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Top: Some of our local entrants are ready for the 100 kilometre challenge.

Bottom: Organiser Mark I'Anson gives final instructions to the riders at the start.



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# EDITORIAL

The **Haydon Hundred** cycling event has attracted even more entrants this year. Our warmest congratulations to all those involved in setting up and running this ambitious and successful venture. Our community is definitely benefitting from the hard work that so many are putting in.

Perhaps it is just as well that I have never contemplated a career in crime as my competence with an air rifle has been subject to no little ridicule lately. Yesterday I successfully shot three rats and a conservatory carpet and it really wasn't that offensive.

Talking of crime: We have a new contributor this month, **Natálie Nera**, an established crime fiction writer from the Czech Republic. She offers some fascinating insights into her authorial world.

Natálie is also organising a workshop in the library (The Bridge). Do go along and join in.

## **Workshop on July 8, 2014 at 10 am – 12 noon.**

As Natálie observes, it can be quite unsettling finding out about major crimes happening a mere stone's throw from your own front door. When we lived in Nottingham a lovely sunny afternoon was suddenly shattered by a convoy of police vehicles racing uphill past the entrance to our drive. We noted, with much puzzlement, that in the convoy was a diving unit truck—note—going UP hill. They came to rest outside a huge intensive pig farm.

We subsequently discovered that the farmer's wife had shot her husband and fed his body to the pigs. The diving unit was being employed to swim down to the bottom of the slurry tanks to look for evidence.

This month we also have a **photo puzzle** to solve - page 12 - kindly supplied by Anne Meehan (nee Jewitt). How many of the children in the 1950's photo can you identify? The answers will be given next month.

## **Fancy a coffee?**

Almost every day one or other of the village organisations or venues is holding a coffee morning and everyone is invited. The pubs, cafe and shops are also offering food and drink. Let's do our own version of continental cafe society in Haydon Bridge. No more moping over the same old instant coffee in front of the same old day time TV! Get out of the house and live a little. See what the fleshpots of our very own mini-metropolis have to offer you.

Anyone any good at heraldry? It has been proposed that the **shield** on our front cover is ripe for reinvention. The original was created by the late Mr. & Mrs. & the extant Ms. Richardson of Cubstocks many years ago. Our logo does not have to be in the form of a shield, of course. All options are open. Have a go and see what you come up with.

Oh dear! It must be **General Election** time again. How do I know? A steaming dollop of propaganda has just oozed through the letter box. Don't the years go round quick!

It is vitally important to vote but it is even more important to choose the recipient of your vote after a thorough checking of the claims being made, critical appraisal of the manifesto and close questioning of the candidate.

Though hardly any of them know it, the youngest voters - teens and twenties - could seize control of any constituency simply by making sure they all voted and agreed on which candidate offers most for their future through social media discussion.

Unfortunately, it is the youngest who are least likely to vote. Perhaps parents should take it upon themselves to make sure their offspring are on the electoral role and are encouraged to vote.

Steve Ford

## 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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The Haydon Parish Council's monthly meeting was held in the Community Centre at 7.30pm on 26th June 2014.

### **Public Participation.**

The unsatisfactory state of the cemetery was discussed — again. The very substantial growth of weeds was mentioned and the pressing need for them to be cleared. The hedge trimmings that had been awaiting disposal remained in place - it being felt that a simple bonfire would constitute a road safety hazard unless the wind direction was assured for some hours.

The soil and stones from a recently dug grave had been disposed of unsatisfactorily and need tidying.

A number of families had brought Father's Day flowers but unfortunately some sheep had got into the cemetery and left the displays in disarray. The hole in the fence had been identified and steps are to be taken, in conjunction with the farmer in question, to prevent a recurrence.

Some Christmas floral decorations remained in place and have become overgrown. These will need to be removed in some planned manner but the ground-staff have been hesitant lest relatives become upset.

A proportion of the headstones need setting upright again. Mole hills are in evidence to and the bins need emptying. The possibility of the normal refuse service extending to the cemetery was discussed.

### **Apologies**

Received.

### **Declarations of interest**

None.

## **NCC**

Cllr. Alan Sharp observed that he is dissatisfied with the standard of grass cutting this year. A meeting with ISOS had been held and they are fully apprised of the problems. Large amounts of cuttings need clearing and not just in Haydon Bridge.

In addition those areas that have been weed killed need to have the dead vegetation removed.

Agreement has been reached about the footpath around the football field.

A meeting is due to be held in Bardon Mill with NCC in July and all are welcome.

The Hordley Acres sign has yet to be restored to its normal position. Pot holes continue to be filled. Cllr. Sharp mentioned the remarkable turn of speed that had been shown in getting pot holes filled in the track to Joicey's Shaft Cottage.

The Church street and North Bank drains remain blocked as they have been for some years. It may be necessary to cone off the relevant stretches of road to allow access.

Problem parking at Land Ends Road is still unresolved. Options are being investigated. In conjunction with which it was observed that whilst a legally enforceable 20mph limit may not be permitted, an advisory limit might be.

Litter clearance is proceeding satisfactorily.

The post-16 transport costs which are forthcoming will prove a burden to some.

Sports funds are on the cusp of being decided.

The next tranche of Community Chest funds are up for grabs. The next meeting to discuss them will be in September. Bids for funding should be prepared as quickly as possible in anticipation.

## **Highways**

The Threepwood to Langley Castle track remains open to walkers but not to vehicles. The recent concerns had been provoked by wheeled access.

The contractors responsible for the grass mowing at the bypass accesses have emphasised that their job is to ensure adequate sightlines for traffic entering and leaving the bypass and no more. The additional cutting has been undertaken by a local contractor and is of high standard.



Station Road has become very tatty with weeds and shrubs running rampant. The possibility that a proportion of the responsibility rests with the railway is to be investigated.

The contribution that residents make to the maintenance of the public areas near their houses was noted with much acclaim. The Council expressed its thanks to them.

The temporary lights on the Newbrough road remain and, it was reported, further collapse of the road edges is occurring close by. The Newbrough council is aware of this shared problem.

Flashing speed warning signs on Ratcliffe Road, to be paid for by Cllr. Sharp, are going to be discussed with suitable contractors at a site meeting soon.

The lorry parking layby at the east of the village is being blocked all day by buses. The erection of time limit signs was discussed.

Cars parking in or near the bus stop on Ratcliffe Road are causing difficulties for the buses. A shelter of suitable design was proposed to lessen the problem.

## Lighting

Street light 45HF needs repair.

## Planning

Plans for dormer windows at 6 Smith's Terrace and an outbuilding at Greenshaw Plain were considered. No objections were raised.

## Accounts

Agreed. Further discussion was held about the lighting of the old bridge and the electricity supply for it. A local contractor will be contacted to evaluate other options.

## Correspondence

The Council's co-option of members had been approved. There are two candidates. Road Link's Annual Report was received. Voter registration arrangements are being revised.

The Clerk to the Council has secured a considerable saving on an insurance premium.

