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The continuing erosion of the south bank of the River Tyne, in 2011, is a reminder of the erosion damage that demolished the Haydon Bridge Gas House on the north bank of the river in 1948.

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LANGLEY CASTLE HOTEL.

Once again Langley Castle Hotel is one of the three finalists for the national award as Best Small Hotel of the Year. Having beaten off all the regional contenders, Anton Phillips, the hotel's manager, will be attending the ceremony in Birmingham, in mid April, when the winner of the award will be announced. In 2007 the Hotel won the silver award. To be back in 2011, as one of the top three small hotels in England, is a fantastic achievement for Langley Castle Hotel, one of which the manager and his staff, and the Hotel's owners, Dr and Mrs Madnick, can be justly proud. We wish them luck in this final round; but whatever the outcome, it is great to know that within our Parish we have one of the best hotels in the country. A real plus for the local economy.



Following the Friends AGM the Association now has a new committee. We welcome the new committee members, with a special welcome to Elliott Wallis, our youngest member. He intends to write a monthly article on the High School to keep us all informed of the School's activities and events. Our very own High School Correspondent.

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Site construction by Henry Swaddle.

PARISH COUNCIL NOTES from the meeting in February 2011

Public Participation

The council was asked whether or not the village was getting an ATM as they had been informed that the planning application for one outside the newsagents or outside the Co-op had been rejected. A councillor pointed out that this was probably referring to the original application by HSBC which had been turned down by the conservation officer as both sites were unsuitable within the conservation area. A further site is at present being considered and Parish Councillors are to have a meeting with the planners involved regarding the suitability of the proposed site, close to the entrance to the Station Yard. The site is on Church Street but set back off the pavement to fit in with the general building line of the Street.

Concern was expressed about security but a councillor did point out that there is a street lamp close by.

To help reduce the amount of dog fouling of the pavements and verges in the village a member of the public suggested the dog warden patrol the village on one day each week to try and catch the culprits.

Council Meeting.

8 councillors were present. NCC Councillor Alan Sharp arrived late as he had been attending another meeting.

NCC Report

After several meetings Northumberland County Council have agreed the budget for 2011/12. Council Tax collected for NCC services has been frozen for the coming year. As the precept set by the Parish Council remains about the same as last year, residents of Haydon Parish should see very little or no change in Council Tax for 2011/12.

The Football Club have been granted £2,000 from the Community Chest for pitch drainage works.

Concern was expressed that money for maintaining play areas had not been passed by NCC to the Parish Council. This is due to the NCC Legal Dept still dealing with the conveyance of the play areas from the developers to the Parish Council. The Parish Council agreed to the transfer of responsibility for maintaining play areas from NCC, but only when the money given by developers to NCC for this purpose was passed on to the Parish Council. Hopefully this will be resolved before

the end of the current financial year. A councillor asked if NCC Highways are going to resurface the roads in Hordly Acres and Greenwich Gardens at the same time as those in Strother Close and Langley Gardens. Cllr Sharp is to make enquiries.

Cllr Sharp was also informed about the amount of stones and gravel washed down from the green lane between West Land Ends and Castle Farm onto the newly resurfaced stretch of Land Ends Road. The stones and gravel were spread on the green lane by the bypass contractors to strengthen the surface, as the lane was used by their vehicles during the bypass construction. Concern was expressed that the stones will damage the surface of Land Ends Road.

Highways

In the report from the engineer in charge of the old bridge repairs, he informed the council that the area to the north of the bridge, which has been re-laid in concrete, was originally laid specifically in paving slabs because of the conservation area status. He asked the council's view on whether they should dig up the concrete and lay paving or leave the concrete and make the surface the same as that to be used on the bridge. The line of setts will be re-laid at the end of the bridge in either case. The Council felt that the latter would be the best option.

The 30mph limit on Station Road has now been extended and starts near the entrance to the industrial area.

However, some motorists are travelling along the road well in excess of the 30mph limit. The police are to be asked to keep an eye on the situation.

Many of the street drains on North Bank are completely blocked with grit and urgently require cleaning. NCC have been informed and reminded about cleaning the blocked drains in Church Street too.

The Parish Council have been informed that the planting of crocus bulbs, along the roadside verges at the entrances to the village from the bypass, has now been completed. Some surprise was expressed as no one had seen the work being done and originally school children were to have been involved with the planting.

A letter is to be sent to Road Link, the company responsible for maintaining the A69, about clearing the litter from

the verges and lay-bys.

Planning

No planning applications. No response has been received with regard to the proposed tree planting along the inside of the boundary fence at the new Showfield development.

Correspondence

In a letter, Mr D Telford drew the Council's attention to the erosion of an area of the south bank of the river between the Anchor Hotel and the new bridge. He informed the Council that at a meeting with an official from the Environment Agency he had been told that no action is planned by the Agency to remedy the situation. The Council are to write to the Environment Agency to express serious concerns about the Agency's lack of action to make good the river bank and help avoid further erosion in the future.

A meeting is to be arranged between the Council and NCC's Communities Officer to discuss the areas of responsibility already held by the Parish Council, new responsibilities transferred from NCC and those to be retained by NCC. There has been a great deal of confusion about this in recent months.

Parish Projects

Peter Fletcher, secretary of the Haydon Development Trust, reminded the Council of the Trust's AGM to be held in the Community Centre on Wednesday, 2nd March at 7.30pm. He stressed that the main part of the meeting

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**HAYDON BRIDGE BAND
Part 2**

The Haydon Bridge Band, in its different forms, gave great pleasure to players and spectators alike for over one hundred and sixty years. In February's Haydon News I looked back from the distribution of the Haydon Bridge Band Memorial Fund in 1997 - overseen by executors Peter Brown, Johnny Heslop and Dr. Robert High - to the band's early years from 1836. This month I will follow the history of the village band from 1886 when the St. Cuthbert's (Haydon Bridge) Brass Band was formed.

At least fifty years of Haydon Parish band history preceded the formation of St. Cuthbert's Brass Band in Haydon Bridge. From the band that welcomed the first train into Haydon Bridge in 1836, to the Langley Mills Band, the 1858 Haydon Bridge Union Band, the 1879 Haydon Bridge Sax Horn Band and Haydon Bridge Reed Band, and a Temperance Band that was still in existence in 1886.

It was on January 4th 1886, however, when the band that was to serve the parish as a society until 1997 was born.

On that Monday evening, one hundred and twenty five years ago at a formal meeting in Shaftoe Trust Boys' School, twenty players and members accepted an undertaking to abide by a written constitution and agreed to observe the bye-laws of St. Cuthbert's Brass Band.

At the meeting were: Robert Smith Hamilton, William Henderson Brown, Henry G. Wood, Joseph Gibson, Thomas Wray, Joseph Brown, George A. Wray, Jacob Brown, Charles Taylor, Thomas Richardson, John Taylor, William Cummings, John Charlton, Charles Chatterton, Edward Brown, John Ord, Walton Spark, James Lee, Joseph D. Wray, and Thomas Stobbart.

The Reverend John Heneage Mandell, Haydon Bridge's first vicar who had been introduced on June 26th 1879, was appointed president of the society and a trustee, along with vice president William Henderson Brown. Henry G. Wood was appointed secretary with Jacob Brown as treasurer, Robert Hamilton as leader and Joseph Thompson the Band's conductor.

The new band owned twenty three

instruments.

