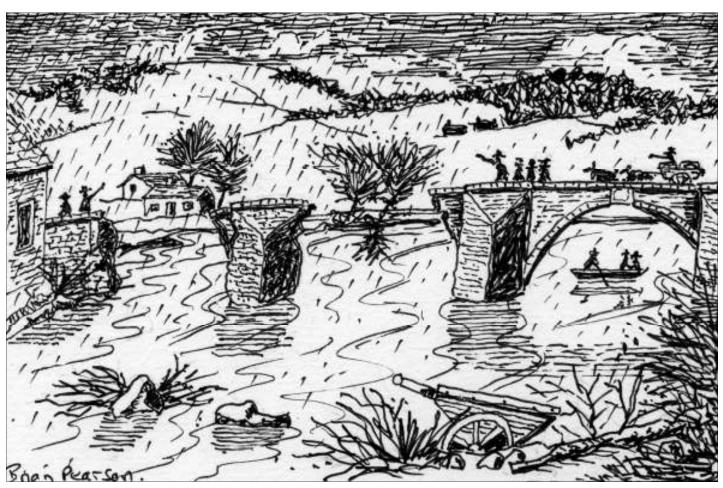


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For those seeking something special this autumn there seems to be quite a number of events planned for this month in the Parish. On November 5th GITS are having a Guy making session at the Community Centre. The Guys will be paraded through the village before going to Hexham for the big bonfire. There's storytelling by 'Bit Crack', with a performance of music by Shaftoe First School, at the Community Centre on November 11th at 7.30pm. On Remembrance Sunday, as well as the 11am wreath laying ceremony at the War Memorial, there's a special performance, in song and story, paying tribute to the victims of war, taking place at Langley Village Hall at 7.00pm. Haydon Artists' are holding their Annual Craft Sale in the Community Centre on the 26th, and at the end of the month the High School are performing Bugsy Malone. Further details on all these events are in this edition of the Haydon News.

Finally, and on a completely different note. What a difference the residents of Victoria Terrace have made to the outside appearance of their homes and the western approach to Ratcliffe Road. They are to be congratulated on the bright new look they've given to the terrace and the surrounding area..

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PARISH COUNCIL NOTES from the meeting in October 2011

Presentation on Planning

Northumberland County Council Officers Jonathan Nicholson, Senior Planner, and David English, Principal Planner, gave a presentation on the government's proposals for greater involvement of local people in local planning matters. The government bill has not yet been enacted but some parish and town councils are trialling the scheme to help discover and 'iron out' any difficulties. Allendale Parish is at present going through the process. When the act does become law then each council will be able to decide whether or not they wish to draw up a Local Development Framework. Haydon Bridge already has a Parish Plan and Village Design Statement that the Parish Council wish to see adopted as supplementary planning guidance. The neighbourhood planning initiative is part of the present government's 'Big Society' idea.

(Some members of the public present where noted to be resting during this rather long presentation).

At present NCC are compiling an Issues and Options document on planning matters ready for public consultation later in the year.

Public Participation

A complaint was received about the new floodlighting on the old bridge dazzling pedestrians walking across the bridge. The Council is aware of the problem and trying to deal with it as quickly as possible. The point was made that the lights were installed during daylight hours and not tested by the electricians during hours of darkness.

A local resident spoke to the Council about his plans to obtain a street trader's licence, to operate a mobile shop in Haydon Parish and other villages in Tynedale. He intends to sell household goods at discount prices, 'Around a Pound'. The Council supported him in his application for a licence.

The Council was asked what plans it had for celebrating the Queen's Jubilee. The Chair informed the meeting that this was an additional item on the agenda as the Council had received

correspondence on the matter.

Council Meeting.

8 councillors present, county councillor and clerk.

Apologies received from 3 councillors.

NCC Report

Councillor Sharp reported that the money to maintain the Innerhaugh play area, £24,625.00 had now been transferred to the Parish Council. This is to cover maintenance over the next 20 years or so. The funds for maintaining the Showfield play area for the next 25 years have not yet been transferred to the Council, but should be about £40,000.

Haydon Bridge Football Club has received a grant of £30,000 to improve its facilities.

There is about £40,000 in the NCC Community Chest. Funding from this is available to voluntary community groups to help fund their activities. Groups wishing to apply for funding should contact Susie Goncu at County Hall - 01670 533000.

Highways

The Council approved the new composite directional sign to be erected at the junction of Church Street and Ratcliffe Road. It will replace all three signs at present at the junction. Further information on cost is to be sought and confirmation on how much of this will have to be paid by the Council.



The lower part of the sign, giving tourist information, is on a brown background. See our website for a full colour image www.haydon-news.co.uk

The blocked drainage gullies near the pedestrian crossing in Ratcliffe Road are to be reported to NCC Highways. Complaints have been received again about vehicle parking on the raised area at the bus stop in Ratcliffe Road and blocking access for bus passengers. The matter is to be reported to the police.

The damaged road surface on North Bank has been reported and a work order issued.

Planning

The following plans were received for

comment:

Construction of two storey side extension at Tedcastle Farm - amended information

New planning application to replace extant planning application in order to extend the time limit for implementation for two storey side extension at Burn Cottage, 1 Whittis Road.

There were no objections to either of these applications.

Correspondence

In a letter NCC confirmed the agreed delivery of local services from 2012. This followed a meeting with the Parish Council during the summer when the division of responsibilities for local services between NCC and the Parish Council were agreed.

The NCC Local Councils' Charter was received for consultation.

A guide to taking part in the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Beacons was received. It was agreed that the Parish Council should allocate funding in the 2012/13 parish precept to support a Jubilee celebratory event in the Parish.

Village Projects

The Council was informed of the John Martin Heritage Events taking place over the next few weeks. (See page 12).

Two leaflets on village walks are now available from The Bridge. One covers walks to the south of the river and the other to the north.

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HISTORICAL NOTES OF HAYDON BRIDGE - Dennis Telford

'A bridge below John Martin's skies, My singing waters in disguise, The deluge signalled its demise; I am the River Tyne.'

Two hundred and forty years ago this month, during the Saturday night of November 16th 1771 and Sunday November 17th 1771, there occurred so great a flood from the head of the Tyne, Wear and Tees that no trace, in either memory or records, of such an inundation had ever been known.

The inundation of 1771 was believed to have been the largest flood for at least one thousand years and may have been Britain's greatest ever flood.

Even today, the 1771 Tyne flood water heights, as assessed from written descriptions, eighteenth century newspaper reports, and engraved flood stones at West Boat, Warden; Hermitage Mill; The Hermitage; Ovingham Old Vicarage; and the Boathouse pub at Newburn, are used by the Environment Agency as upper markers as to what could be reasonably possible in the Tyne catchment area.

On the River Tyne and its tributaries, in 1771, thirteen or fourteen bridges were damaged or washed away, including those at Glenwhelt (Greenhead): Allendale - a wooden bridge which was found intact the next day at Newbrough; Alston; Eals; Featherstone - together with a house and a mill; Ridley Hall; Haydon Bridge; Chollerford; Hexham where the bridge was destroyed only fourteen months after the last stone of a new bridge had been laid; Bywell - ten properties were washed away and six people drowned; Ovingham - eight people drowned; Wylam; and Newcastle where three arches of the medieval bridge that had stood since 1250, were washed away and seven inhabitants perished.