## Parish Projects

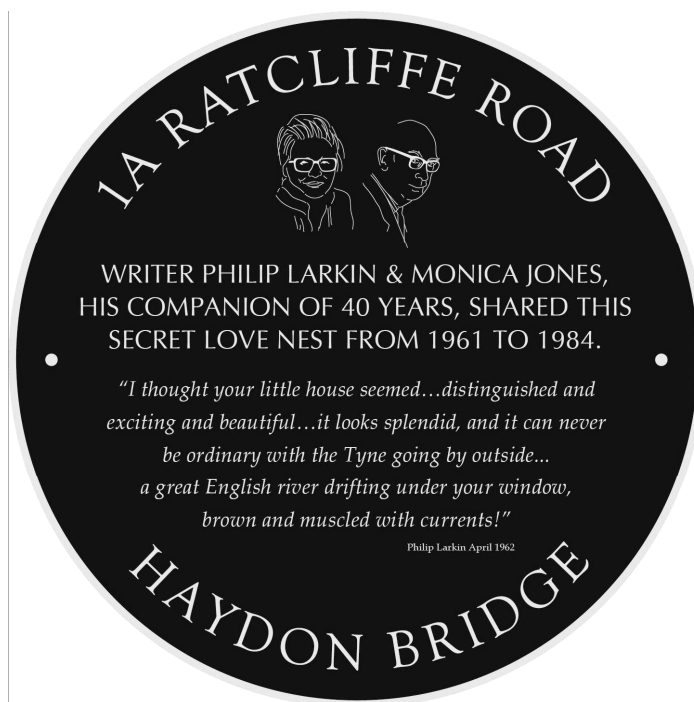
The Haydon Hundred had been a roaring success this year. Many local businesses had benefitted considerably. £3,600 was raised for funding The Bridge. Many requests had been received for route maps. Only one accident was reported but it was noted that an ambulance failed to attend the incident.

Pam and Ken Linge's meticulous research into the community's war dead was very warmly commended. Their search for narratives from both World Wars was noted.

The Larkin Plaque's finished appearance was made available for inspection - an August unveiling is anticipated. Dennis Telford's booklets will be available to buy very soon.

## AOB

Vandalism and bad behaviour around the village by a small number of young men was reported. The Police have been informed. Threatening behaviour toward members of the community has also occurred., including the throwing of bottles into gardens.



**The Council felt that a zero-tolerance approach was best. If any member of the public observes any unacceptable behaviour they should immediately ring 101 and report it.**

The Park Style to the river Right of Way notice has yet to be erected.

The Church clock is five minutes slow.

The Whittis Road hedge remains untrimmed. Cllr. Sharp will pursue this as NCC used to do it.

Richard Powell is coming to a Council meeting in the autumn. Topics for discussion are being canvassed.

Tommy Bates' contribution to the community over many decades was noted with gratitude and expressions of sympathy for his widow and children were made.

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**Part 6**

**For parts 1 to 5 see Haydon News'  
February to June 2014**

**The first Haydon Bridge Co-operative opened for business on Ratcliffe Road in May 1875, and in April 1888 the business moved into a new Store opened on Shaftoe Street. By 1911, the Society had purchased building land at Brigwood, Haydon Bridge on which to build thirteen houses for 'working men'. By the end of the year, six of the houses were built in a terrace and ready for occupation.**

**This month I will follow the history of Haydon Bridge's Co-operative and Industrial Society from 1913.**

Two important administrative issues in the life of the Haydon Bridge Co-operative Society had to be settled by committee early in 1913. Edward Henderson, the Society's secretary for thirty four years, and John Rogan, president, both retired. Mr G. Graham was appointed secretary, after a ballot, and James King, president. Mr Hamilton was re-elected as treasurer.

J.G. Moses, the boot and shoe department manager, also left the Society's employ in January 1913 and it was decided to replace him with a 'shoemaker' who could repair and make boots. The store's ready made boots would become the responsibility of the grocery department. F. Fox of Shotley Bridge was appointed as the shoemaker and for the first time an employee was engaged on a contract which included and element of piece work. Mr Fox received a regular wage of 3/- a week for keeping his books and attending to small alterations; together with 1/6d for providing heels and soles for men's shoes, 1/2d for women's, 9d for a child's size 7 to 10 and 1/- for size 11 to 1. Fox was paid 6/6d for making each new pair of strong, men's leather boots.

While I am considering costs and prices, it might be of interest that, in February 1913, the price of beef at the Haydon Bridge Co-operative had risen to 11d a pound; and legs of mutton to 1/- a pound.

The sub-committees appointed to run the respective Store departments in 1913 were:

Grocery and Drapery: Ralph Curry, George Harding, E. Robson, William Boyd and G.R. Waugh.

Butchering: James King, H. French and A. Waugh.

Boot Repairing: R. Birnie, John Rogan and William Dickinson.

The Building Committee: James King, Ralph Curry, Mr Hamilton (treasurer) and Mr Graham (secretary).

**On March 15th 1913, a special meeting was held at which a roll top desk was presented to Edward Henderson, in recognition of his thirty four years as secretary of the Society.**

In April 1913, doubts were expressed about the financial position of the butchery department and Walton Bell, the manager, was asked to explain the reason for the situation. His explanation was not to the satisfaction of the committee, apparently, as he was asked to resign and an advertisement was placed in the Newcastle Evening Chronicle for a 'managerial butcher'. From forty three applicants for the post, Mr Peter Spooner of Felton, County Durham, was appointed.

**Having already replaced the secretary, president, shoe maker and butchery manager, in 1913, the Store manager, Mr George Parker, also retired and was replaced by Mr Curry. Mr Parker was presented with an easy chair, for his long service to the Haydon Bridge Co-operative.**

The turnover of staff continued when the check clerk, Miss Philipson, was replaced with Miss M. Robson; Miss Glenwright was replaced in the Store drapery department by Miss Nisbett; Alan Brown was engaged as apprentice in the hardware and boot sections; J. Barron was appointed cart-man; and as 'the state of trade' didn't 'warrant the continuation of Mr C. Hetherington's services', he was asked to seek another situation. An excuse, perhaps, as it wasn't long before a Miss Heslop was appointed and Percy White became apprenticed in the grocery department; although Percy had left by April 1915 and been replaced by Master Paxton.

The outbreak of the **1914-18 War** and its horrors do not seem to have had an immediate impact on the Haydon Bridge Co-op, and for a while the business and the administration of the Society continued as before. In February **1915** the shoemaker, Mr Fox, terminated his employment and, although seven applications for the advertised post were received from across the north east, a Haydon Bridge man, T. Rutherford, was appointed. At this time George Graham (secretary) was receiving £25 per annum for his work, and John Hamilton (treasurer) £7.

The first indication that the Great War was having an effect was in mid 1915 when there was a request from employees for an advance of wages during the war years. The Co-op's social commitment was also influenced by the war effort at this time, with food donations to the village leek shows which were held in aid of the Lord Lieutenants Fund and the Red



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In 1915, for the first time, it was agreed that the Co-op's employees' wages would be paid for the first three days of sickness, providing they produced a medical certificate.

In September 1915, J.B. Scott of Corbridge was appointed to replace P. Spooner as Store butcher, but by December, Scott himself had been replaced by W. Burnett of Broomley, Stocksfield at £1-15s a week with Mr Charlton of Wark as his assistant.

Since the early days of the Society, members had to make a certain amount of purchases to qualify to receive interest on any savings they had with the Co-op. This rule was rescinded in **1916** for any Society member joining the forces.

In February 1916, Miss Chester replaced Miss Heslop as a drapery assistant and, at Brigwood, it was decided to turn the undeveloped land south of the new terrace into gardens, around which privet hedges would be planted.

The Society also continued its purchase of land, and offered £6 for the Victoria Terrace field. It was land and a garden with fishing rights at the Tan Yard that was bought eventually, however, in April 1916 for £13-10s, and Mr N. Robinson was offered the shooting on the land in return for spreading manure and catching moles.

