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THE HAYDONIAN GOLF SOCIETY : INAUGURAL EVENT

(Photo Tom Buist)

Members of the Haydonian Golf Society teed off at Stony Holme Golf Course, Carlisle, on Saturday September 22nd.

Left to right: Gavin Duncan, Mathew Gilbertson, Ronnie Youngman Ray Richardson, Craig Stanners, Joyce Gilbertson, John Carr, Joseph Tulip, David Tulip, Alan Barker, Mick Smith

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Just caught the 'Countryfile' long range forecast and
it doesn't look good. Having spent a lovely
afternoon in the garden, catching up with those
autumn 'clear up' jobs, on a day that was rather
better weather-wise than most we had during the
summer, it comes as something of a shock to think,
that by the time you're reading this, we'll be plunged
into a cold spell with the possibility of snow in
Scotland and on the high ground locally. Not that
there's much we can do about that other than wrap
up warm and get on with it.

It strikes me that it's probably a similar scenario
with the proposed changes announced recently in the
organisation of local schools. We have been
informed that consultation is now taking place, but I
am not convinced that it will inform the final
decision. I get the feeling that that decision has
already been made and in reality there's little parents
and other interested bodies can do to influence the
outcome. It's just a matter of getting on with it.
On the other hand, a long drawn out process
wouldn't help the situation as many parents would
opt out, sending their children to neighbouring
schools unaffected by the changes. People don't
care a lot for change, but they care even less for the
anxiety inducing waiting period when nothing is
known for sure. Whatever the outcome the teachers
will do more than cope, they'll ensure the best for
their pupils; most of the children will not turn a hair
as they're used to change (they're still growing and
that involves change almost everyday); and the
parents and other adults will gradually just have to
adapt.

You may have noticed in recent editions of the
Haydon News, and this one is no exception, there
have been several references/short articles relating to
events at the General Havelock Inn. It's not that
we're biased, but one of your editors does, on
occasion, take a drink or two there, and does get to
know what is going to happen. (More than can be
said for the other editor who does on occasion take a
drink at The Railway Hotel and hasn't a clue what is
going to happen!!)

But the message is clear: landlords, local group/club/
society members, local businesses generally, please
let us know what events you're planning and we'll
give it space in the Haydon News.

The GITS have! (See page 15.)

MP

PARISH COUNCIL NOTES from the meeting in October 2012

Public Participation

The meeting opened with a presentation by Geoff Jackson, Chair of Governors of Shaftoe Trust First School, on the current situation at the school following the announcement, by NCC Education Department, of proposed changes to the organisation of schools in the area.

Following an Ofsted Inspection of Allendale Middle School in June 2012, the inspection report, received by the School in September, placed the School in 'Special Measures'. This means that the inspectors found serious weaknesses in the work of the school and called for urgent steps to be taken to rectify the situation. As a result of this, along with other factors, NCC Education Department propose to close the school and reorganise schools in the Allendale and Haydon Bridge Areas into a two tier system with Primary Schools, taking children from 4 years to 11 years, and Haydon Bridge High School taking pupils from 11 years to 18 years. Under these proposals Shaftoe Trust First School would become a Primary School and increase in size with an additional 2 year groups. Ed.

Mr Jackson told the meeting that a public consultation was held at Shaftoe School last Tuesday. There is a 12 week consultation period during which time the school, parents and other interested bodies can make their views known to NCC Education Officers. The School's Governing Body does not have set views on the proposals but are open to respond as reflected by the majority view expressed during the consultation process. He said that the Governors had a strong sense of the issues facing Allendale Middle School.

Mr Jackson went on to say that there was adequate room within the present Shaftoe School buildings to accommodate the increase in numbers of children attending the School if the proposals for change were carried. However, a major concern would be adequate funding, for although funding followed the children, money for building works is being reduced by the government.

Shaftoe School is consulting with Haydon Bridge High School with regard to using some of their facilities for the 9-11 year olds.

The tight timescale for the proposed change seems to be the main problem but, once a school is placed in 'Special

Measures' action has to be taken as quickly as possible. He noted that the number of children attending Allendale Middle School was falling with some parents opting to transfer their children to other schools.

A councillor noted that First Schools in the Bardon Mill and Greenhead areas were undertaking a separate consultation on whether or not they should change their status to primary schools.

It was also noted that Haydon Bridge High School had room to accommodate the increase in numbers on roll should the proposals be agreed. It was noted that other High Schools in the area had received additional funding to improve their buildings and facilities, whereas Haydon Bridge had not. However, the School had done very well through its own endeavours such as the £1,000,000 award for its 'green project'

A public meeting is to be held at the High School on November 14th at 7.00pm when the proposed changes to the school organisation will be explained and discussed.

The NCC Councillor for the Ward, Alan Sharp, is to check on the source of the water flowing through the old cemetery and down the bank into the lane at the back of Alexandra Terrace. As the old cemetery is no longer used for burials it is the responsibility of NCC. However, when the Parish Council has complained about this in the past NCC has replied that it is not their responsibility. It does appear that the water is entering the cemetery from the small wood and field to the north. The Councillor will check this and then ascertain the ownership of the field.

Another complaint was received about a similar problem on the North Bank, where water is flowing down the road, and across the junction with Heugh House Lane. The source appears to be in the road side verge below Tofts Bank Cottage, but it may well be coming from the fields behind the houses.

A member of the public asked when/if the handrail, requested several months ago, was going to be put in place by the steps in the railway underpass. Enquiries are to be made at NCC Highways/Northern Rail. The muddy state of the underpass was also noted.

NCC Report

The Parish Council was reminded that money is available from the NCC Community Chest for village projects undertaken by volunteer groups. Money from the Community Chest had been given to the Allendale Archers group to help develop their community archer programme.

It was noted that the drains/gullies on Ratcliffe Road still remained blocked several weeks after Cllr Sharp asked the Highways Dept to deal with the problem.

The grass cutting in the estates has improved, however, ISOS realises that there must be improvement in future if the contractor is to meet the requirements of the contract. ISOS is to provide a name sign for Foundry Court following the complaint by a resident that visitors often mistake the flats for part of Strother Close.

Work on trees beside street lights is required if the lighting is to be effective. There are still many road repairs to be done in the Parish as identified on the Parish Council road repairs list.

Highways.

More blocked drains were reported, this time at the NE end of John Martin Street and on Shaftoe Street outside Shaftoe's B&B.

A councillor is meeting with an NCC Officer to discuss the possibility of restricting parking on Shaftoe Street. Concern was expressed about the

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number of cars now parking on Ratcliffe Road at the end of the old bridge while the drivers visit local shops. School buses are unable to turn out of Church St due to the parked vehicles.

Several sections of the Langley Road, A686, are in poor condition, especially the road edges.

Hedges have been cut along the A686 except at junctions with side roads. This is obscuring the view of drivers turning out of the roads.

The Denewell footpath is to be inspected again by an NCC officer, this time accompanied by a local councillor.

Following inspection by NCC, the ash tree opposite the end of Douglas Gardens, reported to the Parish Council as possibly unsafe, was found to 'be in reasonable condition for its age and size' and nothing discovered to give specific concerns. However, Northern Electric is to prune the branches near the overhead electricity cables 'next time they are in the area'.

The bins outside Claire's shop, one of which is in a poor state, are to be replaced at a cost of £654 to the Parish Council. The bin that is in better condition is to be re-sited, probably by the entrance to the railway underpass on Station Road.

Planning

The following planning application was received for comment by the council; Installation of windows to the side to accommodate loft conversion and external alterations to White Wood, Langley Road, Haydon Bridge. No objections were raised.

