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EDITORIAL

No sooner had last month's Haydon News been sent round to the distributors than an email tumbled into my inbox to say that the clues and the grid of the crossword did not match - due to an electronic gremlin.

This is vexing for the compiler and their assistant, the editor and the crossword enthusiasts alike. Not only that but the UK's GDP has shrunk visibly due to the non-payment of a prize this month. George Gideon Oliver Osborne must be stotting!

DV this month's crossword will be fully operational.

Various utility companies have been busy around the parish this month chopping down trees and further loppings, pollardings and fellings are in prospect I believe. It is always sad to see a tree come down but, like us, they are all mortal.

On the other hand I have been greatly encouraged to find large numbers of seedlings being planted in spare bits of land, verges, river banks and the like. Provided these guerrilla plantings are done thoughtfully and intelligently then the long term benefit will be very great. We desperately need more trees in the UK. The UK is the least tree covered of the European nations but that dire situation is gradually improving.

The best time to plant trees is late autumn/early winter and up to about March. Tree guards, to prevent wildlife and livestock eating the new plantings, is a good idea, if practical. Native species are best - Alder, Ash, English Oak, Hawthorn, Hazel, Holly, Rowan, Silver Birch, Small leaved Lime and Willow, for example. There are hundreds of other species and varieties available, of course, and it may well be that in a few decades time, when climate change has advanced further, they will prosper. What price a Kielder Kokonut Korporation?

An observant resident has sent the following query: *I was approached by a visitor to the village whilst I was in the paper shop today who asked me why the war memorial in Church Street shows the first world war as having lasted 1914 - 1919, and he is correct. The armistice with Germany was reached in November 1918 so why 1919 on the memorial? Is this something the Haydon News could look into?*

Ever obedient to our readership, I hastened to find the answer: *The Armistice was signed in 1918 but the formal Peace treaty wasn't signed until June 1919.*

The village peace celebrations were in July 1919 as highlighted in the (very) recent excellent exhibition at the Methodist Church.

From further research I understand that it was left to local communities to select 18 or 19. Haydonians must have taken a more legalistic approach, that we were still at war until we had declared peace and an armistice was just a temporary waypoint.

My thanks to Pam & Ken Linge for this clarification.

The Haydon News is developing an international circulation! Euphemia Whaletrouser's sister teaches English in Hamburg to the staffs of large corporations and is thinking of using it as course material— or should that be coarse material?

We are to look out for a major trade boost from across the North Sea as German business men and women, a very affluent and influential group, rush to place orders with local tradesmen who advertise in our prestigious organ!

Lederhosen and Dirndl will become *de rigueur* and perhaps we will have to make the Beer Festival into a local version of the Oktoberfest...

I have often wondered why we do not see Bavarian Cuisine Restaurants here. Opportunity knocks!

UNDER 16s COMPETITION

Thinking ahead to the Autumn, the Haydon News is offering prizes for contributions by under 16s, resident in the Parish. **£25.00** each month in October, November and December will be given to the best piece submitted.

This can be writing (poetry or prose), photographs or artwork of any kind. (Remember we publish in black and white!). It should occupy a single side of A4.

Entries to the editor — see front page for deadlines.

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A meeting of the Haydon Bridge Parish Council was held at the Community Centre on 24th July 2014.

Public Participation

A visibly distressed resident raised the problems that had been encountered during the preparations for her husband's funeral.

Difficulties had been encountered in gaining the necessary permission to dig the grave in time for the funeral. The funeral director had had problems making contact with the clerk but eventually permission was given by phone.

The situation was discussed at some length and apologies offered for the distress that had been experienced. The crux of the matter seems to have been a clash of timetables between the funeral director and the clerk leading to communication problems.

The Cemetery bins remain unemptied and an accumulation of rubbish and grass cuttings was reported to the Council. In addition the state of the lawns and the want of trimming around graves was noted. Councillors reported that they had given personal attention to the cemetery in recent weeks.

NCC has said that it will empty the bins, provided they are left at the roadside.

The spring fed water supply seems to be blocked at present.

That the funeral fees collected are employed for maintenance of the cemetery was confirmed. It was decided to see if there is sufficient funds in hand to pay for additional hours by the groundsmen.

Memorial masons are being sought to provide estimates for the restoration of those headstones that have moved from their proper positions.

Apologies

Mr. Ridley.

Declarations of Interest

None

Minutes of previous meeting

Accepted

Matters arising

Episodes of anti social behaviour continue in the village. Some residents have reported feeling intimidated. Heightened vigilance is requested by all residents. Anyone spotting trouble should ring 101 immediately.

Information can be provided anonymously if preferred and will be acted upon in the same way as a normal report.

Local police are aware of the problem and the most frequent offender's identity. As a result, residents will probably have noted additional police presence around the village. Cllr. Sharp reviews the topic in his regular meetings with the police.

NCC

Cllr. Sharp reported that the post-16 transport fees had been voted into existence recently. The annual charge will be £600.00

The County Council meeting with parishes will next be held in Morpeth on 26th September at 2.00pm.

Efforts continue to regulate the parking of the buses at the Low Hall parking area.

Cllr. Sharp reminded the Council that he takes the issue of traffic safety very seriously and confirmed that he will fund the provision of flashing speed warning signs for the village.

34A Strother Close grass cutting has improved and strimming of the margins will follow.

The Langley sign remains to be repaired.

The drains at Nilston Rigg are to be dealt with and a wheelie bin is to be provided for the parking area.

New Age traveller's litter has been regularly cleared. Damage to fences has been a problem. The possibility of providing some sort of temporary site for them has been discussed—albeit inconclusively for now.

Highways

The program of repairs continues and much progress has been made. The need for someone to take over where Mr. Snowdon left off with his survey of local roads, upon which the present program of repairs is predicated, was raised.

The War Memorial drain remains unfixed.

The Allerwash Cleugh Armco barrier repairs are on the point of being repaired as is the Belmont Gardens road.

The trees in the beck between Martins Close and Temple Houses have been dealt with to the satisfaction of local residents. Though the Whittis Hill hedging remains problematic.

New issues raised included the poor state of the road surface between Hill House and Standalone, road markings by the Co-op and some collapsed kerb stones above Park Style.

The solar powered signs, already mentioned, have been found to cost either £2,800 or £4,000, depending on size. Beyond occasional cleaning they are reputed to be maintenance-free. 89mm poles are required to attach them to and these must come from and be erected by NCC. Their location also requires NCC approval and a site meeting will need to be arranged.

The Land Ends Road meeting, to discuss the parking problems, will be held on August 6th at 2.00pm.

A request for nominations for top three transport priorities for this year was met with a suggestion that last year's selection be resubmitted.

Lighting

Nil

Planning

An application for a garage at Langley brought forth no objections.