Nine young Haydonians had died during the Great War between February 1915 and June 1916, it was twenty year old **Thomas William Kindred** who was the first mourned officially by the Co-op committee, however, on June 30th 1916. Thomas was one of eight children of William and Anna Kindred (nee Walton) and had served his time at the Store as an apprentice grocer. Thomas had been mobilised as a territorial in August 1914 and went to France on April 20th 1915. He was home on leave in April 1916 but, on his return to the war he contracted meningitis and died on June 26th 1916.

Another young Haydonian, **John Murray Birnie**, was mourned in committee following his death on September 29th 1916. Like Thomas Kindred, John went to France on April 20th 1915, but he was wounded during fighting at St Julien. After recovering at home, John returned to France in September 1915 where he was wounded in the leg and arm and died a few days later in a Military Hospital. John was a son of Robert and Margaret Birnie (nee Kell) and John's father was on the Haydon Bridge Co-op committee.



Thomas Wm Kindred



John Murray Birnie

In the meantime, life in our mourning rural parish goes on; Joseph Armstrong was engaged as an apprentice in the grocery department and War Bonds were granted to all Co-op employees in receipt of weekly wages. (A 2/- Bond for those on wages exceeding £1-10s and 1/- for those under £1-10s.) Not all employees were happy with this outcome and, initially, Alan Brown, Joseph Armstrong, G. Paxton, H. Kindred and Miss Watson all resigned their positions, only to be re-instated after additional War Bonds of 1/- each were offered.

In January 1917, Miss Thrower and Miss Cresswell were appointed check girls; and the effects of the War were beginning to bite on the Society's business and supplies:

- Owing to the price of sugar, sweets would not be given to members when they paid their accounts as had been the usual procedure.
- Due to the scarcity of paper, all members were asked to return paper bags to the Store.
- It was agreed that food would only be sold to Members. Trade with non-members would not be continued after the financial year and they would have to shop elsewhere.
- Closer control would be kept on the pricing and the supply of foodstuffs; especially in the butcher's department where Mr Burnett was asked to provide a statement of the stock he had, in which fields he kept it, and the manner in which its disposal would be carried out.

In the early days of the Co-op, the committee had been responsible for deciding the 'mark up' to be added to the wholesale price; later, the responsibility was passed to the managers of the departments, but in 1917, with goods in short supply, the committee took over this role again, anxious that the prices charged and the allocation to individual households were fair.

The shop hours in 1917 were:

8.00am - 6.00pm: Mon. Tues. Wed.

8.00am - Midday: Thursday.

8.00am - 8.00pm: Friday.

8.00am—7.00pm: Saturday.

**An important benefit for Society members was introduced in September 1917, known as 'Collective Life Assurance'. This was a scheme through which members were insured free with the Co-operative Insurance Society and both the member and spouse received a lump sum on death, based on the previous purchases from the Society. This facility was made available across the Co-operative movement.**

The effect of the War years did not restrict the Ambition of the Co-op committee and in October 1917 they wrote to the Co-operative Wholesale

**John George Barron** had been appointed Co-op cartman in 1913, and when he enlisted at Hexham on July 18th 1916, G.W Birnie replaced him as cartman for the duration in which he was engaged in the War.

Sadly, John Barron didn't return from the conflict. After leaving for France in November 1916 with the 4th Battalion Territorials, Northumberland Fusiliers, John succumbed to pneumonia and died on February 14th 1917 aged 33 years.

John was one of ten children of William and Elizabeth Barron (nee Smith) and left a wife, Sarah Jane (nee Ridley).

The Co-operative committee expressed their sympathy at a meeting on March 2nd 1917.



**John George Barron**

*R. Brown, Miles Philipson, J. Thirlwell and Mr Henderson also served as Store cartmen during the War years.*

Society seeking advice on opening a 'chemistry shop' in the Haydon Bridge Store. An alternative way forward seems to have been to purchase Mr Pringle's well established chemist shop on Ratcliffe Road but, in the November, Mr Pringle decided not to sell. *(Interesting research on the history of chemists in Haydon Bridge has been undertaken by one of our readers and I hope to be able to publish his findings in the near future. Further information or memories of chemists/drug stores, their owners and staff, in our parish would be gratefully received.)*

As a result of the sudden death of Society committee member Henry French, the Store was closed from 3.30pm to 4.30pm on October 26th 1917 to allow staff to attend his funeral. *(See below)*

1917 ended with Miss Thrower being appointed assistant in the grocery department at 10/- a week;

**Henry French** was a foreman porter at Haydon Bridge station and, when attending his shunting duties on a dark and stormy day in the village goods yard on October 14th 1917, he was killed by a cattle train that had backed into the yard to pick up additional trucks. Henry had commenced work as a platelayer at Hexham in 1860 and became foreman porter at Haydon Bridge on the death of one, John Elliot.

In addition to his Co-operative commitments, Henry was a superintendent at the Haydon Bridge Wesleyan Methodist Church and had been a Sunday School teacher there for forty five years.

A member of the 'Mission Band' at Haydon Bridge and Haltwhistle, Henry was a fine concertina player.





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Miss Rumney being engaged as check girl at 7/- a week; Miss Chester and Miss Cresswell having their wages increased to 12/- a week and 14/- a week respectively plus their 2/- each War Bonus; and each employee at the Co-op being given a 5/- Christmas bonus. The Society president, Mr Hare, expressed the hope that after another year had passed he could report 'International Peace'.

To be continued

### NOTES FROM THE HOME FRONT

*Haydon Parish during the years of the Great War*

The commemoration of the centenary of the Great War will take many forms this year, and rightly so. The extensive and time consuming work carried out by Haydon Bridge residents Pam and Ken Linge, in providing biographies of those whose names are inscribed on our own War Memorials and published consecutively in issues of The Haydon News since November 2010, is our own commitment to the memory of the men and lady of our parish who gave their lives for our freedom; and Pam and Ken's biographies will continue during the coming months.

It occurs to me, however, that neither should we forget those who remained at home during the conflict, keeping a stiff upper lip, I suppose, in the most difficult of circumstances.

**This is 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.**

Keep the Home Fires Burning,

While your hearts are yearning.

Though your lads are far away

They dream of home.

There's a silver lining

Through the dark clouds shining,

Turn the dark cloud inside out

Till the boys come home

They were summoned from the hillside,

They were called in from the glen,

And the country found them ready

At the stirring call for men.

Let no tears add to their hardships

As the soldiers pass along,

And although your heart is breaking,

Make it sing this cheery song:

*Music: Ivor Novello. Words: Lena Ford*

Published initially in 1914 as 'Till the Boys Come

Home' a new edition was published as 'Keep the

Home Fires Burning' in 1915.

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**On Tuesday night, August 4th 1914, Britain  
officially declared war on Germany.  
All English desires for peace have had to give  
way before amazing aggression of Germany.**

*Hexham Courant Saturday August 8th 1914*

**Haydon Bridge**, like most other villages in England, was in a state of excitement on the eve of the war; but the troubles had not, as yet, affected our parish's tourist traffic and a large number of holidaymakers were reported as taking advantage of the good weather and enjoying the lovely countryside. All the hay had been got in and in a few fields a very good crop of clover could be seen, while the corn harvest was getting underway.

