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EDITORIAL COMMENT

This is the 60th edition of the Haydon News produced by the current editors. When we started out at the beginning of 2005 it was the first time the Haydon News had had two editors. We weren't sure how long we could keep going. Working in close partnership, especially if it involves decision making, is never easy, but we ploughed on regardless. There have, of course, been disagreements, mutterings, differences, but we've stuck at it and plan to do so for a few more Haydon News yet. And here's the packed first edition of 2011 to prove it.

We are pleased to welcome several new advertisers this year. To accommodate the new adverts we have had to reorganise our advertising pages and in doing so have tried to place similar advertised services together.

Income from advertising pays for our general running costs i.e. paper (which has almost doubled in price in the last year), stationery, printing inks etc.

However, for other expenses such as printer maintenance and repair, new equipment etc we rely on the membership fees and donations. £84.06 has been collected through Claire's Haydon News contribution tin in the last year. Excellent! In fact the best ever. We have already received a few donations and membership fees for 2011 but would welcome more during the year.

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PARISH COUNCIL NOTES from the meetings in Dec 2010 and Jan 2011

Meeting held on 16th Dec 2010

No members of the public were present.

Council Meeting

4 councillors and NCC councillor, Alan Sharp, were present.

NCC Report

Following a question from Cllr Sharp about the effectiveness of snow clearance during the recent wintry weather, the Parish Council felt that it had been very much better than in the snowy period in January 2010. All main roads had been kept clear and many side roads had been cleared of snow. Cllr Sharp expressed some concern about the take over of Milecastle Housing Association by Isos. He felt that a larger organisation may not be as effective or offer the same level of service as Milecastle had in the past. School buses waiting on the North Bank for available space in the High School parking area was a cause for concern. It is hoped that the problem will be resolved in the near future. Much time has been spent by county councillors on the budget for the next financial year. Cllr Sharp said that services in the rural areas of the county will feel the effect of the budget cuts rather less than the urban areas.

Highways

A councillor is to meet with Alan Bawn from NCC, to discuss possible changes to directional signage in the village.

Although the Clerk to the Council has tried on several occasions to contact the person at Northern Rail responsible for the Station Car Park, making contact has proved impossible. It is several months now since the Council sent an estimate for white lining parking bays in the car park to the rail company. No reply has been received.

The roadside drains along the lane towards Whinnetley from Chesterwood are blocked, causing water to flow onto the road. The Council has requested the drains be cleared.

Planning

The following application was received for comment by the Council; Installation of one small scale 1.5kw wind turbine on a 15m mast at West Nubbock Farm, Lowgate. No objections raised.

Correspondence

In a letter to the Council from the area youth worker, it was suggested that the

money, donated by the Parish for youth work, be withheld at present until the outcome of the current reorganisation of the service is made known. It is hoped to restart a youth club in the village for the 9+ age group in the new year.

Permission has been received for the bulb planting scheme proposed by Hadrian's Wall Rotary Club. Bulbs are to be planted along the roadside verges on the approaches to the village from the A69.

Village Projects

A vote of thanks was taken for Howard Oliver and all the people involved in organising and erecting the Christmas Tree Lights in the village this year. Councillors agreed that the display was very attractive.

A brief report was given on the planning for the John Martin Heritage Project.

AoB

In November two Parish Councillors met with representatives from Bellway and two officers from the Planning Dept to discuss the boundary of the new Showfield housing development. In the planning consent for the development it was stated that a hedge was to be provided on the outside of the boundary fence 'to soften the interface between the development site and surrounding countryside'. No hedge was provided and, as the fence is on the boundary of the development site, there is no room for the planting of a hedge.

It was agreed that Riverdale Housing Group be approached to request their tenants and shared owners to accept a small tree for their rear garden plots. The trees would be supplied by Bellway and planted close to the boundary fence. Those at the meeting agreed that this may help achieve the desired effect of helping to soften the boundary between the development and the surrounding countryside.

Meeting held on January 27th 2011

No members of the public were present.

Council Meeting

10 councillors and NCC councillor, Alan Sharp, were present.

NCC Report

Cllr Sharp informed the Council of a new road maintenance scheme drawn

up for 2011-2012. Works include resurfacing Church Street, Langley Gardens and Strothers Close. Traffic calming measures were proposed for Church Street by NCC Officers but this was turned down by the Council and NCC councillor as unnecessary. The joint integrated sheltered accommodation and hospital building scheme is to go ahead in Haltwhistle. The number of sheltered accommodation units planned for the scheme has been reduced to reflect the trend towards helping maintain older people in their own homes. December 2012 has been given as the completion date. Information given to Parish Councils by Northumberland County Council on the delegation of responsibilities from NCC to the parishes has been withdrawn. The proposals included many items for which the Parish Council is already responsible such as the War Memorial, bus shelters and some items that are a statutory requirement for NCC, like collecting litter and street cleaning. These cannot be delegated. The only item on the list received by the Council for which the Parish may have to take responsibility are the public toilets. A letter is to be sent to remind NCC that the money for the maintenance of play areas has not yet been given to the Parish Council which is meant to take on the responsibility for maintaining these areas in the near future.

Highways

The quoins have not been replaced outside the Fish and Chip shop, and now others are missing from the opposite side
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Welcome to another year of The Haydon News and I hope 2011 goes well for you all. Oh how I wish the clock would slow down! There is so much history related to our parish I have yet to research, and record. I know many Haydonians will agree with me, that a social history of Haydon Bridge would not be complete without mention of Haydon Bridge Silver Band and the famous Haydon Bridge Flower Show; so I will spend some time on these two related items this year. Just in case the clock stops ticking altogether!!

I'd be delighted to receive readers' memories and/or photographs, to add to my histories of the Haydon Bridge Band (See below) and the Haydon Bridge Flower Show (Later in the year).

HAYDON BRIDGE BAND

Haydon Bridge Band Master and Conductor Harry Swallow leads the 1954 band at a British Legion Rally at Rothbury. (Right) The Haydon Bridge Band on the march was a joyous sight and sound, and the 1950s were arguably the finest years in the band's history. Thanks to a former stalwart of the band, Danny Brown, I can confirm that band members in the 1950s included: Harry Swallow, William (Billy) Adamson, John Barron, Danny Brown, David Brown, Eddie Brown, Peter Brown, Maurice Brown, George Brown, Clive Calvert, Alec Cathrae, Edward (Ned) Davison, John Heslop, Tommy Heslop, Miss Maria Holmes, Mark Irwin, Charles Newton, Roy and Harry Philipson, Alex Robinson, Anderson (Chips) Robinson, Arnold Robinson, Miss Joan Scaife, Sammy Smith, Lance Spooner, Miss Margaret Swallow, and Alan Telford.



On August 13th 1997, three Britannia Building Society cheques, each of £2,149.49, were issued to Haydon Bridge Shaftoe Trust School, Allendale Middle School, and Haydon Bridge High School.

A total of £6,448.47 that represented the remaining assets of the Haydon Bridge Silver Band Memorial Fund.

And so ended the life of one of Haydon Bridge's most famous social groups that had provided great joy to players and audiences for over one hundred and sixty years.

The money was put to good use in each of our educational establishments.