The only bridge left standing was that at Corbridge, where the flood plain to the south west of the bridge probably reduced the force of the water as it surged between the arches. It was reported that: '... at the higher northern end of the Corbridge bridge,

northern end of the Corbridge bridge, adventurous souls dangled their arms over the bridge parapet into the swirling water'.

My initial research into the 1771 inundation, for these Historical Notes, determined to concentrate on the effects of the flood waters at Haydon

Bridge; having read of the harrowing experiences in relation to the rest of the residents along the Tyne, however, I find it impossible to treat Haydon Bridge in isolation during what was a shared disaster. I will, therefore, broaden the scope of my contribution this month and share with you some of the destruction experienced by those other than Haydonians.

The Newcastle Courant of Saturday November 23rd 1771, published one week after the flood, was an obvious first source of information.

Join me at Newcastle upon Tyne on the evening of Saturday November 16th 1771:

'.... it began to rain here at night and continued without intermission till Sunday morning, but this was not to be compared to what fell at the head of the rivers Tyne, Wear and Tees The Tyne began to rise here (Newcastle) about twelve o' clock on Saturday night, and about five in the morning the arches of the bridge were filled with water, as were all the cellars, warehouses and shops from the west end of the Close to Ouseburn. In many of the houses and shops built on the bridge, the water was four and five feet deep. Soon after the arches were filled, that one north of the Toll Shop was entirely swept away and another on the south end also fell, with eight houses on the west side of it; those on the east side are still hanging by their timbers.'

And, on Sunday, November 17th:

'About four in the afternoon, another of the south arches fell, with the houses and shops standing thereon. The whole is so much shattered that it must be entirely taken down. The loss to the inhabitants is very great, and seven persons fell with the houses and were drowned. Several ships were drove from their moorings Great quantities of household furniture and other goods are left on the shore between here and Shields.

The depth of water was measured in several places, and found to be higher from six to eight feet than in the greatest flood that ever was known. As a further instance of which, the Tyne bridge, which is now become a melancholy prey to the water, has stood upwards of five hundred years.'

It was not just Northumberland that suffered in November 1771.

Durham lost a bridge; at Sunderland 'the shore for a considerable way was covered with wrecks of ships broke from their moorings' and at Kendal in Westmoreland, 'many dreadful misfortunes happened, graves were washed open and corpses and coffins were floating for some time'.

Later reports of the disaster that occurred on the River Tyne, judged it: '.... impossible to ascertain the number of horses, cattle, sheep and other animals that perished, and of corn and haystacks, hedges, fences, implements of husbandry, and whole acres of ground which were swept away by the impetuosity of the torrent; whereby families who had lived in affluence and plenty were now reduced to the most abject misery and want.'

The residents at Bywell were described as, '.... the most unhappy sufferers on the River Tyne, in this melancholy catastrophe'.

Bywell Hall was home to the Fenwick family and the water level of the Tyne there had been raised by a substantial weir which was used for salmon fishing and to drive a mill. It seems that the weir caused the water level during the flood to back up to seven or eight feet deep in the rooms of Fenwick's house. Corn, carts, carriages, cows and hounds were 'lost, drowned or carried away'. With the whole village under water, ten houses were swept away and six inhabitants perished. It is recorded that:

'Most of the valuable stud of horses were got into the inside of the church and saved themselves by holding by the tops of the pews; however, dead bodies and coffins were torn out of the churchyards and the living and dead promiscuously clashed in the torrent.'

Remarkably, an infant - Mary Leighton - who had been recently baptised at St. Peter's Church, was carried away in her cradle downstream and was rescued safe and well from the sea at Shields, more than twenty miles from Bywell.

If the inhabitants of Bywell were the 'most unhappy sufferers' in the disaster, a first hand description of the misfortune that befell the Johnson family of the Boathouse at Ovingham seems to me to outline the most tragic single incident recorded in the wake of

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the 1771 River Tyne flood.

In 1771, a ferry crossed the River Tyne between a jetty on the Prudhoe side to landing steps and the Boathouse on the Ovingham side.

On the fatal night of November 16th. there were ten people in the Boathouse: John Johnson, the boatman, and his brother; John's wife Margaret and their two children, Ralph and Dorothy; John's mother Isable (sic); his maid servant Isable (sic) Hepple; Alexander Hall, a young servant from Prudhoe Castle; George Simpson a labourer and Mathew Johnson, son of an Arthur Johnson. Once the water got into the dwelling, the family moved upstairs and stayed there until the flood water was two foot deep in the room. It was then that the family broke through a wall at the west end of the house into the stable, where they placed a timber batten and a ladder across the roof beams and made a temporary place to sit.

The family remained in the roof space until half past one in the morning when, seeing that the attached house had been swept away and the stable was 'yielding to the impetuosity of the flood', George Simpson, Alexander Hall, and John Johnson's brother, broke out onto the top of the stable and clung to the chimney top.

John Johnson the boatman, his wife Margaret and their children, Isable his mother, the maid Isable, and Mathew Johnson, all remained within the roof space of the stable when:

'Within an instant, the building fell and they were all swept away by the torrent and carried down, along with the thatch, for two hundred and fifty seven yards into a wood where the boatman, his brother and the maid got upon the trees. The unhappy husband, when he seized a tree with one hand, catched his wife with the other and, after holding her for two or three minutes, she was wrested from him in fifteen foot depth of water and in the midst of a rapid current.

They remained for ten hours before they were relieved and the maid died soon after she was brought to shore.'

John Johnson and his brother were the only survivors and, although John survived, it was reported that he lived, 'a burden to himself', forever wondering whether he might have, 'plunged himself into the deep without the hope of saving (his wife), though with a resolution of perishing himself'.

In the event, the boatman was left:

'.... without a bed to lie upon or even a

house to put his head in; and what is most affecting of all, to be bereft at once of an indulgent mother, and affectionate wife, and two tender babies, and to see them all laid together in the common bed of dust presents to us a scene truly pitiable.'

At Hexham, during the night of the flood, the fourteen month old seven arch bridge was more than half demolished:

'The vast deluge they had there was almost beyond expression, though it did very little damage to Hexham town as they were pretty far out of the watermark.'

It was the low fields, haughs, and gardens there, that suffered the greatest losses at Hexham, and flood water swept through the Spital yard and 'laid to waste' Tyne Green.

At Anick Grange, William Harbottle lost two hundred and thirty sheep and six carts of hay; and at West Boat, two families surrounded by the flood stood upon furniture and on one another's shoulders and, pushing open the thatched roofs of their houses, got to the outside and sat there half naked for nine or ten hours until they were rescued; no doubt praying that the houses did not fall.

West of Haydon Bridge, furniture and farm implements, cattle and corn, and hay and horses were swept downstream from Tow House, Bellister and Haltwhistle.

The occupant of Bellister Mill lost 'his entire substance' and Thomas Hetherington, a farmer at Bellister, lost nine acres of wheat and rye and turnips and 'all his best warm ground (was) covered with sand and gravel and quite lost, and hedges running north and south wracked up and destroyed'.

George Jackson, who farmed at Featherstone, lost stock and cheese, household goods and furniture, when the home in which he lived was swept away.

Returning to Haydon Bridge, on the evening of Saturday November 16th and the early morning of Sunday November 17th 1771, the river flowed over the whole village and the men on both sides of the river, and almost up to their necks in flood water, carried women and children on their backs to safety above the water line.