One drum, five cornets, three saxophones, one euphonium, one baritone, two bombardons, one tenor trombone, three bass trombones, one B flat bass, one tenor horn, one baritone, one E flat clarinet, one E flat flute and one E flat piccolo. The clarinet, flute and piccolo had been the property of the earlier Haydon Bridge Reed Band but the rest of the instruments were acquired as described in a preamble to the 1886 constitution.

'Whereas a sum of money having been raised in Haydon Bridge and a set of musical instruments purchased therewith, it is desirable that those who now use those instruments and play together as a Band be constituted as a society.'

The first article of the new constitution makes it clear that the band, under a different name and probably less formal arrangements, already existed in the village / parish.

Article 1:

'The Band shall be designated and known as "The St. Cuthbert's Brass Band" and its members shall consist of those already in the band on their subscribing to the constitution and bye-laws. And of any new members who may be elected.'

Prospective new members had to be proposed by the conductor and a vote taken at a general meeting where three "NOES" would exclude the candidate.

The 1886 bye-laws laid down strict procedures and make interesting reading one hundred and twenty five years later.

For example:

- No member to leave the ranks of the band when marching, or to disobey the assembly bugle call when the interval of leave is expired while the Band is under engagement. By so doing, the member will be liable to a fine of sixpence.
- The members of the Band to subscribe at the rate of sixpence per month.
- No quarrelling to be allowed at practice. For each offence of this nature a fine of threepence be exacted.
- Any member during Band attendance or any engagement, being drunk or disorderly, be liable to expulsion.

- When the Band is requested to go for a march out, any member absenting himself without giving a reasonable excuse to the conductor, will be liable to a fine of threepence.

- Any member blowing his instrument, in coming or going from the practice room will be fined threepence.

- No members to blow another members instrument at practice, unless he is requested by the conductor or leader. By so doing he will be liable to a fine of threepence.

- Practice to commence at 7.30pm and close at 9.00pm. Any member arriving ten minutes after time to be fined one penny.

Based on average earnings, one penny in 1886 would be equivalent, to £2.22 in 2011. So, for example, the bandsmen each paid the 2011 equivalent of £13.32 per month to be members, and blowing another bandsman's instrument would cost the member the 2011 equivalent of £6.66. The bandsmen did receive a small income from each event however.

At the first general meeting following the inaugural meeting, on September 2nd 1886, it was agreed that in the case of amalgamation with the Temperance Band, the members of the St. Cuthbert's Band would not be compelled to 'take the pledge'. It being considered that the byelaw related to 'drunk and disorderly' was sufficient to meet all requirements.

This is the first indication that the two Haydon Bridge bands of 1886 were to combine under the St. Cuthbert's name.

On November 29th 1886, J. Thompson replaced Henry Wood as secretary and a financial balance in favour of the Band of two pounds seven shillings and sixpence was reported.

Further instruments were acquired by January 10th 1887.

The clarinet, piccolo and flute from the extinct Reed Band were exchanged for an E flat tenor horn, and purchases were made of a tenor trombone, for £1 and three shillings, a euphonium for £1 and five shillings, and a bass trombone.

Based on retail price index, £1 in 1886 was equivalent to £81.20 today.

The St. Cuthbert's Brass Band continued the activities of earlier bands, playing regularly at events in the parish's social calendar and at events further afield. For example, during 1887 the Band

played at the Staward-le-Peel Picnic and Temperance Demonstration in June, and on July 2nd, the Band hired two horses and a carriage to drive to Birtley for an event. - *I am guessing, the Birtley in Northumberland!*

The Band played at the Haydon Bridge Show on September 3rd and on September 9th, another temperance demonstration, at Haydon Bridge this time, under the auspices of the Primitive Methodist's Band of Hope.

For the September events, the Band received two pounds, and one pound and ten shillings respectively. The two pounds received from the Haydon Bridge Show being equally divided between the band members.

Maybe the Band's most important appointment of the year was to lead Haydon Bridge's celebrations to mark Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee.

On June 21st 1887, Haydon Bridge residents awoke to a volley of blank cartridges, and months of planning by a publicly elected village committee - with the Reverend J.H. Mandell and J.W. Hetherington of Tofts Bank, chairman and secretary - provided the village with a day to remember.

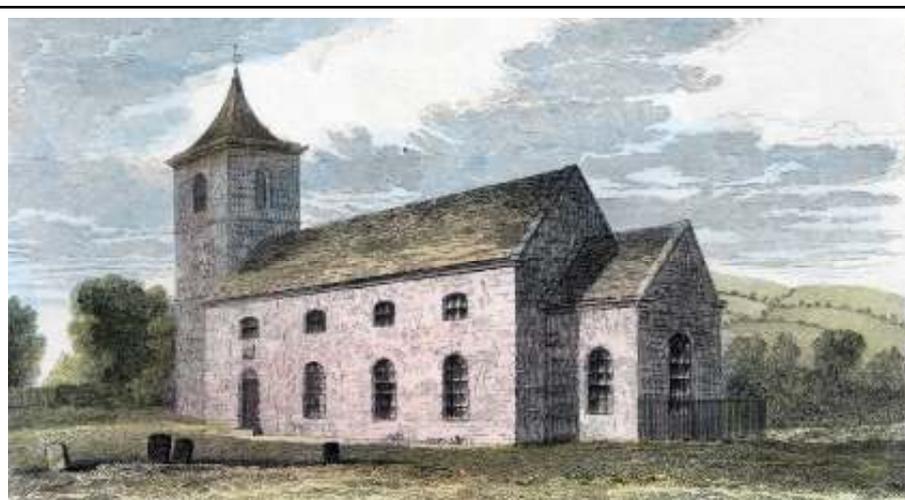
Following a large attendance at St. Cuthbert's Church in the morning for a divine service, **at two o'clock in the afternoon the St. Cuthbert's Band led the most attractive and impressive procession in living memory at Haydon Bridge.**

The Band was followed through the village by the Rifle Volunteers in full uniform, the Oddfellows in ancient garb with maces and hatchets, the Order of Ancient Druids in official regalia; then the children and teachers of the Wesleyan, Primitive, Congregational, Free Church and St. Cuthbert's Sunday Schools carrying banners.

Finally, in a large marquee on Mr. Henderson's Crook Hill field at the Esp Hill, a tea was provided for the children, the elderly, and over one thousand residents of the parish.

See my report of the Golden Jubilee in the May 2000 issue of The Haydon News. Available on the back issues link of www.haydon-news.co.uk

Various events were held during the year to raise money for the repair and replacement of instruments, they included a picnic in a field at Mr. Henderson's Esp Hill Farm - probably



ST. CUTHBERT'S CHURCH, HAYDON BRIDGE. CONSECRATED ON JULY 20th 1796.

The high note of the year for St. Cuthbert's Brass Band in 1887 was Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee. To commemorate the occasion at Haydon Bridge, £125 was raised to purchase a new double dial clock for St. Cuthbert's Church. The new clock replaced a south facing single dial clock and the 6' diameter dials were placed several feet higher than the old dial. The dials were glazed with the best opal glass and were illuminated at night by an apparatus that turned the gas on and off, earlier or later, as the hours of sunset differed throughout the year. The ceremony unveiling the clock was performed by the Archdeacon of Northumberland on November 24th 1888.

The outline of the original single dial clock and its lead fixing holes can still be seen today.