As well as buying an electric piano, this money will also enable us to buy a CD system which can be used for assemblies, as well as a resource for the curriculum. We will use the balance of the money to support the development of music in our school.

- Audrey Cox, Headteacher, Shaftoe Trust Controlled First School.

We have purchased eight Yamaha Keyboards with this money, which has considerably enhanced opportunities for music in the school.

- Ruth Bradley, Headteacher, Allendale Middle School.

The money will be used towards the

purchase of new pianos for the High School and Ridley Hall which in normal circumstances we would certainly not be able to update.
- C.D. Thompson, Headmaster, Haydon Bridge High School.

The executors of the Band's affairs in 1997 were Peter Brown, Johnny Heslop and Dr Robert High. How appropriate that Peter Brown had a final say in the decision that the remaining funds be allocated to the music education of our parish's youngsters. The Brown families had been continuous members of the famous Haydon Bridge Band, in its various forms, certainly since 1886 and probably much earlier.

Framed by the colourful Surfinia blooms cascading from two hanging baskets, Peter Brown stood quietly, in reflective mood, at the door of his home on Church Street on Saturday morning August 21st 1999.

A few weeks earlier, as a result of my search for historical references of my native village, Peter had given me access to his collection of documents that traced the history of the Haydon Bridge Band; from St. Cuthbert's Brass Band in 1886, to Haydon Bridge Silver Band and its charitable Memorial Fund in 1997.

On that Saturday in August 1999, I had taken a 1950s' photograph of the Haydon Bridge Band to Peter's home, so that he could add the names of the players.

As Peter took a close look at the photograph, he thought for a moment, turned to his wife Joyce, his son James and myself and said:

"Ye knaa. Aa'l but three or fower o' them's deed!"

Sadly, later that day - August 21st 1999 - Peter Brown passed away; to join that Great Celestial Band of former colleagues of whom we have such fond memories.

These 'Notes could not have been written without Peter's intimate knowledge and help, and it is to his memory I dedicate this history.



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It is remarkable that the Brown family formed a constant link with the Haydon Bridge Band for at least one hundred and eleven years prior to its sad demise on August 13th 1997.

THE EARLY YEARS

The early years of the Haydon Bridge Band - so much appreciated by those of us who thrilled to the sound of its brass, and 'Chips' Robinson's big bass drum, in the 20th Century - can be traced with confidence from January 4th 1886; and I shall return to this date in its history later. That a band existed in the village earlier than 1886 is without doubt, although the form it took has been more difficult to establish.

There are a few clues however.

For example, it is recorded that the Haydon Bridge Band played into the station the first train ever to arrive here. This is the earliest mention of the Haydon Bridge Band of which I am aware; although research of this nature is never complete and one day perhaps, references to a village band from an earlier date will be found.

The official opening of the Hexham to Haydon Bridge section of the Newcastle & Carlisle Railway, took place on June 28th 1836 and Haydon Bridge became a railhead for the lead industry of the Allendale and Alston districts - the line from Newcastle (Blaydon) to Hexham had opened on March 9th 1835.

*The ceremonial opening of the completed Newcastle (Blaydon) to Carlisle line was held on June 18th 1838, when a through train stopped at Haydon Bridge for the first time. (*Note.)*

Moving forward to May 1856, we are informed, there was great rejoicing as the Haydon Bridge Band marched through the streets of the village, 'followed by a very large concourse of people', celebrating the declaration of

peace with Russia. The Paris Peace Treaty had been signed on March 30th 1856 and signalled the end of the Crimean War.

In June 1856, the Haydon Bridge Band was in attendance at the first Langley Temperance Society Picnic at Staward Peel. (*For my history of the Staward-Le-Peel Picnics, see HN March 2006.*)

The Haydon Bridge Band in its various forms continued to play, and receive credit for its performance, at many events in the village and the district during the second half of the nineteenth century.

On Saturday September 4th 1858, the eighteenth Haydon Bridge Flower Show was held in the yard at the Anchor Inn, when the 'Haydon Bridge Union Band' was in attendance and gave great satisfaction under the leadership of Mr. Sidney from York.

The 'Haydon Bridge Union Band' What's this all about?

In 1863, it was the Langley Mills Band that played at Haydon Bridge events. For example; on March 10th 1863, to celebrate the marriage of Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, to Princess Alexandra of Denmark.

We can probably assume that support for the band from the neighbouring village of Langley, was forthcoming from the owners of the thriving lead industry which had developed there. Langley Mills were to the north east of the present village, on and above the site of today's Langley saw mill.

Many enlightened mill, colliery and foundry owners, recognising the recreational needs of their workers, provided the wherewithal for recreation and entertainment by sponsoring works' bands. The Haydon Bridge Band, however, relied on the

public's support, and the residents of the district welcomed the music and the sense of community pride it brought into their lives.

As far as I am aware, the Haydon Bridge Band never received financial support from industry, and even though moves were made to re-name it Bardon Mill or Whitechapel Colliery Band, during its life, they came to nought. Even more remarkable then, that the band continued for over one hundred and sixty years into the 1990s, wholly as a result of its public's support; by which time many of the works' bands had had their day.

In 1864, the Haydon Bridge Brass Band was back on the social calendar, and played numerous selections and marches to cheer everyone during a wet afternoon and evening at the twenty fourth Haydon Bridge Flower Show; held in a 'spacious pavilion' at the Anchor Inn.

Our bandsmen also displayed their talents much further afield in 1864. The Hexham Courant reported that, 'the band accompanied the Hexham and Haydon Bridge foundries on their annual outing to Edinburgh. The band played all the way in an open truck and afterwards marched through the streets of Edinburgh, loudly blowing their instruments under the conductorship of Mr. T. Davison, who was best known as Dandy Tom'.

Quite a journey in 1864, I imagine!

The Haydon Bridge Iron Company's foundry yard was on Church Street; part of which became George Thompson's blacksmith shop and then Johnny Heslop's garage, before domestic properties were built there.

The Langley Mills Band continued to exist, alongside the Haydon Bridge Brass Band, although I cannot help thinking that many of the musicians who lived in Haydon Bridge and worked at Langley must have given their time and talent to both bands. In 1867, members of both bands joined together to play at the Annual Staward Peel Picnic, local agricultural shows, events at Ridley Hall and the opening of the Hexham & Allendale Railway.

The Hexham & Allendale branch line was opened for goods between Hexham and Langley, with an intermediate station at Elrington, on August 19th 1867. The new line meant that mines in the Allendale district did not have the expense of sending their lead by cart or pack horse to the Haydon Bridge goods yard; as they had done since 1836.

(* Note.)

This early arrival of 'toonies' on the first train to our village, and their first impressions - or perhaps, views held before the train left Blaydon - tickle my sense of humour.

'The procession entered the (Railway) Company's extensive station-yard at Haydon Bridge, a little to the east of the village. Here the company was cheered most cordially by the unsophisticated inhabitants of this hitherto sequestered spot. Rude triumphal arches had been erected by the rustics and the solitary bell of the village church sent forth its sound of welcome.'

Ref. Newcastle Journal. June 28th 1836.

The 'extensive station-yard' will be remembered by many, but is no longer. As for 'the rustics' and 'unsophisticated inhabitants', I will seek an objective view from my present day friends from the east coast conurbation, who spend their summer weekends in Haydon Bridge!

