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Where thunder clouds loomed large,
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EDITORIAL

Boobs in The Haydon News!

There, now I've got your attention...

Did you spot the deliberate error in the last edition? At least I think there was only one. I failed to print the crossword clue for 27 Across and have subsequently been castigated by a number of cross crossword enthusiasts. I apologise. For completeness, the clue was: *27. Racist seen about in wartime underground movement. (10)* I will judge the answers sent in by simply ignoring the missing bit.

My thanks to **new contributors**. Everyone has a story to tell, an opinion to air, experiences to relate, advice to offer and we really do want to hear from you. Prose, poems, drawings, photographs, reports of events, humour—all are welcome.

On the 4th of February The Havelock was stuffed to the doors with **Pub Quiz** teams. We were practically taking turns to breath, it was that full. Many thanks to John Harrison for organising the event and setting the questions and to The Havelock for having the event and providing food and drink. I found the questions really demanding and, to judge by the final results, so did most people. 'The Gruesome Two-some', who spent the night propping the bar up, eventually won with a very handsome score indeed. The last I heard, a total of £184.00 was raised for the Haydon News funds, a very welcome sum. Thanks to all who came along.

The **Community Centre solar panels** are up and operating. Like the Health Centre, we have a public display showing how the system is performing. We will be having a ribbon cutting ceremony in due course and a plaque will be arranged showing the names of those donors who wish to be publically identified.

Whilst at the Community Centre with the installation team I thought to do a little cleaning and maintenance. Hence the cleaned windows and doors. I also took the opportunity to unbung some of the drains at the front and found that some wazzock had stuffed an entire plastic cola bottle down one of them. In addition, to judge by the literature on the side doors, it is clear that the sequel to 'Fifty Shades of Grey' will be called '**Fifty Shades of Haydon Bridge**'. All of the named individuals featured on the side doors will be relieved to hear that I have almost completely cleaned the evidence away but, as a precaution, I strongly recommend an early appointment for testing and treatment.

It is not so long since the problems with the play area up by the First School were related in these pages.

Clearly we have a problem, albeit of modest proportions compared with some areas, with a small number of people who think its OK or even fun to mess around with **community assets**.

If you know who is responsible, perhaps you could have a quiet word them and, if that doesn't work, consider further steps—perhaps a word to the parents or one of the Parish Councillors or even the Police.

Our community, and everyone and everything that is part of it, needs to be respected, maintained and safeguarded by everyone. Smart people don't do unpleasant things in their own backyards and they also prevent other people from making a mess too.

If we want to live in a nice place, and we do, then everyone has to play their part in running and maintaining it. Communities do not just happen, they need work, commitment, harmony, trust, a willingness to join in and even pride.

Steve Ford

Thank You!

A very big Thank You to the Co-op for their wonderfully generous donation of £2,000.00 to The Community Centre solar panel fund.

Here's the handover of the cheque and certificate, during a sunny interval.



PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

Notes from the meeting of
28th February 2014.

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Parking

Members of the public attended to raise concerns over a proposed housing development in Tait's Yard. The proposals originally included parking spaces for residents of Victoria Terrace, but the developer has since earmarked the space to build garages for the houses on the new estate.

The residents said developers should not be allowed to make such significant alterations, and called for changes in planning law to protect communities.

They asked the parish council to consider making a grassed area at the entrance to Hordley Acres into a replacement car parking area. While this may be possible, councillors pointed out that the land belongs to Isos.

Members of the public also expressed fears over cars speeding into the village from the west end since the by-pass opened, as motorists have an open road at their disposal.

Councillors will look into the possibility of traffic calming measures, with county councillor Alan Sharp suggesting money could be available for an electronic sign aimed at reducing speed.

Dirty dogs

A resident raised the issue of dog fouling, with the high school playing field and surrounding areas identified as a problem.

Through road

Cllr Sharp expressed disappointment that Northumberland County Council has rejected an application for the speed limit on Land Ends Road to be reduced to 20mph, on grounds that it is a through road.

However, he is planning a site visit with county council officers, and hopes to convince them that the reduced limit is necessary in the interests of safety.

Money for sport and play

Cllr Sharp reported that money was available for improvements to play areas at Shaftoe Green, the Showfield, and Innerhaugh, from developer funds which are allocated for play provision. Cash is also available in the sports pot, and Cllr Sharp will be speaking to the football and cricket clubs.

In terms of county council services in the village, Cllr Sharp said he would like to see more money spent on tree maintenance in Haydon Bridge.

In addition, he is not happy with the time it takes for routine maintenance on roads, with the condition of Tedcastle Bank flagged up as a prime example.

While pot holes are being filled in, concerns were raised about the quality of the repair work. Cllr Sharp is keen for more street lighting at the top of the North Bank.

Cash in reserve

The parish council is to look at the best way to use of money which it has been putting aside for various projects. The Spa Well was highlighted as an area which needs attention. However, councillors will consider the whole of the parish before making any decisions.

Better buses

Councillors acknowledged that the much-maligned 685 route is improving. Cllr Sharp reported that joint operators Stagecoach and Arriva had pledged to make changes following widespread concerns, including a petition from the village.

It was mentioned that Haydon Bridge should have a say in the future of Hexham's bus station, with various proposals on the table for what is a key part of the 685 route.

Footbridge

More debate took place about the proposed footbridge over the railway line. Network Rail is replacing crossings with footbridges across the country as a safety measure.

Youth work

There are concerns over the future of the village's youth worker, with the possibility of further county council funding cuts. It was noted that there is a very effective youth set-up at the community centre with an enthusiastic group of young people.

