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Linton House (1947) stood at the west end of Belmont Gardens where the Haydon Bridge High School Sports Hall is today. (See page 5)
The beautiful property was allowed to go to wrack and ruin under the ownership of Northumberland County Council. (See insert)
The ruin became an exciting, and at times scary, playground for local children in the 1960s.

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Make Easter Baskets,
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Saturday, 23rd March 2013

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PARISH COUNCIL NOTES from the meeting in February 2013

In last month's Parish Council Notes I erroneously stated that in a discussion on the parking problems in Shaftoe St the Council was 'considering a possible no parking section on the corner from number 18 to 25'. This should have read 19 to 25. With my apologies for any concern caused.

Public Participation

The Church Clock is 10 minutes slow at present. The Council is to get the clock checked and the time corrected. **The Council is looking for a local volunteer to check the clock each month or so and ensure it displays the correct time. If you wish to volunteer or would like more details, please contact the Parish Clerk.**

Concerns were raised by a local resident about the size and position of a new street sign on John Martin Street. This sign was put in place a few weeks ago but had not been requested by the Council. Our County Councillor is to enquire about its authorisation. The new bins have been put in place outside the Newsagents on Church Street at a cost of £1,404.00.

Council Meeting

8 councillors and the NCC councillor, Alan Sharp were present

NCC Report

The resurfacing of Strother Close has been included in the work schedule for the new financial year.

The Parish Council will need to confirm in writing that the money allocated by the developers for the maintenance of the Showfield Play Area will be used for that purpose only. Only after this has been done will the money be transferred to the Parish Council.

The drain near the Heugh House Lane junction will be dealt with in the not too distant future, as will the tree pruning in Church Street.

The tree planting along the bank north of the Showfield development has now been agreed with Bellway and a contractor for the work appointed. The planting will be saplings in tree shelters and will be along the central part of the bank to ensure the trees will not become a problem for residents of the Showfield or Land Ends Road.

The Cricket Club is getting money from the Developer's Sports Fund for a new storage unit and to improve heating in the pavilion.

Some parts of Northumberland are to get super fast broadband as their residents

returned a high percentage of the forms request forms. The Rothbury area will be one of the first as a 65% response was received from residents in the area.

The Broadband request forms will be distributed in Haydon Bridge in next month's edition of the Haydon News. A light at the end of Belmont requires attention as it is on permanently. The NCC budget has now been finalised and agreed. The previously much reduced highways' maintenance budget is to be restored to ensure much needed road repairs can go ahead.

Highways

The Council have received several complaints about irresponsible dog owners allowing their dogs to foul pavements and paths in the village. Children and teachers at Shaftoe School have also complained about dog fouling on their sports field. (See page 11). However, until a few of these irresponsible dog owners have been reported to the NCC Dog Warden Service, and given a hefty fine, it seems likely to continue. Appealing to these dog owners has not worked in the past, this problem has been around for as long as anyone can remember, and is unlikely to have any affect now or in the future. So it's up to those local residents who do care about our children's health and well being to report the 'don't give a damn' dog owners.

In letters from both Stagecoach and Arriva, replying to the Council's complaints about the bus service, promises have been made to improve the punctuality and reliability of the 685 bus service. Arriva are acquiring new buses for the route. The Council is to continue monitoring the service and would be grateful for information from users of the 685 service about late or missing buses. The Council would also be pleased to receive information about any improvements passengers notice.

No decision has yet been reached on the positioning of the new seat acquired by the Council. The alcove on Church Street was proposed but the 'GITS' group is hoping to have a Jubilee Memorial of some kind at this spot. The group have yet to make a decision.

The parking problems in Shaftoe Street received another airing, and while there doesn't seem to be any quick

solution to the problem of access along the street for large and/or emergency vehicles the Council will continue to look for possible options. While one local resident pointed out that there haven't been any accidents along Shaftoe Street, some near misses have been reported, it would be better to find a solution before there is an accident. *The problems of access along Shaftoe Street need to be borne in mind when the next stage of the Showfield Development is proposed, at it surely will be in the not too distant future.*

The Council is purchasing new signs for Shaftoe Green, and the other play areas for which it has responsibility, to inform users about reporting faults with the equipment.

The Council is also purchasing a new strimmer for use in the cemetery and other grassed areas around the village.

Correspondence

Judith Hampson has informed the Council that the Church Council is in discussion with NCC over responsibility for repairing the Church Wall. The Parish Council thinks that it may be Greenwich Hospital Commissioners who have responsibility for the wall, if it is not the Church, as it owns the riverbank at the picnic area. The Parish Council is to write to the Commissioners to seek clarification on the matter.

The Parish Council received a request from the Community Association for a

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PARISH COUNCILLORS

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contributions towards the cost of installing solar panels on the Community Centre. (See below.) The County Councillor suggested that he could make a contribution from his allowance, as well as the Association applying to the Community Chest.

Parish Projects

The Council was informed about a cycling event organised by the Development Trust for June 8th (See Report below).

A request for people to steward the routes is to be issued by the Trust. One route will be into the North Pennines and be about 100 miles, there will also be a shorter route and a 'family route' to try and cater for all ages and cycling abilities. Further information is available on line and, hopefully, next month in the Haydon News.

The Council was also given information about the Arts Festival being organised by the GITS for the week of July 13th-20th. It is hoped that both these events will help boost tourism, especially overnight stays, in the Parish. A full programme of Arts Festival Events will be available in the Haydon News once the programme has been finalised.

Sue Harley, one time resident of Haydon and author of 'In the Bewick Vein', a book about the Honeycrook Mine, has given many of the resources she gathered for her research to the village archive at The Bridge.

The next Parish Council meeting will be on March 28th at 7.30pm in the Community Centre

Community Centre Solar Power Project

PLEASE HELP - IN ANY WAY YOU CAN!

The Haydon Bridge Community Association is planning to install solar panels on the Community Centre roof. These will not only eliminate the electricity bills but will also generate an income for the Association – all of which will be an enormous help in continuing to meet the community's needs in the future. The environmental benefits are also huge. The project will cost approximately £18,000. Over twenty five years this will generate something over £50,000 at present day values – these figures are necessarily approximate. There are about 2,100 residents in the parish, so that would be about £8+ each if everyone joined in equally – that's just one evening's beer money for some.

Some fundraising events are being considered for the months ahead and a number of charities may be able to chip in a little too. The most important source of funding is, of course, the community itself and the organisations that use the Centre. A recent panto made about £160, for example.

The more that we can raise between us, the more the charities will be willing to give.

We invite all the organisations and individuals who use the Centre to make a special contribution – a fundraising event or money – to the project. Private donations from parish businesses or residents are also very welcome – whether anonymous or not. Whether it is a pound or a grand (or more!) – every contribution will be received with much gratitude.

If you would like more information about the project or would like to organise a fund raising event or would simply like to make a donation please be in touch.

