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Formed in 1969, Haydon Bridge Nature Club is one of our parish's most successful social groups.

At the club's meeting on Thursday March 20th, William Foster and John DeStefano, the retiring chairman and secretary, were presented with life membership in recognition of their service to the Haydon Bridge Nature Club.

Bill has been a member for 37 years and chairman since 1996. John has been secretary since 1987.

In our cover photograph this month; Bill and John receive their life time awards.

Left to right:

**Bill Foster, John DeStefano, Betty Hargreaves (club president),
Robert Ford (secretary), Margaret Moffitt (chair).**



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EDITORIAL

*Spring has sprung
The grass is ris
I wonder where them birdies is.*

A large number of them are gorging themselves on our feeders in the garden and we even have a small squadron of cock pheasants who make their presence felt by tapping loudly on the windows and glaring indignantly through the glass. They are actually looking at their own reflections and competing with themselves as the sap rises...

Bird brained obviously.

The Friends of Haydon Bridge, the organisation that produces this magnificent publication, was having one of its periodic meetings the other evening when we became aware of a commotion in the corridor outside. Investigation revealed that a number of young men had been messing about with the Community Centre lift and had succeeded in breaking it. The whole machine, motors, lights and everything was dead. Rather amusingly, we thought, several of them were trapped in it.

The engineers have to come all the way from Leeds and this was about 8 o'clock at night. So we told them they would probably be there 'til lunchtime the next day. Furthermore, there was no obvious way to pass food, water or a bucket into them.

As no one was in danger, calling the emergency services was felt to be inappropriate.

After a certain amount of searching we found the lever that allows the lift to be very, very slowly and laboriously wound by hand. We set some of the young men's friends to work and after a deal of sweating and swearing we found that even when the lift was level with the floor, the doors would still not open.

Eventually a sort of key was found that allowed the doors to be opened and the miscreants were hauled into view.

We told them that the usual call out fee for the lift engineers was about £200.00 and then there would be parts and labour on top of that. As they broke it, we expect them to pay the bill. Fair enough?

The Community Centre is run by a charity, The Community Association. The money to run it does not come from some government department—it is local contributions, from parish residents.

Had the emergency services been called, I feel they too ought to have charged for their time and effort.

I will report developments in due course.

Windy isn't it?

Even one of our garden sheds, full of tools and gardening materials, has taken flight and come to rest against the garden fence.

These fierce winds take their toll of trees of all sizes, including a lot of those planted around and about our newish bypass. In the past, I have noticed that they have been periodically set to rights, presumably by the contractors who originally planted them.

Noticing that many were at a jaunty angle I decided to contact the organisation that I thought were responsible—Road Link—in the hope that they would hasten round and sort the thing out. No matter how hard I looked on Google I could not find either email address or phone number. But there was a postal address. So I swotted the moth out of my quill, dusted a few sheets of parchment and tried to remember how to write longhand. I never was much good at it!

I tied the resulting epistle to the leg of a passing pigeon and awaited developments.

Some days later electrons arrived bearing data:

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Regards

Steve Mitchinson, Operations Engineer, Road Link (A69) Ltd.

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So now we know.

Is your connection to the www as fast as you want it to be? There is some news - the Haydon Bridge exchange has been updated such that superfast broadband is due to arrive here in in June 2014.

Now the NSA and GCHQ will be able to read your emails even more easily and your unexpurgated browsing history will be causing paroxysms of mirth everywhere.

Steve Ford

PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

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A meeting of the Haydon Bridge Parish Council was held in the Community Centre on 27th March 2014.

No members of the public were present other than your humble scribe and the equally humble scribe from The Hexham Courant.

Apologies for absence were noted and there were no declarations of interest in the agenda items declared by those present.

The previous minutes were accepted.

Northumberland County Council.

Cllr. Alan Sharp reported that a reply from NCC about the parking problems related to the development of Tait's Yard was still awaited. He noted that he is continuing to pursue the matter. The overflow parking from the Victoria Terrace residents onto the entrance to Hordley Acres remains problematic, especially because of the proximity to the junction.

ISOS has stated that no complaints have been received from its residents and therefore resolving the problem is not a priority for it or them. It was agreed to share the ISOS letter with the Victoria Terrace residents, so that they might be aware of its contents.

Preserving the grassed area was agreed to be generally desirable as a visual amenity.

A meeting had been held at Land Ends Road (see page 15) in connection with the problem of speeding traffic. The residents have been consulted.

The NCC is reluctant to reduce the speed limit. Alternatives discussed include the creation of traffic calming measures, such as bumps, chicanes, narrowings and road painted signs. Extending the speed limit to the west, beyond the caravan park by

thirty yards or so can be done.

The discussion of this issue then extended into a consideration of the problems at the junction of Land Ends Road with John Martin Street—near the Haydonian Social Club. Several recent near misses were reported and the problems associated with the haphazard parking that occurs there were mentioned.

Favourable consideration was given to the use of some well placed double yellow lines to promote safety and clear vision at this awkward junction.

The Hadrian's Wall Trust is being wound up in the months ahead. Amongst the many potential problems that this may create is the future of the AD122 bus route.

It appears that this will continue but, rather short sightedly, the Cumbrian Council have decided to withdraw their part of the funding. The subsidy for this route is reported to amount to £9.50 per passenger, which compares with the more usual subsidy limit of £6. Discussion with Cumbria continue.

The drains on Church Street have not yet been dealt with.

Some cash remains available for play areas in Haydon Bridge.

Highways.

The Park Style public footpath has been established and will be signposted and cleared soon.

The Newbrough road remains partly blocked by temporary traffic lights guarding a collapsed Armco barrier and crumbling road edge. As this has been present for some months, without any evidence of steps being taken to rectify the problem, Cllr. Alan Sharp will investigate.

The Hordley Acres sign at the entrance to the estate is reported to be resting horizontal on the grass. This is to be reported for repair.

Lighting.

The Parish Council has been consulted about the Dark Skies initiative and consideration is being given to what, if any steps, may be appropriate within the parish.

Planning.

Two items were before the council:

A pruning of trees at The Paddock, Belmont stables

and the substitution of dormer windows for roof lights at 6 Smith's Terrace.

The council expressed no objection to either .

Accounts.

The accounts were considered.

A request from Mary Milford for a small subsidy to the Meals on Wheels service was agreed to.

The Clerk to the Parish Council's laptop has conked out. Meeting the reasonable cost of replacement was agreed.

Risk Assessment and Internal Audit Procedures.

These were the subject of a review and the results were accepted.

Correspondence.

1/ The accumulation of water in puddles on the playing field above Shaftoe Trust School was reported to be a recurrent problem.

The views of the school governors had been sought and it was their view that the problem arose as a direct result of the local geological conditions and the presence of ancient and unmapped drainage systems. Neither of which are amenable to any practicable steps.

