1771 flood, were swept away again in the snowmelt flood of 1815.*

Eals Bridge across the South Tyne in Knarsdale was also carried away in 1815 and one arch of the Glenwhelt Bridge was also 'thrown down', although the bridges at Ridley Hall and Corbridge survived.

**It appears that our bridge at Haydon Bridge, rebuilt again following the snowmelt flood, survived a number of lesser floods throughout the next century. Other bridges in our parish were not so fortunate.**

**Serious flooding of our rivers is generally associated with the winter months, however, it was a localised 'flash flood' in July 1829 that destroyed the bridges of the Tyne's tributaries at Haydon Bridge.**

William Lee recorded the events of **Friday July 24th 1829** in his diary of historical notes:

'Haydon Bridge and neighbourhood was visited by a tremendous thunderstorm. The lightning was awfully grand and continued from three o'clock in the afternoon until near eight in the evening. The rain fell in torrents and Low Hall Burn rose to a fearful height; the new bridges at Langley Toll Bar and Gees Wood were entirely swept away, as well as the wall or quay erected at a great expense for widening the road at Esp Hill Cleugh.

The Low Hall Bridge was covered with water to a great depth, the battlements were thrown down and the road on the west much damaged.

*The first (Low Hall) bridge, at the east of the village, over the Langley (or Gees Wood) Burn, had been built in 1713.*

The Post Office and several cottages near the burn, were completely

inundated and the inhabitants sustained a severe loss.

Ralph Heslop, letter carrier, saved himself by wading up the street from the Post Office to the Anchor Inn, nearly to the neck in water; his mother, who kept the Post Office, had a narrow escape from drowning. It appears she had got onto the top of a coalhouse for safety; but, the water rising very fast, she would have been washed off in a very short time, when some of the villagers seeing her, got her from the perilous situation at the risk of their own lives.

Several large trees were carried up the street by the flood and upon one of them was perched a bantam cock!

*In 1829, the Haydon Bridge Post Office was on 'Broadstone' - on the north side of today's John Martin Street - before it moved to Albert House - number 13 Church Street today.*

At Langley in 1829, the July 24th lightning struck the wooden ventilator on the top of the highest chimney at Langley Smelt Mills, and tore off several of the planks.'

*I have a personal interest in the July 1829 storm, as a bolt of lightning, entered the chimney of a cottage occupied by my 2 x great uncle James Telford and his wife Isabella at Chesterwood.*

It was reported that the lightning set fire to the bedclothes in which one of their children was sleeping. Apparently, Isabella seemed paralysed by the trauma and was unable to move, but James sprung from his seat and snatched the little one 'from the very jaws of death'. The lightning bolt also struck a massive oak seat which was erected outside of the house, 'tearing it into atoms'.

The oldest inhabitants in the locality, apparently, never could remember witnessing such a thunderstorm as that on July 24th 1829.

There were no deaths resulting from the July storm, but four months later on the evening of Friday **November 27th 1829**, Mary Urwin, the wife of William Urwin a boot and shoe maker in the village, went out of her house at the tanyard and walked over the 'quay wall' the night being very dark. Mary's body was found underneath the bridge. The River Tyne at the tanyard has always been a most dangerous place, and a number of cases of

## JOHN SMEATON 1724 - 1792

Yorkshireman John Smeaton was one of the first people to call himself a 'civil engineer'. He had a remarkable and prolific career and his achievements included the design of bridges, canals, harbours, lighthouses, steam engines and scientific instruments.

Smeaton's most famous work perhaps is the third Eddystone Lighthouse (1756), as its design influenced a succession of lighthouses built during the following one hundred and fifty years.

It is John Smeaton's influence as Receiver to the Greenwich Hospital Commissioners' Northern Estates that is of most interest in our parish however.

Until 1768, the Greenwich Hospital leased their Alston Moor lead mines to the London Lead Company, from whom they received one fifth of the output (Duty Ore) as rent for the mining on/of their land. The Greenwich Hospital then sold their Duty Ore back to the London Lead Company who smelted it at Nenthead.

It was the Estate's Receivers, Nicholas Walton Jnr., and **John Smeaton**, who persuaded the Commissioners, that it would make them a substantial yearly profit, if they built and operated their own smelt mill, and, in a letter to the Commissioners dated April 6th 1766, Walton and Smeaton suggested a site at Woodhall where an earlier mill had been sited.

*From the Society of Antiquaries Proceedings (Series 3 Vol. vii) and the household book of Dilston, we know that the Woodhall mill was in operation in 1681, when £2 was paid for two tanned hides for making new bellows. In 1722, however, the mill 'lay idle and in need of repair' and almost certainly never operated again.*

**Smeaton and Walton's proposals for smelting were accepted by the Hospital's Commissioners, and a new mill was built in 1768. It was not sited at Woodhall, however, but on their land at Langley, where an abundance of peat and Stublick coal and a plentiful supply of water was available.**

drowning have been recorded there over the years.

Another localised thunderstorm, which wreaked havoc in our community, was recorded on Wednesday **July 7th 1852** when the thunder and lightning was

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described as ‘something awful’ and such a deluge of rain had seldom been witnessed.

The streets in Haydon Bridge were completely flooded as the water came rushing down from some fields above known as the ‘Cootshields’, totally flooding the California Gardens and making the road to the gardens, and Fourstones to the east, impassable.

*John Grey of Dilston (1785-1868) - who, like John Smeaton, was Receiver for Greenwich Hospital's Northern Estates - wrote of the 1852 storm in a letter to his wife, and the graphic description of the damage caused at the Cleugh, on the Fourstones road, was published in 1869 by his daughter Josephine E. Butler, in the memoirs of her father:*

‘Such a fall of water for four miles square I have never heard of in this country. It came down so as to fill tubs standing outside in a minute. I went and found the colliery at Fourstones full of water run in at the mouth, nothing could resist it. Capon's Cleugh bridge and road which cost us £530 six years ago, all gone into the Tyne where it formed an island with trees washed down.

A workman on the line at Allerwash Bridge at our mill; saw the water come up like an avalanche, stepped back and in a moment saw the railway bridge over the Allerwash Burn carried boldly into the Tyne and swept away in fragments. A mile further west, the ruins of our Capon's Cleugh Bridge came in a deluge of water and trees and stones against the railway. The culvert for the passing of the small burn was stopped; the train came up; the engine and tender got over but the line broke under the carriages. The guard fell through the bottom of his van, was swept in the flood of the burn across the Tyne and landed unhurt on our plantation on the south side! How he escaped being crushed to death among the splinters and broken planks of the carriages I cannot conceive. It is a miraculous escape and he can tell little about it but that he thought he was to be drowned. No passengers were killed; seven were rather hurt.’