Regardless of what happens at county level, the parish council is keen to retain youth provision in the village and will invite the youth worker to a forthcoming parish council meeting.

Philip Larkin

It was reported that permission is not required from English Heritage for the proposed Blue Plaque at the house, on Ratcliffe Road, where the renowned poet spent many years with Monica Jones. However, approval is required from the conservation officer.

The Philip Larkin Society has expressed its support for the scheme.

War memorial

It was noted that the bayonet on the war memorial is rusty. However, the council is looking at the best ways of maintaining the memorial.

Village in bloom

Arrangements are starting to be made for hanging baskets to go up in the village with spring now not too far away.

The Haydon News has been very fortunate in recent years in having a volunteer willing to attend the Parish Council meetings and prepare a report on the proceedings.

Our most recent volunteer is having to step aside because of a rush of commitments.

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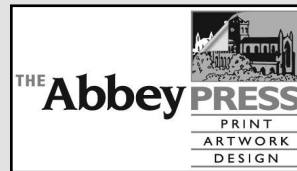
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Part 2

The first meeting of the Haydon Bridge Co-operative Industrial Society was held on Saturday March 20th 1875 and when the Haydon Bridge Store opened for business in May 1875 there were 71 members. One year later, 112 residents had taken up membership and the committee members were confident enough in the future to purchase their Ratcliffe Road premises. (See *The Haydon News February 2014 for Part 1*)

The second, half yearly meeting of the Haydon Bridge Co-operative and Industrial Society Ltd., was held on June 1st 1876 and was chaired by J.J. Harle of West Mill Hills. The Hexham Courant reported a large attendance at the meeting and they heard that the Society was in a prosperous position. The dividend for the year was three shillings in the pound and the meeting was informed that the Society had purchased business premises consisting of a front and back shop and good storage rooms above.

The Store committee had agreed to make alterations to their Ratcliffe Road premises and they included:

Two large windows to be put in the front.

The existing stairs to be removed and new stairs to be put up inside.

A crane to be fixed on the first floor for lifting goods.

It was also agreed that the fireplaces on the ground floor would remain in place and the property would be insured for £1,000.

As well as the sharing of retail wealth, the principles of the Co-operative movement included education for the 'working man' and, in this regard, a 'Coffee Supper' was planned for Society members in the Town Hall, on February 17th 1877, when William Bell of Coanwood was to give an address and Mr. Smithson would provide musical entertainment.

At the second General Meeting of the Haydon Bridge Society, on December 1st 1876, J.J. Harle was elected as President; Thomas Ware, Treasurer; Thomas Wigham, Secretary; and J. Hetherington, Auditor. William Hall Batey was the Store Manager.

In the third week of December 1876, cash sales at the Haydon Bridge Co-op amounted to £50, rising to £90 during the Christmas week but falling substantially to £38 following New Year.

After members and residents had allocated much of

their income to refreshments in Haydon Bridge's local hostelries maybe?

The manager received £6 per month wages in 1876, and the Society Secretary 12 shillings - 16 shillings from June 1877.

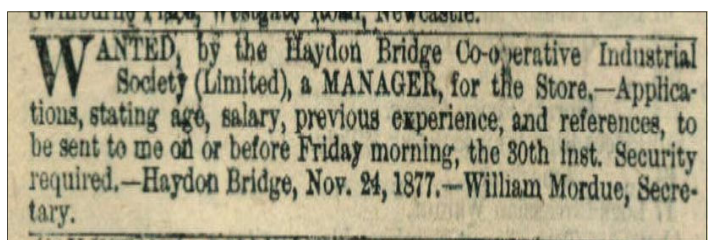
It is interesting that, in this democratic and open organisation, on December 30th 1876 it was recorded that: 'All business transactions by the committee to be considered strictly confidential' and that, 'a vote of censure would be passed upon all such members divulging secrets.'

By April 1877, Mr. Batey the Manager was travelling in the country' selling draperies on two days each month. The Co-op's service to the isolated residents in our widespread rural community, was to become a regular feature of its trading.

In September 1877, the Store was taking in boots for repair and Mr Urwin, of Smith's Terrace, was to be paid his train fare to Hexham to procure leather for the boot soles. Early notice of the Urwin, or Irwin, name that was to become synonymous with boot and shoe sales and repairs in Haydon Bridge for many years to come.

Also in September 1877, Robert Armstrong was appointed as the Store's 'boy' after giving the manager 'every satisfaction' during a trial period. The boy's salary over four years would be 5 shillings per week in year one, 6 shillings in year two, 7 shillings in year three and 9 shillings in year four.

On November 17th 1877 - by which time William Mordue had replaced Thomas Wigham as secretary - William Hall Batey, manager of the Haydon Bridge Store since its opening in 1875, resigned his position and an advertisement was placed in the local press for a successor.



From Newcastle Daily Chronicle 26-11-1877

On November 30th 1877, Joseph Watson was appointed manager following his response to the advertisement. Watson was dismissed on March 30th 1878, however, not having fulfilled his promise to provide a surety.

Another appointment was necessary and the choice was made from those earlier applicants 'wanting a starting salary of £1 : 10 shillings per week, or less'.

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In April 1878, R.J. Addison was appointed as manager, his father standing the surety.

Mr Addison was allowed to sleep on the Store premises until he made other arrangements.

On June 29th 1878, the manager's wages were £2 : 16 shillings paid fortnightly and his assistant, Thomas Stokoe, received £1. Thomas Lee was appointed 'cart-man' following the resignation of John Bowman, and Edward Henderson was appointed secretary of the Society.

