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EDITORIAL COMMENT

I think it was late in the summer of 1995 that Mitch introduced me to the dubious joys of being a member of the committee of The Friends of Haydon Bridge. As I remember, there were only 3 committee members remaining, and two of them were about to resign, when Mitch invited Werner Nagel and myself to attend a Friends' meeting and join the committee. Mitch had taken over from Gina Richardson as editor of the Haydon News earlier that year, and now set about forming a committee that within a few months numbered 9 or 10 members, held very active monthly meetings, and became more involved in the life of the community.

It wasn't the last time the Friends Association reached a low point, but it was entirely due to Mitch's endeavours that the Friends survived on this occasion and publication of the Haydon News continued.

His editorship wasn't without moments of controversy, but it did set the course along which the Haydon News has grown and developed. While he hadn't been actively involved with the Friends or the Haydon News for many years, a debt of gratitude is owed to Mitch for their survival and revival. Thanks Mitch, you'll be missed by all who knew you.

The Christmas Trees on the bridge and by the monument looked great over the festive period, and thanks were rightly given to all those involved in organising the event. However, I'd like to express a rather belated thanks to those individuals and businesses who put decorative lights in their windows and on their buildings to brighten the street scene.

A particular thank you to Mike Jeffs who, for more years than he probably cares to remember, has hung Christmas lights on his rowan tree, and added colour and a focal point to the Ratcliffe Road winter scene. MP

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PARISH COUNCIL NOTES from meeting in February 2012

Public Participation

A village resident asked about the action taken by the Council since last autumn, when he first complained about the problems created for pedestrians, crossing the old bridge in the evening, and being dazzled by the floodlighting. A councillor informed him that NCC and Phillips had recommended use of shutters to reduce dazzle, and that these should be fitted by the end of March. He asked whether the lights could be switched off in the meantime. The Council agreed that this would be the best course of action, and are to consult with NCC and Phillips who have access to the lights and switches.

Council Meeting

10 councillors present and Cllr Sharp.

NCC Report

While helping a young family find suitable rented accommodation in the village, Cllr Sharp found that, unlike several other areas of the county, Haydon Bridge does not have local letting area status. Local Area Letting Status means that people from the local area have priority in the allocation of local social housing. ISOS have been approached to try to rectify this.

£1,300 has been awarded from the NCC Community Chest to help fund the installation of an ATM at Claire's shop. Cllr Sharp explained that it was considered important for the Parish residents to have access to a 24hr ATM to support local businesses.

£500 has also been awarded to the Community Association to pay for repairs to the boiler, purchase extra tables and acquire portable spot lights for use at performances.

He expressed some concern about the changes to the ambulance services in the County, and, while he felt that the changes wouldn't have an adverse effect on provision in Haydon Bridge, he is to keep a check on the arrangements for 'back up' provision, for ambulance cover at those times when the service is particularly busy.

Cllr Sharp informed the Council about a joint meeting for NCC and Parish Councils to be held at Ponteland in March. Local planning issues, NCC's budget for 2012/13 and the NCC Charter laying down the procedures, responsibilities and working relationship between NCC and local councils, will all be on the agenda.

A check is to be made on why some blocked road drains have still not been cleared, although their condition was reported to NCC several months ago.

The Council gave a vote of thanks for the work done for the Parish by Cllr Sharp.

Highways

Pot holes in the road between the Carts Bog and the junction beyond Harsondale were reported for repair. The delay in providing the new road directional sign for the junction of Church Street/Ratcliffe Road is to be checked.

Planning

The following applications were received for the Council's comment: Demolition of steel frame building, wooden sheds and stone built turnip house, and change of use and conversion of stone built farmhouse to 3 residential units, including the insertion of 5 new openings and 5 roof lights. Construction of car port and landscaping at Whitechapel Farm.

Conversion of existing two storey outbuilding adjoining main house into habitable area at Prior House.

Installation of two windows and door in the front elevation and sliding doors and roof light to rear elevation at Stublick Cottage

Conversion of one dwelling into two flats, demolition of existing extension and construction of single storey extension to southwest elevation with balcony and staircase. Associated alterations to windows and door arrangement and provision of parking and amenity space at the Haydon Hotel.

The council raised no objections to the first three of these applications, but concerns were expressed about the provision of adequate parking space for an additional dwelling at the old Haydon Hotel.

Correspondence

Julie Humes, from NCC Youth Services, gave the Council detailed information on how the grant, awarded by the Parish, has been spent this year. Out of the £2,000 grant £1465.43 had been spent on Youth Club activities in Haydon Bridge by the end of January 2012. With further bills for rent, telephone and internet connections and

cooking sessions at the High School, it is expected that all the grant monies will be spent by the end of the financial year.

NCC Planning Dept will not be consulting the Parish Council in future with regard to applications for tree works in the conservation area.

Inadequate time was given as the reason for this change. It was pointed out that in the past the Council has not been consulted on tree works, but that in future the Council should be informed so it can express a view if necessary.

NCC informed the Council about the Housing Developer Fund for outdoor sports facilities. A considerable sum of money has been ring fenced from this fund for sports provision in Haydon Parish. Groups wishing to improve/develop sports facilities in the Parish should apply to NCC for funding. Deadline for applications are April 27th, July 27th and October 26th.

Further details and application forms are available from Val Knowles, Monitoring and Development Officer at NCC, telephone 01670 533659 or email val.knowles@northumberland.gov.uk

Application forms and information may also be downloaded from www.northumberland.gov.uk/housing_developer_funds.

Following several queries and correspondence with NCC about the provision of a waste bin at the 'old cemetery', the Council was informed that a bin had been provided but placed at St John's Church in error. It is to be moved to the 'old cemetery' and will be emptied fortnightly by NCC.

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**THE HAYDON BRIDGE FLORAL
AND
HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY**

Part 2

Established in 1840, the Haydon Bridge Floral and Horticultural Society went on to organise the foremost annual exhibition of flowers, fruit and vegetables, for amateurs, in the north of England in the nineteenth century.

In February's Haydon News, I traced the society from its inauguration and first show in 1841, to the sixth show held on September 12th 1846.

On Friday and Saturday, **September 3rd and 4th 1847**, the weather at Haydon Bridge was anything but kind and the strong winds of a few days previously had caused much concern to the amateur gardeners of the neighbourhood as they struggled to maintain the blooms of their prize exhibits. Nevertheless, the Haydon Bridge Show continued its run of success and, in spite of the poor weather, the flowers and vegetables exhibited in the pavilion at the Anchor Inn were described as: 'numerous and of superior quality, reflecting great credit upon the exhibitors in the cottagers' class'.

New classes were introduced for the first time in 1847, to encourage younger competitors, and William Walton, and Thomas Sopwith of Allenheads, gave prizes for children under twelve years old who displayed the best bouquet of wild flowers. First and second prizes in this category were won by William Robson and Thomas Temperley.

1847 was also significant in that, for the first time, the Haydon Bridge Show claimed the first Saturday in September as its annual show day, and this date became the most important day on the parish's, and indeed the region's, social calendar for many years to come.