Crook Hill again - on August 20th, a bazaar in June and a concert and sale of work in November.

The Band was fully established now as an important village society and it was time to purchase their first uniforms which were to be Army Service Corps suits with buff belts. A concert and sale of work was held on December 2nd to raise money for the uniforms.

A successful second year for the St. Cuthbert's (Haydon Bridge) Brass Band ended with the Band playing round the village and at St. Cuthbert's Church, on Christmas morning.

To follow the history of the band at Haydon Bridge is to open a calendar of local as well as national social activities, as it continued to engage in community events and organise its own concerts, picnics, jumble sales and the like, in aid of Band funds.

For example, in 1893 the Band resolved to play, for a fee of £1, at another Royal occasion celebrated in the village; the marriage of George (Later George V) and Mary of Teck.

This was an unusual marriage in that George V was not born as heir to the throne, that privilege belonged to his eldest brother, Albert Victor 'Eddy',

who became engaged to his young German cousin, Mary of Teck in 1891. Albert died unexpectedly only a few weeks later, however, of influenza and pneumonia, and incredibly, the new heir to the throne became close to the bereaved fiancée, and Mary and George were married on July 6th 1893. They remained a devoted pair until George V's death on January 20th 1936.

In 1894, St. Cuthbert's Brass Band had a new secretary, J. Robinson; and J.W. Heslop was appointed conductor of the Band.

During 1895 the Band continued to fulfil its engagements, which included two events organised in an effort to raise funds. A ball held in the Shaftoe Trust schoolroom in February, and a picnic held in August.

Unfortunately the minutes of the Band meetings from 1895 are missing. - Were there any? It is clear from other sources, that around this time the Band was having difficulty in attracting players and, by August 1901, the Band had ceased to exist as an active society. In September 1901, however, the Hexham Courant reported that efforts were being made to re-start the Haydon Bridge Band.

I will continue my history of the Band, into the twentieth century, next month.

70 YEARS

And it just seems like yesterday!

Written for my sixtieth birthday, this song was
recorded on the CD, 'The Places I Knew as a Bairn'.

Ten years later, the memories and sentiments still apply.

The place where aa live is the place that aa've loved,
On the banks of the River Tyne.

The place where aa live is the place that aa've loved,
Me memories are so fine.

The place where aa live is the place that aa've loved,
At school, at work, at play.

The place where aa live is the place that aa've loved,
For (seventy) years today.

As bairns we'd go to Sandy Bay where we would play the fool,
We'd fish along the waterfall and swim in Pandon Pool,
We'd put two coats down on the ground and kick the ball about,
In cricket if it went over the wall we'd call it "six and out".

Me hero was Roy Rogers at the Town Hall picture show,
Aa'd ride Trigger down Shaftoe Street searching for Navahoe,
The old folk on John Shaftoe's raa' would curse and shout and yell,
When we went knocking on their doors and then ran off, pell mell.

We'd go sledgin' down the North Bank when snow was on the
ground,
We'd search the tip for old black prams with wheels that would go
round,
Me bogie was me pride and joy 'till Santa brought a treat,
A fine Raleigh cycle with its Sturmey Archer gears and a dynamo to
light the way at neet.

A pint of beer was one and two, when pulled straight off the wood,
At Hexham in the Grapes Hotel, sometimes the Robin Hood,
We'd drink six pints for seven bob then to the Queens Hall dance
Where we would take the lasses yem, if given half a chance.

At Len and Molly's dancin' club aa was swept off me feet,
As aa fell in and out of love on every Saturday neet,
But the Church Hall dance at Haltwhistle was where aa loved it best,
Aa met wor lass in the Bradford Barn, and that's when aa went west !

We courted down at Plankey Mill and up the Tippalt flat,
In the back row of the Westgate and the Gem, a little bit of this and
that,
Aa chased her 'till she caught us, we got married in the end,
Had a grand reception at the Co-operative Hall and later on aa got me
dividend.

And as them busy years went by, our son and daughter grew,
The River Tyne, Spa Well and Plankey Mill their playground too,
Since learning all the facts of life now they've had bairns themselves,
Long may they live for to enjoy, the scene from Haydon Fell.

Now Sandy Bay and Pandon Pool they both went long ago,
No tip, no Town Hall, no sledging down the north bank, we
never get that much snow, *(Except for 2011 maybe.)*
No Queens, no Lennies, no Church Hall dance, it's two
pound thirteen and a tanner for a jar,
But the people that live in my home town?
They're still the very best by far.

NOTES: For those who weren't there at the time.

As children at Haydon Bridge we had lots of wonderful
natural 'playgrounds'. **Sandy Bay** and **Pandon Pool** were two
of these on the 'south side'.

Oh yes! There was a south side and a north side to Haydon
Bridge in those early days, and each was jealously guarded by
its young inhabitants. Especially in the days before bonfire
night and when defending our territory with stone fights on the
river side. That's right! Stone fights. One of our outdoor
activities I don't recommend for today's children. Dangerous,
but great fun nevertheless, as I remember them.

Anyway; as the name suggests, **Pandon Pool** was at the bottom
of Temple Houses or Pandon as it was more commonly
known. A stagnant pool, on or around the present day football
club car park, that filled up when the River Tyne or the Langley
Burn flooded. We swam there during the long summer days
and played on the ice that covered it in the winter.

Sandy Bay was one of many small, sandy coves on the banks
of the river. It was a delight, surrounded by long grasses, ferns
and Silver Birch trees. We could be anybody or do anything
there, the who and the where governed only by the limits of our
imagination. From Roy Rogers to Tom Mix. From Biggles to
escaping prisoners of war, as we dug deep into the sand under
the bank side - another dangerous game come to think of it.

This never-never land could just as easily be a wild west prairie
as a World War battlefield.

Sadly, our riverside playground was altered for ever when the
commercial value of the river gravel was recognised, and our
pools and underground camps were replaced with excavators
and crushing plant.



A generation or two before mine enjoying the same pleasures of
Pandon Pool and **Sandy Bay** that we enjoyed, but in the summer
of 1933. Back row left to right: **Harry Watson, Willie Cowan,**
Cyril Fatherley, George Curry, John Wilson, Harry Veitch.
Front row: **Sid Melvin, Charlie Bates, Robin Armstrong,**
Ernie Marsh, June Armstrong.

We all plodged along the **waterfall** and in the river down the
Eiland in our younger days and it was there we would catch
eels in a tin can, or encourage the beardies and minnows to
explore the inside of a jam jar or a glass bottle with the
bottom knocked out. From that moment our fishy friends' days
were numbered. Dropped into a galvanised bucket in the back
yard, they swam round, and round, and until turning onto
their backs and giving up the ghost.

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In the 1950's, the grass verge along John Martin Street was much wider than it is today and it was a cricket pitch, a football pitch, a running track, a rounders' circuit or whatever else we decided to make it. Two coats thrown onto the ground were all that was needed for goal posts, and dustbins or tin cans for wickets or bays.

It was probably cricket, more than any other game we played on John Martin Street, that gave the residents most cause for complaint. The big hitters would often slog the ball over a garden wall while we waited for the sound of breaking glass.

My dad wasn't to be pleased either! As the village joiner and with his son on the team, he was often called upon to replace the glass in a broken window.

It's no wonder then, that:

"Ower the waa'I was out!"