The remaining section of the line, from Langley to Allendale (Catton Road), was opened on January 18th 1868 with a station at Staward. A passenger service began on March 1st 1869.

By 1877, Joseph Hetherington was the conductor of the Haydon Bridge Band at the band's picnic and athletic event on July 28th - organised to support the band's finances - and for a promenade of the village streets and immediate neighbourhood on December 29th.

In 1878 Mr. Hetherington again led the band. On June 22nd, at a bazaar held to raise money for a new marquee for the Haydon Bridge Horticultural Society and, on July 20th 1878, another year of the band's own picnic, social gathering and sports event.

Interestingly, the Annual Picnic and Athletic Sports event of July 19th 1879, was reported as being held under the auspices of the Haydon Bridge Sax Horn Band under Joseph Hetherington's leadership. 'The band marched from Mr J. Waugh's Scotch Arms Hotel to the field which had been granted for the occasion by that gentleman.'

By the 1880s, the Allendale lead mining industry was in steady decline and the closure of the Langley smelters led to the demise of the Langley Mills Band. In 1885, a bazaar was held at 'Pooldale' - Alexandra Terrace today - and its object was to raise money to enable the Haydon Bridge Band to purchase the instruments from the old Langley band. A terrific storm blew up during the day and the band's tent was torn to shreds, but, undismayed, the lady helpers of the band collected everything together and took it to the Oddfellows Hall where the bazaar continued and raised £52.

This voluntary support for the Haydon Bridge Band, from both players, their wives and members of the public, has been a feature of the band's history.

Next month I will continue the story of this community group that provided years of enjoyment for so many of us; from 1886.

OVERHEARD

In the Railway Hotel Bar

Wife: "This seat could do with new padding and re-upholstering!"

Husband: "Is there an aggravating lump on it?"

THEN CAME THE WAR

by W. Veitch

In response to our report of last year's Service of Remembrance (HN Dec. 2010) William Veitch recalls memories of his early years at Haydon Bridge.

November's Remembrance Service stirred a few of the grey cells that I still possess. I can remember the day - Sunday 3rd September 1939 (an odd day to declare war) - and even where I was standing when we heard the news.

It also reminded me of what conditions were like in those far off, simpler, days and many readers will also recall them. Some even called them, "the good old days".

Doctors had to be paid every time you visited them or they visited your home. Medicines had to be paid for in full. Hospital operations had to be paid for, as had hospital bed and board, although there were weekly pay schemes which gave free hospital board - no National Health Service in those days. Being ill could be an expensive affair. An appendix removal was considered to be a major operation.

There was no TV and many had only a wireless which was operated not by electric, but by an accumulator (like a car battery). These accumulators could be taken to be re-charged at local garages, such as Charlie Mackays West End Garage; where the petrol pumps were operated manually, by winding a handle up and down.

The majority of houses had only a cold water tap and the bath would be a zinc one, hanging on a nail in the back yard. When brought inside on 'bath night' the tin bath had to be filled with water heated on the coal fire. Most of us had outside toilets which were a great treat on a cold, wet, windy night!! Earth closets (the infamous Geordie Nettie) still existed in places.

Central heating was an unknown luxury and you would arise on a cold morning to find the windows heavily coated with frost (on the inside), then you had to clean out the fire grate and re-build the fire. If you were fortunate, there might still be a few red embers from the night before which could be coaxed back into life.

Fitted carpets were rare. The usual floor covering was oilcloth (linoleum to the posh) - a great treat for bare feet on a cold morning - although there would be

carpet mats in the bedroom which you used as stepping stones to avoid the cold oilcloth. You soon learned how to dress quickly in those days. Living rooms would have a carpet square surrounded by a border of the ubiquitous oilcloth.

Then came the war.

Wartime rationing was introduced as early as January 1940. A typical weekly ration per person was: - 4ozs bacon, 8ozs sugar, 2ozs butter, 8ozs cooking fat, 2ozs tea, 1oz cheese, and 2ozs jam. Meat was rationed by price, e.g. one shilling and ten pence (9 new pence) per week. (For the younger readers 1 ounce equates to 28 gms approx.)

Typical prices in 1939 were:-

Butter 1/6d per lb, Milk 3d per pint, Tea 3/- per lb, Flour 1/7d for 14 lbs, Woodbine cigarettes 5d for 10 and a three bedroom bungalow cost £550.
(2 1/2 d = 1p and 1lb = 454 gms)

To ensure that you did not exceed these amounts you had a Ration Book which was marked up - or coupons cut out - for every purchase. Then, in February 1942, soap rationing was introduced - 3ozs (84gms) PER MONTH of toilet soap. - No, I don't think we smelled, but it was an excuse for young boys not to get washed!

There were 66 clothing coupons each year. A suit was 26 coupons and two hankies were 1 coupon. - No paper tissues in those days.

Sweet rations were 3ozs (84gms) per week, if you could get them, and even after the war ended, bread became rationed for the first time at 9ozs per day for an adult.

In 1953, sweet rationing ended but usually all that was available were horrible boiled sweets. It was 1954, nine years after the war ended, before all rationing was finally abolished.

On a lighter note, some items were never rationed :-

Powdered eggs - enough said.

Alcohol - in 1939 a bottle of whisky cost 12//6d (62p) but by 1942 it cost £1-5-9d, (£1-29p) if you could get it, and by that time beer had risen from 6d per pint to 1/3d (6p).

And what about tobacco? Good cigarettes were difficult to obtain unless you were friendly with your local tobacconist - how did so many of us learn to smoke?

Admittedly, weird brands which usually emitted a foul smell were obtainable. Sitting at the pictures could sometimes be rather an ordeal.

Fruit such as bananas and oranges were effectively unknown and when they did eventually appear they were so strange that some young children tried to eat the skins as well - ugh. Apples and pears could be obtained by raiding orchards; and no bramble was ever safe!

In the midst of rationing we also experienced the worst winter in living memory. In 1947, snow fell on the 24th of January and fell every day until the 16th March. It was accompanied by severe frosts. Out in the countryside there were houses with only the chimney pots showing above the snow. However, it was a small boy's delight, there were massive drifts of snow which could be readily hollowed out to make igloos. I recall that on Heugh House Lane we would open the front door to face a complete wall of snow - it was great fun for a young lad charging through it.

During the war you had to carry your identity card (Odd how politicians keep resurrecting old ideas!) and your gas mask in its little cardboard box. Ladies would coat their legs with gravy browning to simulate stockings (Awkward if it rained!) and would use a black pencil to draw a line down the back of their legs to look like stocking seams.

There was also the blackout, with no street lamps, and woe betide you if you shone a torch for long. All windows had to be fully covered and any chink of light could result in a knock on the door by an Air Raid Warden - even in Haydon Bridge.

Haydon Bridge was an important military area, being a major crossing point on the Tyne. There was an army camp on the Showfield, with other troops in places such as Threepwood, Langley Castle, Station Yard, and behind the Community Centre, among others. From time to time the Showfield became an aerodrome. - Admittedly they were very small planes. Among other things I recall was the bridge being festooned with ropes which were used for assault training (and by small boys), and also the troops trying to float Bren Gun Carriers across the swollen river at Brigwood. - I believe that more than one soldier was drowned during this type of exercise.

