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## EDITORIAL COMMENT

So 'a room with a view' could be a thing of the past, particularly if it's a bedroom. Gone will be those hotels who advertise their (bed)rooms as having sea/mountain/city views. No longer will the clientele be expected to pay a premium for those (bed)rooms with the most favoured panoramas. Houses will no longer be advertised as having wonderful/attractive/ extensive views from all rooms. Not, that is, if folk pay heed to the latest pronouncement from the chairman of Northumberland West Area Planning Committee.

At their final meeting of 2011, the West Area Planning Committee approved a planning application for the building of a two storey office on the site of West End Joinery. I doubt whether there would be many who would object to the site being developed, it has been something of an eyesore for years. But objections were received from local residents concerned about loss of privacy and light. The plan was subsequently amended and received approval with the new building shown as being built 10m away from the end of Victoria Terrace.

However, someone, at some point, must have made reference to the loss of the view from their bedroom window, as the Chairman, Cllr I. Hutchinson, responded with, 'bedrooms are for sleeping in, not for looking out of!'

Now we know that loss of a view is not a major consideration in planning matters. You don't have to look too far in this village to witness the devastating effect of some recent planning decisions on some of our most valued rural views. Nevertheless, such a remark does seem rather arrogant. Sitting rooms for sitting in; dining rooms for eating; and why is the kitchen sink by the window; and is a conservatory where folk of a particular political persuasion get into a jam??

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## **PARISH COUNCIL NOTES from meetings in Dec 2011 & Jan 2012**

### **Meeting on the 15th Dec 2011**

At a previous meeting a councillor expressed concern about an apparent increase in incidents of anti-social behaviour in the village. Representatives from the Community Police had been asked to come and talk with the Council on this matter but no one was available to attend the meeting.

However the Police did send a brief update on the issues raised by the Council. The following is a summary of the Police response.

The only complaint to the Police of anti-social behaviour in the village in the last two months was on Oct 29th when a complaint was received about youths outside the old post office. This matter has been dealt with.

There have been no complaints or incidents reported at the railway station since Sept 3rd. Incidents that occur at the station are also passed to British Transport Police as the station platforms and tracks etc are their jurisdiction. With regard to the cars parked on Ratcliffe road being scratched, I am aware of the incident via another source. However only one resident actually reported the matter to the police.

The police are dealing with the matter of the broken window at the Anchor Hotel in November. At this time it would appear to be linked to another matter, and not a random incident of anti-social behaviour.

The police have checked frequently for cars parked on the projecting pavement at the Ratcliffe Road westbound bus stop. They have not seen any cars parked on the pavement at this section but will continue to monitor the situation and deal appropriately with any vehicle parked there.

Throughout the report the police reassured the Council that they regularly patrol the village and asked that members of the public report incidents to the police as soon as possible.

### **Public participation**

A member of Network Rail staff reported incidents at the station and on Station Road. A member of the public reported problems with the behaviour of some people outside the newsagents both late at night and very early in the morning. It was suggested that these incidents be reported to the police.

### **Council Meeting.**

9 councillors were present.

### **NCC Report**

The road repairs in Strother Close, Langley Gardens etc are temporary. These areas are to be resurfaced in the next financial year.

£3,000 was awarded from Cllr Sharp's local works/initiative fund to Shaftoe school to help meet the costs of the biomass project.

### **Highways**

Following an enquiry about road sweeping, the council received the following reply from NCC; 'NCC's policy is to visit the village four times per year with a large sweeper and sweep all the adopted curbed roads. In addition we have an operative in the village on Mondays and Fridays litter picking, removing dog fouling etc. We also respond to all reactive work reported by members of the public throughout the year'.

### **Lighting**

The lamp post near the Health Centre has been replaced and is currently waiting for Northern Power Grids to reconnect it.

### **Parish Projects**

The Council was informed of the Haydon Bridge Development Trust's Oil Co-operative initiative.

### **AOB**

Councillors raised questions on the progress made towards getting an ATM installed in the village. Nothing has been heard of the proposals put forward by HSBC or the Co-op. It is known that Claire's Newsagent has made enquiries with Barclays Bank about installing an ATM, but has expressed concern about costs.

Questions were also raised about the tree planting proposals at The Showfield as nothing has been done following the meeting between Parish Councillors, Planning Dept Officers and Bellway representatives.

### **Meeting held on 26th January 2012**

### **Public Participation**

A complaint was heard from a family about the allocation of social housing in the village. They are from Haydon Bridge, have a family of young children and have applied for social housing, but are experiencing difficulty obtaining a house. The local NCC councillor is to contact them to discuss their case.

Complaints were also received about overflowing waste bins at the cemetery and the general untidiness of the area with dead flowers littering the place. A further complaint was made about the west side of the cemetery which appears not to have been mown for some considerable time.

The person employed to maintain the cemetery is to be asked to empty the bins more frequently.

### **Council meeting**

11 councillors present & NCC councillor

### **NCC Report**

Cllr Sharpe informed the Council that NCC plan to resurface the roads in Langley Gardens, Greenwich Gardens and Hordley Acres in the 2012/13 programme of road works. It seems likely that Strother Close will not be resurfaced until later in 2013.

The Rattenraw -Peelwell road is to be added to the list for possible future works and will continue to be monitored. It was noted that during the construction of the bypass the road was used by drivers wanting to avoid the road works. Repairs to the road were discussed at the time with the bypass contractors.

### **Highways**

The Council has been informed by NCC that dog waste can now be deposited in standard litter bins. The Parish Council is responsible for the provision and installation of all litter bins including the replacement of damaged bins. However, charges for emptying bins will now only be made for bins on Parish Council owned land.

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**I** have many abiding memories, as a young child living in Haydon Bridge, of the joyous activities that went to make our village such a wonderful place in which to grow up; special occasions in which the whole community shared. There was, however, one event which was without doubt the highlight of our social calendar. Indeed, for most of its lifetime, it was an event which attracted many hundreds of visitors, not just from the parish but from all points east and west across the north of England.

*Do you remember the Haydon Bridge Show?*

*September days brought memories so fine.*

*Folk came from the hills and the valleys below,*

*And on special trains on the Newcastle line.*

*Fine village gardens were shorn of their blooms,*

*Vegetables laid out row upon row,*

*All lovingly cared for by village sons,*

*And brought to perfection for the Haydon Bridge Show.*

**F**or a young child at Haydon Bridge, nothing surpassed the build-up to the Flower Show and the thrills generated on the big day; the first Saturday in September.

From the first arrival of Murphy's, Togood's or Slater's hoppings in McDonald's show field, until the last ornate caravan and low loader piled high with large sections of the dismantled dodgems, sideshows and shuggy boats made their way across the (*old*) bridge to their next engagement, our young hearts were filled with romantic notions of the travelling showman's nomadic existence.

For a week or more we lived in a wonderland of bright coloured lights, strident fairground organ music and a constant hubbub of chatter, laughter and screams of delight; all accompanied by the constant hum of the generators.

How very happy and impressionable we all were! For weeks following the showmen's visit, I would trail blocks of wood with Meccano wheels, behind Dinky lorries and land rovers, to all four corners of our sitting room carpet, loading and unloading imaginary hoppings for the 'Haydon Bridge Show'

and, with a little imagination, we transformed my dad's garden shed into a showman's caravan in which I and the rest of the John Martin Street gang played out the dream.

*Fine painted horses on merry-go-round,*

*Roll down the penny but keep off the line,*

*Bairns pulling shuggy boats right off the ground,*

*In McDonald's field on the banks of the Tyne.*

As pupils at Shaftoe Trust School - as it is in Mrs. Cox's school today - we always took part in village events and, before leaving for the summer holidays, there was a lot to prepare in readiness for the school's contribution to the Haydon Bridge September Show.

