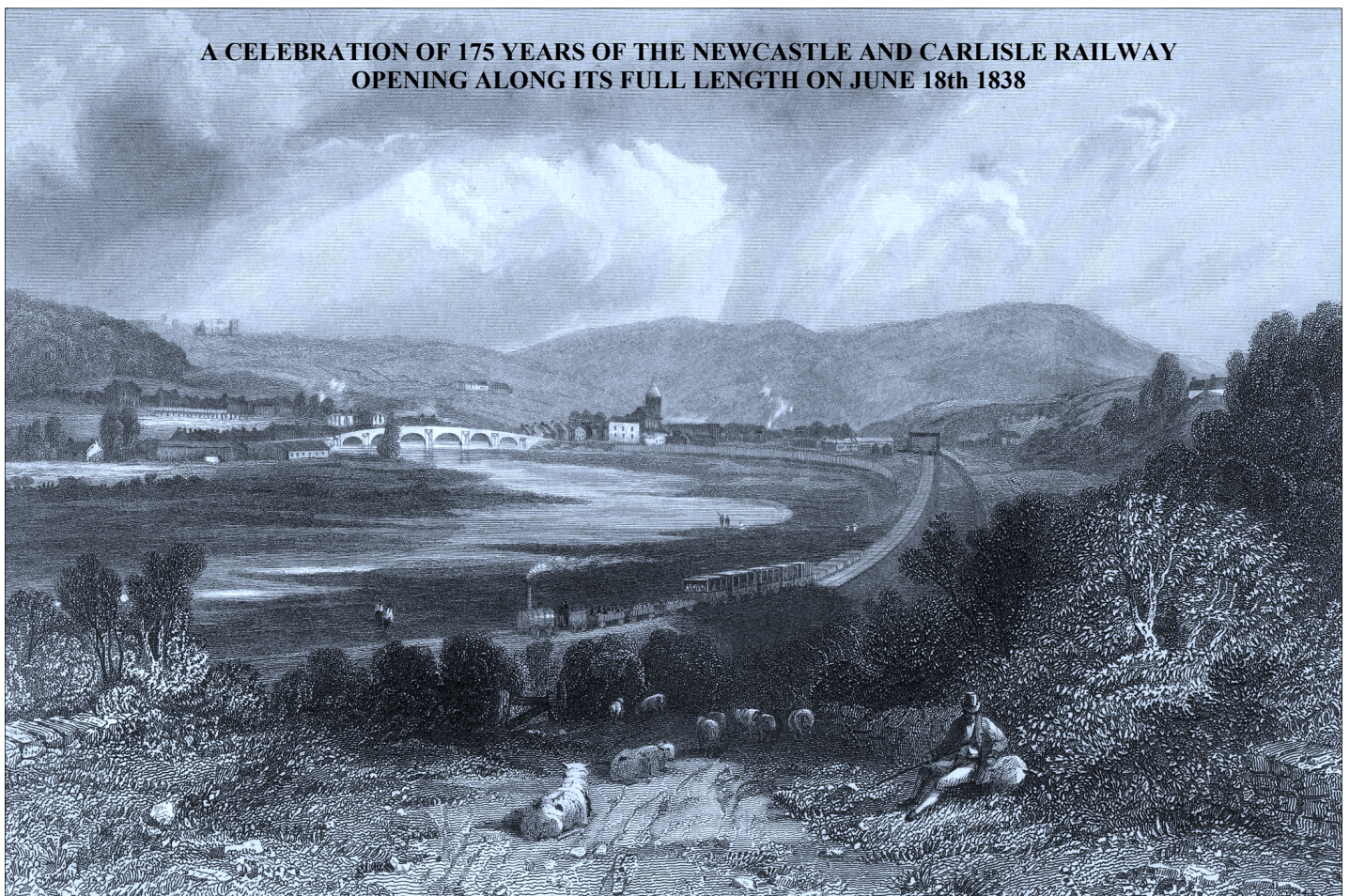




# THE HAYDON NEWS ON LINE



This engraving from an original painting of Haydon Bridge by J.W. Carmichael, celebrates the first through trains between Newcastle and Carlisle, on June 18th 1838. One hundred and seventy five years ago this month. (See page 5)

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**EDITORIAL COMMENT**

It's a busy early summer in Haydon Bridge with a whole range of events organised for our enjoyment.

First off, and received right at the last minute, here's a notice of a series of gigs being performed as part of an Ataxia UK fund raising walk. Folk Singer, Steve Bonham, is walking the Hadrian's Wall Trail and performing at various venues along the route. He's asking people to support his efforts and come to one of his local gigs. Here's the list

**May 27 – Monday, Robin Hood Bar, Eastwell Houses**

**May 29 – Wednesday, Twice Brewed Inn, Twice Brewed**

**May 30 – Thursday, Boatside Inn, Warden**

**May 31 – Friday, The Angel Inn, Corbridge**

**June 01 – Saturday, The Swan, Heddon on the Wall**

On June 8th there is the first **Haydon Hundred Cycling Event.** (See page 12 and [www.haydon-bridge.co.uk](http://www.haydon-bridge.co.uk) for details)

Later in June there's the **Annual Exhibition of Artworks** by Haydon Local Artists from June 23rd to 29th (See back page for details).

The **Annual Haydon Bridge Beer Festival** is being held at Low Hall Park on July 12th and 13th. ( See website for details [www.haydonbeerfestival.co.uk](http://www.haydonbeerfestival.co.uk) )

The week long **Haydon Bridge Performing Arts Festival** starts on July 13th and continues, with a whole range of daytime and evening events, until July 20th. (See back page). Not to be missed.

Finally, and on another fund raising note, **Geeswood House Open Garden** takes place in the afternoon of July 28th to help raise funds for the Community Centre Solar Panels scheme. (See page 16 for details) MP

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## **PARISH COUNCIL NOTES from the meeting in May 2013**

The Chairman welcomed the two new councillors to the meeting and congratulated Cllr Sharp on his re-election to the County Council. Steve Ford, President of the Community Association gave a presentation on the Association's plans to install solar panels on the roof of the Community Centre. The total cost of the scheme will be about £18,000. The scheme will reduce the Community Centre's expenses as there will be no more electricity bills and should generate about £2000 per year income from the sale of electricity. The Association's Fund raising has achieved £9,000 so far. The Parish Council agreed a sum of £2000 towards the cost of the scheme which will help guarantee the future of the Community Centre.

A brief Parish Meeting (AGM) was held. A councillor gave a short report on community developments in the village. The meeting was then closed.

### **Public Participation**

In response to a query about the Council's plans for the cemetery the meeting was informed that at present the only work going ahead involved clearing the pile of soil, overgrown shrubs and hedging from the northern edge of the cemetery, to improve the appearance of the area. The next stage will see the preparation of the southern half of the cemetery as a woodland burial site. In the longer term a wall will be constructed along the northern boundary. The ground in front of the wall will be sloped and used for the burial of ashes following cremation. The whole scheme will, over time, pay for itself.

Before the start of the meeting the current chairman and vice-chair were re-elected

### **Council Meeting.**

10 councillors were present and Cllr Sharp the local NCC councillor.

Minutes of previous meeting.

It was noted that, in response to the Council's query concerning the tree planting along the bank north of The Showfield development, Bellway claim to have obtained permission for the planting from the landowner's agent.

### **NCC Report**

As a result of the elections held earlier this month NCC now has 32 Labour councillors, 21 Conservative, 11 Lib

Dems and 3 Independents.

The Independents have formed a coalition with the Labour Party members giving the grouping overall control of the County Council.

There is still some tree pruning to be done along Church St. The drain at Standalone has been repaired but the one on the North Bank at Heugh House Lane is still awaiting repair. Work is to commence soon on the installation of a heating and hot water system in the Cricket Pavilion. This scheme is being financed through the Sports element of the Developer's Fund.

It was noted that in the river flood incident on May 18th water came round the northern end of the wall into Brigwood lane and also seeped through some of the joints in the wall. The environment Agency are investigating the incident. The local emergency services were praised for their prompt reaction to the flood and support for residents.

The funding for The Showfield Play Area will be transferred to the Parish Council once the Council has registered its ownership of the Play Area land.

It was noted that the Planning Department and the Police are aware of the caravans parked on land at Willow Gap.

A request has been received from a wheelchair user for the provision of dropped kerbs on Ratcliffe Road at the eastern end of the old bridge railings. This is to be discussed with the Highways Dept.

### **Highways**

A long discussion was held on the proposed footbridge to replace the pedestrian foot crossing of the railway line, on the footpath from the village to Peelwell. The proposal would involve diverting the path at the village end from its present route between Hordley Acres and Greenwich Gardens, to a point further west between Greenwich Gardens and Langley Gardens. This would give more room for the footbridge as the site is at present grassed, with a car/lorry parking lay-by at the roadside.