We also had child evacuees at Haydon Bridge - principally from Newcastle which suffered much bombing. They were welcome for the fact that, for a while, we only went to school for half days, the evacuees had the other half.

As a rural area we had a much easier time than in the towns, especially as we did not suffer bombing, although German planes

did pass over from time to time. The odd egg or two and such like could be obtained and, if you knew any soldiers, the odd treat or two. The Army NAAFI stocked items unobtainable outside.

Yes they were difficult times but we survived, although not without loss, and they produced a togetherness which can be more difficult to encounter today. The tremendous efforts (and perseverance) in getting the Haydon

Bridge By-Pass, is reminiscent of the togetherness of those times past..

They were very different times, and there must be readers with a better memory than me (not difficult) who could contribute their memories of those far off days.

So, why not tell? After all, it is part of the history of the village and parish.

William Veitch.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS (AT LAST) AT HAYDON BRIDGE

After one week's delay, who would have thought with so much snow on the ground that the sun would come out, the temperature would have soared, relatively speaking, and all the elements would allow the trees to be cut and made ready?

Everything came together on Saturday December 11th. Jim and Adam from Northumberland County Council were there to unlock the bridge and brief us on the safety requirements. The trees from Leazes Estate arrived through the herculean endeavours of Tashy Ord and John Chaytor; the containers, freshly painted and repaired, were delivered by the David Knowles family and Dennis Oliver and his team, who had been checking and improving the electrics having had an early start at 7.30 to help out with Hexham's lights. Finally the willing band of young farmers arrived to dress the trees.

There was high activity on the bridge and Church Street. A break for a delicious fish and chips lunch generously provided by 'Harry The Fish', who even turned down a day with his favourite pastime to keep the fryers going. Eventually everything had been checked and working by the late afternoon.

Sunday December 12th started with equal success. The weather remained dry and mild. The road was cleared of sufficient cars and the Marshalls' historic fairground organ started up at 3.30. It is a most wonderful instrument and our thanks to them for allowing its use.

The children from Shaftoe Trust First School gave a most moving medley of songs, better than ever before. Having performed, the children then went to see Father Christmas in his newly lit sleigh, kindly provided by the Hexham Lions.

Meanwhile the villagers could enjoy the hot refreshments so ably provided by Joyce Brown and her hard working volunteers, and listen to The Community Band who really impressed everyone present with their sense of fun and professionalism. We need to fund a bandstand immediately!!

All in all it was a most enjoyable afternoon and I hope everyone who so generously helped behind the scenes felt it was worth the effort.

Howard Oliver



The Shaftoe Trust Singers Welcome the 'Lights On' - Photograph: Ernie Swinburn

Right:
At the Haydon Bridge Methodist Church Coffee Morning, an unexpected visitor was made most welcome.

Peter Parker



CORRESPONDENCE

Sun 28/11/10

Dear Editors,

THE PLOUGH MAN

Through the pages of the HN, may I say how grateful June and I are for the return of the winter 'plough man' who two days running, very early in the morning, cleared Heugh House Lane of overnight snow.

This used to be a regular yearly service in snowy weather but was stopped some years back. It was sorely missed for weeks on end last winter.

We hope this is a permanent re-start of this necessary service for those of us who live in the hills around the village.

I am told that most of the smaller roads north of us were also cleared of snow so many others should be grateful for the plough man's efforts. Indeed, our local roads were in much better condition than North Bank and the A69 which had not been cleared on Saturday morning (November 27th).

While I have your attention can I also thank Claire and her staff at the village store for keeping the daily papers coming in all weathers including Sunday deliveries up here!

Peter Henrikson.

17 Church street,
Haydon Bridge.

Dear Editors,

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Once again the Christmas trees were up in the village and the 'lights on', and looking lovely.

Many thanks to all who donated refreshments; also to Joanne from the



Left:

Abbey Flatman meets the great man, at the 'Lights On' event.

Ernie Swinburn

General Havelock, Rene Armstrong, Betty Cousin, and my family for all their help. Without them I couldn't manage.

£85.61 was collected in donations from the stall.

Many thanks to everyone.
Joyce Brown.

And thanks to Joyce for her efforts that were much appreciated. (Ed's)

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

I hope you have heard about the **Children's Society** and the work done to meet the needs of vulnerable children in our country.

In our community, a number of folk regularly fill their Children's Society boxes each year.

Over the years we have been fortunate to have individuals to administer the monies collected. One such person

was Mrs. Margaret Curry and she did this voluntary work from 1983 until 2003. After Margaret passed away, her husband Ralph took over the collecting and counting the piles of pennies. In 2009 Ralph counted £606. Many thanks go to Margaret and Ralph for over twenty years of service.

Now this task has been passed to me and I wish to thank all who, over the years, have filled their collection boxes. Please contact me and I will collect, empty and return your box so that this work for children will continue. Also, if you would like a collecting box for this worthy cause please let me know. I will collect all the boxes each October or when full.

Thank you.

Joyce Armstrong, Hillside House,
North Bank, Haydon Bridge.

Telephone: 01434 684094

TIME PLEASE

As this issue of The Haydon News goes to print we learn that, after six years, Sunday January 30th signals the end of the line for Sue at the Railway Hotel. We offer Sue and her staff our best wishes for the future in whatever they choose to do.

We are sure we speak for all the customers of the Railway, past and present, in thanking Sue for providing a most welcoming village public house, with canny crack and fine ales, during her tenure.

Thank you and best wishes. (Ed's)

HAYDON BRIDGE WAR MEMORIAL by Pam and Ken Linge

In a previous article, in the November 2010 issue of The Haydon News, Pam and Ken Linge outlined the names commemorated on the Haydon Bridge War Memorial. As promised, thanks to Pam and Ken's research, we are able to provide more details on each of those individuals who died in the Great War.

This series of articles will be published chronologically and the first casualty, in 1915, was **James Henry Robson**.

(1) JAMES HENRY ROBSON



Photograph courtesy of
Haydon Bridge Community Centre

James served as Shoeing Smith Corporal, 513, "A" Squadron, 1st Northumberland Hussars.

He died of scarlet fever on 8th February 1915, aged 23.

One of five children of George and Dorothy Robson (nee Tait). Born in the Blanchland area, the family later lived in Steel.

Served his time as a blacksmith with Mr. Ellerington, of the Shire, Mr. H. Oxley, in Hexham, and latterly at Haydon Bridge working for Mr. Brown.

As well as having his name on the War Memorial and the Reredos in St. Cuthbert's, James is also commemorated on the organ in the Methodist Church and on the Lilswood School Memorial, Steel.

In a letter dated 12th February his Lieutenant wrote:-

".....As he has served under me since the beginning of the war, I take this opportunity of saying that no one has more faithfully served his country in discharging his duties than your son. His work, which of necessity has been arduous, has always been most willingly and conscientiously performed, and in offering you the sincerest sympathy both of myself and the men of the gun section, who desire to be associated with me in this letter, I can only add that his loss will be greatly felt by all who knew and worked with him...."