*John Grey retired in 1863 and moved from Dilston to Lipwood House where he influenced Haydon Bridge's cultural activities until his death on January 22nd 1868 aged eighty two years.*

On the subject of Lipwood and floods, it was **Monday May 22nd 1865** when the temporary Lipwood railway bridge, which was in the course of erection and was to have done duty until a substantial

iron bridge took its place, was washed away in a flood that followed a ‘fearful thunderstorm, vivid flashes of lightning and torrents of rain’.

At the Cart's Bog, two young men had a narrow escape when they were loading scrap iron onto a horse and cart. The top of the wall close by them was struck by lightning and the cart wheel was grazed with fire, ‘shaking the nerves of the young fellows’.

Another thunderstorm at Haydon Bridge was recorded on **July 20th 1874**, when:

‘The lightning was exceedingly brilliant and did a good deal of damage. It struck the chimney at Rattenraw building and took its course down the chimney to the kitchen, tearing off some plastering. It then made its way to an upper room, splitting a bed-head to match-wood in which were two girls, burning part of the hair off the head of one of the girls. In its passage it raised several of the large stone slates near the chimney, and also moved the lead tabling.’

The month of July continued to provide its share of devastating thunderstorms and on **July 11th 1875**, the eye of the storm was at Grindon and Sewingshields where, during a visit to the Misses Benson at Grindon Hill, Nicholas Woodman of Crowhall and two valuable horses were struck by lightning and killed.

The event was reported by William Lee.

‘Miss H. Benson, accompanied by two of the Misses Woodman, and Master

E. Woodman of Grindon Farm, together with a young man-servant of the Misses Benson, were seated in their phaeton. Twenty four year old Mr Woodman was riding on horseback by the side of the conveyance.

The electric fluid struck him, his horse, and also the horse drawing the conveyance, killing both the horseman and the horses.

Mr Woodman's clothes were torn to pieces. His hat was torn to atoms, his overcoat torn to shreds, his dress coat much the same, only part of his waistcoat was to be seen, his trousers nearly the same condition, his watch was found twenty yards away in a field, the glass and pointers were missing, part of the gold chain was gone and the locket smashed. The saddle he rode on had several holes through it, one of the laps being nearly cut to pieces. The bridle rein was cut in two, his whip head cut clean off. The body of the deceased also bore marks of the accident.

The parties in the conveyance had a most providential escape. The umbrella which Miss Benson had to protect her from the rain, which was falling in torrents, was torn completely into shreds, but they sustained no injury other than fright and shock to the system.’

*Following my research into these widely reported incidents of storm and flood in our locality, it occurs to me that residents of Haydon Bridge and the Parish may consider it wise to remain indoors during the month of July.*

*You have been warned!!*

#### ‘THE DELUGE’ — 1828

Given this catalogue of natural disasters, in the 18th and 19th centuries, is it any wonder that our famous son John Martin, whose formative years were spent alongside the raging torrent that was our river South Tyne, chose to represent storm, floods and lightning in many of his works?



## CORRESPONDENCE (18th CENTURY NICHOLSON FAMILIES)

Victoria,  
Australia.  
October 2011

Hello Haydon News Editors,

After a 'Google' Search it was with much interest that we read your article on Chesterwood in the December 2007 issue and we see from other issues that the writer, Dennis Telford, has a family connection with Chesterwood.

Our interest is that Barbara's father's direct line goes back to the Nicholson's living in Haydon Bridge in the 18th Century.

We have Cuthbert Nicholson and his wife Elizabeth, both died in 1744 and were buried at the graveyard of the 'Old Church'. Their son, Cuthbert, married Mary Maughan on January 22nd 1735 and they had three children. Mary died in 1742 and Cuthbert married again in 1750, to Jane Dobinson on January 27th. They had two children together. Cuthbert died in 1772 and Jane died in 1791.

Robert, another son of Cuthbert and Elizabeth, married Ann Foster on September 29th 1751 and they had three children.

Robert Nicholson is Barbara's 4 x great grandfather, but it is his brother Cuthbert who lived at Chesterwood. We know this from entries in various Polls in Northumberland.

In the 18th Century, Cuthbert (the elder), his son Cuthbert and his sons, Cuthbert and Robert all voted. While Robert's residence is stated to be Haydon Bridge in 1748, Cuthbert's was Chesterwood. The third generation Cuthbert voted in the 1774 Poll, again with the residence as Chesterwood. His freehold was 'Flowers'.

Robert and Ann's eldest son, another Cuthbert, moved a little way down the Tyne to Allerwash, where he was the miller towards the end of the 18th Century and into the 19th Century. This Cuthbert married Hannah Watson, cousin of Thomas Bewick the wood engraver and naturalist, at St Michael and All Angels at Warden. Their third son, Obadiah Nicholson, married Elizabeth Bewick at Hexham Abbey in 1823 and they later moved to Bishopwearmouth.

It was their second son, John Cuthbert Nicholson who left England for Australia in 1852 with his newly married wife Isabella (nee Allan). There they founded a family line in Central

Victoria with seven sons reaching adulthood, marrying and having issue. There is only one line of which we are not in contact with living relatives.

And yes!!

There are a lot of Cuthbert's in the family tree.

We visited Haydon Bridge in 2004, explored the area, found Chesterwood, and photographed the farm house and farm buildings which were known later as the 'Golf House'.

We wonder; was this the farm of thirty six acres held by Cuthbert Nicholson (i.e. the third generation Cuthbert) at the time of the 1793/1794 enclosures?

We know nothing of 'Flowers'. Can any of your readers help with this?

Lastly, are there any locals who may be connected to our family?

Any exposure you can give us in The Haydon News would be much appreciated.

Thank you,

Barbara and David Kinloch.

**If anyone can help with Barbara and David's queries, and especially if there are any readers whose ancestors were Haydon Bridge Nicholson's, please contact the editors. In the meantime, our regular contributor and genealogist William Veitch has a view.**

### NICHOLSON'S IN 18C HAYDON BRIDGE

Barbara and David Kinloch have so much information from 1735 onward, I have concentrated these notes around 1700.

There were Nicholson's at Haydon Bridge as long ago as 1655 when Margaret, the daughter of Francis, was baptised. There are no local origins, however, for Cuthbert Nicholson who died in 1744.

At Corbridge on February 5th 1681, Cuthbert Nicholson married Elizabeth Hinedaugh (sic).

Also at Corbridge, on June 26th 1700, Cuthbert son of Cuthbert Nicholson was baptised.

This all fits with the Haydon Bridge family and suggests that they may have been 'incomers' to the Chapelry.

Jane Dobison could be the daughter of John Dobison of Lipwood well, baptised on September 2nd 1711 at Haydon Bridge.