The 'Town Hall' continues to provide enjoyment today, as the Haydonian Social Club, but it is its early years as a picture house for which it will best be remembered by those of my generation, who grew up with cowboys and injuns.

If I have one apology to make for our behaviour, it is to the 'old folk' on Shaftoe Terrace, one of our favourite streets for knockie nine doors.

Being of pensionable age or over, they could never catch us!

But I'm sure we were forgiven as, every Christmas time, those folk on the terrace always provided the warmest welcome and a guaranteed penny or two for us carol singers.

Imagine this! The thrill of hurtling belly flap down the North Bank from the Tofts on a sledge built for speed, the runners polished to their brightest, and wondering whether the station gates would be open for traffic or trains when you reached the bottom. Feet down, slide and tumble to a halt, or a sharp left hand turn down the back of the station if the gates are closed to you. Fantastic! The problem wasn't **sledging down the North Bank**, but pulling our heavy wooden home made sledges back up to the Tofts through the Catholic field.

Not such a problem on the shorter Whittis Hill course mind, still a left hand turn at the bottom of the bank into Jimmy Fitzgerald's garage though, otherwise we were onto and over the main road.

A visit to the **Haydon Bridge tip**, on

the Newbrough Road east of West Mill Hills and opposite Springfield, was 'recycling' long before it was made compulsory.

We didn't need politicians to tell us that one person's rubbish would be another's life saver. Where would we have been without the pram wheels thrown into the deep rat infested hole left from an earlier quarry?

If you wanted to **build a bogie** then a visit to the tip was the first port of call. But you had to be quick!

Just a thought. Where are the bogies built by today's children?

Do they know what they are missing?



An early photograph of the Whinstone quarry at Springfield, before it became the village tip.

So who were the girls and boys from Haydon Bridge and the locality with whom I enjoyed such a wonderful childhood?

Here are a few of those friends whose names come immediately to mind; some a little older than me, some younger.

SOUTH SIDE: Alan Storey, Dennis Ridley, Dorothy Ridley, Robert Tindall, Robert Pyle, Allen Bates, Joan Farley, Leslie Hill, Eleanor Hill, John Brown, Danny Brown, Raymond Duffy, Gordon Brown, Alex Robinson, Dennis Hogarth, Les Jewitt, Leonard Burrows, Brian Burrows, Derek Beavers, Frazer Robinson, Trevor Corbett, Clifford Corbett, Billy Philipson, Roy Philipson, Harry Philipson, Thomas Philipson, Ann Philipson, David Gilchrist, Margaret Gilchrist, Thomas Armstrong, Norman Bell, Jean Robinson, Peter Robinson, Lorna Dixon, Ann Milburn, David Milburn, Alan Telford, Mavis Telford, Barry Brown, Alan Hetherington, Barry Johnston, John Leathard, Ann Leathard, Jill Rogan, Eileen Moffatt,

Denise Scott, Gwen Ridley, Jean Ridley, Linda Ridley, Jeff Marshall, Kenneth Spark, Enid Armstrong, Dennis Boyd.

NORTH SIDE: Duncan Gurney, Malcolm Gurney, Helen Gurney, David Read, Bobby Reed, Willie Glenwright, Robin Skeen, James Skeen, David Philipson, Avril Thompson, Ann Hutchinson, Michael Leppington, David Routledge, Margaret Routledge, Peter Routledge, Jacqueline Sloan, Alan Thompson, Ian Stewart, Trevor Stewart, Norma Brown, David Brown, Alma Philipson, Vera Philipson, Sandra Moore, Maurice Frankland, Bertie Brown, Valerie Brown, John Davies, Ann Davies, Joe Worthington, Murial Worthington, Joyce Adamson, David Jeans, Harry Jeans, Mary Marsh, Laurence Marsh, Edward Turnbull, Ian Turnbull.....

I'm sorry! I've just realised there seems to be no end to this list.

And I haven't yet mentioned those eleven and twelve year olds who joined us at Shaftoe Trust School from across the county, and lodged in the village. Good friends like David Renton, Edward Shield, Bryce Rennison, Derek Nuthall, Thomas Carnaffin, and etc.

It's remarkable, don't you think, how many young people there were growing up together in the 1940's and early 50's in a village as small as Haydon Bridge?

Well, I have the answer from a reliable source on Church Street who knows about these things.

Apparently it had something to do with the 'blackout'.

My informant also tells me that there would have been even more of us had it not been for Geordie Natrass banging on the windows of houses in the village, at the first sign of a chink of light, and ruining many a romantic evening with a demand to:

"Get those blinds drawn! What do you think it is, Blackpool illuminations?"

So, my early childhood was spent at Haydon Bridge where we played together during all the available daylight hours. Arguably, however, it was Hexham and Haltwhistle where I 'grew up'.

Len and Molly Heppell's and the Queen's Hall dances, and the Church Hall dances at Haltwhistle.

Happy memories and new friends, but that story must wait until another day.

In last month's issue we included a Shaftoe Trust School photograph sent to us by Andrew and Lisa Best. A wonderful archive photograph, as most of the pupils are well known Haydonians. Did you recognise them? Thanks to David Kirsopp, we can name all the children and confirm that the year was 1954. The teacher is Lisa's mum, the late Thelma Scudamore - Miss Dodd in this photograph.

Back row left to right: Keith Brown, Tommy Cowing, Ernest Edwards, Michael Baker, John Wardle, Michael Luke, Peter Milne, Richard Boaden, Jasper Wardle, David Kirsopp.

Second Row: Sandra Burrows, Lilian Corbett, Susan Boaden, Pat Jeans, Kathleen Ridley, Anna Shotton, Frances Dinning, Joan Routledge, Heather Powell.

Third Row: Joan Todd, Edith Bowman, Jean Rimmer, Violet Hogarth, Dorothy Pyle, Eileen Bates, Jean Hogg, Jennifer Brown, Barbara Wardle, Marilyn Dixon, Maureen Robson.

Front Row: Angus Hall, Lennie Tait, David Coombes, Robert Gilchrist, Bobby Hubbuck.



IT'S OPENING TIME!

Our late news in last month's issue was that the Railway Hotel had closed for business on Sunday January 30th. No sooner was the ink dry on your February Haydon News than the Railway re-opened, on Friday February 4th, with Alison O'Riordan in charge.

Alison moved to Haydon Bridge last July, thinking she had retired - early I might say - from the pub trade, after her most recent role running the Punch Bowl at Edmundbyers. When Sue left the Railway Hotel, Alison, already a customer, decided to return to the trade to keep the popular public house open.

Alison told the Haydon News:

"I would like to offer everyone a warm welcome back to the Railway Hotel. Opening times will remain the same (*See advertisement on page 22*), the pub's popular Quiz Nights will continue on alternate Tuesdays, there will be a

JIM BIGGS

Over forty Haydon Bridge Dance Club members celebrated the 90th birthday of club organiser Jim Biggs, on Monday February 7th. Jim first joined the club in 1982 with his wife Daphne, and they were soon leading the floor and Jim was sharing the DJ duties to provide the music. Jim's wife Daphne passed away in December 2001, but Jim continued to support the Dance Club in her memory.

In our next issue we will take a closer look at the Dance Club's contribution to our social calendar.

'Happy Hour' on Wednesdays from 5.30pm to 6.30pm and Sunday lunches (£6.95) are served from 11.00am to 3.00pm, with lashings of real gravy, local meat and fresh vegetables.