On Sunday 16th May 1915 a memorial service was held in Haydon Bridge's Primitive Methodist Chapel for James and three other soldiers (Davidson, Kirby and Paxton) who had died by that time. The service was opened by the Rev. Kershaw, of the Congregationalists, who was later to die in December 1916 whilst serving as a Private in the Royal Army Medical Corps.

James is buried in grave I.A.37. in Longuenesse Souvenir Cemetery, near St. Omer, France.

If you have any information relating to James Henry Robson or any of the individuals on the Haydon Bridge War Memorial, then please contact the editors or Pam and Ken Linge at Drystones, Heugh House Lane, Haydon Bridge, NE47 6HJ. Telephone (01434) 684050. Or email: pam_ken.linge@btinternet.com



HAYDON BRIDGE LOCAL ARTISTS' ARTS AND CRAFTS WINTER SALE

The annual winter sale is organised on a voluntary basis.

Thank you to everyone involved in putting together another successful event.



RAILWAY HOTEL

Due to the generosity of Sue and her staff, over thirty senior residents enjoyed a wonderful complimentary Christmas Lunch on Friday December 17th 2010.

Many thanks to all concerned.



Dear Editors,

Scanning some old photo's I came across this. Lisa thinks it must be from around 1955.

Although lots of faces seem familiar, we can't put names to many of them, apart from Lisa's mum - the late Thelma Scudamore - Miss Dodd here. If you haven't published this Shaftoe Trust School photo before, you may like to use it.

Cheers,

Andy and Lisa Best (nee Scudamore).

Thank you Andrew and Lisa. Pupils names to the editors please. I can see that one or two have hardly changed one bit!!

FRIENDS OF HAYDON BRIDGE - CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR 2010

During 2010, Catherine Hall, Storey Hall and Sylvia Mitchell resigned from the committee of The Friends of Haydon Bridge, for personal reasons. I thank each one of them for the help and support they provided during their time on the committee, and welcome John Harrison, John Wallis and Pauline Wallis as new committee members, co-opted during the year. Sadly, The Friends of Haydon Bridge lost the support of a good friend and willing helper in the publication process of The Haydon News, when George Hutton died on January 13th 2010.

THE HAYDON NEWS

During 2010, subscriptions/donations were received from 126 members of the public, including 34 postal subscriptions. Once again, advertising income has just about covered our basic production costs, although, **it is worth noting that the cost of paper for The Haydon News has increased by over £200 during the year.** Additional expenses for repair, maintenance and replacement of equipment, web site hosting, and administration, can only be met through subscriptions and donations.

I am most grateful to those who have supported The Haydon News financially throughout the year. The many hours involved in writing, printing, collating and delivering The Haydon News are provided on a voluntary basis and without these volunteers, The Haydon News would not continue.

In 2010, 1,000 copies of The Haydon News were printed, collated and distributed free each month (10 issues during the year, excluding January and September). The Haydon News was posted to 34 subscribers each month.

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

New features in The Haydon News during 2010 included, a '...View From Up There' and monthly weather summary from John Harrison, (**See page 11 in this issue.**) and we have been delighted to introduce readers to the research by Haydon Bridge residents Pam and Ken Linge. We look forward, as a regular feature in 2011, to further reports of this research and biographies of those men and one lady commemorated on the Haydon Bridge War Memorial. (**See page 9 in this issue.**)

We have also been pleased to welcome two new events to the parish's social programme in 2010; the July 'Haydon Bridge Beer Festival' and the September 'Bridgestock Family Music Festival'. Another parish event, introduced to readers in 2010, is what promises to be an exciting 2011 - 2012 John Martin Heritage Project. (**See page 12 in this issue.**)

REMEMBRANCE

A remembrance wreath was laid at the Haydon Bridge War Memorial on November 11th 2010, on behalf of the Friends of Haydon Bridge.

COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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

Finally, as this will be my final Annual Report for the Friends of Haydon Bridge, I would like to thank all those who have supported me personally, The Friends' association, and The Haydon News, during my time as Chairman.

Thank you.
Dennis Telford.

A VIEW FROM UP THERE

Have you noticed how many signs there are all around us nowadays? No, I don't mean meaningful portents of things to come, but the metal ones that provide us with all manner of information and instruction. I half expect to come across one instructing me to read the signs. And they can be very confusing at times. Some while ago I was visiting a very well regulated countryside park – there were a number of instructions relating to parking, one of which was next to the Pay and Display machine asking me to park within the white lines delimiting each parking bay. But then my eye was caught by a sign only a few feet away, which said in very large letters REFUSE PLEASE.

What a difference a couple of months make when it comes to the weather. At the start of November we were enjoying relatively warm conditions, if a little wet. On the 4th the air temperature soared to a 14.6 degC at Plunderheath but by the middle of the month we had received 93 mm of rain (that's 3.7 inches). Many days were best described as dull or murky, and there was some very poor visibility. The first snow flurries arrived on the 24th heralding a long spell of exceptionally cold weather the like of which many of us had not experienced before.

December was about severely low temperatures but also relatively low amounts of precipitation, much of which fell as snow. Both of these were a result of the arrival of cold Arctic air. During the earlier part of the month this air came to us mainly from continental Europe, but after the 17th came more directly from the Arctic Ocean. The snow built to a depth of 25cm here at the cottage during heavy snow on the 1st, and it was then topped up regularly over the following days – our Ford Focus was under there somewhere! Night temperatures fell in the exceptionally cold air and had fallen to -14.7 degC by the morning of the 3rd. Daytime temperatures stayed below freezing on many days. A brief thaw set in on the 9th which lasted until late on the 15th. A second spell of very cold weather lasted from the 16th through to the 26th so Haydon Bridge experienced a white Christmas. During this second cold spell temperatures remained very low for protracted periods and between the 17th and 25th never rose above freezing. On the 20th the temperature struggled to reach an early afternoon maximum of -5.0 degC. The Tyne was frozen over for long stretches and my leeks were embedded in permafrost.

For me, the novelty of the white blanket of snow soon wore off and I was not dancing with joy at the prospect of having a white Christmas – it was messy and it was a nuisance. For most of us, December will be remembered as a month when we just had to live with the incessant cold, but for weather geeks this was the month that broke many records. I obviously don't have sufficient records to build up 30 yr averages for Plunderheath but by using some statistical sleight of hand and the long-term weather record for Newton Rigg near Penrith I have been able to produce some half-reasonable estimates of long-term averages for Haydon Bridge, which give us some indication as to how cold conditions really were – this seems to accord with reports from elsewhere.

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

Month	Average Maximum Temperature (Daytime) Deg C	Relative to long-term average Deg C	Average Minimum Temperature (Night-time) Deg C	Relative to long-term average Deg C	Rainfall mm	Percentage of long-term average
November	6.2	-1.3	1.2	-2.5	132.6	170
December	1.5	-3.7	-4.2	-6.2	29.6	36

And finally, Gladys tells me of a young father who was getting ready for work one morning while his three-year old daughter was playing on the floor. Then she said “Daddy, look at this” and held up one of her fingers. In fun, Dad grabbed the finger and stuck it in his mouth saying “Daddy is going to eat your finger”. He then pretended to eat her finger. He finished getting ready for work and turned to look at his daughter who was now holding up her finger and in floods of tears. Dad said “Sorry darling, did I hurt your finger?” “No” she said “but Daddy, where has my bogey gone?”