Several concerns were raised about the proposal and the suggestion made that the gates on the present path be made to lock when the road barrier is lowered on Church Street.

The footbridge is part of a national scheme to replace all foot crossings over rail tracks. (There will be a full report on the footbridge proposals in next month's Haydon News)

In reply to the Council's request for a member from Road Link (A69) to come to talk to the meeting about junction safety issues on the bypass and also the length of time taken to re-open the road after a recent accident, the company offered a meeting at their offices instead. However, Road Link did say that it works closely with the police and emergency services to get the road opened as quickly as possible following the investigation of accidents. It did point out that after a serious accident involving a fatality, the police treat it as a crime scene and require a minimum of 4 hours to carry out their investigations. In addition, where a heavy goods vehicle is involved, it may require transferring its load to another HGV, adding to the length of time the road is closed. In subsequent correspondence on the issue of junction design a representative of the Highways Agency did say that there are a number of complex issues taken into account when designing road junctions. This included the expected number and type of vehicles using the junction and how the junction relates to the geometry of the main road (A69) and the side road. Councillors were most dissatisfied with this response and are asking for a meeting with Road Link and the Highways Agency.

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### **PARISH COUNCILLORS**

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### Parish Council Notes continued.

Proposals for double yellow lines on John Martin Street/Shaftoe Street outside the Anchor Hotel and continuing across the end of the old bridge approach and also on Ratcliffe road at the old bridge end were discussed again and agreed. NCC and or the Highways Agency are to be asked to fund the work. In the meantime the Council is to request that the current parking restrictions in the village are implemented/policed more rigorously.

The bird flap on the new waste bin outside Claire's Newsagents is to be replaced by the manufacturer.

Concern was expressed about the amount of sand washed out of the banks near the bypass bridge over the Langley road. It was pointed out that the sand would be from the construction of the embankments/bridge as it did not naturally occur in the area.

It was noted that the West Northumberland area hardly featured at all in the current NCC Transport Strategy document. A further letter is to be sent to NCC about public transport provision in the area and the unreliability of the 685 bus service.

### Correspondence

Information was received about the West Northumberland Youth Service's 'mobile youth club'.

Road Link (A69) Ltd Annual Report was also received.

A letter was received from NCC about its support system for communities affected by flooding.

The Adult Education Service stated that with annual reductions to the budget their classes have to be limited to main centres but they still managed to cover a wide area.

It was suggested that the Development Trust, with support from the Parish Council and possible help from the High School, might consider providing some adult education classes in Haydon Bridge.

### Parish Projects

The Haydon Cycling event on June 8th now has over 100 entrants.

Repairs to the bayonet on the War Memorial would have to meet War Memorial Trust requirements, making the cost prohibitive.

### AoB

Following the flood this month, the village handyman has cleared out the silt deposited in the Spa Well.

Concerns were expressed about the increasingly dangerous state of the old West End Joinery workshops.

**Next meeting is on June 27th at 7.30pm in Haydon Bridge Community Centre.**

MP

**The Performing Arts Festival** is almost here and on the back of this issue you can see what we have organised for the evenings during the week of 13<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> July. It really is a packed programme, kicked off on the Friday night [12<sup>th</sup> July] with the Beer Festival. Hopefully there'll be something to appeal to everyone.

There are plenty of daytime activities too including a sing-a-long in the Havelock, poetry reading, storytelling, face painting and workshops at the First School. There's also a memorabilia exhibition at the Methodist Church and we are appealing for interesting objects associated with the village.

A full programme will be on the front page of the Haydon News next month, posters for all the events will start appearing around the village and programmes will be available. Tickets for all events are available from Claire's newsagents, The Bridge Library and individual venues.

Throughout the week, raffle tickets will be on sale so even if you can't attend an event then you can support the Festival by buying tickets or donating a prize.

**Please come and experience as many events as possible. A lot of hard work has gone into the organisation of this village project and we are hoping to attract people from outside Haydon Bridge as well as locals.**

We now have a website

[www.getittogethersociety.co.uk](http://www.getittogethersociety.co.uk) and we're on Facebook so you can keep up to date with what's happening. Our next meeting is in the Havelock at 8pm on June 3rd. All welcome. You can contact us on 01434 684061 [Pauline and John].

### **The Shaftoe Charities** **Shaftoe Educational Foundation**

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- **A student leaving school and needing educational support**
- **Starting a trade or apprenticeship**

**and your family home is in Haydon Parish then you may be eligible for an education grant - READ ON**

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***Students undertaking further or higher education academic courses*** can apply for a support grant for ALL years of their course

***Students taking vocational courses or apprenticeships*** can apply for a support grant, and/or a contribution to the cost of their tools

***The governors are meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> July and completed grant application forms need to be received by the Clerk at least 10 days before the meeting to be considered.***

Applications not received before the deadline will be deferred to the following meeting.

**For a grant application form or to talk through applying for a grant please go to our website**

[www.shaftoecharities.org.uk](http://www.shaftoecharities.org.uk)

or email Peter Fletcher, The Clerk at: [info@shaftoecharities.org.uk](mailto:info@shaftoecharities.org.uk),

or write to The Clerk, The Office, Shaftoe Terrace, Haydon Bridge NE47 6BW or phone 01434 684944 / 07968 488521.



**THE NEWCASTLE & CARLISLE  
RAILWAY  
(Part 3)**

**It is one hundred and seventy five years ago this month (June 2013) that the Newcastle and Carlisle Railway was officially opened along its full length (June 1838).**

**This remarkable undertaking, the first cross country line ever to be built, followed a decision made in 1825 to provide the communication link by railway, rather than a canal which had been the subject of a number of earlier surveys.**

**The line was intended to be operated completely by horses, 'of a superior breed'. In the event, locomotives were chosen as the preferred method of transport.**

I have followed a brief history of the making of the Newcastle and Carlisle Railway in the April and May (2013) issues of The Haydon News. From the lines inception and the official opening of the seventeen miles Blaydon to Hexham link, on March 9th 1835; to the extension of the line from Hexham to Haydon Bridge on June 28th 1836.

**This month I will celebrate the opening of the line along its full length - from Newcastle (Redheugh) to the Maryport Canal Basin at Carlisle - on Monday June 18th 1838.**

**By July 1836**, only one main section of the line remained as incomplete, that between Haydon Bridge and Blenkinsopp Colliery, where the western section had a temporary terminus. Until completion of this middle section, passengers and freight were transferred between the two stations by stage coaches - 'on the old mail road' - which started on the arrival of the through trains from either end of the line.

The directors of the Company, in a report published on April 8th 1837, stated that the contracts for the whole of the earthworks and masonry for this central section had been awarded and work on the line was in progress west of Haydon Bridge.

**The** heaviest part of the work was between Blenkinsopp and Whitcheater, and consisted of a large cutting of 200,000 cubic yards of spoil, which was used for a one mile embankment east of

Haltwhistle. Also, a tunnel had to be formed at Whitcheater.

The next interesting consideration in our district was below Lipwood to 'opposite Ridley Hall' where the agreed Parliamentary route was on the north side of the River Tyne. It was agreed, however, that advantages could be gained by laying the line, more directly, on the south side of the river.

The advantages were:

1. Shortening the route by nine chains (594 ft)
2. Achieving a straight line of way.
3. Saving two crossings over the turnpike as well as having to shift a great deal of that road.
4. Saving a considerable extent of river walling.

This diversion, effected by an arrangement with Mr Davidson of Ridley Hall, involved the building of three new bridges; crossing the Tyne opposite Lipwood House, crossing the River Allen and the haughs at Ridley, and re-crossing the Tyne to the north side of the river below Crow Hall. The costs were estimated to be very little, if at all, greater than the line previously intended on the north side.

The winter weather in the Tyne valley during the five months to April 1837, severely delayed the construction operations. The constant alternations of rain, frost, thaw and snow had been particularly trying for all the new works and floods had been frequent and heavy. Nevertheless, it was hoped that the middle section from Haydon Bridge - through Ridley, Whitcheater, past Haltwhistle and to Blenkinsopp - would be open in March 1838. These expectations were not fulfilled and by March 1838 it was clear that the central 'gap' in the line would not be closed until June 1838.

**In** the meantime, the shareholders were informed that a much larger sum of money would be required than was originally thought necessary. It was brought to their attention that the original costings had been for a single line with sidings, and horse drawn waggons. The increased dimensions and strength of the works; the replacement of cast metal rails with malleable iron, necessary upon the adoption of double tracks and the use of locomotive engines in preference to horses; the costs of various

improvements in the direction and levels; the sums paid for land; and damages to landowners which were considerably greater than was estimated and exceeding the original estimates in a greater proportion than any other item, all added to the costs. Neither did the original estimates embrace: the making of the depots; the purchase of locomotives, carriages and waggons; and the purchase of cranes and other machinery. *(I wonder if the original estimator was sacked?)*

In the circumstances it was deemed necessary to seek powers, through Parliament, to raise a further £250,000.