'Encouraged' with a hefty slap from Mr. Nicholson and a rap across the knuckles with a steel rule by Mr. Robinson - *not as in Mrs. Cox's school today I'm sure* - paintings, drawings, essays, our best efforts at handwriting, and book ends and table lamps made in woodwork were all completed and selected for entry to the show.

*Stories we'd written when at Shaftoe Trust,*

*Were laid on the table for people to view,*

*And after the judging to the tent we all rushed,*

*To see who they'd given the red ticket to.*

Most importantly, the bonniest girls were chosen in competition to be the Show Queen and her attendants and, on the day of the show, they led the boys and girls and men and women of the village, dressed up in costume for the fancy dress parade.

*Fancy dress led by the Haydon Bridge band,*

*Lads dressed as young lasses, women as men,*

*A bonny bit bairn with a wave of her hand,*

*Queen for the day, she'll remember it well.*

I have to admit that, as time went by, the 'romantic notions' of the Haydon Bridge shows of my later teenage years had more to do with the girls of the parish, and those who visited from other towns and villages in the Tyne Valley, than nostalgia for a

showman's life. Sharing a spinning car on the waltzer, or a double seat in a dodgem car, provided a grand excuse to cuddle much closer than we had ever dared before, and a 1950s teenager's inhibitions were swept away on a rush of adrenaline and a cacophony of piped rock 'n roll and lusty ballads, echoing across the showfield from Bill Haley, Elvis, The Everley Brothers, Bobby Darin, Johnny Mathis and the like.

Show Saturday ended with a packed dance in the Town Hall, when the seats were pushed to one side and those experts in the terpsichorean art - a sprightly Geoff Duffy comes to mind - took to the floor in style, while the older boys and girls of my generation shuffled round in the Bradford Barn Dance.

*A few steps in, a few steps out,*

*Go round the best you can,*

*Move on to another lass,*

*And her another man.*

Unless, that is, the partners chose to stay together and move on to a showfield event irreverently labelled by our late raconteur and naturalist Bill Tait as the 'Bankside Handicap'; a liaison that took place within earshot of the seductive music of the hoppings, but well away from prying eyes. I do not intend to name the runners and riders who partook of the 'event'. They know who they are!

**I**t was a sad day when, in 1960, the show committee signalled the end of our famous annual Haydon Bridge gathering, one hundred and nineteen years after its inauguration, and for those Haydon News readers who were never party to this wonderful occasion on the first Saturday of every September, let me assure you:

**'You've never seen nowt like the Haydon Bridge Show.'**

*Memories are all that there's left to recall,*

*Of queer goings on in the Haydon Town Hall.*

*The Flower Show's gone, no more for to be,*

*But these memories are safe here forever, with me.*

**B**ut enough of this sentimental wallowing; having rolled six ping pong balls down a wooden slope into a narrow slot and knocked six tin cans off a shelf with a bean-bag, I'm off home, the proud owner of two goldfish, and it is time to return to my true brief for these

‘Notes - a history of the Haydon Bridge Floral, Horticultural and Industrial Society and the Haydon Bridge Show.

**The Haydon Bridge Floral and Horticultural Society was established in 1840 and its first Haydon Bridge Show was held on a Saturday in September in 1841, probably at the Black Bull Inn.**

*The property which was the nineteenth century ‘Black Bull’ at Haydon Bridge, is known as ‘River House’ in 2011 and is on the south side of Ratcliffe Road.*

**I** do not have a record of the first and second shows, in 1841 and 1842, but the **third exhibition of the Haydon Bridge Floral and Horticultural Society, held on Saturday September 2nd 1843**, was considered important enough to be reported in the Newcastle Journal where it was described as being, ‘numerously and respectably attended’.

Growing Dahlias for competition was a popular nineteenth century hobby, with Dahlia shows held throughout the north east, and the Newcastle Journal records the special awards presented to William Walton, Matt Hetherington and John Urwin for the best Dahlias at the Haydon Bridge society’s third annual show in 1843.

The Journal report continues:

‘A splendid bouquet of cut flowers was shown by Mr. Edward Dickenson which occupied the centre of the room and was admired by all. It is only justice to Mr. Dickenson to state that he is not yet twenty years of age and the skill he displayed would have done credit to the most practised hand in such matters.’

It was also reported that some very fine potatoes were shown by Mr. C. Pattinson and one by Mr. Armstrong which weighed three quarters of a pound.

**By 1844, the society was holding weekly floral, fruit and vegetable competitions, alternately in the Black Bull and the Scotch Arms**, where Dahlias, Pansies, Hollyhocks, French Marigolds, Carnations, Potatoes, Beans, Peas in a pod and various fruit were exhibited. Prizes in the weekly shows were won by J. Urwin, T. Dickenson, J. Robson, W. Coates, W. Pearson, S.G. Benson and T. Foster. John Urwin received a special mention for his four stalks of rhubarb which weighed 4lb 4ozs each, all taken from the same plant. Mr. Urwin’s giant rhubarb was much admired!

**The fourth Annual Show of the Haydon Bridge Floral, Horticultural and Industrial Society was held on Friday and Saturday September 20th and 21st 1844.**

This seems to have been the first occasion on which the show was held outdoors, in a ‘spacious pavilion’ at the Anchor Inn, where a band from Hexham played music and ‘enlivened the scene ..... the pavilion was appropriately decorated with evergreen flowers and beautiful exotic plants from Whitfield Hall’.

The Annual Show in 1844 included classes for; Market Gardeners, Nurserymen, Gentlemen’s Gardeners, Amateurs and Cottagers, and prizes for exhibits were awarded to: Thomas Dickenson, Matt and William Hetherington, John Urwin, Francis Davison, Matt Pigg, Isaac Bell, John Corbitt, William Walton, Robert Armstrong, William Pollard, John Robson, Alex Drummond of Ridley Hall and William Coates of Lipwood.

Special prizes for cottagers described as, ‘residing in the Chapelry of Haydon and not holding more than one chain and a half of land’, were won by John Pattison of Peelwell and John Elliott of Pandon.

The prize for the best imperial bushel of white wheat was won by William Longhorn of the Mill Hills and a prize for red wheat and barley was won by Mr. Cowing of Low Hall.

After the prizes had been awarded, seventy members of the society sat

down to dinner provided by Mrs. Hetherington of the Anchor Inn, ‘in her best style’. William Longhorn was Chairman for the evening and Mr. Benson of Allerwash Vice Chairman.

According to reports:

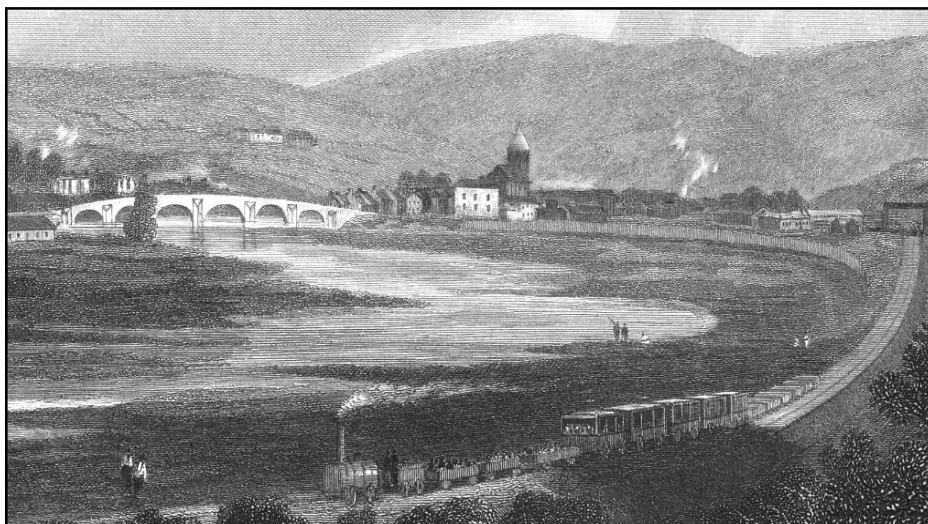
**‘The evening was spent in the most convivial manner and all went off with harmony and glee.**

**During the afternoon of the second day, a number of poor people were admitted for free and, although the pavilion was crowded to excess, yet, the greatest order and regularity prevailed’ - In spite of the presence of the ‘poor people’ I suppose!!**

**T**he spacious pavilion, the number of exhibits and exhibitors, not to mention ‘special cheap train fares’ from Newcastle, suggest that the show at Haydon Bridge came of age in 1844 and, from this first exhibition at the Anchor Inn, the Haydon Bridge Show soon built a reputation as the premier exhibition of its kind in the north of England; an event which attracted hundreds of visitors to our village every year.