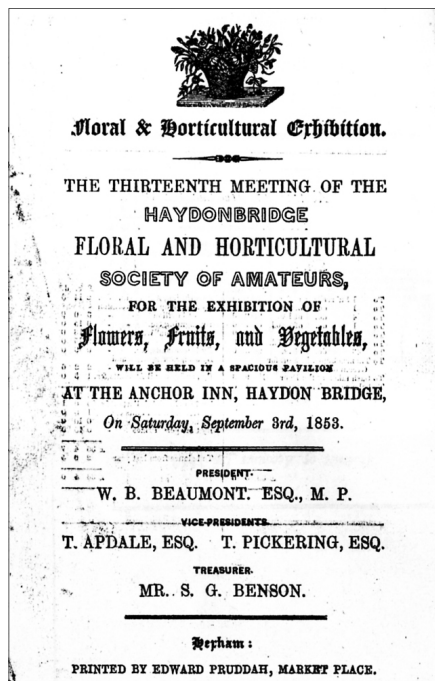
The Haydon Bridge Show on Saturday **September 2nd 1848**, was described in the Newcastle Journal as, 'the best ever Haydon Bridge Show held' in terms of numbers of visitors attending. Thomas Sopwith was chairman of the Society in 1848 and J. Turnbull was vice chairman, and sixty members sat down to a public dinner in the Anchor Inn on the afternoon of Saturday September 2nd. New classes in 1848 included the

best collection of mosses won by John Urwin (Jun.) and William Robson, and a prize presented by Mrs Davison of Ridley Hall to James Scott for the best collection of ferns.

For the show of **September 8th 1849**, John Harle of the Mill Hills was appointed chairman, and the first classes for 'Greenhouse Plants' appear on the schedule, with a first prize of ten shillings provided by Thomas Sopwith.

I have no doubt that the tenth anniversary of the Haydon Bridge Show, held on Saturday September 7th 1850, was celebrated with great enthusiasm in the parish, and the officials and committee members who had held office during the decade since the inauguration of the Society must have been very proud of their achievements.

I wonder whether there are any dusty schedules for this important tenth exhibition of the Haydon Bridge Floral and Horticultural Society show, lying forgotten in a drawer somewhere; it would be wonderful to find one. Until we do, however, it seems that my own copy of the thirteenth show schedule of **September 3rd 1853**, may be the earliest available.



Sight of the 1853 schedule is especially important in recording the history of the Haydon Bridge Show as, for the first time, it provides the original given name of the institution: 'THE FLORAL AND HORTICULTURAL

SOCIETY OF HAYDON BRIDGE AND ITS VICINITY'.

The schedule also lists those residents who made up the Society's committee, some of whom served during the Society's earlier years, and even the inaugural years of 1840/41.

Can your ancestors take credit for the early development of what became a remarkable Haydon Bridge institution?

Committee and officials for 1853:

President: W.B. Beaumont.

Vice Presidents: T. Pickering.

T. Apedaile.

Secretaries: Edward Armstrong (Jun). Mathew Cowing.

Treasurer: S.G. Benson.

Committee Members:

J.E. Armstrong. Ralph Temperley. William Robson. John Temperley. George Langhorn. William Walton. William Davison. Stephen Watson. Thomas Coates. Thomas Coulson. John Walton. George Cowing. Thomas Pearson. M. Hetherington. E. Armstrong (Sen). William Wear. William Hedley. Walter Johnson. Robert Elliott. Thomas Cook (Jun). Thomas Urwin. Henry Cunningham.

In 1853, prizes for flowers, fruit and vegetables were awarded in the following classes:

First Class:

Open to Nurserymen, Gentlemen's Gardeners, Market Gardeners, and Amateurs.

Second Class:

Open to Amateurs only.

Prizes to Cottagers:

-Residing within 4 miles of Haydon Bridge.

-Cottagers residing in the Chapelry of Haydon, and not holding more than Two Chains of Land.

Extra Prizes open to all:

-Best and second best 3 Greenhouse Plants. (For children under 14 years of age).

-Best and second best Collection of Mosses.

-Best and second best Bouquet of Wild Flowers, not exceeding 2 feet high, nor 1 foot broad.

-Best 24 Ears of White Wheat, Red Wheat, Barley and Oats.

The tradition that records social history in verse and song, and has provided such a wealth of material in much of Northumberland, seems largely to have passed Haydon Parish by.

I have done my bit - in a fashion - to

rectify this omission with my own views of recent events in poetry and prose, and I hope others continue to do so, to provide glimpses of our parish's social history for future generations. Little survives from earlier years, however, except for the likes of The Inundation of the Tyne' by J.W. Mulcaster (1771); a 1799 tribute to John Tweddell of Threepwood; a parish Christmas song of 1812 by William Makepeace; a record of the Haydon Hunt's 1892 'Opening Meet' by Isaac Pattison, and Walter Scott's legend of Sewing Shields.

In the circumstances, then, it is good news to come across another Haydon verse, archived in the record offices of Northumberland. It seems that this poem relates to the 1854 show.

While the cast involved, the nuances, and the specific reasons for this piece of derogatory Haydon folklore have been lost over time, it seems that all was not well in 1854, not everyone played by the Haydon Bridge Floral and Horticultural Society rules and, clearly, there were those with an 'axe to grind', hence the title.

THE OBSTRUCTIVE CREW

The Plunderheath Laddie
Barks like a dog,
But for biting comes short
Of old Brawny the hog.

Encounter Old Brawny
That is if you dare,
Who goes about grunting,
At old Wapping square.

The Tanyard Old Magistrate
Concocts the assaults,
Then comes down to Brawny
To shoot off his bolts.

See Peter The Great
To Haltwhistle go,
To threaten exhibitors
Who might come to the show.

He hunts and sneaks
Till he finds whom he wants,
Then vows total destruction
To all their pot plants.

The deposed News Room Chief
Quite fails in his object,
For the show is progressing
With a very good prospect.

The Miner, the Tailor,
The Flunkey man too,
These form a part of
The Obstructive Crew.

Brawny's son Joe,
To Corbridge proceeded,
And nipped some potatoes
Of a sort which he needed.

Thought he to himself,
If I could but play so,
And get safely off home,
I can say "Well done Joe".

But the owner had watched him
'Till out of the Show,
Then, with threats of the Police,
Up to him did go.

Of course Joe denied it,
And began to expound,
But on searching his pockets,
The potatoes they found.

Then the Miner shows grapes,
And says "Yes they are mine",
But then Mr Miner,
You haven't a vine.

The Magistrate goes off
To Hexham so bold,
With honest intentions
We have often been told.

He opens his hamper of
Things he's selected,
Then receives from his fellows
The things he's neglected.

Then there is the Flunkey
Whom I shall pass,
For he is as stupid
As any old ass.

But Brawny gets loose
With no ring in his nose,
And turns up the earth,
The gas pipe to expose.

Ah' here comes the Miller
Who agrees with his action
Though he would stand aloof,
But for the cottage attraction.

Brawny raved and he grunted,
His bristles rose high,
A terror to look at,
You dare not go nigh.

If you care to encounter
The old Russian Boar,
You should not go humbly,
To his cottage door.

For should you show fear
To his Lordship, you would find
He would use language
Not quite to your mind.

Research suggests possible names for some of the nineteenth century crew:

-Plunderheath Laddie: Ralph Shipley.

-Old Brawny: John Phillipson. (A shoemaker and probably grandfather of 20th Century Lizzie Phillipson.)

-Tanyard Old Magistrate: Mr. Cairns.

-Tailor: A one legged Mr Northwaite

-Flunkey: Co-op Butcher Mr Paxton.

-Miller: Mr Pigg.

-Deposed News Room Chief: John Urwin. (Also sold fishing tackle in the Railway Hotel corner shop.)

-Peter The Great: Peter Scott. (Lived in Park Cottage.)

Are there any readers who can add more detail to this story?

This nineteenth century verse suggests that there were those competitors who did not adhere to Rule 4 of the Society:

Rule 4 - The exhibitors shall sign a declaration that the productions they exhibit for prizes are (bona fide) their own growth, and have been in their possession at least two months previous to the day of the show

It seems that one hundred years later nothing had changed and those living today, with memories of the 1950s Haydon Bridge Shows, recall certain upstanding members of the Haydon community surreptitiously selecting the best Co-op apples and Tot Barron's best dropped scones, from his John Martin Street bakery, to use as their exhibits!