Accounts

These were agreed and payments approved.

Correspondence

Damage to an item of play equipment was reported.

The state of the cemetery bins was raised again.

The Council's attention was drawn to the current Tourism Questionnaire.

Parish Projects

The Bridge is very busy, especially during the longer summer opening hours.

The first Friday and Saturday in August will feature a book and jigsaw sale.

The trees adjacent to The Bridge will be pruned soon.

GITS week has been a great success and very busy. Numbers of people from outside the parish were present, tourists commented very favourably on the activities and large numbers of cyclists returning after the Haydon Hundred for further local exploration have been seen.

A Blue plaque to celebrate Monica Jones and Phillip Larkin at Haydon Bridge will be unveiled at 1A Ratcliffe Road on **Tuesday 26th August 2014 at 5.30pm.**

The unveiling will be followed by high tea and a short presentation in music, song and verse by Johnny Handle (who influenced Larkin's writing) and Dennis Telford in The General Havelock Inn.

The event is free and all are welcome.

A call to Jo at The Havelock (01434 684376) or Dennis (01434 684636) will help with catering planning.

Please support this one off village event.

A new book is imminent too.

AOB

The continuing controversy about the Hexham bus station was discussed. Doubt was expressed about whether the users had been adequately consulted. Shops, flats and parking feature in the existing plans. The Parish Council was urged to register objections to the current proposals. A petition is being organised.

Northern Power instructed a contractor to fell a large number of mature trees in Land Ends Road for no satisfactory reasons. In the event pruning alone was carried out. NCC and the Parish Council were urged to intervene to prevent the loss of trees.

The hanging baskets in the village were very warmly regarded. This year's efforts seem to be particularly outstanding. Congratulations were in order for the providers.

No meeting in August.

**On Tuesday night, August 4th 1914,
Britain officially declared war on Germany.**

NOTES FROM THE HOME FRONT

Haydon Parish during the years of the Great War

I continue my look back at our parish 100 years ago; in memory of the brave young men from Haydon, whether injured or making the ultimate sacrifice; and those who kept the home fires burning while praying for the safe return of their loved ones.



From the Hexham Courant 1914

For the Sake of King and Country: An unnamed Haydon Bridge resident and Courant correspondent, responded to Lord Kitchener's call to arms by suggesting: 'There are still quite a lot of strapping young men standing about the bridge end and street corners at night who would make splendid recruits for Kitchener's army. Come on you chaps who are fit. Haven't you heard the call? Your King and Country need you. Don't wait until you are forced.'

I have no record of how our resident, so keen to send the youth of our parish into battle, responded when 57 of our young men and 1 young lady lost their lives, and 56 failed to return home.

In fact, by September 1914, forty five Haydon Bridge territorials had volunteered for active service abroad, and had been augmented by others from the parish who had answered 'the call'.

Recruitment: On Saturday September 5th 1914, a large and enthusiastic meeting took place in the Haydon Bridge Town Hall in connection with the local recruiting campaign. Before the meeting, the Haydon Bridge Band led the 1st Haydon Bridge Boy Scouts on parade through the streets, flying the Union Jack. In the crowded Town Hall the platform was decorated with red, white and blue and the

enthusiastic gathering, including a number of young men from the parish who had already mobilised, sang 'Rule Britannia' to, 'enthuse the young manhood of Haydon Bridge'; everyone under forty years being eligible to join the 4th Northumberland Fusiliers, 'to feed the ranks at the Front with fresh men so the German army might be worn down'. A number of Haydon Parish men came forward on the night to volunteer for action, 'amid loud applause'.

In spite of the troubles, Haydon Parish Council continued to oversee affairs that ensured residents at 'home' were adequately cared for, of course, and while members of the 4th Northumberland Fusiliers were in the village in October 1914, completing their musketry training at the Lees range, our councillors were wondering whether to spend £2 to 'lop the trees on Church Street'. *100 years later, and the Agenda - if not the cost - is much the same!*

"Why have a village clock and pay for lighting it if you cannot see it for the trees?" One councillor asked.

"But the trees are a great addition to Church Street. Lopping them would spoil them and it would be a great pity to touch them" Argued another.

Councillor Edward Davidson was so incensed at the thought of lopping the trees, that he suggested, "heightening the Church tower" and "putting the clock a bit higher", as a solution.

At the close of the evening's ponderings, our Parish councillors, having failed to reach a decision on the immediate future of the Church Street trees, made their way home; no doubt to the sobering sounds of the shots fired by our young men on the Lees target field. Young men contemplating an uncertain future that was anything but bright, and far away from the light of St Cuthbert's Church clock tower.

James Edward Hamilton: On Monday October 12th 1914, James Edward Hamilton, the son of Mr and Mrs John Hamilton, died at 'South View', Haydon Bridge aged 23 years. James had devoted his short life to photography and was, apparently, very successful, having had his work published in prominent London papers. An early death for James, but a short life that left its mark with photographs and postcards that form part of our parish's archived images one hundred years later.

Another resident whose life was cut short in late 1914 was **Emily Gertrude Mandell**. Emily, aged 31 years, was the youngest daughter of the Reverend John Heanage Mandell. Emily died on September 17th and was interred at Haydon Old Church; where much is owed to her father for commissioning and

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September 17
1914 Aged 31
years.**

**Also of the above
John Heanage
Mandell for 37
years Vicar of the
parish who died
June 19 1918 in
his 82nd year**

Following a German invasion of neutral Belgium, on August 4th 1914, and the subsequent atrocities against its inhabitants, in October 1914 concerts and musical recitals were held in Haydon Bridge Town Hall and St Cuthbert's Church, in aid of the Belgian Relief Fund. A number of Belgian refugees arrived at Haydon Bridge to a warm welcome and were taken to Brokenheugh Hall where arrangements for their comfort were made by Mr J.W. Robinson.

The death of Lieutenant C.L.C. Bowes-Lyon was announced in October. Killed in action on October 23rd 1914, the Lieutenant was the oldest son of Hon Francis and Lady Bowes-Lyon of Ridley Hall and a nephew of the Earl of Strathmore. Not a member of our parish, nevertheless, a keen Haydon Bridge cricketer and a member of the village's first 1910 league championship winning side, he had had a pitch laid at Ridley Hall where Haydon Bridge played a number of friendly matches - and perhaps early league games - before moving to their homes at Low Hall, Langley Road and, eventually, Haydon Park.

In November 1914, significant alterations were made to the road junction at Heugh House Lane, where the road leading to Chesterwood was, at that time, only thirteen feet between the fences. Mr John Rogerson, the owner of the estate since his purchase from Greenwich Hospital in 1882, gave the Parish Council a piece of land to allow widening of the roadway to thirty feet. A benefit still appreciated by road users and residents in 2014.