**It is no doubt significant in the Haydon Bridge Show’s development that the Newcastle-Carlisle Railway had opened along its full length on June 18th 1838, and the shareholders in the railroad company were eager to provide transport to events along the length of the line and, by doing so, attract customers to their investment.**

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**This is the earliest image of a train leaving Haydon Bridge station you are likely to see. The engraving was published in 1836 from original drawings by John Wilson Carmichael, with text written by engineer John Blackmore.**

**Notice the east bound train using the south line. This was the case until March 1864 when the change was made to eastbound on the north line and westbound on the south line.**

**From September 1841, trains were transporting passengers from Newcastle and Carlisle to the Haydon Bridge Show.**



The Haydon Bridge Floral and Horticultural Society continued holding its weekly exhibitions in local hostels in 1845, and the **fifth Annual Haydon Bridge Show was held on Saturday September 13th 1845.**

The display of fruit, vegetables and flowers were reported as being, 'of the best possible description and elicited the warmest of praise'.

The prizes in 1845 are worth recalling.

They included, in addition to money prizes of five shillings; silver snuff boxes, pruning knives, a garden rake to

John Elliott of Haydon Bridge station, a draw hoe to James Nicholl of Haydon Bridge. And - *wait for it* - a pig ..... to John Coulson of the Waterhouse Inn, for the best collection of vegetables.

**I will leave my history of the Haydon Bridge Show, for this month, with an interesting report of the sixth annual show held on Saturday September 5th 1846.**

**A show described as the, 'best exhibition held since the formation of the society in 1840'.**

#### NEWCASTLE JOURNAL : SEPTEMBER 12th 1846

Early in the morning (*September 5th.*) there were observable indications of a fete at Haydon Bridge. The anxious housewife was busy at her domestic toil preparing for the reception of the many guests who, from the neighbouring towns, were intending to participate in the pleasures of the kind and hospitable villagers.

It was quite a delight to witness a meeting like this comprised of all grades of society. Such scenes may be looked upon as the surest mode of forming that bond of union between the wealthy and the less fortunate which no human power can dissolve.

Among the company present were:

The Venerable Archdeacon Scott, President of the society. Wm. Ord Esq., MP & Mrs. Ord, Whitfield. Mrs. Davidson & party, Ridley Hall. Col. & Mrs. Coulson, Blenkinsopp. Capt. Coulson, Low Warden. R. Reed & Mrs. Dickinson of Haydon Bridge. All of whose kind attention to the humble classes in their respective districts are well known and duly appreciated.

It was gratifying to see the number of children which visited this exhibition. With early impression properly fostered and encouraged, they might learn to know the bounty of God's gifts to man.

Hundreds of the country people whose occupations prevented them attending during the day visited in the evening. In the afternoon sixty gentlemen sat down to an excellent dinner at the Anchor Inn, provided by Mrs. Hetherington whose proficiency in gastronomic science is too well known to need one word of praise.

#### LOWINGER MADDISON

**In response to my recollections of the inundation of the River Tyne in November 1771, (HN November 2011) Willam Veitch provides further information on the man who re-built the Haydon bridge following the flood. The contract was awarded to Lowinger Maddison and partners.**

The man who rebuilt the bridge at Haydon Bridge, after the Great Flood of 1771, was a mason from Stanhope in Weardale. His unusual Christian name had been used by the Maddisons of Stanhope for many generations. In those early days the term 'mason' could apply to anyone from a simple worker to what today would be a building contractor.

Despite the magnitude of his task, Lowinger obviously had time for other things as, on the November 4th 1773, he married Elizabeth Scott at Warden. They must have set up home at Hexham

as they had children there - Ann, Mary, Elizabeth and William. The obvious attractions of Haydon Bridge must have impressed Lowinger, however, as, in 1783, he moved his family to Harlowfield (Langley) where further children Margaret, John, George and William were born (the first William having died there two years earlier). Unfortunately Margaret, John and the second William all died at Harlowfield before reaching adulthood.

Lowinger Maddison died at Harlowfield and was buried at Haydon Bridge on November 19th 1802. His wife Elizabeth died at Harlowfield, age 67, on August 20th 1816.

The Lowinger family did not desert Harlowfield as, on May 9th 1801, Mary Maddison married Michael Pigg and on July 11th 1807 Elizabeth Maddison married William Pigg.

A touch of spice here - Michael and

#### CHRISTMAS LIGHTS ON

Joanna Thompson opened the 'Lights On' event at the Haydon Bridge War Memorial on December 4th, and rightly pointed out that the occasion could not have been held successfully without the help of many volunteers from the parish.

The project manager was Esmond Faulks and preparation for the event was supported by Kevin Moore, Dennis and Jackie Oliver, and Basil Young.

Those for whom special thanks are also due include:

Joyce Brown (Church Street) who co-ordinated the collection boxes, and all those who donated.

Audrey Cox, Julia Cooper and staff and pupils at Shaftoe Trust First School. Haydon Bridge Fish and Chip Shop, Gary Thompson, Kerry (Co-op), and Peter and Vera Fletcher; for food and wine; and Daniella, Janet and Lynne for serving the welcome sustenance with a smile, on a chilly evening.

Shaftoe Chorale, for accompanying the carols.

Rev Judith Hampson and St Cuthbert's Church.

The Anchor Hotel, who made the tree lights shine.

Allendale Lions, who gave Santa Claus a lift in their sleigh.

Joanna, Judith and Lyndsey who made sure that everyone enjoyed the event safely.

And not forgetting Kevin Moore, for his general organisation of the ceremony.

I know that everyone who attended this enjoyable annual occasion will want to thank all those involved.

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Mary had a daughter born five weeks after they married. Both grooms came from Whitfield and both families continued to live at Harlowfield.

As Lowinger had become a 'naturalised' Haydonian he must have found gainful employment and, living at Langley, this could have been in the Lead Industry.

**O**ne oddity in the Great Flood of November the 16th and 17th 1771 is that on November 17th 1771, Thomas Robson of Dean Raw was buried.

How did they get Thomas's body across the river?

Maybe they had been very fortunate and had taken his body to the Old Church the day before. Certainly it is a burial that the family would never forget.

William Veitch

## GOOD NEWS OF GREAT JOY

**The message of Christmas was brought to the streets of Haydon Bridge on Saturday December 17th, when Ratcliffe Road and Church Street hosted a very special 'Street Nativity' performed by Joyce Armstrong, Kathleen Armstrong, William Hopkins, Ethel Mason, Peter Parker, June and Michael Rumney, Sylvia Swinburn, Christine and Pamela Thompson, Gary and Laura Thompson, Dave and Will Thornhill.**

On the site of Haydon Bridge's nineteenth century Wesleyan Chapel (1874 - 1946) the Rev Les Hann introduced the Christmas story and the assembled cast and followers, including a heavily pregnant Mary, sung 'O Little Town of Bethlehem' with great gusto.