In spite of the 'Obstructive Crew', the 1854 Haydon Bridge Show, on an 'exceedingly fine' September 1st, proved to be the best ever held by the Society, where the Haydon Bridge Union Band contributed greatly to the day.

In 1857, a special prize was given by Thomas Apedaile of 'Bank House' for products from California Gardens, as a stimulant for the improvement of cottage gardens, and the show built upon its early success. The pavilion, erected each year in the yard of the Anchor Inn, was the scene of great excitement on the first Saturday of every September and the Newcastle and Carlisle Railway Co., continued to provide concessionary fares to and from Haydon Bridge for the day. On Saturday September 6th **1862** the Haydon Bridge Sax-Horn Band, under the leadership of Mr Brown was in attendance for the Society's twenty second annual meeting and a number of local dignitaries were reported as having attended, including: The Rev W. Swan, Dr. Callendar, Bacon Grey of Staward, Mrs Davison (Ridley Hall), Mrs Routledge (Croft Cottage), Mrs Benson (Allerwash), Mr & Mrs Henderson (East Land Ends), Joe Dinning (Langley), S.G. Benson (Woodhall), Mr Johnson (Nubbock), Misses Hetherington (Esp Hill), Misses Hall (Mill Hills), Misses Woodman

(Grindon Hill), Mr Cowing (Moralee), and Mr G. Cowing of the Low Hall.

Saturday September 2nd 1865 was the twenty fifth exhibition of the Annual Haydon Bridge Show and it seems that this exhibition, the show's Silver Jubilee, was held in a marquee in a field near the Anchor Inn. A field kindly loaned for the occasion by Mr G. Cowing of Low Hall. - Probably the field between the River Tyne and the houses that were built in 1888 and are known today as 'Elliott's Buildings'.

The main exhibitors, on the occasion of the show's Silver Jubilee, were Mr Dinning (Langley), George Longhorn (East Mill Hills) and R. Thompson of Haydon Bridge.

The most successful exhibitors were: John Urwin (14 prizes), Mr Charlton of Ovingham (10 prizes), Joseph Turnbull, Peter Scott and George Scott of Haydon Bridge, Ralph Shipley of Plunderheath and John Craig of Catton.

The first prizes for White Wheat, Red Wheat, and Oats and Barley were awarded to: J. Harle (West Mill Hills), Mr A. Cowing (Low Moralee) and Mr T. Lambert (Elrington Hall).

The judges were: Mr Charlton (Unthank Hall), Mr Petch (Whitfield Hall) and Mr Little (Woodhall Mill).

The Rev Sisson presided at the society's usual evening dinner, for guests and their members, at the Anchor Inn.

The committee's decision in 1865 to move from the Anchor Inn yard to the field nearby is significant in the show's history signalling, as it did, plans to cope with the increasing number of visitors arriving from outside the parish for show day.

From its early days in the Black Bull, from 1841, the Haydon Bridge Show was becoming established as one of the regional events of the year.

To be continued

SORRY!

In the delivered issue of February's Haydon News (Page 8) I included a photograph and the names of the children who switched on the Christmas lights at Haydon Bridge. I named two of the children incorrectly as Sheila Taylor and Charlotte Robinson. In fact, the names of the five Shaftoe Trust School pupils chosen for the 'Lights On' event were; **Stella** Taylor, **Charlotte Roberts**, Evie Newman, Lily Newman and Simon Charnock.

DT

Lancashire
January 2012

Dear Editors,
Elaine Barbara Robinson.

This is a bit of a peculiar request, but I wondered if any of your readers know of any information of the above lady. I am asking this question for an old neighbour of mine Mr. Carl Barry. Carl is in his nineties now and is unable to get out.

Elaine was a girlfriend of Carl's in about 1963, and he has found all the letters that he wrote to her during their relationship. He evidently asked for them back, when the relationship ended. Carl cannot remember why the relationship ended, but he remembers that her father, in particular, did not approve. Carl was much older than Elaine.

Carl really is wondering what happened to Elaine. He has assumed that she would have married, the above name was her maiden name. The only other information that he can remember is that she had a sister called Christine, and also a brother. They lived in Haydon Bridge and she went to Bedford College in London to study Biology.

I realise that the above lady, might not want any contact with Carl and that would be understood, but he would be grateful if anyone feels able to help.

Kind Regards.

Jean Ullman.

January 2012

Dear Editors,
Thomas Pearson.

I am desperately trying to ascertain the maiden name of the wife of Thomas Pearson, born 1812 in Haydon Bridge. Thomas's wife, Elizabeth was born around 1812 in the West Indies. I know you have mentioned Thomas Pearson and his son Thomas Robert Pearson in your articles and just wondered if you have any information on Elizabeth.

I assume that Thomas must have met his wife in the West Indies and wonder if there is a record of any Wesleyan Chapel marriages overseas?

If you or any of your readers are able to help I'd be very grateful.

Mrs Gene O'Halloran

Any information on either request, to the editors in the first instance please.

Dear Editors,
I thoroughly enjoyed the first article re the Haydon Bridge Show (HN February 2012) - I remember the shows well, as my father was a very keen gardener and won many prizes, especially with chrysanthemums. The following poem of mine seems to fit in with the 'non runners' of the Show!!

GARDENER'S LAMENT

The soil I tend with loving care
And sow all kinds of seeds
But something eats most of them
For all I get is weeds

Now, if I miss but one lone day
Because of wind or rain
You can see that I have missed it
Yes - the weeds are back again

Those tall and lovely hollyhocks
Should reach up to the sky
Unfortunately in my case
They only reach knee high

Tomatoes grow so easily
At least so I've been told
But the only thing that mine grow
Is a deadly form of mould

Some lettuce once I tried to grow
Surrounded by a pot
But even that did not prevail
A rabbit got the lot

My apple tree with blossom glows
A truly georgeous sight
But when the autumn comes around
Not an apple is in sight

I used to move my plants around
In a carriage made of steel
But even that is useless now
My barrow's lost it's wheel

A lawn should be a pleasure
But mine is full of bumps
And grass that should be verdant
Will only grow in lumps

But, even then it got much worse
And gave me quite the hump
A mole had got beneath it
And heaved up a mighty lump

One day as I walked up my path
I quickly smelled a rat
The stench was something awful
Yes of course - it's next door's cat

No matter how I strive and strain
Disaster's what I got
So now I've solved the problem
I've concreted all the lot

So now I am a happy man
And in sunshine or in rain
I can wander round my garden
And not suffer any pain.

William Veitch

‘CONGRATULATIONS’ 100 YEARS

While those down south bemoan an inch or two of snow and their world stops turning, as I pass the site of the old Langley Mills and the Carts Bog on my way to Staward Manor, the early morning frost that sparkles on the rough pasture on either side of the A686, under a cloudless blue sky and bright sunshine, is beautiful to behold. You will not find me disagreeing with the views of the owner of the historic dwelling to which I’m bound, that: “Northumberland is the finest county you could wish for.”

My visit to Staward Manor is to meet its owner and occupier Colonel Michael Bell, to offer belated congratulations on behalf of the Haydon News, on his 100th birthday.

Colonel Bell’s delight, at everything Northumbrian and his life shared with the people and the places in our locality, is immediately apparent to anyone fortunate enough to spend time in his most enjoyable company.

Born at Broomhouse near Morpeth on July 30th 1911,

Michael Allgood Bell spent his early years at Nunwick, with his grandparents, before going to Sandhurst for eighteen months and then joining the Highland Light Infantry as a young officer in 1932.