At the Annual General Meeting of the Haydon Bridge Reading and News Room in December 1914, W.S. Walton was appointed secretary, and Fred Wray assistant secretary, on the resignation of

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Mr Wood. The Reverend J.H. Mandell took the chair and it was agreed to use money from the 'Coates Bequest' to purchase periodicals for the Room to supplement the usual daily, weekly and local newspapers. The Reading Room committee in 1914/15 was Rev J.H. Mandell, Joseph Henderson, Dr. Murray, J. Barr, T.A. Stephenson and R. Walker.

Ending the year (1914) in Haydon Parish:

A Grand Variety Entertainment was held in the Haydon Bridge Town Hall to fund the supply of Cardigan jackets for the non-commissioned Officers and men of the 4th Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers.

A Boxing Day concert by the Haydon Bridge Choral Society, where flags of the allies were arranged at the front of the Hall and unfurled by the Haydon Bridge Scouts, helped raise funds for the Red Cross.

On New Year's Eve, the old people living in the Haydon Bridge Alms Houses, and the St Cuthbert's Church Choir, took part in an afternoon tea in the Boys' School at Shaftoe Trust and had a knife and fork supper of ham and tongue in the evening.

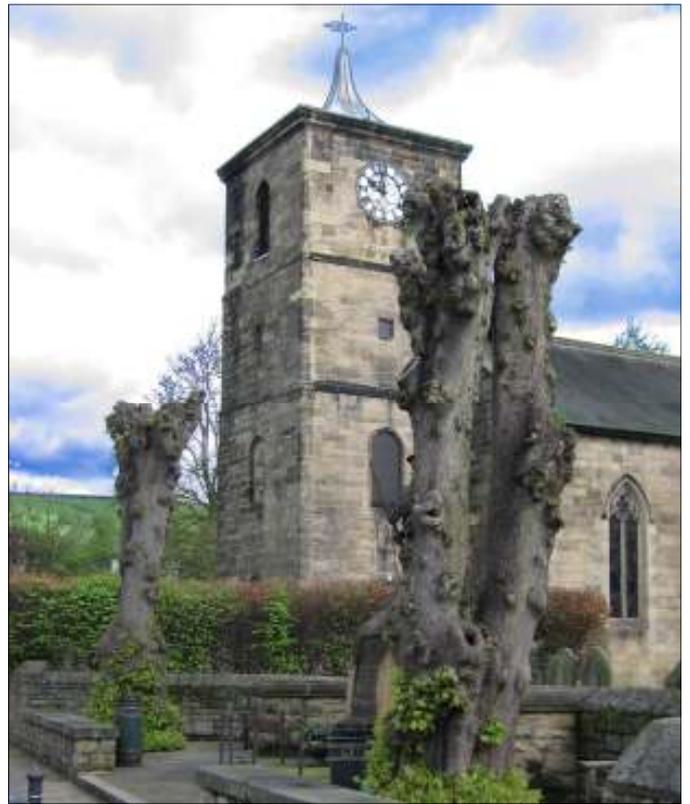
Sadly, the deaths of Utrick Chester of 1, John Martin Street, William Drydon (72) of Deanraw, and George Wray (86) of Ratcliffe Road, were reported in the last week of 1914.

Haydon Bridge golfers: Since 1905, golfers at Haydon Bridge had enjoyed the delights of their course at Chesterwood and the benefits of the bastle there that has, ever since, been known as the 'Golf House'. As the lease on the Chesterwood course was due to expire in the spring of 1915, it was time for the committee to look for a new course, and in January it was announced that a lease had been acquired on land at Esp Hill Farm, on the South Side, where a nine hole course would be built. Esp Hill was owned by Mrs Bates of Langley Castle and tenanted by Joseph Henderson.

The 1915 course cannot be traced on the ground in 2014; the Haydon Bridge by-pass, cemetery and Show Field housing estates each covering the once lush greens and fairways. Fortunately, for those with an interest in preserving our golfing history, many years ago I was given a guided tour of the remains of the former course on the South Side by Haydon Bridge resident and fount of local knowledge, Lance Spooner, and I can just about recall part of its layout as Lance described it. (*More in October 2014 HN*)

Early Haydon Bridge deaths in 1915 were Robert Johnson (66) of Broom Hill and, especially sad to relate, Ann aged 9 and John aged 5, the daughter and son of Walter Maughan a miner of Walk Up Houses.

At the Haydon Parish Council meeting in January 1915, it was finally agreed to 'lop the trees on Church Street' so the Church clock could be clearly seen in the daytime and at night.



**100 years on and the Agenda is much the same!
Oh dear!!**

Shaftoe Trust Boys' and Girls' Schools, having been closed since before Christmas by the Sanitary Inspector due to an infectious disease, were to be opened again in February, after being disinfected and fumigated.

On March 6th 1915, Mrs W.S. Walton, Mrs Turner, Mrs F. Brown, Miss Mandell and Mrs Carrick were thanked for their help in lending or giving furniture and bedding to furnish a house in Haydon Bridge for a large family of Belgian refugees.

Raising the Martial Ardour: "How many men between the ages of nineteen and thirty eight years old could be recruited from the district without interfering unduly with trade and industry?" Asked Colonel Joicey of the Parish Council at their meeting in March, 1915. The parish chairman, W. Morrison, pointed out that a great many recruits had been sent already from the district and it would be very difficult to get further recruits from what was an agricultural district, at the present, as it was 'seed time'. However, the chairman did suggest that 'having a band going about' would be a good idea. "There is nothing like a band to rouse martial ardour of people, and there are still a few men knocking about who might go!"



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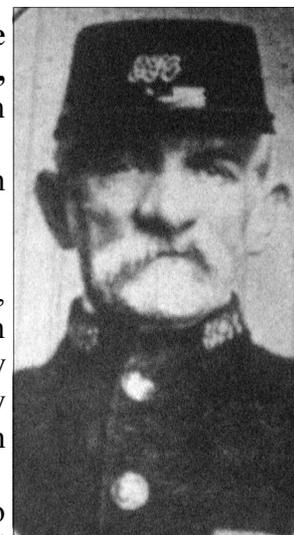
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A former Haydon Bridge postman, William Todd, died aged 68 years on March 27th 1915.

William had been a postman since leaving school when delivering to Lipwood, Whitechapel and Ridley Hall, before following his father on the village delivery for thirty six years until he was sixty five years of age. William carried mail bags from Haydon Bridge station to Langley and Allendale and brought the return bags back to Haydon Bridge for many years, until a mail cart superseded the delivery on foot. William also played the concertina and he played with Jack Johnson's well known local band for local dances.