2/ Dog fouling continues to be a problem everywhere. Stoutly constructed and mounted notices are to be placed in the worst affected places. The wording has been agreed and the necessary steps are in hand

The need for dogs to be on leads near children's play areas especially was noted. The possibility of covert CCTV coverage was mentioned.

The presence of an exceptionally large dog in the neighbourhood of Church Street was noted—as evidenced by deposits of sufficient size to qualify as mini roundabouts.

3/ Modification order to the Definitive map & statement of public rights of way - adding public footpath from a point on Land Ends Road to point B on south bank of River Tyne.

4/ Consultation about the Charter. It was felt that this had been badly done so far. The PC represents the people, not the NCC. Arrangements for meetings in distant places, such as Morpeth, constitute a significant problem. Expenses are not being met. Eileen agreed to take charge of the matter.

Parish Projects.

a/ Development Trust.

A meeting about tourism in the Parish was moderately attended. Plans for this summer were discussed:

Arts Festival

Haydon Hundred Cycle Event

GITS events

Beer Festival

Walking Routes

The Bridge

Another meeting had been held recently about wood powered heating. This was well attended though it was noted that the hall was quite cold, arousing the suspicion that this was a deliberate marketing ploy.

Grants are due to become available for the installation of such plant and machinery.

The LAG is looking for new projects in need of funding.

The erection of a blue plaque, marking the association of Philip Larkin with the village, was deemed to lie within the authority of the council to decide and therefore it will proceed directly.

Any other business.

1/ The Youth Services budget for 2014 is secure.

2/ This year's hanging baskets will cost £17.00 each. It was proposed and accepted that businesses would be asked for £7.00 toward the costs.

3/ The Old Cemetery waste bin has not been emptied so far this year. The Clerk agreed to look into it...

4/ It was reported that a fall, potentially caused by a paving slab irregularity near the public toilets, had resulted in a fractured wrist. Notification of the incident had been made to the Highways Authority.

5/ Emphasis was laid on the need to make the signs about dog fouling permanent and strong. Cementing the posts into place was mentioned.

6/ A fly tipped TV on Lands End Road was reported to the council. A volunteer stepped forward to deal with the problem, before the situation worsened.

In conclusion the Chairman, Esmond Faulks Esq. reminded the council that the next meeting will take place in Langley.

The meeting was closed.

**THE
HAYDON BRIDGE
CO-OPERATIVE INDUSTRIAL SOCIETY LTD**

Part 3

**Parts 1 and 2 were in our
February and March 2014 issues**

**The first meeting of the Haydon Bridge
Co-operative Industrial Society was held on
Saturday March 20th 1875, and when the
Haydon Bridge Store opened for business
in May 1875 there were 71 members.**

The Haydon Bridge Co-op Industrial Society had had a nucleus of committed members from its inauguration, but doesn't appear to have increased its membership or customers substantially, or certainly as much as one would have expected, during the next decade. It should be remembered, however, that in 1885 Haydon Bridge had numerous businesses in close competition, each providing the residents of a rural community such as ours with their basic needs of provisions, food, and services.

It is most interesting to recall the trades and professions providing goods and services to a population of 2,365 in Haydon in the nineteenth century, when George Parker was manager of the Haydon Bridge Store and the Society's committee members were doing their best to encourage a wider use of the Co-operative's services.

**CLASSIFICATION OF TRADES AND PROFESSIONS
HAYDON : 1886**

Many of the names will be recognisable to, or even relatives of, older residents in 2014. Certainly, many of the named premises can still be found.

Agents:

Armstrong Joseph, for Nature's Herbal Remedies, Simm's Buildings, North Side.

Batey William Hall (commission), Church Street.

Thompson Francis (house agent and appraiser), Church Street.

Walton William, (for Little & Ballantyne, nurserymen and seedsmen, of Carlisle), Church Street.

Blacksmiths:

Brown William, North Side.

Coulson Thomas, Holme Cottage.

Irving William, jnr., North Side.

Turnbull George Alexander, North Side.

Boot, Shoe and Clog Makers:

Haydon Co-operative Industrial Society, North Side.

Millwood Frank, South Side.

Nixon William, Church Street.

Philipson John, South Side.

Reay Joshua, North Side.

Turnbull Joseph, North Side.

Butchers:

Anderson Thomas, Cubstocks.

Cowing Thomas Blakey, North Side.

Pickering Ralph, North Side

Carters:

Armstrong John, South Side.

Hutchinson Joseph, South Side.

Chemist and Druggist:

Thmpson Ade L., Church Street.

Coal Dealers:

Benson Messrs., Railway Station.

Wood Gabriel, Railway Station.

Fancy Goods Dealers:

Armstrong Ellen (and stationer), Post Office, Albert House, Church Street.

Smithson John, (general dealer), Church Street.

Fire And Life Assurance Agents:

Accident Insurance Co. Ltd.; and Caledonian Fire & Life; W.S. Walton, Church Street.

City of London Fire; Thomas Turnbull, jnr., South Side.

Imperial Union Accident; and London & Provincial Fire; Joseph Thompson.

Lion (fire), J.L. Dickinson.

North British & Mercantile Fire & Life; John Barr.

Prudential Life; J. Robinson, North Side.

West of England (fire & life); John Davidson,

Belmont House; and J.L. Dickinson.

Grocers and Provision Dealers:

Atkinson Mary (and draper), Church Street.

Batey William Hall, Church Street.

Barron William, South Side.

Cousin Elizabeth, North Side.

Dickinson Elizabeth, Church Street.

Dinning John (and draper), Langley Villa.

Haydon Co-operative Industrial Society, North Side.

Maughan Walter (greengrocer & market gardener), North Side.

Pigg Michael (corn and flour merchant) North Side.

Ridley Mary, South Side.

Thompson A. & Son, North Side.

Todd William, South Side.

Turnbull Thomas, Jnr., (and newsagent) South Side.

Walton William Samuel (Italian warehouseman and aerated water manufacturer), Church Street.

Wray Elizabeth, North Side.

Ironfounders:

Haydon Bridge Iron Company; Messrs. Benson, proprietors; John Hamilton manager.

Ironmongers:

Clemitson Thomas, Church Street.

Short John (est. 1847), Chapel House.

Walton Henry (& musical instrument dealer), North Side.

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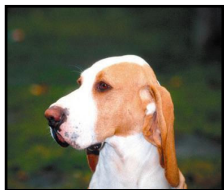
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Henderson Edward, Geeswood, South Side.

Telford William, Tyne View, South Side.

Thompson Francis, Church Street.

Lead Merchants, &c:

Bewick and Partners, Ltd., Langley Barony Mines.

Dinning Joseph (exors of), Langley Smelt Mills.

Linen and Woolen Drapers:

Graham Francis Robinson, Albion House, Church St.

Thompson A. and Son (and outfitters), North Side.

Milliners and Dressmakers:

Archer Mary, Lane Foot, Plankey.

Arkle Margaret, South Side.

Armstrong Margaret and Jane, North Side.

Brown Maggie, North Side.

Hicks Ann, South Side.