There are several possibilities for Mary Maughan - Maughan was as common a name as Smith at Haydon Bridge you know - but this Mary Maughan could have been the one baptised on September 19th 1712; the daughter of John Maughan of Chesterwood.

Wm Veitch

### EPITAPHS

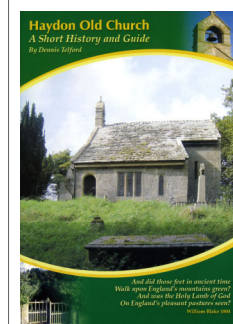
There are many church references to Nicholson burials at Haydon Bridge; from 1661 - John of Leese (buried) in ye church. However, only one epitaph seems to have survived before 1930.

That of:

John Nicholson late of this parish who died XXIII November MDCCCXLIX aged LXXIV.

The stone was erected at Haydon Old Church by John's nephew Edward

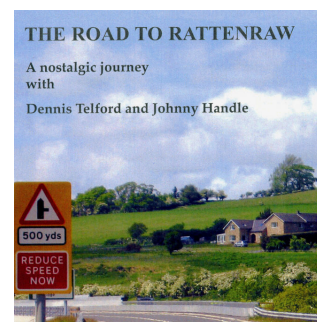
### CHRISTMAS STOCKING FILLERS AVAILABLE AT 'CLAIRES NEWSAGENTS'



**A Short History and Guide to Haydon Old Church.**

**All profits from this booklet go to the upkeep of Haydon Church.**

**Only £3**



### THE ROAD TO RATTENRAW

**A nostalgic journey in music and song with  
Dennis Telford and Johnny Handle.**

**18 tracks including:**

**Oot On The Spree  
The Landlord's Birthday  
Haydon Bridge Workingmen's Club  
Sue Zellas's Railway Hotel  
The (General Havelock) Bar Room  
The Railway's Special Do**

**CD available at Claire's  
Only £9.99**



## Shaftoe Trust First School

### DATES FOR THE DIARY

**Christmas Fair: Friday 9th December 3.30pm — 5.00pm** there will be games, festive activities, tea and mince pies and many stalls. Please come along and enjoy the fun.

**Tea and Christmas songs for senior citizens: Tuesday 13th December 2.00pm.**

**Christingle service: Thursday 15th December 2.00pm.** At St Cuthbert's Church.

### Renewable Energy Project : Grand Opening Ceremony

Our completed renewable energy project, which incorporates a new biomass heating system and photovoltaic solar panels is to be celebrated on **December 2nd at 2.45pm** in the school grounds. There will be a hand crafted wooden ribbon cut with wooden scissors and the cutting of an energy themed cake. Leading up to this ceremony the children will be involved in 'Switch off Fortnight' and other renewable energy activities. Children's models will be on display. **Please come along and join us!**

### CHARITY WORK.

**Many thanks** to everyone who supported our Macmillan Coffee Morning; we raised a fantastic £208.95.

**On Friday 18th November** staff and pupils dressed in spots to support Children in Need. Throughout the day they enjoyed lots of creative spotty activities, **followed on Monday 21st** with a cake stall produced and organised by the children in Kielder class.

**On Wednesday 16th November**, we sent off 25 shoe boxes for the Samaritan's Purse Christmas appeal.

**WELL DONE TO EVERYONE INVOLVED IN ALL THESE PROJECTS!**

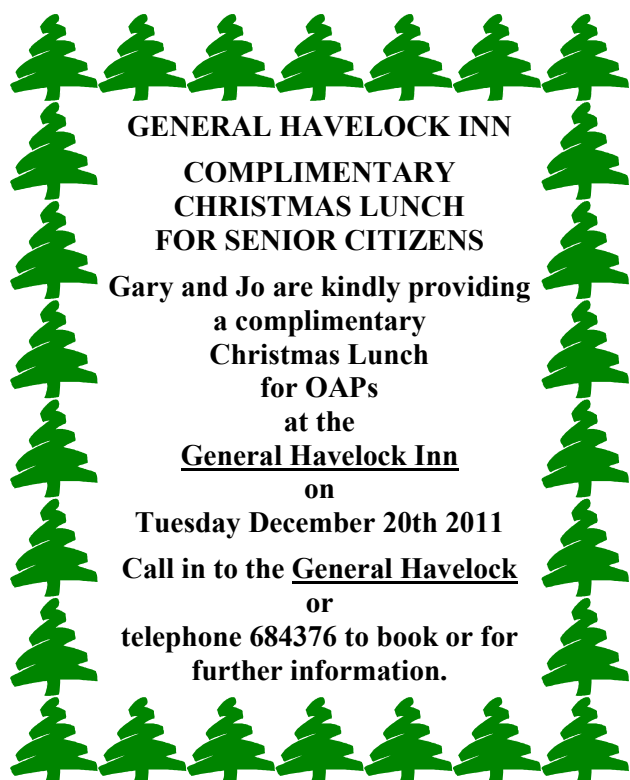
### WHAT FUN WE'VE BEEN HAVING!

**Children in years 2, 3 and 4** attended a football tournament at Newbrough First School playing against Newbrough and Allendale schools. Everyone had a fantastic morning with all children receiving certificates.

**Alnwick class** visited The Great North Museum recently as part of their Ancient Egypt project and were all very excited when faced with a 'real mummy'!

**During October**, **Kielder class** were evacuated to Beamish Museum farm as part of their World War 2 work; we decided getting up at 5.00 a.m. feeding pigs and sleeping on straw mattresses was no fun at all.

**To end the Autumn term in true festive spirit the whole school is setting off for the Forum Cinema to watch 'Arthur Christmas'.**



**GENERAL HAVELOCK INN**

**COMPLIMENTARY  
CHRISTMAS LUNCH  
FOR SENIOR CITIZENS**

**Gary and Jo are kindly providing  
a complimentary  
Christmas Lunch  
for OAPs  
at the**

**General Havelock Inn**

**on**

**Tuesday December 20th 2011**

**Call in to the General Havelock**

**or**

**telephone 684376 to book or for  
further information.**

### HAYDON VIEW LEAGUE OF FRIENDS

**A  
COFFEE MORNING 'with extras'**

**AT  
HAYDON BRIDGE  
COMMUNITY CENTRE**

**ON  
SATURDAY DECEMBER 17th 2011  
FROM 10.00am**

In addition to coffee, tea and biscuits  
there will be a raffle, tombola,  
surprise parcels and a home-made stall.

**Everyone is welcome**

**Haydon View League of Friends** are a group of volunteers who raise money to buy 'extras' for the residents at the home. They ensure that every resident is given a birthday and Christmas gift and pay for such extras as the provision of a summer house and trips out.