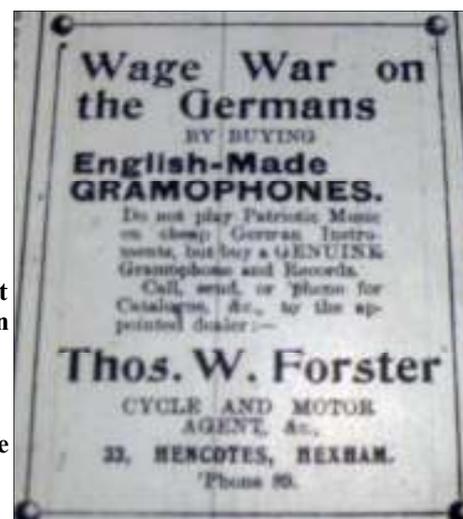


Haydon Bridge Postman, William Todd.

Photo: Hexham Courant

In October, I will continue this series on the 'Home Front' during the First World War.

In the meantime, you can be sure that there was more than one way to defeat our enemies. Witness this 1915 advertisement in the Hexham Courant.



A HISTORY OF THE HAYDON BRIDGE CO-OPERATIVE INDUSTRIAL SOCIETY LTD

Part 7

Parts 1 to 6 were in our February to July 2014 issues

At the start of a new year (1918) at Haydon Bridge Store, there were ten members of staff and the Society had added to its housing stock by purchasing a cottage on Shaftoe Street, next to the Store, from the executors of William Kirton for £250. Mr Kirton had been a Society committee member and owner of Haydon Bridge Whinstone Quarry.

Fair pricing and distribution of those goods the Society was able to acquire was still an issue in 1918. Food and sugar cards were distributed to members, and committee member William Veitch sought to ensure that the managers were made aware of their responsibilities, pointing out that a maximum profit of only 25% could be added to the cost price

of goods and, 'where there are two in a household they are not to receive the same quantity as where there is a family of nine!'

In October 1918, the Store butcher, Mr Burnett, resigned and was replaced by R. Ackinlose. on a wage of £3-5-0 and 5/- War Bonus per week.

The Co-operative employees at the time were:

R. Curry and R. Ackinlose (grocery and butchery managers) Miss Chester 14/- weekly, Miss Cresswell 14/-, Miss Throver 12/-, Miss Rumney 12/-, T. Henderson 35/-, W. Gibson 12/-, T. Rutherford (boot and clog repairs) - paid on piece work. All above with 5/- per week War Bonus added and J. Bates 7/- per week with 2/- War Bonus added.

In December, P. Spooner was offered the position as cart-man, replacing Mr Henderson; Miss Rumney and Miss Cresswell resigned, and Miss Philipson was appointed check girl.

The officers of the Society were:

Mr Hare (president), George Graham (secretary), Mr Kindred (treasurer). Early in December, 1918, Mr Kindred resigned.

In February **1919**, the death of former Society president, Mr King, was marked by a closure of the store from 2.00pm to 4.00pm on the day of his funeral.

The war years had brought much sadness to our parish families, and the Co-op's business had also suffered, the dividend having been reduced to 1/- in the £. An additional 1d in £ in 1919 was, maybe, the sign of a small improvement in the position.

In March 1919, Jack Swallow of 13 Shaftoe Street replaced P. Spooner as Store cart-man and in June, John Hamilton of South View was elected treasurer.

In 1919, the fishing rights to the Society's Tan Yard fields were let at a yearly rent of 6d - *yes, sixpence* - and by the end of the year, a licence to sell fish in the butcher's shop was applied for - *whether the two fishy items are connected I cannot say* - and Mr G. Hynes of Alnwick was appointed as a boot and clog repairer.

Technology was also introduced to the Store in 1919, with the installation of a telephone service at an annual rental of £5.

It seems that, around this time, questions were being asked by pro Union workers at the Haltwhistle Co-operative as to why Haydon Bridge Co-operative employees were not being paid Union rates. It was pointed out that the Haydon Bridge employees were not in the Union and, so, union rules did not apply; although, shortly afterwards, all their wages were increased by 5/- per week and it was agreed that each employee could have six days holiday a year - but no two employees to have a holiday at the same time.

At the December 1919 half year General Meeting, it

was agreed that the Store drapery department should be moved upstairs. The CWS architect would be appointed to plan the alterations and 1d in £ would be levied on the general purchases of each member to provide a fund for these and other capital costs. For example: other alterations; the purchase of horses, and possibly motor vehicles in the future; and buying property. Previously, capital expenditure had been financed from each half year's profits.

Tenders for the alterations to move the drapery to the first floor were accepted from Herbert Robinson (plumbing), Edward Henderson (joinery) and Mr Armstrong (masonry).

The Haydon Bridge Society's capital, if not its income, received a boost in **1920** when Messrs White, Armstrong, Rogan and Beedle each paid off their mortgages with the Society on the Brigwood properties, in full. Mr Beedle sought permission to sell his property to Mr Henry Watson, after the Society committee turned down his suggestion that the Co-op buy it from him.

In September 1920, Mr Bell of Ryton accepted a job as 'butcher's improver' at the Store, and Nora Storey was appointed to the Society's office at 7/- per week. When Mr Ackinlose gave his notice in April **1921**, following customers' complaints, Mr Bell was promoted to manager and J.A. Bates appointed as his deputy at £1 per week.

It was in April 1921 that a special request was made to the Society to allow additional credit to coal miners, in response to the national miners' strike.

The committee agreed that the merits of each case, where special circumstances applied, would be given their consideration and they were, 'empowered by the members to act with generous sympathy towards any case of distress that arose'. A dividend of 10d in £ and a fourteen day sale of goods at a reduced profit of only 12½% above the stock value, is a further indication of the 1921 recession and the difficulties being experienced by the working man.

The Society's departments were overseen by the following committee members from June 1921:
Grocery: J.W. Hamilton, W. Thompson. J. Wardle, G.T. Brown, F. Steele.

Drapery: W. Dickinson, W. White, J. Cresswell.

Butchery: G.T. Brown, R. Birnie, J. Wardle.

Boots & Clogs: J.W. Hamilton, J.W.F. Armstrong.

Estate: W. Dickinson, W. White, J. Cresswell, W. Kirton, F. Steele.

Finance: G.T. Brown, J.W. Hamilton, J. Wardle and the secretary, treasurer and chairman.

In September 1921, a letter of sympathy was sent to the family of the late John Hamilton. Mr Hamilton had taken the treasurer's role in March 1919, but for many years previously had been a significant support

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for the Haydon Bridge Society.

A decision was made in December 1921 to end the boot and clog repairing at Haydon Bridge Store and Mr Rutherford was given one week's notice. In the future, footwear handed in at Haydon Bridge would be sent to Haltwhistle for repair.