If you would like to donate on-line the details are: Lloyds; Sort code 30 94 19; Acc No 24791260

Thank you for your help. *Steven Ford*

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Haydon Bridge Development Trust

I have agreed to put together a short report on the Trust's ongoing discussions, just to let you know that we are actually trying to work for the benefit of the community. We meet every two months so there won't be a report in every issue of the Haydon News. We spend much of our time discussing ways in which we can enhance the tourism profile of Haydon Bridge. In addition to the information leaflets which have been produced (walks, general information etc), we have been trying to develop the village as a centre for cycling. A number of cycle routes have been developed which are published in leaflet form. There will also be a major day-long cycling event in the village on Saturday, June 8th "The Haydon Hundred" which should attract a large number of cyclists, many of whom may require an overnight stay beforehand. Library membership is increasing and a great deal of interest has been generated by the *Archive Project*, for which grant funding is being sought. Our thanks go to the volunteers who keep this valuable asset operating for us all. There is to be a *Haydon Bridge Performing Arts Festival* between July 13th and 20th which will offer a range of different experiences, including drama, poetry and music at most of the many venues which the village has to offer – watch out for posters and leaflets. The *John Martin Project* has now reached an end but we have a lasting legacy in the excellent display material in the Community Centre; do go along and have a look.

John Harrison (Meetings Secretary)

As a young child in Haydon Bridge, a regular Sunday walk was to follow the path from the stand pipe opposite Hattersley's Garage on Ratcliffe Road. *(The original garage has long gone but remnants of the stand pipe remain.)* The path continued alongside the west gable and stable wall of Hordley Acre House - built for the Coats' family in 1809 - and a line of poplar trees; over the unmanned railway crossing and up the Dene to the stone stile at Peel Well; returning to the village by any one of any number of well trodden routes.

Just over the railway crossing - after stopping, looking and listening - the high close boarded fence that bordered the public right of way on the east side of the footpath, hid from view a beautiful house and, what was to us children of the 1940s, a 'secret garden'. A garden in which we were never allowed to set foot, but could gaze at in wonder through knot holes in, or the gaps between, the narrow boards of the fence.

Who lived in this place of wonder?

If you read my Historical Notes last month, you will know the answer to that question is that from 1933 until 1947, the Sillitoe family lived there.

In February's Haydon News, I visited Linton House - and the 'secret garden' of my childhood - with Joy Davidson (nee Sillitoe) who lived - on the other side of the fence - in this fine property that stood at the west end of Belmont Gardens before it was demolished, to be replaced on the site by the High School Sports Hall.

Joy lived in Linton House from when she was born in 1938 until the family moved to Cumberland in 1947.

The main entrance to Linton House when it was built, was from the North Bank as shown in this 1922 photograph.



Entrance to Linton House 1922

Joy Davidson at Linton House in 2012 where two wrought iron gate posts are all that remain today



Joy remembers her family flying a Union Jack from the flag pole on special occasions. The original drive from the North Bank to Linton House can still be traced today, as a clarty lonnin below the Health Centre and Belmont Gardens' gardens.

Joy Davidson's (nee Sillitoe) time at school in Haydon Bridge, revives memories of two private schools in our parish; neither of which remain.

I'll let Joy take up the story.

I attended school at Miss Fairweather's in the 'Red House' on the North Bank, as my brother Paul had done before me, and I used to walk to school along the back of Belmont Gardens - a muddy lane that never seemed to dry out properly. Countless times I lost hair ribbons which came loose when I jumped over the puddles, and the postman would fish them out and deliver them with the afternoon post. My best friend was Ann Kaye who had two black spaniels, and a toy clown who danced with you when you put his feet over your shoes. I also played a lot with Robin and Alison - was their surname Anderson? - who lived up the North Bank quite close to the school. Pat Sayers was also at school at the same time. - And she was so clever she could even do her one hundred times table!! The Sayers' family lived at 'The Mount'.

We used to sit round a big polished table in Miss Fairweather's dining room, to learn Religious Knowledge and do our sums, writing and colouring lessons. Usually in the middle of the table sat Miss Fairweather's rather smelly dog. It could be rather inconvenient if it overflowed onto a page you were working on, as we didn't like to disturb it. A surreptitious poke with a pencil elicited an annoying rumble.

During playtimes, when we couldn't go out into the garden, we used to play hide and seek in Miss Fairweather's parlour. One day when I was hiding under the seat cushions on the couch, I left one of my plaits hanging over the edge and Miss Fairweather pulled it when she came to find us. I was mortified!

Occasionally tanks would come rumbling down the North Bank past the school. I hoped they wouldn't get out of control and run me down and I was always happy when they had gone past. I remember one day there was a terrific gale blowing and I thought I would be blown away. I clung onto the crevices in the stone wall for dear life.

I cannot say I was always glad to go to school, there were always much more exciting things to do at home, especially when my Granny Clutterbuck was with us on one of her extended visits. It was she who taught me to read and to knit, crochet, sew and embroider. Skills I use to this day.

It's nice to see the old crafts are coming back into fashion having been neglected for two generations in-between. For example, I remember Winnie (Brown) from Church Street who came to live-in with us at Linton House and was a wonderful lady, making 'hookey - rugs' out of bits of sacking and old clothes cut into strips. How's that for recycling?

When I got too old to attend Miss Fairweather's school, I went to Tynedale High School in Hexham. I believe Miss Hebron was a teacher there. Anyway, she contacted my parents and explained she wanted to start a new school, 'St Cuthbert's' at Langley Castle. During the war the castle had been occupied by the army and still had two nissen huts in the grounds. As Langley Castle was closer to my home than Tynedale High, my parents agreed to send me there.

While Langley Castle was being got ready for the little band of pupils Miss Hebron had gathered together, we had lessons in the vicarage at Haydon Bridge. Unfortunately, the vicar's Chow Chow had recently given birth to puppies and wanted to keep them safe from all intruders on her territory. This dog with its tail curled over its back and its black tongue hanging out menacingly used to parade the vicarage drive when we were going to school and terrorise us. It was only the thought of being punished for being late that impelled us up the drive and into the safety of the school before our ankles were nipped.

When we eventually got to Langley Castle it was heaven. The bus that took us used to drop us off at the bottom of the drive - not where the main entrance is now but on the Castle Farm road, past the junction with the Allendale road - and the drive was lined with piles and piles of autumn leaves. There was a clear pathway up the middle which we totally ignored as we scrunched our way through the heaps of orange, red and golden leaves, kicking them far and wide while making our way up to the castle. We could hardly wait for playtime when we could throw leaves around and make 'dens' in them - with no fear of dogs. We must have driven the gardener mad.

Most of my memories of St Cuthbert's School at Langley Castle are so fragmentary I can't even think what uniform we wore, though I have a vague recollection it may have been navy tunic and pale blue and white striped tie, with navy blazer. I suspect it wasn't a strict dress code as so soon after the war clothing was still hard to come by.

The only lesson at Langley I can really remember was art; in one of the four towers right up at the top of the castle. There was no water on the top floor so we had to negotiate the spiral staircase with full jam jars, with due warnings not to mess around and be late for class. There were so few of us rattling around in such a huge building that everything seemed to be done 'at the double'. When we moved from Haydon Bridge and I went to a different school in Carlisle, I was very surprised to learn there was: "No running in the corridor!"

I loved my time with Miss Hebron at St Cuthbert's and was very sorry to leave.

Indeed, I loved my time at Haydon Bridge, and so many happy memories come flooding back.

Memories of the Haydon Bridge Shows

for which I seem to remember picking wild flowers for a competition. The largest collection won the prize and the trick was to pick the flowers as late as possible otherwise they all wilted. (All highly illegal now of course.) There was also a class for miniature gardens where moss, cress and doll's house furniture came in useful.

I remember that Mrs Mellersh was one of the judges of the fancy dress competition on the show day and Mrs Robert Allen of Haydon Lodge, whom I knew as Auntie Ada as she was my mother's best friend, crowned the Show Queen.