**Julie Gibbon**

### HAYDON BRIDGE METHODIST CHURCH

**FLUE  
INNOCULATIONS**

The members of the Haydon Bridge Methodist Church would like to thank all who gave donations for refreshments served during the Health Centre flue inoculations session held in the chapel on October 5th.

**The sum of £115.00  
was forwarded to  
MacMillan Cancer  
Support via the  
local office of  
Northumberland  
Palliative Care in  
Hexham.**

Thank you,  
Colin Todd



## A VIEW FROM UP THERE ....

John Harrison

The other day we drove down to Harrogate to attend our son-in-law's 40th birthday bash – in a pub of course. Like many pubs, there were signs advertising events over Christmas – the first such sign that I came across this year was in mid-August !!! There were a number of young children at the party and at one stage we were proudly told by friends that their daughter Hannah had been chosen to be Mary at her school nativity play, which reminded me of a story which I'm sure has been told many times. At this particular school the teachers encouraged the children to develop their own nativity script – in the Christmas narrative we have Mary and Joseph arriving at an inn in Bethlehem, trying to find a bed for the night – this is roughly how the children saw this well-known event:-

Innkeeper (*pointing at the sign on the door which says 'No Vacancies'*): "Can't you see that we have no rooms to let?"

Joseph: "Yes, I can see that, but my wife is expecting a baby any time soon".

Innkeeper: "Well, that's not my fault!"

Joseph: "Well, it's not mine either"

If we believe the words of the Christmas carols, we hear of a baby born 'in the deep mid-winter when frosty winds did moan' – well what happened this year? This time last year Haydon Bridge was gripped by snow and ice which persisted through to Christmas – this year it looks as if we shall be having one of the warmest autumns on record. October was generally dull, wet and windy. Very warm weather from the previous month continued for one more day, which reached 22.8 degC, before dull conditions arrived. Apart from a few isolated colder spells of weather, the remainder of the month was dominated by tropical maritime air from between west and south. Daytime temperatures were above the long-term average on 25 days. The 18th and 19th were a notable exception, the daytime temperature reaching only 8.8 degC in a blustery W/NW wind. The presence of a cloud cover meant that night frosts were rare but there were hoar frosts on the mornings of the 20th and 28th. In parts of the UK this was the warmest October on record. As I write there are primrose and honeysuckle in flower in my garden !!! Rain was registered on 27 days but this fell either as blustery showers or persistent drizzle. The 8th to 11th was particularly dull and wet in a fresh to strong W/NW breeze. So although dull and damp, the month's total rainfall was well below the long-term average, due in no small part to the rain shadow effect of the hills to the west. Western Britain experienced rainfall totals well above normal. A notable feature of the month's weather was the strength of the wind – the 9th, 18th and 24th were particularly windy with gusts exceeding gale force.

### Monthly Weather Summary (Haydon Bridge : Height 162m asl)

Month	Average Maximum Temperature (Daytime) Deg C	Relative to long-term average degC	Average Minimum Temperature (Night-time) Deg C	Relative to long-term average degC	Rainfall mm	Percentage of long-term average
October	14.3	+1.4	7.7	+1.5	75.1	70

**Gladys** tells me of a present she received from her nephew – a lovely Bible. Unfortunately he didn't really know what to write inside the cover so he checked through his father's books as he received many books in his line of business. So when Gladys opened the Bible – there, in neat hand-writing, was the inscription "To Auntie Gladys with the compliments of the author".

**No doubt some of you will overstep the red line on your alcohol tank over the festering season but having sung your carols in the church on Christmas Day and you head for the pub, let this thought be with you – that we all thirst after righteousness.**

## Get It Together Society

Thank you to all those who took part and supported our Guy Making Day. We had a great time. *The Community Centre has never been in such a mess!!!!*

There were old clothes, material, newspapers, string and hay everywhere. Children and adults crawled around the floor stuffing trousers and shirts, painting faces on heads of all shapes and sizes, creating some fantastically fashionable Guys [and Guyesses]!

There were other crafts going on and we painted a banner for the Guy Fawkes Parade. After hot dogs and pie we headed for the streets and paraded noisily through the village collecting 'Pennies for the Guys'.

Several of the Guys were taken to the Sele to be entered into the Round Table's competition and then be burned on their fire. One of our entries 'Legs 11' made by Henry and Robbie Burrows came 3rd. Well Done!

We made over £130 – a fabulous result. Hopefully we'll repeat this next year. The Round Table are certainly keen for us to do it again.

**Merry Christmas from all the G.I.T.S.**



We continue our series of articles on those individuals who died in the Great War. The biographies are published chronologically and the eleventh casualty, in 1916, was

## John Gibson

### (11) John Gibson



Photograph courtesy of Pam and Ken Linge

John has no known grave and is therefore commemorated on one of the panels on the Thiepval Memorial in France.

John served as Lieutenant, 9th Battalion, Alexandra, Princess of Wales's Own (Yorkshire Regiment).

He died on 5th July 1916, aged 23.

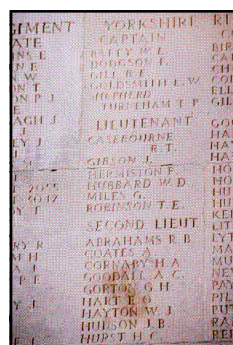
Born in Newcastle, John was one of two children of Samuel and Emma Gibson (nee Morrison). His mother was a teacher at the Shaftoe Trust School.

Educated at Haydon Bridge, John won the first University scholarship granted by the Shaftoe Educational Foundation and attended Armstrong College where he was training to be a teacher.

He was a well-known athlete and an enthusiastic footballer and cricketer. He was a boy chorister at St. Cuthbert's Church in Haydon Bridge and a member of the Haydon Bridge Choral Society, he later sang in the Armstrong College Choir.

John went to France in October 1915 and was wounded during an attack on the German trenches on 31st December.

As well as having his name on the War Memorial and the Reredos in St. Cuthbert's John is also commemorated on the Shaftoe School Memorial and War Memorial plaques in both the Armstrong and Rutherford Colleges in Newcastle.



THIEPVAL MEMORIAL

If you have any information relating to John Gibson, or any of those individuals commemorated on the Haydon Bridge Memorial, then please contact Pam & Ken Linge at: Drystones, Heugh House Lane, Haydon Bridge, NE47 6HJ, phone (01434) 684050 or email: [pam\\_ken.linge@btinternet.com](mailto:pam_ken.linge@btinternet.com).

### ALL THE WAY FROM HAYDON BRIDGE

Travelling 4,500 miles to Nepal for a view of the top of the world, we did not expect to meet three young fellows from Haydon Bridge during our journey. On the other hand, coincidences with Haydon Bridge connections have been numerous on our travels - and recorded on these pages before - so maybe it should not have been such a surprise when Gary, Craig and Lee Chapman greeted us before setting off on a trekking expedition to Everest Base Camp. Incidentally, Betty and I were not trekking - walking round the Esp Hill is more than we can manage these days, so we viewed the Himalayan Everest range from the air!