Staff at the end of the year (1921) were:

Mr Curry (grocery manager) £3-10-0 a week; Wm Bell (butchery manager) £3; A. Brown £32-7-0, J. Bates £1, Miss Chester £2-5-0, Miss Thrower 19/-, Miss Philipson 14/-, Miss Storey 7/-, Jack Swallow (cart-man) £2-15-0.

George Parker had been a member of the first Haydon Bridge Co-op Society committee in 1875 and had been Store manager during two periods; from 1880 to 1904 and 1908 to 1913. At their meeting on Friday march 24th **1922**, the committee recorded George parker's death and his commitment to the Society.

In May 1922, the committee met with both the Store managers in relation to the administration and finances of their departments and, as a result of the discussions, both Mr Curry (grocery) and Mr Bell (butchery) resigned from their positions. Following newspaper advertisements, Mr Melvin of Newbiggin was appointed general manager of the Store, and Mr Hall was engaged as butchery manager on a wage of £3-6-0 per week plus free house and rates.

At the same time, a Society management committee of J.W Hamilton, W. White, J. Routledge, J. Wardle, J.W. Armstrong, and J. Cresswell, was appointed from members of the general committee, to monitor the Store's retail activities.

The Haydon Bridge Co-operative Society continued to support local causes, as it had done since its formation, and a £10 donation to the Hexham and District War Memorial Hospital was agreed at the June 1922 half yearly general meeting.

That employment at the 'Store' was much sought after can be judged from the number of local applicants for the position of apprentice to the grocery trade, in June 1922. A. Rodger, W. Johnson, F. Dixon, W. Marsh, H. Waugh, J.W. Irwin, Master Watson, F. Brown, Miss Holiday and Miss Brown. Master Rodger was appointed as grocery apprentice.

At the June half yearly meeting, a proposal to build more houses on the Society's Brigwood site was agreed and, subsequently, Mr Hetherington of Newcastle was appointed as architect, and tenders for the work were sought.

I will look in detail at the result of that proposal, and further Haydon Bridge Co-operative and Industrial Society activity from 1922/23, in our October issue.

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 **John Walton Robinson**

(41) John Walton Robinson



(no picture available)

As well as having his name on the War Memorial John is also commemorated on the Reredos in St. Cuthbert's Church, Haydon Bridge.

John served as Lance Corporal, 28377, 2nd Battalion, Grenadier Guards.

He died on 28th March 1918, aged 38.

Born in Gateshead, one of five children, and only surviving son of John Walton Robinson and Margaret Georgina Robinson (nee Joicey). The family came to live at Brokenheugh, Haydon Bridge.

Both John and his father were provision merchants.



John is buried in grave VI.B.28 in Bucquoy Road Cemetery.

If you have any information relating to John Walton Robinson, 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.



Last month we asked you to name the pupils on Anne Meehan's (nee Jewitt) 1950s school photograph. Unless you know differently these are the pupils; as named by Anne.

Back Row L to R: Birnie Sim, David Barron, Michael Baker, Roy Alexander, Peter Milne, Colin Edwards, 'Sammy' Gilchrist, Richard Boaden, Peter Robinson, Tommy Cowing.

2nd Row: John Wardle, Joyce Chapman, Joan Tait, Kathleen Ridley, Anne Jewitt, Maureen Eggerton, Jennifer Charlton, Marilyn Saggars, Michael Luke.

3rd Row: Miss Smith Dorothy Pyle, Colleen Murphy, Anna Shotton, Pauline Charlton, Margaret Welton, Christine Hill, Eileen Bates, Pat Jeans, Jennifer Brown.

Front Row: Jimmy Brown, David Kirsopp, Keith Brown, Terry Neal, Peter Knocktor.

A VIEW FROM UP THERE

John Harrison

Officialdom frequently comes up with some classics – apparently the distributors of a local magazine received a ‘return to sender’ on which there was an official stamp: *Reason for Return*: Addressee deceased / *Forwarding Address*: Address unknown. And we mustn’t let our local papers off the hook – a young reporter, keen to include as much detail as possible in his report on a local marriage, told his readers that “the bride wore a long dress in white brocade which fell to the floor”. When, I wonder, did this happen?

June was a good month for weddings, if you picked your days carefully. Our charity wedding was plagued by one of the few wet days !! On the whole June was warmer than average and was quite a dry month with very little rainfall after the 9th. We also saw plenty of sunshine. Taken together these provided good growing conditions and an exceptional year both for blossom and for insects. The blackthorn and hawthorn hedges were a sea of white – almost like a snow-cover – and the autumn promises to provide plenty of berries.

The first nine days were generally cloudy and were rather dull at times. The 4th was a particularly miserable day with persistent low cloud and rain, and was the wettest day (12.9 mm). The first nine days brought 36.2 mm, or nearly 90% of the total rainfall for the month. High pressure became more dominant from the 10th which brought a long spell of relatively dry weather until the end of the month. Over this period there were 17 rainless days. There were some long spells of sunny and comfortably warm weather. The 18th was the warmest day of the year so far, rising to 24.8 degC. Over the course of the whole month the daytime maximum air temperature exceeded 20 degC on 9 occasions. There were some clear nights but temperatures, although dropping below 10 degC on several occasions, stayed well above freezing point.

With so many outdoor events taking place during the summer months, the weather forecast becomes critical – do we carry on with the event or do we transfer it to the village hall in view of a pessimistic weather forecast? And how many times do we feel more than a little irritated when what threatened to be a damp and grey afternoon turns out to be sunny and warm. “The forecasters have got it wrong again”. However, during the summer months, weather systems are generally slower moving and pressure gradients are slacker than other times of year. This makes forecasting more difficult as each weather situation offers a number of possibilities, dependent upon how far and how quickly a weather front moves and how unstable the atmosphere is going to be as it is heated from below by the warm ground.

So although the experience of the forecaster and the computer models suggest that it may rain, or not rain, weather systems may change in unexpected ways. In fact, good old stand-bys like seaweed and the behaviour of birds are probably your best bet for a local forecast. Either that or toss a coin – a least you have a 50% chance of getting it right.

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
June 2014	18.9	+1.2	10.0	+1.3	41.8	80

And finally Gladys tells me of an event at the local undertakers in the village where she lives. The undertaker was in his workshop when he suddenly felt unwell and fell to the floor. His colleagues called the village GP who, after a lengthy examination of the man, who had recovered somewhat, pronounced that there was nothing to cause concern because it was only a coffin fit!!!

And here’s a thought as we swat away at the flies that plague us as we sit in the sun. Why on earth didn’t Noah kill those two mosquitoes when he had the chance?