The Haydon Bridge Society made a regular contribution of between four shillings and eight shillings every three months to the Parish Poor Rate; but in 1878 members of the Society were asked to increase their share capital, to further support the Society in what appears to have been a difficult period for the Haydon Bridge Co-op.

At the half year General Meeting in December 1878, John W. Hetherington was elected President of the Society on the resignation of J.J Harle, and it seems that about this time, a Mr Clarke was asked to introduce the butchery trade at the Store. After some discussion, however, a decision on a butchery side to the business was deferred 'until a future date'.

On July 2nd 1879, Mr Addison the Store manager resigned from his post.

There are signs that times were difficult during Mr Addison's fifteen months as manager; income from cash sales at the Store was falling and, as a result, members were once again asked to help out by postponing any withdrawals of their share capital. The dividend was reduced to one shilling in the pound and Mr Addison's wages were 'kept back' on account of the 'manner in which he left the situation'.

I am reminded here of a saying heard regularly in my youth, that more stuff went out of the back door of a committee run co-operative than ever went out of the front. An unfounded rumour I'm sure!

In any case, with regard to security at the Haydon Bridge Store, 7/8 inch thick iron bars were fixed on the outside of the windows at the rear of the premises.

A new manager, Mr T.A. Thew, was appointed on July 12th 1879, the fourth since the Haydon Bridge Store opened and the third in twenty months.

Following Mr Addison's resignation and the new appointment, a significant improvement in sales income is shown in the Society's accounts and, probably as a consequence, the new manager's wage was increased to £3 fortnightly.

At the Half Yearly General Meeting of February 1880, a 'hearty vote of thanks' was given to Mr.

Thew who had turned the Society's fortunes around.

In spite of Mr Thew's success, the committee accepted his resignation in March 1880. It seems that another four shillings added to his wages brought about a change of heart, however, and he agreed to remain as Store manager.

At the half yearly General Meeting in August 1880, eight members of the eleven man Society committee did resign: Thomas Wigham, Joseph Vickers,

Thomas Smith, George Parker and William Lee; each of whom had been on the committee since day one. And John Varty (since 1875), Mathew Stobbart and William Dickinson (since 1876).

They were replaced on the committee by: John Stokoe, Edward Jackson, William Heslop, John Ritson, Christopher Nevin and Anthony Gill.

When the new committee received another letter of resignation from Mr Thew, in September 1880,

HAYDON BRIDGE CO-OPERATIVE AND INDUSTRIAL SOCIETY MEMBERS : 1875 - 1888

It should be remembered that in its early years, the number of 'members' of the Haydon Bridge Society was relatively small in comparison to the population of the Chapelry or - from June 1879 - the Parish. All the residents were encouraged to shop at the village Store, but only those who had the inclination to join a 'working man's' Society, became members and received associated benefits. Benefits that included interest on their share capital and dividends on their half yearly purchases, as well as special discounts on goods bought. (For example - as noted on page 9 - A profit of 5% for the Society was added for members, and 10% for non-members, on the sale of mangles in 1880. And; non-members who had 'a habit of buying sugar and not tea' were charged one halfpenny per lb extra.)

Were your ancestors early 'members' of the Haydon Bridge Co-operative Society? Although my records are incomplete, I can be sure that the Society members between its formation in 1875 and 1888 - a year in which a new Store was opened - included the following:

The committee members who served during the period:

Thomas Wigham, Thomas Ware, Joseph Nevin, Thomas Davidson, Thomas Dodd, Edward Henderson, Thomas Lee, George Parker, John Curnow, Thomas Brown, Thomas Bell, Thomas Smith, Joseph Bowman, Joseph Vickers, John Gibson, John Varty, George Parker, J.J. Harle, James Johnson, Thomas Johnson, George Kirby, William Dickinson, Mathew Stobbart, Ralph Chalder, Mathew Johnson, William Mordue, William Lee, John Stokoe, Edward Jackson, William Heslop, Christopher Nevin, Anthony Gills, John Ritson, John Dodd, Thomas Lowdon, Joseph Reay, John W. Hetherington, Joseph Chester, Thomas Watson, John Tailford, John Foster, Joseph Brown, Mathew Philipson, Adam Henderson, John Thirlwell, John Spark, Ralph Shipley, Thomas Wilkinson, George Wear, John Lowery, William Brown, Thomas Hardman.

Ordinary members from 1875 to March 1877 included:

William Armstrong, John Smith, Thomas Woodman, W. Hastings, William Batey, Isobella Keen - Lead Birks, John Keen - Threepwood, Ralph Hill, Wallace Lee, Mrs Veitch, R. Shipley, Jacob Heslop, Joseph Hall, Thomas Reay - Brokenheugh, Henry Jones, Joseph Carnes, Mrs Carnes, John Brown, Edward Watson, John Wray - Haydon Fell, John Armstrong, John Thomas Baty, Joseph Liddle - Brokenheugh, John William Teasdale, James Richardson, John Davison, Mrs Batey - Elrington, Joseph Turnbull, John Walton - Greyside, Joseph Shaw, Jane Herdman, William Veitch, Thomas Mason, Robert Irving, Meggie Chalder, John Rumney, Edmund Henderson, Elizabeth Whitfield, William Pattinson, George Lamb - Thorngraston, Ann Armstrong - Bradley Hall, Mary Jane Stokoe, William Andrews.