The group continued to proclaim the Christian message along Ratcliffe Road and upon reaching the General Havelock Inn, Joseph and Mary sought a room there. Sadly, the couple were left in no doubt, by a licensee seemingly reluctant to draw the bolts, that there was no room for them at the inn. Mary's air of anticipation soon turned to one of disappointment at being turned away by an innkeeper she felt certain would have been more understanding of her plight.

The sight of a hostelry 'round the corner' on Church Street raised the spirits of Joseph and Mary and the many followers who had gathered together to serenade them with percussion, wind instruments and song. At the Railway Hotel, however, after a resounding chorus of 'Rat-a-Tat-Tat' at the door, Bronia was equally dismissive, offering nothing but a high priced room the couple could ill afford and sending them on their way in the direction of a rude crib, laid at the foot of a reverend monument to those who had fought and died for their country.

It was at this enshrined spot, in the shadow of the Church of St Cuthbert and below the flickering lights on a tree prepared specially to mark the festive occasion, where the birth of the baby Jesus was celebrated.

The child, wrapped in swaddling cloth and lying in the manger, was showered with gifts as three Kings crossed the River Tyne from the direction of the Royal Anchor Inn, shepherds drove their flocks south from windswept Haydon Fell, and wise men set aside their Haydon News crosswords. All were determined to be present, as the assembled cast and congregation celebrated the birth of the Messiah with moving renditions of 'Silent Night' and 'Away in a Manger'.

**As a final act in this special event, celebrating the Christmas message on the streets of Haydon Bridge in 2011, the Rev Hann extended a prayer to all; in the hope that they be brought close to one another this Christmas and in the years ahead, in the memory of Jesus Christ.**

**Amen.**



**Above:**  
The 'four tenors' at the pensioners' Christmas lunch provided by the General Havelock are, Left to right: Eric Scudamore, Bill Foster, Robert Ford and Clifford Corbett.

**Below left:**  
Felix Dillon-Wood meets Santa Claus at the Christmas 'Lights On' event.

## LOCAL ARTISTS' ART & CRAFT SALE

The 2011 festive events at Haydon Bridge got underway in the Community Centre on Saturday November 26th with a successful Annual Art & Craft Sale which gave an early opportunity for visitors to buy a wonderful array of Christmas presents.



## CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

**Many thanks** to all those who have filled their collection boxes and given much needed support to the Children's Society during 2011.

Money given through the collection box scheme was £245.78.

Thank you.

Joyce Armstrong.

## THANK YOU

Gary and Joanna Thompson and staff at the General Havelock Inn, provided a delicious complimentary Christmas lunch for senior members of our community on Tuesday December 20th 2011.

I know that the fifty five ladies and gentlemen who were welcomed by Santa Claus and sat down to the Christmas fayre, were most grateful for Gary and Joanna's generous gesture.

The revellers who joined in the carol singing following lunch - conducted by Joanna and accompanied by Jeremy Green on piano - were in fine voice.

**Thank you to everyone at the General Havelock for a wonderful afternoon.**

## DONATIONS

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**Thank you**

## Shaftoe Trust First School.

### THANK YOU!

Many thanks to everyone who supported our Christmas Fair. We raised a staggering £935 in 90 minutes!

Once again the Chringle was a well attended event and £135 was collected for The Children's Society.



The Children from Shaftoe Trust First School who switched on Haydon Bridge's Christmas Lights.

Staff and pupils would like to thank Joanna and all organisers of the 'Lighting up' event in December and we look forward to being involved again next year.

The children from School were invited to design and make decorated 3D Christmas trees from any materials they wished.

The entries were absolutely fantastic. All staff were asked to vote and points were allocated to 1st 2nd and 3rd and then totalled up to determine which children would be chosen to switch on the 2011 Haydon Bridge Christmas lights.

The winners were: *(See photograph)*

Back Row L to R: Stella Taylor, Charlotte Roberts.

Front Row L to R: Evie Newman, Lily Newman, Simon Charnock.

### AN EXCITING YEAR AHEAD!

We are currently organising a varied selection of activities and events to celebrate the Olympic Games and the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. Watch out for more information.....



Our photograph shows Shaftoe Chorale leading the carol singing at the Haydon Bridge Christmas 'Lights On' event.

### PRAISE FROM THE MINISTER

Congratulations to head teacher Mrs Cox and her staff at Shaftoe Trust First School, who have won deserved praise from the Energy Secretary, Chris Huhne, for their efforts to 'reduce the school's carbon footprint'.

The school's old and inefficient oil fired central heating system - converted from the original coke furnaces installed when the school was built - has been replaced with a state-of-the-art biomass burner.



## A VIEW FROM UP THERE .....

John Harrison

As I approach the milestone of 65 yrs of age I realise that the state will now be providing me with the means to treat myself to an extra pint of beer per month. And what has happened in the 50 (nearly) years of ale drinking? When I embarked on this journey, my local offered the standard three colours of wine plus the usual bitter, best bitter and mild – now I go into a pub and have to ask for a pint of Farting Frog or Duck's Bum. And I am not allowed just to order a white wine, I am supposed to have preferences for country of origin and the type of grape used. Has life become more complicated or has my approaching milestone qualified me to become an overnight GOM?

There are two months' worth of weather and a whole year to fit into my report this month so bear with me.

**November** was a mild and quite dry month. Daytime temperatures were well above normal, which was common across the UK. Cloudy skies meant that night frosts were rare but the first air frost was logged on the 6th. The first three weeks were remarkably dry, only 8mm of rain having fallen by the 19th. Less settled weather then brought the final total up to 44 mm but much of this rain was showery. November was rather more dull and murky than the traditional foggy. Many of my garden plants were still in bloom at the end of the month.

**December** was dominated by relatively mild and wet westerly/north-westerly winds (29/31 days). Unsettled weather patterns associated with the passage of occasionally deep Atlantic depressions brought a mixture of exceptionally mild weather in tropical air and more typical colder weather with frost and snow in polar air. Relatively colder conditions were dominant between the 5th and 20th during which there were ground frosts on most nights. Light sleet or snow fell but very little accumulated on the ground, in contrast to higher ground above 300m where there were significant accumulations. Mild air arrived behind a warm front and the days from the 21st were generally very mild. The daytime temperature on **Christmas Day** reached a remarkable **12.8degC**. Like much of 2011 the wind occasionally became strong with gale-force gusts, causing some minor local damage.

Taken as a package, 2011 was a strange year with drought in April, a cool and wet summer, and a warm last four months. November and December together gave us only 9 air frosts compared to 32 in 2010. The wettest month of the year was August with 147mm but by the end of the year we had received roughly 89 % of the long-term annual average. A particularly personal memory of 2011 for me has been the number of occasions when the wind has been strong enough to cause damage – the prophets of doom tell us that this is a manifestation of the effects of our old friend 'global warming'. I think we are eating too many beans if truth be told.

### 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
November	11.5	+2.7	5.5	+1.8	44.4	44
December	6.7	+0.5	2.1	+0.7	89.3	85
YEAR	13.0	+0.4	5.7	+0.2	847.4	89

No doubt we'll experience some of winter's traditional offerings before spring arrives in July. Somebody came up to me the other day and said "Winter draws on". "No" I said "I've still got me pink frilly ones on".

### Reminder

If you are on e-mail and would like to receive the monthly (and annual) weather summary for Haydon Bridge then contact Gladys Friday on [Johnandaveril@aol.com](mailto:Johnandaveril@aol.com). This service is free.