Jackson Sarah, North Side.

Lowes Jane, North Side.

Patterson Elizabeth, North Side.

Robinson & Co. (and drapers), Church Street.

Robinson Mary, North Side.

Thirlwall Annie, North Side.

Weir Esther, North Side.

Woodman Annie, Tofts Bank.

Woodman Phillis, Church Street.

Painter, Paper Hanger and Coach Builder:

Hetherington William, North Side.

Plumbers, Gasfitters, Whitesmiths, & etc.:

Short John (est. 1847) Chapel House.

Urwin John Jnr., North Side.

Walton Henry, North Side.

Saddler:

Clemitson Thomas, Church Street.

Solicitor:

Barr John (and commissioner for taking oaths in supreme courts).

Stonemasons and Builders:

Armstrong and Davidson, South Side.

Laing Peter and Son, North Side.

Wigham and Telford, Tofts Bank Cottage.

Tailors and Drapers:

Murthwaite Thomas Railton, North Side.

Paxton John, North Side.

Turnbull Thomas, sen., North Side.

Walker George, South Side.

Timber Merchants:

Lee Walton, & Co., Langley Saw Mills.

So you see; the Co-op didn't have it all its own way!

*Not all those Haydonians listed above as having
'Trades and Professions' were in competition with
the Co-operative, of course, although the numbers
are remarkable when comparing then with now,
don't you think? And there were others in business*

in Haydon in 1886, not mentioned above but about whom I thought you would be interested to read. The records of 'Cow Keepers' and 'Farmers' are of special interest in that the farms are, in the main, still recognisable one hundred and twenty eight years later; and, even, some of the farming families are still with us in 2014.

Cow Keepers (and, by association, providers of milk):

Benson William, Black Hill.
Dargue Joseph, Standalone.
Hetherington Robert, Hill House.
Hutchinson Pearson, Foul Bridge.
Kent William, Chesterwood Villa.
Lee Thomas, Heugh House Lane.
Lowery John, Heugh House.
Makepeace John, Langley Shop.
Nicholson William, Sillywrea Cottage.
Pearson Thomas, Hall Bank.
Philipson John (and pig dealer), South Side.
Ridley Thomas, South Side.
Robson Joseph, Stublick Bog.
Shipley Ralph, Plunderheath.
Shipley William, Woodbine Cottage.
Smith Joseph, White House Hill.
Watson Thomas, Chesterfield.

Farmers:

Appleby John, Struther House.
Archer Joseph, Staward Hall.
Armstrong Joseph Todd, Grindon Mill Hills.
Awburn Isabel, Lipwood Well, High Lipwood and Sandy Ford.
Bell Robert (yeoman), Harlow Field.
Bell William, Bounderlands.
Benson - the Misses Mary, Margaret and Elizabeth, Grindon Hill.
Carr Nicholas, Vauce.
Coulson Robert, Brokenheugh.
Cowing Messrs., Low Hall and Threepwood.
Cowing Hannah and John, High Moralee.
Cowing Mathew, Low Moralee.
Cowle William (and miller), Wood Hall Mill.
Davidson William, Prior House.
Davison Richard, Tedcastle.
Davison Richard, Old Haydon.
Dickinson John (yeoman), Silly Wreay.
Dickinson John, Chesterwood.
Dickinson John Lawrence, Hill House.
Dinning Thomas Whaley, Stublick.
Dryden William, Middle Dean Raw and West Dean Raw.
Errington Thomas, Wood Hall.
Gibson George, Haydon.
Gibson Michael, East Mill Hills.
Henderson Joseph, Esp Hill and East Land Ends.
Henderson Robert, East Elrington.

Heslop Thomas, Silly Wreay.
Johnson Joseph, Plankey.
Lamb James, Lees.
Lambert Thomas, Elrington Hall.
Lee Joseph (and timber merchant Lee, Walton & Co.) West Land Ends.
Lee, Walton & Co., East Dean Raw.
Nichol Scott (yeoman), Lough Green..
Parker Thomas (yeoman), Cruel Syke.
Parker William (yeoman), Westley Bank.
Pigg Michael, Chesterwood park and Cubstocks.
Reed George, Whinnetley.
Ridley Mathew, Peel Well and West Rattenraw.
Robson Nicholas, Elfoot House.
Shanks John and Alex., High Staward.
Stephenson Thomas Adamson, West Mill Hills and the Tofts.
Story Joseph, Middle Lipwood and Lady Shield.
Thompson Thomas Errington, Sewing Shields.
Thompson William John, Moss Kennels.
Walton Joseph (and timber merchant, Lee, Walton & Co.), East Dean Raw.
White William, Harsondale.
White W.E., Nelson (sic) Rigg.
Woodman Annie Elizabeth, Grindon.
Woodman Messrs. George, William and Nicholas, Whitechapel.
Woodman John, Langley Castle.
Woodman Thomas, Beamwham.

Hinds and Shepherds:

Anderson Jane, Cubstocks.
Arkle William, East Land Ends.
Ewart Henry, West Rattenraw.
Hindmarsh William, Grindon Mill Hills.
Johnston Alexander, The Tofts.
Lowdon William, Lady Shield.
Mason Elizabeth Jane, Hind Shield.
Warwick John, Sandy Ford.

And where did the businessmen and women and the farmers, cow keepers and hinds (other than those who signed the pledge, of course) slake their thirst after a hard days work?

The Anchor Inn (and posting establishment) - George Weatherald.
The Black Bull, Ratcliffe Road - Thomas Thirlwell.
Carts Bog - William Robson.
General Havelock - Anthony Hunter.
Railway Hotel - George Frederick Steward.
Scotch Arms - Job Waugh.
Water House - John Cowing.
Wheatsheaf (Latterly the Haydon Hotel) - Catherine Cowing (and wine and spirit merchant).

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**And now! Returning to my original story - the
Haydon Bridge Co-operative Industrial Society
Ltd., in 1885:**

Although the Store's income hadn't increased substantially in the ten years since it opened, on July 18th 1885 the committee was able to sanction the repayment of £100 off the mortgage taken out on the Ratcliffe Road shop and, within twelve months, John Tailford was empowered to pay off all the Ratcliffe Road mortgage on behalf of the Society.

By December 1886, the committee was looking for more suitable premises for their Store, and at a Special General Meeting held on February 26th 1887, it was proposed by J. Laing, seconded by Mr Lowery and agreed, that the Haydon Bridge Society purchase Mr Bell's property on Shaftoe Street for £390. The sum of £140 to be paid from the Society reserves and £250 to remain as a loan on the property.

A 'Building Committee', including: Anthony Gill, Thomas Watson, John Johnson, William Dickinson, Mr Scott and Adam Henderson, was appointed to oversee the new premises' building operations. In the meantime, normal business continued in the existing shop and, at the 1887 half - year meeting, the President, Mr Brown, announced six monthly sales of £1,996 and profits of £220; a dividend of three shillings and sixpence in the pound was allocated to the two hundred and twenty one members. Non members to receive one shilling in the pound.