Colonel Bell’s reminiscences of his army days are fascinating and told with such good humour. Maybe, sometime in the future, he will share those experiences with us through the columns of the Haydon News; this month, however, I will concentrate on just a few of the memories of his fifty eight years spent in our parish, at Staward Manor.

Married in 1938, Colonel Bell, his wife Pat and children Timothy and Patrick moved to Staward from Blindburn near Wark in 1954 renting the property and seventeen acres of land, along with shooting rights, from Sir Percy Lorraine, eventually persuading him to sell.

The listed building, Staward Manor, or Low Staward as it was known in its earlier days, has an interesting history. In 1664, George Bacon, who made a fortune through his lead-mining interests, purchased the estate and what was then a bastle. Bacon extended the bastle in 1668 and in 1715, James Radcliffe, the 3rd Earl of Derwentwater, and his brother Charles took refuge there when fleeing from their pursuers. Later, between 1835 and 1840, the east end of the building was added to the

original structures and it became largely as it is today.

Colonel Bell’s army career restricted the time he could spend at Staward and he gives his wife Pat much of the credit for making the ‘Manor’ a home for the family when they moved in. In 1961, after three decades of service, he left the army and explains:

“I was thrilled to leave the army after thirty years. I’ve so many friends and relations in Northumberland I was always longing to come back to get settled here. On my retirement I rented ‘Burnlaw’, a small farm on the Whitfield estate. That, I enjoyed very much. It wasn’t a big farm, too small to really make a complete living off, but it was a kind of retirement occupation.”

Maintaining ‘Burnlaw’, and Staward Manor with its beautiful south facing aspect and fine gardens, and not least his pursuit of field sports, means that Colonel Bell has led a full and active life since leaving the army. There have, however, been two great sadnesses during his time at Staward. The first was the death of his wife Pat in 1992, followed by the death of their youngest son Patrick in an accident with the College Valley Hunt in 1994.

Colonel Bell’s wife and son are both buried at Haydon Old Church, a place of which he speaks with some feeling:

“I have a great affection for Haydon Old Church. I love it. I enjoy the services there once a month in the summer and we take a trimmer and tidy around the graves twice a year. When we first came here, Harry Nichol was very keen on the Old Church and insisted that we have a service there once a week in the winter, which was extremely cold.”

Winter services eventually stopped, but the temperature in the church did cause an upset with the Rev. Alec Benniams when he was Vicar.

“I don’t think Mr. Benniams liked the Old Church very much, and one day after I put an advert in the Hexham Courant for a Harvest Thanksgiving Service that attracted a full congregation, he said: ‘Well! What are you all doing here. Why don’t you attend the warm church at Haydon Bridge?’ I was rather annoyed.

It is very good that the Nichol and Milford families are interested in the church at Haydon; and, by the way, the new gates are very nice indeed.”

Colonel Bell continues to attend services at Haydon Church and at St Cuthbert’s Haydon Bridge, every Sunday.

Hunting has been one of Colonel Bell’s passions during his life:

“I did have some days hunting with the Haydon, when Harry Nichol was Master, but usually I followed the Tynedale. You see, I have great affinity with the Tynedale as my grandfather was Master he pretty well started it. My grandfather was born one hundred years before me, in 1811.”

Fishing and shooting are two other passions:

“I don’t shoot now, although I still fish and I had a great event at Wark on September 3rd. I’ll not forget that date. One hundred years old and I caught a salmon! That was great.”

“Having caught a fish, at one hundred, Mr Blackett Ord at Whitfield said I must shoot a grouse. I said, ‘I can’t see. It’s no good’. But Mr Blackett Ord got about twelve drivers and a man in the butt who kept saying, ‘There...there... there...’ and I kept saying, ‘I can’t see... I can’t see....’ Eventually though, one very unlucky grouse was shot !”

A third thing Colonel Bell has done since his one hundredth birthday, which has pleased him a lot, was to give away his granddaughter in marriage.

Over the years, the Bell family have raised a considerable amount of money for the Red Cross, as supporters of the open garden scheme at Staward Manor where Colonel Bell tended to the vegetables and his wife Pat the flowers. It is a relatively small garden and yet on one occasion visitors contributed £1,900.

Colonel Bell tells me he is not a “pub man”, in that it doesn’t appeal to him to go to a pub on his own; even though he does enjoy company and beer and loves to go to the Carts Bog if there is a special reason. His early memories of the Carts Bog are related with much humour.

“It sure has changed over the years. Old George Dodd was the first landlord my family and I knew. My two boys, they loved him. they used to shout, ‘Howay canny man’ at him and always got a friendly response. Of course, he had a cow byre where the dining area is now.”

George Dodd had six cows at the Carts Bog, and Colonel Bell’s family bought their milk from there for fifteen years or

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Colonel Michael Bell : continued from page 7

more. It seems to me that George Dodd's milk has done Colonel Bell no harm at all.

"George Dodd was a great character, we loved him very much. He was a huge man and Timothy went in once and George was sitting down to his lunch, and he was eating a whole hare. You know, a whole hare spread out in front of him. They were a very nice couple. But then of course, the Carts Bog was only a pub."

It will be no surprise that I asked Colonel Bell to what he attributed his longevity.

"Everyone asks that. I like a good shot of whisky at night, otherwise, I have always taken as much exercise as I could. Another important thing about old age is to have friends. I've got so many friends, I'm very lucky. I have a lot of young friends and that's very important. I'm very grateful to them all. A further thing is that I think the Haydon Bridge Health Centre here is wonderful, and they look after me so well."

Colonel Bell's 100th birthday was celebrated on a beautiful day on July 30th 2011, in a garden marquee at Staward. It was shared with sixty four of his family, relations and friends; and he received a card from the Queen, of which he is very proud.

One of Colonel Bell's favourite cards, however, was from the Duke of Northumberland. He told me:

"I don't know how he knew it was my hundredth birthday, but he wrote":

'Your present is swimming about in the North Tyne. If you care to try and collect it let me know.'

"And I got it! ... On the third of September 2011 !"



**Congratulations to
Colonel Michael Allgood Bell,
who celebrated his 100th birthday
on July 30th 2011.**

Unless someone knows differently, I believe that Colonel Michael Bell may be the first long time resident of our parish, to celebrate one hundred years of age. More about that next month!



IRISH DANCING ROCKS HAYDON BRIDGE

Haydon Bridge was treated to a special performance of Irish dance on Saturday January 14th 2012. A packed Community Centre of all ages, from grandparents to

babies, turned out to watch the dancers from the Hannon Murphy School of Irish Dance go through their vibrant and entertaining dance routines.

Especially wonderful to see were the many aspirant young dancers, some only three years old, entertaining the crowd, and also the fact that some of the dancers were from the village.

Several of the dancers will be participating in international competitions during the year and everyone wished them well.

Aron Mazel



An enthusiastic audience in the Haydon Bridge Community Centre

TWELVE HOURS OF FIVE-A-SIDE

David Edwards, Rees Edwards, Tony Jenkins, John Alder, Chad Alder, Lee Lowdon, Michael Charlton, Philip Sim and Joe Thornhill kicked off a twelve hour five-a-side tournament at Low Hall Park at 8.00am on Saturday February 18th. The event was suggested by Haydon Bridge under 16 player Oliver Iley, who lives at Henshaw, and proceeds through sponsorship and donations will be shared between HBUFC and support for the proposed Henshaw/Bardon Mill Community Hall.

Thanks to all who supported this successful event.



Seven of the young footballers who took part in the tournament. Left to right: Will Thornhill, Iona Burville, Shay Dickinson, Jamie Connor, James Hare, Charlie Connor, Hamish Carney.