The café at the Railway will soon be renamed the '**Cosy Carriage**', an appropriate name, chosen by customers after a discussion in which 'The Signal Box' and 'The Junction' were also suggested as possible alternatives. The 'Cosy Carriage' will be redecorated and restyled and will serve quality 'pub grub' including all our locals' favourites. Ladies, please

pop in for a coffee and a slice of our home baked cake and scones, and a friendly face will greet you for a chat.

A 'Kids Menu' is also available and school children are welcome to call in for a 'Meal Deal'.

For example, burgers and chips etc. with a can of pop at £2.50."

Alison tells us that the pub frontage will soon be repainted and she is looking forward to serving the village and community to a high standard.

We welcome Alison to the Railway Hotel and wish her well.

Village Vegetable Venture

If you have an allotment or a garden, and like me you plant too much in case some of it doesn't grow (!), then just what do you do with the left overs? There is a limit as to how much you can eat or freeze.

So, after making a few enquiries in the right quarters, **I thought we could try a vegetable stall in the village.**

Every Saturday morning (at least to start with, just to see how it goes), from shortly after Easter when the first crops are ripening nicely, there will be a table at 'The Bridge' (outside, weather permitting) from 9.30am opening time, where anyone can take surplus garden or allotment produce. Because Easter is quite late this year, **I suggest the first stall should be the first Saturday in May.**

Although it is not the intention to make any money for the growers, there will be a box for donations which will go to 'The Bridge' or any other village cause (such as the Christmas lights). The one proviso is that any left overs must be collected by the donor by 12.15pm so that the table can be put away. It would not be fair on the volunteers in 'The Bridge' to have to dispose of the unsold greens.

So, let's see how it goes this Summer, and hopefully it can become an annual event, with less waste, happy customers and raise a few coppers for village good causes at the same time.

Pat Hirst

HAYDON BRIDGE WAR MEMORIAL by Pam and Ken Linge

We continue our series of articles on those individuals who died in the Great War. The biographies are published chronologically and the second casualty, in 1915, was **Thomas Norman Davidson**.

(2) THOMAS NORMAN DAVIDSON



Photograph courtesy of
Haydon Bridge Community Centre

CHEVERS I. T.	BENNETT S.
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COOPER S. 1944	BIRLISON S.
COYER G.	BLACK J.
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CRAZE W.	BLADES T.
DALGARNO W. D.	BLANCH G. H.
DAVIDSON N.	BLANEY T.
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DODD E.	BLYTH S.
ELLIOTT J.	BOAG J.
ELSWORTH E. E.	BOAG T. W.
EVANS F.	BOLAN J.
FOGARTY J.	BOOTHMAN A.
FORRESTER H.	BORTHWICK G.
FOTHERGILL T.	BOSTLE T.
FULLER W.	BOWMAN T.
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GENT W.	BRADSHAW A.
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KIMBLEY W. J.	BROWBANK A. H.
LEE P.	BROWN A. S. P.
LEEK C. J.	BROWN G.

Norman served as Lance Corporal, 919, "C" Company, 1/4th Battalion (Territorials), Northumberland Fusiliers.

He was posted as missing in action on 26th April 1915, aged 20.

One of at least four children of Thomas and Annie Davidson.

Born in Haydon Bridge, he had been living at Railway Houses, Fourstones. He was in the Territorials at the outbreak of the war and was called up on mobilisation, going to France on 20th April 1915.

As well as having his name on the War Memorial, Norman is also commemorated on the Shaftoe Trust School Memorial, the organ in the Methodist Church, Newbrough War Memorial and lych gate.

He is also listed on the Roll of Honour in the T.A. Centre, Hexham.

On Sunday 16th May 1915 a memorial service was held in Haydon Bridge's Primitive Methodist Chapel for Norman and three other soldiers (Robson, 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.



Norman has no known grave and is, therefore, commemorated on one of the panels on the Menin Gate Memorial in Ypres, Belgium.

DAVIDSON N.

If you have any information relating to Norman Davidson 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.

Candles4Charity

“Thank you“ to all who purchased candles during 2010. **At the end of the year I was able to distribute £565 to 10 charities.**

Candles are available for purchase directly from me or from either The Twice Brewed Inn or the Railway Hotel Coffee Shop.

The Power-Cut-Busters are always available directly from me at 3 for £2.00.

And remember there is the 70/30 option for recognised charities.

Old candle-ends/scrap wax always welcome – there's a collecting bin at East Cottage, Plunderheath (*just inside the top gate*).

John Harrison

Shaftoe Trust First School.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SHAFTOE?

Week beginning the 28th February is our 'Around the World Week' and children will be learning about different countries; their traditions, foods, costume, music and flags. This week also incorporates World maths day and World book day.

During the next two terms, all children will once again be working with Mr Ian Hopper on some exciting new projects using our extensive outdoor facilities as well as travelling further afield.

During June children will be working with an artist exploring animation.

We will be supporting Red Nose Day on the 18th March; staff and children will make a donation to dress in colourful costumes and, during the afternoon, children will be 'Taking a Turn' to tell a funny story/joke or sing a song.

Years 3 and 4 will be out and about during the summer term on residential visits to Kielder and Ford Castle. Beginning in May children will be involved in the exciting John Martin Heritage Project.

DATES FOR THE DIARY.

Friday 11th March: Beetle drive - 6.00pm in school - contact school for tickets.

Friday 8th April: Bags to School collection.

Parents will be delivering blue bin bags to houses in the village during the week beginning the 4th April. The company accepts all items **except bric a brac**. These can be delivered to school on the morning of the 8th. If you need someone to collect the bag then ring Elaine on 688635.

Thank you for your continued support.

Thursday 12th April: Spring festival at 2.00pm.

Friday 15th April: Egg Jarping competition at 2.45pm

DAFT AS A BRUSH!

As you may have read in the local newspapers Shaftoe Trust School is the first school to be involved with Mr Burnie's charity 'Daft as a Brush' which aims to transport cancer patients to and from their treatment in local hospitals. We hope to see our vehicle in the very near future, sporting its bright colourful logo designed by the children.

On the morning of **Wednesday 2nd March**, pupils from Langley, Kielder and Alnwick classes will be joining pupils from three other schools to sing at Grey's Monument in Newcastle. Come along and join us if you have some free time.

GITS [Get It Together Society]

Do you love living in Haydon Bridge?

Do you love going to events in the village where you can meet others and enjoy the community?

Would you like to help organise future events? Well maybe you would like to be a **GIT!**

The **GITS** were formed last year with the primary aim of fundraising and organising events that bring the community together to have fun and enjoy themselves. We organised an event on Shaftoe Green last September called Bridgestock where we had live music, food and children's entertainment. We were helped by lots of people from the community including Shaftoe Trust First School. The more people involved the better.

FAMILY QUIZ NIGHT

On Friday, March 18th from 7pm – 9.30pm we are holding a Family Quiz Night in the Community Centre. Teams should be no more than 6 [ish]; tickets are £3 for over 13's and 50p if you are 13 or under. This includes a pie and pea supper. Tickets available on the door.

Bring your own liquid refreshment

If you are interested in being a GIT or just helping at events, then we are having a meeting in The Bridge [library] on Tuesday, March 8th at 7.00pm. Alternatively you can contact us on 01434 684061 [John and Pauline].

PS. The return of Bridgestock, September 2011???? Watch this space.