Two new appointments were made in 1887, to add to the three existing staff: William Reay was appointed to serve his time in the Store, his wages being six shillings a week for six months and, thereafter, seven shillings a week; and, it was agreed, significantly perhaps, to engage a 'young woman' to work in the Store and Miss Watson started work on December 19th 1887.

By the end of 1887, an offer of £110 was accepted from Philip Grieve for the old premises on Ratcliffe Road, and work to convert the new 'commodious premises on the South Side' was well underway. To celebrate the opening of the new Store, a knife and fork 'supper' was planned in which invitations would be issued to Sir Edward Grey, The Rev. J.H. Mandell, Mathew Ridley, T.B. Bewick, R. Benson, James Joicey and Mr. Carrick. Three hundred tickets would be made available free to members and non-members would be charged ninepence each. Three sub-committees were set up to organise the event; a Decoration Committee, a Provisions Committee and a Tabling Committee. Mathew Henderson would be paid two shillings and sixpence to provide the music for the event and Mrs Waugh of

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the Scotch Arms would boil the beef and roast the hams. John Thirlwell was 'empowered to see after the carvers and bread cutters', John Tailford was 'entrusted to get the waiters' and Mr Varty and Mr Brown were responsible for the 'tea infusers' and the 'water carriers'. Nothing was being left to chance.

Oh; and by the way ... there would be no intoxicating liquor!

In spite of that disappointment, you are welcome to join me next month for the celebrations on Saturday April 7th 1888, in the Society's new premises and in the Odd Fellows' Hall next door, to mark the opening of the new Co-operative Store in Shaftoe Street, Haydon Bridge.

SELF HELP

Self help has always been at the forefront of social activities that have brought the residents, both young and old, of our rural community together. Our early football and cricket clubs; the Haydon Bridge Flower Show and the Staward Pele Picnic; local agricultural and horticultural societies; our golf societies, tennis, badminton and judo clubs; boys' clubs, youth clubs, and the renowned Haydon Bridge Scouts; the early Haydon Bridge Silver Band and other parish bands, choirs and folk music groups; the dance club, nature club, book club and art club; the Women's Institutes at Haydon Bridge and Langley; the activities centred at the village hall in Langley and the Haydon Bridge Community Centre; the Haydonian Working Men's (Social) Club; and the many activities that have been organised by our education and religious organisations - all come immediately to mind.

The list is endless, and more recently I can point to the community involvement in 'The Bridge' library and the wonderful work being done to enhance our social scene by the 'Get It Together Society'.

Contributing to, or participating in, voluntary organisations and activities in our parish must have left our readers with many memories and I would love to hear about them, be they good or bad, happy or sad.

Often, these social activities are initiated by a few like minded individuals; to satisfy personal interests, to support the community in which they live or, maybe, to provide opportunities for members of their families and friends.

1st HAYDON BRIDGE BROWNIES

It is this 'family' connection that forms the basis for a pictorial contribution to my Historical Notes this month, and a look back to 1972 and onwards when three mothers - Ethel Mason, Audrey Wright and Betty Telford - formed the 1st Haydon Bridge

Brownies pack which was to give great enjoyment to their four girls and fourteen others like them. The Haydon Bridge Brownies continued successfully under Ethel and Betty's supervision for over twenty five years, and that there was always a waiting list to join the pack is a clear indication the youngsters enjoyed their Monday evening's get together, and joining in our village and parish activities, as a pack, in celebration of local and national events. The Brownies were first established in 1914 by Lord Baden-Powell and originally called Rosebuds, but were renamed Brownies after the girls complained they didn't like their name. I have chosen this, the Centenary Year of the organisation, to remember those girls who were early Haydon Bridge Brownies.



The children of the leaders of the first Haydon Bridge Brownie pack, registered in September 1973: Caroline Mason, Ruth Wright, Catherine Wright and Joanne Telford.



The first pack of Haydon Bridge Brownies on a visit to the Haydon Bridge Fire Station in 1973 with their 'Owl' Leaders, Betty, Audrey and Ethel: Back Row L to R: Mary Storrow, Ruth Wright, Gillian Cousin, Catherine Wright, Barbara Tallantyre, Gillian Reynolds, Carolyn Pigg, Catherine Moore. Front Row: Shirley Burrows, Caroline Mason, Joanne Telford, Elaine Stephenson, Lynn Foster, Jill Dale, Carolyn Armstrong, Fay Teasdale, Helen Curry, Pamela Johnson.



This photograph of the Haydon Bridge Brownies was taken in the early 1980s

Back Row:
(Leaders) Joanne and Betty Telford, Judy Irwin, Ethel and Caroline Mason.

2nd Row:
Ruth Black, Linda Sim, Jane Thompson, Jane Henderson, Jane Stacey, ????, Helen Coulson and Joanne Lambert.

3rd Row & front:
Victoria Sanderson, Gillian Wardle, Victoria Burns, Claire Smith, ????, Joanne Swinburn, Denise Smith and Jane Philp.

Elizabeth Kane, Susan Armstrong, Tamson Ketteringham, Stephanie Alder, Hayley Forrest, Jill Edwards, Paula Stacey and Barbara Hay.

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 thirty sixth casualty, in 1917, was

Harold Linton Heslop

(36) Harold Linton Heslop



(no picture available)

As well as having his name on the War Memorial and on the Reredos in St. Cuthbert's, Harold is also commemorated on the Bede Collegiate School Memorial, Sunderland, and the University of Newcastle Medical School Memorial. Harold is buried in grave I.A.19 in Harighe Military Cemetery.

Harold served as Captain, Royal Army Medical Corps attached to the 7th Battalion, Durham Light Infantry.

He died of heart failure on 30th October 1917, aged 36.

Born in Rotherham, Yorkshire, one of two children of John and Mary Jane Currie (nee Heslop). He changed his surname by Deed Poll in 1904.

Harold Attended Durham University and graduated in 1903. Became an MD in 1906 and practiced in Sunderland.

Harold married Isabella Sinclair in 1913 and they had one child.

A pre-war Territorial, he went overseas in 1915 but returned to England on sick leave later in the year. In April 1916 he was fit enough to return to France.



If you have any information relating to Harold Linton Heslop, or any of those individuals 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.