Memories of dancing with the fairies in a Town Hall Show in March 1945, mainly because of the wings we wore which I thought were fabulous. I was in the chorus with Maureen Armstrong, Eileen Graham, Jean Ridley, Maureen Ridley, Joan Cooper, Heather Campbell and Marlene Turnbull. I notice you were also in that concert Dennis!

Memories of the subway under the Newcastle to Carlisle railway. My father had a California allotment and I would stand in the tunnel opposite and stamp my feet, listening for the echo and waiting for a train rattling loudly overhead.

Memories of Shaftoe Trust School. I didn't go to school there but recall a parade and Victory Tea held in the grounds.

Memories of school days at the Red House. I am so pleased it still looks in fine condition on the North Bank and the young lady, Victoria, is making what will be a well loved home there.

Memories of Langley Castle which today is a beautiful hotel - and much cosier than when Miss Hebron had her little school there and we had the run of the place.

And memories of Linton House, of course, and my happy childhood there.

Did I tell you the ghost story?

Like many old houses, Linton often made loud creaks and groans as it cooled down after dark. We had a family joke that it was the ghost of the original owner, Mrs W.S Walton, walking about.

One evening when my cousin Christopher, who didn't sleep very well and used to sit at the bottom of the stairs when he was supposed to be

in bed, was staying us; my parents were having a game of bridge with friends in the drawing room.

When dad was 'dummy' he got up to replenish the drinks, heard a crack in the hall, flung open the door in a flourish and said:

"Come in Mrs Walton."

Father nearly had a heart attack as an apparition glided into the room. It was my cousin in his nightshirt!

History does not record who won the game of bridge or, indeed, whether it was ever completed.

Please thank everyone so much for making my trip to Haydon Bridge so memorable Dennis.

Victoria at the 'Red House' for allowing me to wander through her home, recalling its history as a school; and especially Anton Phillips, General Manager at Langley Castle, for his kind hospitality and the time he set aside in his busy schedule to greet me and give me a guided tour.

And, by the way, the tea and scones at Langley Castle Hotel are absolutely delicious.

A sincere thanks to everyone, I shall peruse the pages of The Haydon News with even more curiosity and nostalgia in the future.

Joy Davidson (nee Sillitoe)

Mr and Mrs Sillitoe and their family left Haydon Bridge in 1947 when plans for a trunk road diversion that had first been proposed in 1938 were again under consideration. The proposals were to plough east to west through California Gardens and what is now Belmont; following the line of Wm Chapman's ill fated eighteenth century route for a canal from the North Sea to the Solway. It was the prospect of this main road at the bottom of their garden that influenced the family's decision to move. In the event, as we all know, Haydon Bridge did not get its 'trunk road diversion' until 2009. - Mr and Mrs Sillitoe need not have worried!

The esteem in which the family had been held in the Parish is clear in documents tracing our social history and, on more than one occasion, Mr and Mrs Sillitoe were invited back to Haydon Bridge from their new home in Cumberland to crown our Show Queen.

I am very grateful to Joy for sharing her memories with us.

THE CORONATION CUP

A chapter of local history is never closed and this month I can add new and updated material to my research published in earlier issues of The Haydon News.

The Coronation Challenge Cup was purchased by the Haydon Bridge Floral, Horticultural and Industrial Society to commemorate the crowning of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II in 1953. The Society paid £14 ten shillings and sixpence to Northern Goldsmiths for the trophy, and offered it annually to the winner of the Open Class at the Haydon Bridge Show.

Thanks to Eileen Charlton, I have recently had sight of the 1953 trophy and I have once again called upon Ernie Swinburn's expertise to provide a suitable image for you.

Have you ever tried photographing a silver cup that reflects every image nearby; including you and your camera? Thanks Ernie.



The Coronation Challenge Cup was won on two occasions by Ridley and Robson of Slaley, twice by J.W. Ferguson of Bardon Mill, twice by T.L. Ross also from Bardon Mill and, in 1959, by D. Tallantyre of Haltwhistle. The 1959 show was the last exhibition held in the showfield.

In 1968 the Haydon Bridge Show was revived and held indoors as part of the Community Centre's social calendar. The Coronation Challenge Cup was once again presented to the entrant with most points in the Open Class and it was won by John Oliver.

Winners from 1968 to 1974 were: John Oliver (twice), J. Watson (Stocksfield), J.H. Stanners, A. Best (Winlaton Mill), and J. Brewis (Wylam - twice)

Presentation of the Coronation Cup for the winner of the Open Class continued until 1980.

Unfortunately the trophy as used for the Show wasn't engraved after 1974; I do know the winners however: 1975, 1976 and 1977 - John Brewis. 1978 and 1979 - Kathleen Davidson.

The final Haydon Bridge Show was held in 1980 and the Coronation Challenge Cup was won again by Mrs Kathleen Davison.

In 1994, the 1953 trophy re-emerged as a cup given to the presenters of the 'Best Stall' at the Haydon Bridge Fair, an event organised to support the village call for a bypass and held down the Eiland - today's picnic area on the north side.

The winners were:
1994 and 1995 Mrs G. Annan (Crafts),
1996 and 1997 Shirley Borthwick (Footballers).
1998 The Rainbow Writers.

Today, the Haydon Bridge Show's Queen Elizabeth Coronation Challenge Cup is in safe keeping - together with another Show trophy, presented by George Anderson - as it awaits its next appropriate role in our parish's social calendar.

Two of the cups presented at our historic Haydon Bridge Shows are still missing. They are the Margaret Smith Rose Bowl and the Bowes - Lyon Cup.

If any reader has knowledge of their whereabouts I would be grateful for further information.

THE FERRYMAN

O bring me a boatman - I'll give any money,

And you for your trouble rewarded shall be,

*To ferry me over the Tyne to my honey,
Or scull her across that rough river to me.*

I know! This romantic legend refers to events a little down-stream on the river, but I recall a verse this month to celebrate the news that a short pathway at Park Stile - or 'Tan Yard' if you'd prefer it - that led to an ancient ferry in our village, has been recognised as an historic right of way.

The house near Ratcliffe Road, called 'Ford House', and the adjacent passageway leading to the River Tyne, is a clear indication of the starting point of the ferry on the north side of the river, and the narrow lane opposite

at Park Stile was given by eminent historian Charlie Coombes in 1990 as, 'certainly the site of a ford and in all probability the site for ferry crossings from the south side'.

There is documentary evidence that reminds us when the ferry was used and, although the records usually relate to times when the bridge was being repaired, it does seem likely that the ferry was a permanent means of transport across the River Tyne in earlier times.

As early as 1632, one Leonard Shield, constable of the village, complained of several persons for non-payment of boat hire.

In 1643, ferry boats were recorded as being in use when Andrew Dixon leased two new boats for £6 - 13s - 4 per annum for three years; with a new rope, chain, lock and key. Sir Edward Radcliffe supplied the boats and Andrew Dixon and his two partners bound themselves to Sir Edward for £40.

In 1663, the ferry, described as 'a new boat', was in the hands of Roger Stokoe and Roger Pigg, and money received for boat hire in 1678 totalled £4 - 16s - 4. The ferry was again in use in 1713 when the bridge was being repaired and finally, in August 1772 the ferry swept away during rebuilding of the bridge.

So, now we have unfettered access to the old dock, all we need in 2013 is a boat and a ferryman and someone willing to be my honey across the rough river!