Correspondence

In response to a request from the volunteer run 'Meals on Wheels' service, the Parish Council agreed to pay the cost of supply foil containers; about £100.

A letter was received from Allendale Archery group requesting a donation of £80 from the Parish Council to pay for

publicity leaflets for distribution in Haydon Bridge and also pay for the hire of the Sports Hall. The group intend to come to Haydon Bridge to give local people an introduction to their activities. As the group have already received £702.24 from NCC Community Chest, and there is already an archery group in the village at the High School, the council agreed to turn down their request for funding.

Concern was also raised that giving them funding would seem very unfair on local and other groups who hire premises in the village for their activities, and who find the money from their membership to do so.

Details were received from NCC about the move to consult electronically from January 2013 on such matters as planning applications. Councillors expressed concerns stating that it would be difficult to consult with the Council unless hard copy of plans were received as at present, or equipment installed to enable the Council to view and discuss plans together. It was agreed that it was the Council's overall view that mattered, not individual councillor's views/opinions.

Sports Tynedale requested nominations for its sports award by 29th October.

Parish Projects

Haydon Bridge Development Trust.

The Development Trust has submitted a grant application to HLF to fund work on researching local heritage. The hydro electricity generating proposals have been put on hold as the Trust wants to see how the Hexham Hydro proposals are implemented first. The co-operative domestic oil purchasing scheme is continuing with a pre-winter order due in November. The Bridge Library finances are in a reasonable state with a reserve of over

£2,000.

Plans were discussed at the last meeting of the Development Trust, to develop Haydon Bridge as a centre for cyclists with cycling routes in the area and possibly an annual cycling challenge covering a route with a start and finish in the village.

In response to a question about cycle security it was pointed out that there is a cycle rack at the station.

The Friends of the Health Centre are considering becoming affiliated to the Development Trust.

The GITS are organising a Haydon Bridge Arts Festival for next summer with support from the Development Trust. A cycle rally may be organised as part of this.

The John Martin Heritage Centre will move one step nearer to completion next week when the information panels are put in place.

Bulbs donated to the village have been planted in the areas outside the Bridge Library. Others may be planted in the flower bed further along Church Street.

Permission has been granted for the information panel to be mounted on the old bridge. The people responsible for the maintenance of the bridge are to carry out the work.

Playdale have already carried out the refurbishment work at Shaftoe Green and will be installing the new equipment next week.

Christmas Lights

The Parish Council is to pay for the trees. It was suggested that people who had volunteered their services, to help erect the trees and install the lights, in previous years, be consulted soon about their willingness to be involved this year.

Collection jars for public donations are to be put in local businesses.

Next Meeting is on 22nd November.

MP

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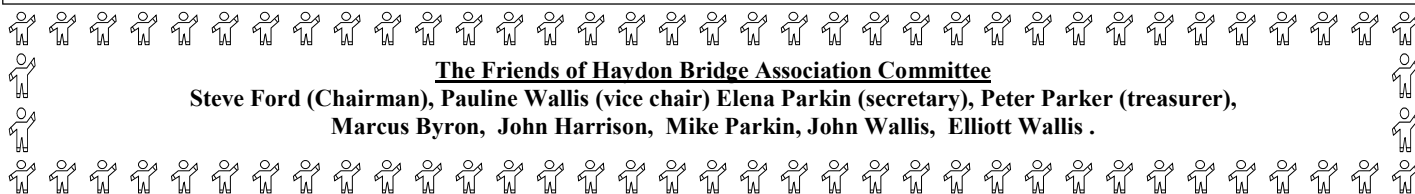
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THE HAYDON BRIDGE FLORAL
AND
HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Part 9
1955 - 1959

My record of the Haydon Bridge Show's earlier years, can be found in the issues of The Haydon News from February 2012.

To those of us on the outside, the Haydon Bridge Show was in good health well into the 1950s and on the first Saturday in September each year Haydon Bridge was, as ever, the place to be. My research, however, shows that in 1955 there were concerns in committee, of which we were unaware, as to whether the one hundred and fifteen year old Society could remain solvent without change.

The financial implications of the Haydon Bridge Show were considered during early preparations for the 1955 exhibition. Although a satisfactory balance of £377 on the previous year's accounts was reported by the treasurer, the Society president, Col Robert Allen, warned that the cost to run the Show was £675 which was, 'a large sum for a small village, and the committee should be very wary about indulging in any increase in expenses'. Col Allen also thought that the Society had reached its maximum in terms of possible income.

A warning sign of things to come, perhaps, but nevertheless 'the Show must go on' and plans were made for the 1955 exhibition on September 3rd, with prize money of £57 for the eighty yards and half mile handicaps, £100 for the band contest, and £160 for the Horticulture and Industrial Classes.

At a dance in the Town Hall on July 22nd 1955, seventeen year old Alma Philipson, daughter of Mr and Mrs Jack Philipson of 27 Hordley Acres, was chosen as the Haydon Bridge Show Queen from fifteen competitors. The runner up and reserve Queen was Maureen Beavers and the Queen's attendants were Eileen Bates and Pat Jeans.

The main interest in the 1955 Show was centred on the competition between two farm workers for the Bowes-Lyon Challenge Cup. The trophy was won at his first attempt by William J Clark, a tractor driver from Esp Hill Farm, and second was William Watson a previous five times winner in successive



Haydon Bridge Show Field as we knew it in the 1950s (Photograph by William Veitch)

Haydon Bridge Shows. Billy Clark won his 'first cup ever' with half of his twenty five exhibits receiving the red ticket for first prize. Sid Young of Langley won the Margaret Smith Challenge Cup for the best stand of roses, and Johnny Brown once again won the George Anderson Trophy for window boxes and hanging baskets.

The Shaftoe Trust School display occupied a tent of its own in 1955 and featured models of the school farm and a range of agriculture, handicrafts and homecraft displays.

The Hexham Courant reported that:

'At the previous one hundred and four shows, nothing had compared with the Shaftoe Trust exhibition. Shaftoe Trust is a school with one of the most comprehensive curriculums in Britain.'

The six judges chosen for the horticulture section of the 1955 Show had, between them, judged the Haydon Bridge Show exhibits more than two hundred times:

For 40 years: Mathew Maughan and C. Routledge (Haltwhistle). For 30 years: W.J. Stables (Wark), T. Etty (Heddon), C. Foxcroft (Hexham), and T.C. Heslop (Bardon Mill).

And, 25 years judging the children's exhibits: J.S. Telford (Haltwhistle).

Close scrutiny of the Haydon Bridge Floral and Horticultural Society documents suggests that the Society's longevity had much to do with the strength of longstanding individual relationships and close co-operation between members in committee. Disagreements seem to have been few

and far between.

It is a surprise, then, to read that following a meeting on January 25th 1956 the chairman Alan Moffatt and secretary Wilf Dawson resigned, when their decision making was called into question.

Following a vote of confidence at the next meeting, in February, their resignations were withdrawn, but, it is clear that differences of opinion remained; over a motion carried, in spite of opposition, that there would be no village collections in 1956, and a dispute as to whether the motion taken had been in order.

There were also differences of opinion with regard to the scheduling of the foot handicaps and the Young Farmers' Clubs' involvement in the 1956 Show.

At a meeting on June 13th 1956, the chairman expressed his deep regret at news of the death of George Anderson. George had always had a great interest in Haydon Bridge and its Show and was always ready with assistance. George Anderson died at 'Haydon Villa', Aberdeen on May 28th 1956, and his memory was to be kept alive in the village of his birth with the Rose Bowl Trophy bearing his name.