A VIEW FROM UP THERE

John Harrison

My wife and I were in a large supermarket the other day and were having one of those husband-wife conversations when I suddenly became aware of a notice on the door nearby which said "This Door is Alarmed". I have heard of the expression "walls have ears" but I didn't realise that this included doors, and I wonder what aspect of our conversation caused the alarm. You have been warned – watch what you say next time you are shopping.

The winter weather has certainly not been a cause for alarm so far. January brought what we should expect of a winter month with a mixture of colder and milder spells, and was dominated by westerly airflow until the last few days. The first twelve days were generally mild with periods of rain and drizzle. Some of the rain was heavy at times, especially late on the 4th when it was accompanied by winds gusting to storm force, continuing the windy theme which seems to have been a recurrent characteristic of the weather since September 2011. With rising pressure came clearer skies and the morning of the 13th heralded the start of a much colder spell which lasted until the end of the month, with a few milder interludes. There were particularly heavy overnight frosts between the 14th and 17th and in the damp and relatively calm air there were very picturesque deposits of hoar frost (*see below*). The wind increased again on the 19th which brought blustery showers. In the colder air these began to fall as hail, sleet and snow but amounts were never sufficient to lie on the surface, except on higher ground above 300m. As high pressure became established over northern Scandinavia the UK was brought into a cold continental easterly airflow from the 29th. This air was cold and dry at source but developed stratus cloud as it crossed the North Sea bringing cold and very murky weather with a light dusting of snow. The rainfall total for the month was less than 50% of the long-term average.

Over the short spell of a few weeks, including the early days of February, we have experienced all three of the major forms of frost. We are familiar with dew, which is a result of the condensation of the water vapour in the shallow layer of air near to the ground – the correct expression is dew **fall**. If this process takes place when the temperature of condensation (the dew-point) is below freezing the water vapour condenses as translucent white ice crystals, which is called *hoar frost*. If the air above the ground is very dry there is no deposition of ice on the surface and although the temperature may be many degrees below freezing there is little sign of this – I call this *dry frost*. The danger here is when there is a patch of dampness, in a road for example, this freezes without showing the whiteness of hoar frost – this referred to as black ice and can be lethal on roads. If light rain falls onto such a cold surface it will freeze immediately which results in the formation of a layer of clear ice, called *glaze*. Apart from making surfaces very slippery the accumulation of ice on overhead wires can cause a great deal of damage.

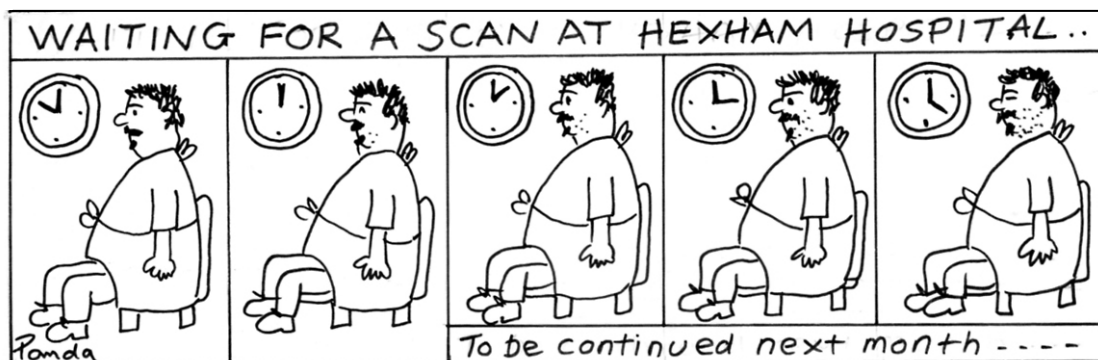
Monthly Weather Summary (Haydon Bridge : Height 162m asl)

Month	Average Maximum Temperature (Daytime) Deg C	Relative to long-term average degC	Average Minimum Temperature (Night-time) Deg C	Relative to long-term average degC	Rainfall mm	Percentage of long-term average
January 2012	6.5	+0.6	1.0	-0.6	48.6	48

And finally a word about health – I have it good authority (actually from Gladys) that as they were leaving the Garden of Eden, having been thrown out by God, Adam apparently turned to Eve and said "You and your ***** vitamin C !!"

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

THE
GENERAL HAVELOCK
SUPPORTS
'HELP FOR HEROES'
WITH A QUIZ
ON
TUESDAY MARCH 6th
AT 8.15pm
Quiz Master
John Harrison
All welcome



We continue our series of articles on those individuals who died in the Great War.

The biographies are published chronologically and the thirteenth and fourteenth casualties, in 1916, were brothers:

Edgar Kirton and Mathew Kirton

(13) Edgar Kirton



Edgar's older brother, Lance Corporal Matthew Kirton, 8th Battalion, Canadian Infantry (Manitoba Regiment), died four days later on 11th September 1916, aged 26 years. (see below)

Edgar served as Private, 467509, 8th Battalion, Canadian Infantry (Manitoba Regiment).

He died on 7th September 1916, aged 21.

Born in Lemington on 4th January 1895, he was one of six children of Thomas and Mary Kirton (nee Anderson).

His father had managed a local quarry but the family emigrated to Canada in 1909.

Employed as a clerk he enlisted on 22nd November 1915 in Edmonton, Alberta.

Edgar arrived in France on 19th June 1916.

He was wounded by shrapnel on 22nd July 1916 he returned to his unit three days later.

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.



Edgar has no known grave and is, therefore, as a member of the Canadian Forces, commemorated on the Vimy Memorial in France.



(14) Mathew Kirton



Photographs of Edgar and Mathew Kirton, courtesy of Haydon Bridge Community Centre

Matthew served as Lance Corporal, 467424, 8th Battalion, Canadian Infantry (Manitoba Regiment).

He died on 11th September 1916, aged 26.

Born in Newburn on 2nd September 1890, he was one of six children of Thomas and Mary Kirton (nee Anderson).

His father had managed a local quarry but the family emigrated to Canada in 1909.

Employed as a travelling auditor for the Canadian National Railway, Mathew enlisted on 9th October 1915 in Edmonton, Alberta and arrived in France on 19th June 1916. Promoted to Lance Corporal in the field on 31st August 1916, he died at a casualty clearing station from wounds received in action.

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



Matthew is buried in grave II.H.1 in Warloy-Baillon Communal Cemetery.



If you have any information relating to Edgar or Mathew Kirton, 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.

**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
and at the door

*A hot supper will be served by Langley Castle
kitchens from 6.30pm onwards
Booking not required. Cost £7.00*

JOHN MARTIN
HERITAGE FESTIVAL
MARCH 2011-SUMMER 2012



Get It Together Society

The GITS had a very busy meeting at the end of January and it was great to see some new faces there. Lots of event ideas were discussed to raise funds for the village so that we can have more big 'get togethers' like Bridgestock in 2010. The plan is to do Bridgestock 2012 in September. The first event will be an Easter Craft Day on Saturday 31st March. There'll be lots of fun activities followed by an Easter Egg hunt. Watch out for posters with more details nearer the time.

The Queen celebrates her Diamond Jubilee in June so the plan is to have a STREET PARTY. The Parish Council have a bit of money set aside so the GITS are going to help organise it but we need

A LOT OF VOLUNTEERS.

There will be a public meeting on
Wednesday, March 14th at 7.45pm in the
Community Centre

Please come along to offer your support and ideas.

Easter Eggstravaganza Craft Day

organised by the GITS
31st March 10.30am
at Haydon Bridge Community Centre at 10.30am
details are being finalised for this event
Look out for the posters

Haydon Bridge Development Trust

Oil buying co-operative news

At the time of writing we have almost 80 households on the list and more arriving daily. The Courant article drew in a lot of interest. Bardon Mill and Hexhamshire are also getting going with their own versions too.