DOES THE CHANGE ADD UP?

On Thursday, September 12th 1974, 700 pupils started their education at Haydon Bridge after completion of a £214,000 three storey building at the 'new' High School, and reorganisation of the County's secondary education on Comprehensive lines. There was a great deal of local criticism of the change that involved Shaftoe Trust becoming a First School, rather than a Primary School, and hundreds of children travelling by coach to their new schools.

Statutory Notices issued in February 2013 by Northumberland County Council and the Governing Bodies of Shaftoe Trust First School and Haydon Bridge High School, pave the way for a return to the two tier system, from the system introduced in 1974.

A twelve week consultation period having drawn to a close, Shaftoe Trust

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NATURE

It is more than thirteen years since our much loved naturalist Bill Tait died. Thanks to his writing, donated to The Haydon News by his late wife Jean, Bill will always be with us.

'A SHADY TAIL'

A cold wind whistled along the wet twisting stone wall and through the leafless branches of the blackened hawthorns at the roadside, as a shower of snow was driven in capricious flight from a grey January sky.

Trees that sheltered Grindon Farm creaked and groaned in submission to the wind as grasses of last summer, entwined and tangled with bramble, were cast hither and thither by the forces of nature as a lone huddled figure hurried from the farm to the warmth of the stone cottage beneath the trees.

Skiouros, the squirrel, had slept for days, but now, as he looked out of his drey built high up in the fork of a spruce tree in one of the woods out on Haydon Fell, he felt hungry and in need of food.

Days before, he had visited the hawthorn trees skirting the lonnen from New Alston to Whistlecock, but few berries remained for his kind from Capons Cleugh, and the fieldfares and redwings had eaten their fill so he knew he had further to travel.

His cache of pine cones he'd hoarded away and covered with leaves, still remained, yet winter is long and why use the pine seeds when there were still berries to be had, thought Skiouros, as he bounded through the wood towards the thorn trees lining the Haydon Bridge to Grindon road.

Occasionally he would stop, sit up on his hind legs and listen to the dogs barking at Cubstocks, then, knowing they presented no problem to him, he went on, a small bundle of fur and twirling tail.

As Skiouros reached the line of hawthorns that grow in the dip by the road, he leapt and bounded along the top of the wet stone wall until he reached the berry laden tree, the fruits of autumn once crimson but now a much darker red.

In a quick movement, Skiouros leapt from the wall onto the damp blackened trunk of the thorn tree and out onto the wind-tossed branches where he clung, being flung up and down and from side to side with tail twisting and turning to keep balance in the buffeting wind as he dined on red berries.

Not even a bird would tolerate this

punishment from the elements as he clung on, with berries held tight in little furry paws.

Occasionally, a car splashed showers of water towards the tree where he sat, as it sped past. But it meant little to Skiouros as he concentrated on his meal. After a while, he twisted his way down the glistening wet thorn and sought the shelter of the wall.

In a moment he was back to the berries - bobbing and twisting, with ear tufts flapping as he clung to the wind-blown branch. Soon he was gone, running arched-backed across the sodden wet field and looking like a rag being blown in the wind, until he reached the shelter of the pine wood.

Once back in his drey, Skiouros was happy, as he curled up with his tail between his hind legs and up over his face, for it was warm there in his swaying drey. He had eaten his fill, so the wind could blow as hard as it liked. He wasn't bothered, he was going off to sleep again.

William Tait (Edited by DT)

Ed's Note: *The word squirrel comes from 'skiouros' in Greek. A word derived from 'skia' which means shady; and from 'oura' which means tail.*



Photo: Will Nicholls

HAIR TODAY GONE TOMORROW!

The General Havelock was packed on Thursday evening, February 21st, with customers supporting Carl Eales' 'Charity Wax'. Haydon Bridge's expert in this field, Tania Fowler of Crook Hill Close, supported the charity by giving her services free and, together with a John Harrison Quiz on Tuesday, 19th February, **£1,000 was raised for Hexham's pre school Education Centre for Children with Down Syndrome.**

Carl's hair raising experience was the most recent in a series of

charity events Gary and Joanna have held in the General Havelock during the past two and a half years, when around £4,000 has been raised for local / parish causes - e.g. Riding Centre for the Disabled, Irish Dance Group, Haydon Bridge Community Centre, Haydon Bridge Health Centre etc. - Or causes that touch all our lives - e.g. Northumberland Air Ambulance, Breast Cancer, Tynedale Hospice, the Bobby Robson Foundation, Help for Heroes, Josie's Dragonfly Trust, etc.

Gary and Joanna would like to thank all who donate time, prizes and money to all the quizzes and charity events. Jo said, "It is a massive testimony to the true community spirit there is in our parish."

A BRIDGE TOO FAR

A councillor at Morpeth said

"I've got a clever wheeze for balancing the budget to beat the credit squeeze.

At Haydon Bridge the old bridge is surplus to requirement, it's time we looked outside the box and offered it retirement.

We'll take it down, stone by stone, although it seems a pity, and flog it to a billionaire who lives in Salt Lake City"

When news got out, the village soon rallied to the call.

With placards and with banners they marched on County Hall.

"Hands off our ancient bridge they cried, demolish it?, no niver!

and if that councillor comes near, we'll throw him in the river!"

The Council then had second thoughts and voted out the motion.

The folk of Haydon Bridge all cheered and gave way to emotion.

To celebrate the victory with drinks around the bar they all agreed the council's scheme had been a bridge too far.

Keith Brunton



A VIEW FROM UP THERE

John Harrison

Driving along the other day I saw a roadside sign directing me towards a plant hire firm. I recall as a child wondering how 'plant hire' worked. Did you borrow a rose bush for the growing season then return it in the autumn? Maybe there's an idea here? Rent-a-Rose or Hire-a-Hibiscus. If you wish to impress a visitor you could perhaps rent for 24 hrs? All the plants would need is a bed for the night !!

Plants have been suffering badly over what has been called 'the eighteen month winter'. And January added yet one more month to the misery. It was a damp and very dull month with a sustained very cold spell between the 13th and 25th. The wind stayed in the west for the first ten days, which were generally very dull and damp. Temperatures were above the seasonal norm until the 8th when cold polar air took control.

By the 9th the daytime temperature had fallen to below 5 degC and night temperatures hovered close to 0 deg C. By the 13th the cold air had assumed control, heralded by the arrival of the first light snow and moderate night air frosts. With the wind now coming mainly from a cold continental direction the following days were extremely cold with increasing amounts of snow, which had reached a depth of 28 cm by the 22nd. Drifting in strong winds was a problem in more exposed places. The air temperature stayed below freezing for more than 72 hrs between the 16th and 18th, the maximum temperature on the 16th reaching only -1.0 degC. There was a slight thaw on the 24th but heavy snow returned late on the 25th.

With the arrival of warmer air on the 26th, a strong westerly wind and rain brought about a rapid thaw and most of the snow had gone by the morning of the 28th. Over the final six days air temperatures were again above the seasonal average. Rainfall amounts were fortunately quite low so although rivers were swollen by meltwater any flooding tended to be localised in nature. By the end of the month many fields were saturated.