**On the eve of the conflict in Europe in 1914, it was Mathew Ridley's last will and testament that made the headlines in Tynedale.**

I am often reminded through the documents I visit during my research into our local history, that I hail from a farming family - on my father's side - the head of which was a legend during his lifetime. Born at Birkshaw, Bardon Mill in 1830, Mathew Ridley, my two times great grandfather, took over the Greenwich Hospital farm of Peel Well at Haydon Bridge in the mid nineteenth century and it was from there that he built a formidable reputation as an agriculturalist and was well known in the highest circles throughout the industry in England, Scotland and, ironically in relation to these notes, Germany. Maybe I will return to Mathew Ridley's life and the story of Peel Well in the future - if only to keep this famous name in the parish alive, it having been unceremoniously cast aside in recent years - but it is his death, and particularly his last will and testament, to which I am drawn as I visit the years of the Great War and how life continued here at Haydon Bridge, on the 'home front'.

Mathew Ridley died on Sunday evening January 5th 1913 having farmed Peel Well and West Rattenraw for over sixty years. In later years he added Lipwood Well and Seldom Seen to his farm stock. He was overseer of the poor at Haydon for thirty years and, often known as 'Mr Peel Well' in many farming quarters, he was a noted judge at the Royal Highland and Smithfield Shows and a famed breeder of fat stock and Border Leicester sheep on his Haydon Bridge farms. Large numbers of his sheep were exported to Germany, before the 1914 conflict. Ironical then, perhaps, that Mathew Ridley's Last Will and Testament should be published on the eve of the war declaration with Germany.

Mathew Ridley of Peel Well Farm left property sworn at £5,952 gross (£3,399 Net) and probate was

granted to Robert Ridley his son and £500 each to Elizabeth, Annie and Margaret his daughters, and £100 to Lydia Pearson. The residue of the estate was left to Robert.

**Two deaths were reported in the parish on the eve of the war:**

**William Kirton** who died at Wallbottle but was a former resident and owner of Haydon Bridge's whinstone quarry; and **Henry Robson** aged 83 years, of Stell Green, and formerly of Town Shields where he moved to from Wark and Elsdon. Town Shields, beyond the Military Road, is still farmed by the Robson family today, of course.

**Thursday August 13th 1914** was a day of great rejoicing, as well as solemnity, at Langley Castle. The 'Pre Reformation' Chapel of the Castle, built with the permission of Pope Leo XIII, was formerly opened for Roman Catholic worship, as had been the wish of Cadwallader John Bates who bought the castle in 1882 and began the restoration towards its former glory. Cadwallader John Bates died in 1902 and the chapel was built in the ruined top storey of the south east tower by his wife. The chapel was dedicated to St John by Mrs Bates in memory of her husband and, to solemnise the occasion, the castle bell which was cast in 1658 and had been formerly in St Nicholas' Cathedral, Newcastle before being purchased by Mr Bates and hung up by his widow in the West Tower of Langley Castle in 1909, pealed out across the countryside.

The chapel in the tower at Langley Castle, now a fine hotel of course, was restored by the present owner and Lord of Langley, Dr. Madnick, and the work was overseen by Anton Philips, the Hotel Manager. The chapel is a highlight of any visit to the historic Langley Castle Hotel and its battlements.

**Haydon Bridge cricket team** and their victorious opponents, Close House, had been entertained to tea by Mrs Mandell, the vicar's wife, during the last home match of the season; but with one game to go and, maybe, their hearts not in it considering events elsewhere, only eight players left for Ovingham on the 1.41pm train on Saturday August 29th.

A return to Haydon bridge on the 5.30pm train suggests that they didn't spend a lot of time at the wicket, and that was just so.

Ovingham scored only 50, with T. Nattrass taking 6 wickets for 25 runs but then, according to newspaper reports; 'The game partook of the sensational!'

Haydon Bridge's eight batsmen's procession to and from the wickets was all over in 'a very few minutes' and George Nattrass top scored with 7 in the visitors' total of 14 all out. *Oh dear!*

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## **W.M.H.**

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**Lough Green:** George Walton, a farmer from Lough Green, was brought to Court accused of being drunk in charge of a pony and trap, of not having a lamp on the trap and, 'using very bad language on Ratcliffe Road'. (*No change there then. It must be something in the air on Ratcliffe Road!*) Mr Walton was heard by the village constable to say: "I don't care a f... I'll get a b..... light from somewhere."

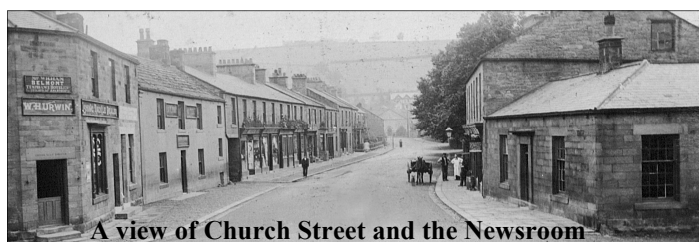
Not all the news from Lough Green in August 1914 was negative, however: Although a former Lough Green farmer, John William Nichol, died at Wigton in August aged 59 years, it was reported that while at Langley he had been a prominent and successful exhibitor at all our local shows. (*No change there then. It must be something in the air at Lough Green!*) John's father had also farmed at Langley, having lived at Silly Wrea at one time.

**Haydon Bridge Flower Show:** on account of the crisis, what would have been the seventy fourth flower show, on September 5th 1914, was cancelled. It was 1919 before the show returned, on its regular date of the first Saturday in September.

**Wor horses:** recruitment of horses in the parish, for the war effort, was organised by the War Office and achieved through local purchasing officers from the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries. To encourage breeding of more horses, purchase of mares from farms was avoided in 1914 - *and the occasional stallion I suppose!* It was pointed out to farmers in the parish that a careful record would be kept of the destination of every horse, and owners would be informed as to which unit their horses were sent. Every effort was to be made to return the horses to their owners at the end of the War. *Just a little optimistic I think!*

**By August 29th 1914**, as war was raging in Europe, Haydon Bridge was very quiet and the Hexham Courant reported that, 'round here things are going on pretty much in the usual way'; although residents and visitors alike, when out walking, were 'looking cloud-wards for aeroplanes' and one had been seen over Elrington the previous week.

Of course, everyone was extremely anxious to hear all there was to know about the state of affairs on the battlefields, and newspapers were eagerly bought up or read in the village newsroom.



**A view of Church Street and the Newsroom**

**More 'On The Home Front' next month**



## WHERE ARE THEY NOW ?



**Anne Meehan (nee Jewitt)** has found the Haydon News Website on her ipad ([www.haydon-news.co.uk](http://www.haydon-news.co.uk)) and has sent this 1950s photograph of pupils at Shaftoe Trust School, for our archive. Anne's family lived at 'The Vauce', from where she attended Langley School, before moving to 'Whinnetley'. Anne is the fifth girl from the left on the second row from the back - who are the others? I think you'll agree, one or two have hardly changed a bit and will be easily recognisable; **Anne and I know who the 1950s pupils are - but do you?**

### 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 fortieth casualty, in 1918, was  
**Maurice Scott Dove**

#### (40) Maurice Scott Dove

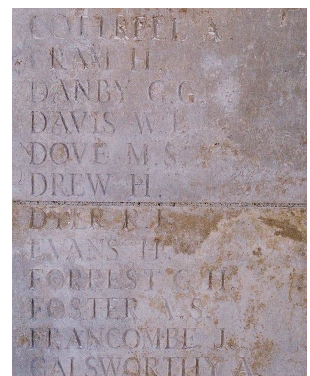


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Maurice served as Private, 42312, 1st Battalion, Worcestershire Regiment. He died on 25th March 1918, aged 19.