There was, however, positive news. The various canals and navigable rivers across the country had, during the severe weather, been completely stopped and rendered useless for the traffic usually carried along them, whereas on the Newcastle and Carlisle Railway, no delay or suspension of traffic had taken place for frost or snow.

And, in respect of revenue, the gross receipts for 1837 had been £48,000 and this was expected to double when the middle section of the line was open, 'providing a convenience for customers and yielding considerable profits for the proprietors'.

**THE 'GAP'  
BETWEEN HAYDON BRIDGE  
AND BLENKINSOPP COMPLETED  
JUNE 1838**

**The** 'gap' was duly completed; timber bridges - as at Warden - were built across the South Tyne at Lipwood and Ridley, and over the River Allen. The Whitcheater tunnel was two hundred and two yards long and straight, and the line was never more than a mile from the River Tyne all the way west to Haltwhistle. The directors of the Company travelled the line on June 15th 1838 to check that all was ready.

**The ceremonial opening of the Newcastle and Carlisle Railway along its full length was fixed for June 18th 1838, a date described in the local Journals as : 'The anniversary of the glorious and ever memorable Battle of Waterloo.'**

At six o' clock on the Monday morning of June 18th 1838, five trains left the London Road Station at Carlisle where the day had been pronounced a general holiday for the occasion. The trains were to take passengers to join the

official procession which was to leave Redheugh, at the eastern end of the line, at eleven o'clock. The locomotives were: The Eden, transporting the directors of the Company from the west, and the Mayor and City Councillors of Carlisle; the Goliah; the Atlas; the Samson; and the Hercules.

The principal train, drawn by the Eden, arrived at Redheugh about half past nine o'clock. A deputation from the Newcastle Corporation was ready to receive the official party and the corporation barges were sent to convey the visitors from the Redheugh Station across the Tyne to Newcastle, where breakfast was provided for over three hundred persons at the Assembly Rooms.

The Goliah was next to unload its passengers who were to be carried by steam boats across the river, and the gangway on the south side was soon crowded by those eager to get on board. The consequence was that the gangway broke in its centre and several ladies and gentlemen ended up in the 'coaly Tyne'. Assistance was speedily rendered, however, and they were all rescued unhurt from their perilous and embarrassing situation.

*Hardly an auspicious start to the great occasion!*

According to the Newcastle Weekly Journal, the scene alongside the railway at the eastern end on June 18th 'belied description'. The local news reporters did their best however.

'The banks on the north side of the Tyne were studded with a myriad of human beings, scarcely a spot of vacant ground being discernible all the way from the Close to the Water Company's works at Elswick. Every eminence as far as the eye could reach in all directions was covered, and near the station, which was tastefully decorated with evergreens and banners, the crowd was immense. The river presented a gay and interesting appearance, being covered with gigs, steamers and boats of various descriptions; and the dresses of the ladies, and the numerous banners floating in the air contributed to render a scene of imposing grandeur.'

Thirteen engines and their carriages formed the procession from Redheugh. The first class carriages were fitted with every regard to convenience, the backs and the seats being well padded and divided into compartments. The windows of these carriages were formed with plate glass and the exterior

decorations were very splendid. The centre panels were ornamented with a crown and the side panels with the Arms of the town of Newcastle and the City of Carlisle.

The second class carriages were open at the sides, allowing the passengers an extensive view of the country as they passed along. The third class carriages were constructed for carrying luggage with easy seats placed on the top; an elevated position from where the view was most commanding.

Besides these carriages, a number of waggons and sheep pens were fitted out for the occasion.

The late arrival of the early morning trains from Carlisle, the incident on the gangway at Redheugh, and an extended breakfast for those invited to the Assembly Rooms, meant that the start of the procession was delayed by one and a half hours, and when the honoured guests arrived after breakfast, they found their seats taken 'by those less distinguished', who had occupied them 'without ceremony, even though the doors of the carriages were labelled in legible characters'.

For example; the Mayor of Newcastle and the chairman of the Railway Company, Mathew Plummer, had to find 'plank seats' in an open carriage.

**It was twelve thirty when the first train pulled out of the station, leading a procession with around four thousand passengers, the public having been allowed to enjoy the pleasures of this great occasion at the, 'moderate charge of ten shillings per person. Such a price, nevertheless, as would ensure a select and respectable company!'** *(My exclamation mark.)*

The **Rapid** was the first engine out of the station. There were no carriages attached to this locomotive but John Blackmore, the Company's engineer, travelled on it to inspect the line and ensure it was safe for the remaining twelve trains in the party. The **Rapid** displayed the Union Jack, 'which for a thousand years had braved the battle and the breeze'. *(But for how much longer?)*

At twelve thirty, the **Meteor**, on which was a flag inscribed, 'England expects every man to do his duty', hauled the first four carriages. The distinguished passengers in the **Meteor** were accompanied by the Allenheads' band and this engine was followed by the **Victoria**, embellished with a crown,

hauling nine carriages; the **Wellington**, with nine carriages, ornamented on each side with a shield bearing the portrait of the Hero of Waterloo; the **Nelson** with its seven carriages, sporting a shield bearing a portrait of the Hero of Trafalgar, surrounded by the emblems of war; the **Lightning** conveying the Carlisle band and hauling ten carriages; the **Tyne**, with nine carriages and a steam organ replacing the steam whistle; the **Carlisle** with eight carriages; the **Eden** and ten carriages; the **Goliah** with nineteen carriages and about six hundred passengers; the **Atlas** and its seventeen carriages and the Newcastle and Northumberland Volunteer Band; the **Samson** with eleven carriages; the **Newcastle** with nine carriages and a flag unfurled on which was inscribed, 'Prosperity to Newcastle'; and finally, the **Hercules** and its eight carriages.

The three new engines hauling carriages on the opening day in June were the Victoria, Wellington and Nelson.

*Readers of previous issues of The Haydon News will recall that Rapid - along with Comet which the Company still owned but did not take part in this procession - was the Company's first locomotive, purchased in March 1835, and Hercules and Samson were the two engines that opened the Hexham to Haydon Bridge section of the line on June 28th 1836.*

The total length of the procession, allowing for at least two hundred yards between trains for safety, was more than two miles, and short stops on the journey to Carlisle were made at Corbridge, Hexham and Haydon Bridge.

Unfortunately, the weather did not behave itself for the event and although early fog soon cleared, rain continued to fall for most of the journey.

#### THE JOURNEY

Soon after departure from Redheugh, a slight accident occurred when the **Lightning** engine struck one of the last carriages drawn by the **Nelson**. One of the carriages was thrown off the rails and another sustained damage. A little alarm was excited but no one sustained injury. One of the carriages was removed at Blaydon and the procession continued amidst demonstrations of rejoicing.

Crowds were assembled at every station on the line and at all points where a view of the two miles of steam procession was possible. The poor weather and heavy rain did not spoil the event. Every

village and hamlet on the line exhibited the same token of rejoicing while witnessing the start of a new and important era.

*A note in the Newcastle Journal is an interesting reflection on the scene:*

‘Ladies were to be seen perched on the rising of a cut or standing beneath the shelter of a hedge - whilst their attendants waited at a distance with their horses - in order to get a glimpse of the trains passing.’

As with other villages, there was great rejoicing at Haydon Bridge where the trains made a short stop.

It seems that in June 1838, the line from Hexham to Haydon Bridge was of single track, although enough width for double tracks had been provided, and the double line from Haydon Bridge to Bardon Mill had already been completed.

By 1840, when ‘signals’ were introduced at stations on the line, the only single track sections were from Stocksfield to Hexham, and Rose Hill to Milton.

It is interesting that on the double tracks, trains from the east ran on the north rails and trains from the west ran on the south rails. This continued until March 1864.

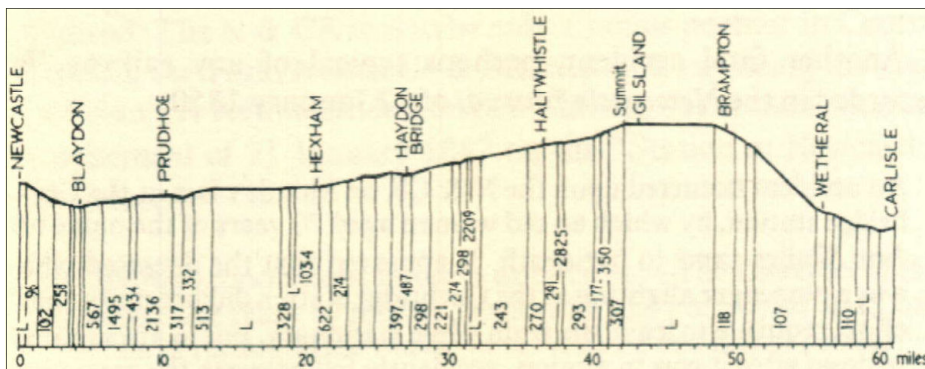
A triumphal arch was erected over the gateway at each entrance to the station at Haydon Bridge and, ‘a neat shed erected over the line was tastefully decorated with evergreens’.