In 1956, Isabel Charlton of Hordley Acre House was chosen as Show Queen, just as her sister Patricia had been in 1954. Isabel's attendants were Kathryn Ferguson and Heather Powell.

One of the main attractions in 1956 was a South Northumberland Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs competition, organised by Edward Waite. Clubs from Allendale, Bellingham, Haltwhistle,

Hexham, Ponteland, Shaftoe Trust, Stamfordham, Whitley Chapel and Stocksfield competed.

Three of the previous year's winners retained their trophies in 1956 and the George Anderson Trophy went to Tot Barron.

At the AGM in November 1956, the treasurer reported a loss of £172 ten shillings on the year's accounts, and there was criticism of the earlier decision not to have a village collection for the first time in many years. This decision meant a reduction of, probably, around £50 in the Society's income. Col Allen, the Society's president, again stressed the importance of bearing in mind the average income when fixing the programme for the 1957 Show. New committee members appointed in 1956 included E. Armstrong, J. Barron, G. Barron, W. Tait, R. Johnson and William Forster.

Following ten years of voluntary service as the Society's chairman, Alan Moffatt retired from the post in December 1956. A vote of thanks was proposed by Billy Adamson and carried unanimously. Alan Moffatt remained on the committee and the Haydon Bridge Co-operative store manager, Norman Ohlson, was appointed chairman of the Society.

Sixteen year old Margaret Swallow was chosen from fourteen competitors as the 1957 Show Queen. Margaret's two attendants were Kathleen Armstrong and Carol Jeans.

The 1957 Show on Saturday, September 7th was marred by rain and strong winds, nevertheless, in a competitive field, the Coronation Cup was won by Thomas Ross of Bardon Mill. William Davison of Lough Green won the Margaret Smith Challenge Cup and William Watson of 'The Buildings' won the Bowes-Lyon Challenge Cup, again, after two years in which it had been held by William Clark. Billy Watson was crowned Champion Gardener by one point from Dent Oliver. Dent, a renowned 'California', gardener, won two medals and a certificate of merit for the three most outstanding exhibits in the vegetable section.

I recall that Margaret Swallow's involvement in the 1957 Show did not end with her Show Queen duties. Margaret was a member of the Haydon Bridge Silver Band, of which her father Harry was conductor, and she played the cornet for the band in the 1957 Band

Contest.

As I have alluded to earlier, the permanence of the officers and committee of the Haydon Bridge Floral, Horticultural and Industrial Society, over a long period, had fashioned a loyalty that sustained the Haydon Bridge Show during difficult times. That only nine people attended the Society AGM in 1957, is an indication that all was not well - even though those attending the shows would, probably, be unaware of the problems being experienced behind the scenes. For residents in the parish, and others further afield, the Flower Show was still an important part of our lives and we loved every minute of the first Saturday in September.

It appears that there were fewer locals, however, who were willing, or able, to give of their spare time, to undertake the substantial amount of voluntary work required throughout the year to bring the Show to the public.

The chairman, Norman Ohlson, brought to the attention of the 1957 meeting that there had been another loss, of £88 fifteen shillings and eleven pence, on the year's working and that the expenditure in running the Society would have to be reduced as the balance in the Bank was insufficient to allow the Show to suffer the losses of the last two years again. The Society's president pointed out that he had been, 'stressing this point for a number of years and it was now essential if the Society was to remain solvent'.

The secretary/treasurer reported: 'The gale force winds resulted in reduced gate receipts and other societies had also suffered on the same weekend.'

At the 1957 AGM, secretary/treasurer Wilf Dawson and assistant secretary John Waugh informed the committee that they did not wish to be considered for re-election. As there were no nominations for the positions, a special meeting was called for, but

later, Mr Dawson and Mr Waugh withdrew their resignations.

The death of Johnny McDonald, who had been a great friend to the Society, was recorded in November 1957, and in February 1958 a minute's silence was observed in memory of Joe Keen who had been a committee member, vice president and auditor for the Society and would be a great loss.

In the knowledge that the income of the Society was falling, the collections in the village were reinstated.

At the annual dance in the Town Hall on Friday, July 18th 1958, Miss Ann Hutchinson was chosen as the 1958 Show Queen. Ann's attendants were Eileen Wardle and Janice Gilchrist.

The 1958 Haydon Bridge Show was most significant, as a lady took the title of Haydon Bridge's Champion Gardener for the first time, when Mrs Nancy Watson won the Bowes-Lyon Challenge Cup. Mrs Watson also won the George



1958 Show Queen Ann Hutchinson with attendants Eileen Wardle and Janice Gilchrist

And below

Ann on Shaftoe Street, on her way to the Show Field in September 1958



Anderson Trophy with what the Judge C. Foxcroft described as, "The best hanging basket ever seen in Haydon Bridge". Three other ladies won medals and a diploma in the 1958 Show: Miss D. Ridley, Miss E. Stokoe and Miss Warhurst.



Mrs Nancy Watson in 1958, with her much praised hanging basket

And below

Mrs Watson with the Bowes-Lyon Challenge Cup and the George Anderson Trophy



At a committee meeting in October 1958, the members stood in silence in memory of Ernest Harrison. Ernie Harrison had been the Society treasurer and his death was a sad loss.

The 1958 AGM was held on December 3rd in the Town Hall ante room and the treasurer reported a loss of £16 on the year, a year in which expenditure on the Show had been reduced to £581, from £670 in 1957. Support from parish residents for the cash collection, the Show Queen Dance, the Jimmy Shand Dance, whist drives, and other activities raised £250. An excellent result. New committee members appointed in 1958 included Alan Ord, and A. Bates.

On February 4th 1959, the secretary reported a 'terrific loss to the Society

with the death of Eric Taylor, a great and cheerful worker and friend'.

The committee members who gave their wholehearted support in preparation for the 1959 Show included: Norman Ohlson, Wilf Dawson, John Waugh, Jimmy Mews, Ernie Mitchell, Anderson Robinson, Billy Watson, John Scaife, Alan Ord, Billy Adamson, A. Bates, T. Marshall, J.W. Smith, M. Brown, A. Charlton and E. Armstrong.

The much loved Town Hall Cinema at Haydon Bridge closed on Sunday, June 29th 1959. Dances continued in the Town Hall for a while after the cinema closed, however, and a dance on Friday, July 17th 1959 was held there to choose the Haydon Bridge Show Queen.

The contest was judged by north east comedian Bobby Thompson and his wife Phyllis. That 'little Bobby' turned up at all must have been a relief to the Show committee, given his reputation for missing personal appearances, but it turned out to be a wonderful opportunity for Haydon Bridge folk to meet the north east legend in person.

Miss Ann Davies, was chosen by Bobby and Phyllis as the 1959 Show Queen, and Ann's attendants were Petula Moore and Christine Snowball.



Ann Davies the 1959 Haydon Bridge Show Queen

On Saturday, September 5th 1959, for the first time in the Show's history, two exhibitors gained the same number of points in their quest for recognition as the Champion Gardener of Haydon Bridge. As a result, W. (Billy) Watson and Dent Oliver became joint holders

of the Bowes-Lyon Cup. The 1958 winner, Mrs Nancy Watson, was only one point behind but she did win the George Anderson Trophy for the second year in succession.

Haltwhistle gardeners, D. Tallantyre and J.E. Collings formed a partnership to win the Coronation Cup, gaining eighteen first prizes, W.H. Davison of Lough Green won The Margaret Smith Rose Bowl with the best exhibit of six blooms, and the Hawkes Challenge Shield was won by Haltwhistle Old Silver Band.