The Wacky Whit Wedding Walk on the Wall raised a gross sum in excess of £2000 and GITS has sent a cheque for £1000 to the Tynedale Hospice at Home.
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Irish Dance 4.15pm

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CLERGY MESSAGE FROM:

Rev. John Harrison

Summer Travels

The summer, whatever weather it may bring, is when most of us take time away from our usual routine and embark upon an annual holiday. It is a time for going on a journey somewhere.

But the images of the travelling public are of jams on the roads to the main resorts – people queuing to get to Torquay, or Blackpool, or Skegness, or ferry terminals for a precious break away from routine – there they are sitting in their cars consuming fuel which costs the earth, edging forward at a snail's pace, with the prospect of the same going home..... and then at journey's end there's the prospect of finding somewhere to park the car and of joining the queue at the café.

But although there are such obvious frustrations people seem happy to endure because they want what is at their journey's end.

Or we may travel by air, in which case the image is of queues at airports – of delayed flights, or lost luggage – but again people are willing to endure all this because they want what is at their journey's end.

It is almost as if all these frustrations are an endurance test, asking us the question – how badly do you want to get to where you are going? There will be many who fail the test – who say 'For heaven's sake I am not sitting here all day, I'm giving up and going home'. And there are those who regard themselves as the sensible ones who look at the potential frustrations of travel and say 'I do not wish to be involved in what looks like a painful experience – I am happy to stay where I am'.

God's Kingdom involves a journey – a journey of faith – and God does ask us all to take this journey. Paul wrote to the Romans (*Romans 12*), who are enduring unending persecution on their journey and must be saying 'why on earth did we get involved with Christianity', encouraging

WHO AND WHERE

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Many of us are willing to endure all manner of hardship that may test our patience to the limit when we travel to somewhere on holiday because we really do want to be there – to experience the place.

When it comes to our relationship with God, are we willing to endure hardship and test our patience and our endurance on the journey of faith into His Kingdom or are we easily put off and are really only looking for the easy life - which is the temptation that is placed before all of us?

Rev. John Harrison

METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES

August 3

10.00 am Rev. J. Wilkes
Communion Worship
6.00pm **Join with Langley Church** Rev. Tony Buglass

August 10

10.00 am Readers Service
6.00pm Evening Service
Pam Nobbs (Comm. Ch.)

August 17

10.00 am Morning Worship
David Stabler
6.00 pm Evening Worship
Norman Fullard

August 24

10.00 am Morning Worship
Deacon Anne Taylor
6.00 pm Evening Service
Randolf Vickers

August 31

10.30 am Join with Fourstones Church
6.00 pm Rev. Jane Cook
Communion Service

September 7

10 am Morning Service
Marjorie Burgess
6 pm **UNITED SERVICE AT TRINITY CHURCH**

September 14

10 am Family Service
Graham Wilson
6 pm Café Style Worship
Deacon Anne Taylor

September 21

10 am Readers Service
6 pm Evening Worship
John Carrick

September 28

10 am Morning Worship
Marie Hutchinson
6 pm Evening Service
David Wilson

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BELTINGHAM/HENSHAW CHURCH SERVICES

August 3

Beltingham
10 am Morning Prayer
Anne Galbraith

August 10

*10 am Joint Communion
At Haydon Bridge*

August 17

Beltingham
10 am Communion Service

August 24

Beltingham
10 am Joint BCP
Rev. John Harrison

August 31

*10 am Joint Communion
Haydon Bridge*

September 7

Beltingham
10 am Morning Prayer
Nigel Collingwood

September 14

Beltingham
10 am *Joint Communion
At Haydon Bridge*

September 21

Henshaw
10 am BCP To be advised

September 28

Henshaw
10 am **Joint Communion**
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HAYDON OLD CHURCH SERVICE

September 28

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August 3

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August 10

10 am **Joint Communion**
Rev. John Harrison

August 17

10 am Service of the Word

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At Beltingham*

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September 7

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The 'Hear to Help' hearing aid support sessions are open to everyone and please sign the list at reception. We work in partnership with the audiology department at the Freeman Hospital and the project is currently funded mainly by the Big Lottery Fund. This is a free service but donations are welcome. We are very grateful to Haydon Bridge Health Centre for hosting our visits to the village.

The drop in sessions run on the 2nd Thursday of September, November, January, March, May and July, 12 noon – 1.00 pm, as long as there is sufficient demand to continue. **So the next session will be on 11th September 2014.**

On the same day, we also visit Haltwhistle Health Centre at 10.00 – 11.00 am and Allendale library at 2.00 – 3.00 pm.

Contact Anne Shilton on 01670 513606 (please leave a message if no answer) or at:
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The Bridge & Visitor Information Point WW1

During the Arts Festival week, one of the memorable moments for the Bridge was the talk given by Ken Linge to introduce the very professional Memorabilia Exhibition in the Methodist Chapel.

Ken and his wife, Pam, have spent many years tracing information about the men and, in one case, a woman, who went off to war from Haydon Bridge. Ken explained the historical background to events in Northern France and Belgium at that time before concentrating on four Haydonians, in particular, in order to tell their stories. Ken and Pam have recovered an enormous amount of information but the search, particularly for those who **survived** WW1 and also those who served in WW2, still continues.

Ken and Pam have kindly donated to the Bridge, a copy of their file containing any photographs and information that they have unearthed, on each of the soldiers from Haydon Bridge. The file is now available permanently for anyone to view.

The material from the WW1 Memorabilia exhibition is now on computer in the Bridge too and can be accessed by anyone interested.

Both Ken and the Bridge would love to hear from anyone who would be interested in becoming involved in the next stages of WW1 and WW2 research. Please leave your name and phone number at the Bridge and you will be contacted to be given more information.

Children's Corner

The Summer Reading Challenge is well underway now but there is still time for children from 4-10 years to join in-just come along to the Bridge and we will get you started. It's a great opportunity to keep reading during the summer holidays.

There are also two craft sessions to fit in with the Mystical Maze theme of the Reading Challenge. The first was on Monday, 21 July, when the theme was "Dragons". The children made a dragon mask and a Chinese dragon puppet with Andrea and Jackie, librarians from Hexham.