According to the Journal’s report of the occasion, the passengers glimpsed the cottage where the celebrated artist John Martin was born and a little further on travelled through an arch of great architectural beauty.

*No doubt the ‘tunnel top’ in present day parlance, which is a feature no longer architecturally beautiful, having been blown up in the 1970s and replaced by a more practical concrete structure.*

As the bridge was crossed over the Tyne at Lipwood, Lipwood Hall, the ‘neat modern mansion’ of Moises Clark Esq., could be seen to the right, and to the left, Ridley Hall, the residence of John Davidson Esq., stood ‘on a commanding eminence’. The procession left the Chapelry of Haydon and crossed the River Allen on its journey to Carlisle, passing Willimoteswick, an impressive ruin to the south of the River Tyne and the birth place of Bishop Ridley who suffered martyrdom in 1533.

The last train entered the London Road Station, Carlisle at 6.00pm. An average



The NER Gradient Section Book 1905 published this gradient profile of the Newcastle and Carlisle line. This section clearly illustrates the difficulties that would be experienced in constructing the line, especially between Brampton and Carlisle. (See also page 9)

speed of 23mph. The procession was met with a salute of twenty one rounds as the five hundred honoured guests were entertained for dinner at the Bush Inn. Those who weren’t ‘honoured’ were presumably ‘entertained’ at other premises in the city.

Some of the trains were ready to depart Carlisle soon after seven o’ clock, it was ten o’ clock in the evening, however, before the return journey to Newcastle began and, long before the directors and their honoured guests returned to the station from the Bush Inn to the echoes of another twenty one round salute, the seats in most of the trains were already occupied. Many of the reserved carriages had been locked, but this was to no avail as, ‘unmannerly individuals did not hesitate to force themselves in through the windows ..... taking the absence of the directors and their guests to commit the grossest acts of impropriety and refusing to give up the seats even when remonstrated with and requested to do so’.

It did not help that the return journey began in torrential rain and ladies and children, many of them in their summer dresses, were compelled to sit on the outside of the trains, ‘exposed to the pitiless storm’ while those passengers, ‘forgetting good breeding and self respect, sat inside encased in furs, Mackintoshes and great coats, smiling at the misfortunes of their neighbours’.

*The charge of ten shillings, ‘to ensure a select and respectable company’, clearly failed in its intention!*

Once John Blackmore, the Company’s engineer, had proceeded with an engine to inspect the line and see that it was safe and in working order, the procession of locomotives and their carriages followed on the return

journey to Newcastle.

All did not go well during the early stages of the return and near Milton station one of the chains connecting the carriages on the ‘Carlisle’ train gave way and a passenger was injured due to the collision. The passenger was removed to a nearby farm house together with a surgeon who was on the train and who remained with him and attended to his injuries.

Reports suggest that a further collision occurred at Greenhead, where an open waggon was damaged and two men hurt. One with a broken leg and the other with a ‘mangled arm’.

These incidents further delayed the journey and it was after two o’clock when the first train reached Redheugh station. By shortly after eight o’clock in the morning of June 19th 1838, all the trains and their passengers had returned to Redheugh.

**The Newcastle and Carlisle Railway was officially open along its full length and the Newcastle Weekly Journal expounded the benefits the new line offered.**

#### A CROSS - COUNTRY COMMUNICATION

Uniting the two opposite coasts of the Kingdom, the Newcastle and Carlisle line affords an opportunity to land American timber and other trans-Atlantic produce on the western side of the island and convey it in a few hours to the Tyne. In like manner, Baltic timber, flax and other valuable merchandise of the North of Europe can be transported in the other direction.

A communication is also opened with the slate quarries of Westmoreland and the lead mines of Northumberland and Cumberland, by which a great saving in carriage will be effected, and the produce of these valuable districts rendered more extensively available in



the neighbourhood.

The line passes through extensive and valuable fields of iron, coal, limestone &etc., the conveyance of which will be a profitable source of revenue to the proprietors, whilst the transit of cattle and the agricultural produce of one of the richest districts in England, cannot fail to be of immense importance and benefit to the vast communities which swell the town of Newcastle and its immediate dependencies.

The surface of the soil from Newcastle to Haydon Bridge is surpassed by none in the Kingdom for its productiveness.

To the tourist, the line has many and peculiar attractions, as the visitor to the lakes of Cumberland may now proceed along it from Newcastle through a highly cultivated and picturesque country, in the course of a few hours. In the morning he may view the splendid monuments of art erected in Newcastle by Mr Grainger, and in the evening gaze on the expansive bosom of the placid Windermere, the silvery water of Derwent, or ascend the lofty Skiddaw.

It was May 21st 1839 before the line reached Newcastle for goods traffic, and October 21st 1839 before passengers were able to take the train across the newly constructed Scotswood bridge and no longer had to be ferried from the south side of the river. It was not until August 1850 that Queen Victoria and Prince Albert officially declared the Newcastle Central Station open.

#### POST SCRIPT AND CARMICHAEL

My look back on the development of the Newcastle and Carlisle Railway (HN April/May/June 2013) from the eighteenth century to the railway's completion, has been restricted in its content by the available space. I have, however, over the three issues, tried to provide a flavour of the events that were relevant to Haydon Bridge and district during the construction of the railway, within the context of the bigger picture.

**I will close my story this month, the one hundred and seventy fifth anniversary of the opening of the line between Newcastle and Carlisle, with a number of engravings from original drawings by J.W. Carmichael.**

The railway, opened in stages between 1835 and 1839, inspired one of the best early illustrated railway books. I am pleased to be able to share with you a selection of this work as a celebration

of an impressive nineteenth century project from which we still benefit in June 2013.

The twenty three railway views were published in five parts in 1836, 1837 and 1838 and helped subdue the alarm felt by ordinary people at the noise, smoke and danger to life.

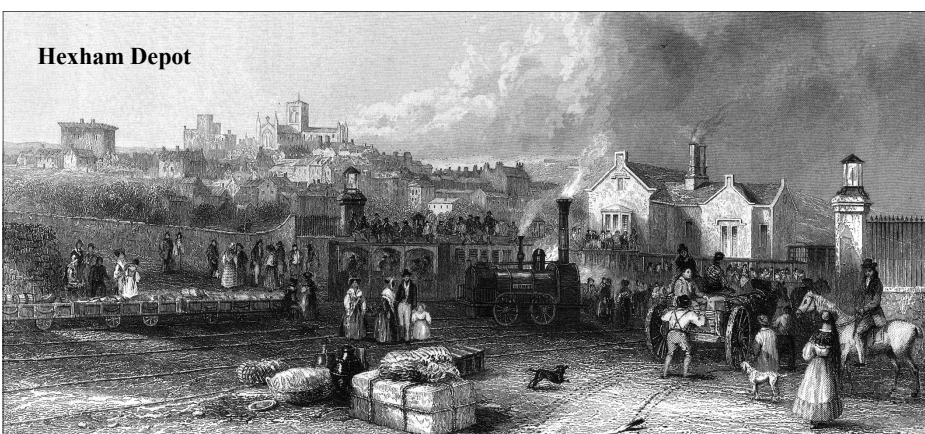
The railway company directors encouraged the sale of the prints, recognising the good publicity that could be gained from the beautiful views along the line and descriptions by Chief Engineer John Blackmore of the remarkable works of civil engineering involved.