Records of the 1771 inundation at Haydon Bridge vary, however, it seems clear that the tragic loss of life recorded at Newcastle, Bywell and Ovingham was avoided here, thanks to the quick thinking and selfless actions of the men of the village.

The Newcastle Courant of November 23rd 1771 reports that the place of safety at Haydon Bridge, to where the men waded with the 'women and children on their backs', was 'the church', where the Reverend Mr. Harrison 'behaved with the greatest humanity by getting them fire, with food and raiment from his house'.

It is likely that notes by William Lee, our nineteenth century recorder of Haydon Bridge history, are more accurate, however, and it was John Shaftoe's 'Grammar School' to where the men of the south side carried the women and children.

Only a few residents lived in our village on the north side of the river in 1771, in mainly terraced houses running west from the end of the bridge, on both sides of the street that is now Ratcliffe Road. William Lee records that those Haydon Bridge inhabitants were carried, or found shelter, above the flood line at Broomhill.

Broomhill was a large estate on the north side in the eighteenth century, but it was almost certainly the stone-built farm buildings at the north west corner of today's cricket field, on the site of the County Council's 'Waite Farm', where the residents found safety above the flood waters in 1771. These buildings were the closest place of refuge on the north side, there being no other houses between Broomhill and those clustered round the bridge.

Like all the bridges on the River Tyne, other than Corbridge, much of the bridge at Haydon Bridge was washed away in the 1771 flood.

There is no doubt those responsible for dealing with the aftermath of the disastrous 1771 inundation of the River Tyne, moved quickly to make good the damage caused and support the individuals who had suffered loss.

As early as **December 4th 1771**, the Justices of the Peace for the county had received their surveyor's report of the condition of the county's damaged or lost bridges and ordered estimates for rebuilding.

Priority was to be given to the bridges at Haydon, Hexham and Chollerford. It

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was agreed that these, being of the most general use, had to be the first re-built.

On Thursday, December 19th 1771, the Gentlemen and Clergy of the county met at the Golden Lion in Hexham, to find some method of 'procuring speedy relief for the men and families who had been reduced to extreme poverty and distress by the dreadful and destructive inundation'.

To support this relief, books for charity subscriptions were opened in twelve towns in Northumberland, including Hexham and Haltwhistle on the South Tyne, and it was requested that the subscribers pay their money at the time they subscribed as the objects of the charity were in want of immediate support. A committee of thirty three Gentlemen and Clergy residing near to the River Tyne were appointed and authorised to distribute the money received. Our local representatives on the Flood Relief Committee included: Mr. Lowes of Ridley Hall, Mr. Tweddle of Threepwood and John Rotherham, headmaster of John Shaftoe's Grammar School.

The Reverend Mr. Harrison collected £9:1:3 in the chapelry, for the charity, and a list of Haydon 'sufferers' was put before the Flood Relief Committee.

Those Haydonians who received a total of £72:2:3 in damages for their suffering and distress due to the flood of November 1771 included:

Joseph Armstrong (Weaver) Edward Bell (Inn keeper) Thomas Cairns (Labourer) William Charlton (Labourer) Edward Coats (Butcher) William Corbett (Inn keeper) John Coulson (Joiner) John Elliot (Cobbler) John Elliot (Potter) John Elliot (Woodman) Richard Foster (Blacksmith)

John Armstrong (Weaver)

John Fairlamb (Weaver) Thomas Fairlamb (Weaver)

John Hetherington (Maltster)

John Oliver (Joiner)

Thomas Pigg (Farmer)

Jane Walker (Spinster)

Thomas Walton (Maltster)

John Wear (Blacksmith)

Michael Topping (Farmer, Mill Hills)

Joseph Pigg (Lees)

John Dobinson (Lipwood Well)

Thomas Dobinson (Lipwood Well) Thomas Coats (Altonside)

Edward Walker (Altonside)

Early in 1772 the Justices of the

Peace received proposals from the 'person or persons' who had expressed a willingness to rebuild the bridge at Haydon Bridge and on July 25th 1772, the contract was awarded to Lowinger Maddison and partners Thomas Leyburn and Joseph Nicholson. The work was described as 'rebuilding the south end of the bridge at Haydon' and was to be completed by May 26th 1773 at a cost of £1,350 and with a seven year guarantee.

John Fryer, famed for his maps of Newcastle and Northumberland, and an eighteenth century Schoolmaster at Newcastle upon Tyne Trinity House Free School, drew the plans for the immediate access routes to the bridge.

Work on the two south arches of the 'Haydon bridge' started in September 1772.

The builders were soon to experience the problems associated with our fast flowing and unpredictable River Tyne however. On September 26th 1772, the river, 'swollen very high', swept away the temporary timbers forming the centre frame of the new bridge, together with 'all the boxes, materials and tools of the workmen'.

M.A. Richardson records that the ferry boat was also swept away, 'to the great loss of travellers passing that way'.

The history of the River Tyne ferry at Haydon Bridge is sketchy to say the least, however, records show that a ford crossed the River Tyne here, and a ferry also plied its trade, in 1632. The ford and the ferry almost certainly crossed from the tannery (Park Stile / Shaftoe Street) on the south side, to the river bank on the north side close to where 'Ford House' stands today. In 1723, William Gibson the ferryman, was paid £4 per quarter and charged a single person one halfpenny, a man with a horse one penny, a pack horse loaded one penny, but nothing for a common carrier or poor person'.

On August 23rd 1773, the centres were struck from the two new south arches of the rebuilt bridge.

'One arch was 78 feet to the cord line, and the other 69 feet, and they were thought to be two of the finest and largest arches that had been built on any part of the River Tyne.'

On January 11th 1774, two years and two months after the most destructive flood ever recorded on the River Tyne, Justices of the

Peace, John and Francis Tweddle, certified that the building work on the Haydon bridge had been satisfactorily completed and the contractors were paid.

Four pence in the pound (one halfpenny each year for eight years) was added to the rates to pay for re-building all the counties flood damaged bridges.

There were no deaths recorded in our village as a result of the flood of November 1771, and it was material loss rather than human loss that was suffered by the residents.

So, although the event was no doubt tragic for the blacksmith who lost his bellows, the cartwright his spokes, the weaver his bobbins, the maltster his barley, the farmer his cattle, sheep and hay and, worst of all perhaps, the innkeepers William Corbett and Edward Bell who got water into their barrels of ale, we must be grateful that there was no loss of life at Havdon Bridge due to the inundation of the River Tyne on Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th of November 1771

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John Mulcaster of Langley Lead Mills, wrote a forty seven verse ballad in 1771 that has become famous as a poetic portrayal of the great flood. I have provided a truncated version for you on page 7.

The poet **John Mulcaster** was seventy four years of age when he perished in a snowstorm on November 7th 1825. walking between Threepwood and his home at Langley Mills. John Mulcaster was the smelting agent at Blagill Lead Mill, one of two mills at Langley.

John's father, James Mulcaster had been a joint agent at Langley before him and died aged eighty four years on February 16th 1805. John's son, James - born in 1775 and baptised at Haydon Old Church - was also Greenwich Hospital's chief agent at Langley Mills, for more than thirty years until 1833.