In 1959, the Derwent Valley Whippet Club staged whippet racing for the first time at a local show and this turned out to be a big attraction, drawing large crowds on the Show Field.

There is an historical significance for those who won their prizes in 1959, for, although we did not know it at the time, the one hundred and ninth Haydon Bridge Show, on September 5th 1959, was to be the Society's last Show Field exhibition.

At a Special General Meeting on April 20th 1960, it was decided that the 'Flower Show' would be suspended, closing the gate on one hundred and twenty years of remarkable Haydon Bridge history.

More about that next month.

A HAYDON BRIDGE TRAGEDY

In many respects, the final Haydon Bridge Show to be held on the Show Field was overshadowed by a dreadful happening in the early hours of Saturday morning, September 5th 1959.

Young Haydon Bridge residents, twenty five year old Charlie McCaig and twenty three year old Daphne Moore, were returning from the hoppings on the Show Field when they both fell, accidentally, over the parapet of the (old) bridge crossing the River Tyne. The water level was very low due to a drought and the couple fell onto rocks that had been uncovered below.

Sadly, Charles, of Woodhall Mill Farm, died almost immediately and Daphne was very seriously hurt.

Where there had been so much laughter and enjoyment on the evening before the Show, there dawned an atmosphere of almost disbelief as news of the tragedy unfolded. A tragedy that will never be forgotten by those of us who lived in Haydon Bridge and the surrounding area in 1959.

HAYDONIAN GOLF SOCIETY

We are delighted to report that we have a golf society in the parish once again.

Sponsored by the Haydonian Social Club, the Society members play for 'The Claret Jug', and held their first outing at Stoney Holme Golf Club at Carlisle on Saturday September 22nd.

The Haydon News is able to record the event thanks to Tom Buist, the Society's official photographer, and this report from Joyce Gilbertson.

After a surprisingly hard frost, the weather could not have been better for the inaugural event of the Haydonian Social Club's Golf Society at Carlisle and eleven golfers had a fabulous day. The trophy was won by Joseph Tulip with 37 points, second was John Carr just pipped with 36 points, and Mathew Gilbertson was third with 32 points. In addition to Joseph, John, Mathew and Joyce, others who teed off were: Alan Barker, Gavin Duncan, Craig Stanners, Ray Richardson, Mick Smith, David Tulip and Ronnie Youngman.

The presentation of The Claret Jug was held at the Haydonian Club on the Saturday evening and everyone agreed it had been a brilliant day.

Presenting the prizes was John Ridley, a member of the Society who was unable to play because of injury.

Membership of the Society is free and open to all - the only stipulation is that you need to be a member of, or join, the Haydonian Social Club.

For more information contact Joyce on 07983 566 901

Haydon Bridge has been home to three golf 'courses' during its long history, two on the North Side, returned to pasture now, and one on the South Side, part of which was on the site of the Haydon Bridge bypass. In more recent years the Haydonian Club regularly entered a team in the annual CIU Golf Competitions and, although individual Haydonians continue to play the game at Hexham and Allendale, it is good to note a revival of enthusiasm for a golf society in the village. We wish all those involved every success.

CLUB GOLF 1970s STYLE

The inauguration of the 2012 Golf Society, in association with the Haydonian Social Club, reminds me of happy times in the early 1970s, when the members of what was a 'Working Men's

Club' in those days, enjoyed their annual social outing to the Club and Institute Union's Golf Competition.

This is an edited version of my Historical Notes first published in The Haydon News, September 2001.

My early 1970s story starts at the Club on a Saturday morning.

In its early years, the regional CIU organised Golf Competition was held at the Westerhope Golf Club and, given the opportunity of a free trip away, there was never any shortage of names pinned up on our Haydonian Club notice board.

The party that left Haydon Bridge included golfers; David Brown, Dent Oliver, Maurice Armstrong, Denis Bell, Barry Brown, Jackie Johnson, David Tulip, Keith Brown and myself. The all important 'caddies' included Jake Foster, Sid Thompson, Jackie Wardle, Tot Pickering, Jim Porteous and Alfie Kent.

I doubt whether any of those present would be able to recall sporting success worth recording for posterity, there was, however, the usual element of 'coarse' golf which was generally associated with Club trips.

(Not that that will be the case in 2012, I'm sure!)

For example; the day in 1970 got off to a bad start when a wayward practice swing on the first tee gave David 'T' a hefty whack with a three wood and almost reduced the Haydonian team by one before a ball was played. I also recall David 'B's three iron lying in two pieces on the fairway. His, 'now you see it, now you don't', swing having proved too swift for any golf club previously manufactured. Dent's putter was in the same predicament, having been laid carefully on the ground (believe that if you will) after another twelve inch putt got away.

Jake was Maurice's 'caddy', and his idea of encouragement was to wait until 'Mop' was at the top of his back swing and then tell him that his ball would probably end up in a bunker or behind a tree. (Very perceptive as it happens!!)

And, of course, most - No! I mean all - of the caddies developed injuries of one sort or another and had to leave the course. Significantly, all together and just about on opening time!

You can probably guess that the golfers and their 'caddies' were in high

spirits as we repaired to the 19th hole which, on this occasion, was the Lemington Social Club at Newburn. We were there as the doors opened and when the locals arrived they were non to happy that the 'farmers' had commandeered their usual seats.

Isn't it amazing how many of our friends 'doon bye' think that anyone from west of Hexham must have arrived by horse and cart; but not until the pigs have been put to bed! Many eventually join us, of course, as visitors or residents, to share our beautiful countryside and way of life. We can take this as a compliment and welcome their contribution to our community.

Tot and Sid were first to reach the bar, apparently determined to break all records for pints of 'Fed Special' consumed in a single session, while David 'B' was listening with an intuitive ear to the musicians tuning up ready for the dancing. I thought they were out of tune, but 'Cap' retorted: "No, no, no. This is modern jazz man!" Suitably admonished, I took solace in the bottom of a glass and waited patiently for the Bradford Barn Dance, and a chance to enjoy a round - in circles - with the Lemington ladies.

The game of golf is a wonderfully social sporting activity. Join the Haydonian Golf Society and you'll find this out.

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**Click 'back numbers'
and go to August 2001.**

THE GENERAL HAVELOCK CHRISTMAS NOTICE



**CHRISTMAS PUDDINGS
AVAILABLE AGAIN THIS YEAR
FROM
THE GENERAL HAVELOCK**

**20% DISCOUNT FOR
ALL CHRISTMAS BOOKINGS
FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS**

**THIS YEAR'S COMPLIMENTARY
PENSIONERS' LUNCH IS ON
TUESDAY DECEMBER 18th**

**More information from the
General Havelock**

Tel: 01434 684376



A VIEW FROM UP THERE

John Harrison

A couple of months ago we experienced a power-cut, which was caused by a tree fouling the power-line during a gale. I was impressed with the speed at which the problem was identified and dealt with. But it brought back memories of a wet and windy evening in a small pub out in the wilds of mid-Wales. As the evening drew on and the wind howled outside the door (the 'Gents' was a small building across the yard !!!) the lights suddenly went out – the power line had come down, a frequent occurrence in those parts. Out came the candles and the drinking continued. We were having a moan about what it would be like when we got back to our all-electric flat in town - no late-night football on the TV - when Martin, a particularly slow student, said “I don't know what you are all worried about, I don't mind watching the TV in the dark”.

It is so easy to lose sight of the whole picture isn't it?