HAYDON BRIDGE NATURE CLUB SUMMER WALKS PROGRAMME 2014

All walks start from the given meeting place at 6.30 pm. prompt unless stated different, If in doubt of a walk taking place due to bad weather, please confirm with the walk leader or walks programme secretary (01434 688886) Please come properly equipped with hiking boots and waterproofs and car share where possible. Thank you. Map grid reference is on Landranger 87.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Leader</u>	<u>Destination & Meeting Place</u>	<u>Description/Distance</u>
April 10 th .	Barbara Wardle 688886	"Tony's Patch". Meet: West End Heugh House Lane GR (834650)	Birds/Roe Deer/Foxes. One style some wet ground 3 miles easy (Expect poor light)
April 24 th .	June Rumney 684562	Elrington Via Spa Well. Meet in Church Street	Ducks/Buzzard/Roe Deer No styles (should be dry) 4 miles River path/hill climbs (expect end in poor light)
May 8 th .	Barbara Wardle 688886	Humbleton Fell. Meet: Chimney west of Branchend at 6.45pm. GR (841612)	Short Eared Owl/Hares / /Lapwings 4 styles rough pasture/fell 3 miles
May 22 nd .	Dot DeStefano 683124	Wark-Woodlands Meet on Village Green	Blue Bells/Water Birds Woodland paths and lanes 3-4 miles
June 5 th .	Ceri Gibson 688432	Haltwhistle Burn. Linear walk car to car. Meet at Haltwhistle Sewage Works. GR (715639)	Tyne River Trust Conservation No styles may be wet ground, easy, about 3-4 miles
June 19 th .	Cynthia Bradley 684622	Oakpool. Meet at Bridge below Haining GR (831567)	River East Allen, Flowers. River Side path, Hill to climb. About 5-6 miles for strong walkers
July 3 rd .	Betty Hargreaves 684217	Crindledykes Meet on Stanegates GR (785670)	Special Flowers/Geology Rough Pasture/Grass Fell. Easy. 3 miles
July 17 th .	Barbara Wardle 688886	Greenlee Lough. Meet at Gibbs Hill GR (749690)	Flowers/Water Birds. Rough Track, Board Walk Easy, 3-4 miles

A VIEW FROM UP THERE

John Harrison

After all the strong winds that we have been experiencing, the following account from a church magazine amused me. During the unveiling of a new memorial stone in a local churchyard there was a sudden gust of wind which resulted in “..... the vicar’s speech and other rubbish were scattered around”. Oops – new magazine editor required. And from a church noticeboard in VERY LARGE letters, the following unfortunate misprint “Change your wife through prayer”.

Perhaps the notice could more usefully have said ‘change the weather through prayer’. February continued the winter theme of wind and rain. The sequence of Atlantic low pressure systems stretched like a necklace across the Atlantic bringing unsettled, mild and at times dull and wet weather. The wind came from a broadly westerly direction for 25 days and was occasionally strong to gale force. There were gales on the 1st, 4th, 8th and 12th which cause some local damage. The pressure fell to a remarkable 957mb late on the 8th. However, Tynedale again escaped the worst of the bad weather which plagued the southern England where there were widespread floods. Strong winds and high tides resulted in serious damage along much of the west coast. Cold polar air swept in behind a cold front late on the 11th which resulted in the only snowy weather of the month. Heavy snow fell overnight and lay briefly early on the 12th but the snow was sleety and the ground relatively warm so the last of the snow cover had disappeared by late morning. There were further sleet and snow showers for the next two days but this lay only on higher ground. By the 17th milder air had moved in from the south-west and it remained generally mild and frost-free for the remainder of the month apart from the last day when a ridge of high pressure heralded the start of more settled weather, but with clearer night skies the only air frost of the month occurred on the morning of the 28th.

Although spring plants were well advanced by the end of the month, the soil remained saturated, readily turning to mud if any pressure was placed upon it. Across England winter 2013-14 has been mild and remarkably wet. Reports are already appearing in the press of earlier than usual arrivals of birds and early flowering of plants. Here in Haydon Bridge the average temperature December to February was 1.6 degC above normal and rainfall 18% above normal. Over these three months there were only 4 airfrosts (39 last winter) and snow/sleet fell on 10 days (24 last winter).

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

Month	Average Maximum Temperature (Daytime) Deg C	Relative to long-term average degC	Ave. Min. Temperature (Night-time) Deg C	Relative to long-term average degC	Rainfall mm	Percentage of long-term average
February 2014	7.8	+1.4	2.7	+1.4	73.7	116

And finally Gladys reminded me recently of some trench humour from the First World War, the 100th anniversary of which occurs this year. A soldier was killed on the Somme and was taken up to the gates of heaven where he was met by a very busy St Peter, who asked him whether he had ever done anything really good that would warrant his entry. “Well no not really” replied the soldier. “Well” continued St Peter, “have you done anything really brave”. “O yes, I ran across no-mans land to capture a German machine-gun post that was mowing down many of my mates”. “Ah” said St Peter “and when would that have been?” “About 30 seconds ago sir” was the reply.

WACKY WHIT WEDDING WALK ON THE WALL

Saturday June 7th 2014

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A social event not to be missed.



LANGLEY WI.

The March meeting of Langley WI took the form of a visit to Mr George's Museum of Time in Haltwhistle which is owned and run by one of our WI members, Diana Bell.

Diana began the evening by explaining that Mr George was actually based on her father, George Ellis who was a clock repairer in Northumberland. She has written several children's books based on her childhood memories of going out with her father to mend clocks.

Diana served her apprenticeship as a clock and watch repairer in her teens and continues to do repairs at the museum. Her dad had a clock shop in Wooler for many years and it was during this time that Diana's books are based.

We enjoyed a short DVD of one of Diana's "Mr George" stories after she explained that she had originally told the stories to her own four children.

After being widowed, Diana and the children moved to Morpeth where the Mr George stories became a puppet show, then eventually they were developed in to books and DVD's. Diana wanted to open a museum but was unable to find suitable premises in Morpeth however on a short stay in Haltwhistle, *en-route* to visit one of her daughters away at university, she noticed an empty shop which was ideal. So two years ago the museum opened.

It has a small shop, a "Meet Mr George" room which tells his story, a clock room with many different styles and varieties on display, a watch room with an amazing array of watches and an activity room with toys and Mr George DVD's to be watched.

The Langley ladies thoroughly enjoyed looking around the museum and reminiscing about their clocks, past and present. After the usual excellent shared supper, Diana's daughter judged the competition "A weather related item" Moira Howard took first place with her weather house, with Eileen Martin in second place. Many of the ladies were heard to say that they intend to return to the museum accompanied by spouses / children / grandchildren.

It's well worth another visit.

Next month we are back at Langley Village Hall. On April 8th we will be entertained by Judith Irving of Splitz Dance Group. All welcome.

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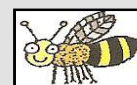
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No thanks, Dusty, I just can't stand sprouts.

I'm not sure. Is your Den a good cook?



CHURCHES WORKING TOGETHER

CLERGY MESSAGE FROM:

Deacon Anne Taylor

We are now in a special time in the church calendar which we call Lent. Like me you may have wondered where that name comes from, why we do certain things during this time and what does it mean for us today?

Lent comes from the Anglo Saxon word 'Lencntentid' which was the word used for March meaning the lengthening of the days. In the church it reflects the time Jesus spent in the wilderness. Following his baptism Jesus went into the desert for 40 days to prepare for his ministry. He was tried and tested for the job and thankfully passed.

You might say well of course he passed he was God's son but when Jesus came to earth he became fully human and had to face trials and tribulations like we do so he would know what we face in this life.