In the UK most of the rain or snow that we receive starts life as ice crystals in the clouds. As these crystals aggregate and fall through the cloud they usually melt and fall to the ground as rain. However, when the lower atmosphere is sufficiently cool they don't melt but fall as sleet or snow. Predicting where and when this will occur is very difficult as a small difference in air temperature of less than 1 degC can make the difference between snow and rain. When the ground surface is one of hills and valleys it is almost impossible to predict above which elevation precipitation will fall as ice. During January I frequently left home in heavy snow and by the time I reached Haydon Bridge it was raining – different weather in the short distance of just over a mile. Snow lines on the south side of the Tyne also tend to be lower because north-facing slopes receive less solar heating and are therefore cooler.

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

Month	Average Maximum Temperature (Daytime) Deg C	Relative to long-term average degC	Average Minimum Temperature (Night-time) Deg C	Relative to long-term average degC	Rainfall mm	Percentage of long-term average
January	4.7	-1.7	1.2	-0.1	70.3	85

And finally, Gladys tells me that she is slightly worried about her grandson, who seems to be going through one of those difficult ages (aren't they always?). After a frustrating visit to the local park where her grandson misbehaved quite badly, she turned to him and asked, "What sort of children do you think go to heaven?" Quick as a flash, her grandson replied, "Dead ones". There's no answer to that !!

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proposes to convert to a Primary School, increasing the upper age range from 9 to 11 years with a maximum of 154 pupils; and the High School proposes an age range of 11 to 18 years and retaining the existing maximum of 878 pupils.

At the time of writing, a final decision on the future of our two village schools has still to be made, depending upon what happens elsewhere. Specifically

at Allendale Middle School whose own future is in serious doubt.

Thoughts will now inevitably turn to the viability of a Senior School at Haydon Bridge.

Although the catchment of the Shaftoe Trust Primary School would remain the same and pupils there are likely to continue their education in Haydon Bridge, would pupils from the other feeder schools find Haydon Bridge as

attractive as a Senior School, as now?

Discussions will continue, but it seems most likely that changes for the 2013 - 2014 academic year are on their way.

***Note!** This article does not necessarily reflect the views of our village schools or their Governors, but once final decisions are reached we hope our schools will provide an authoritative view for Haydon News readers.*

HAYDON BRIDGE WAR MEMORIAL by Pam and Ken Linge

We continue our series of articles on those individuals who died in the Great War. The biographies are published chronologically and the twenty third and twenty fourth casualties, in 1916, were

Christopher Law and John Curry

(23) Christopher Law



We do not have a picture of Christopher Law. If anyone could provide a photograph we would be very grateful.

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

Christopher Law served as Private, 35464, 20th Battalion, Northumberland Fusiliers.

He died on 6th November 1916, aged 31.

Christopher was one of eleven children of John and Elizabeth Law.

He worked as a general labourer and enlisted at Langley.



Christopher is buried in grave III.A.2. in Ration Farm Military Cemetery.

(24) John Curry



Photograph courtesy of Haydon Bridge Community Centre

John is buried in grave VII.C.30. in Warlencourt British Cemetery.

John Curry served as Private, 291719, 7th Battalion, Northumberland Fusiliers.

He died on 14th November 1916, aged 25.

Born in Allendale, he was one of two children of John and Elizabeth Curry (nee Lee).

John worked at Bookless' market garden in Haydon Bridge.

He enlisted at Hexham.

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



If you have any information relating to Christopher Law, John Curry 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.

JULY 2013 : PERFORMING ARTS FESTIVAL IN HAYDON BRIDGE

Pick up a pen **NOW** and mark your diary or calendar : An exciting music and arts festival takes place at Haydon Bridge from Saturday July 13th to Sunday July 20th 2013

Events in many village locations : More information in next month's Haydon News

Shaftoe Trust First School.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

- Alnwick class (Years 3 and 4) are beginning 10 sessions of African drumming after the half term holidays.
- On Thursday, 28th February everyone in school will be engaged in Chinese New Year Art workshops.
- Monday, 4th March is the beginning of our 'Around the World Week' when children throughout school explore different countries and their cultures. Mrs Ord, Unit manager, will be cooking a selection of foods from around the world. On the Wednesday of that week we are encouraging children to swap games to promote recycling and raise awareness of climate issues.
- Beginning in March and continuing into the summer term Mr Hopper will begin working with all children in school on a variety of projects.
- March 7th is World Book Day when children are immersed in literature from many different cultures and each child receives a £1 World Book Token.
- On March 15th everyone in school will be enjoying RED NOSE DAY and raising money for charity.

DOG DIRT PROBLEMS AGAIN!

After our last article regarding this issue the situation on the top playing field did improve. Sadly however there are still extremely irresponsible, thoughtless dog owners in our community who continue to flout the law!

The path leading up to our access point on the Allendale road is covered in piles of dog dirt making it difficult for children and parents with buggies to avoid. Once again we have adults and children unwittingly spreading dirt inside school.



Be responsible - PICK IT UP!

Does anyone know who these thoughtless dog owners are?
Information to the authorities please. Ed's.

**MOTHERS' UNION
COFFEE MORNING
Saturday March 9th
in the
Community Centre
at 10.00am**

**There will be home produce and
bric-a-brac stalls.**

**All proceeds will go to Mothers'
Union projects in the third world.**

**Over the years we have held the
Coffee Morning we have, with
your help, been able to make
a difference for mothers
in difficult circumstances.
We would be very grateful for
your support on March 9th.**

**Thank you
Anne Brunton (Secretary)**

LANGLEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Shelley Simms brought her extensive collection of crystals along to Langley WI's February meeting. Shelley is the daughter of WI secretary Linda, and has spoken at previous meetings on a variety of subjects including reflexology and aromatherapy. She began by giving a brief talk of how crystals are formed, then went on to explain how she uses the crystals in healing and to assist people in feeling better about themselves. Shelley passed various crystals to her audience, explaining what each one was linked to. For example: Amethyst for meditation and open mindedness; Rose Quartz good for heart/love. The Crystals were all different shapes, sizes and colours. Shelley explained that the Crystals needed to be cleaned in order to replenish their energy. Cleansing can be done by putting the Crystal under running water, or by using salt or by leaving the Crystal near a window for a day and night. We were also shown Crystal Dowsing which can be used to help to find lost objects.

Shelley encouraged everyone to experiment with Crystals and told us she always has a Crystal with her, sometimes as a piece of jewellery or just tucked into her clothes.

The competition in February was 'An Angel' which Elaine won, with Jane in second place. **The next meeting is on 12th March** when "The Woolly Pedlar" Sue Reed will be showing us how she recycles old woollens into new items.

Meetings are at 7.30pm in Langley Village Hall.

Cath Duffy

£2,000 DONATED TO PLAYGROUP



Pictured here with the Playgroup children are Karen Roberts (Langley gardens Park Committee), Lynne Thompson (Playgroup leader), Karen Lill & Pamela Armstrong (Playgroup assistants).

Emma Thornhill, treasurer of Haydon Bridge Playgroup and Tiny Tots thanks the Langley Gardens' Park Committee for their donation of £2000 to the Playgroup. Emma added that this showed generosity and community spirit and was greatly appreciated by the Playgroup Committee and staff, as the donation will help meet the Playgroup's running costs which cannot be met from fees alone. It will also help towards the purchase of new equipment. Both the Playgroup and Tiny Tots are run by a voluntary committee which fundraises to keep the Playgroup going. Emma said, "The injection of cash from the Langley Gardens' Park Committee will make a huge difference; it will ensure that parents and carers of young children living in the village and surrounding area are able to continue to benefit from the Playgroup, a valuable asset to the village".