#### VIEWS OF THE NEWCASTLE & CARLISLE RAILWAY : J.W. Carmichael

**The main line of the railway eventually reached Newcastle, in 1839, across an eleven arch bridge at Scotswood.**

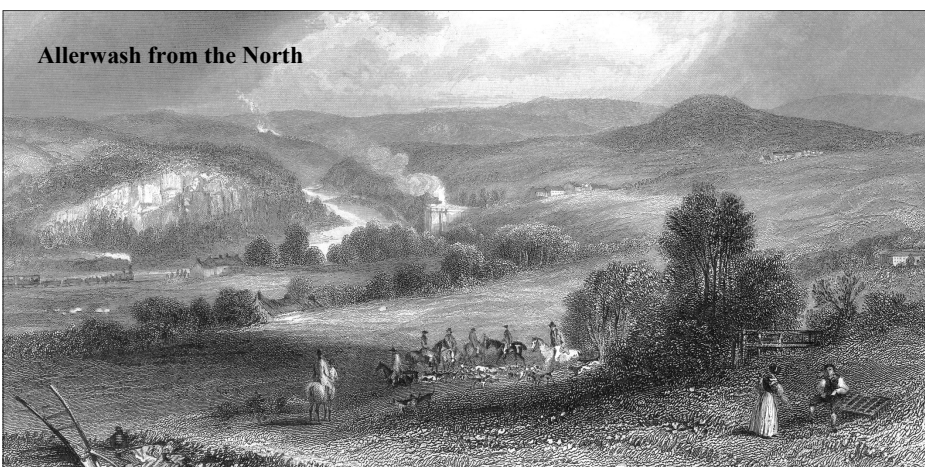


**The Depot at Hexham provided facilities for the conveyance of passengers and all articles connected with Manufactures and Commerce and Cattle and Agricultural Produce.**



**The Newcastle and Carlisle Railway entered the Parish of Warden - within which Haydon was a Chapelry until 1879 - over a new bridge at Warden. (Engravings of Warden bridge were published in the HNs of April and May 2013.)**

**The station at Allerwash was called 'Fourstones Station' and was built as being the most convenient point for communicating with the North Tyne district.**

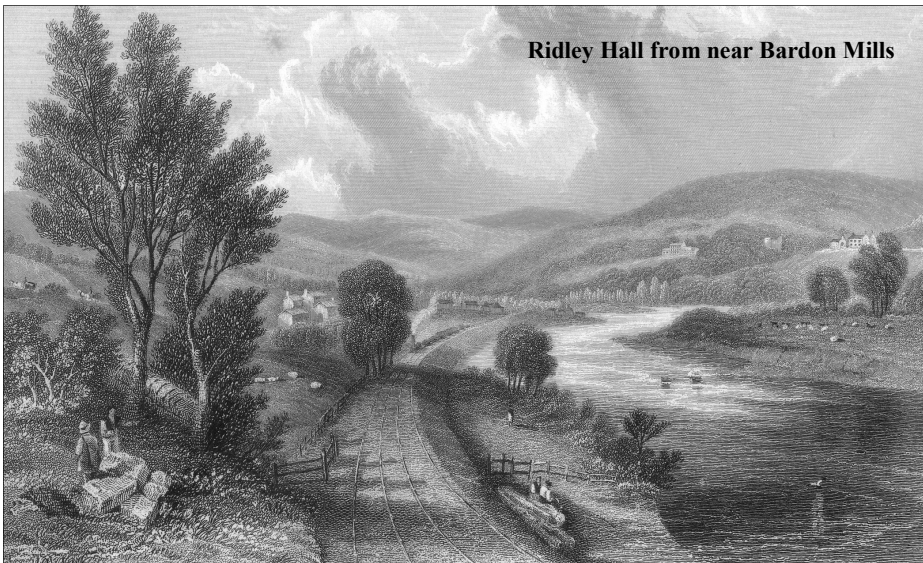


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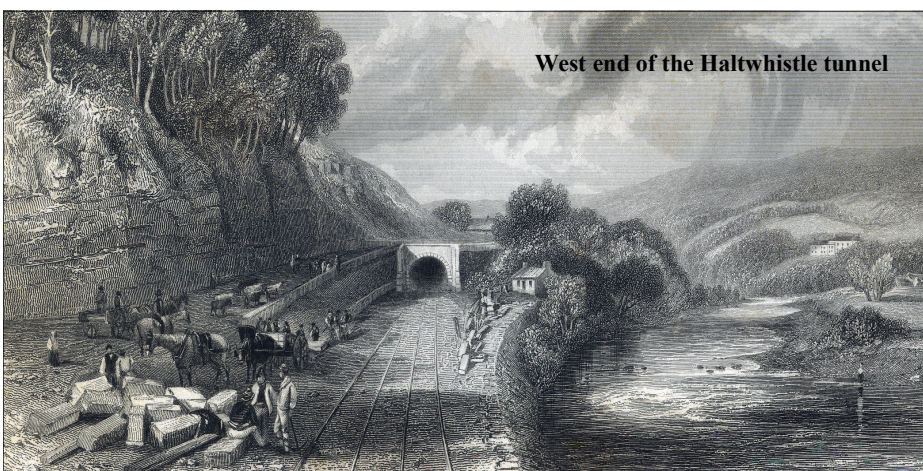


Carmichael's engraved drawing of Haydon Bridge is on our front cover this month. The extensive station at Haydon Bridge was built as the most convenient point of communication with Alston and other lead mining districts, and because it was known as a remarkably healthy situation for tourists.

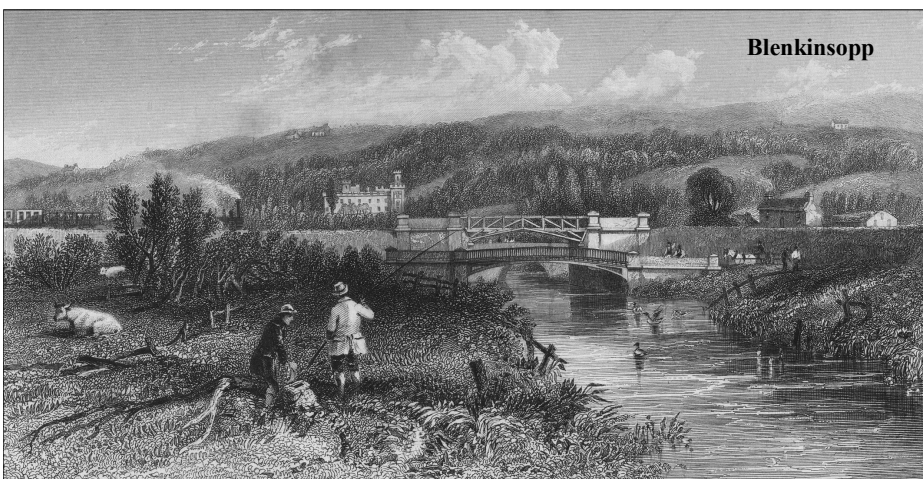
This view of Ridley Hall and the ancient chapel of Beltingham was to convey the nature of the scenery through which the railway passed. The district could be accessed from the station at Bardon Mills (sic).



The Haltwhistle tunnel is 200 yards long under the turnpike road and through a hill, at a point called Whitchester. A little to the west, the railway occupies part of the bed of the River Tyne which was there filled up and an embankment formed.



The first phase of the line from the west was opened between Carlisle and Blenkinsopp Colliery on July 19th 1836 and, as I have written previously, the line between Haydon Bridge and Blenkinsopp was completed and opened on June 18th 1838 allowing traffic along the full length of the line, hence this celebration in The Haydon News.



My brief history of the Newcastle and Carlisle Railway has, for obvious reasons, concentrated on the east and central portions of the line. Each of which are in Northumberland. It was in the west, at Wetheral, where the civil engineering work first started, however, and where the most impressive and expensive construction projects were undertaken.

For example; the first to be built on the line, the Wetheral and Corby viaducts; and the handsome Gelt bridge.

The bridge at **Wetheral** crosses the Eden and consists of five semi-circular arches of 80 feet span. The height of the roadway is about 93 feet from the summer level of the river. The **Corby Viaduct** is composed of seven forty foot span arches.

The three arch oblique **bridge over the River Gelt** was the largest of its kind in Britain. The line of the face of the bridge was 27 degrees from the right angle of the abutment. The centre arch was for the river and the side arches were passing over two roads.

**The cut through the Cowran hills was reported as the 'largest and most expensive excavation ever yet completed in any age or any country'.**

A mile long and averaging 110 ft. deep with walls 14 ft high, one million cubic yards of soil was moved during construction. The original idea of a tunnel through the hill was abandoned due to the strength of the springs and looseness of the sand.

The remarkable Cowran Cut seems a most appropriate place to alight from my three month, 175th year anniversary, journey on the Newcastle and Carlisle Railway.

#### SOURCES OF REFERENCE FOR MY HISTORICAL NOTES ON THE NEWCASTLE AND CARLISLE RAILWAY

I could not have undertaken this journey without access to the Newcastle Journal and the archives at Newcastle upon Tyne City Library. George Whittle's excellent publication 'The Newcastle & Carlisle Railway' has also been an invaluable source of reference as has 'The Railways of Northumberland and Newcastle upon Tyne' by J.A. Wells

And, of course, my copy of 'Views of the Newcastle and Carlisle Railway', from original drawings by J.W. Carmichael and with details by John Blackmore, Engineer to the Newcastle & Carlisle Railway Co.



## A VIEW FROM UP THERE ....

John Harrison

Having been merciless in my search for ambiguous road signs, I am now on the search for unfortunate wording on posters advertising local events. How about this one – “Parish Church: Annual Mission Lecture will take place on Wednesday 20th at 7.30 pm on the subject HEAVEN, AND HOW TO GET THERE. Buses will leave from outside the Red Lion at 7.00 pm.”

And then there’s the inevitable typing errors – like the advert for a day-long conference on meditation that advertised that proceedings would “...be gin with breakfast” – I assume the theme would be based on the spirit??