VALENTINE'S DAY  
at  
THE GENERAL  
HAVELOCK INN  
SENIOR CITIZENS COUPLES  
SPECIAL OFFER  
  
Half Price  
Lunch and/or Dinner  
LUNCH for 2 + coffee: £19  
DINNER for 2 + coffee: £25  
Go on! Spoil yourself on  
Tuesday February 14th.

Hexham

Haydon Bridge

Be My Valentine

Panda

Bardon Mill

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

**Francis McGurk**

**(12) Francis McGurk**



Photograph from Hexham Courant

Francis served as Corporal, 1257, 1/4th Battalion, Northumberland Fusiliers.  
He died on 4th August 1916, aged 21.

Born in Bishop Auckland, Co. Durham, he was one of six children of Michael and Jane McGurk (nee Jolly). Francis was educated at Haydon Bridge, and was a pre-war Territorial. He was mobilised and went to France on 20th April 1915.

Francis was a splendid shot and was soon appointed as a sniper. It was reported that he was full of humour under all circumstances, when a shell had burst close to him he would remark. *"That was a near one, that would clip the whiskers for you."* He was wounded while out sniping and died the same day at the dressing station where he was being treated.

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

Second-Lieut. G. E. Charlewood, wrote:-

*"..... Your son was a splendid soldier, able and keen, and I think one of the bravest men I have ever met, and I looked upon him as my right hand man at his job."*

*He was greatly beloved by his companions ..... And I shall also miss him enormously, as he was always cheerful, and an exceptionally nice fellow, and I am very sorry indeed to lose him."*



Francis is buried in grave II.F.140 in Bailleul Communal Cemetery Extension.

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

**HAYDON ANGELS**

January 2012.

Dear Editors,

2011 is the first Christmas I have spent ON MY OWN in the village, and I want to tell everyone what a wonderful, loving and supportive time I have had.

Angels do come in very different guises.

I feel so very lucky to be surrounded by help; to get down an awkward step, to cross a road, to do the day to day things that I cannot do alone. O.K. I should go into a home ..... but I have a very nice place here thank you and this is where I want to stay.

You in Haydon Bridge are helping me to do this and I just want to say: **"Thank you very much."**

EG.

**POETS' CORNER**

**BARDON MILL by Keith Brunton**

Military, Stanegate, the A69,  
Village street and railway, then the South Tyne,  
These are the trade routes, if you will,  
That ribbon through the village that we call Bardon Mill.

Henshaw, Tow House, Redburn, Scroggwood,  
Westwood and Thorngraston on the hill,  
Put them together like a string of bunting  
And everybody calls it Bardon Mill.

Not Cotswoldy or chocolate boxy,  
Few northern villages could make that claim,  
But good stone houses, built for the weather,  
Hardly two of them built to look the same.

Coal from the pit, dairy from the pasture,  
Sheep from the fell and wood from the mill,  
farmers, miners and mill-girls before us  
trod the clarty lanes of Bardon Mill.

Now famous for its conkers, (the rules will drive you bonkers)  
But such friendly people as you all know well.  
So when I'm old and tottery, wheel me to the pottery,  
And take me for a pint at the Bowes Hotel.

**JOHN HARRISON'S RNLI CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT**  
**In support of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution**  
**on**

**Tuesday February 7th at 8.15pm**  
**at**  
**The General Havelock**  
**£1 per person**



**FILM NIGHT AT  
LANGLEY CASTLE HOTEL**  
a special screening of James  
Cameron's Oscar winning film

# **AVATAR**

**Thursday, 8th March 2012 at  
7.30pm**

Cafe style seating with snacks and  
cash bar before the film and waiter  
service during the film

**TICKETS £2.00**  
available from The Bridge Library,  
Claire's Newsagent & online at  
[www.haydon-bridge.co.uk/martin.php](http://www.haydon-bridge.co.uk/martin.php)

**JOHN MARTIN**  
HERITAGE FESTIVAL  
MARCH 2011-  
SUMMER 2012  
HAYDON BRIDGE



HAYDON BRIDGE UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB PRESENT  
**FOOTBALL TALK-IN AND  
QUIZ**

AT THE HAYDONIAN SOCIAL CLUB  
ON THURSDAY, 23rd FEBRUARY 2012

**7.30pm**

**PRESENTING**

**JIMMY MONTGOMERY  
& BOBBY KERR**

**TICKETS £10**

TO INCLUDE ENTRANCE AND SNACKS  
TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM FOOTBALL  
COMMITTEE MEMBERS

**FUND RAISING EVENT FOR THE  
ROYAL NATIONAL LIFEBOAT  
INSTITUTION**

## **BOOK SALE & SANDWICH LUNCH**

**HAYDON BRIDGE COMMUNITY CENTRE  
SATURDAY, 10TH FEBRUARY 2012  
10.00am onwards**

Organised by the RNLI Tyne Valley Branch

## **HAYDON BRIDGE PHARMACY UPDATE**

### **How much are you going to spend this year on cigarettes?**

If you smoke twenty a day you will spend over £1800 just on smoking this year.

Just think how you could reward yourself and treat your family with £1800. Not to mention the health benefits of not smoking which begin within twenty minutes of stopping.

At Haydon Bridge Pharmacy we understand how hard it is to stop smoking. We have an NHS stop smoking adviser in the pharmacy to help you take the first steps to a smoke free future.

Our stop smoking adviser is often available without an appointment. We try to make the process as easy as possible.

You will be given support and advice on how to overcome the cravings and we will discuss the various different products on the market that may help you.

One of the most successful products currently is varenicline (Champix) which is a tablet that is really helping a lot of people give up. There is of course some people who it is not suitable for e.g. ladies who are pregnant and people with mental health problems such as depression.

There is also an extensive range of nicotine products that can help ease the cravings. Our smoking adviser will go through all the options with you in full. This can take about twenty minutes so please allow time for a proper chat about your smoking habits to allow the selection of the best product for you.

### **How are we doing?**

Every year at this time we like to ask for your feedback on how we are doing. We use the NHS survey for pharmacies to let you tell us what you like about the pharmacy and what you would like us to improve.

We take the feedback very seriously and submit an action plan to the NHS Care Trust on how we are going to improve for the year coming up.

If you are in the pharmacy please fill in a questionnaire and give us your thoughts and comments on how you want the pharmacy to develop.

TM

## **THE PARISH PRECEPT (Annual budget)**

Each year the Parish Council meet in the autumn to consider its expenditure in the following financial year. A contribution towards this expenditure is paid by each household as part of the Council Tax. In 2011/2012 there was a slight reduction in the Parish Council's expenditure compared to the previous year. There are always likely to be small fluctuations each year as special one off payments for repairs or new equipment may be needed one year but not the next.

For 2012/13 the following expenditure was agreed.