If you are a parent or carer of a child aged 2 years or older and would like more information about the Playgroup then please contact Jenna Martin by either email jennakirkup@yahoo.co.uk or telephone 07716 307523

Haydon Bridge Pharmacy Update

Increase In Chickenpox

There has been an increase in the incidence of Chickenpox in the pharmacy in recent weeks. Here is a quick guide to chickenpox for anyone who may be affected.

What Causes Chickenpox?

Chickenpox is caused by the varicella-zoster virus. This is a highly contagious virus that normally passes in children without causing any harm. It is most common in children especially those under 10. The virus is transferred from person to person by air (e.g. coughing, sneezing) or by touching infected clothing or bedding.

Symptoms of Chickenpox

Symptoms first show about two to three weeks after the initial infection. The first symptoms to be evident are a general feeling of unwell, loss of appetite and a mild raised temperature. An itchy rash then normally starts on the face or body and spreads to the rest of the body. Mucous membranes can be affected such as the mouth and genitals.

The rash starts as small red spots but develops into blisters within a few hours. New blisters can appear in waves for three to six days. After one to two days the blisters turn to scabs. Chickenpox normally lasts for seven to ten days in children but can be longer in adults. Adults are also more likely to develop complications. Pregnant ladies, new born babies and people with a weakened immune system are most at risk of complications.

How To Treat Chickenpox

Pain killers such as paracetamol can be used to reduce pain and fever.

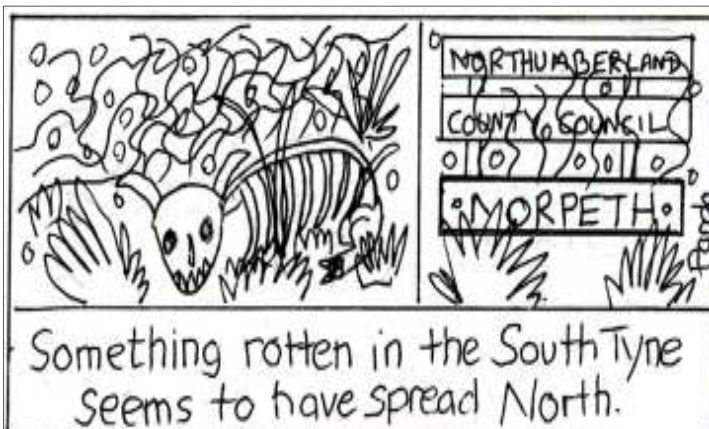
Keep hydrated.

Stop scratching.

The rash can be really itchy so prevention of scratching can prevent long term scarring. Calamine lotion or cooling gels such as virasoothe can be applied. Chlorpheniramine an older antihistamine can also be used to help reduce the itching. For people in at risk groups an anti-viral medicine may be prescribed but it is important to see the GP as soon as possible in order to benefit from this.

If you have any questions about Chickenpox call into the pharmacy where the pharmacist can advise you.

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RIVER WATCH CLEAN UP DATES

River clean and litter pick
Sunday 10th March 2.00pm-4.00pm
Meet at the Picnic Area

River clean and litter pick
Monday 25th March 4.00pm-6.00pm
Meet at the west road, by the railway tunnel

ALL CHANGE AT THE RAILWAY HOTEL

So it's 'Hello to Gavin and Vanir', the new tenants at The Railway Hotel.

After a year of uncertainty The Railway's future is looking rather more certain, and certainly brighter, as Gavin, and Vanir get to grips with a gradual revamping of the business. When I visited in mid February sleeves were rolled up and work underway to get the kitchen sorted and new cooking equipment and utensils in place ready to prepare a Sunday Lunch for the reopening of the cafe, now renamed '**The Railway Buffet**'. Gavin's plans at the time were to get the Buffet fully operational by the end of March, opening from 8.00am with breakfast, through morning coffee to 12noon and the start of the 'meal deal', a varied and changing menu offering 2 courses for £5.95, and 3 courses for £6.95. There's a special children's menu too. Meals will be served until 7.00pm, 7 days a week.

The B&B rooms are to re-open in the next couple of months with a planned refurbishment and upgrading later in the year to provide en suite accommodation.

Enterprise Inns, the company that own the building, is undertaking a programme of work to improve the fabric of the place, getting rid of the damp penetration on the north wall being a priority.

And for those people who have endured the agony of sitting on the upholstered benches round the room there's comforting news - they're to be replaced/reupholstered in the coming months. It's going to take some time to get the place back to rights after many years of neglect, but Gavin views his expenditure as an investment in his business and in the village.

Carl Eales is joining Lisa and Jeanette behind the bar, (lucky lad!) so there'll be familiar faces to welcome you. The draught beers, including the real ales, remain the same but Gavin's introducing a wider choice of wines and bottled lagers. **The fortnightly Pub Quiz restarted on Tuesday, 26th Feb. Next one's on March 12th.**

Drawing on his previous work in the hotel and catering trade, from Mallaig to Tenerife and France, and fresh from 18 months living in Brazil, Gavin's hoping to make The Railway and The Railway Buffet welcoming and attractive, an asset to the village. Originally from the North East, he was born in Heaton and lived there for many years, his move to Haydon Bridge is akin to returning 'home'. I'm sure Vanir, and their daughter Cizzy, will soon come to look upon the village as their home, too.

We wish Gavin and Vanir well in their new venture.

MP



NEWS FROM 'THE BRIDGE', HAYDON BRIDGE COMMUNITY LIBRARY AND TOURIST INFORMATION POINT.

As our usual reporter, Pat, is on holiday, I agreed to keep everyone up to date with our news.

As those who visit The Bridge will know, the building is much more than a library, although books do take a major role, both in the NCC maintained book service, through which we are able to acquire any book on request, as well as having an up to date book selection available at all times. As we've had an increasing demand for large print books, we have enlarged the space allocated to this section - we hope this will satisfy those seeking more choice. We also have a large selection of books for sale at amazing prices - call in and see.

We have a wonderful selection of children's literature and encourage young members of our library to join in the activities which take place regularly such as craft sessions. Call in and see our 'forthcoming events' notices on the inside door.

Recently a lot of enthusiasm has been generated by the ever increasing volume of archive material we have received, from wonderful pictures to ancient documents, all creating an amazing insight into our past. Some of our volunteers have been transcribing these documents so making them more comprehensible, and cross matching the information to create a picture of the Parish from the 1600s - fascinating! If you live in an old property in the Parish, or would like to help just call in.

The craft nights on Wednesday from 7.00pm until 9.00pm are for anyone wishing to come along and meet other crafty people!!

If you are clever with your hands, or would like a few friendly tips from other craft people or you want to learn a new skill along with others, do come in for a coffee and a chat. **The Craft Nights will re start after Easter**

Finally, can I just take this opportunity to thank everyone who supports us. Now we are self sufficient we do rely on your continued support.

Thank you. Eileen.

CHURCH PAGE

CLERGY MESSAGE

from

Judith Hampson

Around the bed in the maternity ward, the new grandparents gathered. The first-time parents, were weary and overawed. Nevertheless, they glowed with joy and pride as they showed off the new arrival. "She's got your nose, son." "But mum's eyes," Chin, ears, mouth... they shared out all of the baby's features, then recognised the way she seemed to punch the air, the distinctive sound of her cry, and her serious gaze, as if knowing the secrets of the universe. Just like her mum and dad. This new arrival was certainly their flesh and blood! Having established this to the satisfaction of everyone present, the grandparents took their leave, laughing and crying all at once, and set off to spread the good news. What a mixture of emotions accompanies a new birth! And how eagerly we recognise the newcomer as our own, a continuation of the family line! Even those of us without children or grandchildren will have witnessed that scene within the extended family or in TV soap operas: it's a familiar story.