Members recorded from March 1877 to December 1888. (Listed as written in the Co-op 'Nomination Book'.) The list includes some committee members noted earlier but the additional information on addresses and employment is worth noting. All members are from Haydon Bridge unless otherwise stated:

John Forster (Miner), Thomas Holden - Tofts Bank (Miner), Joseph Vickers (Miner) and Phebe Vickers - Page Croft, Margaret Ann Reed, Robert Cowing (Milliner), William Dickinson - Heugh House (Joiner), John Varty (Miner), William Kent - Cubstocks (Miner), Joseph Chester - Woodshields (Miner), Thomas Lee - Heugh House (Miner), Thomas Wigham - Tofts Bank (Builder), Thomas Davidson - Brokenheugh (Miner), Thomas Brown (Signalman), Joseph Bowman - New Alston (Cart-man), George Kirby - Walkup House (Moulder), John Gibson (Postman), Joseph Wreay - Station Yard, William Batey - Elrington Station (Station Master), Nicholas Bell - Willow Gap (Miner), Thomas Brown (Miner), Hannah Brown - Tan Yard, William Benson, James Benson, Robert Benson, Ralph Benson - all from Standalone (All Miners), John Spark - Tofts Bank (Miner), John Johnson (Miner), Mathew Johnson (Miner) and Margaret Johnson - Station Gates, W.H. Batey (Grocer), John James Batey (Mason), Elizabeth Whitfield, Jane Place (Dress Maker), John Spark (Miner), William Heslop - New Alston (Miner), Peter Scott, Edward Henderson (Joiner), Mary Walton - Gees Wood, Margaret Ann Jordon, Annie Woodman - Tofts Bank, John Stokoe - Tofts Bank (Engineman), Thomas Ashman (Miner), John Ashman (Miner), Joseph Smith - Langley Mills (Sawyer), Mary Ann Watson - Langley Mills, Joseph Liddle, George Johnson - Plunder Heath (Labourer), William Spark.

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they accepted it unanimously and advertised for a new manager. There are no direct references to the new appointment in the available Society documents; however a close examination of the Society's accounts of the day suggests that George Parker was the new Store manager from October 1880, at a fortnightly wage of £2 : 10 shillings.

A certain George Parker had been a committee member from the foundation of the Society until his resignation on August 3rd 1880. Maybe the new manager was the one and the same Mr Parker?

In 1880, one halfpenny extra per pound was charged to 'those customers making a habit of buying sugar but not buying tea' and it was decided that the profit made from the sale of mangles would be 5% from Society members, and 10% from non-members.

The Store committee was forever aware of its social responsibility in the parish and, on March 19th 1881, two shillings and sixpence was donated towards Haydon Bridge lighting and street lamps; and a pair of boots valued at ten shillings and sixpence were given to the Haydon Bridge Flower Show, as a prize for the best tray of vegetables - 3 long and 2 round potatoes, 2 garden turnips, 1 red cabbage, 3 summer onions. Exhibitors had to reside within four miles of Haydon Bridge.

It seems that the committee's responsibility towards its staff was not always as understanding, however, and unfortunately for the Store's 'Boy', Robert Armstrong, his services were 'dispensed with' in August 1881 immediately his apprenticeship was completed. Just a little unfair on the face of it. The secretary was asked to advertise locally for a replacement - 'A sharp action boy to assist in the shop.' Edward Chalder was appointed to the post at a rate of four shillings a week, and 'sent to school to assist him in passing his exams'.

Was Edward a relative of committee man Ralph Chalder, I wonder?

By 1883, an increasing number of items were being purchased from the Co-operative Wholesale Society, including butter, bacon and cheese; and garden seeds were introduced for the first time as a stock item in the Store. In early 1884, circulars were distributed in the district for the purpose of informing the public and reminding members, that they could be supplied with 'perambulators and mangles' by giving orders to the manager.

At the end of the half year in 1884, it was agreed that all Haydon Bridge Co-operative loans could be paid off; a sign of prosperity for the business. However, one year later, committee member John Tailford was asked to, 'canvas the country' in order to increase the numbers of members and trade for the Society.

The Haydon Bridge Co-op was facing competition for their goods and services and, as a consequence, had to look for new sales and income opportunities.

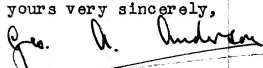
To be continued next month

CORRESPONDENCE

I am always delighted to receive correspondence in response to my Historical Notes. It isn't always possible to publish items from my 'In Box' immediately but I do get round to it eventually and this month I have an interesting response I'd like to share with you. This piece of Haydon Bridge memorabilia is included in a complimentary email from former Haydonian Brian Egginton, who keeps in touch with the village through The Haydon News On line. Brian's father, Douglas Egginton, was secretary of Haydon Bridge F.C. in the 1950s and Brian tells me that while he can understand why his father - a Sheffield Wednesday supporter - wanted to move the family to Sheffield, as a proud Haydonian he has never really settled in city life and, 'Haydon Bridge is never far from my thoughts.'

Following my articles on Haydonian and Dundee F.C Manager and Director George Anderson, Brian has sent me what he describes as, 'another example of George Anderson's love of Haydon Bridge Football Club'; an item of correspondence in reply to Doug's letter in 1951, inviting George Anderson to become a Vice President of Haydon Bridge F.C.

Thank you Brian for this interesting addition to the George Anderson and Haydon Bridge F.C. story.

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Dear Mr. Egginton,	
I thank you for your letter of the 24th inst. informing me that you have again done me the honour of appointing me Vice President of your Club. I can assure you I appreciate this honour very, very much and will you please accept my grateful thanks and kindly notify your committee of my great appreciation.	
Congratulations to the Club upon winning the Clayton Charity Cup which was a great accomplishment.	
I quite appreciate the difficulty you must have in keeping a Club like yours going and I am going to present you with a set of stockings and as I would not wish to give you cast offs, I have written to Mr. Stan Seymour, Newcastle-on-Tyne requesting him to supply you with a set of good stockings, the best quality and I make no doubt he will be getting in touch with you regarding colour etc.	
With renewed thanks for the honour bestowed upon me and wishing the club and committee every success for the coming season.	
I am yours very sincerely, 	
HON. MANAGER and DIRECTOR.	