John Harrison



Photo by Peter Parker

Left:
2010 December
ice breaks up
below the old
bridge.

Right:
No health and
safety issues on
February 5th
1912, as
Haydonians
enjoy the frozen
River Tyne.





JOHN MARTIN HERITAGE FESTIVAL

HAYDON BRIDGE 2011/12

The John Martin Heritage Team is delighted to announce that its application for a Heritage Lottery Fund grant has been successful.

The John Martin Heritage Festival goes ahead.

Back in 2008, or it may have been early 2009, the Haydon Development Trust held a meeting to discuss local heritage. The idea was to select those aspects of the village's heritage that could be investigated, interpreted and presented by local people, for local people and visitors. Hadrian's Wall led the field, followed by our rich industrial heritage and those areas of archaeological/scientific/scenic interest. John Martin was mentioned, but dismissed as an unknown outside the immediate area. The meeting was led by someone from Hadrian's Wall Heritage, so it's not surprising that the outcome showed a little bias towards that company's interests.

It wasn't long after this meeting that Jeremy Paxman presented a series of television programmes on 'The Victorians', including a section on John Martin, filmed in and around Haydon Bridge. Meanwhile, at the time of the banking and economic crisis, a cartoon appeared in 'The Independent' based on Martin's painting, 'The Destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah'. In the cartoon the figures of Lot and his wife were substituted by Gordon Brown and Alistair Darling, with Gordon saying, 'Turned out nice again!' Caption read 'Sod 'em and go borrow'. This was followed later in the year by the publication of Max Adams' book 'The Firebringers', telling the story of John Martin, his brothers and circle of influential friends. Reviewed in 'The Guardian' as 'Book of the week', in March 2009. All indications, perhaps, that Martin was better known and appreciated outside the area than was realised.

Then, in early 2010, news came from the Laing Art Gallery in Newcastle and Tate Britain, announcing a major exhibition of Martin's works to be shown in Newcastle, Sheffield and London, as part of the 'Great British Art Debate'. With the rest of the country about to take considerably more interest in this 'little known' Northumbrian born artist, it was time for Haydon Bridge, the place of his birth, and home for the first 14 years of his life, to do likewise.

Following Mike Parkin's presentation of a paper, outlining a proposal for a whole village project on John Martin linked to the Laing's Exhibition, the Development Trust set up a small sub-committee to work on the idea. Henry Swaddle, local Martin specialist, Dennis Telford, Haydonian and local historian, Eric Wilton, from the National Trust, Lesley Silvera, from the North Pennines AONB and Mike Parkin set to work on a project framework and looked at possible sources of funding.

And so the John Martin Heritage Project was developed. In the months that followed a grant application was made to the Heritage Lottery Fund and a programme of activities and events compiled. Unfortunately Dennis, due to his many other interests and activities, had to withdraw from the group. However, Ian Foster was able to join the team.

The Shaftoe Educational Foundation and the Development Trust, through New Leader funding, also gave grants to the project. Final details are now being sorted and with its new name, proposed by Ian, the 'John Martin Festival' is about to get underway.

Classes from the three local schools will be visiting the exhibition at the Laing, which opens on March 5th, and then taking part in art workshops based on Martin's paintings.

Our first public event takes place at the Community Centre on Friday 11th March, a performance of Northumbrian songs by Ellen Murphy, followed by a talk entitled 'John Martin and friends: the generation that stole the future', by Max Adams; with, in the interval, a free wine or fruit juice along with, what came to be known during the last John Martin celebrations in 2004 as '**Eileen's nibbles**'.

Throughout 2011 and into 2012 there will be further events including art, writing and photography workshops, talks, performances and film making, including a film animation weekend. Full details will be in the Festival Programme available by mid February from 'The Bridge' (library), Claire's Newsagent, Tourist Information Centres and on line at www.haydon-bridge.org.uk. Tickets for workshops, performances and

other events will be available from 'The Bridge' (library), and can be reserved online, from mid February. The John Martin Festival is being advertised nationally through the National Trust, regional magazines, Tyne and Wear Museums, and the village website. The Development Trust hope that the Festival will see an increasing number of visitors to the village.

As seating will be limited at performances to about 180, and participants in writing, art, film and story making workshops limited to 15 or less, it is important to book early for Festival Events.

A NOTICE.

As part of the Festival we have organised a series of guided walks along the John Martin Trail and some short evening walks.

We are offering a free course on emergency first aid and a basic walk guides course for local people who are willing to lead walks during the Festival. Training will take place in the village in April.

ANOTHER NOTICE

One of the lasting features of the Festival will be the John Martin Heritage Centre we are developing in the Community Centre. We are looking for volunteers to help us research Haydon Bridge and area at the time when John Martin lived here 1789 - 1803.

***If you are interested in joining either of the above groups, or would like more information, please leave you name with the library assistants at 'The Bridge' or contact us via the village website;
www.haydon-bridge.org.uk***

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of the road, where a temporary trench was cut into the road surface to accommodate the temporary water pipe, during the final stages of work on the old bridge.

The road surface on Shaftoe Street, on the rise up to the Land Ends Road junction, appears to have subsided and is badly cracked and worn.

Both the above issues are to be reported to NCC Highways Dept. Following a meeting with Alan Bawn from NCC, it is recommended that several of the advanced road signs and some directional signs at junctions are removed or reduced in size. This is to reflect the change in status of Ratcliffe Road from the A69 trunk road to county road. Many of the signs are now redundant, such as the route confirmation sign outside 57, Ratcliffe Road and the blue parking sign near Hordley Acres House. This sign was to inform drivers of the lay by at the east end of the village. The lay by was removed during the construction of the bypass.

Planning

Retrospective application for the installation of three signs at 'The Bridge'. No objections. Demolition of ground floor extensions and construction of 2 storey side extension, conservatory and porch at Station Cottage West Ellington. No Objections.

Councillors had received a new proposal for the siting of the ATM in the walled recess on Church St, south of the entrance to the Station Yard industrial area. This was discussed at some length with councillors divided on the issue. Two councillors requested a meeting with the planning and conservation officer to try to persuade them that it should be on Church Street outside the shops. This

was the plan previously turned down by the Planning Dept. Several councillors agreed with the new proposed site, however, a meeting is to be arranged to reconsider the original proposal

Accounts

The cost of emptying dog waste bins, £2000.00 per year, was considered excessive. Cllr Sharp did point out that dog waste bins are no longer a statutory requirement and that in some areas the ordinary waste bins were being used for dog waste too.

Earlier in the meeting the increase in dog fouling of pavements and verges in the village was noted. It was suggested that if people notice fouling occurring at set times of the day, they should alert the dog warden, who could arrange to be present at those times and catch the culprits.

Correspondence

The following areas of the village have been reported to NCC in response to a request for sites where surface flooding is common; Church St, bottom of North Bank, the corner of Shaftoe St and several areas on Hordley Acres and Strother Close.

A quote of £103.97 + £15 deliver was received for a new platform for a piece of play equipment at Shaftoe Green. This is to be ordered.