THE INUNDATION OF THE TYNE

A BALLAD
WRITTEN
BY
JOHN MULCASTER
OF
LANGLEY LEAD MILLS

(1771)

Dark rose the morn, the cheerless swains Beheld no warm refreshing sun; Fast from the clouds the heavy rains In salient streams descended down.

The rivers soon their bounds outswell'd Tyne kept no more his native bed; By banks and weirs in vain repelled, He desolation round them spread.

Away those banks and weirs are born, Nor lofty arch, nor bridge is left; Up by the roots the trees are torn, And from their sills the rocks are cleft.

The deluge pours upon the plain, And all it bears falls sacrifice; Before it fertile fields remain, Behind, a barren desert lies.

The fertile meads and new sown lands, The promise of a future year, Are buried deep beneath the sands, No more their wonted crops to bear.

Nor bounding hedge, nor wall remains, The hamlets, too, are swept away; Driven from their homes, astonished swains Are sunk in terror and dismay.

They see the produce of their toils, For which they laboured all the year; Become at once the water's spoils, And in a moment disappear.

Glad they beheld their harvest o'er, And stacked secure their golden sheaves; They thought that danger was no more, But ah! How human hope deceives!

Their stacks and barns are swept away, Their moans the torrent will not heed; Nor spares the goodly ricks of hay, Designed their flocks and herds to feed.

But ah! No flocks are left them now, They, too, the common ruin meet; In vain the cattle plaintive low — In vain the fleecy rovers bleat.

To make the horror greater still, Behold night spreads her sable wings; What terrors must th' undreading fill When fate the immediate danger brings.

What is the cottager's surprise, When but just rousing from his bed; He finds he 'midst an ocean lies, And instant ruin round him spread.

But hapless he who roused too late, Wakes but distracting fears to meet; He sees a watery death his fate, Without a prospect of retreat. His wife and children round him cling, All fill the air with plaintive cries; What horrors in his breast must spring, To help them how he can devise?

An upper room in vain they seek, For soon the water reaches it; They through the roof with labour break, And on the rafters trembling sit.

They call for help, but call in vain, For, ah! No helping hand is near; Exposed to wind and chilling rain, The're numb'd with cold, sunk with fear.

The parents hold their children fast, Now soothe, now join in plaintive moan; Now silent sit with looks aghast, Now in excess of sorrow groan.

Their stiffened limbs their motion lose, Their hearts are sunk with inward dread; Their speech is lost, their eyelids close, The snares of death around them spread.

The house retards their fate no more, No more the water's force it braves; It falls — their painful conflicts o'er, They sink into their watery graves.

Now down the vale the torrent pours, Now through the break and hillock tears, Newcastle, yield thy wealthy stores! The mighty plunderer appears.

The bridge, proud of its strength and date, Though it unhurt for ages stood; No more resists the hand of fate, But falls a victim to the flood.

The arches spring aloft, then fall In heaps of shapeless rubbish, down The pillars sink, and with all The wealth that did their summits crown.

The ships are from their moorings broke, And hurried headlong to the seas; Or sunk, or split upon the rock, As ruling providence decrees.

The quay is robbed of all its stores, Nor stops the devastation there; Into the town the torrent pours, And carries dread and ruin there.

Just wak'd and starting from their beds, They're sunk in terror and amaze; Around the wild confusion spreads — What horror every face displays.

What scenes of horror and distress — What griefs the tender sex display! Some to their breasts their infants press, Some shriek afraid — some faint away.

The men, confounded and dismayed, In wild disorder gaze around; They know not where to seek for aid, Nor where a shelter can be found.

How lamentable is the sight, Though dark and cold the inclement sky; Some but half dress'd some naked quite, Are from their houses forc'd to fly. High in the middle of the street, Where slipshod damsels slipped along; A boat becomes the sole retreat, And watermen are plying throng.

To these for help the people call — To these they through the waters lave; And willingly resign their all, That they their dearer lives may save.

Their fine apartments (late their pride), Where architects their skill displayed, Their costly furniture beside, Are all one common ruin made.

Their wealthy stores — rich merchandise, With toil brought from each distant coast; In midst of slacky water lies, Despoiled, or else entirely lost.

The merchant blessed the flowing tide, Which safe to port the vessel brought; With rapture he the cargo eyed, Secure from danger now, he thought.

But human hopes and fears, how vain, How short are sublunary joys; That which escaped the dreaded main, Th' unfear'd, unlook'd for flood destroys.

At length by Heaven's kind decree, The torrent ceas'd, the storm was stayed; The morning rose and blush'd to see, The desolation night had made.

The streets with filth are covered o'er, The fields are barren deserts grown; The well stored warehouse is no more, The peaceful habitation gone.

Those who so late were rich and great, Their wants luxuriously supplied; Have not one morsel left to eat, Nor place where they their heads may hide.

This meek-eyed charity survey'd, Nor saw it with a tearless eye; Northumbria's gentle sons she bade Their needy neighbours' wants supplied.

Her call they willingly obeyed, For bounteous deeds are their delight; The rich their generous hearts displayed, The humble kindly gave their mite.

So plenty glads the swain once more, He tends his flock, he tills his ground; Again the merchant counts his store, And peace and plenty reign around.

Oh ye, who did the godlike deed, Were my power equal to my will;, Your fame through distant climes I'd spread, Your praise should future ages fill.

How should my verse swell with their praise, Had I but skill their worth to speak; But, ah! too feeble are my lays, Nor is it for applause they seek.

John Mulcaster's complete ballad can be found in William Lee's 'Historical Notes of Haydon Bridge and District'. Published in 1876.

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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 tenth casualty, in 1916, was

Thomas William Kindred

(10) Thomas William Kindred



Photograph courtesy of Haydon Bridge Community Centre

Thomas is buried in grave II.C.14 in Longuenesse (St. Omer) Souvenir Cemetery.

Thomas served as Lance Corporal, 1254, 1/4th Battalion, Northumberland Fusiliers.

He died on 25th June 1916, aged 20.

Born in Haydon Bridge on 15th June 1896, Thomas was one of eight children of William and Anna Kindred (nee Walton).

Thomas served his time as an apprentice grocer with the Co-op in Haydon Bridge. He was a pre-war Territorial and was mobilised in August 1914 and went to France on 20th April 1915.

He was home on leave in April 1916 but contracted meningitis on the return trip to France. He was sent to the hospital at St. Omer where his condition had slowly improved but he then suffered a relapse and died.

As well as having his name on the War Memorial and the Reredos in St. Cuthbert's Thomas is also commemorated on the Shaftoe School Memorial.





If you have any information relating to Thomas William Kindred, 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.

COVER NOTE

As far as I know - someone please correct me if I am wrong - there are no early engravings illustrating the damage caused to the river crossing at Haydon Bridge by the 1771 inundation of the Tyne. There is, however, written evidence of the great flood and its effects upon Haydon and its bridge (See pages 4 to 6) and we also know what our village looked like on plan in the late eighteenth century.

Armed with this documentary evidence, local artist Brian Pearson has provided us with a pen and ink representation of the 1771 bridge at Haydon, following the disaster two hundred and forty years ago this month.

On November 16th/17th 1771, the two south arches were carried away and then rebuilt by January 1774.

There will be even more floods and storms in the Parish of Haydon in December!

LEAVES <u>AND</u> PRICES ARE FALLING FOR OAP'S THIS AUTUMN!