MEWES / MUIS / MEWSE / MUSE / etc!

As I have intimated in the previous column, it is of special interest to me when my local history articles, or responses to them, encourage others to share and develop the research through their own knowledge or connections.

In Neil O'Loughlin's article in the Haydon News of June 2012, he kindly outlined his extensive research into his own family tree and its connections with the Haydon Bridge Mewes (etc) family. Further links have developed as a result of Neil's article and this month I can introduce you to another whose research into the Mewes family has continued through The Haydon News On Line. (www.haydon-news.co.uk)

Northumberland.
December 2013.

Good morning editors,

I've just found The Haydon News Online and an article on page 6 of the June issue 2012, about the Mews family of Haydon Bridge. This family also appears in my family and in my distant cousin's too. I was actually looking for a photo of the Haydon (spa) well at the time, sheer serendipity I found the Mews article alongside:- Great photo by the way, I was last at this well about 60 years ago and have just found out where it actually was.

I first got interested (in the Mewes family) when I realised an old lady upstairs at my aunt's house had been born in America in 1884. My father said she had been born in a covered wagon. After some more sleuthing, I found she had been born in a mining camp and her parents had been to America and back again in-between the 1881 and 1891 census'. If only she had left a diary it would have made interesting reading.

I should really see if I can find out more: she was called Elizabeth Jane Mewes after her mother, but always called Cissie in my hearing. Her father was George Mewes who was born in Allendale in 1844. His father is where the Haydon Bridge link comes in - Watson Mewes, born at Lane Foot, Haydon Bridge in 1816. There were several Watson Mewes over the years.

Elizabeth Jane Mewes aka Cissie, born in the USA, was my grandmother's sister in-law. Not close but an interesting twig on my family tree.

All the best,

Val. (Name and address supplied.)

Having put Val and Neil O'Loughlin in touch with each other, Neil is able to confirm Val's story and add to the Haydon Bridge connection:

I have now had a good look at my various Mewes records and can confirm that Val's connection is via

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Watson Mewes (b 1816 at Lane Foot, Haydon Bridge - d 1888 Gateshead), Watson's father Thomas (b 1793 at Allerwash Hill, Newbrough - d post 1825), his father Richard (b 1752 in Haydon Bridge - a miller at Newbrough in 1784 - d 1819 Plankey Mill, Haydon Bridge), his father Thomas (b 1726 Haydon Bridge - d 1808 also in Haydon Bridge), his father Richard (b 1692 Haydon Bridge - d post 1741), and his father John Mewerse (alive in 1654 as a tenant at Chesterwood, Haydon Bridge - d 1717 in Haydon Bridge).

As Val pointed out, there were several Watson Mewes in Haydon Bridge and the surrounding area from the early nineteenth century, which made identification of the correct Watson Mewes difficult but not impossible.

Thank you Neil, for sharing your research with our readers. I would be delighted to hear about other family trees with a Haydon Bridge connection.

email: dennistelford636@btinternet.com

FOOTBALL MAD!

My family are football mad,
My brother, sisters mum and dad,
We spend the whole week playing the game,
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My family are football mad,
My granny and granddad are just as bad,
For fifty years they've been watching the Toon,
A cup we are sure to win soon.

My family are football mad,
Although my dad is rather sad,
It's such a shame Sunderland is for him,
I really want to chuck his shirt in the bin

We drive my mum up the wall,
Playing in the lounge and hall,
If we stopped she would be glad,
BUT MY FAMILY ARE FOOTBALL MAD!!

By Jenny Tait (Aged 9)



**Our nine
year old
poet and,
'Football
Mad'
Jenny Tait**

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 fifth casualty, in 1917, was

Joseph Nixon Turnbull

(35) Joseph Nixon Turnbull



Photograph from
Hexham Courant

Joseph served as Private 242145 (3108), 5th Battalion, Northumberland Fusiliers.

He died on 26th October 1917, aged 20.

Born in South Moor, Co. Durham, Joseph was the only son, out of six children, of John and Annie Turnbull (nee Nixon).

Joseph worked in his father's shoe business.

He enlisted at Hexham, in October 1915 and went to France a year later.

As well as having his name on the War Memorial and the Reredos in St.

Cuthbert's, Joseph is also commemorated on the Shaftoe School Memorial.



Joseph Nixon Turnbull
is commemorated on the
Tyne Cot Memorial.



If you have any information relating to Joseph Nixon Turnbull, or any of those individuals on the Haydon Bridge Memorial, then please contact Pam & Ken Linge at: Drystone, Heugh House Lane, Haydon Bridge, NE47 6HJ, phone (01434) 684050 or email: pam_ken.linge@btinternet.com.

Can you help to save the wobbly bridge?

The National Trust is appealing for your help to help reinstate the 'wobbly' Victorian Suspension Bridge at Allen Banks. The conservation charity needs to raise £100,000 to rebuild the bridge and surrounding footpaths which were badly damaged by floods last year.

If you've walked at Allen Banks in the past year, you can't have helped but notice that the bridge is closed. Trees and other debris got tangled in the structure after being washed downstream in floods, badly cracking the original stone steps, while the wooden crossing became a twisted mess.

The bridge being out of action means that you can't easily access the other side of the river, where red squirrels have recently been cited. It means the circular river walk is not possible either.