A VIEW FROM UP THERE

Like many of you, I have been suffering from various winter ailments over the last few months – the cold weather seems to have suited the viruses that delight in make our lives a misery. No doubt you also have been trying to find something that will alleviate your symptoms while the body fights its battles – each to their own – my preference is for Sloe Gin! Imagine my relief the other day when I saw the answer to all our problems – there at the roadside was a large sign telling us that “Verge Works”. This may well be the ultimate cure-all, but despite my best efforts I have been unable to find anybody that sells it.

A university colleague of mine used to be able to quote facts and figures about cricket from Wisden – great if he was on your quiz team but otherwise a cure for insomnia. “Did you know that?” You must know people like this. I have to admit that there are such creatures as ‘climate geeks’ who can quote temperatures, rainfalls and wind-speeds for the year, month, day or hour for almost anywhere and they come up with some amazingly unquotable quotes. Looking back at 2010, on the Internet I came across the following absolutely mind-blowing facts – in the UK 2010 was the coldest year since 1986, the 12th coldest year since 1910, the driest year since 2003, the 9th sunniest since 1929 you want more ??? In amongst all these facts and figures, there is one which we should note – that 2010 was globally one of the warmest years on record. So despite our cold year, the earth is still warming – When can we say that perhaps this isn’t just a warm phase in the natural variation in global climate and that we may have a problem?

And what about the January weather here in Haydon Bridge? Although the start of the new year brought a change to slightly milder conditions, the cold weather seemed unwilling to release its grip over the first 10 days. Daytime temperatures were generally well below average and nights were frosty, the air temperature falling to -6.5degC by the morning of the 7th. Heavy snow fell overnight between the 8th and 9th accumulating to a depth of 5cm. Between the 12th and 16th warm air from the south brought a remarkable rise in temperature. The average daytime maximum over the five days was 10degC and by the morning of the 16th the air temperature had fallen only to a very mild 9.2degC. As is usually the case, milder weather came at a price, which is wind and rain, and the 15th was a particularly wet and windy day bringing widespread local flooding. For the remainder of the month the weather reverted to seasonal expectation with occasional night frosts, and there were a few slight snow flurries on the 27th – 30th. One of the coldest days of the month was the 21st during which freezing fog persisted for much of the day, coating surfaces in white frosting. Despite the cold weather there was remarkably little damage in my garden, which demonstrates the insulating effect of snow – my lawn emerged in good condition.

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
January	5.2	+1.0	0.3	-1.0	57.5	72

And finally, my friend **Gladys Friday** loves to wander through graveyards reading the inscriptions on the stones. She tells me that she came across an old headstone by a small church in the Yorkshire Dales which read “*Remember friend, when passing by, as you are now, so once was I. As I am now, soon you will be. Prepare for death and follow me*”. Beneath the inscription someone had scratched “*To follow you, I’m not content, until I know which way you went*”.

John Harrison





JOHN MARTIN
 HERITAGE FESTIVAL
 MARCH 2011-SUMMER 2012
 HAYDON BRIDGE



THE JOHN MARTIN EXHIBITION, 'HEAVEN AND HELL', OPENS AT THE LAING ART GALLERY, NEWCASTLE ON MARCH 5th 2011 AND CONTINUES UNTIL JUNE 5th.

HAYDON BRIDGE JOHN MARTIN HERITAGE FESTIVAL EVENTS

MARCH & APRIL 2011

Friday, 11th March. 7.30pm at Haydon Bridge Community Centre

John Martin and Friends: the Generation Who Stole the Future - a talk by Max Adams

Author of 'The Fire Bringers', a book telling the story of John Martin, his family and his circle of influential friends, and also the definitive biography of Admiral Collingwood, for which he received a Churchill research award, Max Adams is a wonderful speaker with a wide range of interests and areas of expertise. One time lecturer at Durham University, he now lectures at The Centre for Life, Newcastle and has presented television programmes on industrial archaeology.

Ellen Murphy, will be opening the evening with a selection of Northumbrian songs. Ellen, a gifted singer and musician, teaches singing in Newcastle schools, and works and performs at The Sage, Gateshead. A performance not to be missed.

Free wine/juice and **Eileen's nibbles** during the interval.

Tickets £2.00 from The Bridge Library.

Max will have signed copies of his books available during the evening

Saturday, 16th April. 10.00am-4.30pm at Haydon Bridge Community Centre

Creativity and Invention with Drawing - Art Workshop with Lionel Playford

John Martin invented landscapes that were truly awesome in the scale and energy they evoked in the mind of the viewer. Come and explore some of the techniques of drawing that artists have used over the centuries to create the feeling of scale and natural energy associated with the Romantic spirit in art. . **More details and tickets (£2.00) from The Bridge Library**

Saturday, 30th April. 10.00am-5.00pm Meet at The Bridge Library, Haydon Bridge.

Guided walk along the John Martin Trail (Southern section)

A guide led walk along the eleven mile southern loop of the trail through scenery that would have been known to John Martin and may have inspired some of his fantastic painted landscapes. Stout footwear, weatherproof clothing essential & a packed lunch.

Free of charge but advanced notice requested. Please register your name at The Bridge Library

By September 2011 we hope to have created a **John Martin Heritage Centre**. This will include a film about John Martin in Haydon Bridge & Newcastle. **We need volunteers to help research for the centre and for the John Martin Film, to be made with Haltwhistle Film Project.** If you are interested please leave your name and contact details at the Library or phone Ian: 684527; Mike: 684340; Henry: 684498

As part of the Festival we are organising John Martin Trail Guided Walks each month from April to October 2011 and in 2012. We are offering walk guide training & First Aid for volunteer guides.

Training starts on Friday 25th March at the Community Centre. If you are interested in taking part please leave your name and contact details at the Library or phone: Henry: 684498; Ian: 684527; Mike: 684340.

THE FULL PROGRAMME, FURTHER DETAILS AND TICKETS FOR ALL EVENTS ARE AVAILABLE FROM 'THE BRIDGE' LIBRARY, HAYDON BRIDGE.

Library ticket office open:

Monday 9.00am-4.00pm
Wednesday 10.00am-4.00pm
Friday 10.00am-7.00pm
Saturday 9.30am-12.30pm

From Feb'
 28th 2011

As part of the Heritage Festival, groups of students from Shaftoe First School, Allendale Middle School and Haydon Bridge High School are visiting the Martin Exhibition at the Laing between now and May. They will take part in art workshops at the Laing and follow up their visits with further art activities at their schools.

The full programme and Festival details are also available on line at: www.haydon-bridge.co.uk

Parish Council Notes continued from page 3.

would deal with a review of the Parish Plan, what has been accomplished and what should be the priorities for the future. He hopes that as many Councillors and members of the public as possible attend, to ensure their views are heard.

John Martin Heritage Festival.

The planning and organisation of the first phase of the festival is now complete. Tickets and the full programme of events are available from the Library. Opening hours have been extended for ticket sales. (See foot of page 12 and 16 for details of 'The Bridge' opening times for ticket sales).

Community Library Project.

More volunteers have received training to use the Library computer system. Library open hours will be extended from Easter.

Lighting the Old Bridge

Everything has now been organised for the bridge to be illuminated and work should start on installing the lights in the next few weeks. Negotiations have taken place with npower and NEDL regarding electricity supply and payment. As the lights will use very little power an unmetered supply has been agreed, with payment based on best estimates of usage. This will be checked and updated annually.