Anyone who has not heard from me in response to their expression of interest should try again as a non-response means that your message has not got to me. My apologies for a slow response to the messages left at the library.

Interest in diesel remains muted. Don't forget that you need a suitably specified and installed tank for diesel and it is not a good idea to store modern diesel fuel for very long either.

Our next order will be end of March and early April – unless there is an overwhelming tide of demand before.

Any questions, any time – just ask.

Steve Ford

fuel@haydon-bridge.co.uk

01434 688922



CORRESPONDENCE

REDUCTION TO THE LOCAL BUS SERVICE.

Dear Mike and Dennis,

Unless I've missed it, there does not appear to have been any comment in the Haydon News about the downgrading of the 685 bus service that happened on Oct 30th 2011. Of course it might be that you don't need the service but those of us who relied on the service are faced with a problem.

The last bus from Newcastle to Haydon Bridge now leaves Newcastle at 18.45 Monday-Saturday and in the guise of the 85 leaves Newcastle at 17.33 on Sunday.

From Hexham on Monday -Saturday the last bus leaves at 19.41 and on Sunday at 18.43.

This is a considerable reduction in the service. Previously the last bus from Newcastle left at 21.45 with the Hexham bus leaving for Haydon Bridge around 22.30. The service between Carlisle and Haydon Bridge are much less affected.

The effect of this is to make a night out in Newcastle or Hexham extremely difficult and costly.

The alternative train service is useful; but from Newcastle the last weekday train is 21.18, which is very limiting, although the 21.57 from Hexham for Haydon Bridge is some use.

It seems to me that the reduction in this service is the thin end of along wedge. Was there any consultation I wonder? After all it's not just Haydon Bridge that is affected, it is all the villages 'en route' to Carlisle and now late night travellers will increasingly have to use their own transport.

Peter Ninnim
Haydon Bridge

Ed. There have also been cuts in the early morning service, affecting people travelling to work in Hexham and beyond.

The Bridge Library

Heritage Archives:

This section of The Bridge is going from strength to strength owing to the number of villagers, who have contributed their old photographs; their old newspapers and their memories. Now, we have begun making up three separate folders about the village; its people and its way of life in days gone by. In addition, there is a steadily increasing number of scanned photographs going into files on the computer. Do come and look at them and see if you can put names to faces that elude us!

Local Studies:

While I am on the subject of our local area, I'd like to apologise to the gentleman, who came into The Bridge recently, hoping to borrow books about the locality. At the time, I could only say that the Local Studies section consisted solely of reference books, which left a very disappointed man! However, since then, improvements have been made and, if the gentleman would like to return, although we still have some shelves of reference books, we also have three shelves dedicated to literature concerning Haydon Bridge and its environs, just longing to be borrowed!

Ancestry.com:

Several updated pieces of technology have come our way over the last few months from the County Library, resulting in the almost inevitable glitches so we have been without one or two popular facilities, for a little while. I'm happy to say that free access to Ancestry.com is now available again to all those with a Northumberland Library card. If you are interested in your family history, this is a wonderful and easy method to begin discovering your roots. For those of you, who have researched before but do so no longer, the 1911 census is now on line (the first time that the census was filled in personally by our ancestors) and access to Probate is another section that can shed light on "lost" family members. Needless to say, Ancestry.com is a global site.

Children's Corner:

It is good to see the increasing number of children, who use The Bridge, and to see their choice of books changing as they grow older. We do tend to stock mostly fiction because of lack of space but in the area of fiction, there is a wide mix of popular books and good quality novels.

Eight youngsters attended the Valentine craft morning during half term, giving them the opportunity to see their friends and change their books over the holiday, as well as return home with the results of the craft session. Mums, who come with their children, have a chance to socialise too.

To end ...

we are hoping to try out a six week taster course on local crafts e.g. proggy mats, knitting, tapestry or whatever you like. Although the date is to be arranged, the first session would be a general discussion about what those interested would like to see happening and we'd go from there, sharing our own knowledge or even talents and generally, just helping each other in a relaxed atmosphere. Keep a look out for more details...

an update on the beginners' IT Course is that we now have a Digital Champion volunteer for Haydon Bridge so things can start moving...there is always a sale of paintings (or sometimes other crafts) on display in The Bridge. This month, the work belongs to local artist, Victoria Holt.

Happy reading...

Just before Christmas we had a call from our friends Mike and Sue Jackson, saying that they'd spotted something on EBay that we might be interested in. We were amazed to see the stone jar pictured here, stamped with the words John Dinning, Scotch Arms Hotel, Haydon Bridge. 8.

Scotch Arms has been our home for the last 25 years, so we had to buy it! The gentleman selling the jar was from Hampshire and he'd come across it in a house clearance. He was delighted that the jar was 'going home'.

We've done some research and there was a John Dinning born in Corbridge in 1819. He married Elizabeth Temperley and they had a son called John Robert Dinning, born in Haydon Bridge in 1854. Both Johns are recorded as living in Haydon Bridge in 1881, 10 years after Scotch Arms was built. If anyone has any more information about John Dinning and why the jar was made with his name on it or if you'd like see the jar give us a call.

John and Pauline Wallis 01434 684061.

SCOTCH ARMS STONE JAR TURNS UP IN HAMPSHIRE



Parish Council Notes continued from page 13.

NCC workmen are to continue to tend the rose bed on Ratcliffe Road although this was omitted from the map showing those areas of the village included in NCC's grass cutting and garden rota. NCC also pointed out that it is under no obligation to cut the grass in the picnic area as this was never part of a service agreement. It will, however, continue to cut the grass in the area as a goodwill gesture.

Following consultation with the cemetery attendant, an additional wheelie bin has been provided at the Langley road cemetery.

A quotation was received for grass cutting at Shaftoe Green and along the road verge at the west end of the village during 2012/13. Total cost £3,335 for the year.

Village Projects

John Martin Heritage.

The Council were informed that the film Avatar is being shown at Langley Castle as part of the Heritage Project (see notice on page 11). Further photography courses and a second Industrial Heritage Day are being organised and will most likely take place in April/May. These sessions were particularly well received when run last year and repeat sessions requested.

The Bridge Library.

The Council was told that Pat Snowdon, one of the Library volunteers, is to write a regular article in the Haydon News to keep people informed about events at The Bridge (see page 12). A meeting between the library volunteers and local businesses has been arranged at the Anchor Hotel on March 13th at 7.00pm to promote the visitor information facilities at The Bridge.

AoB

A public meeting about the Parish Jubilee Celebrations has been organised (See notice on page 11).

It was suggested that the money set aside by the PC for the Spa Well area be used to improve the entrance to the Spa Well, and provide a new sign to mark the Queen's Jubilee.

Plans for extensions to the cemetery and the creation of a woodland burial site were received. 3 quotations are to be sought for this work.

Next meeting will be on March 22nd, 7.30pm at the Community Centre.

MP

CLAIRE'S NEWSAGENTS WILL BE CLOSED ON MARCH 5th & 6th, DURING WORK TO COMPLETE THE SHOP EXTENSION INTO THE OLD BANK BUILDING. CLAIRE'S WILL BE TRADING FROM ST CUTHBERT'S CHURCH ENTRANCE DURING THE CLOSURE.

TV DIGITAL SWITCH OVER INFORMATION 'DROP IN' CLINICS *for viewers of local relay transmitters.*

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE DIGITAL SWITCH OVER

**'DROP IN' ON MAY 30th 2.00pm-5.00pm
at HAYDON BRIDGE COMMUNITY CENTRE.**
digital.co.uk 08456 50 50 50

Haydon Bridge Pharmacy Update

Could you be deficient in Vitamin D?