Allen Banks is hugely popular with local walkers and families for days out. The Trust is hoping that people love the place and bridge enough to donate what they can to help rebuild it. Let's face it – who hasn't had a bounce on the bridge?

Eric Wilton is the National Trust's Countryside Manager, he told us:

"The Bridge is one of the only surviving historic features of Susan Davidson's Wilderness Garden, created in 1850. It is one of the key things that makes Allen Banks so special and is much loved by visitors. Many people have asked whether we will be replacing it like for like. They have made it clear they wouldn't like it replaced with a more modern structure. If we raise the funds needed we can make sure we rebuild it as it was."

The bridge has been missed by visitors to Allen Banks. Ben Walton of Allendale said the bridge 'gave you more options in terms of walking' as its part of a 3 miles circular route which takes in both sides of the river bank. Lawrence Thurgood of Whickham likened it to the rope bridge featured in the movie Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom.

There are many ways to donate to help save the bridge:

- Press the yellow button in Allen Banks car park
- You can donate by sending a cheque to National Trust, Hadrian's Wall Country Group Office, Unit A, Council Yard, Haltwhistle, Northumberland, NE49 0ND
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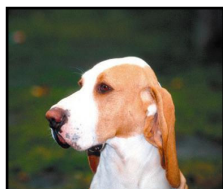
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A VIEW FROM UP THERE

John Harrison

Returning to the subject of unfortunate misprints on church noticeboards, my attention was drawn recently to a parish church notice – not in Haydon Bridge I hasten to add – which said “We are considering forming a branch of the Mothers’ Union. Would anyone wishing to become a Mother see me in the vicarage after Sunday’s evensong.” What could the vicar mean ?

The chance of a misprint is limited once you have used the same words over and over again – wind-rain-flood-wind-rain-flood-wind-rain This winter has provided what seems to be an endless diet of the same weather mix. After a wet December, the ground was saturated so most of January’s rain found its way quite quickly to water courses. Rain was recorded in Haydon Bridge on 27 days, of which 20 exceeded 1.0 mm but intense rainfall was mercifully rare. The Scots word for January would be *dreich*, which rather sums up the whole sad affair. By the end of the month the soil was saturated and standing water in fields was a common sight.

The weather was dominated by vigorous Atlantic weather systems bringing steady precipitation and occasionally strong winds. However, Haydon Bridge escaped the worst of the storm conditions that afflicted the south and west of the UK. Cloudy skies meant that conditions were frequently dull and very murky with a relatively low cloud base. Between the storms brief ridges of high pressure brought some clearer skies but this inevitably resulted in low night temperatures, notably on the 12th. Temperatures, which were remarkably consistent over the course of the month, were occasionally low enough for sleet and hail to fall, which affected some of the higher ground where there were some accumulations of snow.

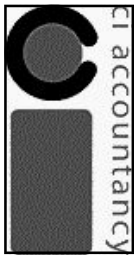
An endless necklace of deep winter storms has threaded its way across the UK for much of the winter. Being driven by a strong jet-stream in the upper atmosphere, it is a weather pattern that will take some time to change. As the storms are approaching from the south-west they are charged with relatively warmer air and a large amount of moisture. So it is no surprise that strong winds, heavy rain and floods are the three gifts they bring. Given the exceptional nature of these events, having statistically a low probability of recurrence, it is perhaps a little unfair to blame government agencies for some of the woes that have been visited upon folk who live along our coasts and in wide river valleys. But in the case of the Somerset Levels, the landscape is essentially man-made, maintained by ancient drainage systems. Is compromising the effectiveness of this system in order to protect the ecology of the river corridor perhaps taking environmental correctness too far? And what about gravel banks in the South Tyne – didn’t folk used to cart this away at one time? Why not now?

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

Month	Av. Max.Temp. (Daytime) °C	Relative to long-term av. °C	Av. Min.Temp. (Night-time) °C	Relative to long-term ave. °C	Rainfall mm	Percentage of long-term average
January 2014	6.8	+1.0	2.4	+1.1	85.4	103

And finally Gladys tells me that she is very concerned about a friend of hers who has been worried about her loss of memory. She went into her local bookshop a few weeks ago and found this paperback called “How to Improve Your Memory”, which guaranteed rapid improvement. When she got home she went to put it on the bookshelf and found herself shelving it next to the copy she bought last year.

Father time is a great artist but many do not care for the lines he draws.



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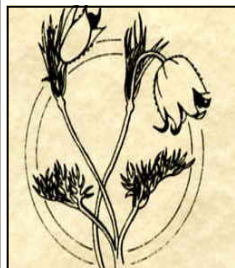
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THE PARISH PROFILE

St Cuthbert's PCC are beginning to construct The Parish Profile.

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The majority of residents will use The Church at some time, for Weddings, Baptisms or Funerals so it is important that you let us know your thoughts on what kind of Vicar you would like and what future development you would like to see taking place.

Please contact Pippa Exham, Margaret Marshall, Cathy Duffy, Dave Thornhill, Joyce Armstrong, Joanna Thompson or any other member of the PCC as soon as possible. Thank you.

WACKY WHIT WEDDING WALK ON THE WALL

Saturday June 7th 2014

So here is the challenge to the GITS bridal team – to get their BRIDE to the wedding on time. The bride – 110 kg of gorgeousness – has to reach her wedding via the Hadrian's Wall path between the Twice Brewed Inn and Housesteads (and back). Can the bridal party get 'her' to the altar on time. Is this mission impossible?