A broken stile on the footpath between Standalone and Chesterwood was reported. NCC Highways are reviewing the work they do currently as responsibility for repairs ultimately lies with the landowner.

Village Projects

Work on floodlighting the old bridge could start in the next two weeks.

The John Martin Heritage Project has been given the go ahead (See report on page 12).

Work on the new fencing at the Church St/Ratcliffe Rd junction will start in two weeks.

Next meeting Feb. 24th at 7.30pm



CHURCH PAGE

CLERGY MESSAGE

From

Leo Pyle

FEBRUARY 2011



Sanctity is not an abstract. Sanctity is solid reality and sanctity is as common as salt. When Jesus says, "You are the salt of the earth", (*Mt: 5.13*) he reminds us of an obligation. When Jesus says, "You are the salt of the earth," he reminds us of our potential. When Jesus says, "You are the salt of the earth," he reminds us of all that we can be. He also pays us a compliment. Jesus tells us how good we are.

So let's be positive. All of us are in varying degrees "the salt of the earth" and "the light of the world." What is more, we meet sanctity every day. In the constancy of the old, in the devotion of so many in their daily work and generous service, in the residual humour of the sick and the dying, in heroic resignation, the reluctance to be a bother, in the liveliness of the young and always in the embrace of a smile.

The power-pack of sanctity is prayer. But sanctity is human. Grace, as we have taught down the centuries, builds on nature. As one writer puts it, our sanctity has dandruff on its shoulders. Sanctity nods to us in the street. Sanctity tells us not to worry. Sanctity tells us it understands. We recognise sanctity at the level at which we live. And if we appear to confuse sanctity with love, better that than with anything else.

So we pray for courage. Courage to extend the area of goodness in our lives. We accept the Lord's commendation for what is already achieved. We praise our young folk for their idealism, for their commitment in challenging times, to the values of the gospel and the celebration of the Eucharist. Our young people are springtime in the Church's life-cycle. And making the most of the spring is one of the secrets of the harvest. Because of the changing pattern in church attendance, some of us may be wintering too much in our own despondency.

But faith is nothing if not resilient. Christ's appeal is to all generations. The spiritual element in the human heart, which some of us may presume to be dead, is not that easily buried. The two million young people who celebrated the Millennium Mass with the Holy Father, did

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

not come out of thin air, as if by magic. They came in astounding numbers out of an enduring faith that is brimful of hope for the future.

So praise! Let's praise our young folk. Let's praise the single for devotion to ailing parents, for generous service in the community, whatever. Let's console the old. Let's make much of their sowing. Let's make little of their mistakes. In the context of sorrow and forgiveness, their failures and blunders are of no importance. Let's praise parents, the architects of the future, the builders of people. The mortar they use is faith and love. And if we think this message is off the wall, let's remember what Jesus saw in the Peters' and the Magdalenes' of our world. Let's for once take the denunciation of us and our world with a pinch of salt. (*After Joseph Cassidy*)

Leo Pyle

**METHODIST CHURCH
SERVICES**

6th February

10.00am Morning Worship
Rev Sarah Charlton
6.00pm Evening Service
Rev Peter Wright

13th February

10.00am Family Service
Rev Les Hann
6.00pm Evening Worship
Neil Strike (Pastor of
Community Church)

20th February

10.00am Morning Worship
Valerie Anthony
6.00pm Evening Worship
Rev Sarah Charlton

27th February

10.00am Morning Worship
Marjorie Gazzani
6.00pm Evening Worship
Rev Andrew West

6th March

10.00 am Reader Service
6.00pm *United Service at
Trinity, Hexham*

**BELTINGHAM/HENSHAW
CHURCH SERVICES**

***Due to plumbing problems
services are being held at
Beltingham until further notice***

**6th February
Beltingham**

9.30am BCP Communion

13th February

*10.30am Joint Service at Haydon
Bridge*

**20th February
Beltingham**

10.30am Joint Service

27th February

9.30am Communion

**6th March
Beltingham**

9.30am BCP Communion

Messy Church
16th February
3.30 pm at the
Methodist Church come
along and bring your
friends

**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**

6th February

11.00am BCP Communion

13th February

10.30am Joint Communion
Service

20th February

*10.30am Joint Service at
Beltingham*

27th February

11.00am Communion Service

6th March

11.00am BCP Communion

**Public consultation on progress and next steps for taking forward
the Haydon Parish Plan**

(incorporating the Haydon Bridge and Haydon Parish Development Trust AGM)

**on Wednesday 2 March 2011
at the Community Centre, Haydon Bridge
7.30-9.00pm, Public meeting followed by wine and nibbles**

In 2008, the Parish Council published a 10 year Plan which set out YOUR PRIORITIES AS LOCAL RESIDENTS for the sustainability of our community. Since then we have: set up a Development Trust; refurbished the Library as a resource centre with Visitor Information Point and Internet Café; produced a new community, business and visitor website (www.haydon-bridge.co.uk) and tourism leaflet; and secured further funding for employment advice, tourism development, and a major new John Martin Festival.

The Public consultation meeting gives YOU with the opportunity to tell US how we are doing and what our future priorities should be. It will also provide an opportunity for you to get involved if you are interested.

**THIS IS YOUR PARISH AND YOUR FUTURE – PUT THE DATE IN YOUR
DIARY NOW**

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

VICTIM SUPPORT

Working for victims of crime.

If you are a victim of crime, we are able to offer support in practical and emotional ways. Just a phone call away. Call *Leanne* at:

01661830770

82, Front St. Prudhoe. NE42 5PU

or

01670822334

(Bedlington office)

THE MEETING PLACE

at THE METHODIST CHURCH

Come and Join your friends for Coffee and Refreshments
on **Tuesdays and Thursdays** 10am – 12 noon

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.

This meeting is also open to members of the public.

WEST TYNEDALE JUNIOR RUGBY CLUB

FOR BOYS AND GIRLS AGE 6yrs–11yrs

TAG/CONTACT RUGBY

MEET AT HAYDON BRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL

ON SUNDAYS 10.30am– 12.00noon

CONTACT SUE BELL 688534. ALL WELCOME.

LIBRARY OPENING TIMES.

Telephone 01434 688658

MONDAY 9.00am-12 noon

WEDNESDAY, 1.00pm-4.00pm

FRIDAY 4.00pm-7.00pm

SATURDAY 9.30am-12.30am



IF YOU CAN READ AND SPEAK FRENCH
PLEASE COME AND JOIN THE
FRENCH READING GROUP

IN A FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE. ONCE A
MONTH IN HAYDON BRIDGE/HEXHAM.

CONTACT: Lydia 01434 688 470

FRIENDS OF HAYDON BRIDGE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, 8th February at 7.30pm

Haydon Bridge Community Centre

MEMBERS WELCOME

Membership fees are payable at the meeting

HAYDON & ALLEN VALLEYS MEDICAL PRACTICE

(Haydon Bridge Health Centre)

Monday to Friday: The Health Centre is open continuously
from **8.00am until 6.00pm** (except for the
afternoon of the **fourth** Wednesday of
every month)

Doctors consult between: **8.00am and 11.00am**
3.00pm and 5.30pm

All phone calls for appointments and visits, including 'out of
hours': **01 434 684 216**

All phone calls for dispensing or prescriptions: **01434 688351**

E-mail address: **Admin@GP-A84045.NHS.UK**

Website **www.haydonbridgesurgery.co.uk**

HAYDON BRIDGE JUDO CLUB.