GENERAL HAVELOCK INN

SENIOR CITIZENS PLEASE NOTE

All food at the General Havelock will be <u>half price for OAP's</u> on Tuesdays, from the 1st of November 2011 throughout the Autumn.

PIETER CORNELIS DOMMERSON

John Martin wasn't the only famous artist to live in Haydon Bridge. Pieter Dommerson (Dommershuizen) 1834 - 1918 was a talented artist from Utrecht who moved to Haydon Bridge with his wife Anna and daughter Amy, sometime before 1918.

The family lived at 'Hadrian' in 'The Bungalows' before Pieter died on November 15th 1918 during the Spanish Influenza outbreak. Anna had died the previous March.

We would welcome any information about the Dommerson family's time at Haydon Bridge.

Please telephone 01434 684636.

ADVANCE NOTICE FOR PARISHIONERS

FREE CHRISTMAS LUNCH FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

Gary and Jo are kindly providing a complimentary Christmas Lunch for OAP's at the General Havelock on Tuesday December 20th 2011

Call in to the <u>General Havelock</u> for further information.

On a Tuesday maybe? See above.

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A VIEW FROM UP THERE

John Harrison

Giving the road signs a rest this month, I thought I would open on a more philosophical note. The other day the postman brought us the usual collection of advertising material among which was a letter from a well-known magazine. Printed boldly in the top left hand corner of the envelope was "TIME – DO NOT BEND". Well I wasn't aware that it was possible to do so, although a mathematical friend of mine did once try to assure me that time was non-linear – what ????

But if it were possible to bend time, in which direction would we choose to bend it -a nice curve that slowed it down when we get older? -a loop, so that we can revisit the same point in time? Endless possibilities.

And now for the weather – in real time. September was a month which offered just about everything in the weather text book including tail-ends of Atlantic hurricanes, a blocking high and hot tropical air, and ground frosts under clear night skies. Daytime temperatures remained at or just below the long-term average for much of the month with one or two warmer spells. Deep Atlantic depressions brought blustery cooler and wetter weather in both the first and second week. As the winds decreased night temperatures fell under clearing skies and there were local ground frosts in the third week. Towards the end of the month high pressure became established over continental Europe which brought the British Isles into an exceptionally hot and moist southerly airstream. The daytime temperatures on the last three days of the month were 25.2, 24.4 and 26.4 degC, more typical of high summer than early autumn. Rain was a frequent visitor, more particularly in the first half of the month but much of this was showery in nature and the only seriously heavy and continuous rain fell on the 16th. At this time of year former tropical storms not infrequently evolve into mid-latitude depressions. Two such events occurred during September, the more notable on the 12th and 13th when winds exceeded gale force (40mph), gusting to speeds in excess of 70mph, which resulted in some localised damage.

Autumn seemed to come early this year, as if the growing season had almost given up on 2011. Looking at the remains of my vegetable garden this morning, the plants looked battered and weary, but there have been some successes this year – spuds, parsnips, beetroot, onion, leeks and lettuce have all been quite productive. And the hedgerows have been loaded with rosehips and sloes – no, a good berry crop does not mean that the winter ahead will be bad, only that fruiting conditions were good last spring.

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
September	17.2	+0.4	9.5	+1.1	48.2	64

And finally **Gladys** tells me about a friend of hers, Angie, who runs a small advertising company. An employee had been given the afternoon off work in order to attend his grandfather's funeral. When he returned to work the next day, Angie asked the member of staff whether he believed in life after death, to which the reply was that he did. "That's good", said Angie, "because half-an-hour after you left yesterday to attend your grandfather's funeral, he came into the office to see you".

APOCALYPSE NOW!

The John Martin exhibition, a huge success at the Laing Art Gallery and in Sheffield, has now moved to Tate Britain in London and it seems that John's paintings are being spoken of with great admiration.

'John Martin's work is brought back to our attention in an astounding survey at the Tate.'

'Martin's preposterous, irresistible paintings toured as far as Australia in the 1870s. **Eight million people paid to see them**. Goodness knows how many homes possessed prints to be pored over on Sunday evenings.'

I said to the curator at the press viewing: "You know, I start to think Martin might just have been the greatest painter who ever lived." **Wow!!!**

Not that John's fame should surprise those of us who have grown up with stories of the great man from our school days.

We were either Stephenson (Red), Shaftoe (Yellow), or Martin (Blue) in competition at Shaftoe Trust School in the 1950s; before it became unfashionable to have winners and losers.



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HAYDON BRIDGE CRICKET CLUB - 2011

After losing the first two games of the season and conceding the third game, our village cricket team went on an unbeaten run of nineteen games to win the West Tyne League on the final day of the season. Congratulations to the players and thanks must go to all those who administered and supported the cricket club during their successful season, and to the sponsors of the home matches:

J.P.Westall Ltd. D & J Oliver. Claire's Newsagents.

A special thanks also to the main sponsors, Steve and Lindsey from the Anchor Hotel. Not only for their sponsorship but also for the wonderful food they provided after the games.

We hope 2012 will be another successful season; without the support from local businesses, however, we will be unable to provide such good facilities for the members and the community.

Each home game during the season is available for sponsorship and £40 will cover the cost of the umpires and the match ball, plus a contribution towards the cost of equipment and maintenance of the wicket and the pavilion.

I hope that we can look forward to further sponsorship for the coming season, or a donation, however small, would be very welcome. Every little helps.

Thank you all.

Barry Hope. (Secretary)

Telephone 01434 684845 for more information.

Haydon Bridge C C 1st X1: League Batting Averages 2011

Name	Innings	N Out	Runs	Ave	Top score
N KENDREW	14	1	447	34.38	83
J BARBER	12	1	328	29.81	74
I WATSON	10	0	119	11.9	35
D KIRKUP	8	0	295	36.87	74
G PIGG	14	4	190	19	32
J TAYLOR	14	0	146	10.42	40
M CUNNINGHAM	13	1	123	10.25	34
S ELLIOTT	10	1	51	5.66	16
W NICHOL	7	0	69	9.87	14
R STEPHENSON	6	4	34	17	14
R GIBSON	5	0	31	6.2	16
M ELLIOTT	5	0	26	5.2	19
K CARRUTHERS	4	0	48	12	25
S CARRUTHERS	3	0	22	7.3	10
B RAY	3	0	13	4.33	8
L SCUDAMORE	8	4	12	3	5
G BOYD	3	0	9	3	4
R HINES	2	1	59	59	38
J KIRKUP	2	0	6	3	4
R SMITH	2	0	18	9	14
A BOYD	1	1	14	-	14
P WATTS	1	1	15	-	15
J ALDER	1	0	9	9	9
S KIRSOPP	1	1	2	-	2
C BARBER	1	0	7	7	7
G LIDDLE	3	0	0	0	-
В НОРЕ	1	1	0	-	-

Haydon Bridge C C League: Bowling Averages 2011

Name	Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts	Ave
J TAYLOR	145.4	47	288	60	4.8
J BARBER	85.3	18	207	26	7.97
L SCUDAMORE	99.1	15	334	27	12.37
R STEPHENSON	34	19	63	13	4.84
D KIRKUP	23	6	66	2	33
M ELLIOTT	33.4	6	97	7	13.85
N KENDREW	18	5	43	3	14.33
M CUNNINGHAM	13	0	60	5	12
G PIGG	3	1	6	1	6
J ALDER	8	0	49	5	9.8
C BARBER	4	0	25	0	0