As we said goodbye to the Chapman brothers in a chaotic Kathmandu airport and set off on our separate and very different journeys, Lee promised to report on their adventures for a future issue of The Haydon News. We look forward to Lee's contribution.

By the way; it is the little children of Nepal I will be praying for this Christmas.

For example; the 'Humla' children of West Nepal, where 400 in every 1,000 die before they are five years old due to smoke inhalation from pine wood cooking fires. And the delightful 'Tharu' children we met, living in the shadow of the Annapurna Himalaya range and whose bright eyes and broad

welcoming smiles belie the poverty that surrounds them.

"Namaste."

*Why not share with our readers, your own coincidences that relate to our parish and occur 'all the way from Haydon Bridge'?*

### IT'S A FIRST!

Pages 4 to 6 are wet and windy this month, but I think you will agree that the first ever coloured front cover of the home delivered Haydon News is bright and sunny; thanks to Churches Together at Haydon Bridge and the children of the Messy Church.

Readers of 'The Haydon News On Line' ([www.haydon-news.co.uk](http://www.haydon-news.co.uk)) are able to view our issues in colour every month of course.

THANK YOU AND BEST WISHES FOR CHRISTMAS AND 2012 FROM THE EDITORS.

To all those who contribute to, support the production of, and deliver The Haydon News.



"I've come to collect the barbecues that you couldn't sell this year. The ones I brought back when you couldn't sell them last year. Or the year before, or the year before - - - - -"

## **Haydon Bridge Pharmacy December Update**

### **Flu Vaccinations save lives**

Flu vaccination service is now in Haydon Bridge Pharmacy. Symptoms of flu include a high temperature, muscle aches, extreme tiredness and headache. Most people recover fully but complications such as chest infections and pneumonia sometimes develop. The pharmacy provides a drop in service so you can quickly and easily get your flu vaccination. There are both private and NHS vaccines provided by the pharmacy.

The NHS pharmacy service is for people who are under 65 but in an at risk group. At risk groups include, people with respiratory conditions such as asthma and COPD, diabetes, chronic heart disease such as angina or heart failure, kidney or liver disease, ladies who are pregnant and people with weak immune systems. The private service is open to all who are over 18 provided there are no reasons why they should not get the vaccine, such as an allergy to an ingredient in the vaccine.

There tends to be very few side-effects from the seasonal flu vaccination the most common ones being a temporary soreness on the arm and a mild fever. More serious reactions such as allergic reactions are rare.

Flu vaccines do not protect against other viruses which may cause coughs and colds. The vaccination does not contain any living flu virus so it cannot cause flu or any other infections. If you develop a cold or cough shortly after it is a coincidence.

### **Respiratory Medicine Use Reviews**

The pharmacy is currently encouraging all patients who use medication to help their breathing to come to the pharmacy for a medicines use review. A recent study has shown that medicines use reviews in respiratory patients help to reduce hospital admissions. This is good news for people with chest problems and for the hospitals as it helps keep beds free at this busy time of year.

### **Best wishes for a healthy 2012**

We wish you all a happy and healthy 2012. For those of you who want to stop smoking in 2011 now is the time to start planning. There is a range of support available both from the pharmacy and from your Doctors' surgery. We understand it is not easy, but stopping smoking is the best thing you can do for your health so we look forward to seeing you.

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## **The Bridge Library**

### **Heritage Season:**

During October and November, we have been asking people of the village to bring in their old photographs of local events, people, places and buildings, so that we can scan them before returning them safely to their owners. We have had a really good response with several interesting scanned photographs gracing the Bridge notice boards. The old views of Haydon Bridge and photographs of groups of local inhabitants have started many a discussion, often lively, as names are remembered or more often get caught on the tip of the tongue! The resulting information is history in the making.

Because of the response, we have decided to create files of information to keep in the Bridge for customers to browse through and for tourists searching for ancestors to peruse. If you have any photographs, prints or even stories or reports of times past, do bring them along, if you haven't already done so. One of the scrapbooks, which was lent to us, included a newspaper cutting from the "Times Remembered" section of a local newspaper. It consisted of a photograph of an old man taken many years before and information about him. His name: "Old Lancy" Dobbison, retired blacksmith, who in his youth had fought with the 13<sup>th</sup> Light Dragoons and was one of the ten troupers, who survived the Charge of the Light Brigade! Remarkable.

### **Children's Corner:**

Remember that there is a Christmas Crafts morning on Monday, 19<sup>th</sup>. December for children aged 4+. It runs from 10:30am until 11:30am, a little later than usual. Parents or guardians of children aged 8 and under must stay for the duration. As I mentioned last month, this session tends to fill up quite quickly now so do book beforehand. To book a place contact the Bridge on 014343 321 863 or pop in. We're always pleased to see you.

### **Computer Courses:**

There have been advertisements in the newspapers and in the Bridge asking for volunteers to become Digital Champions for libraries. These are volunteers, who are willing to teach others how to use a computer confidently. The meeting for interested volunteers has now taken place so watch out for information for beginners' IT courses. A recognised programme of learning will be followed, designed to suit the pace of the individual learner.

Pat Snowdon





## **JOHN MARTIN HERITAGE FESTIVAL EVENTS**

The two photographic workshops held at the end of October with David Taylor were very successful. Both were fully booked well before the event. The organisers received excellent feed back from the participants all of whom found the sessions really interesting and helpful. Given the response it is likely that a further workshop may be organised in spring 2012. There are full reports on the workshops on the village website, see below.

**Top photograph....**

**David Taylor explaining the use of filters.**

**Middle photograph.....**

**Chris Bostock of Bit Crack in a storytelling performance at the Community Centre.**

A Bit Crack had, earlier in the year, held story making workshops with Shaftoe First, Allendale Middle and Haydon Bridge High Schools. They had planned workshops with adults but these had to be cancelled due to lack of support. As part of the performance Shaftoe First School children played/sang music they had composed with visiting musician, Ken Patterson.

Further pictures are on the village website.

**Lower photograph.....**

**Two students in the dresses they created as part of the 'Hell fire and damnation' Fashion Show at Haydon Bridge High School on Nov 17th. The John Martin theme has inspired much of the art work done at the High School this year.**

## **'STANDING IN LINE' AT LANGLEY VILLAGE HALL.**

On Remembrance Day evening a capacity audience at the Village Hall, Langley was treated to a beautifully performed tribute to those who have lost their lives in conflict. Entitled, 'Standing in line', it told the story of singer/songwriter Lester Simpson's Great Uncle Albert who, born in Nottinghamshire in 1885, was killed in the Battle of Passendale in 1917. With songs written and performed by Lester Simpson, accompanied by musician Nigel Corbett, and with reports, stories, letters and poems read by actor, Mike Bettison, it was a performance that gripped the audience's attention from beginning to end.