AoB

The council have received notice from NCC Highways Dept that the old bridge will be closed from March 7th until March 31st 'to carry out essential repairs and other associated works'. The diversion route for pedestrians will be across the new bridge and along John Martin Street.

A councillor suggested that a plaque be fixed to the old bridge, similar to the one on the bridge across the Tyne at Hexham, to mark its status as a scheduled industrial monument. English Heritage is to be consulted.

The Parish Council has been requested to nominate a representative to the Patients' Forum at Haydon Bridge Health Centre.

Next meeting is on March 24th at 7.30pm in the Community Centre

HAYDON BRIDGE COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL

From next month I will be keeping you all up to date with events and happenings at Haydon Bridge High School. Meanwhile here is just a taster of what is happening in our school.

Recently there was one of the regular Music Nights which showcase some of the amazing talent in the Music Department. A further Music Night is planned for either the 23rd or the 24th of March.

On Friday 25th March there is a Charity Day planned. The theme this year is Heroes and Villains so don't be alarmed if you spot Superman or The Joker wandering around the village! Last year we raised £1,583 and this year we are hoping to top that. Students and staff always put a huge effort into this day so please support us.

In March there is a group of students and staff going to New York for an educational and cultural visit. To raise extra funds there will be a fantastic auction on Friday, March 11th at 7pm in the school hall. Come along to bid for some amazing lots and perhaps grab yourself a bargain.

Please support our school. I will give you more info next month.

Elliott Wallis. Year 11 Student

Our High School Correspondent. Eds

HAYDON BRIDGE LOCAL ARTISTS

ADVANCE NOTICE TO ALL ARTISTS.

This year's **Local Artists' Exhibition** will be installed at the **Community Centre on Saturday, 2nd July**. Up to 5 hung works and a matching number of unframed works may be submitted.

Time to get the brushes out!!

AN EXTRA OPPORTUNITY

If you have enough work for a one person exhibition, bookings are available for 'The Bridge' Library space.

Phone Robert Ford 01434 684486

The Mike Fry Foundation

The Mike Fry Foundation was set up in memory of Mike Fry, who sadly died in late 2009. A group of his former pupils, inspired by Mike's unique lessons in drama, by his passion for the written word and by his ability to awaken confidence and enthusiasm in all, were keen to keep his spirit alive. They established the Foundation, a charity dedicated to providing drama and theatre opportunities to young people in our rural area, who often suffer a lack of facilities, access and transport compared to those in towns and cities.

Foundation programmes are designed to provide continuous access to arts for young people – up to the point of formal drama teaching at GCSE and A-level, and beyond. Schemes already piloted and set to go ahead include drama workshops for middle school pupils, a summer school and an annual Shakespeare production. There are also great hopes for the future, including the aspiration that one day the Foundation will be able to provide grant funding for drama projects, audition travel expenses, equipment and much more.

The Foundation will be hosting an official launch event at Haydon Bridge High School and opening up membership for the first time. The event will take place on 12th March, from 1pm, and everyone is welcome to attend.

As well as learning about the work of the Foundation, you can find out about the work of other arts groups and theatre companies in the area, browse stalls of local crafts and foods, join in face-painting and other activities, and enter the raffle for a chance to win some lovely prizes.

If you would like more information about the Mike Fry Foundation or the launch event, please visit the website at www.mikefryfoundation.org.uk, or contact Chair Graham Lindup on 07811398312 or email chair@mikefryfoundation.org.uk.

CHURCH PAGE

CLERGY MESSAGE

from

Judith Hampson

Desmond Tutu often tells the story of how, at the age of twelve, he was standing in the street with his mother in a black slum in South Africa. His mother was a cleaner and cook at a school for the blind. A white priest walked past, politely raised his hat and spoke to Desmond Tutu's mother. The young Desmond could not believe his eyes. Never before had he known a white man to greet a black, working-class woman. The priest was Trevor Huddleston, and that encounter changed Desmond Tutu's life. He grew up to become a human rights activist and, after theological training, was ordained a priest himself. Eventually he became an outspoken but much loved archbishop. In many ways, Desmond Tutu changed history.

A similar chance encounter changed the life of a Samaritan woman and, through her, changed history. Jesus was alone at Jacob's well in Sychar when the woman came to draw water. She too was alone, perhaps because she was an outcast. Jesus' friends had gone into the city to buy food, leaving Jesus resting by the well. If she was regarded as immoral, the Samaritan woman would not be welcome to draw water in the early morning or cool evening with the other women, hence she came in the heat of the day by herself.

Although he was tired, Jesus immediately seized the opportunity to speak with the woman. He started with a seemingly simple request for a drink of water, but this in itself was highly unusual. Jews did not speak to Samaritans, and Jewish men certainly did not address Samaritan women. He then proceeded to talk about her life knowing a great deal of her personal circumstances.

The woman was bowled over by his revelation and by Jesus' attitude towards her. She was deeply interested in what Jesus had to say, and all those theological questions and doubts which she had never had the opportunity to voice, came tumbling out.

Chance encounters are so often opportunities given to us by God for engaging with people outside the Church.

MARCH 2011



WHO AND WHERE

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

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

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

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

Jesus was able to deepen the level of conversation by referring in a non-judgemental way to something deeply personal to the woman. We too can do this by being genuinely interested in other people's circumstances. We all have chance encounters, and they are a gift from God. How we use them is up to us.

Judith Hampson

Women's World Day of Prayer

Friday 4th March 2.00 pm
at St Cuthbert's, Haydon Bridge

Speaker

Rev'd Audrey McCarton

How many loaves have you?
(prepared by women from Chile)

**METHODIST CHURCH
SERVICES**

6th March

10.00am Morning Worship
Readers Service
*6 pm United Service
At Trinity, Hexham*

13th March

10.00am Family Service
Rev Les Hann
6.00pm Evening Worship
Jackie Males (Community
Church)

20th March

10.00am Morning Worship
Brian Elstob
6.00pm Communion
Rev Les Hann

27th March

10.00am Morning Worship
John Green
6.00pm Songs of Praise
Diane Wallace (Alston)

**BELTINGHAM/HENSHAW
CHURCH SERVICES**

**6th March
Beltingham**

9.30am BCP Communion

**9th March Ash Wednesday
Henshaw School**

9.30am Communion with
ashing

13th March

*10.30am Joint Service at
Haydon Bridge*

**20th March
Beltingham**

10.30am Joint Service

27th March

*10.30am Confirmation at
Haydon Bridge*

**3rd April
Beltingham**

9.30am Mothering Sunday

**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
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Haydon Bridge

3rd April

*9.30am Mothering Sunday at
Beltingham*

Messy Church.