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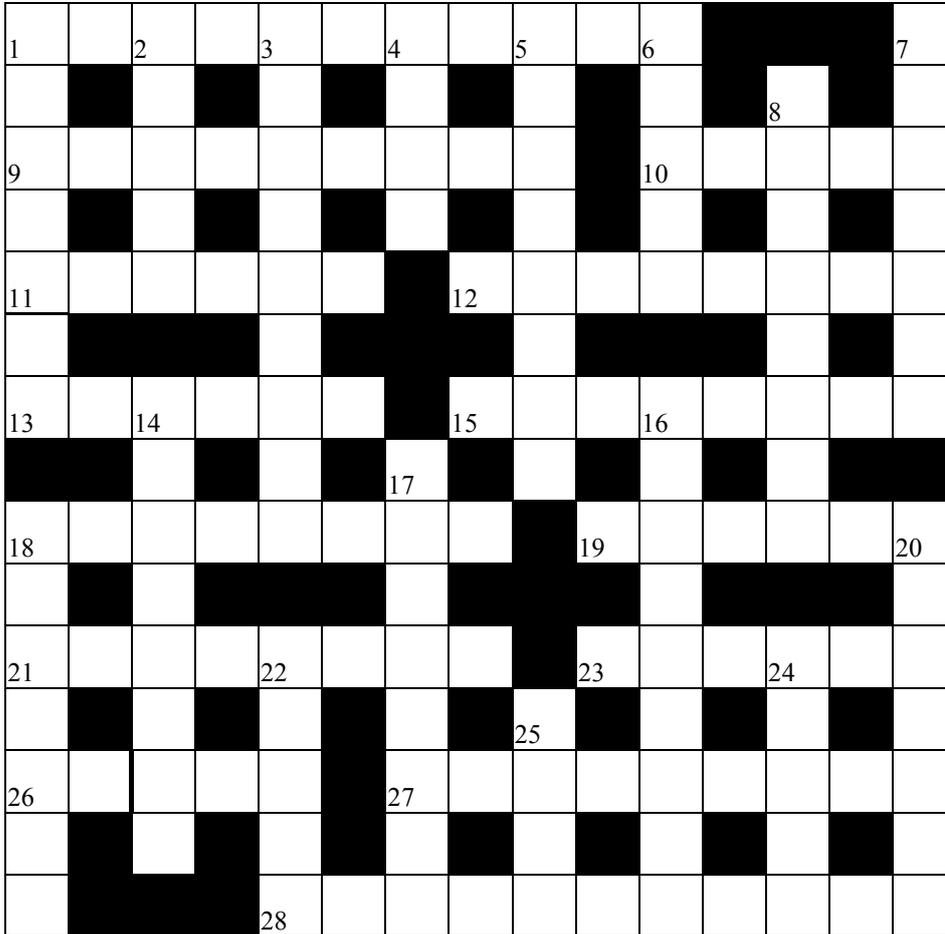
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SOLUTIONS TO JULY'S CROSSWORD.

Last month the grid and clues did not match. The correct version will be published in the autumn.

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LAST MONTH'S WINNER

Entries in before

Saturday 20th September

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

ACROSS

1	A smith perhaps found in relocated PLO hire shop. (11)
9	Cite upset as a Greek one. (9)
10	One from Italian flower grasping endless strip of wood. (5)
11	Re-star as this one? (6)
12	This one's a container in mayday. (8)
13	Dad. Or a press-stud heard for this one. (6)
15	Practise handbrake turns in these places? (8)
18	Ices lord became hardened. (8)
19	Topless teller is certainly more pale. (6)
21	Lift nigh well reformed on the plane.(8)
23	Prayer found in human tissue? Hopefully not. (6)
26	Cat writhed but arrived at the right moment. (2,3)
27	Doctor lost a tier for this one. (9)
28	These heroes canoed up the Gironde. (11)

DOWN

1	Exercise journalists on this climb? (5,2)
2	Here, French queen is much colder. (5)
3	Kagoul possibly used over undies. (9)
4	Swear in protozoa that can swim. (4)
5	Owens footwear in kneelers. (8)
6	Mend. Lose article, return more mature. (5)
7	Worse - British Standard surfs the web! (8)
8	High singers turn round one tart sac. (8)
14	Not a ruddy white man! (8)
16	Variably crested as this one therefore thinks he is. (9)
17	Hear of fairy tale and garden tool of Persian sun-god. (8)
18	Nips back to ounce of argon for this one. (7)
20	Hark - this English one may steal cattle. (7)
22	Alec and I set about small intestine. (5)
24	Lord may be handle. (5)
25	A real grinder. This one. (4)

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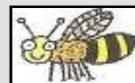
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NATALIE'S WRITING WORKSHOP

My Great Grandmother was nearly fourteen when the Great War started, earning her living as a maid with a rich family in Bohemia, then part of the Austro-Hungarian Empire. By the time she died in 1997, she would have lived in nine different countries without actually moving the house. Such is the history of Europe in the 20th century, and it started with one shot in Sarajevo, Bosnia, one-hundred years ago followed by declaration of war on the 28th of July 1914.

“Past is in the past,” is a phrase I have heard here in Britain so many times but actually, I don't agree with it. Perhaps it's a wishful thinking on the part of the person saying this phrase, I don't know. For it is obvious to me that past is what makes us: today we live in the world that was conceived by those great Victorian men somewhere in the middle of the 19th century.

It would be interesting to know what would have happened with Europe and the world if events took slightly different course.

What if Gavrilo Princip never succeeded at murdering Franz Ferdinand and his commoner wife Sophie in 1914? What if the Great War never happened? Would the Ottoman Empire still exist? Would the Austro-Hungarian Empire become United Kingdom of Central Europe? Would the US President be calling some Russian Emperor on his hotline rather than the President? Would Great Britain remain the largest empire on Earth with its countless colonies?

We will never know because that's not how it happened. The Great War eventually finished but its consequences lead directly to the Second World War, which lead to the Cold War and so on and so on. Historians have the power to interpret events but not speculate “what if...”

Luckily, writers can do exactly that: not only can they ask the “if” questions, and answer them; they can also point and show how it feels to be in the war situation. In today's world full of ever-escalating conflicts in the countries not so far away from Britain, it seems more poignant than ever.

This is exactly what we tried to do during our creative writing workshop as part of the PAF.

Although the techniques of how to build a story and devise a plot, are universally valid, the background

of a cataclysmic event such as war represents a powerful tool for story-telling, with heightened emotions and truthfulness. Moreover, we have the advantage of time-distance to look at the Great War with fresh eyes and use all the available information that perhaps was not known at the time.

We had a wonderful time discussing various issues and trying to think of how to use our knowledge and experience in building such stories. It has transpired that some of us were inexhaustible sources of various family stories relating either to the First or the Second World War, which in itself would make a captivating novel.

In the following exercise, the workshop participants attempted to write a love story, a clichéd “boy meets girl” in the war situation. If you like, it's something you can try at home. It's not as easy as it sounds. In the meantime you can enjoy this thrilling micro-story produced by one of our talented Haydon Bridge authors **Bridget Enever**:

“You're lucky. Three weeks and you'll be fighting fit.”

She caught the glimmer of a smile through the weariness.

Embarrassed, she looked down, concentrating on the bandage, throat tightening with the pain of future loss.

“Your name?” He reached out, gently capturing her handkerchief.