If you actually count the days from Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent, when we remember all the things we have done wrong and ask for forgiveness. As a mark of our repentance (saying sorry) the sign of a cross is made on the forehead with ash. The ash traditionally is made up of last years burnt palm crosses which we give out on Palm Sunday the week before Easter Sunday, you will see it's actually 46 days to Easter Sunday. That is because you don't count Sunday. That's good news if you've given something up for Lent like chocolate because it means you get a day off on a Sunday as Sunday is considered a feast day which celebrates the day Jesus rose from the dead. That then makes every Sunday a special day especially Easter Sunday.

I also always wondered why we call Good Friday 'good' when that was the day when Jesus died on the cross. It was good for us because Jesus took the blame for all the wrong things we have done he paid the price.

This is something many people struggle with. It may help you to understand if I tell you

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So Lent is a time in the church year when we think about what Jesus did for us on the cross and when God raised him to life on Easter Sunday.

I hope you will take the time this Lent just to think about why we do certain things and why Easter is such a very special time for us all. John 3: 16 says, 'For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that who ever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.'

Deacon Anne Taylor

**METHODIST CHURCH
SERVICES**

6 April

10am Morning Worship
Rev. John Howard

6pm Evening Service
Roger Anthony

13 April - Palm Sunday

10am Family Service
Local Arrangements

6pm Café Style Worship
Deacon Anne Taylor

20 April EASTER DAY

10am Family Worship with
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27 April

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6 April

Beltingham

10am Morning Prayer
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13 April - Palm Sunday

*10am Joint Service at
Haydon Bridge*

20 April EASTER DAY

Henshaw

9.30am Communion Service
Arch Deacon of Lindisfarne

27 April

Beltingham

10am Joint Communion
Service

**ST CUTHBERT'S
CHURCH SERVICES**

6 April

10 am BCP
Rev. Janet Jackson

13 April - Palm Sunday

10am Joint Service
Archdeacon of Lindisfarne
Peter Robinson

20 April EASTER DAY

11am Communion Service
Archdeacon of Lindisfarne

27 April

*10am Joint Communion at
Beltingham*

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St Cuthbert's 12 noon
Devotions

Henshaw Church 2pm
Devotions

St. John's Catholic Church
3 pm
Passion of the Lord

Saturday 19th April
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We are now starting our summer walking programme which are held on every other Thursday evening at 6.30pm

April 10th. To "Tony's Patch". Meet at the west end of Heugh House Lane 6.30pm. Easy 3 miles, 1 style & some wet ground.

April 24th. Elrington via Spa Well. Meet in Church street 6.30pm. No styles dry paths/lanes
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The Bridge and Visitor Information Point

Children's Corner

During the spring half term, eleven children took part in the "Bugs and Insects" craft session at the Bridge making, amongst other things, a Ladybird party invitation and a bumble bee on a stick. Refreshments were served at the end.



Making the bumble bee

There are periods now, when the Bridge is full to overflowing and, for parents of the Bookstart Children, it can be a fraught time trying to cope with all of the books that their offspring are bringing back **and** borrowing. To help aid the "peace of mind" of the said parents, we have on offer children's book bags made by one of our volunteers, priced at £2:50. There is a small pocket on the front of the bag just big enough for the library card and the Bookstart Passport: essential for building up stamps towards a Reading Certificate.

Archives

Recently, this area of the Bridge has taken a real leap forward. Some of the volunteers have attended four separate courses at Bellingham Heritage Centre now, dealing with several different aspects of developing an Archive centre within the Bridge. In addition, many other hours have been spent, by the IT experts in the group, planning and organising with the result that the first batch of photographs has been posted on the Haydon Bridge website so you can view at home as well as at the Bridge. These photographs deal with schooldays in the Haydon Bridge area-maybe you are on them! The individuals are named but if you see anyone still without a name and you recognise them, please get in touch and let us know who they are. We can't thank enough those who have already contributed their knowledge; their photographs for copying and their wonderful memories and stories about Haydon Bridge parish. Keep them coming.

The Mills and Boon Collection

Near to the Mills and Boon paperbacks belonging to the County Library, you will notice a shelf devoted to thirteen sturdy books written by Michelle Styles, our local author. Michelle has kindly donated a copy of each of her published works including one which has recently been released. These stories can be borrowed for the same length of time as County Library books. We are very grateful for Michelle's generosity.

News snippets

Once again, the Bridge will support the Get it Together Society during its Performing Arts week in July, with specific events being held in the Library as well as new Archive material being included in the Memorabilia Afternoon at the Methodist Chapel.

As last year, the Bridge will act as the registration site for entrants in the Haydon Hundred Cycling Challenge.

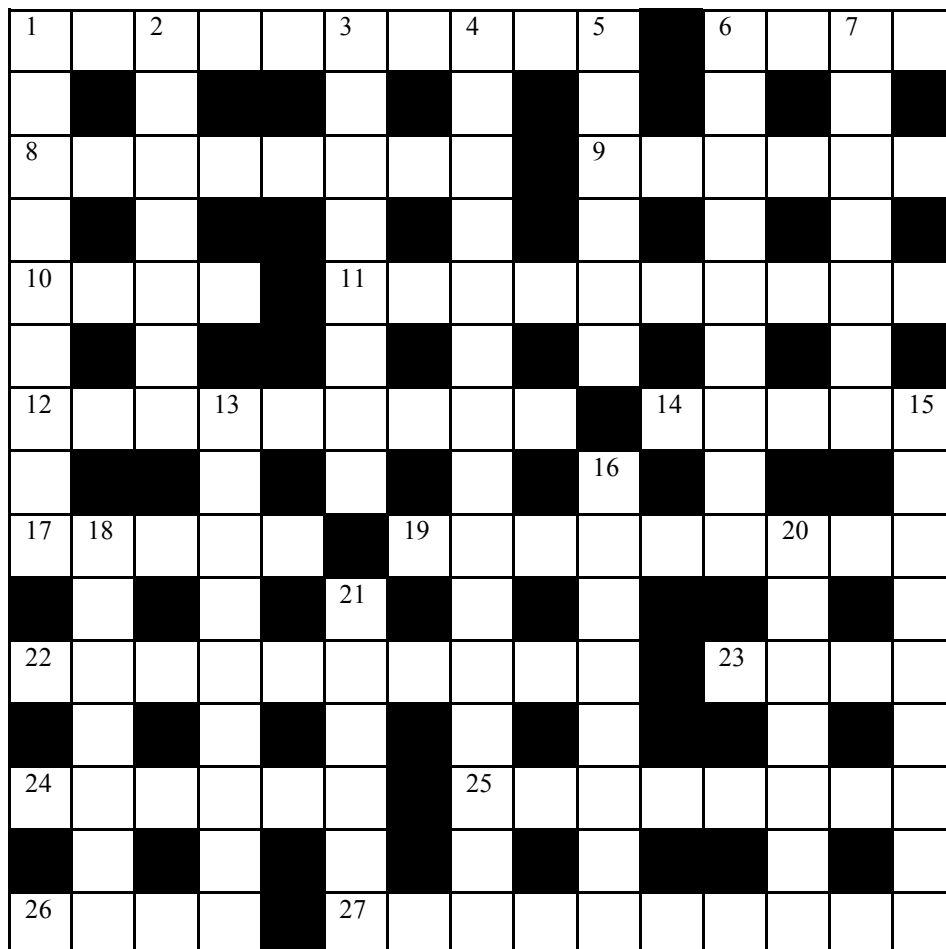
Happy reading ...