Profit from the show plus the proceeds of a raffle and refreshments raised £100 for war veteran charities.

Organiser, Jane Brown, was delighted with the response to the evening and thanks people for their support.

## **Haydon Bridge au revoir**

Mike Winstanley, current proprietor of The Garden Station, is retiring. Bloomin' 'eck, no he isn't...isn't there a new word for the type of retirement most of us do now? But then again, the origin of the word and one of its current meanings is to 'draw back'. Am I drawing back? Closer: I'm intending to head back to where I lived before I came to Langley. Am I intending to rest, as in 'retiring to bed'? No, I'm actually heading for a more active lifestyle in many ways. Just one example: if I don't improve my cycling fitness to 60+ miles a day I'll be disappointed.

But this isn't an article about Mike or a bike! It's about The Garden Station and about Haydon Bridge. In saying farewell to the strong and warm community of Haydon Bridge, I write to praise the village, not to bury it. The bypass, built since I've lived here, could have buried the village, but the Haydon Bridge Development Trust and other organisations within the community came up with heroic, imaginative and committed initiatives to ensure the profile, happiness and prosperity of the village was maintained and strengthened. The Bridge Community Library, the John Martin Heritage Festival, the new walks and many other things help to make Haydon Bridge a good place to be and a good place to visit.

So thank you, my friends of Haydon Bridge, for your vision, your welcome and your help. Vision matters, whatever your work, your creativity, your studies or your engagement with the world. 'Welcome' is a word written all over Haydon Bridge, and smiles and greetings every time I walk down the street or pop into the Co-op say 'and we mean it'. For me it's been to do with welcoming people to The Garden Station for food, the arts, heritage and the environment. And whether it was asking me to host JMHF events, making sure The Garden Station and its activities were on the HB website, detailed work on the Leaning Shed museum or just coming in for coffee and cake, the people of Haydon Bridge have helped me. Thank you. I will return!

P.S. Some lovely people will be taking over The Garden Station. Look out for an article in a couple of months!

## Parish Council notes (Cont'd from page 3)

The information panel for the old bridge has been ordered.

### AoB

Dog waste can now be deposited in litter bins. The special bins allocated for dog waste are to be gradually phased out by the Parish Council. This will be a substantial saving on future Parish Council budgets, as currently the Council pay £2,500.00 pounds per year for the dog waste bins to be emptied. The emptying of litter bins is not charged to the Parish Council.

Following a series of anti social behaviour incidents in the village a request was made by a councillor for the Community Police to be invited to the next Council meeting to discuss the situation.

The switching on of the Christmas Lights was discussed (see notice below).

**Next meeting is on December 15th at 7.30pm**



## Haydon Bridge High School. December 2011

On Thursday, 17th November we had a Creative Arts Evening. This included some outstanding musical performances, two incredible Fashion Shows based around fire and water - one from year 10 and one from year 12 - and a preview of this years school production Bugsy Malone. A much enjoyed evening. Bugsy Malone will be performed on Monday 28th and Tuesday 29th November and Thursday 1st December. Please come along and support us.

On Friday 18th November the school had its annual Pink Day to raise money for Breast Cancer Awareness. We had a fantastic day full of fundraising events including four 6th Form boys having their legs waxed! Together we raised over £700 and all had a great day.

The school now has a Media Centre at Ridley Hall which is available for Media Studies students to use for their lessons. It was recently used for the Sunshine Panners Steel Band to record their latest CD. It will be available to buy in time for Christmas!

Looking back on 2011, there have been many exciting events throughout school. We have raised a lot of money through our charity days, had some amazing sporting achievements, and been on some incredible trips including New York, the French Battle Fields, Barbados, and many places around the country. Bring on next year!

Please support our school as much as possible and I will give you more information in 2012.

***Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all at Haydon Bridge High School.***

Elliott Wallis. Year 12 Student

## HAYDON BRIDGE DEVELOPMENT TRUST

# OIL BUYING CO-OPERATIVE

## ARE YOU INTERESTED IN JOINING AN OIL BUYING CO-OPERATIVE?

Tarset and Allendale have groups running and have been able to get fuel at the following prices:

**Heating oil 53.5p White diesel 113.9p  
Red diesel 64.9p**

(These prices are for illustration only and no guarantee is given or implied.)

**To register your INTEREST (no obligation) please let us know your name, address, email, phone number:**

mail: [fuel@haydon-bridge.co.uk](mailto:fuel@haydon-bridge.co.uk)

or phone: 01434 688922 or drop a note in at The Bridge (Library)

**CHURCH PAGE**

**CLERGY MESSAGE**

from

*Leo Pyle*

Our nickname is "Forsaken". Our nickname is "Abandoned". Our nicknames change to "My Delight" and "The Wedded". So far from being given up on, so far from being jettisoned, renounced and repudiated, we are found to be attractive, captivating and charming. That is what the Good Book says!

So far from being deserted, renounced and relinquished, we are in such union with our God that we are one with the Divinity. "Honey, you're divine", as we have said so often. This fantastic truth is verified from virgin birth to Emmanuel. "God-is-with-us."

How do we begin to realise the mystery of the incarnation in our lives? It helps to be liberal with the prepositions. God is with us. God is through us. God is in us. It helps to be generous with the silence too, to allow God to be God in us, with us and through us. This way is light, joy and wellbeing. "I will keep my love (for you) always," says the Lord.

This is the ultimate affirmation making for our physical, spiritual and psychological wellbeing. No wonder we Christians make an annual extravaganza of Christmas, no matter what. It is the end of all negativity. It must be! And our world has a Saviour who never fails to save each and all. And our world has a leader who conducts a rhythm of life which is the fullness of life, even now. It is called "Happy Christmas".