And September added several more brush-strokes to the picture of a persistently wet summer. This was the sixth consecutive month with rainfall well above the long-term average. The first nine days promised a late summer warm spell but it was short-lived. The 8th and 9th were particularly warm, daytime temperatures exceeding 20 degC, and also quite dry (9-day total only 2.2 mm). Much of the month was breezy with spells of rain and showers, which were heavy at times. More prolonged rain fell on the 20th but the wettest spell occurred over the three days 23rd to 25th which brought a total of 40.6mm (1.6 inches). This latter spell brought local flooding but the rainfall was considerably less than elsewhere in the UK where there were extensive floods resulting from rainfalls in excess of 100mm causing widespread disruption including the closure of the A1 and the East Coast Main Line. Between the rainy spells there was a brief clear spell and under clear skies there were ground and air frosts, the first of the autumn, on the 22nd and 23rd.

So if you were waiting for an Indian summer, it never materialised. Or perhaps you were thinking of Cherrapunji in the Khasi Hills in India, which is possibly the wettest place on earth with an average annual rainfall of 12700 mm (500 inches = 42 feet).

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

Month	Average Maximum Temperature (Daytime) Deg C	Relative to long-term average degC	Average Minimum Temperature (Night-time) Deg C	Relative to long-term average degC	Rainfall mm	Percentage of long-term average
September	15.5	-1.1	8.1	-0.2	91.6	144

And finally **Gladys** tells me about a friend of hers whose son never seems to want to get out of bed of a morning – a familiar story. One Sunday morning she despaired that she would ever get him out of his bed and along the road to the church. When she asked him why he didn't want to go to church, his response was that he didn't like the people there, and worse still, they didn't like him – and it was boring. “Give me one good reason why I should go” he said. “Because you're the vicar” came the reply.

CUISINE AND CAROLS

I cannot quite believe I am writing to tell you to prepare for Gary and Joanna's 'Pensioners' Complimentary Christmas Lunch'. It seems like only five minutes since we were celebrating at the General Havelock together in 2011.

If you'd like to be part of our village mine hosts' kind hospitality on Tuesday, December 18th 2012, it is time to contact Joanna at the General Havelock for further information. And, you never know, if you share in the lunch and the entertainment, you might just meet that nosey Parker ... Santa Claus!!

I also notice that Gary's much sought after Christmas puddings can be on your home menu this year again. Place your order at the General Havelock or you can telephone: 01434 684376.

Finally, don't forget that Gary and Joanna's hospitality extends to all Christmas bookings for local residents at the General Havelock, and they will be subject to a 20% discount.

LANGLEY WI

WI members from Bardon Mill, Whitfield and Lowgate joined Langley to celebrate Langley's Birthday in October. Everyone was thoroughly entertained by 'Canny Crack', four very talented musicians who sang, played and told stories. A variety of instruments were handed out to the audience who were then encouraged to join in “with enthusiasm”. Tunes from Northumberland, Scotland, Ireland and America were all on the programme, accompanied by Northumbrian Pipes,

Fiddle, Guitar, Tin Whistle, Recorder and Drum. As well as traditional songs and tunes Canny Crack included a couple of irreverent songs, one of which involved Auntie May and a Ferret and another which was about The Devil and an insatiable Widow!

After a lovely supper the competition (a tea towel) was judged by one of the ladies from Canny Crack; Moira was in first place with Linda second.

Langley WI was thanked by all the visiting WIs for their hospitality and everyone agreed it had been a wonderful party.

The next meeting is on November 13th in Langley Village Hall at 7.30pm when John Lognonne will talk about Wine Tasting. All are welcome.

Cath Duffy

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

Joseph Robinson

(20) Joseph Robinson

We do not have a photograph of Joseph Robinson. If you are able to provide one, please contact Pam and Ken or the editors. Any help would be much appreciated.



Joseph served as Corporal, 2268, 1/4th Battalion, Northumberland Fusiliers.

He died on 16th September 1916, aged 23.

Born in Hexham, he was one of thirteen children of Nicholas and Hannah Robinson (nee Brown).

Joseph worked as a farm worker.

He enlisted at Hexham and went to France on 20th April 1915.

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

Joseph is buried in grave II.C.2. in Dartmoor Cemetery, Becordel-Becourt.



If you have any information relating to Joseph Robinson 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.

Shaftoe Trust First School

ANOTHER BIG THANK YOU

Our Big Coffee Morning in aid of Macmillan nurses was a fabulous success.

Many thanks to all those who came along to enjoy refreshments and chat with the pupils and those bakers who provided a huge selection of home made goodies.

We raised a staggering £256!

After talking with a representative of Macmillan nurses they have already raised 3 million pounds nation wide and are hoping to raise 10.7 million in total this year.

RAISE MONEY FOR US WHILE SHOPPING

By using the website details:

www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/shaftoefirstpta
you can be raising money while you shop on line at no extra cost to yourselves.

BAGS TO SCHOOL

Once again we will be delivering blue bags to your door during the week beginning November 12th for all you unwanted textiles, soft furnishings, shoes and bags.

Members of the PTA will collect them before Tuesday 20th November.

DATES FOR CHRISTMAS

FRIDAY 7th December: Christmas Fayre 3.15 - 4.30

MONDAY 17th December: Dress rehearsal for Christmas Play for Senior Citizens followed by afternoon tea.

TUESDAY 18th December: Christmas Play evening performance 6.00

WEDNESDAY 19th December: Christmas Play afternoon performance 2.00

CAKE STALL

The PTA are running another of our popular cake stalls at 3.15 p.m. on Friday 23rd November.

Come along and purchase some delicious home made produce.



October 2012

Dear Editors,

I am a 65 year old retired school teacher who now lives at Seaton Sluice near Whitley Bay. I was a pupil at Haydon Bridge from 1959 to 1965.

My wife and I recently had a short visit to Langley Castle and called at the Carts Bog Inn where we saw a copy of the Haydon News.

(The last time I visited the pub was 49 years ago as a wayward pupil of the school where, together with 5 other pupils crammed into a mini, we experienced our first alcohol and the subsequently deadly hangover and headache!)

I read with great interest your excellent magazine and have many very fond memories of my time at Haydon Bridge. I was a sporting protégé of Edward Waite and played for the village football and cricket teams as a sixteen year old. I boarded in the village from Monday to Friday and originally stayed with William Veitch and his wife in Brigwood, and then with his father Norman (a great character) at Ivy Lea on the North Bank.

I noted from your magazine that William is still a contributor and would very much like to get in touch again after a lapse of many years.

I have many stories to tell and many superb memories that hopefully I may perhaps contribute to one of your future editions.

Best Wishes,
John Watson.

Thank you John.

William now has John's email address and we look forward to John's contribution (s) in the future.

Eds.

CHARITY 'PUB QUIZZES' AT THE GENERAL HAVELOCK

If you enjoy a light-hearted social evening, like to help raise money for charity, and quite like pub quizzes, as long as they aren't too difficult or competitive, then why not come along to the regular quizzes at The General Havelock.

The quizzes are at roughly 6 week intervals on Tuesday evenings from 8.15pm – come early to get a seat. They are, of course, hosted by Jo and Gary and the regular quiz-master is John Harrison. Your Jubilee Queen!!

Over the last twelve months a total of well over £1,000 has been raised: for Tynedale Hospice at Home, Great North Air Ambulance, RNLI, Help for Heroes, Guide Dogs, Breast Cancer Campaign, Christian Aid, GITS, and Macmillan Cancer Care.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have come along to support the quizzes, especially those who are regular attenders, and the many local tradespeople and individuals who have generously donated raffle prizes. Without you, we could not have raised the money.

See you soon.

Jo and Gary Thompson, and John Harrison.