The £10 Crossword

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ACROSS

1. Alison will wed for arrangement. (4,6)
6. Tied worker of the historical Fraser family. (4)
8. Sit on this and eat a rich tea cracker. (3,5)
9. Black bird and annoying person, we hear, found this one. (6)
10. Tim, or Eric, perhaps. (4)
11. Bush clover speeds about with zeal ! (10)
12. Former freedom movement and heavenly city shatter violently. (9)
14. Mabel, an opera singer? Could be. (5)
17. One from Canada is yellow but here mostly white. (5)
19. Darts about with broken sled with legs wide apart. (9)
22. Position of University head could give short price. (10)

23. Shortly it will be unknown. (4)
24. The Spanish follow a cereal to locate this one. (6)
25. Curtail worthless one in part. (8)
26. Chief Inspector of detective rank on TV. (4)
27. It might not be one but Linseed can be turned into some.

DOWN

1. Bill and Ben's friend follows ancient element and locates one. (9)
2. Peaceful riot loses energy and finds one. (7)
3. Like modern petrol, or a stray dog perhaps. (8)
4. A nice place to stay in the lakes, drowse about endlessly with the value of pension. (10,5)

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ACROSS

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9. CLOSES
10. ENTRANCE
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13. INDIAN
15. ROTUND
17. REWORD
19. BANDIT
20. CIVILIAN
22. LIBRETTI
24. CRANKY
26. EMPEROR PENGUIN

DOWN

1. EGALITARIANISM
2. PASS
3. ODESSA
4. BESTRIDE
5. ANNA
7. TRENDY
8. RICHARD DAWKINS
12. NOTED
14. DROLL
16. NOTATION
18. SCRIMP
21. VICUNA
23. RUED
25. ALUM

NUMBER OF ENTRIES LAST MONTH'S WINNER

**3
Barbara Lee**

Entries in before
Saturday 20th April

*Please hand in your entry to
Claire's Newsagent or post to the
editor — see page 2.*

5. You could be over the moon with this one. (6)
6. See how red changes one by the side of a pond. (9)
7. Could be a green dog, this one, sounds like it anyway. (7)
13. Was there a unit sail on this ship? May have been a broken one. (9)
15. Idiot on a broken seat corresponds in sound. (9)
16. Use a magic pan to construct battle plan. (8)
18. One under a false name could give another one. (7)
20. Green city? (7)
21. Come back, start to lick lolly and leap about. (6)

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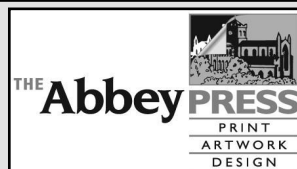


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A Shaggy Fish Story

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Mike played it hard with his small rod,
The fish ran up and down.,
Poor Nipper fell in, net and all
To cries of 'Divven drown!'

The bridge was lined with lots of folk,
The shingle banks were full,
And each one shouted out advice
Like 'Pull, ya bugger, Pull!'

But as the hours slowly passed
Mike's dog got quite fed up
So he jumped into the water.
That naughty little pup!

Perhaps he thought he'd catch that fish
And then go home to play.
But he got fangled in the line
And Mike's fish swam away!



POLECAT.

Over the years we have taken a considerable interest in road-kill: barn owls at Brocksbushes which have flown too low following the moths attracted by the street lights, otters at Haltwhistle making their slow way to and from the river, sadly, like the owls only to be struck by motorists.

This time however, it was a different sort of road-kill. There he lay in the middle of the A69 by Lipwood Well - a polecat (mustella putorius) - one of the fiercest predators of the countryside from which the domestic ferret derives. He had the classic black marking down his forehead and round his eyes, with light chin and ears. Into the boot he went, then home and into the deep freeze. A check with the internet revealed that the Vincent Wildlife Trust at Lancaster was carrying out a survey of polecats, in particular to establish from DNA the extent of cross breeding between ferrets and polecats. The trust's research centre identified him as a polecat from our photographs.

A box duly arrived from the Trust with a covering letter headed "Instructions for posting polecats". The letter warned that if there were obvious signs of maggots on the polecat the Trust would be unable to accept it. Fortunately no maggots were present but the corpse was a bit 'niffy' he being a very fine male specimen!

We are now waiting with baited breath to learn if he was in fact a pure bred or a cross bred polecat.

Mr. and Mrs. Grumpole.

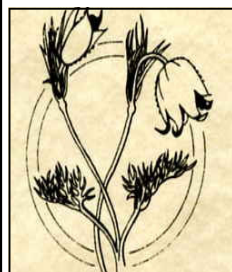
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Now we are in April things are warming up. I usually plant my potatoes on Good Friday but this year Easter is later so I will try to have them in and hoed up by the middle of April. It's nice to see new faces on California, I hope they get lots of fun and pleasure from their allotments.

I am told that years ago, farm hands would move from farm to farm each year in the beginning of May and they would set their garden by the 12th of May. So there is still time to have it set.

Greenhouse

Bit of a disaster with one or two of my tomato plants, when they were quite small I watered them too much and they have damped off, (they have died).

My cucumbers are growing in a heated greenhouse but if you have a cold greenhouse take time in sowing them as they grow very fast on the window sill and when you come to plant them out it is too cold in the greenhouse for them.

Good News. Pat had her greenhouse blown down in the winter gales but now she is a proud owner of her new Green greenhouse which is bolted into the concert base.





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THE PADDOCK

I have just recently moved into Haydon Bridge and have been very grateful of the opportunity to contribute to the Haydon News by writing a few words on my business whilst advertising in this month's edition.

You may have seen leaflets for The Paddock popping through your door over the last couple of weeks and wondered what it is all about!

The Paddock itself is my 6 acre smallholding based on the beautiful Northumberland border, which has provided the starting point for my business which aims to bring local, fresh, seasonal, homegrown, homemade and organically sourced (wherever possible) food to the doors of local people throughout Northumberland through a delivery service!

A selection of set price, fresh, seasonal vegetable boxes are available ranging in price from £7.50 to £20 as well as a good range of individually priced fruit and vegetables, giving you the flexibility to create your own box. No commitment is needed, with one off, weekly, monthly and fortnightly options available.

We aim to produce what we can at The Paddock, but what we can't we source locally and organically. All our fruit and veg is grown free from chemicals and is fully traceable back to the producer! Fresh free range eggs are also available, all laid within 48 hours of delivery by Laura's Layers, the 50 wonderfully entertaining chickens at The Paddock!