Born in Haydon Bridge, the second of five children of Thomas Johnston Dove and Ann Elizabeth Dove (nee Parker). The family later lived in Whitley Bay. Thomas was a farmer.

Maurice has no known grave and is commemorated on one of the panels on the Pozieres Memorial in France.



As well as having his name on the War Memorial Maurice is also commemorated on the Shaftoe School Memorial.

**If you have any information relating to Maurice Scott Dove, 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](mailto:pam_ken.linge@btinternet.com).**

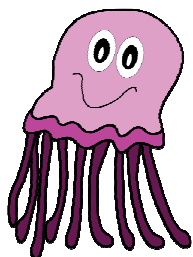
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## HAYDON HUNDRED - 7 JUNE 2014

Just like last year the day dawned with glorious sunshine, a perfect early summer's morning for the second running of the Haydon Hundred Cyclo-Sportive event.

Unlike last year, however, this was not to last all day, but the downpour which was to arrive did nothing to dampen the spirits of the hundreds of riders who took on the 100km and 60km courses on the day.

Last year's event was limited to around 200 participants, and proved that it could be managed fairly easily. Because a number of cyclists were left disappointed with this limit it was decided to increase the numbers to 350 this year.

The event's fame had obviously spread within the year, as demand was just as strong, with all places being filled with over a week to go. On the day 284 started the 100km ride and 60 started the 60km. Most of them managed to finish!

The Haydon Hundred was planned to raise money to help run The Bridge and raise the village's profile to visitors, and a look at the participants shows that this has been achieved in no small measure.

190 of the 100km starters came from outside the Tyne Valley postcode area, with individuals from as far afield as Guildford and Dover and even two intrepid riders from the Netherlands.

More than one of the village's accommodation providers were busy with visitors and most likely some of the more local riders will be back to explore our roads again before next year's event.

Some of our keen cyclists were away on another ride last year, but they made space in their diaries this time, with over 30 from the village doing one or other route and another 40 from the immediate area also joining in. And that's not to mention the friends and relatives who came from all parts to share the experience.

And so to the ride itself. The route is a testing one, crossing Hadrian's Wall, rejoining the valley at Haltwhistle before climbing into the Pennines through Alston and Nenthead and back through the Allen Valley. Riders started a little early to avoid the threatened rain, and the faster pedallers managed to get back in time to do so. No such luck for the majority, however, yet despite the downpour all were in fine spirits when they eventually checked in their timing chips and could dry themselves off; maybe a greater sense of achievement than doing it in fine weather! The fastest riders did the 100km in just over 3hrs 20 mins while others took a little longer. You can see all the times on the event website: [www.haydonhundred.co.uk](http://www.haydonhundred.co.uk).

So that's two good years behind us, and before we look forward to our next run on June 6<sup>th</sup> 2015 we need to say thank you to everyone involved, from the organisations who provided sponsorship and assistance, to the cyclists who took part in such great spirit, and of course to all the individuals who helped both before and on the day. Everyone involved in the organisation gave up their time voluntarily, preparing wonderful food, manning the feed stations, marshalling, signing on, rescuing riders in trouble, and most of all providing the friendly welcome which Haydon Bridge can be proud of. Here's to next year!



## A VIEW FROM UP THERE ....

*John Harrison*

How about this for a classic misprint with wonderfully appropriate hidden meaning – on a church noticeboard a particularly long-winded vicar was referred to as “The Neverend Anthony Jones....”. Many a true word.....

And on a preaching theme, we have a pulpit classic from Yorkshire where in a fit of missionary zeal a preacher was heard to say “...and when I am challenged, I take my courage in both hands and the grace of God in the other”. So if you want to find a priest look for the guy with three hands.

My first-hand report on the weather in May tells us that it was an extremely variable month with some very marked day to day changes in temperature. On the whole it was cooler than normal and rather wet. The easterly winds which had tended to bring in very murky weather during April gradually gave way on the 2nd after one more cold and damp day on the 1st. The 2nd to the 18th were generally sunny but showers arrived in brisk westerly winds late on the 6th.

Under clear skies the overnight temperature fell to -2.0 degC by the morning of the 3rd, hopefully the last hard frost of the spring. Some of the showers were blustery and quite heavy, and were accompanied by thunder and hail on the 11th, 13th and 18th. The winds returned to the east on the 19th bringing a return to very murky and damp weather with low cloud, although there were some sunny interludes. Rain was more continuous in nature than earlier in the month and there were some very cold and clammy days when the daytime temperature remained low, reaching only 10.3 degC on the 23rd. The total rainfall over the 9 days 20th to 28th was 43.3 mm. Brighter weather returned on the 29th, and the 31st was sunny and warm.

At this time of year, during the growing season, rainfall is critical. Although May, for example, goes on record as a wet month, the most important factor is the characteristics of the rain that falls and not necessarily the total over the month.

With increasing warmth in the atmosphere, rain between May and September can often be markedly convective character, which means that it can come in short sharp bursts rather than longer spells of dreich weather. Heavy summer storms can be too intense for the ground to absorb it so a significant percentage runs off the surface and away to the drains. The rain can also cause significant impact damage to plants. A longer period of steady rainfall causes little impact damage and is largely absorbed by the ground. And then there's the rain that falls from clouds but never reaches the ground. After a hot dry spell (we do occasionally experience these) the rain falls into a dry atmosphere and evaporates before it reaches the ground.

### 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
May 2014	15.0	-0.3	7.3	+1.3	98.2	194

And finally Gladys tells me about a 96 yrs old friend of hers who went to visit the doctor for his regular health check. The doctor asked him if he took regular exercise to which he replied “Sorry doctor but my parents won't let me”. Somewhat taken aback, the doctor asked “Parents?”. “Yes”, came the reply, ”Mother Nature and Old Father Time”.

And a thought for those for whom rain is the ultimate killjoy, remember that without rain there would be no hay to make when the sun shines.”

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## Mrs. Grumpole's Diary.

### Florence.

The other Sunday a most charming lady turned up in Chesterwood with her daughter and son in law, she was staring at Park Cottage and was obviously a little emotional. Intrigued, I walked up the yard and asked if they were looking for Mr. and Mrs. R. who lived there. What a surprise, it turned out that the lady had lived in Park Cottage as an evacuee with her family during the war and this was the first time she had visited Chesterwood since then.

Florence says she had stood at the top of the yard gazing at Park Cottage and her memories ran away with her. "I could see my lovely Mam standing in the doorway getting ready to help Mrs. Reed Snr. in the Park Farmhouse".

"I arrived in Chesterwood in 1942 and being an evacuee, my mother brought my brother, her mother and me away from the terrible war. My father was in the Navy and came to visit us whenever he was on leave. He used to go to the first public house he came to in order to quench his thirst.....he must have been very thirsty!"

Florence recalled her mother hatching eggs beside the cottage fireplace and as the chicks grew they were fed on mashed hard boiled egg and oatmeal, a mixture she called 'crowdy'. When the chicks became hens they were turned out in the cottage garden to lay eggs for the family.

I asked Florence which families she remembered and Tommy and Olive Pigg with their children Jimmy and Ida May came instantly to her mind as well as the Reed family. Florence described Nora Pigg from The Shaws Farm at Bardon Mill as her best friend.

After leaving Chesterwood, Florence and her daughter and son in law drove to Ridley to see where she and her family had gone after leaving Park Cottage. There she met Edward Furlong, great grandson of Billy Furlong from whom they'd rented Ridley Farm Cottage. At Ridley, Florence's mother had helped in the dairy and with feeding the calves.