Haydon Bridge C C: Cup Batting Averages 2011

Name	Inns	N Out	Runs	Ave	Top S
D KIRKUP	4	2	124	62	55
J BARBER	3	0	116	38.66	50
J TAYLOR	4	2	73	36.5	53
I WATSON	2	0	26	13	23
R STEPHENSON	3	2	7	7	4
M ELLIOTT	2	0	12	6	11
M CUNNINGHAM	2	0	11	5.5	11
G PIGG	2	1	9	9	5
S ELLIOTT	1	0	8	8	8
L SCUDAMORE	1	1	9	-	9
R GIBSON	1	0	13	13	13

Haydon Bridge C C Cup : Bowling Averages 2011

Name	Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts	Ave
J TAYLOR	23	2	90	8	11.25
D KIRKUP	18	3	88	6	14.66
M ELLIOTT	15	2	84	7	12
L SCUDAMORE	7	0	56	1	56
J BARBER	12	0	55	5	11
R STEPHENSON	5	0	28	2	14

Haydon Bridge Pharmacy Autumn Bulletin

Have you been prescribed a new medicine?

To help you get the most from the medicines you take, Haydon Bridge Pharmacy has started a New Medicine Service. The service involves an enhanced consultation to help ensure you get the most from the new medicine whilst checking that you are not experiencing any side-effects.

The service is targeted at certain groups of medication:

medicines that help breathing

medicines that help lower blood pressure

medicines that help type II diabetes

medicines that help stop the blood clotting

We are, however, happy to offer advice on any new medicine you may be taking just call in or telephone 01434 684354 and our pharmacist will be happy to help

Increase in Head Lice

We have noticed in recent weeks an increase in requests for head lice treatments.

In order to help minimise the spread of head lice, heads should be checked weekly with a fine tooth (nit) comb. Head lice can be present for up to a month before an itch develops.

If you are unsure how to check if lice are present or if you have any other questions call in and see one of the Haydon Bridge Pharmacy team who will be happy to advise you. There is a private consultation room where you can talk in private without being overheard.

There are also a number of treatment options available from the pharmacy. If you receive income related benefits you and your family will be entitled to treatment free of charge from the pharmacy.

Head lice can only be spread by direct head to head contact they cannot jump or fly and cannot live on bed clothes etc. TM

"The Bridge" Library – Children's Corner
It's taken a little while to begin recording how the children's section of the Bridge functions although it has been going right from the start with a lot of new members since The Bridge opened.

Over the last two summers, we have continued the County Library's Summer Reading Challenge, directed at the 5-11 year old age range, which starts just before the summer holidays begin and finishes just as the children/students return to school. The idea is to read at least six books over the summer and each year, there is a particular theme to the Challenge (although the books read do not need to follow the theme) with lots of activities on line and one or two activity sessions at the library. This year the theme was

Circuses and Clowns.

Fifteen of our young members completed the Challenge successfully and on 23rd Sept, we had a presentation of medals and certificates, at The Bridge after school. We celebrated with orange juice and biscuits and Michelle Buchan, our Team Librarian, came to present the award. Katie Woodward was presented with a special award of a Challenge Cap to recognise her increasing adeptness at using the library.

The successful readers were: Freddie and Katie Carruthers; Ellie, Harvey and Tamsyn Charlton; Freya Hall; Martha and Robert Harrison; Audrey and Elsa Mills; Laura and James Scott; Stella and Tom Taylor; Katie Woodward.

Hallowe'en

The most recent activity session at the Bridge was held on the Monday morning of half term and entitled Ghostly Crafts. The activity events are becoming increasingly popular amongst the youngsters and, I must say, they all go home with hands full of masks, models and other handmade

creations. In this session, the resulting works of art were: a spider, a bat, a skeleton and a pumpkin.





Finally, those of you with babies and toddlers will probably be aware of Book Start Club. This year Book Start has introduced Bear Club with an introductory pack and a membership card so that a record can be kept of the books the youngsters have borrowed and looked at or had read to them. There are stamps and stickers to encourage them along the way. It is never too early to introduce your child to reading. Our youngest member so far was three months old when she joined!

Do come and see us: Monday 9-12 noon; Wednesday 1-4pm; Friday 4-7pm and Saturday 9:30-12:30pm Happy reading ...

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JOHN MARTIN

HERITAGE FESTIVAL
MARCH 2011-SUMMER 2012



DETAILS OF ALL EVENTS AVAILABLE ONLINE at www..haydon-bridge.co.uk/martin.php

or in the Event leaflets available from The Bridge Library, Claire's Newsagent, Hexham Tourist Information Centre.

MARTINS @ ANCHOR and National Poetry Day, 6th October 2011

With the possible exception of the fortuitous announcement on the day that Swedish poet Tomas Tranströmer had won the Nobel Prize for Literature, the UK appears to have largely ignored this year's Poetry Day event.

Even BBC Radio 4, which has given us a celebratory verse on the hour in the past, must have succumbed to the budgetary cut backs already and failed to deliver for 2011. The Poetry Society's topic chosen for the day was 'Games' and this must have been what 'Auntie Beeb' was playing with the finances.

This was not the case in Haydon Bridge. The John Martin Heritage Festival staged its own Poetry Day entertainment with 'Martins @ Anchor' which combined the day with Martin related material lead by one of the North's leading and most prolific living poets Keith Armstrong. Keith is no stranger to the village as he has been a long term Martin scholar and enthusiastic promoter of our legendary family.

With Keith were Gary Miller, the guitarist/singer/songwriter who was best known as a member of the folk/rock band 'The Whiskey Priests', and Northumbrian Piper Chris Ormston.

Keith opened the night in his usual strongly voiced style with 'I Saw the Signs' telling of John Martin's early days in Haydon Bridge. He also appropriately performed his best known local poem 'At Anchor'. This was written some time ago and refers to the sound of heavy transport disturbing his night at the Hotel which, since the by-pass, is a thing of the past for 'Anchor' residents. A framed version of this poem is displayed in the Community Centre.

Gary Miller is another Martin enthusiast and has composed several very cleverly researched and worded songs around the lives and times particularly of the Martin brothers John the Painter, Jonathan the Arsonist and William the eccentric inventor. Again, it is several years since he has been able to perform these in public and he certainly gave most dynamic renditions of these for an audience who were very appreciative of his efforts.

Chris Ormston is one of the county's leading Northumbrian pipers, a prowess which he ably demonstrated even when the temperature variation and humidity of the room were initially against him. He explained that there was nothing to indicate that John Martin had played the pipes but the material Chris played for the evening was by his near contemporaries William Dickson (the first producer of pipe tune manuscript in Northumberland), William Vickers and John Peacock.

If you did not manage to be there on the night, make sure you don't miss the Festival's future events and you can catch up on this one thanks to the video snippets Gary Miller has kindly uploaded to YouTube via this link:http://www.haydon-bridge.co.uk/Poetnight.php

Many thanks go to Keith, Gary and Chris for providing this wonderful and diverse homage to the Martins. Thanks also to Steve, Lindsey and the staff at the Anchor Hotel for allowing use of the venue for this National Day. They hope to be staging other such events in the future. Those who had booked pre-show meals all commented on the friendly welcome, quality of the cuisine and great value for money they had received.