Forthcoming Quizzes at the General Havelock. (All at 8.15pm)

**Tuesday, November 13th:
For Great North Air Ambulance**

**Tuesday, December 11th:
For Tynedale Hospice at Home
(Christmas theme)**

**Tuesday, January 22nd:
For GITS (Panto Theme)**

EDUCATIONAL ISSUES

Whatever the advantages or disadvantages of the proposals to close Allendale School and move 9 - 11 year old pupils to Shaftoe Trust - and I am not close enough to today's events to form a measured opinion - it is an irony, is it not, that when the County Council of the 1970s chose to implement a three tier educational structure, build the Middle School on the far boundary of the county and send our 9 - 11 year old village pupils, including my own two children, to Allendale, the furore was equal to that being reported in response to the 2012 proposals to return to a two tier system.

The 1970s consultation was a farce, the decision, clearly, having already been made before our views were aired. Perhaps this time the parents will be given a fairer hearing, whether for or against.

So, as parents, we were not happy at the time, but it might be of some consolation to the 2012 parents to know that the changes in the educational structure we were so much against in the 1970s did not disadvantage our children, in spite of our initial concerns.

Although, how much the change has cost Council Tax payers in transport over the years is another story, and anyone's guess.

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RACE FOR LIFE

I would like to thank everyone who sponsored me for completing the Race for Life (which is a 5K 'Fun Run') on September 2nd this year at Newcastle Town Moor. I raised £265 for Cancer Research UK and if anyone is thinking of doing this in future I would definitely recommend it.

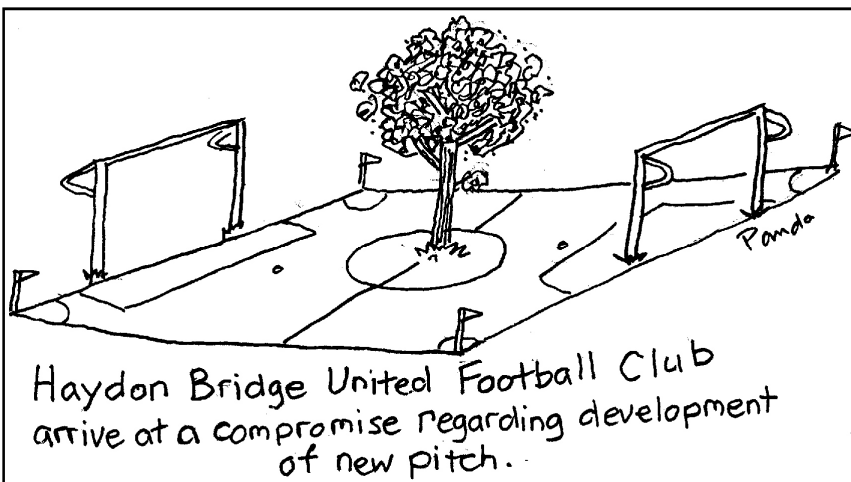
Special thanks to my Uncle, Barry Hope, for using his 'powers of persuasion' when gaining sponsors!!!

Thanks again for your donations.
Chloe Lowdon

HAYDON BRIDGE FOOTBALL

At the time of writing, the Anchor team are unbeaten in the league having won their first 4 games and they were unlucky to be knocked out of the cup by a strong Haltwhistle side; losing 3-1 with all the goals coming in the second half. The football club's 2013 much talked about charity calendar will be on sale soon at Claire's Newsagents. Don't forget, half the proceeds going to cancer research, and half to the Haydon Bridge junior teams for kit and equipment. The club has also arranged a **Race Night** to be held in the Anchor Hotel on **Saturday, December 8th**. All are welcome.

Jonny Flanagan



Haydon Bridge United Football Club arrive at a compromise regarding development of new pitch.

The Bridge Library and Visitor Information Point

October 2012 is a significant date for The Bridge: when Haydon Bridge Library became the responsibility of the village and, for the first time, a Tourist Information Point was established, the Development Trust secured funding from grants for us and has continued to do so successfully over the time that the Bridge has been operating. Now, the funding has come to an end so, from now on, we are "on our own". We are generously backed by the Parish Council, who pay the rent but the Bridge has to find the finances for such bills as heating, water and lighting for the building. Through your support in bringing us your books to sell; becoming members of the Bonus Ball; providing fruit and vegetables for us to sell on a stall and popping in for a cup of coffee every now and then, to name a few ways that we endeavour to make money, we have the beginnings of a basic fund.

Therefore, to help us in our attempts to be economical, we are changing the hours of opening on a Friday evening to 4:00pm-6:30pm, beginning 2nd November, for the winter period. Please do continue to visit us; take part in our activity sessions (They are always advertised.); join our Bonus Ball scheme (There's always the chance of winning £30 and you are helping us at the same time.) and buy from our produce stall during the summer months.

Children's Corner

It is Hallowe'en time again and on the Monday of half term (29th October), the Bridge will hold its annual Hallowe'en activities for the 4-12 years olds. It may be over before you receive the Haydon News but the advertisements are up in school and in the Bridge. This activity hour is always good fun with plenty for the children to take home and, at the same time, they have an opportunity to see their friends and maybe learn something new.

Art Display

The artist displaying her work, at the moment, is Jill Dexter from Hexham. She works with textiles and has brought us a selection of beautifully woven scarves in many subtle and attractive colours.

Heritage at the Bridge

We continue to collect all past memories of Haydon Bridge. For those of you interested, there are lots of photographs and stories to browse through in scrapbooks, folders and on computer. We still need help in naming faces. Recently, we have been looking at directories for the area and polling lists. Once again, we have discovered a little information for the visitors that came over the summer. This time for the Muse family. In one Haydon Bridge Polling list a John MUSE is listed as a joiner and cartwright. There's also an Ann MEWS, who is a milliner and dressmaker.

Clean-up Day

Wednesday 17th October was our clean-up day. We aim to tidy up the outside of the Bridge so that by next spring, it will not only look tidy but colourful with spring flowers. It is hoped that we can grow a selection of herbs too, to complement the summer produce stall ... more on that subject next month.

Happy reading ...

Pat Snowdon

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or telephone 01434 688922

DEADLINE FOR ORDERS....NOVEMBER 13th

Haydon Bridge Pharmacy Update

Get Your Flu Vaccination Before The Flu Gets You

Over 19,000 people every year get hospitalised due to the flu. Influenza results in more than 3000 deaths each year.

To help combat the flu Haydon Bridge Pharmacy has extended its NHS influenza vaccination programme. Everyone in an at risk group can be vaccinated at the pharmacy free of charge. Additionally, people who are not in an at risk group can benefit from the pharmacy's private flu vaccination service

What are the Symptoms of the Flu?
Those of you who have suffered from the flu in the past will appreciate how severe the flu can be with the symptoms often lasting several weeks.

The symptoms include a sudden high temperature, a cough, nasal congestion, tiredness, chills, joint or limb pain, diarrhoea, loss of appetite and difficulty sleeping. This is all very unpleasant and significantly worse than a cold.

Why Get Vaccinated?

You are less likely to become unwell this winter.

Avoid serious complications of influenza such as:

- primary viral or secondary bacterial pneumonia.
 - cardiovascular activities
 - organ failure
 - worsening of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease or chronic bronchitis.
- People in high risk groups are more prone to suffer complications with the flu. Getting vaccinated helps protect both you and your loved ones.

The more people that are vaccinated the less likely influenza is to spread and the less strain is placed on local health services.

Getting vaccinated helps you prevent having expensive days off work.

Vaccination reduces lost work days by up to 45% in some organisations.

How to get vaccinated

You can telephone 01434 684354 to arrange a suitable time or you can call in at the pharmacy at any time for your vaccination. You will only need to be in the pharmacy for about 15 minutes.