Well, I think Spring has sprung at long last although gardeners began to doubt that it would ever arrive. April was initially cold and dry, but became warmer from mid-month. The cold weather dominated by easterly winds continued into April for the first 13 days. Daytime temperatures were well below average and many days were cloudy and rather dull. Snow fell again on the 1st and 8th. There were, however, a few glimpses of more spring-like weather and the first of the daffodils were in bloom at Plunderheath by the 13th. Although cloudy and dull, there was very little measureable rainfall and by the 13th only 2.3 mm (0.1”) had fallen, which served to dry out the ground.

As pressure fell, milder air moved in from the south and west between the 13th and 14th, and by the afternoon of the 14th the air temperature had risen to 15.5degC. Night temperatures also improved and had fallen only to 8.8degC by the morning of the 15th. More unsettled weather, more typical of April, dominated the rest of the month. The wind, mainly from west/north-west, was strong at times, reaching gale force overnight on the 17th/18th, and was accompanied by blustery and heavy showers. On the 26th the showers were of large hail, some stones reaching 11mm in diameter, and were accompanied by thunder and lightning. The storm was of sufficient intensity for the hail to coat the ground within the space of a few minutes.

Taking the month as a whole, it was colder and drier than average. Although the lawn-mowing season is now under way, the trees are beginning to leaf, and the soil in my vegetable garden is relatively dry and easy to turn over, the ground is still very cold. Spuds must be a few weeks behind already?

### 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
April	10.1	-1.4	2.4	-1.4	27.1	56

And finally, the other the day I came across a book called “Laughlab – the Scientific Quest for the World’s Funniest Joke” (*British Association for the Advancement of Science*). Their conclusion? Apparently the funniest joke, which I have anglicised, goes like this ...

“There were two men out on a hunting trip when one of them suddenly falls to the ground unconscious. Alarmed, his friend calls the emergency services on his mobile. “My friend is dead. What can I do?” The operator, in calm reassuring voice, says “Just take it easy, I can help you. First, would you please make sure that he is indeed dead.” There is a silence, then the operator hears a shot. The caller comes back to the phone and says “OK, now what?”



**THE WATERS OF TYNE AT HAYDON BRIDGE : SATURDAY MAY 18th 2013 : AT 2.00pm**



**150 NOT OUT**  
**Part 2**  
**(Part 1 was in our May issue)**

**Formed in 1863, Haydon Bridge Cricket Club celebrates its 150th anniversary this year. Our cricket team's first trophy, the West Tyne Senior League title, was won in 1910 but it was 1949 before their second success.**

The names of the cricketers who represented Haydon Bridge in 1949, and those who kept up the good work by winning a further six trophies for the club during the next seven years, will be recognised by our older parishioners and their successful contribution to our sporting achievements, in the 1950s, will bring back many happy memories.

**In 1949**, Haydon Bridge took the championship from Newton, who had held it for three seasons, and it was won with a victory over Bardon Mill by six wickets on Saturday, August 20th 1949, although they had more than one anxious moment when they lost 4 wickets for 35 runs in reply to Bardon Mill's total of 63. Haydon Bridge passed the Bardon Mill total to record an important, if low scoring, victory thanks to brothers N.L. and T.K. Brown who scored 20 and 16 not out respectively.

With a record total of 33 points and two games still to play, Haydon Bridge was 8 points ahead of second placed Newbrough.

Haydon Bridge: E. Porteous 5, J.W. Brown 5, L.C. Coombes 12, N.L. Brown 20, N. Kirsopp (retired with an elbow injury) 0, E. Dinning 0, T.K. Brown 16 n.o., Extras 10. Total for 4 wickets - 68. Bowling: T.K. Brown 4 for 26, D. Allen 4 for 20, E. Waite 2 for 8.

The final positions at the top of the West Tyne League in 1949 were:

	P	W	D	L	PTS
Haydon Bridge	20	16	2	2	34
Newton	20	14	5	1	29
Newbrough	20	13	6	1	27
Stocksfield	20	12	7	1	25

**I**t was the penultimate game of the 1949 season that received much publicity in the local press. The Hexham Courant reported the match saying:

'Amazing things happen in cricket, but no game in the history of the West Tyne League had more outstanding features than the tussle between the league

## Shaftoe Trust First School.

### FAREWELL!

Mrs Judges and Mrs Doody will be leaving our staff at the end of this term. Mrs Judges has accepted the position of Deputy Headteacher at Weardale Primary School and Mrs Doody, who has worked at Shaftoe, as a teaching assistant, for twenty years supporting large numbers of children, is retiring. Both Heather and Liz have been valued members of staff and we wish them well for the future.

We will be holding a presentation ceremony at the end of term (further details will be provided nearer the time). If you would like to make a contribution towards a gift please hand it in to the school office.

### A LETTER TO A DOG WALKER.

A few weeks ago a female dog walker was approached on the field above school and asked to put her dog on the lead to which she refused.....

There are signs at both points of entry to the field informing members of the public that all dogs must be kept on a lead. Her dog proceeded to do what all dogs do and when asked to pick it up she again refused stating that this was not required as she was walking in an open field.....

Staff and pupils would like to inform this dog walker that the field in question is used by children for their outdoor learning and as a playing field for Physical Education.

Could we respectfully ask that you take note of this and not leave piles of dog dirt! Currently staff have to spend time clearing the dirt before each lesson to avoid potentially dangerous situations for the children in their care. **Thank you.**

### CAKE STALL SUCCESS!

On Friday, 10th May we held another very successful cake stall. A great selection of delicious produce was donated which disappeared in a matter of minutes and £105 was raised for school funds!

champions Haydon Bridge and Riding Mill which ended in an exciting draw and produced at the same time several records.'

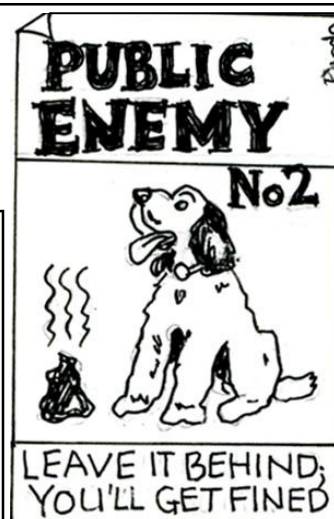
**More about those 'outstanding features' in next month's Haydon News.**

### HAYDON BRIDGE PERFORMING ARTS WEEK

**OLD TIME SING - A - LONG**  
**With Johnny Handle at the Piano**

**2.00pm AT THE GENERAL HAVELOCK**  
**TUESDAY, 16th JULY 2013**

**LUNCH FROM 12.00 NOON**  
**HALF PRICE FOR PENSIONERS**  
**To book lunch - Ring Joanna : 01434 684376**



## **Haydon Bridge Pharmacy** **Update**

### **Does Your Medication Make You Feel Dried Out?**

Today 1 in 10 people suffer from dry eyes. 40% of adults will suffer from a dry mouth.

1 in 2 women will experience intimate dryness.

The mucous membranes cover the digestive, respiratory and urogenital tracts as well as the inner surfaces of the eyes. The membranes act as important channels for interactions between the body and the environment. Mucous membranes play an important part in keeping the whole body healthy and well. Mucous membranes are often attacked by diseases, stress and ageing, and also by the side-effects of medication. When these mucous membranes are dry you get symptoms such as dry eyes.

Some of the medication that can cause the mucous membranes to dry includes thyroid medication, anti-depressants, water tablets called diuretics e.g. bendroflumethiazide and furosemide, also anti-cholinergic medication which is often used for the bladder to reduce frequency of urination. In the past we would have advised you to treat the symptoms of the dry mucous membranes by applying eye drops, creams and drinking lots of water or sucking a sugar free sweet. These remedies often just help to relieve the symptoms for a short time. To help you if you suffer from dryness we have started to stock Omega 7 capsules which is based on Sea buckthorn a natural source of polyunsaturated fatty acids such as omega 3, 6, 7 and 9.

97% of people who have used Omega 7 would recommend it. Most people see the results in four to six weeks of use although many see a reduction dry eyes, skin and intimate dryness in a couple of weeks.

As with all herbal products it can interact with other medicines and medical conditions so always check with the pharmacist before starting to use any herbal product. If you have any questions about dryness please pop into the pharmacy where we will be happy to help.