Henry Swaddle

An evening in the company of 'A BIT CRACK' STORYTELLERS

Stories based in the Haydon Bridge area, created with Shaftoe First School pupils, Haydon Bridge High School students and by Chris, Pat & Malcolm. With Harry Beamish

With music & songs performed by Shaftoe Trust First School,

THE ULTIMATE LIVE SHOW 0F 2011 HAYDON BRIDGE COMMUNITY CENTRE
NOVEMBER 11th at 7.30pm
Free interval wine and nibbles.
Tickets £2.00 from Claire's or the Library
or online (see top of the page)

DON'T MISS IT

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Parish Council Notes (continued from page 3)

The Library at The Bridge is continuing to collect material for the village archive. A councillor informed the meeting that some of the old village photographs from the late Harry Watson's collection are now in Beamish Museum.

Work on the information panel for the old bridge is continuing.

Any other business.

External Auditor's Report on the Parish accounts was received.

A sub committee of Parish Council members is to consider how best to invest the money received for play area maintenance.

No information was available on the progress made regarding tree planting at the Showfield. This was agreed during January, as Bellway had failed to provide a hedge round the outside of the development, as required in the planning permission.

Concern was expressed at the damage done to the public telephone box at Langley. This has been damaged repeatedly over the years and is now completely wrecked. It was suggested that the phone box be removed from this site and an alternative site sought in Langley.

A report was given on additional work done by the village handyman during the summer:

A seat on North Bank has been repaired and painted; the bus shelter at Martins Close is being repainted and work on this finished before the end of the year; the new litter bin, provided by the Parish Council, has now been installed at Shaftoe Green Play Area; broken glass has been removed from Shaftoe Green; the seat by the path to the Spa Well is to be repaired before Christmas.

The seat purchased for the wall recess at Esp Hill is now to be placed by the top of the access road to the water treatment plant following a request from a member of the public. A new seat will be provided for Esp Hill later in the year.

After the meeting a report was received on the reduction in the bus services from and to Haydon Bridge. This may be discussed at the next meeting.

Next meeting is on Thursday, 24th November, 7.30pm at Haydon Bridge Community Centre.

MP

Haydon Bridge High School. November 2011

On Wednesday 19th October, a Talent Show was held in school at 7pm. It was organised and run by some of the Year 12 Performing Arts students as part of their course. It was done in collaboration with the housing company ISOS, who are holding Talent Competitions in schools around the North East. Two winners are selected from each school and then entered into a final in Durham. Two representatives from ISOS came into school to judge the Talent Show. Our Head teacher, Mr John Whittle and local stand-up comedian and actor Brendan Healy were also judges.

Anna Bailey, singer/songwriter and Feet First dancers were the two winners and will be going to the final. Congratulations to them and to the other acts as well. A big thank you must go to ISOS for choosing our school to be part of the competition and also to Brendan and his wife Stephanie. Brendan gave all of the acts some excellent constructive advice. A really good night!

Rehearsals for the school production - Bugsy Malone - are in full swing. The show will be performed in the school hall on Tuesday 29th November, Wednesday 30th November and Thursday 1st December at 7pm. Please come and support us.

As well as all the dramatic things in school, there has been a lot going on in the Sports Department. There are clubs most lunchtimes, giving students the opportunity to try different sports including rowing. Also, the school netball team has been busy competing against other schools around the county.

The next event will be the Creative Arts Evening on Thursday 17th November at 7pm. Come along to see some performances from across all arts genres. Please support our school and I will give you more info next month.

Elliott Wallis

highlights community touring scheme.

LESTER SIMPSON presents STANDING IN LINE
a tribute in song and story on the 94th anniversary of
Passendale the WW1 battle that killed his great uncle.
Langley Village Hall on Sunday 13th November at 7pm
Tickets Adults £7.50. Concessions £5. Family £20.
Telephone Jane Brown 01434 684084
All proceeds will be divided between various war veteran charities.

Get It Together Society

On Saturday November 5th 10.00am – 1.00pm we'll be in The Community Centre building Guys. We'll also tell you why we celebrate Guy Fawkes Day.

There'll be other activities too: - making chocolate crispies, & useful things like purses out of juice cartons, a banner so that the finished Guys can be paraded through the village and more! All ages are welcome to join in for £2.50 each. This price includes all materials and chocolate crispies. [You can bring your own Guy clothes if you prefer]. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Tea, coffee, juice and biscuits will be available throughout and at 12.00 noon we'll be selling hotdogs and pie before setting off through the village at about 12.30pm to show off our finished Guys and hopefully get some 'Pennies for the Guy'. A wheelbarrow or buggy would come in useful for this bit, if you have one.

The guys made by under 18's can then be taken down to the Sele in Hexham between 1.00 pm - 5.30 pm to be entered into Hexham Round Table's Best Guy competition at 6.00 pm and then burnt on their bonfire at 6.30 pm. Entry forms for this will be available at the Community Centre and must be completed and signed by parents/carers.

To help this event go well, we would like donations of old clothes [suitable for burning] and newspapers. They can be dropped off at the Havelock or Scotch Arms before the event or the Community Centre on the day.

We hope to see lots of you at the Community Centre on Saturday November 5th.

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CHURCHES WORKING TOGETHER

CHURCH PAGE

CLERGY MESSAGE from Judith Hampson

When visitors from Western countries first experience the Middle East, they are often struck by the hospitality they receive. Every culture has its traditions of hospitality, but in the Middle East the relationship between host and guest is intensely important; a great deal hangs upon it.

So it's natural that Jesus, a Middle Eastern man, tells a story of hospitality, likening God to a king who has prepared a banquet for his son's wedding. The king will already have sent out invitations to the local dignitaries, and now, on the day of the banquet, when the meat is just about ready, he sends servants to summon those who had accepted the invitation. But they all refuse to come. Unbelievable! Imagine you've accepted an invitation to a royal wedding: on the day a chauffeur-driven car arrives, and you say, "Sorry, I can't be bothered." This just doesn't happen; it's a bizarre story.

But now the humiliated king sends his servants out again; it's as if he's going down on bended knee, pleading: "The food's on the table, the wine's uncorked, the band's playing. You can't do this to me! Please come!" But the guests snub him again, mistreating and even murdering his servants.

In the end the king takes an amazing decision: the party must go ahead, so if the VIPs won't come, let them be punished, but bring in anybody who'd like a meal. Minibuses are sent out and return with whoever can be found on the streets: asylum seekers with nowhere to go, bored teenagers, down-and-outs, young women of dubious reputation. Not the normal guest list at royal banquets – but they are all brought in, and finally the marquee is full.

Those hearing Jesus would not have missed his point. He's in Jerusalem, just after Palm Sunday, with plenty of support on the street but facing the opposition of the religious authorities, who want him destroyed. The strange story told by Jesus makes bold claims. The king is God, and the dignitaries who snub him are Israel's religious leaders. By rejecting Jesus they are rejecting the God who sent him and so bringing judgement upon themselves; in their place the outcasts of Israel are summoned to God's banquet and are entering the kingdom.

NOVEMBER 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

If you've ever given a party you'll know something of both the joys and woes involved in hospitality. To host a party that goes well is a wonderful feeling, but a party that goes badly is a nightmare. So when we are expecting guests, most of us feel at least a little nervous. Hospitality makes us vulnerable; we are risking humiliation. And it's like that with the hospitable God of Jesus Christ. By inviting us to his banquet, to enjoy the abundance of his love, God risks our rejection, and he gets it from us all, not just from the irreligious but also from the religious. It is in the crucifixion of Christ, who is God in the flesh, that we see the full extent of the vulnerability of this hospitable God: "He opened wide his arms for us on the cross." Let that be at the centre of all

Blessings from,

we think and feel about God.