Tom McCullough

Haydon Bridge Pharmacy

P.S. We have a limited supply of vaccines so please get yours today to ensure you are protected this winter.

Caught on Saturday Live

I've just been listening to my Saturday morning Radio 4 fix, and was fascinated to hear a chap talking about renovating Flossie, the first second-generation ICT 1301 mainframe computer, rescued by students once it finished its useful life at Senate House, London University, and now regarded as a fine computer antique.

You can see 'her' on www.computeractive.co.uk and find details of where she can be seen 'in the flesh'.

It was bought in 1962 to print out GCE slips, those fragile official slips with faint print that let you know what your results were, shortly after the day of results issue, if you sat London Board exams. Peter and I went to London University (different colleges), 1964-67, so it would have been printing away while I went to Wednesday morning intercollegiate lectures at Senate House. It was later used for processing large club membership lists in the 1970s.

Flossie had a lot of hardware occupying its own room, with no integral software. You input the software, using Basic, Fortran or Cobol – whichever – onto 10 inch magnetic discs or punched cards. The currency it used was pounds, shillings and pence. There were no keyboards or screens. The consoles of similar computers were later purchased by film companies for use in their productions, so that their simulations looked convincing. There were other machines, including a companion machine, Arthur, which later disappeared, so that Flossie is unique, the only one still in existence.

It interested me particularly because in the early 70s, Peter was Finance Director of part of the Cavenham Group (Jimmy Goldsmith's 'empire'), with one of its HQs at Heworth. This included Moores Stores and Wrights, amongst others, with over 1000 stores and seven

national distribution centres. Some of you may remember the names. Their computer was an ICL 1300A (probably an older, late 1960s machine). It occupied a very large room, on raised floors, with air conditioning, a positive atmosphere to remove dust, and it was so cherished! Its processing power was 32 bits, he thinks. It was used for all branch accounting, stock keeping, retail control, distribution warehouse accounting, salaries and wages, and to a certain extent merchandising, as well as all cash accounting. This was done in flat sequential files using batch processing: input and storage was by means of punch cards, large magnetic tapes and even bigger drums. Output was by tabulator printers, chuntering away. Batches often took as long as overnight, if not whole weekends, to run, but timetables were always strictly adhered to. For example, full company accounts, including all branch trading accounts, would be ready for management within one week of the month end. Consolidated accounts were got down to London within 12 days. There were, nevertheless, thousands of part-time lady staff to handle the paperwork from the length and breadth of the UK, including Northern Ireland.

Peter found this a great contrast to Woolworths which he used to audit from 1967-1970 (and where everything was done by hand and in pencil!). They were the first company to get their accounts out every year, so he had to work from Boxing Day to New Year's Eve, on their Northern England, Scotland and Northern Ireland accounts, in their Liverpool HQ.

In 1970 he did an MSc in Systems Analysis at LSE where he did his first degree, and as part of the course had to prepare a programme to calculate mortgage repayments using Basic Programming which was run on London University's Leo computer, another venerable piece of computing history. Programmes were entered on

punch cards: one dot or hyphen out of place and the whole thing had to be done again! Peter bought a Hanimex hand-held calculator in 1975 which had much more computing power than the 1300A. How quickly computers progressed.

One weekend there was a flood at Heworth offices, and all the management staff and their wives (me included) were called in to mop up the precious computer room to prevent their baby from suffering any distress.

There were machine operators, analysts and business analysts who worked with the computer, in fact a full career progression – now as antiquated as saggermaker's bottom knockers.

June Henriksen

The Edward Waite Trophy

Last month the Edward Waite Trophy was presented to Jamie Taylor for his contribution to cricket and football in the village. He played in goal for Haydon Bridge for several years and has played cricket for the Haydon Bridge team for several years and is still playing for them. Jamie's cricket record last season was impressive.....

The West Tyne League's leading wicket taker with 60 wickets; Winner of the League Cup for the best bowling figures, 6 wickets for 11 runs in a match against Allendale; Winner of the League Cup for the best bowling average in Division 1 with 145.4 overs, 47 maidens, 288 runs, 60 wickets, an average of 4.8.

He was also runner-up for the League's Best All-rounder. Congratulations Jamie.

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CHURCHES WORKING TOGETHER

CHURCH PAGE

CLERGY MESSAGE

from

Judith Hampson

In the film *Chariots of Fire*, the young Scottish Christian athlete Eric Liddell said, "God made me fast, and when I run, I can feel his pleasure." Known as the "Flying Scotsman", Liddell pursued his running ambitions to qualify for the 100 metres at the 1924 Paris Olympics. However, when he discovered the race was scheduled for a Sunday, as a Christian, he felt compelled to withdraw from this, his best event. (Instead, he raced in the 400 metres and won a gold medal with a record-breaking time.)

Liddell was willing to surrender his gift of being fleet of foot to obey his Lord as deeply as he knew how. After the Olympics, his feet took him the long journey to China, where he spent his life serving devotedly as a missionary. He died in a Japanese internment camp during the Second World War, at the age of forty-three.

Ambition can draw out the best in us as we venture beyond our own assumed limitations. It can also expose less noble tendencies towards competitiveness and exclusivity.

Our body parts act under the direction of our hearts – the centre of our personality's intentions and choices. We may use our hands to reach out in loving welcome to others, or to push people back. We can direct our feet to follow where Christ is leading – or to take us in the opposite direction. We can choose what we look at. Indeed, it is sometimes said that we will ultimately be shaped by whatever becomes the focus of our gaze.

Hands, feet and eyes are part of God's gift to us of our created bodies. In themselves they are good, yet they may not always serve our spiritual progress. Christian discipleship means setting aside whatever hinders our personal growth in Christ, even if it is something good in and of itself – whether job, ministry, hobby, possession or relationship.

We can redirect our aspirations to be close to Christ from preserving our position to bringing ourselves under the divine spotlight. We need to be ready to let go of any aspect of our lives that threatens to lead us into sin and

**NOVEMBER
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

cloud our relationship with the Saviour. Even if the thing we are asked to surrender is in itself good, but has become a spiritual obstacle for us, we must be prepared to give it to the Lord.

Blessings from,

Judith Hampson

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

Please don't forget that this is the time to start collecting your boxes for 2012.

If you have a box, it can be left with Margaret Marshall at 10, Hordley Acres.

Or, alternatively, you can telephone Joyce Armstrong at (01434) 684094 and Joyce will collect the box.

If you would like a home collection box, please let Joyce know.

Thank you

**METHODIST CHURCH
SERVICES**

4th November

10.00am Morning Worship
Keith Box
6.00pm Evening Service
David Stabler

11th November

10.15am *United Service at Saint
Cuthbert's*
11.00am *War Memorial - Act of
Remembrance followed by
refreshments in Methodist Church*
6.00pm Evening Service
Bill Stoddart

18th November

10.00am Morning Worship
Valerie Anthony
6.00pm Communion Service
Rev Les Hann

25th November

10.00am Communion
Rev Les Hann
**6.00pm *United Service
at Prudhoe Methodist Church***

2nd December

10.00am Morning Worship
Mark Knowles
6.00pm Evening Worship
Jackie Males and friends from
Community Church

**BELTINGHAM/HENSHAW
CHURCH SERVICES**

4th November

Beltingham
9.30am BCP Communion

11th November

Henshaw
10.00am Remembrance Service
11.00am *War Memorial -
Act of Remembrance*

18th November

10.00am *Joint Service at
Haydon Bridge*

25th November

Henshaw
10.00am Joint Service

2nd December

Henshaw
9.30am BCP Communion

Messy Church

14th November
3.30pm to 5.45 pm
at
Haydon Bridge
Methodist Church
Come along and bring
your friends

**ST JOHN OF BEVERLEY
CHURCH SERVICES**

Mass each Sunday at 9.30am at St
John's

Mass each Sunday at 11.00am at
Haltwhistle

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

**ST CUTHBERT'S CHURCH
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Get It Together Society (GITS)

The Guy Making Day will be on Saturday November 3rd 10.00am – 1.00pm. The price is £2.50 per guy maker. This price includes all materials and chocolate crispies. [You can bring your own guy clothes if you prefer.] All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Tea, coffee, juice and biscuits will be available throughout and at 12 noon we'll be selling hotdogs and cupcakes before setting off through the village to show off our finished guys and hopefully get some 'Pennies for the guy'. A wheelbarrow or buggy would come in useful for this bit, if you have one.