The Easter reading is another familiar story, also with themes of recognition and new life, also with mixed emotions. Like childbirth, it begins with agony and ends in joy. Mary Magdalene, mourning the teacher she saw brutally executed, arrives at his tomb. Finding it empty adds fear and outrage to grief. Torn by all these emotions, she fails to recognise Jesus in the half-light of early morning, even fails at first to recognise his voice. But eventually something about the way this gardener says her name triggers recognition. He must have spoken her name often since she accompanied him from Galilee, one of the inner band of male and female disciples closest to Jesus. With recognition comes joy.

Other Gospel stories of the risen Lord also focus on the delayed recognition of Jesus. The risen Lord reveals himself to his followers in many ways, now as then. In each case, we recognise that this new life, this life after death, this resurrection, is a continuation of what has gone before, yet different... like a new baby. The Lord whom Mary sees is recognisably Jesus of Nazareth, who lived and worked with ordinary people. But he is also the One who has defeated death. Our own new life begins when we recognise this. New Testament stories reassure us that we can recognise Jesus in different ways. It's reassuring, too, that he appears to all kinds of people, whatever their background.

MARCH 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

We have a Gospel to proclaim, a faith to share, in what we say and the way we live our lives. Like grandparents spreading the good news of new birth, we are called to be witnesses to the risen Lord and the joy of new life in him. Alleluia!

Judith Hampson

Christian Aid Organiser For Haydon Bridge 2013

We need an organiser for the Christian Aid house to house collection which takes place annually in May.

There are many willing volunteers who give up their time to make this happen. Anyone interested in coordinating this event should contact Rev Les Hann 320051.

(help and guidance will be given)

We need YOU

**METHODIST CHURCH
SERVICES**

3rd March

10.00am Communion Service
Rev Les Hann
6.00pm Evening Service
Joan Histon

10th March

10.00am Family Service
Norman Fullard
6.00pm Evening Worship
Rev Jane Cook

17th March

10.00am Morning Worship
Maureen Chapman
6.00pm Evening Worship
Rev Miriam Olsen

24th March

10.00am Morning Worship
Rev Les Hann
6.00pm Songs of Praise
Di Wallace

31st March—Easter Day

10.00am Communion Service
Rev John Howard
6.00pm Easter Praise
Rev Les Hann

**BELTINGHAM/HENSHAW
CHURCH SERVICES**

3rd March

Beltingham
9.30am BCP Communion

10th March

*10.00am Joint Service at
Haydon Bridge*

17th March

Henshaw
9.30am Communion

24th March

Beltingham
10.00am Joint Communion

31st March - Easter Day

Henshaw
9.30am Communion

**HAYDON OLD CHURCH
SERVICES**

Evensong

28th April at 6.00pm

Messy Church

March 13th

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

Holy Week 2013

*Tuesday, 26th March 7.30pm Stations of the Cross
at St John's, Haydon Bridge*

Maundy Thursday

*Thursday, 28th March 6.30pm Lord's Supper
at St Cuthbert's, Haydon Bridge*

Good Friday

*11.00am Methodist Church
12.00noon St Cuthbert's, Haydon Bridge
2.00pm All Hallows' Henshaw*

Easter Day 31st March

See above

**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**

3rd March

11.00am BCP Communion

10th March

10.00am Joint Communion
Service

17th March

11.00am Communion

24th March

*1000am Joint Communion at
Beltingham*

31st March - Easter Day

11.00am Communion

St Cuthbert's Church,
Haydon Bridge

**"Working Together
for Tomorrow"**

At the request of the
Church Council
Rev Rachel Wood
will explain Local Ministry
Groups
and help us explore how we
can help our Parish Church
at

**The General Havelock
on
Monday, 11th March
7.30pm**

NOTICES & WHAT'S ON?

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On Tuesdays at Haydon Bridge High School
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BJA Qualified Coaches
Contact Michael on: **01 434 684 783**

WHIST DRIVES
Langley Village Hall
Fortnightly on Saturdays
at 7.00pm.
£1.00 entrance
(Everyone welcome)

Community Police Surgeries

Our next surgery is on **April 4th**
10.00am-11.00am at Haydon Bridge Methodist Church
You're welcome to come and have a chat with your local
community police.

THE BRIDGE LIBRARY & TOURIST INFORMATION POINT

Telephone 01434 688658

OPENING TIMES

MONDAY: 9.00am-12 noon
TUESDAY: 1.00pm-4.00pm
WEDNESDAY: 1.00pm-4.00pm
FRIDAY: 4.00pm-6.30pm
SATURDAY: 9.30am-12.30am
Coffee and tea available

HAYDON BRIDGE LOCAL ARTISTS' GROUP

HAYDON ART CLUB

Open to all, first session free. Meets fortnightly at
HAYDON BRIDGE COMMUNITY CENTRE
Wednesdays, 6.30pm-9.15pm

**The Art Group's next meetings are on
March 13th & 27th**

For details/enquiries please contact Barbara on
01434 688 886

HAYDON & ALLEN VALLEYS MEDICAL PRACTICE

(Haydon Bridge Health Centre)

Monday to Friday: The Health Centre is open continuously
from 8.00am until 6.00pm (except for the
afternoon of the fourth Wednesday of
every month)

Doctors consult between: **8.00am and 11.00am**
3.00pm and 5.30pm

All phone calls for appointments and visits, including 'out of
hours': **01 434 684 216**

All phone calls for dispensing or prescriptions: **01434 688351**

E-mail address: **Admin@GP-A84045.NHS.UK**

Website **www.haydonbridgesurgery.co.uk**

THE MEETING PLACE

at THE METHODIST CHURCH

Come and Join your friends for Coffee and Refreshments
on **Tuesdays and Thursdays 10am – 12 noon**

Warm welcome to all

HAYDON BRIDGE UNITED
ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL CLUB
HBUAFC hold their monthly meeting on the first **Monday** of
every month at **7.30pm** in the Lounge of the **Anchor Hotel**
where representatives of every football team in the village are
invited to attend.
This meeting is also open to members of the public.

WEST TYNEDALE JUNIOR RUGBY CLUB

FOR BOYS AND GIRLS AGE 6yrs-11yrs

TAG/CONTACT RUGBY
MEET AT HAYDON BRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL
ON **SUNDAYS 10.30am- 12.00noon**
CONTACT SUE BELL 688534. ALL WELCOME.