Following stories in the press this month concerning vitamin D deficiency we have had a number of enquiries in the pharmacy about Vitamin D. I thought I would use this opportunity to let you know a bit more about Vitamin D.

What is Vitamin D and how do we get it?

Vitamin D is a fat soluble vitamin that we mainly get from the sun. You need exposure to the sun for at least 15 minutes three times a week to enable your skin to make sufficient Vitamin D. Our modern indoor life styles and the need to be safe in the sun to protect from skin cancer has resulted in 15% of 19-64 year olds being deficient in Vitamin D.

Other sources of Vitamin D include oily fish, eggs, powdered milk and fortified breakfast cereals and margarines.

What happens if we are deficient in Vitamin D?

Not getting enough Vitamin D can lead to:

- Rickets
- increased chances of certain cancers e.g. breast, bowel and prostate cancer
- heart disease
- links to sudden death syndrome in infants

Who does the department of health advise to take vitamin D supplements?

Children aged six months to five years; all pregnant and breast feeding women; people over 65 years of age; people who are not exposed to much sun; people with darker skins e.g. African, Caribbean and South Asian

How do I get vitamin D supplements?

Vitamin D is available in the pharmacy in combination with other vitamins and minerals.

The Healthy Start scheme provides vitamin supplements to children whose parents are on income support, job seekers allowance or child tax credits. The Healthy Start scheme also provides vitamins to all pregnant women who are under 18 years of age.

TM

MAJOR REFURBISHMENT FOR CO-OP STORE.

Haydon Bridge Co-operative Store is to undergo a major refurbishment in late May/early June. The cost of the refurbishment will be significant and will transform the shop in terms of how it looks and what it sells.

The Store will be closed for approximately 1 week while all refurbishment work is carried out. Plans are yet to be finalised, but the current proposals are very exciting and something that we are looking forward to delivering to the village.

Some notable improvements include an external ATM (cash machine), an increased range of products and a larger selection of fresh foods.

If customers have any questions about the refurbishment please feel free to call into the store and speak to either Kevin O'Reagan or Kerry Parker.

Further updates will be published in the Store, and in the Haydon News, as and when details are finalised.

CHURCH PAGE

CLERGY MESSAGE

from

Judith Hampson

This is the time of year when the daylight returns. As we crawl out of our winter dens we can begin to let the sunshine in. In my house this is a gruesome sight as the light shows all the dirt and dust that has accumulated in the corners during the dark days of winter.

Now is the time to inspect all the nooks and crannies, making a list of all the jobs that need to be done to make the place spic and span.

At Saint Cuthbert's we are taking a hard look at our church. There is much to be done and we know we cannot do it by ourselves which is why we are holding a special service on Palm Sunday. It may be All Fool's Day but this is no joke. We who care for your Parish Church would be extremely stupid if we ignored the things that need doing. The church always has a spring clean during Lent - both physical and spiritual.

If you care about your Parish Church and its future then please come along. And listen to the presentation, "Your Church - Its Future"

Judith Hampson

**HAYDON BRIDGE
SAINT CUTHBERT'S**

on

Sunday, 11th March at 10.00am

Parish Communion with

Bishop Frank White

(Assistant Bishop of Newcastle)

PLEASE JOIN US

**HAYDON BRIDGE
SAINT CUTHBERT'S**

PLEASE JOIN US

on

Sunday, 1st April at 11.00am

For a special service

'Your Church - Its Future'

Refreshments

All Welcome

**MARCH
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

Women's World Day of Prayer

Friday, 2nd March
2.00pm at Methodist Church,
Haydon Bridge
Speaker
Margaret Gazzani

"Let Justice Prevail"

**Churches Together in
Haydon Bridge
Lent Course**

At the Methodist Church

Starting Tuesday, 28th Feb at 7pm
(and each Tuesday in March)

Quiz with Pie and Pea Supper
Wednesday, 21st March 7.15 pm at the
Methodist Church
Tickets £5
Quizmaster John Harrison

**METHODIST CHURCH
SERVICES**

4th March

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

11th March

10.00am Family Service
Rev Les Hann
6.00pm Evening Worship
Rev John Harrison

18th March

10.00am Morning Worship
Patrick Eavis
6.00pm Communion
Rev Les Hann

25th March

10.00am Morning Worship
Graham Wilson
6.00pm Praise Evening
Diane Wallace (Alston)

Messy Church

**14th March at 3.30pm
at the Methodist Church
come along and bring your
friends**

**BELTINGHAM/HENSHAW
CHURCH SERVICES**

4th March

Beltingham
9.30am BCP Communion

11th March

*10.00am Joint Service at
Haydon Bridge with
Bishop Frank White*

18th March

Beltingham
9.30am Mothering Sunday

25th March

Henshaw
10.00am Joint Service

1st April

Henshaw
9.30am BCP Communion
PALM SUNDAY

**HAYDON OLD CHURCH
SERVICES**

29th April

6.00pm Evensong

**DON'T FORGET CLOCKS GO
FORWARD ON SUNDAY,
25th MARCH AT 1.00am**

**ST JOHN OF BEVERLEY
CHURCH SERVICES**

Mass each Sunday at 9.30am at
St John's

Mass each Sunday at 11.00am at
Haltwhistle

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

**ST CUTHBERT'S CHURCH
SERVICES**

4th March

11.00am BCP Communion

11th March Ash Wednesday

10.00am Joint Service with Bishop
Frank White

18th March

11.00am Mothering Sunday

25th March

*10.00am Joint Service at
Henshaw*

1st April

11.00am Palm Sunday
Special Service

**Concert by Shaftoe Chorale, Friday 30th March 7.30 pm at the
Methodist Church. Tickets £5 Includes buffet supper**

Haydon Bridge High School March 2012

In February, a group of students from Haydon Bridge High School and Samuel King's School, took part in a ski-trip. A lot of them were complete beginners but they all did really well. Awards were given out at the end of the week and a gold award was achieved with the recipient only coming two seconds behind the Olympic skiing time set for the slalom. On 23rd February, the Sunshine Panners Steel Band returned from their 16 day trip to Trinidad and Tobago. They go to the Caribbean every 2-3 years, where they are taught by the locals and play at the famous carnivals in February. It sounds like they all had a fantastic time and were happy that there was Wifi in the hotels! More information from them next month when they've all had time to recover and remember what they did!

Coming up on Friday, 16th March is our famous Annual Charity Day. Last year's theme was Heroes and Villains and we raised £1,326.99 for Help for Heroes and the Stroke Association. This year our theme is Best of British and we hope to better last year's total. The charities this year are Josie's Dragonfly and the Meningitis Trust. So don't be surprised if you see the Queen or Winston Churchill walking around Haydon Bridge!

Also this month we have a very special event. Back in October a group of students organised a Talent Show in association with the housing company ISOS, the winners taking part in a final at Durham. However, ISOS have moved the final to our school to be held on Wednesday 14th March. Unfortunately, as there are other schools involved, tickets will be limited. Wish our finalists good luck and I will let you know how they get on.

We also have one of our regular Music Nights coming up on Wednesday 28th March. Come and see some fantastic musical talent at 7.00pm in the school hall. Tickets are £3 and £2 concessions, and are available on the door. Please support our school as much as possible and I will give you more information next month.

Elliott Wallis. Year 12 student

NOTICES & WHAT'S ON?