The guys made by under 18s can then be taken down to the Sele in Hexham between 1.00pm – 5.30pm to be entered into Hexham Round Table's Best Guy Competition at 6pm and then burnt on their bonfire at 6.30pm. Entry forms for this will be available at the Community Centre and must be completed and signed by parents/carers. One of our guys came 3rd last year!!

We now have the dates for next year's Beer Festival and Local Artists' Exhibition, so we can finalise the dates for the Performing Arts Festival at our next meeting which is the AGM on November 5th in the back room at the Havelock. All welcome.

Pauline Wallis
Tel: 01434 684061

NOTICES & WHAT'S ON?

HAYDON BRIDGE COMMUNITY CENTRE

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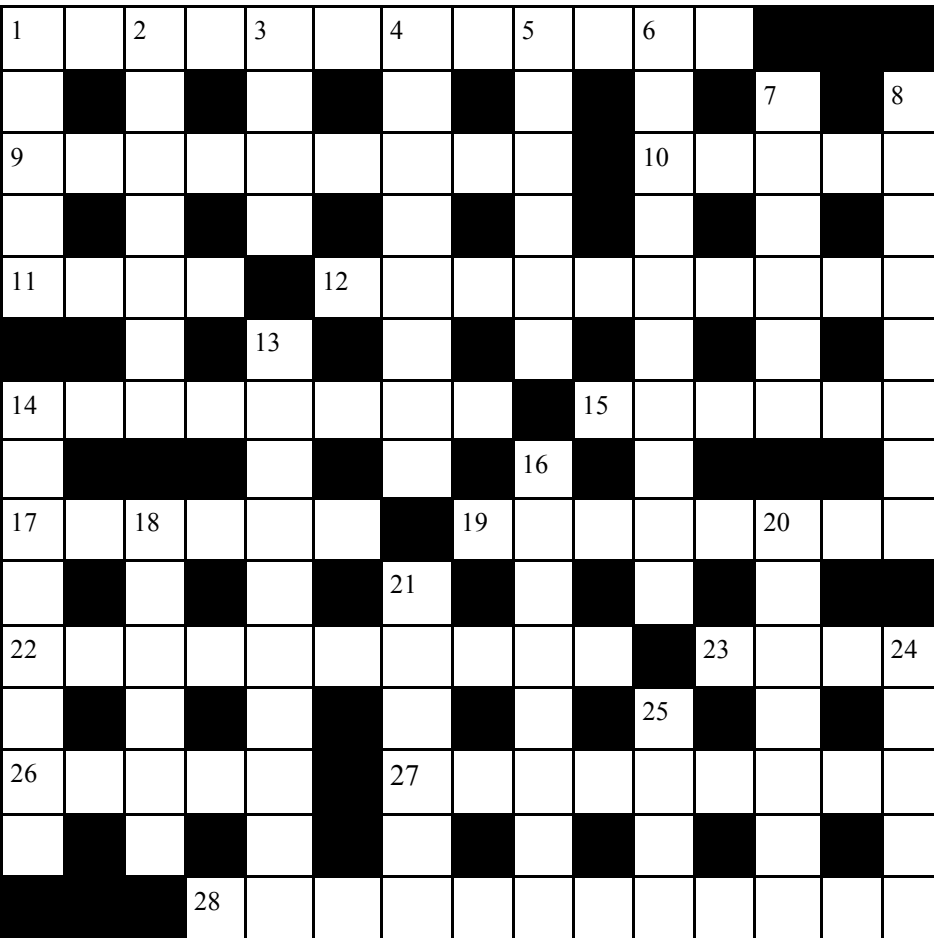
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SOLUTIONS TO SEPTEMBER'S CROSSWORD. (76)

Across

Down

- | | |
|-----------------|------------------------|
| 1 Prince Buster | 1 Pagan |
| 9 Gallionic | 2 Illness |
| 10 Basha | 3 Chin |
| 11 Neem | 4 Bin laden |
| 12 Water table | 5 Sucker |
| 14 Fastened | 6 Embittered |
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| 26 Roast | 18 Inroad |
| 27 Lion tamer | 20,24 Solomon
Burke |
| 28 Protuberance | 21 Chalet |
| | 25 Star |

NUMBER OF ENTRIES

4 all correct

(Well done; that was a tricky one, and with no anagrams!!)

THIS MONTH'S WINNER

Denis Bell

ACROSS

- 1 Sponsor a life and find craftsman. (12)
- 9 Her tactic is to reveal this one.(9)
- 10 Vessel went to transfer goods.(5)
- 11 Listen in when he argues.(4)
- 12 Greed turned before unlucky eight, we hear, remove controls.(10)
- 14 A drop in the Avon for former red official.(8)
- 15 Confirm when at examination.(6)
- 17 Turn around when penny left tragedy.(6)
- 19 Sprints around with energy and miss. (8)
- 22 Air flows back north and south after sign of bookkeepers.(10)
- 23 Rise and fall like a broken diet.(4)
- 26 Dead polyps were caught and vocal! (5)

27 Birds love VIP and arouse endlessly.(9)

28 Alpine ferret could become privileged.(12)

DOWN

- 1 Cheap fruit that could be especially pleasing.(5)
- 2 Place for fruit or vegetable.(7)
- 3 Go out with former cousin.(4)
- 4 Draft framework.(8)
- 5 Fifty in shop rummaging to find stableman.(6)
- 6 This one could be a noble colonist, we hear.(10)
- 7 Prioritise when three years old.(6)
- 8 Woodsman in favour of chemical compound.(8)
- 13 One could be found on table and floor, perhaps.(10)

14 Edible plant with a pure combination.(8)

16 More cushioned when reposing perhaps.(8)

18 Man who took mints up?(6)

20 City from a place where they strip olives.(7)

21 Caution at the beginning of a game. (3,3)

24 Turbulent sea in the Spanish stand. (5)

25 Can go before land, line and sail. It could be a land line and you could sail in it!(4)

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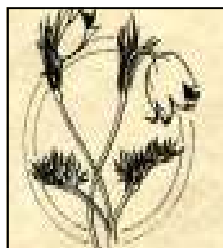
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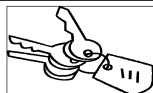
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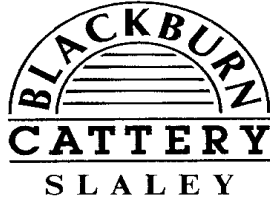
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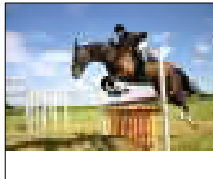
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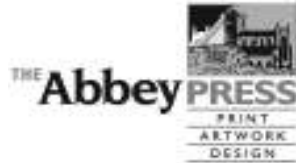
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