<b>Administration</b> including audit fee, payroll services, stationery, postage, subscriptions etc.....	£1048
<b>Christmas Lights</b> .....	350
<b>Clock</b> (on St Cuthbert's Church tower) lighting, maintenance, annual service.....	260
<b>Charitable donations</b> including Air Ambulance, Tynedale Hospice, Age Concern, Mencap and others.....	930
<b>Community Band</b> contribution towards running costs.....	350
<b>Community Centre</b> to support running costs.....	3000
<b>Dog Bins</b> fee paid to NCC to empty dog waste bins* (see below).....	2500
<b>Insurance</b> to cover Parish Council property.....	2000
<b>Inland Revenue &amp; NI</b> .....	4000
<b>Langley Village Hall</b> to support running costs.....	1000
<b>Library</b> rental fee (building is owned by Network Rail).....	3200
<b>Materials</b> for cemetery maintenance, handyman, hanging baskets & purchase of grass cutter.....	700
<b>Salaries and services</b> includes parish clerk, handyman, cemetery worker, grass cutting.....	13050
<b>Shaftoe Green</b> for annual inspection service, repairs and maintenance.....	3000
<b>Youth Club</b> to support youth services in the parish.....	2000
<b>Contingency</b> .....	1000

Based on the above possible expenditure the Parish Council have asked NCC to approve a Parish Precept of £38,400 for the financial year 2012/13. This represent a further decrease in the Parish budget. However, it should be noted that usually the Council set aside amounts for future expenditure on extending the cemetery; repair and replacement of information panels on the John Martin Trail and for Trail leaflets; Spa Well repair and maintenance; Riverside Picnic Area improvements and major repairs/ replacement of play equipment at Shaftoe Green. As the money set aside for these projects is at a reasonable level the decision was taken not to set aside further funds this year.

\*The Parish Council has been informed that dog waste may now be placed in ordinary litter bins. If this is the case, then the dog waste bins may be removed in the future as this would be a substantial saving in the annual budget. NCC do not charge for emptying litter bins.

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### **CONGRATULATIONS WILL!** **RSPCA YOUNG PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE YEAR** **AWARD**



*Photo by courtesy of Hexham Courant*

16 year old winner of the RSPCA Young Photographer of the Year Award, Will Nicholls, developed a simultaneous interest in wildlife and photography when he moved with his family from Newcastle to Haydon Bridge. Stimulated by the great variety of wildlife and the beautiful countryside on his doorstep, he borrowed his parents' digital camera and took his first photograph of sheep.

Discovering a specific site from which to observe, feed and photograph red squirrels over a period of three years, Will has been able to develop and fund his hobby himself, by selling his work.

At the moment Will is trying a remote release technique to take photographs. This will allow him to have the camera outside the hide, so the subject can get very close to the lens, and allow for a unique perspective to his shots.

At some stage Will hopes to take part in developing and presenting TV wildlife programmes, particularly conducting scientific expeditions, but is also interested in travelling the world in search of and studying wildlife. We wish him success.



### Parish Council Notes (cont'd from page 3)

Any bins on or adjacent to the public highway will be emptied free of charge.

NCC have requested information on traffic and street name signs that need replacing/cleaning/rescuing from overgrown trees and hedging; gullies and ditches that need clearing/digging; information on problematic highway areas where minor traffic management may be required. Work on these is to be carried out in early 2012 once local priorities have been identified.

### Lighting

Councillors welcomed the new street lights in Ratcliffe Road as being more appropriate to the village.

A new street light is to be provided on North Bank where there is a long gap between existing street lights. Cllr Sharp is to fund this from his 'councillors' local projects fund'. Several complaints have been received by councillors from people who use the old bridge and are dazzled by the recently installed floodlighting. Modifications to the existing lights are to be sought to help solve the problem. It was suggested that the lights be removed if, after modification, the problem still exists.

### Planning

The following planning applications were received;  
Installation of a 24hr ATM cash machine into the existing elevation at 4, Ratcliffe Road. (*Co-op shop*).  
The Council supported this application.

Construction of garage/store and creation of a new gateway in the existing stone wall at the Old Vicarage, Haydon Bridge.  
No objections were raised.

### Correspondence

A letter and maps were received from NCC to explain those areas in the village where grass cutting is the responsibility of NCC.

In response to the enquiry made last month, about the, previously proposed provision of an ATM cash machine by HSBC/BT, the Council was informed that this project has now been abandoned. **(Cont'd top of next column)**

### ***Shaftoe Educational Foundation***

The Foundation provides grants to promote the education, including social and physical training, of residents, or the children of residents, of Haydon Parish.

Applications for grants should be made by letter in the first instance, naming the type of course, where and for how long the course will last.

***On receipt of this letter an official application form will then be forwarded for completion.***

For an application form please write to:

***Shaftoe Educational Foundation (The Clerk)  
The Office  
Shaftoe Terrace  
Haydon Bridge  
Northumberland  
NE47 6BW***

***The next meeting of Governors is scheduled for  
Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2012.***

Completed application forms should arrive at the Office by **Monday 27 February 2012** at the latest.

Applications received after this date may have to wait until the next meeting in **July 2012**.

***R A D Snowdon B.Ed (Hons) - The Clerk***

The Community Police informed the Council about future police surgeries in the village. The next one will be at the Methodist Church Hall on Thursday 3rd February at between 10am -11am.

Letter received from NCC about its 'Love Northumberland' campaign.

A request for information about local plans to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee was received.

### **AoB**

Following a long discussion, the Council decided that burial plot reservations in the cemetery could only be made at the same time as purchasing a plot for someone who has died and the request made was to reserve a double plot.

**Next meeting Feb 23rd at 7.30pm.**

### **Christmas Lights 2012**

Thanks to everyone who donated towards the Christmas lights and particularly to those local businesses who allowed me to put a collection jar in their premises. Thanks also to Gary & Joanna Thompson who provided the soup and to Rene Armstrong and Betty Cousin for counting the £415.16 collected. Thank you all again, wishing everyone a healthy and happy 2012.

Joyce Brown (Church Street)

### **PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS IN 2012**

January 26th  
February 23rd  
March 22nd  
April 26th at Langley Village Hall  
May 24th  
June 28th  
July 26th  
August No meeting  
September 27th  
October 25th  
November 22nd  
December 20th

**Unless stated otherwise  
meetings take place in  
Haydon Bridge  
Community Centre.**

**All meetings start at  
7.30pm**

### **CHANGE OVER TO DIGITAL TELEVISION**

Our region is the last one in England to change over to Digital TV. The change over to digital television is taking place on September 12th for BBC 2, and September 26th for all other TV channels. The current analogue provision will be switched off on these dates and Freeview coverage boosted to reach virtually all homes, including thousands served by local relay transmitters who will be able to receive digital TV free via an aerial for the first time.

There's plenty of help available for those who need more information. The Digital UK website at [digitaluk.co.uk](http://digitaluk.co.uk) has lots of information about how to switch to digital; viewers can call the Digital UK advice line on **08456 50 50 50** and if you need face-to-face advice you can speak to your local television retailer.

Around 3 months before the switchover happens, every household will be sent a handy how-to guide giving all the information needed to set up and retune digital equipment. The **Switchover Help Scheme**, run by the BBC, helps older and disabled people to make the change to digital TV. For £40 (or free for those on certain income related benefits) every eligible person will be offered practical help to convert one of their TV sets to digital including equipment, installation and aftercare. People are eligible if they are aged 75 years and over, if they have lived in a care home for 6 months or more, if they are registered blind or partially sighted or get (or could get) certain disability benefits.

**CHURCH PAGE**

**CLERGY MESSAGE**

from

*Les Hann*

Dear Friends,

February brings us among other things St Valentine's Day. Many will send cards to those they love and some will send them to others as a joke. Falling in love is a wonderful thing remaining in love takes just a little more effort on our part. I keep coming back to these words time and time again. I don't know who wrote them and you may have come across them before but each time I read them I am reminded how easy it is to take others for granted.

"A good relationship must be created.  
In a relationship the little things are the big things...  
It is never being too old to hold hands.  
It is remembering to say 'I love you' at least once a day..  
It is never going to sleep angry,  
It is having a mutual sense of values and common objectives.  
It is standing together and facing the world.  
It is forming a circle of love that gathers in the whole family.  
It is speaking words of appreciation and demonstrating gratitude in thoughtful ways.  
It is having the capacity to forgive.  
It is giving each other an atmosphere in which each can grow.  
It is a common search for the good and the beautiful,  
It is not only choosing the right person,  
It is being the right partner...."