“A token for the trenches?”

Editor's note:

I am most grateful to Natálie Nera for organising the writing workshops.

This article is the first of many, I hope, in which writers of all abilities in the parish, from novices to published authors, share their views, skills and work with each other and with us.

All those wishing to know more about the group should make contact directly with Natalie:

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Cook books? Schmuck's books.

If the housing market statistics are to be believed it appears that should you live near a Waitrose or Starbucks you've hit the bricks & mortar jackpot.

Apparently those companies will only consider trading in areas of affluence or high disposable incomes. In other words you've arrived.

Well we may not have a Waitrose or Starbucks (yet!) in Haydon Bridge but when I arrived and discovered our local butcher I felt like I'd hit the jackpot. My husband hit his head against the wall as he realised ready meals may be a thing of the past and his much-loved family could be in danger of extinction from more of my experimental cooking.

How little faith he has. As the trendy foodie magazines pile up in my old-fashioned pantry and the tv is permanently tuned to Masterchef how can I not produce Cordon Bleu meals to feed, nourish and delight my nearest and dearest?

Quite easily it would seem. In trying to emulate the Cheffy dishes from page and screen I have created some culinary howlers. I watched as Jamie - in under 15 minutes - produced a healthy and light summer meal using only 5 ingredients and a food processor. Seemingly all I needed was spinach, couscous, spring onions, mint and parsley. It wasn't even cooking. More an assembly of fresh produce and the pressing of one button. Yup I can do that - pass me my apron.

In Jamie's hands what emerged on the plate was an inviting, delicate green and white speckled warm Middle Eastern salad - pretty enough to grace any table. In my hands it looked like something the dog had eaten. And regurgitated. No pretty white flecks. Just a heavy mound of toxic green unmentionables.

My husband refused point blank to eat it and headed off to the fish and chip shop. Somewhat more drastically my son filled out an application form for a job in the Middle East. At first I was flattered thinking he wanted to live in a country where such food was everyday fare. Alas it seems he wanted to move to a country where he was safe - and far - from my kitchen.

He got the job. As we tearfully waved him off I vowed to fill the aching gap by trying out more delicious recipes. And now I cook for only us two. Well only me really if I'm honest. My husband - considerate to the last - says I must relax more, put my feet up and basically Step Away From The Stove.

He said he'd far rather enjoy my company in our snug little lounge than at the side of a hospital bed having his stomach pumped.

Back to the butcher. We're doubly blessed in that it has both a fresh meat fridge plus a home-cooked food display. And this is where I headed yesterday, lured by the wonderful smell, as I collected more industrial strength indigestion tablets from the Pharmacy opposite.

Here in the glass-walled counter flanked by magnificent boiled hams, I saw centre stage a gorgeous Roast Cherry Tomato & Brie Flan - golden brown and ready to eat. I snapped it up and as she carefully wrapped it I asked the Butcher's wife if there remained any pork pies? She retired to the kitchen and returned bearing a deep tray of the warm fragrant little beauties. Upon asking me how many I would like I confided to her that as I was on the new Pork Pie Diet, two, or better still three, would be appropriate for that day's allowance.

Another customer salivating from the wonderful smell turned and asked in both hope and unconcealed joy: "Pork Pie Diet? I haven't tried that one. How does it work?"

As she would never see 40 - nor her waistline again - I let her into my little secret.

"Well," I said "you don't lose any weight but it does make you very happy!"

And as I left with the evening supper prepared by someone - anyone - other than myself I knew my husband would be very happy too.

Euphemia Whaletrouser

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1953 - A Pictorial Memory Test!



Haydon Bridge Methodist Youth Club with Club Leader Laurence Mitchell on an outing to the Roman Wall was taken circa 1953.

This photo was kindly supplied by Mr. Alan Telford of Carlisle.

Can anyone recognise the members of the group? Answers page 27.

RAYDON FRIDGE and DUSTY DARMAID

How would you like your pizza cut up, Raydon, six slices or eight?

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(the tall figure at the side and starting from him)
Apart from Laurence
Picture answers

This year's performing Arts Festival started off at the Beer Festival where we spent the evening enjoying the fabulous music and selling raffle tickets.



The Bridge

On Saturday night it was Songs from Stage and Screen in St. Cuthbert's Church and we had a brilliant audience who enjoyed listening to Positive Vibes, The Bridge, Shaftoe Singers and Samantha Hutchinson. Amazing acoustics in the church – it really is a fantastic venue.

Sunday's event at Langley Castle had to be cancelled but live music was enjoyed at The Railway and on Monday there was a good turnout at the Havelock for a screening of Oh What A Lovely War! - with by good WWI fare from Gary.



Sam Hutchinson

On Tuesday Johnny Handle was in the Havelock playing piano and leading a sing-a-long at lunch time, and in the evening he was still there, compering a fabulous Folk Evening with Ian K. Brown, Canny Crack, Angus Gardner and Phil and Siobhan. The pork 'n' stuffing stotties were a triumph.

The daytime events were amazing – here's Averil's summary of how things went - *The Creative Writing Workshop, superbly guided by Natalie Nera, held at the Library was a great success. The participants will be contributing their work to the Haydon News in the coming months. A folder of 1st World War poems, with a brief biography of the authors, has been compiled and is available in the Library. On a lighter note the play 'Up the beanstalk again', set behind the scenes of an am-dram pantomime, was read with great enthusiasm.*

The Memorabilia Exhibition, profiling the work of Pam and Ken Linge on the Haydon Bridge 1st World War Memorial, was a masterpiece. Those who attended Ken's opening talk were treated to an exposition of how the material has been gathered and ordered in a thoroughly professional way. The village is privileged to have this couple amongst us.



Thursday evening was a real treat. Students from Dilston College performed a wonderful show – The Wizard of Oz. The make-up, set and costumes were fantastic and it was an absolute joy to see these young people having so much fun. A big thank you to them for bringing their show to Haydon Bridge and we hope they'll come again.

Friday night's Comedy Night had to be postponed but we'll keep you posted about a new time and place.

Saturday was warm and sunny for the Family Picnic in Shaftoe School's walled garden. Doris kept everyone entertained with circus skills, games and parachute madness while Michael Freeman from Junk Music showed children and adults how to get musical sound from junk! Combine all this with sandwiches, cake

and ice cream and you have a wonderful day.

Saturday night we ended the week in The Anchor with Steve's tasty BBQ and music from Kalookie.

Many thanks to everyone who participated, bought tickets and supported the Performing Arts Festival.

We'd be interested to hear what people thought of the events and what you'd like to see in the future.

You can email us at getittogethersociety@gmail.com or write your comments/suggestions down and leave them at the library or at Scotch Arms addressed to Get It Together Society.

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