Keep Fit, Have Fun! Young and Old welcome.

On Tuesdays at Haydon Bridge High School

Juniors: 6pm – 7pm

Seniors: 7pm – 9pm

BJA Qualified Coaches

Contact Michael on: **01 434 684 783**

WHIST DRIVES *Langley Village Hall*

Fortnightly on Saturdays
at 7pm.

£1.00 entrance

(Everyone welcome)

HAYDON BRIDGE COMMUNITY CENTRE

The refurbished Community Centre
is now open.

To make a booking for the Centre please contact

Denise on 01434 688979. or

Val on 01434 684705

NORTHUMBRIA POLICE POLICE COMMUNITY SURGERIES

MONDAY,
at 7pm-8pm
in HAYDON BRIDGE
COMMUNITY CENTRE

&

THURSDAY,
at 10am-11am
in THE METHODIST
CHURCH HALL

YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO MEET OUR COMMUNITY POLICE

HAYDON BRIDGE NATURE CLUB WINTER & SPRING PROGRAMME 2011

3rd February: (AGM) Derek Parker.

Audiovisual presentation.

17th February: John Richards. 'Flowers of Yunnan'.

3rd March: John Bishop. Life and work of Beatrix Potter
by John Clissold.

Talks are at 7.15pm

in Haydon Bridge Methodist Church
every other Thursday.

Coffee/tea and biscuits provided

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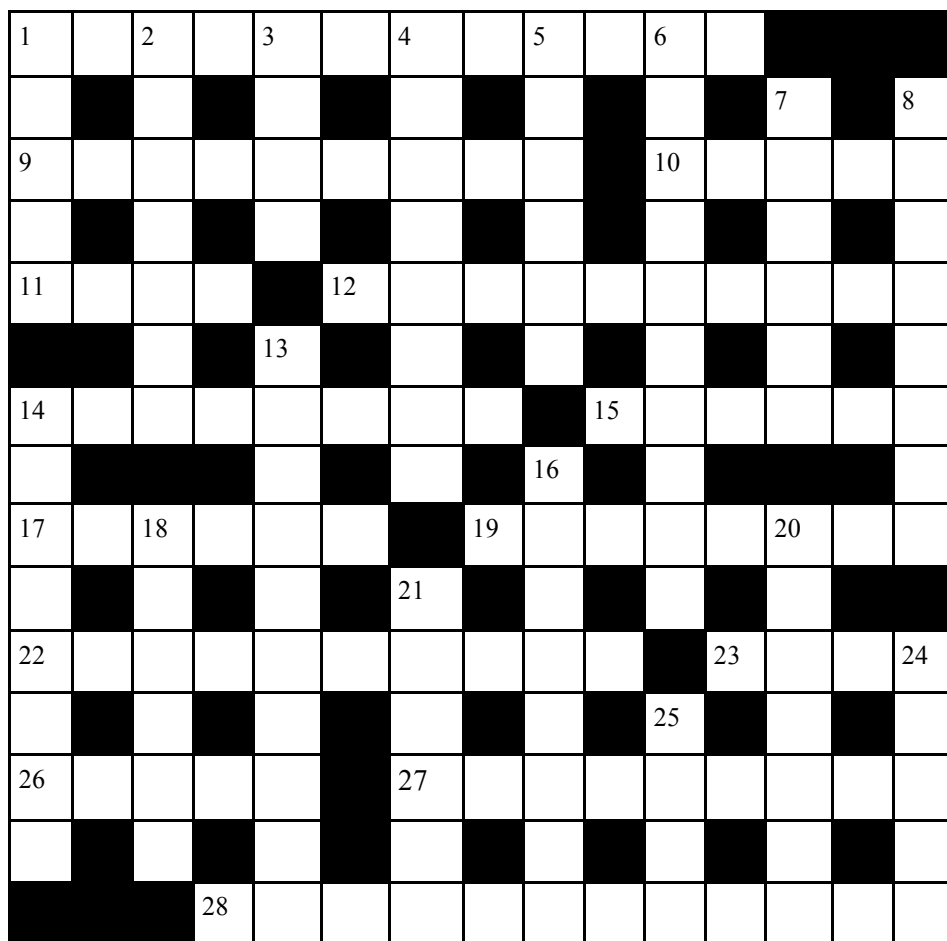
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ACROSS

1. Two countrymen provide magnificent finish.(6,6)
9. Charming appreciation in finale.(9)
10. Creepy crawly fish?(5)
11. Darnel is in fact a redundant weed. (4)
12. Tolerate meaning and give position. (10)
14. Horror film about Ivy and Virginia perhaps.(8)
15. Messenger took food after a lap.(6)
17. Ridiculed as a vertebrate might be. (6)
19. Jogged with bags and strips.(8)
22. Nice detail turned offensive.(10)
23. In a moment the writing will be on the wall.(4)
26. In the style of the Royal Mail many are spurious!(5)
27. So be it, five hundred fellows took time to make improvement.(9)
28. Dr Foster tends, endlessly, to stand in northern city.(9,3)

SOLUTIONS TO DECEMBER'S CROSSWORD. (58)

Across

1. Apache
5. Break out
9. Colombia
10. Pincer
11. Backpacker
13. Indo
14. Tint
15. Headmaster
18. Antinomian
20. Fate
21. Oval
23. Indiscreet
25. Scampi
26. Platonic
28. Black cat

Down

2. Probation
3. Crocket
4. Ebb
- 5&29 Black Beauty
6. Experiments
7. Kinkins
8. Upend
12. Aphrodisiac
16. Ami
17. Extremist
19. Islamic
20. Formosa
22. Vocal
24. Depot
27. Alb

DOWN

1. Run away to town, where there is a street on board.(5)
2. Authorize when you finish a flower arrangement.(7)
3. Fellow of Dutch appearance.(4)
4. Suggestions for taking mixed proteins.(8)
5. A foot became a spectacle perhaps. (6)
6. Sit and see part of tantalisation. (10)
7. Airman turns to moor a boat.(6)
8. Little Terry talks about old possessions.(8)

13. Tepid smile turns if you exceed this.(5,5)
14. Cruise Line rival can become fair I suppose.(8)
16. Grumble after sailor ate delicious sandwich ingredient.(4,4)
18. Alternative bad pen for use following retirement.(6)
20. Learner left all to take part.(7)
21. Fight with energy and just get through.(6)
24. Negative edition became much acclaimed.(5)
25. Flower often found in Spode remains.(4)

NUMBER OF ENTRIES
10 (7 correct)

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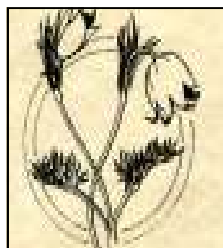
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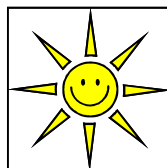
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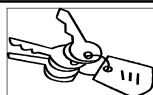
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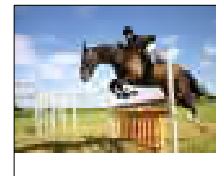
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