Paul, in 1 Corinthians chapter 13,  
reminds us that without love all our efforts are as nothing.  
In the first letter of John are those incredible words,  
"God is love".  
Jesus was asked what is the greatest commandment; his reply was love the Lord your God and love your neighbour as yourself.  
We need love, the church needs love, our communities need love and a broken and hurting world needs love.  
To love is to keep God's commands.

*Les Hann*

**Messy Church**

15th February 3.30 pm  
at the Methodist Church  
Come along and bring your friends



**FEBRUARY  
2012**

**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

**METHODIST CHURCH  
SERVICES**

**5th February**

10.00am Morning Worship  
Brenda Mearns  
6.00pm Communion Service  
Rev Les Hann

**12th February**

10.00am Family Service  
Maureen Chapman  
6.00pm Evening Worship  
Father Leo Pyle

**19th February**

10.00am Communion Service  
Rev Les Hann  
6.00pm Evening Worship  
Sptd Stephen Caddy

**26th February**

10.00am Morning Worship  
Norman Fullard  
6.00pm Evening Worship  
Jackie Males

**4th March**

10.00am Morning Service  
Sandra Martin  
6.00pm Evening Worship  
Joan Histon

**BELTINGHAM/HENSHAW  
CHURCH SERVICES**

**5th February**

**Henshaw**

9.30am BCP Communion

**12th February**

*10.00am Joint Service at  
Haydon Bridge*

**19th February**

**Beltingham**

9.30am Communion

**26th February**

10.00am Joint Communion

**4th March**

**Beltingham**

9.30am BCP Communion

**ST CUTHBERT'S CHURCH  
SERVICES**

**5th February**

11.00am BCP Communion

**12th February**

10.00am Joint Communion  
Service

**19th February**

11.00am Communion

**26th February**

10.00am Joint Communion

**4th March**

11.00am BCP Communion

**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

**HAYDON OLD CHURCH  
SERVICES**

**29th April**

6.00pm Evensong

**HAYDON BRIDGE DEVELOPMENT TRUST  
OIL BUYING CO-OPERATIVE**

Within a couple of months of getting this group going we have collected almost sixty households who are interested.

In the first week in January we canvassed for orders and just over a dozen households joined in with a total of ten thousand three hundred litres. This order was linked to orders from Allendale and Tasset to give a grand total of almost thirty thousand litres. This was secured at 56.9 pence per litre – excluding VAT. This time there was insufficient interest to place a diesel order but do keep the option in mind. Delivery appears to have been very prompt and trouble free.

**To add your name to the list please let me know:**

**Your full name**

**Your address and postcode**

**Your phone number**

**Your email address**

The only problems that have arisen so far are a tendency for some people not to respond to emails, even when a read receipt is requested, and some instances of my emails to customers getting intercepted by ISP spam filters or sidelined into junk folders – please check your junk folders regularly.

If you have signed up but have not received at least two emails from me already, then there is a problem and you should speak to me ASAP to resolve it.

In the last week of March I will send an email to everyone (and ring the three hermits who don't have an email address) for the next order. Quarterly orders will mean less work for me and Lauren Langton and, most importantly, fewer but larger orders which should secure even keener prices. If people could begin to plan their oil use/purchase for orders in January, April, July and October that would be helpful.

**Any question, any time – just ask.**

**NEXT ORDER – LAST WEEK IN MARCH 2012**

**Steve Ford 01434 688922 fuel@haydon-bridge.co.uk**

**Havdon Bridge High School February 2012**

January has not only seen the start of a new year at Haydon Bridge High School, it has also seen some exams. There have been GCSE and A Level exams throughout the month, but they will soon be over!

On December 2<sup>nd</sup> last year, there was a year 13 Geography trip to the inner city of Newcastle. They looked at different parts of the city and compared them, to see how different some of the places were. They all learned a lot and it directly linked to one of their units of work. One of the geography teachers said 'It is good to know we have such a wonderful case study on our doorstep'.

In the Sport department, the schools rowing team had success at Northumberland Indoor Rowing Championships held at Newcastle University. They came away with 3 individual county titles, one team title, and a total of 13 students chosen to represent Northumberland at the North East finals.

At the Tyneside Boys' Cross Country Championships, 4 HBHS students took part and they all did brilliantly well, one finishing in 4<sup>th</sup> place in their race.

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> December last year, a team of 10 HBHS students took part in the Northern Schools Trampoline Competition in Ashington. Over 250 competitors took part and our Under 19 team finished 4<sup>th</sup>, and our 2 Under 15 teams finished 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>.

Well done to all who took part in all the sporting events. You are representing the school brilliantly.

Miss Clark, one of our Science teachers, visits South Africa every summer to offer volunteer help at one of the charities. At the end of December last year, she left HBHS, to spend a year out in South Africa with a charity called Rehoboth Children's Village. She will be teaching a group of 5 students, all living with HIV/AIDS, between the ages of 10 and 14, who are underachieving in middle school through lack of support. Her role will be to intensively teach them for a year in a home school environment, so that they can get back into the school system within a year. We are all wishing Miss Clark the best of luck and we look forward to having her back in school next year!

Please support our school as much as possible and I will give you more information next month.

Elliott Wallis Year 12 student

# NOTICES

## HAYDON BRIDGE DANCE CLUB



### SEQUENCE DANCING

EVERY MONDAY  
7.30 to 10.00pm

Haydon Bridge Community Centre  
Only £1.50 inc. tea & biscuits

DANCING IS FOR FUN  
Ask for details at: 01434 684 452

## 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

CONTACT SUE BELL 688534. ALL WELCOME.

## THE BRIDGE LIBRARY & TOURIST INFORMATION POINT

Telephone 01434 688658

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**MONDAY: 9.00am-12 noon**

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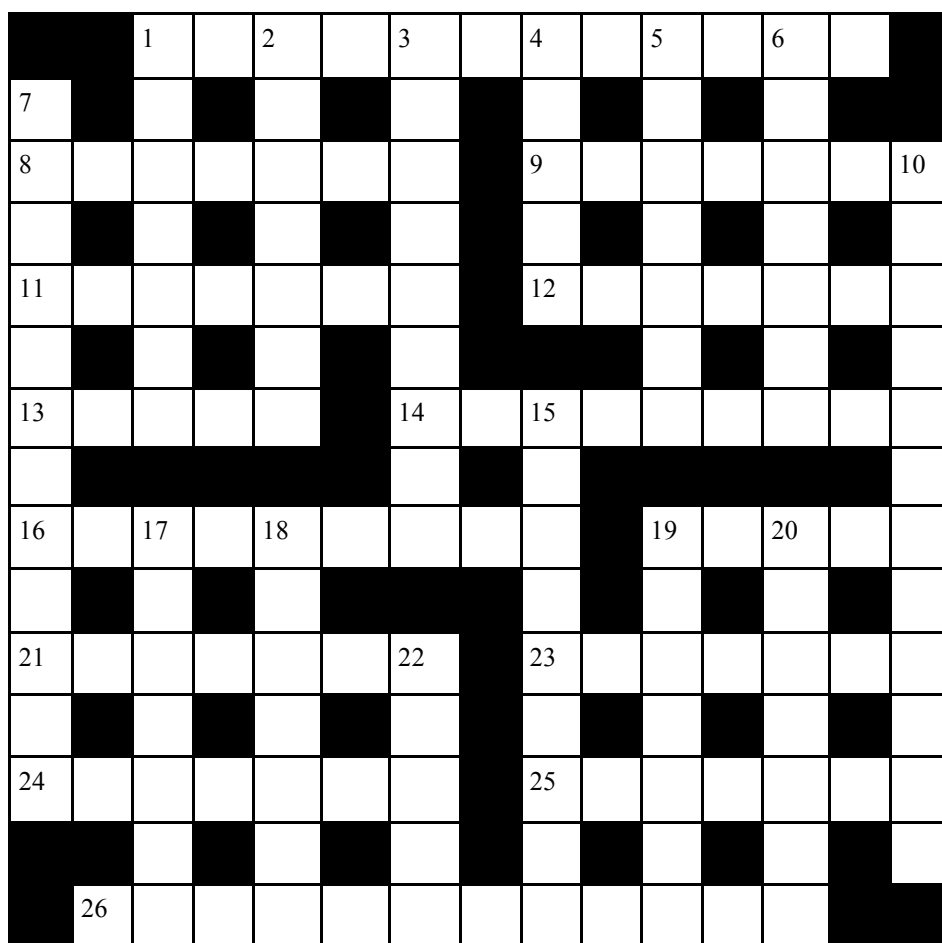
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# The £10 Crossword