9th March 3.30pm at the
Methodist Church come along and bring your
friends

“Chill Factor”

**Cool Jazz with this
acclaimed local band
7.30 pm Friday 18th March**

**At Saint Cuthbert's
Haydon Bridge
For tickets contact
Margaret 684548**

**£6 which includes supper
BYOB**

“Sheds on Fire”

**Haydon Bridge's
Community Band
7.30 pm Friday 1st April**

**At Saint Cuthbert's
Haydon Bridge
For tickets contact
Margaret 684548**

**£6 which includes supper
BYOB**

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 **Anchor 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

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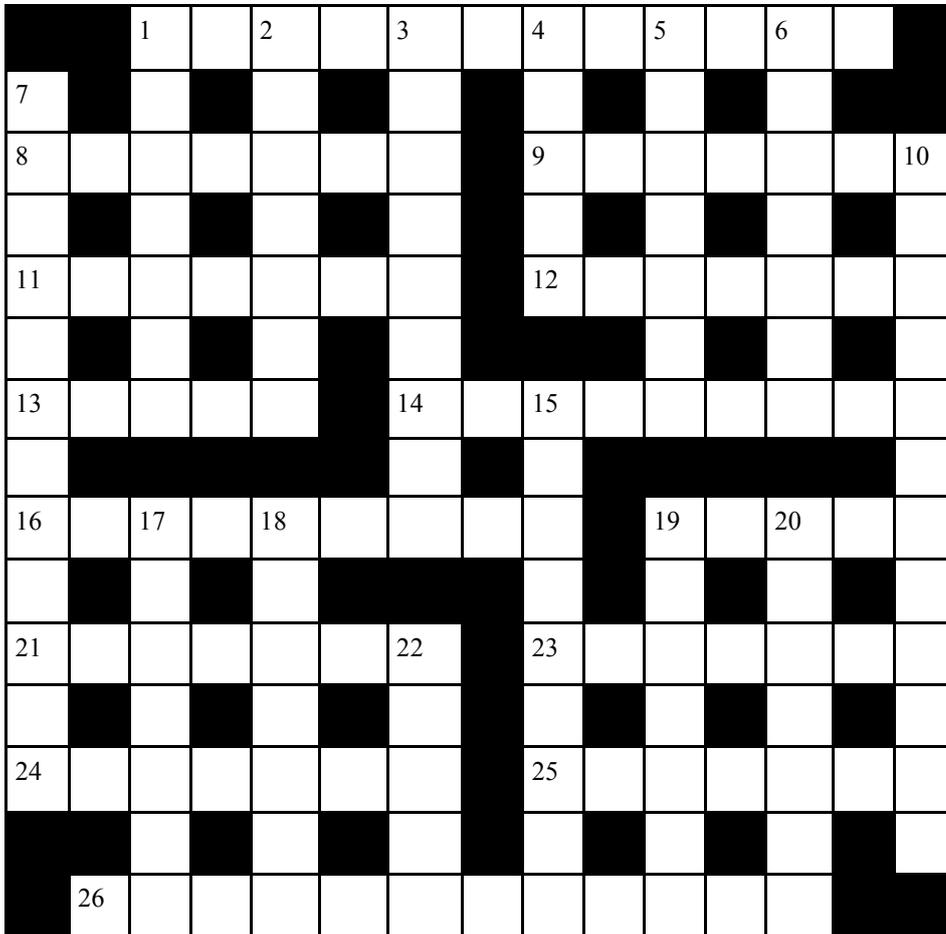
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ACROSS

1. Crazy seasonal scot art.(3,5,4)
8. Next to uncomfortable taut bed.(7)
9. Naiads mixed stripes.(7)
11. By and by Pacino goes sideways.(7)
12. English movement leads to perturbation.(7)
13. Plead hopelessly for a lever.(5)
14. Fetter post protection.(9)
16. Choke, scream 'Escape'.(5,4)
19. Go over area of future capital.(5)
21. Use rust around stitches.(7)
23. Left wing animal ungulates.(3,4)
24. Oz and Dixie join forces to become rusty.(7)
25. Dodgy IOU. Can't sell.(7)
26. Fool steed into stiffness.(7,5)

SOLUTIONS TO FEBRUARY'S CROSSWORD. (59)

Across

- 1 French polish
- 9 Endearing
- 10 Roach
- 11 Tare
- 12 Standpoint
- 14 Creepers
- 15 Legate
- 17 Ribbed
- 19 Ransacks
- 22 Indelicate
- 23 Omen
- 26 Alarm
- 27 Amendment
- 28 Stretford End

Down

- 1 Fleet
- 2 Endorse
- 3 Chap
- 4 Pointers
- 5 Legends
- 6 Striptease
- 7 Marina
- 8 Chattels
- 13 Speed limit
- 14 Carnival
- 16 Salt beef
- 18 Bedpan
- 20 Complete
- 21 Scrape
- 24 Noted
- 25 Oder

DOWN

1. Climbed aboard second part of 26. (7)
2. Flyer is a stupid fellow. (7)
3. Also a West Indian Saint in Spain. (9)
4. Name English station.(5)
5. Marx brother on a barbed dart.(7)
- 7 Sometime blues artist recorded Guernica.(5,7)
6. Mediterranean drink tears in drunken state.(7)
10. Kind of family free progenitor. (6,6)

15. Share wall, constructed in Tynedale. (9)
17. Confused chorister lost the queen bird.(7)
18. Younger nobleman, for example, right at the back.(7)
19. Red core assembled joint piece.(7)
20. Cree Vic moulded into interstice. (7)
22. Clothing issue, dead animal skin.(5)

NUMBER OF ENTRIES
16 (14 correct)

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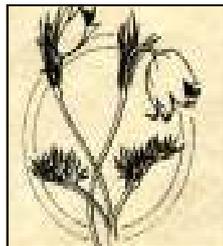
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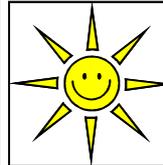
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SPRING INTO ACTION

WITH HAYDON BRIDGE RIVER WATCH GROUP (HBRWG)



Did you hibernate through January and February? There really were some beautiful days (and a few stinkers!) Don't WASTE March. Oyster catchers are back on the river and Dippers are nesting. Primroses and celandines will soon be in flower.

Our first event this year is on **March 12th at 2pm - a river clean**. Meet by the football field gates, east of the Langley Burn. The event includes a treasure hunt style quiz with **prizes** and **refreshments** afterwards. If the times don't suit you – just binning all your litter would help. Thank you to all those already doing this! Other events will be advertised in the Haydon News throughout the year.



NEW FOR 2011

We have engaged a local botanist to survey the site cleared of Himalayan Balsam to determine the amount of native plants which have re-established.

For those wishing to protect the good work done so far and fancy a day out in the Allen valleys, there will be a couple of trips to 'Balsam Bash' upstream, to remove the plants which produce the seeds which wash down to Haydon Bridge.



With clean river water in mind this year we are working with **Drain Markers UK** to promote awareness with stickers on road drains in case we forget that what goes down these drains ends up in our river.

We are hoping that Haydon Bridge High School will take an active part in this project after the completion of their eco-friendly building. HBRWG also hope to help householders on septic tank systems to choose river-friendly cleaning products.

COMPETITION: 'My Riverside Moments'

Do you have special experiences linked to the South Tyne and its tributaries? We'd love to hear about them to remind everyone of why the work and enthusiasm of HBRWG is so worthwhile. Please send us a picture and prose (up to 150 words) to the address below. The winning entry will be featured on the Tyne Rivers Trust website and the winner is offered a River Day Out and Lunch for themselves and one other.

Entries to: Ceri Gibson c.gibson@tynerivertrust.org or Northumbria House, French Gardens Industrial Estate, Hexham, Northumberland, NE46 4DL **Deadline: Friday 6th May 2011**

To join the team or to find out more about HBRWG and activities please contact:

Barbara Wardle on 01434 688886

Or **Ceri Gibson** on 01434 611817, email c.gibson@tynerivertrust.org

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