HAYDON BRIDGE DANCE CLUB



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EVERY MONDAY
7.30 to 10.00pm
Haydon Bridge Community Centre
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82, Front St. Prudhoe, NE42 5PU

or

01670822334

(Bedlington office)

HAYDON BRIDGE NATURE CLUB

AUTUMN & WINTER TALKS PROGRAMME

Meetings are held in Haydon Bridge Methodist Church and
commence at 7.15pm

March 14th Adam Barr *The Gambia*

**March 28th Paul Hewitt *Wallington; Northumberland's
best kept secret***

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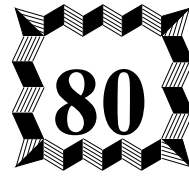
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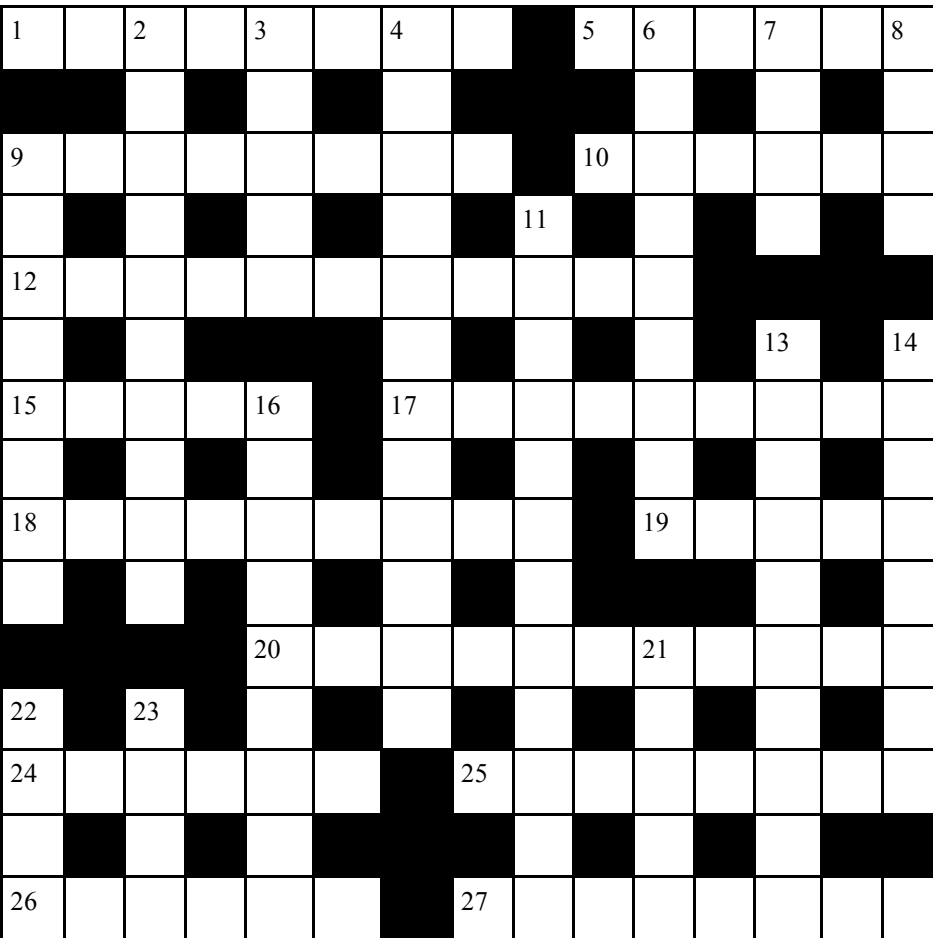
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Across

- 1 Incorporated
- 9 Early bath
- 10 Tripe
- 11 Trip
- 12 Agony aunts
- 14 Monetary
- 15 Quarto
- 17 Gentry
- 18 Carapace
- 22 Contraflow
- 23 Stud
- 26 Along
- 27 Apertures

Down

- 1 Inept
- 2 Carrion
- 3 Rays
- 4 Orangery
- 5 Athens
- 6 Extramural
- 7 Winner
- 8 Pershore
- 13 Starbright
- 14 Magician
- 16 Bayonets
- 18 Nandoo
- 20 Astoria
- 21 Affair
- 24 Desks
- 25 Stag



NUMBER OF ENTRIES

9 (6 correct)

THIS MONTH'S WINNER

Mary Moore

ACROSS

- 1 Grouse follows joker to bridge.(4,4)
- 5 One that Nelson played presumably. (6)
- 9 Romantic music that could be part of nightly Matins out east.(8)
- 10 Smell to rile about, makes it bubble. (6)
- 12 One where you can go or reunite the red and black.(5,2,4)
- 15 Dream about having guns(5)
- 17 Win this and you win a gem in a pot. (4,5)
- 18 Moves in or around a varied diet.(9)
- 19 Colonel was heard in flamenco practice.(5)
- 20 Lead at revue and analyse again. (2-9)
- 24 One to play at the tea party, perhaps. (6)
- 25 One to play with a lone chip, maybe.(8)

26 Terrier loses tail climbing rope ladder.(6)

27 Only the select few get to see Ric. (8)

DOWN

- 2 About a seizure of power, men take time to get compensation.(10)
- 3 Scoop out, like a bird from a scrambled egg.(5)
- 4 Meet grandson in the grounds of impressionist's house.((6,6)
- 6 Is root around small picture of the same magnitude in all directions? (9)
- 7 Unattractive fruit.(4)
- 8 Wait, we hear, rate has exploded. (4)
- 9 Ran around to informer or storyteller.(8)
- 11 Jointly, young lady and sign are delegates.(12)

13 Broadcaster Sid turned to Pat and singer.(10)

14 Astride a good man with broken ladder.(8)

16 So the French follow daughter over to find a fish.(5,4)

21 Go about in vessel.(1,4)

22 Can take from tablets.(4)

23 We hesitate to see employer.(4)

I'm sorry I had the incorrect return date for last month's Crossword. I've double checked this one. MP

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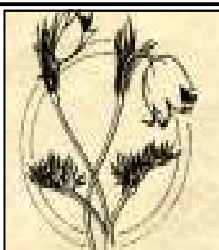
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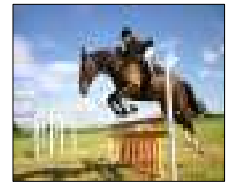


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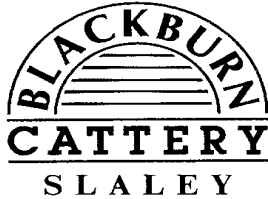
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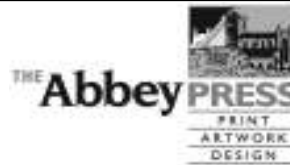
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OFTEC Registered Business

Dear Customer

We are Worcester Bosch accredited installers and service partners able to offer our customers a 7-year warranty on new condensing boiler installations until 30-6-13

Also grant accredited installers and service partners able to offer 5-year warranty on new condensing boilers.

We offer good discounts on new boilers for example:

Worcester Bosch condensing combi 12/18 £1578.60 + VAT (M.R.R.P. £3417.26)

Worcester Bosch condensing conventional boiler £1145.00 (M.R.R.P. £2377.00)

Grant condensing combi VTX 21 £1680.99 (M.R.R.P. £3279.00)

Grant condensing conventional boiler VTXS 15/26 £1291.92 (M.R.R.P. £2434.00)

We are at the minute being trained to install Biomass boilers and air to water heat pumps by Grant Boilers.

We also install oil tanks, heating systems, bathrooms, showers and do general plumbing repairs and maintainance.

Prices:

Boiler service £70.00 + parts

Aga / Rayburn service £60.00 + parts

Breakdown repairs £55.00 + mileage @ 0.32p per mile over five miles.

We have no call-out charge during working hours.

All prices include VAT

We also have an emergency out of hours and weekends call-out service.

Introduce a friend and if it results in a new boiler installation receive £25 of gift vouchers of your choice.

Regards, David & Jim Coombes



Dedicated to heating comfort