We have formed some excellent partnerships with local producers throughout Northumberland and further afield who have kindly agreed to share their wonderfully tasty produce with The Paddock including fresh homemade bread from Rise Bakery in Stocksfield, baked with organic flour milled in Stamfordham, a selection of handmade Northumberland Cheeses made with local milk on the Blagdon Estate by the Northumberland Cheese Company, Cumbrian Honey from beekeeper Helen Griggs (Nook Farm, Newcastle), handmade and artisan jams and chutneys from J.R. Jams (Newcastle), an exciting range of delicious, handmade chutneys, salad dressings, marinades and balsamic vinegars from Wildon Grange (Barnard Castle) and a range of organic dried goods!

The ethos of The Paddock centers around a celebration of local, seasonal food produced in a sustainable and environmentally friendly manner. The Paddock hopes to enable you to enjoy the great taste of fresh, homegrown, free range and organically sourced produce delivered direct to your door. Food that tastes the way it should - the way it used to!

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HAYDON BRIDGE PHARMACY

Warning- Ensure You Have Eaten Your Easter Eggs Before Reading This

As Easter passes and the summer months draw closer it is a good idea to think about what you eat to ensure you are looking and feeling great this summer.

To keep us healthy it is important that we eat a balanced diet. A balanced diet combines nutrients needed in larger amounts such as proteins and carbohydrates with fibres, minerals and vitamins.

One third of what we eat should be fruit and vegetables, one third starchy foods such as bread, rice and potatoes. Some milk and dairy foods are recommended as well as meat, fish, eggs and beans.

Foods and drinks high in fat and/or sugar are not essential to a healthy diet, and we should only consume small amounts of these foods. It is recommended that we eat fish at least twice a week, including one portion of oily fish because of its high proportion of omega -3. Foods that include a combination of fats and sugars such as chocolate and cakes should be eaten in moderation.

Additionally food that has added fat or 'trans fat', (such as food that is deep fried), as well as food that is over processed and lacking in fibre, should be swapped for other foods. For example, it is better to base the **starch** part of your meal around wholegrain bread, pasta or rice, rather than pizza dough, fried rice or deep fried chips.

Similarly with **vegetables**, it is better to eat fresh or frozen vegetables, canned vegetables such as mushy peas, homemade vegetable based soups etc., rather than coleslaw, or vegetables fried in batter, such as onion rings.

And in terms of **proteins**, lean meats are better than fatty cuts of meat. If you are cooking meats try to cut any fatty streaks off before cooking. Proteins can also be synthesized through eating a combination of legumes and grain, such as peas and corn. High fat cheeses can be eaten but not be consumed in large amounts.

The NHS has a lot of information on healthy eating, and this can be found by simply going to: <http://www.nhs.uk/livewell/healthy-eating/Pages/Healthyeating.aspx>

If you would like any further advice on what to eat to help your health, call into the pharmacy and talk to our pharmacist or our healthy living champion.

Tom McCullough

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WEST TYNE FEDERATION NEWS

On Tuesday we went to Haydon Bridge High School for our Science Day. The school was humongous! Lots and lots of children were inside it. We went inside the "Eco Classroom" and got put into mixed school groups. There was children from Henshaw, Greenhead, Herdley Bank and Whitfield.

We had four activities to do with different teachers from all of the 4 schools as well as working with some of the staff from the high school. The four activities were: making cars, making boats, making spaghetti towers and visiting the farm.

We also made cars using a tube, axles, wheels and some card to make the cars aerodynamic and also to decorate it. It was a very good activity because you could make different styles and you keep adding different things to make it look different. To test it out you had to put the car tube next to the air machine (we don't know the name of it) to let the car go fast and in a straight line across the classroom. The cars went so fast along the classroom floor we had to chase after them!



We liked making our own boats out of lollipop sticks, paper, paper clips and tape. We worked in partners and we had to make a boat between us. It was very hard to make the right shape. It couldn't be too wide or it wouldn't fit into the water tanks. One boy made one with a flat surface so it fell straight into the water and sank. When you had made a boat you had to put it in the water and add marbles, counting one at a time. Someone got 89 marbles in their boat because it was a big and light boat.

We did the Spaghetti towers activity as well. We had to stick cocktail sticks into sweets to make a structure. We could use marshmallows, teeth, lips, midget gems and jelly bears. After that we used spaghetti to build a very tall tower. The tallest tower won the competition. It was hard to build the towers because the spaghetti kept snapping when you put it into the sweets. The marshmallows worked best because they were all sticky!

We loved going to the farm. We saw lots of lambs, sheep, cows, calves, chicks, hens, and even some puppies! There was some baby lambs inside the shed with their mothers. It was really good fun looking at all of the different animals. The last group were even lucky enough to see a lamb being born! We had a fantastic day working with lots of different children doing lots of fun science things. We hope we can do it all again next year!

By Class 3 at Henshaw CE Primary School.

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SPRING TERM EVENTS:

Mr Hopper is once again working with children in school providing exciting and stimulating outdoor activities. Years 4 and 5 have begun their John Muir Award work. Our Around the World week contained many interesting activities including an afternoon listening to stories and facts from around our very own region of Northumberland led by Donald from the School's Library Service.

On World Book Day staff and children took the opportunity to dress in their finest, representing favourite story characters.

GREEN FLAG AWARD.

We now boast a purpose built allotment and patio area which will soon be the site of our potting shed and green house. The vegetables grown will be used in the school kitchen for children to sample.

The whole school is involved in many ecological issues including monitoring the energy supplied by our solar panels, auditing various aspects of ecology within school and exploring our impact on global resources.

The Eco Committee hold termly meetings to monitor various aspects and set action points.

We hope to submit our application for the award during the summer term.

STAFFING:

Mrs Joni Dickens, teacher in our Early Years Unit, is leaving at the end of this term to take up a teaching post at Whitley Chapel First School.

DAFT AS A BRUSH.

'Starlight' our adopted ambulance has been transporting patients to their treatment for over three years now. There are plans to upgrade 'Starlight' in the future. We are holding a 'Daft as a Brush' non uniform day on Friday 28th March where pupils are asked to bring a donation to school to raise funds for the charity.

Coffee will be served in the school hall from 9am to 10am. Please call in for a cuppa and a chat.

DATES FOR DIARIES:

Friday 21st March 6-8pm- school disco

Wednesday 2nd April- Spring Festival at 2pm

The children will be performing the musical 'Save our Planet'.

Friday 4th April- Egg Jarping Final at 2.40pm

DOG DIRT.

One of the issues that reared its ugly head again during our Green Week was the dog dirt on and round Shaftoe Green.

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Ham & Pineapple	5.50
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Chicken & Sweetcorn	5.50
Hot Shot	6.00
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Chips	1.00
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Cans of Coke, Diet Coke, Fanta	1.00

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