Tom, Haydon Bridge Pharmacy

## **The Bridge and Visitor Information Point**

### **The Bridge Archives:**

This month, there is wonderful news because, yet again, the Development Trust has managed to bid successfully for a grant for the Bridge. This new grant of over £800 is to continue to build up and expand the Archives section in the library, which as you already know is growing from strength to strength-many of you have shared your memories and photographs with us and some are still doing so. We shall use the money: to source extra information particularly from Woodhorn Museum and Northumberland Archives and Hexham's Moot Hall; to copy original documents that are brought in to us and to buy extra equipment e.g. a camera to photograph old buildings, headstones etc; better audio equipment to record and store your memories of Haydon Bridge and general storage and acid free equipment to preserve the archives. Do pop in and see our increasing collection of old photos with many places and people named but there are still many more with names missing-you may be able to help us, OR bring in anything that you think could be added to the Archives. We'll make a copy pretty quickly and return the original to you safely and without delay. In addition, each Monday evening (apart from the first Monday in the month), from 7pm until 9pm is a drop in time at the Bridge. There are people working on the archives but it is also a good time to drop in and view what is completed. I am sure that you will enjoy a trip down memory lane or maybe an insight into your house as it used to be and/or who lived there OR perusing old maps and sales of land. You are always welcome.

### **Haydon Hundred Cycling Event:**

On Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> June, Haydon Bridge's first annual cycle race takes place-the Haydon Hundred. The race is a major date on the Haydon Bridge calendar with a really good number of entrants already. The race begins at 10am from the Bridge, with a staggered start owing to the large numbers involved. Even if you are not entering yourself, it would be great if you came out on to the street to cheer the cyclists on their way. There will be people here from far and wide. Do watch out for the posters advertising it and practise your cheering voice.

### **Summer opening hours:**

Over the summer holidays, as we have done previously, there will be an extra session each week when the building is open. The day is Thursday and the time from 1.00pm until 4.00pm.

Are any of you interested in becoming a volunteer? We could do with someone to help us out over holiday time. In addition, our Monday team needs one/two volunteers to bring the group up to full strength. It's not an onerous job; no two weeks are the same; you bring your own strengths to the team; training is given and you are giving to your community. Leave your name and number at the Bridge or come in during opening hours to find out more about it.

### **Children's Corner:**

This Children's Craft event may have already happened because it takes place on Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> May, the week of half term but not on the Monday as is normal because that day is a Bank Holiday. The timing also differs to fit in with Wednesday opening hours so beginning at 1:30pm finishing at 2:30pm. This time the theme is Pirates so it will be good fun-more about it next month.

Happy reading ...

Pat Snowdon

***Haydon Bridge website.....***

***www.haydon-bridge.co.uk***



## **Haydon Bridge Red Squirrel Group**

Our Haydon Bridge Red Squirrels are getting well known nationally thanks to our local wildlife photographer Will Nicholls. They have appeared in the national press, on BBC Look North and even on BBC 1's primetime 'One Show'

There have been encouraging reports of more red squirrel sightings in our area, but the group needs your help to ensure our reds stay healthy and continue to increase in numbers.

You can help by reporting your sightings of grey and red squirrels. These reports are vital in helping us to protect our red squirrels. You can submit your reports by phone to 07984 630 967 or you can go to [www.northernredsquirrels.org.uk](http://www.northernredsquirrels.org.uk) and you can submit your sighting via the online form.

If you would like to become more closely involved with our work please get in touch with us on 07984 630 967



*Picture - Will Nicholls Photography*

## **Haydon and Allen Valleys Medical Practice**

A big thank you to everyone involved in organising and participating in the recent Quiz Night hosted by the General Havelock where proceeds raised from the raffle and prize fund were donated to the surgery Equipment Fund. We had a great night and received the wonderful sum of £250. Our Equipment Fund is used to provide items that benefit our patients and our Patient Forum Group help and guide us in identifying suitable items to purchase.

The generous amount raised for the Fund will be used to purchase a blood pressure machine that patients can use in the waiting room here at the surgery.

### **NHS 111 service**

Don't forget – if you need medical help or advice but it's not a 999 or life threatening situation, the number to call when the surgery is closed is now 111

### **MEASLES**

Anyone aged between 10 and 16 who hasn't been fully inoculated against measles is being offered vaccinations. If you think that you or a dependant may not be fully covered, please contact the surgery to check records and make an appointment if required.

### **HEARING AID SUPPORT**

Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> July 2013 between 12noon and 1.00pm we will be having a drop in session at the Health Centre for anyone wanting advice or information about hearing aids. If you have a National Health hearing aid, batteries and tubing can be replaced at this time too. This service is supported by RNID.

You can order repeat prescriptions and make appointments to see a doctor on line via our website –

[www.haydonbridgesurgery.co.uk](http://www.haydonbridgesurgery.co.uk)

K Wood (Practice manager)



**Open 7 days a week**

**9.00am – 5.00pm**

**Free Parking Outside**

**Tel: 01434 683 975**  
**Market Square,**  
**Allendale,**

### **\*June Gallery Exhibition**

**by Ann Sheppard**

*Beautiful Botanical Watercolours*

**\*Art Tour**, Rose Furlonger will be exhibiting her new and magical masks and running workshops on mask making for children,  
**£3 per child (accompanied by an adult) Sunday,**  
**9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> June 1.00pm-4.00pm.**

**\*Gallery Shop** see our NEW summer creations, art & local photography for your home and garden.



**Allendale Forge Café**  
**FREE PRIZE DRAW**



Bring this advert into the Allendale Forge Café with your phone number and you will be entered into the June giveaway draw to win **Strawberry Cream Scones and Tea for Two plus an original embroidered textile by Pat Ashton Smith**



## **CHURCH PAGE**

### **CLERGY MESSAGE**

from

*Judith Hampson*

Do you remember the film, *Stepford Wives*? In it, a dark secret lurks underneath the surface of a seemingly perfect place, where the women are strangely docile and compliant. For those of you who haven't seen it, you may still have heard the phrase used to describe something or someone who is a bit too perfect, a bit too engineered; a bit "Stepford Wives". The film, and our reaction to it, captures our ambiguity about unity, agreement and harmony. We long for it in one sense, but also fear it in another – what kind of people will we really be if we all get on? Whose perspective would be dominant; whose would be squashed to oblivion?

So when we hear all this talk of unity and being one with each other and the Father and Jesus, we know what Jesus means, of course we do. Who wouldn't want this kind of loving, harmonious community? But we might be forgiven if there is a tiny part of us that finds it all a bit "Stepford Wives". Like it or not, though, it's important to John, and his Gospel is smattered with exhortations to love one another, to be one, to abide in God.

So we see in the Gospel two sides of the coin of unity; on one side the imperative for the Christian community to reflect the unity of God and humankind, and on the other their difficulty with making this a reality.

Changes in society often come about from someone breaking away from the whole. If we had perpetual unity we would still have slavery, and only a handful of us would have the right to vote. Those who call for unity often have the most to gain from the system staying just as it is. Add to that in today's society difference is celebrated, or at least tolerated. We don't all worship in the same way, and it's good that we don't.

But that fundamental, amazing truth is still there: that Jesus healed the rift between God and us, and this wholeness should be seen in our relationships to one another.

Our challenge is this; to take Jesus' call to unity and love seriously. We need to work out how to avoid both differences that mar the image of God, and also an air-brushed kind of unity that silences voices that need to be heard.

It is not an easy path to tread, but, if we take on the challenge, it is one that will take us closer to the heart of God.

### **Messy Church**

12th June 3.30pm to 5.45pm

at the Methodist Church

come along and bring your friends

**JUNE 2013**



### **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

**St Cuthbert's, Haydon Bridge**  
**Summer Coffee Morning**  
**Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> June 2012**  
**10.00am 'til noon**  
**HAYDON BRIDGE**  
**COMMUNITY CENTRE**  
**TOMBOLA, RAFFLE, CAKES**  
**AND REFRESHMENTS**

**Tuesday, 4th June 7.30 pm**

**Joint Service at Haydon Bridge**  
**Methodist Church**

*This will be the final service led by  
Rev Les Hann before he moves to a  
new parish*

Come and wish him 'bon voyage'

**METHODIST CHURCH  
SERVICES**

**2nd June**

10.00am Morning Worship  
Christine Caddy  
6.00pm Evening Worship  
Rev Peter Wright

**9th June**

10.00am Family Service  
Rev Mary Elliott  
6.00pm Evening Service  
Local Arrangement

**16th June**

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

**23th June**

10.00am Morning Worship  
Tom Dodds  
6.00pm Evening Service  
Rev Terry Hurst

**30th June**

10.00am Morning Worship  
Graham Wilson  
6.00pm Communion Service  
Rev Les Hann

**BELTINGHAM/HENSHAW  
CHURCH SERVICES**

**2nd June**

**Beltingham**  
9.30am BCP Communion

**9th June**

*10.00am Joint Service at  
Haydon Bridge*

**16th June**

**Henshaw**  
9.30am Communion

**23th June**

**Henshaw**  
9.30am Communion

**30th June**

**Henshaw**  
10.00am Joint Service

**7th July**

*10.00am Joint Service  
at Haydon Bridge*

**HAYDON OLD CHURCH  
SERVICES**

**Evensong**

**30th June at 6.00pm**

**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**

**2nd June**

11.00am BCP Communion

**9th June**

10.00am Joint Service

**16th June**

11.00am Communion Service

**23th June**

11.00am Communion Service

**30th June**

*10.00am Joint Service at  
Henshaw*

**7th July**

10.00am Joint Service

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**HAYDON BRIDGE CARPET BOWLS CLUB**

BOWLERS from across the North East will descend on Haydon Bridge later this summer for an event aimed at supporting good causes in the village. Haydon Bridge Carpet Bowls Club will hold its annual pairs competition on Saturday, 27th July, which will include teams from neighbouring villages and from as far afield as Ashington.