**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

**CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2011**

<b>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December</b>	6.00pm United Village Carol Service, <i>St John's R C Church</i>
<b>Christmas Eve (Saturday)</b>	4.00pm United Crib Service, <i>Methodist Church</i> 6.00pm Christingle <i>All Hallows', Henshaw</i> 9.30pm Christmas Carols, <i>St John's R C Church</i> 10.00pm Christmas Vigil Mass, <i>St John's R C Church</i> 11.30pm Midnight Mass, <i>St Cuthbert's C of E Church</i>
<b>Christmas Day (Sunday)</b>	9.30am Mass of the Nativity of the Lord, <i>St John's R C Church</i> 10.30am Christmas Family Service, <i>Methodist Church</i> 11.00am Communion at Christmas, <i>St Cuthbert's C of E Church</i>
<b>Monday 26th December</b>	9.30am Mass of St Stephen, <i>St John's R C Church</i>
<b>Sunday 8th January</b>	3.00pm Epiphany Evensong <i>Haydon Old Church</i>



**METHODIST CHURCH  
SERVICES**

**December 4th**

10.00am Rev Mary Dow  
6.00pm Graham Wilson

**December 11th**

10.00am Toy Service  
Rev Les Hann  
6.00pm Rev Leo Pyle

**December 18th**

10.00am Tom Dodds

**December 25th**

10.30am Family Service  
Rev Les Hann

**January 1st**

10.00am Rev Les Hann

**January 8th**

10.00am Joyce Short

**January 15th**

10.00am Ian Warburton  
6.00pm Spt Stephen Caddy

**January 22nd**

10.00am Rev Les Hann

**January 29th**

10.00am Roger Anthony  
6.00pm Rev Marian Olsen

**BELTINGHAM/HENSHAW  
CHURCH SERVICES**

**December 4th**

**Henshaw**  
9.30am BCP Communion

**December 11th**

*10.00am Joint Service at  
Haydon Bridge*

**December 18th**

**Henshaw**  
10.30am Carol Service

**December 25th**

**Beltingham**  
9.30am  
Christmas Communion

**January 1th**

**Beltingham**  
9.30am BCP Communion

**January 8th**

*1000am Joint Service at Haydon  
Bridge*

**January 15th**

**Beltingham**  
9.30am Communion

**January 22nd**

**Beltingham**  
9.30am Communion

**January 29th**

**Henshaw**  
10.00am Joint Communion

**HAYDON OLD CHURCH  
SERVICES**

See Christmas Services list on page 14.

**ST JOHN OF BEVERLEY  
CHURCH SERVICES**

Mass each Sunday at 9.30am  
at St John's

Mass each Sunday at  
11.00am at Haltwhistle

Mass on weekdays (except  
Mondays) at 10.00am either  
St John's or Haltwhistle

**ST CUTHBERT'S  
CHURCH  
SERVICES**

**December 4th**

11.00am BCP Communion

**December 11th**

10.00am Joint Communion

**December 18th**

11.00am Communion

**December 25th**

11.00am Christmas Communion

**January 1st**

11.00am BCP Communion

**January 8th**

10.30am Joint Service

**January 15th**

11.00am Communion

**January 22nd**

11.00am Communion

**January 29th**

*10.00 am Joint Service at  
Henshaw*

**Messy Church**

3.30pm — 5.45pm

Wednesday, 14th December  
2011

Wednesday, 11th January  
2012

This year, instead of a  
village Christmas Card, the  
front cover of the  
Haydon News has been  
created by the children from  
Messy Church to wish you  
all a very  
**Happy Christmas**

**Methodist Church**

**Christmas Fayre**

**Saturday, 3rd December**

**Opened at 2.00pm**  
**stalls/teas/Santa**

**Christmas Concert**

**Friday, 9th December**  
**at 7.30pm**  
**with**

**Shaftoe Chorale**

**at St Cuthbert's Church**  
**Haydon Bridge**

# NOTICES

## HAYDON BRIDGE DANCE CLUB SEQUENCE DANCING



EVERY MONDAY  
7.30 to 10.00pm at

Haydon Bridge Community Centre  
Only £1 inc. tea & biscuits

DANCING IS FOR FUN  
Ask for details at: 01434 684 459

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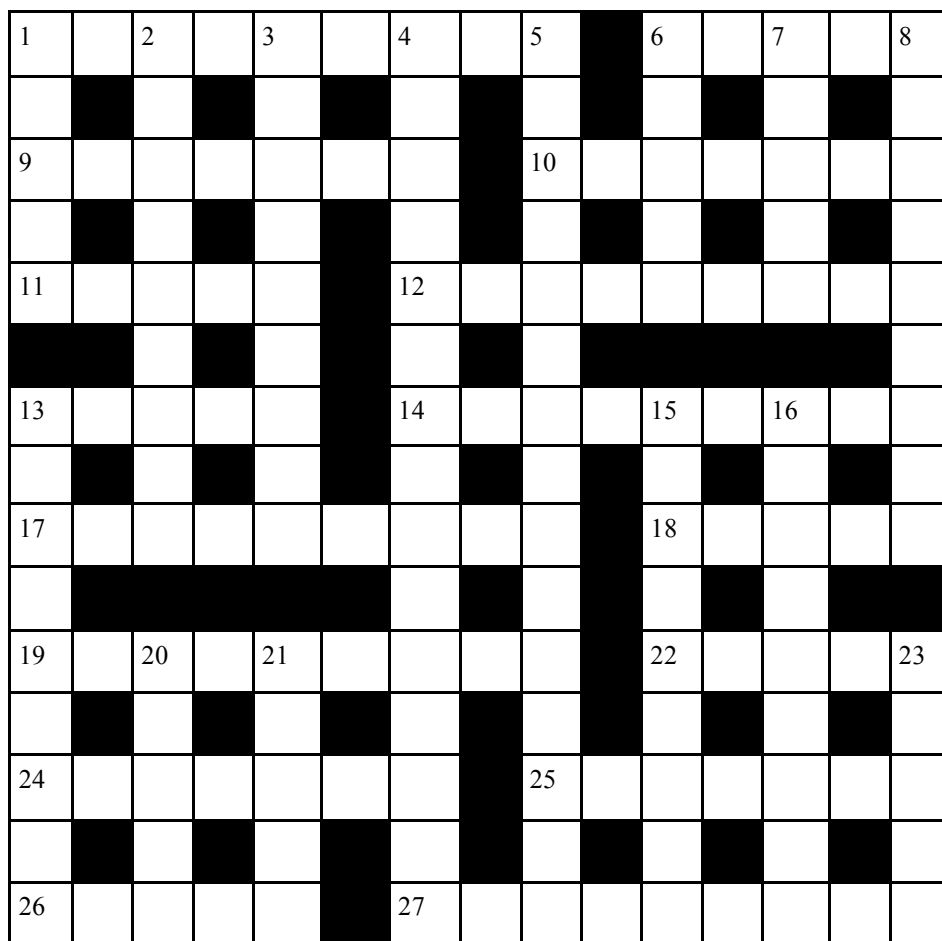
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# The £10 Crossword

NAME: .....

ADDRESS: .....