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## ACROSS

1. Calming a fear about Old Glory.  
(8,4)
8. Country of old Welsh defender.(7)
9. Small doctor has headless twitch,  
very severe.(7)
11. Series of films, we hear, about  
rotting flesh.(7)
12. Draconian Tex turns to army  
electricians and mechanics.(7)
13. Immaculate part of icicle annex.(5)
14. Very wise old story and a hundred  
vouchers.(9)
16. Minute breaker used in cooking.(9)
19. Brush around plant in the garden.(5)
21. Ask earnestly for the net rate to  
change.(7)
23. Were any around to celebrate this?  
(3,4)
24. Bridge tool?(7)
25. Wag it at enemy, and disturb in part.  
(7)
26. Jet was down and pilot bruised.  
(5,3,4)

## SOLUTIONS TO DECEMBER'S CROSSWORD. (68)

### Across

- 1 Badfinger
- 6 Radii
- 9 Retinue
- 10 Copious
- 11 Stair
- 12 Nerve cell
- 13 Extra
- 14 Oxidation
- 17 Badger-dog
- 18 Spice
- 19 Represent
- 22 Rubic
- 24 Outback
- 25 Dentate
- 26 Snood
- 27 Root-eater

### Down

- 1 Burns
- 2 Detracted
- 3 Innervate
- 4 Green
- 5 Recording
- 6 Rupee
- 7 Drove
- 8 Insolence
- 13 Embargoes
- 15 Assurance
- 16 Idioblast
- 20 Patio
- 21 Eland
- 23 Cheer

## DOWN

- 1 Holiday region visited by regal  
Virginia, perhaps.(7)
- 2 So naive to cause subterfuge.(7)
- 3 Country is done in a strange sort of  
way.(9)
- 4 Conductor or singer can dream about  
part.(5)
- 5 Craft in film? Roman Polanski  
thought so!(7)
- 6 Redcoat design in geometrical  
shapes.(3,4)
- 7 Stylists at the seaside, scavengers!  
(12)

## Down cont'd

- 10 Staple diet of carnivorous mouse?  
(12)
- 15 Emerald Isle?(9)
- 17 Miaow a cry of disapproval.(7)
- 18 Sea going canoe, I see, we hear!(7)
- 19 Wooden plant made by Will and  
Sam.(7)
- 20 Layered district of North Yorkshire?  
(7)
- 22 Flutes of the Andes played by an  
otter?(5)

## NUMBER OF ENTRIES

9 (all correct)

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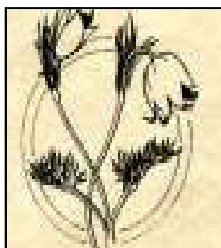
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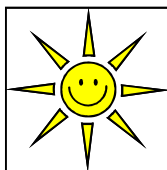
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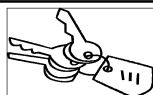
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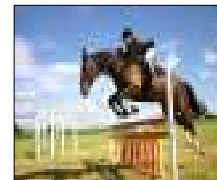
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## Theatre Royal News from Pauline Wallis

Well panto is over for another year and what a panto it was! Sleeping Beauty did 90 shows over 8 weeks and was seen by over 80,000 people. Next year it's **Aladdin**. Tickets are already flying out. If there are 10 or more of you, reserve your seats now for just £1 each deposit. It's never too early to book. Don't miss out!

### 2012 is a very special year for the Theatre Royal as it celebrates its 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in February.

***Everyone is invited to join in the celebrations from 16-19 February for FREE  
Deep inside the Theatre Royal a figure is busy, preparing for magic...***

*On a dark February evening he will appear from behind the columns and conjure up a fire-filled spectacle. It will be a birthday like no other with enchantment, brilliance, feasting and mischief.*

For a preview, join us on **Thu 16 & Fri 17 Feb 6pm, 7pm, 8pm, 9pm, 10pm**

On the hour, the Theatre Royal will explode with light, sound and pyrotechnics as we countdown to our weekend of birthday revelling.

**The Birthday Blaze Sat 18 Feb** between 6pm and 10pm and

**Sun 19 Feb** between 6pm and 9pm

All evening, Grey Street will be transformed with flames and fireworks. Phantoms of fiction will be the hosts for this dazzling masquerade, familiar characters from the theatre's history: the star crossed lovers, the sisters of fate, the forlorn belle of the ball, a band of thieves, Old Nick and Lady Grey.

Prepare to be spellbound as they draw you into their starlit world.

**You are most cordially invited to join the celebration.**

**He waits now, but the clock is ticking...**

**All events are FREE and take place outside the Theatre Royal on Grey Street.**

*No tickets required, just turn up and enjoy!*

The new season of shows is now on sale and there is some fantastic entertainment to choose from. Here is just a taste of what's on offer. See the current brochure for loads more shows. If you haven't got one give me a call and I'll send one to you.

**Newcastle Theatre Royal's 175<sup>th</sup> Birthday Gala A SPECTACULAR AND MAGNIFICENT EVENING OF  
MAGICAL ENTERTAINMENT. Hosted by Tim Healy and Denise Welch. SUNDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY.**

**The King's Speech** World premiere of the play that inspired the Oscar winning film. **12-17 March**

**I Dreamed A Dream** World Premiere of The Susan Boyle Musical starring Elaine C. Smith and with a *special appearance by SUSAN BOYLE herself!* Don't miss this amazing opportunity. **23-31 Mar.**

**Matthew Bourne's Nutcracker!** This classic returns celebrating its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary. **15-19 May**

**Avenue Q** Mischief, bad behaviour and political incorrectness. London's funniest show by far hits Newcastle.

Suitable for age 12+ **22-26 May**

**Steel Magnolias** if you enjoyed Calendar Girls – don't miss this! An all star cast including *Cherie Lunghi and Denise Welch.* **28 May- 2 June**

**Wonderful Town** recreates the bright lights of 1930's NYC with spectacular sets, dazzling choreography and the rich sound of Bernstein's magnificent music. *Connie Fisher* stars. **12-16 June**

**The Gruffalo** –Songs, laughs and scary fun for children aged 3+ and their grown-ups. **15-17 June**

**Sister Act** Fall in love with the funniest and funkiest nun on the run. **14-25 August**

**Oliver!** Lionel Bart's masterpiece direct from the West End, starring Brian Conley as Fagin. Here for 8 weeks.

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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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### Haydon Bridge Get It Together Society.

There will be a meeting on **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January in the Bridge [library] at 7.30pm.** We will be discussing plans to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee at the beginning of June. The Parish Council have set aside some money to fund a village celebration and we will be coming up with ideas on how to do it! If you have any ideas to contribute and/or would like to be involved please come along to the meeting. **Everyone is always welcome.**