The Club would be grateful for any support from businesses and other people who may wish to donate raffle prizes.

All proceeds from the event, which has grown in popularity in recent years, will go towards the chosen recipients, Haydon Bridge Health Centre, and The Bridge Library, which is run by volunteers. Secretary Joseph Tulip said: "There is plenty to do over the coming weeks in the build up to the Annual Competition.

Invitations have gone out to clubs across the North East and I am sure that with a good number of entries, there will be quite a contest for the winner's trophy, which is

currently held by Manley View, Ashington.

Last Year's event, which raised £121 in aid of Haydon Bridge Community Centre, was a success and we are grateful for the hard work of the Club members who were involved.

It is important that we have some quality raffle prizes. Any businesses which make prize donations will be mentioned at the event, providing some good publicity, and they will be helping us support two worthy causes in the village."

The Bowls Club has finished its matches for the season and is meeting for Club Nights every other Thursday at Haydon Bridge Community Centre, from 7.00pm. New members are always welcome.

For more information about the Annual Competition or the Bowls Club in general, please contact Joseph on 07534 214 365.

White Jack

# NOTICES & WHAT'S ON?

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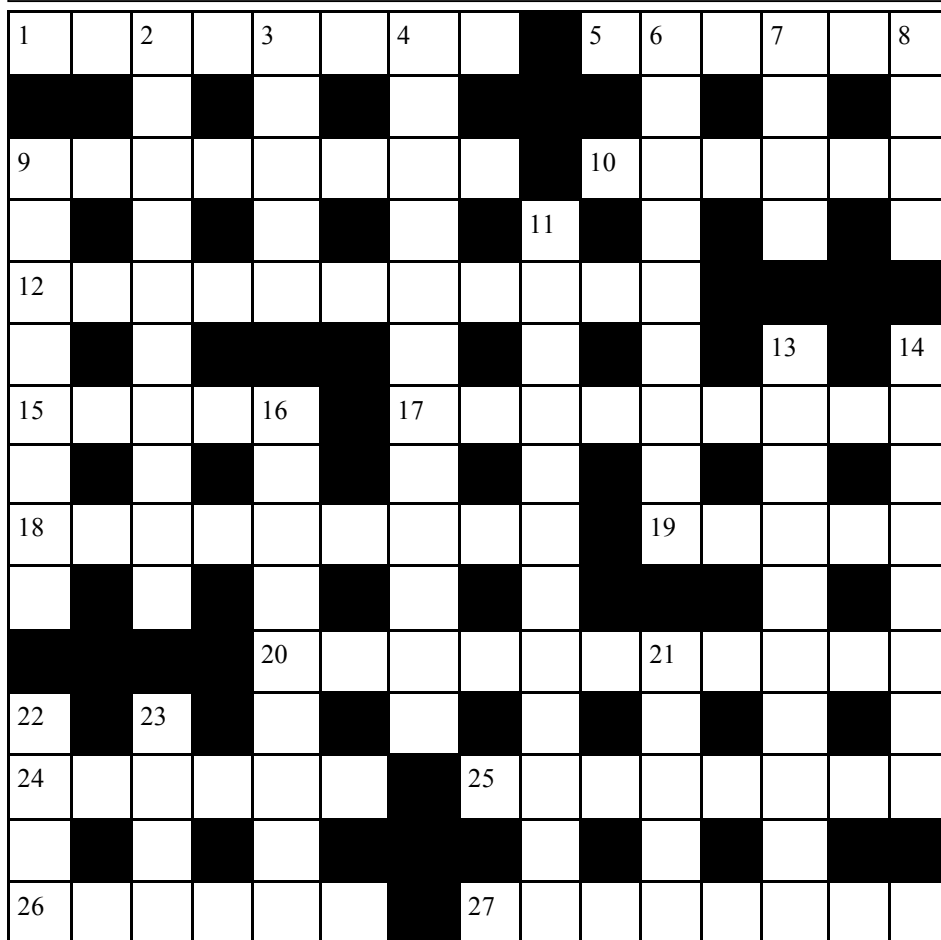
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## The £10 Crossword

NAME: .....

ADDRESS: .....



### ACROSS

- 1 Break neck of Amin, Big Daddy that is.(8)
- 5 One for Stuart from tipsy chorus line.(6)
- 9 One hundred pirates could have a wavy edge.(8)
- 10 Shop near Kentucky could give Mark a one.(6)
- 12 Red paper hen confused policeman. (11)
- 15 Ian falls off end of patio and discovers ancient region.(5)
- 17 An island where some became easily frightened.(9)
- 18 Reform the source of where the journey starts.(9)
- 19 Grand in one of a series of levels, one for world number one.(5)
- 20 Naughty Sid turned to be compliant. (11)

- 24 Man who returned from yonder.(6)
- 25 Call back after acid is spilled on luxury motor.(8)
- 26 Derogatory one for Doc perhaps. (6)
- 27 Energy supply was consumed and was forgone.(8)

### DOWN

- 2 Disney film starring a Cheetah? (10)
- 3 Rock that slipped from a strata that snapped.(5)
- 4 Albanian 'rosebud' seen in more theatres.(6,6)
- 6 Was it superb art that created this sporting one.(9)
- 7 Granite city? No, but a city made from a different type of rock.(4)

## SOLUTIONS TO MAY'S CROSSWORD. (82)

### Across

- 1 Superhero  
6 Arrow  
9 Orchestra  
10 Ousel  
11 Mimi  
12 Overbattle  
14 Songbird  
15 Pylori  
17 Iceman  
19 Lausanne  
22 Elastigirl  
23 Ring  
26 Merit  
27 Moonstone  
28 Nests  
29 Dietarian

### Down

- 1 Storm  
2 Packman  
3 Reed  
4 Estovers  
5 Onagra  
6 Apocalypse  
7 Risotto  
8 Wolverine  
13 Ablactates  
16 Cabriole  
18 Epacris  
20 Nairobi  
21 Agamid  
24 Green  
25 Esta

### NUMBER OF ENTRIES

**4 all correct**

### THIS MONTH'S WINNER

**Jean Ford**

- 8 An animal outside New York discovered a stone.(4)
- 9 Part of dance led to disturbances to get this sporting one.(8)
- 11 Eastern madam and eastern seeds made Japanese side dish.(7,5)
- 13 Mr Deeds or a poet could provide this sporting one.(4,6)
- 14 Could be nicer out, if you are sensitive and obsessive.(8)
- 16 So be it, German men take time to make a change to the contract.(9)
- 21 Water levels in Dorset about a third causing a drought.(5)
- 22 Deserves, we hear, to get the vases. (4)
- 23 Elephant ears can be eaten from cultivated domestic gardens.(4)

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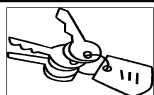
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**July 12th & 13th**

**NOON - MIDNIGHT**

**Low Hall Park, Haydon Bridge**

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# 10th ANNUAL SUMMER ARTS EXHIBITION

June 23rd - June 29th  
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Open daily 10.00am - 6.00pm

Admission Free



## A Night at the Musicals

at St Cuthbert's Church  
Saturday, July 13th  
7.00pm

Listen to Shaftoe Chorale,  
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some of your favourite songs  
from Musical Theatre  
£5 inc. a light supper

## Northumbrian Night in The Havelock

Tuesday, July 16th  
8.00pm

Enjoy Northumbrian music,  
humour and refreshments  
Adult £6/Child £4

## Ian K Brown and The Alpacas

Will be performing in  
The Railway Hotel  
Thursday, July 18<sup>th</sup>  
8.00pm

This is a **FREE** event but  
watch out for donation  
buckets!

## Murder Mystery at Langley Castle Sunday, July 14th at 6.30pm

Enjoy a 3 course meal while solving a  
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**HAYDON BRIDGE**  
**PERFORMING ARTS FESTIVAL**  
Saturday 13th - Saturday 20th July 2013

Celebrate the  
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Saturday, July 20<sup>th</sup> at 7.00pm with a

Family Night  
in the Community Centre  
with Tyne Valley Big Band

Bar/Nibbles  
Bring your own food if you like  
Adult £5/Child £3

## Film Night in The Havelock

Monday, July 15th

Come and enjoy a classic  
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Music and BBQ  
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Wednesday, July 17th  
8.00pm

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