Florence has written to me several times now with her memories which she is delighted to share and I wonder how many other evacuees there are with such an interesting story to tell.

*Ed. The Haydon News is delighted to publish reminiscences from current or past residents in the Parish and any material that adds to our knowledge of the history of the place. Do encourage friends and relatives to contribute.*

## **CHURCHES WORKING TOGETHER**

### **CLERGY MESSAGE FROM:**

**Deacon Anne Taylor**

#### **Summer 2014**

**‘I have come that they may have life and have it to the full’ John 10: 10**

What a difference a few weeks make in the garden from a hint of green to a beautiful canopy of lush green new leaves, from a touch of pink to a dazzling display of blossom and after that the promise of mouth watering fruit and a bumper harvest. As spring turns into summer we delight in all the countryside and our gardens have to offer.

God too wants us to have life to the full not just ok but full to overflowing as the scripture suggests. He has a plan for each of our lives and wants the best for us. Yet we often choose to go our own way do our own thing and then wonder why we never really feel fulfilled with our lives.

I have a lovely card which I use as an illustration. It has four stages in the life of a rose. I use this to represent our life/ faith journey. Each stage is special and brings its own wonder, beauty and opportunities which we need to value and enjoy.

The first picture is the rose in bud and just a hint of colour as to what this might be. We value the newness of life and all that brings and we delight as a person grows physically and spiritually.

In the second stage the rose begins to open up and develop the colour and type of rose is more obvious and one can see what this will be and the potential it has of being a beautiful flower.

The third stage is the probably when we tend to pick or buy roses. These are at their prime but there is still some growth to full maturity. This is the time in our lives when we are very active doing all sorts of things and life seems good.

### **WHO AND WHERE**

The names and phone numbers of the Clergy who minister in Haydon Bridge:

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God doesn't love us any less if we remain at one stage or fail to grow to maturity he is just able to see the full potential in us all.

‘I have come that they may have life and have it to the full.’ Putting your trust in God for the journey will help you to live life to the full. Have a good summer.

Deacon Anne Taylor



**METHODIST CHURCH  
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**6 July**

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6 pm Evening Service  
Heather Pinkney

**13 July**

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HAM.**  
**Farewell to Rev. D. Flavell**

**20 July**

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Deacon Anne Taylor  
6.00pm Evening Worship  
Bill Stoddart

**27 July**

10.00am Morning Worship  
Joyce Short  
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**13 July**

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**20 July**

**Henshaw**  
10 am BCP

**27 July**

**Henshaw**  
Joint Communion

**3 August**

**Beltingham**  
10 am Morning Prayer  
Anne Galbraith

**10 August**

**Henshaw**  
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### RIVER WATCH GROUP DATES

Saturday 5th 2 --- 5 pm

Wednesday 9th 6---8 pm

Sunday 13th 2---5 pm

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Wednesday 16th 6---8 pm

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FOR ANY RIVER WATCH INFORMATION

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July 3<sup>rd</sup>. Crindledykes, meet at Staingates. About 3 miles. Leader: Betty Hargreaves 684217

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Dance Club, 7.30-10pm Audrey Philips,  
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### TUESDAY

Pilates – 9.15am Lorna,  
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### WEDNESDAY

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### SATURDAY

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**Everyone welcome.**

### Brendan's bit!

Much as I love the North East there are times when you don't want to hear a Geordie accent. Here's an example. "Gud evenin' ladies 'n' gentlemen. The neet we'll be croozin' at thorty six thoosand feet..."

*I've just taken delivery of a big roll of bubble wrap. The courier asked what he should do with it. I said 'Just pop it in the corner.' He's been there for three hours.*

A wife asks her husband, "Could you please go shopping for me and buy one carton of milk and if they have avocados, get 6."

A short time later the husband comes back with 6 cartons of milk.

The wife asks him, "Why did you buy 6 cartons of milk?"

He replied, "They had avocados."

I don't understand why she would be annoyed with him.

*I buy dolphin friendly tuna but, for the life of me, I can't find tuna friendly dolphin.*

One thing about our game of football is that it is played with the foot (apart from that Diego fellow.) Not like the daft Americans. In their game of football the foot is hardly ever used. Nitwits.



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10. CHANG  
11. ELSA  
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14. NITRIC  
15. LEEWARD  
18. CANINES  
19. ACETOL  
21. TINKERBELL  
23. ATKA  
25. LATER  
26. LAYPERSON  
27. CROCHETI-  
NESSES

### Down

1. DASHER  
2. SEBASTIAN  
3. EARN  
4. AGENT PLEAK-  
LEY  
5. ARCHIMEDES  
6. TRAIN  
7. REGICIDE  
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13. PRINCE ERIC  
16. AMORTISES  
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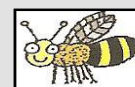
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## **WUTHERING HEIGHTS**

Apparently Kate Bush is performing in public for the first time in 25 years. The concert appears to have sold out for all 22 dates with some tickets changing hands on eBay for 4 figures.

As Ms. Bush and I are similar in age - but sadly not in talent - I tend to follow her success with mild interest.

And come on, admit it, who amongst you in the 1970's did not dress up in long black floaty frocks whilst enthusiastically waving your arms aloft and wondering where the heck Heathcliff had got to in homage to Kate Bush?

Well not my husband for a start who cannot see what all the fuss is about. But then he never had any taste (apart from choosing his trophy wife obviously) so he doesn't count.

And there were certainly no Heathcliffes running across any moors in the grim sooty mining village where I grew up. More Sons & Lovers than long lost lovers. My bit of Yorkshire clearly being very different from Emily Bronte's bit of Yorkshire. It's little wonder she rarely left the parsonage or indeed Haworth if there were brooding blokes like that lurking around. Go Em!

Interestingly Kate shares both a love of Heathcliff AND a birthday with Ms. Bronte. Not the same year of course; the London lass now being in her mid 50's - whereas Emily would be four years shy of 200 if she were still alive. And fairly wrinkled.

It's probably a very wise move to hold a concert at this time - before she gets much older. Leave it too long our Kate and some of those verses would not make sense or hold any credibility; her 7th album Red Shoes originally released in 1993 would have to be renamed Red Orthopaedic Shoes. And the lyrics from her hit song 'Running Up That Hill', from almost ten years earlier could more appropriately change to 'I'm Hobbling Up That Kerb'.

But one can still stand back and marvel that so many people have not forgotten the slender jet-black haired lass - now more portly and less jet. And she does have some unlikely fans. John Lydon for one. The ex Sex Pistol even wrote a song for her called Bird in Hand. The Old Bird in Withered Veiny Hand wouldn't have the same resonance really. And it could never hope to match the wonderful 'Bird On The Wire' from the ever youthful and perennially happy Leonard Cohen. Or the fabulous classic 'Songbird' from the late great Eva Cassidy.

And on the subject of all things ornithological let's not forget the deeply haunting lyrics of 'The Birdie Song' by the much underrated Tweets.

Now a concert by them with full backing from the London Philharmonic would be worth 4 figures of anyone's money.

And if my arms weren't so arthritic I could even join in with all the actions.

Miss. Jocasta Primp

*- of Sunday newspaper fame*

## **WAKE UP AND SMELL THE COFFEE**

Our very own Aldi here in Hexham can sometimes throw up the most surprising and life changing items.

I'm not referring to their chicken which I foolishly kept beyond its sell-by-date and cooked for Mr Whaletrouser's supper. Not only did he throw up (an entire weekend) but it almost ended his life forever, never mind changed it. I abstained of course and stayed with the fish. Much safer.