The bride (John Harrison) has been very generously supplied with a made-to-measure wedding dress (as in the picture) by *Armstrong fashion and bridal of Haltwhistle* and is being prepared for her special day by *Reflections: Hair and Beauty of Haydon Bridge*. Please make the embarrassment of standing in a bridal parlour having a wedding dress fitted worth it by sponsoring the GITS team – we are fundraising for the Tynedale Hospice at Home and the Haydon Bridge Performing Arts Festival. You can sponsor us at any of the following sponsor points around Haydon Bridge – Claire's Newsagents, The General Havelock, The Anchor Hotel, or Reflections. Out of town you can also sponsor us at The Bowes Hotel or The Twice Brewed Inn in Bardon Mill, or Armstrongs in Haltwhistle.

The day starts at 11.00 am with the preparation of the bride – all manner of strange things will be done to beautify the bride - then the Walk takes place from 2.00 pm until 6.00 pm starting at the Twice Brewed Car Park, and finally you are ALL invited to the village wedding of the year at The General Havelock from 8.00 pm – full wedding, reception, cake, music – the lot !!! What could be a better way of relaxing after your cycle ride than a great party?

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CHURCHES WORKING TOGETHER

CLERGY MESSAGE FROM:

Father Leo Pyle

In these disintegrating times the cynical question is, "Where is God?" And the answer is, "Share, shelter, clothe and stand by your kinsfolk." There is no other kind of folk; we are all brothers and sisters. That is what it takes to shine in our world and make God present, the sheltering, the sharing, the providing, the loyalty.

And our generosity has healing power. It brings wholeness to our humanity. Add integrity and we are into glory, the glory of the Lord, the glory of being all that we are meant to be, in the image and likeness of the Lord. The prayer that issues out of our generosity and integrity is attended by real presence, the real presence of the Lord, through, with and in us. We are never apart and our solidarity with the Lord relieves mankind and enlightens our humanity. "The good man is (indeed) a light in the darkness for the upright". (*Ps: 111.4*)

This God-powered revelation of generosity, healing, integrity and glory is endorsed by the Psalmist with his account of the good person. At once a light, generous, merciful, sharing and honourable, never wavering, always remembered. This good man "... has no fear of evil news with a firm heart he trusts (trusts) in the Lord."

Such a person then is at once steadfast, fearless, open-handed, just; in short a glorious human being, the salt of the earth. The good person is an eye-opener, a mind blower and a revelation of our Father in heaven. That is the good person.

So we are not into oratory, philosophy and show. We are into guarantee and divine assurance. He is called Jesus, "The good man, (who) is a light in the darkness." He says so in so many words. "I am the Light of the World, anyone who follows me will have the light of life." (*Jn. 8.12*) This is Jesus, the crucified Christ. A living, loving demonstration of the Spirit. (*1 Cor. 2.5*)

Jesus is the faith focus and the focus of all our faith. And our faith does not depend on human philosophy but on the power of God. We see things in a very different way. Whereas one vision sees only persons, places and things, the faith vision is of the whole "Jesus . . . the crucified Christ . . . demonstration of the power of the Spirit", through, with and in the whole creation, rhyme and reason of our existence, salt of the earth and light of the world.

Hence our vocation to be salt and light so that all may walk in this truth, share, shelter and provide and "turn not from (our) own kith and kin." This is the knowledge. This is the only knowledge we claim. It is about Jesus, our humanity full realised, and only about him as the crucified Christ, given completely for us to share with us, to shield and shelter, provide for us as we must do for one another.

Father Leo Pyle

WHO AND WHERE

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

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Evening Communion

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9 March

10am

Family Service

Local Arrangements

6pm

Evening Worship

Malcolm Jones

16 March

10am

Morning Worship

Margaret Weatherson

3.30pm

Circuit Service

At Kielder Castle

No 6pm Service

23 March

10am

Morning Worship

Rev Tony Buglass

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Evening Worship

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30 March

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Morning Worship

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2 March

10am BCP
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9 March

10am Joint Communion
Rev. John Harrison

16 March

10am Service of the Word
Lay Reader TBA

23 March

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

30 March

10am **Mothers Sunday**
Joint Communion Rev. Neil Wilson

BELTINGHAM / HENSHAW CHURCH SERVICES

2 March

10am **Beltingham**
Morning Prayer
Led by a Lay Member of PCC

9 March

10am *Joint Communion, Haydon Bridge*

16 March

10am **Henshaw**
BCP
Rev. Janet Jackson

23 March

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

30 March

10am *Joint Communion Haydon Bridge*

St. Cuthberts Parish Church

Women's World
Day of Prayer
Friday 7th March
2.00 pm
Speaker:
Rev. Janet Jackson
All Ladies Welcome

St. Cuthberts Parish Church

Spring Fayre
Saturday 8th March
Community Centre
10.00—12.00 noon
Cakes Tombola Raffle
All Welcome

Lent Course at the Methodist Church

over five consecutive Tuesday nights
beginning 11th March from 7.00 to 8.00 pm
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All welcome to come along.

MESSY CHURCH

After weeks and weeks of heavy rain, gales, high tides and floods – the forecast for 12th February was 'more of the same!'

The daily reports and pictures on the telly and in the papers show the chaos that the storms have caused in the south and west of the country. So far the north-east has got off lightly but will this continue? when will the storms abate? what can be done?

Messy Church have come with an answer – 'Be prepared!'

At the session on 12th February the young members got busy preparing an Ark – following in the wake of Noah 4,000 to 5,000 years ago.

The result was the vessel in the picture – it is capable of housing two children and who knows how much more!, their industrious activity was enjoyed by everyone.



Messy Church meets on the second Wednesday of the month 3.30 – 5.45 pm in the Methodist Church. It is a village 'Churches Working Together' activity and adults from all three Churches in the village are involved. It is led by Father Leo Pyle and Deacon Anne Taylor and is open to all children ages three to ten years old.