## ACROSS

1. Poorly digit points to Liverpoolian pop group.(9)
6. Circle lines, but not on London Underground.(5)
9. Reunite divided retinue.(7)
10. Policeman promises a large amount. (7)
11. Very good person bearing step.(5)
12. Brass compartment for neutron. (5,4)
13. Bit player surplus to requirements. (5)
14. Scrambling in to aid ox. It's burning. (9)
17. Torment man's best friend. Dachshund? (6-3)
18. Relish excitement.(5)
19. Picture concerning gift.(9)
22. Polish in charge of game inventor. (5)
24. Remote, not allowed finance.(7)
25. Study gallery with teeth.(7)
26. Cooks noodles partly to serve up a hair fillet.(5)
27. Radicle consumer. Vegetarian?(4-5)

## SOLUTIONS TO NOVEMBER'S CROSSWORD. (67)

### Across

- 1 Creosote
- 5 Better
- 9 Trader
- 10 Covert
- 12 State of play
- 15 Haugh
- 17 Habituate
- 18 Chair lift
- 19 Mouse
- 20 School Board
- 24 Repair
- 25 Strand
- 26 Tartan
- 27 Friendly

### Down

- 1 Crosscheck
- 2 Extramural
- 3 Shade
- 4 Twelfth Night
- 6 Ecosystem
- 7 Ties
- 8 Rate
- 11 Globetrotter
- 13 Value added
- 14 Dependency
- 16 Hiroshima
- 21 Blade
- 22 Writ
- 23 Spar

## DOWN

1. Small streams, causes 14? (5)
2. Diminished and lowered.(9)
3. Hidden tax, English get excited.(9)
4. Colourful timber eater. Picus viridis . (5,10)
5. Place where records are made but not broken.(9,6)
6. Puree processed to make money.(5)
7. Day before look around herd.(5)
8. Awkward silence on abuse.(9)

## Down continued

13. Seizes some barge, not normal.(9)
15. If confused, a scan sure gives confidence.(9)
16. Tabloid is a strangely oddball cell. (9)
20. Paved area, often 24. (5)
21. Antelope living in Graceland.(5)
23. Applaud animation.(5)

**NUMBER OF ENTRIES**  
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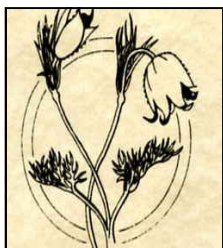
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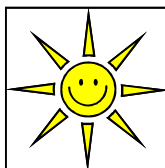
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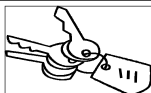
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<b>Monday</b>	Closed	Closed
<b>Tues-Thursday</b>	12noon-2.00pm	5.30pm-8.30pm
<b>Fri &amp; Saturday</b>	12noon-2.00pm	5.30pm-9.00pm
<b>Sunday</b>	12noon-4.00pm	5.30pm-8.30pm

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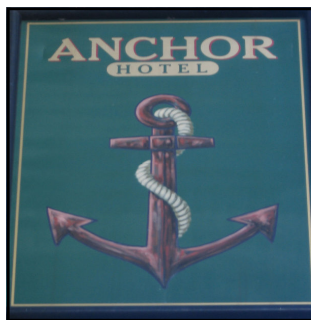
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From Dec. 3rd Christmas Fayre Menu  
available daily throughout December  
12noon-9.00pm (See advert page 22)

*Dec 10th. Slave Auction in aid of  
Haydon Bridge Football Club. Come  
and bid for your hunky slave for the  
day*

*Dec 17th. Anchor Christmas Party  
Children's Party & Disco  
3.30pm-5.30pm. THEN.....  
Dance the night away with DJ Toddy  
and go Christmas Crackers!*

*Dec 21st Christmas Carols with  
Haydon Bridge Silver Band from  
6.30pm. Mince pies & Mulled wine.*

Christmas Day Lunch. Noon-3.00pm  
Please book in advance  
Closed Christmas Day evening

*Boxing Day Haydon Hunt Meet 10am.*

*Dec 27th. Band rocks from 8.30pm*

*Dec 31st. Hogmanay. Haggis piped in  
at 10pm with neaps & tatties.  
Complimentary dram or sparkly at  
midnight*

*Jan 1st. Anchor New Year's Day Roast  
Please book to avoid disappointment*



Opening times as usual over the  
festive period AND also open on  
Monday, 26th December  
& Monday, 2nd January.

*Please note that evening meals will not  
be served on December 24th, 25th, 26th  
and January 1st 2012*

We wish all our customers a happy  
Christmas



Sat. 10th Dec. *Singer* Dave Black  
9.00pm

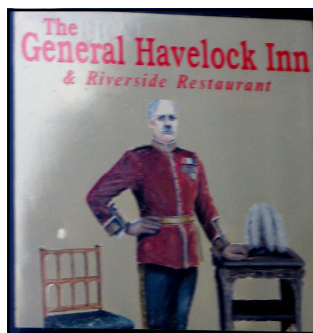
Open Hours over the festive period  
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Christmas Day 11.00am-1.00pm &  
7.30pm-10.30pm  
New Year's Eve 11.00am-1.00pm

Fri. 30th Dec. The Promise 9.00pm

New Years Day  
Norman's Famous Breakfast,  
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*Wishing you a Happy Christmas*



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Dec 2nd Film & Food Night.  
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*Dec 3rd Village Africa fund raising  
with music from Pikey Beatz.*

Dec 6th Tynedale Hospice Charity  
Quiz

*Dec 25th Christmas Lunch*  
12 noon- 5.00pm

Dec 26th, 27th Normal hours  
Dec 28th Bar only 7.00pm-midnight.  
Dec 29th Normal hours

*Dec 30th Normal hours*  
Live music from 7.00- midnight

Dec 31st New Year's Eve  
Quiz, Fizz and Fireworks

January 25th BURN'S NIGHT  
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## HAYDONIAN SOCIAL CLUB

### CHRISTMAS PROGRAMME

Sat 3rd Dec. 7.30pm  
Christmas Family Prize Bingo

Sat 17th Dec 1.00pm-4.00pm  
Children's Christmas Party  
(list of names behind the bar before  
4th Dec)

*Remember Santa will be calling!!*

Sun 18th Dec 8.00pm  
Bingo & meat vouchers

Wed 21st Dec 7.30pm  
Bingo & wine and chocolates

Sat 24th Dec (Xmas Eve) 8.00pm  
Bingo & Key Draw at 10.00pm  
(instead of Sunday)

Sun 25th Dec (Christmas Day)  
Open in the evening 8.00pm-11.00pm

Wed 28th Dec 8.30pm  
Bingo & cash added

Sat 31st Dec (New Year's Eve)  
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Sun 1st Jan 8.00pm  
Bingo with Key Draw at 10.00pm

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Haydonian Social Club wish everyone  
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throughout the festive period.

*The staff at Langley Castle wish  
all a merry Christmas and a  
prosperous New Year.*