No, I'm talking about one of their 'Thursday Specials'. Now some weeks it's those terribly essential items like an Electric Rout Planer and Sri Lankan sauces, other weeks it's organic wheelbarrows and baby-wear. Not much good if you're a pensioner living in a top floor flat but hey - a bargain's a bargain!

Well this particular week on offer was a proper coffee machine for lattes and cappuccinos. I've always wanted one but at £199 upwards in John Lewis I had to forego. Then - oh joy! - Aldi had them as their Thursday Special. At the ridiculous price of £49.99. Now before this begins to sound like an advert for Das Cheap und Wunderbar German Shop, the machines have all gone. The last one dear reader to yours truly.

Phew - it certainly IS life changing. For a start I don't need to go into those expensive coffee shops which - with one trip a week - comes out at £150 a year. Some people apparently go every day in which case it's an eye-watering £1000+ per annum! And of course by the time I'd brought home my Costa-bucks it was usually cold and flat. Here I can sit watching Bargain Hunt on tv with a hot frothy coffee following my very own bargain hunt. Yup, we sure know how to party down here in the hood.

The enjoyment doesn't stop there. Oh no siree! Just making the coffee is enormous fun. It's got those widgets, gadgets, knobs and spouts that the professionals use - creating the most satisfying hissing and spitting noises. Mr. Whaletrouser and I have always loved coffee and with our new machine we're becoming quite the experts.

No Maxwell house in THIS house. We know our Columbian Bronze from our Blue Mountain. Personally I prefer my first cup of the day finely ground from the foothills of Java. Many's the time we've spouted (pardon the pun!) forth at dinner parties on the merits of Ethiopian versus South American blends and the difference between hand cut and second cut. Mrs Fortescu was half cut but she was still fascinated to hear about our new caffeine discovery from the Yirgascheffe slopes over the cheese board last week. After an hour her eyes were beginning to glaze over with rapture as she was transported to the misty slopes of Guatemala.

So scintillating was our long and detailed dialogue that many fellow diners hastily made their excuses and rushed off early. Of course they wanted to get home and try out the different types for themselves. Converts all!

Now I really must dash. I'm taking my Barrista exams and I still have a lot of studying to do before I'm accepted at the (coffee) Bar! Euphemia Whaletrouser.



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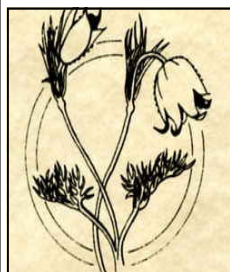
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### **AT GREENHEAD**

Haltwhistle Golf Club at Bank Top, Greenhead is a great course in a splendid location. The clubhouse is currently being refurbished and once complete, during August, the club has plans for new development and activities.

In the meantime there are special offers for this summer. Temporary adult trial membership of the club is available for 3 months at just £80.

Junior members have coaching available on Thursdays at 4.30pm. Junior membership is just £25 for the year, and the professional coaching comes free. The club expects to have a junior team soon to play competitions with other clubs.

As part of Haltwhistle Carnival week there is a Junior competition on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July from 4.30, and open to all junior players in the area. With 4 trophies to win and a picnic supper for all, it should be a great event.

Later in the summer there will be a free taster session, with coaching, for Ladies to have a go and see if they would like to take up golf.

Information available from Patrick Peace, 01434 320471, or [patrick.peace@sky.com](mailto:patrick.peace@sky.com).

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

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

The annual event, which most of the children look forward to, is the **Summer Reading Challenge** organised by The Reading Agency and Libraries.

This event challenges children aged 4-11 years to read six books over the summer holidays. The books can be of any genre: fact, joke books, picture books and so on-just as long as they are borrowed from the library. The Challenge starts on 12 July and ends on 13 September. You can sign up at the Bridge and it is all free.

Last year, the theme was "Creepy House"; this year, it is "Mythical Maze". The children must find their way around a labyrinth that introduces them to fantastical creatures from the world of legend and mythology, collecting stickers on the way.

The characters have been created by Sarah McIntyre, a British-American illustrator and writer of children's books and comics, who succeeds Chris Riddell, the designer of "Creepy House".

Recently, she collaborated with highly successful children's author: Philip Reeve on an illustrated novel: "Oliver and the Seawigs" (Oxford University Press).

Reading for pleasure is more important to children's successes than education and social class. The Summer Reading Challenge encourages three quarters of a million children into libraries to keep up their reading skills and confidence during the long holiday.

There is a certificate for all children, who finish the Challenge. Watch out, too, for posters in school advertising the two craft mornings: one in July, the other in August.

### **Produce Stall**

Our thanks go, once more, to the Allotment Association stalwarts, who fill the stall for us every Saturday morning. Visitors to the area, who pop into the Bridge for leaflets from the Visitor Information Centre delight in this aspect of village life that encompasses the very best of human qualities.

### **Raising money**

The Bridge intends to hold a table top sale (books, games, jigsaws) on Friday, 1 August 12 noon-6 pm and Saturday, 2 August 9:30 am-12:30 pm.

### **Artist in Residence**

Creative Embroidery classes in the Bridge, on Thursdays, are now finished for the summer. However, there was a display of participants' beautiful work in the Bridge from 5 June-25 June. These items were not for sale but showed the high quality of the embroidery and the inventiveness of the ideas.

### **Tracy Pringle**

On Tuesday afternoons, Tracy visits the Bridge offering advice on all sorts of issues including health and social issues. She is working in collaboration with the Health Centre. She can give help with relevant helpful contact details. There is a poster on the inner door of the Bridge explaining who Tracy is and how she can help.

### **The Bridge opening times:**

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9. Try to plan ahead and think of any illness you may get. Bites and stings are a common one people tend to get when abroad. Call in and ask for advice from the pharmacy team about the best medications to bring with you when you go abroad.

Tom McCullough

Pharmacist and Owner of Haydon Bridge Pharmacy

## **CRIME FICTION - an author's view.**

Moving to England from another country as a crimewriter is a bit like bringing coals to Newcastle. After all, this is a land of crime writing royalty. I have always loved the classic of the genre – a contrasting atmosphere of a picturesque English village with a dark deed that suddenly throws a challenge to the whole community. The clichéd rule says that all the principle characters must eventually meet in one place for the puzzle to be solved.

My countrymen love these sort of stories, as illustrated by undying popularity of TV dramas such as *Midsommer Murders*. Never mind the likelihood of having so many corpses per square mile and that the said village is not in reality populated enough to supply all the required victims.

My latest book, published back in my country in Czech, is inspired precisely by these specifically English idiosyncratic features of crime writing. It is set in a village somewhere in England that looks like a kitsch holiday postcard but underneath the idyllic surface lies something far more sinister. To appeal to my readers I created the main heroine as a Czech immigrant although all the other heroes are British.

As always with writing, rather than calculating what story to write, the story finds you. When I moved to a beautiful village in Gloucestershire, I received a letter from my childhood friend who was worried about my safety, bearing in mind that I come from Prague, a European capital city ripe with crime. She was alarmed by the vast number of police dramas from the UK as well as books appearing in the Czech Republic, with the most horrendous of deeds happening precisely in innocent looking environments. I thought it hilariously funny and dismissed it as nonsense. Two weeks later a body was found in the nearby woods in a burnt car. A week after that a special police unit with sniffer dogs raided a property across the brook. As it turned out someone thought that the quiet, out-of-the-way village is a perfect hiding place and distribution centre for illegal narcotics.