Judith Hampson

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METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES

6th November

10.00am Morning Worship Rev Peter Wright 6.00pm Evening Service Rev Marian Olsen

13th November

10.15am United Service at Saint Cuthbert's

11.00am War Memorial—Act of Remembrance followed by refreshments in Methodist Church 6.00pm Evening Service Rev Neil Strike

20th November

10.00am Morning Worship Rev David Flavell 6.00pm Holy Communion Rev Les Hann

27th November

10.00am Morning Worship Bob MacAlpin 6.00pm Evening Service Bill Stoddart

4th December

10.00am Morning Worship Rev Mary Dow 6.00pm Evening Worship Graham Wilson

ST JOHN OF BEVERLEY CHURCH SERVICES

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Mass each Sunday at 11.00am at Haltwhistle

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6th November

10.30am Joint Communion At Haydon Bridge

13th November Henshaw

10.00am Remembrance 11.00am War Memorial

20th November Beltingham

9.30am Communion

27th November

Henshaw

10.00am Joint Service

4th December

Henshaw

9.30am BCP Communion

ST CUTHBERT'S CHURCH SERVICES

6th November

10.30am Joint Communion

13th November

10.15am Remembrance
11.00am War Memorial—Act of
Remembrance

20th November

11.00am Communion Service

27th November

10.00am Joint Service at Henshaw

4th December

11.00am BCP Communion

Winter Coffee Morning St Cuthbert's Church Saturday 19th November Ten until twelve

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depths of silence Expose the loss of your Divine

Fissured fractured self,
Man as his own god
Fissured fractured self,
Screaming circling depths of

silence

The choking hug of angel arms The dissonant terror of Alone

Annie Bishop

Written after the Jan Farmery Writing Workshop, July 2011 Part of the John Martin Heritage Festival

A print of John Martin's painting, 'The Great Day of His Wrath' can be seen in Haydon Bridge Community Centre.

Community Centre Fund Raising

The rafters were throbbing as the audience at the Community Centre were witness to some amazing jazz and delightful singing at the 'Three into One Concert' on October 21st. Hazel Hedley's 'Lounge Lizards' certainly had feet tapping, and a few uninhibited members of the audience dancing, to their lively jazz numbers. 'Sheds on Fire', our local community band, under the direction of their leader Andrea De Vere, blazed away as never before. A real treat. However, the concert began on a quieter note as Rosemary Todhunter led Shaftoe Chorale through a medley of popular songs and lovely harmonies. A great concert that raised £380.10 for the cash strapped Community Association who, I am sure, will want to thank the organisers and participants for their wonderful efforts.

The Table Top Sale, held the following day, raised a further £205 for the Association.

All of it welcome income to help keep our Community Centre going.

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NOTICES

HAYDON BRIDGE DANCE CLUB SEQUENCE DANCING

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The £10 Crossword

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SOLUTIONS TO OCTOBER'S CROSSWORD. (66) DOWN 1. Valid

Across	<u>Down</u>
1 Thorngrafton	1 The Bees
8 Opening	2 Opinion
9 Propend	3 Nightlife
11 Chemist	4 Rupee
12 Elastic	5 Footage
13 Orson	6 Open top
14 In the open	7 Hot chocolate
16 Outsiders	10 Decontrolled
19 Water	15 Test Cases
21 Animate	17 Tripoli
23 Control	18 In a will
24 Erosion	19 Wantage
25 Statute	20 Tarbuck
26 Sirloin steak	22 Ennui

- 1. Validate an angry European we hear.(10)
- 2. I leave Murial after more university work outside campus.(10)
- 3. Colour tone of Hades?(5)
- 4. Play on the evening when the drummers were drumming!(7,5)
- 6. Living environment meets cosy dilemma.(9)
- 7. Secures a refurbished site.(4)
- 8. Tear around with speed.(4)
- 11. He could travel and score in Harlem, or indeed, anywhere else.(12)
- 13. Evaded dual punishment of type of tax.(5,5)

ACROSS

- 1. Scooter turns east towards protective solution.(8)
- 5. Person who placed the wager improved.(6)
- 9. Did he buy and sell Red Art?(6)
- 10. Concealed in change of vector.(6)
- 12. A false potty makes a good film. (5,2,4)
- 15. Low lying meadow, inner Haydon Bridge?(5)
- 17. Acclimatise perhaps, but I hate a change.(9)
- 18. Preside over meeting and raise issue of assistance to skiers.(5-4)
- 19. Dream about love of small animal. (5)
- 20. Guiding Authority to train trustees.
- 24. Fettle about two perhaps.(6)
- 25. Leave someone helpless, on board perhaps.(6)
- 26. Checks a sailor with sunburn.(6)
- 27. Find and rely on ally.(8)

Down (cont'd)

- 14. Small country that can rely on, in French, over divided country.(10)
- 16. Hamish or I could visit city.(9)
- 21. Dashing youth who could be about a boy.(5)
- 22. Document issued as part of law ritual.(4)
- 23. Shop in a disparaging manner.(4)

NUMBER OF ENTRIES 11 (8 correct)

THIS MONTH'S WINNER
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Entries in before SATURDAY, 19th November 2011

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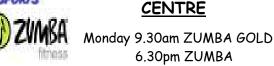


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A message from Lorna Woodward about her new schedule of Bee Active

fitness sessions starting on Monday, 31st October (see advertisement on page 20)



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Theatre Royal News from Pauline Wallis

The Theatre Royal re-opened its doors on September 12th and now audiences are flocking to see, not just the fantastic season of shows on offer, but the beautifully restored auditorium, foyer, bars, restaurant and of course the famous portico.

For those of you, who have not yet had the pleasure of seeing the restoration, why not take a look at some of the fantastic shows we have coming during the remainder of 2011, then you can enjoy a fabulous show and marvel at the amazing work that has been

Opera North – we are so lucky to have 2 visits from this wonderful company, the first is in November 2011 and then again in March 2012.

RUDDIGORE – Gilbert and Sullivan - 8th and 10th Nov **MADAMA BUTTERFLY** – Puccini – 9th and 12th Nov, 6th and 8th March

THE QUEEN OF SPADES – Tchaikovsky – 11th Nov

NORMA – Bellini –7th and 10th Mar

GUILIO CESARE –JULIUS CAESAR IN EGYPT –Handel – 9th Mar

The Nutcracker - Northern Ballet is back at Newcastle Theatre Royal for the first time in ten years, bringing to life everyone's favourite Christmas story. 15th 19th Nov.

SLEEPING BEAUTY the Pantomime of your Dreams- it's Panto time from 29th November-21st January. Don't miss out on spectacular sets, stunning costumes, comedy capers and amazing special effects including..... FLYING CAR!!!!

There are fantastic discounts available for groups of 10 or more, so why not get your family and friends together to make your visit really special. If you're worried about parking in Newcastle- take the car to the nearest metro station, park there and travel into town by metro for FREE with your theatre ticket.

Thank you to those who have been in touch already – if anyone has any queries please don't hesitate to contact me.

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