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

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MEET AT HAYDON BRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL

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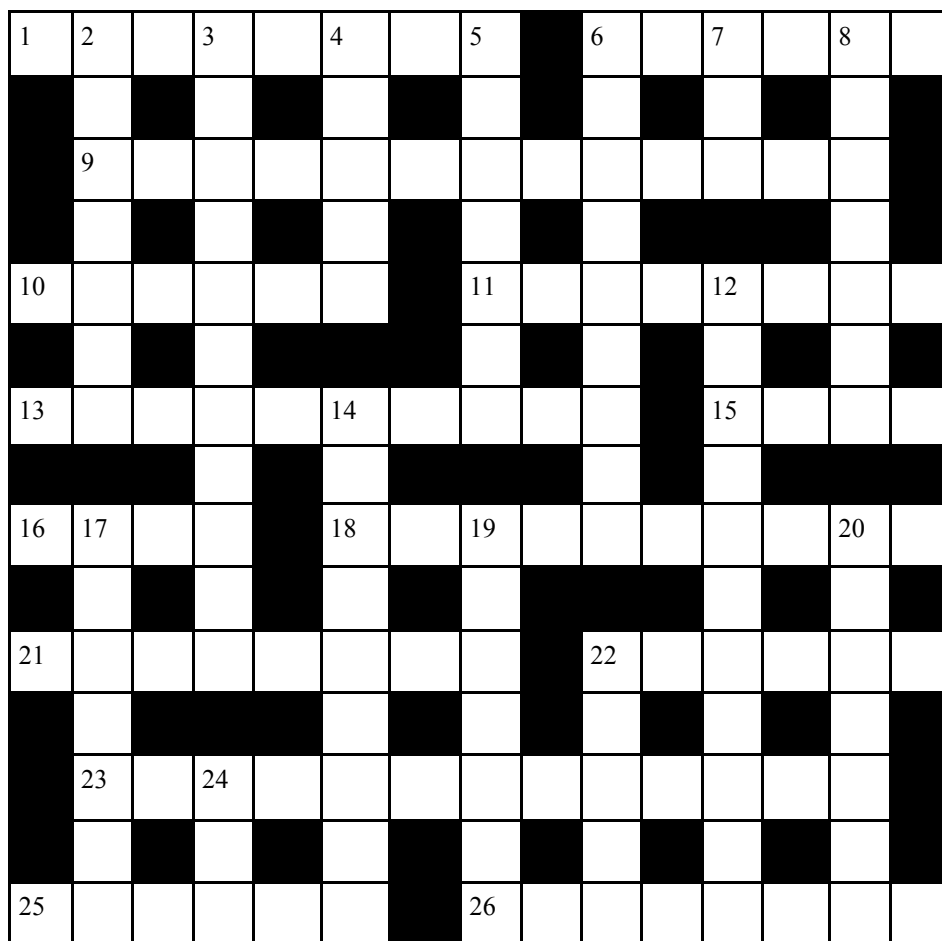
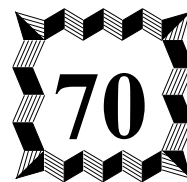
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ACROSS

1. Finish it. A present?(4,2,2)
6. Reply concerning tie.(6)
9. Albert's long ruler.(5,8)
10. Make short work of curtains.(6)
11. Finish it. Give up.(4,2,2)
13. Organ paper.(10)
15. Poison tooth.(4)
16. Rock bottom cipher.(4)
18. Distress face for warning device.
(5,5)
21. Solid water displays by skaters.(8)
22. With reference to type of holiday destination.(6)
23. Bit player. Common but very special.(13)
25. Bug the French used for grinding.(6)
26. Is aware of mixed cress din.(8)

SOLUTIONS TO FEBRUARY'S CROSSWORD. (69)

Across

1. American Flag
8. England
9. Drastic
11. Carrion
12. Extreme
13. Clean
14. Sagacious
16. Microwave
19. Shrub
21. Entreat
23. New Year
24. Spanner
25. Agitate
26. Black and Blue

Down

1. Algarve
2. Evasion
3. Indonesia
4. Andre
5. Frantic
6. Art Deco
7. Beachcombers
10. Cheeseburger
15. Greenland
17. Catcall
18. Oceanic
19. Sawmill
20. Ryedale
22. Tarka

DOWN

2. Need concerning quantity of paper.
(7)
3. Dizzy, ill advised.(11)
4. X church game swimmer.(5)
5. I rip cap angrily relating to guardian of gardens.(7)
6. Constellation network.(9)
7. Shake vessel.(3)
8. Nationality of Mediterranean wall builder.(7)
12. Scottish river, maybe, near to overflowing.(2,4,5)

14. In error CIA donate to deacon's office.(9)

17. Eject old flame in front of Greek island.(7)

19. Guaranteed to be pushy.(7)

20. Finish it? Quite the opposite.
What a to do!(5,2)

22. Pours headless seeds.(5)

24. Small drink for a child.(3)

Extra clue:

All the letters of the alphabet are included in the answers.

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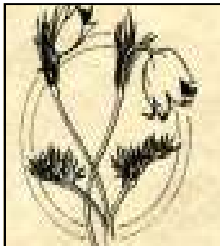
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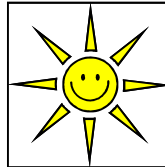
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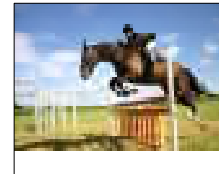
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HAYDON BRIDGE RIVERWATCH GROUP

February already! Time to look back on what we did last year - what a year! – and plan for the year ahead.

Highlights 2011

LOOK NORTH APPEARANCE – The weather was great and the reporter spent a long time understanding the group and project. It was great to get our efforts recognised by the local media.

EVIDENCE OF EFFECTIVENESS

We asked a local botanist to survey the area we've been managing for Himalayan balsam. He found 98 native plant species where previously there was only blanket balsam. Proving we are making a difference.

This news inspired the group to extend our balsam bashing activity- even through a thunderstorm on one occasion. We also helped Tyne Rivers Trust in clearing the top end of the East and West Allen to protect our local work.

STORM DRAIN INVESTIGATIONS

Along with River Watch groups in Corbridge and Stocksfield we have raised-awareness of storm drain pollution issues to the Environment Agency. In our case at the picnic site. **We need your help to report instances of domestic toiletries and waste not washing away from the site.** Please also think about what you flush – it may end up at the feet of a child playing by the river...

RIVER CLEANS

In 2011 we continued waging the war on rubbish and fly tipping with many 'river cleans'. **We remove a lot but could do with more volunteers.**

Fly tipping can cause a health hazard and is ILLEGAL – even tipping of garden waste.

Quite a lot of litter comes from outside the village the A69 gives easy access to some river banks. Litter washes downstream.

MOVING ON TO THIS YEARS PLANS

This is a special year .We have the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Party in June and then the Olympics. We will be in the international spotlight It's time to improve our image - Lets be proud of where we live.

The first three events for 2012 are

River clean /Litter pick Sunday, March 4th 2.00pm - 6.00pm **Meet at the Football Field**

River clean /Litter pick Saturday, March 17th 2.00pm - 6.00pm **Meet at the Picnic Area**

River clean / Litter pick Tuesday, April 3rd 6pm - 8pm **Meet at West Road, by the
Railway Tunnel**

If all you can spare is half an hour we will be pleased to see you.

If you want to help but can't make the event dates, we can supply you with everything needed to do your own bit in your own time.

Reporting A Fly Tip Is Easy : Just phone Northumberland County Council. There is a FREE telephone at the Library or call customer services 08456006400

A Myth Commonly Quoted "You can only take a car boot load of rubbish to the tip!!" Is this why people fly tip!

The truth is there are restrictions but unless you have a huge van or long trailer just phone before 2.00pm and a permit will be posted first class that day You may even get two.

If you are going to the tip and have space for a friend's rubbish be good save them a trip.

Is there someone you know that needs a nudge to do the right thing? Or if you have space in your bin let them use it!!

**What About Water Pollution? Phone the Environment Agency Customer services 0870 850 6506
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