Needless to say, I quickly stopped laughing. There was something deeply uncomfortable about finding myself just a few steps away from two serious crimes. It was even more surreal to be asked by two detectives whether I had seen anything. It's a strange sensation that although you have nothing to do with it and don't know anything, the presence of the lawmen makes you nervous. I was so out of it that I could not even spell my name. It's a bit like being summoned to the headmistress's office at school: you want to say you did not do it although you have no clue what this is all about, only to be asked by her to recite a poem at the school assembly.

It is also a perfect starting point for telling a story. Like any writer you ask yourself "what if?", and try to answer the question in your book, hopefully to enjoyment of your readers. Both above-mentioned events found obviously their place in the novel and became an integral part of it. I confess: I am a magpie. My stories consist of little shards of conversations I have overheard, things I or people I know have experienced together with other pieces of information I have picked let's say from daily press.

It is important to constantly read and educate yourself to be equipped for your job. Also, there is no point writing about wizards or vampires just because someone else has found fame and made money with it. In fact writing with the hope of becoming a millionaire is like acting because you want to be rich. There are better and more effective ways to make your fortune. The key is to stay true to yourself otherwise you will be quickly found out. Search for your own voice and enjoy what you do; only then you will have a chance to produce and deliver believable characters and plots. And with a bit of luck the result will find its publisher and readers.

I have never consciously decided to be a crime writer; it happened gradually and naturally. For me, crime means conflict and drama that help developing my story. It becomes a catalyst of numerous situations that reveal inner workings of various characters.

A war background can provide a similar conflict and drama for building a gripping story. In the view of a hundred-year anniversary since the beginning of the Great War, I will focus precisely on this in my workshop during the Performing Arts Week. I hope to see some local budding authors who will help me to fully explore this fascinating topic.

Natálie Nera

### **Workshop on July 8 2014** **at 10 am – 12 noon in the Library**

A BIG THANK YOU FROM MABEL RENNEY:  
Mabel Renney would like to say a big Thank You to the following people:

Rosemary and Jack Rix  
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For caring when I was ill and shopping for me. Also to those asking after me. It is all much appreciated and now I am on the mend.

Mabel Renney

PS. Also to Peter Parker for delivery of my *Haydon News*'.



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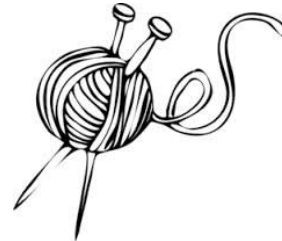
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Well this is the result.

With the money donated at the party, the Scudamore family allowing us to use the area, donations of time and labour and generous donations from the Parish Council and the Haydon Bridge WI [now sadly gone], the Get It Together Society have managed to create a beautiful area to sit and enjoy.

We're relying on everyone to care for this space.



## WE DID THE WALK

Although the weather did its best to dampen the event, the Wacky Whit Walk on the Wall took place over two days, the 7th and 8th June.

For 'the bride' (that's me) the day started at Reflections where the bridal 'face' and wig were added. Then it was home for the long process of putting on the wedding dress and accessories – thanks to my 'wardrobe mistress' Averil. The rain started at midday but the bridal party gathered for photographs (photographer Lorna) at The General Havelock – that's the bride (John Harrison), Groom (John Wallis), Bridesmaids (Jo Thompson and Karen Lumsden), Page (3) Boy (Martin Scudamore) and the Bride's Gran (Averil Harrison).



As Sunday dawned sunny, the bridal party - unfortunately minus Jo who was busy at The Havelock - gathered for another attempt at the south face of Hadrian's Wall – a true bridal first that should go down in the record books.

The walk was completed in four hours, some of which was spent in conversation with bemused other walkers on the Wall – including many from overseas (these English, they are crazy !!).

The boots have been put back on the shelf, the wedding dress cleaned, and the muscles massaged – it now remains to gather in the sponsorship money.

**THANK YOU to all those who agreed to act as sponsor points and to those who gave.**

*John Harrison*



Flowers were provided by The Flower House (thank you Danielle). Not hopeful for a walk that day, we drove up to the Twice Brewed where the conditions really were dreadful so it was up to Steel Rigg for some staged wedding shots then back to Haydon Bridge to await the wedding.

Bridal party and guests gathered at the Havelock at 8.00 pm for the wedding ceremony, which was conducted outside on the terrace by Phil Simm – who was brilliant. (script by Rev John).

Thence followed cutting of the cake (made by Amy) and the traditional speeches – including the best man (Dave Thornhill). After a superb buffet from Gary Thompson the entertainment (nobody charged for their services) was provided by Ian, Phil and Siobhan, and Angus.

A thoroughly good time was had by all – but unfortunately marital bliss was blown out of the water by the revelations that both parties were already married – was this the shortest marriage ever??







## Performing Arts Festival

Date	What's On	Time	Venue	Cost/Info
<b>Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July</b>	* <b>Beer Festival</b> * <b>Songs from Stage and Screen</b>	<b>Midday-Midnight 7pm – 9.30pm</b>	<b>Low Hall Football Field St Cuthbert's Church</b>	<b>www.haydonbeerfestival.co.uk</b> <b>£5 inc. light supper</b>
<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July</b>	* <b>Ghost walk and Meal</b>	<b>5.15pm – 10pm</b>	<b>Langley Castle</b>	<b>25 a head inc. 3 course meal</b>
<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July</b>	* <b>Film Night – Oh What A Lovely War!</b>	<b>7pm start</b>	<b>The General Havelock Inn</b>	<b>£8 inc. food [£3 film only]</b>
<b>Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July</b>	* <b>Creative Writing with Natalie</b> * <b>Sing-a-long with Johnny Handle on piano</b> * <b>Folk Night with Canny Crack, Angus Gardner, Ian K Brown and Phil and Siobhan</b>	<b>10am – 12noon 2pm-3pm 8pm – 10.30pm</b>	<b>'The Bridge' Library The General Havelock Inn The General Havelock Inn</b>	<b>£2 reservation fee – limited space, book early</b> <b>FREE. Donations welcome.</b> <b>Lunch available - booking advisable</b> <b>£8/£5 inc. Northumbrian supper</b>
<b>Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July</b>	* <b>Poetry Reading – WW1 poets</b>	<b>10am-12noon</b>	<b>'The Bridge' Library</b>	<b>£2 reservation fee – limited space, book early</b>
<b>Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July</b>	* <b>Play Reading</b> * <b>Memorabilia Exhibition WW1</b> including opening talk 'WW1 War Memorial' by Ken Linge * <b>Wizard of Oz by Dilston College</b>	<b>10am-12noon 10am – 4pm 10.30am-11.30am 7pm -9pm</b>	<b>'The Bridge' Library Methodist Church Community Centre</b>	<b>£2 reservation fee – limited space, book early</b> <b>Free – donations welcome</b> <b>£5 adults £3 child - refreshments available</b>
<b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July</b>	* <b>Memorabilia Exhibition WW1</b> * <b>Comedy Night</b>	<b>4pm-7pm 8pm - late</b>	<b>The Methodist Church The Haydonian Club</b>	<b>Free - donations welcome</b> <b>£10</b>
<b>Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> July</b>	* <b>Family picnic with fun and games</b> * <b>BBQ and live music from Kalookie</b>	<b>1pm – 4pm 7pm onwards</b>	<b>Shaftoe Walled Garden The Anchor</b>	<b>Donations</b> <b>Free music – BBQ TBC</b>

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