Sessions start with registration and refreshments, this is followed by an hour of activities based on a biblical theme (crafts/painting/icing biscuits etc.) A short time of learning songs and a talk follow and the afternoon ends with a simple hot meal for everyone.

Why not come along?

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(remember children under 8 years need to be accompanied by an adult).

Next session Wed.
12th March 3.30 pm

NOTICES & WHAT'S ON?

HAYDON BRIDGE UNITED ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL CLUB

HBUAFC hold their monthly meeting on the first **Monday** of every month at **7.30pm** in the Lounge of the **Anchor Hotel** where representatives of every football team in the village are invited to attend.

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6th. Mar. Brian & Sophie Fuller
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If you are interested in saving our native red squirrel please come along to this meeting to find out more about the efforts in Haydon Bridge and the Allen Valleys. Will Nicholls, our local wildlife photographer, will be giving a talk with images about our small colony of reds in the Haydon Bridge area. Katy Cook from Red Squirrels Northern England will also be there to answer any questions you have about Red Squirrel conservation.

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The next quiz at The Havelock will be on Tuesday March 4th, which will be a "Queenie" quiz, supporting the Breast Cancer Campaign.

Wear something pink (preferably something we can all see) for the occasion.

This month there is an additional quiz, on Tuesday March 18th, which starts slightly earlier at 7.30pm. This will be in the restaurant area and is a fundraiser for your parish church, St Cuthbert's.
John Harrison

Community Centre Regular Activities

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shelley.m@josiesdragonfly.org
Dance Club, 7.30-10pm Audrey Philips,
684452
george@vallum.plus.com

TUESDAY

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07747 842364
Karate – 6.15pm David Beales,
07561153485
david.beales2@btinternet.com

WEDNESDAY

Yoga 10am Alicia Lester,
aliciafearon@btinternet.com
Pilates - 6.30pm Lorna,
07747 842364
Art classes (bi monthly) Barbara Wardle,
688886
bbarawardle2011@btinternet.com

THURSDAY

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07747 842364
Irish Dance 4.15pm Kathleen Hannon,
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kmhannon@btinternet.com
Bowls Club 7.30pm (Sept-April)
Joseph Tulip,
688817
joseph.tulip@cnmedia.co.uk
Parish Council 7.30pm (monthly)

FRIDAY

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SATURDAY

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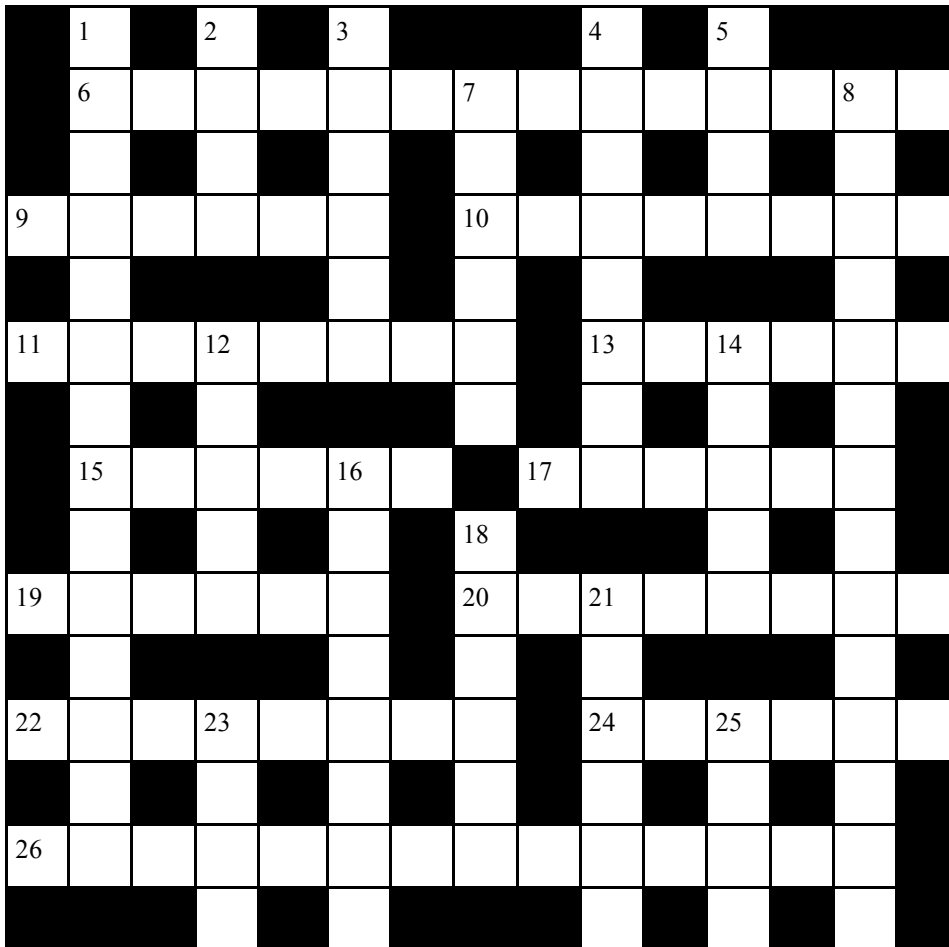
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6. DUCK
8. SCRIPTED
9. EUNOMY
10. RAMP
11. COOPERATES
12. CALCEATED
14. STATE
17. SCOTT
19. NEWMAR-KET
22. FOREFATHER
23. SWAN
24. PIPING
25. NUCLEOLI
26. YORK
27. RESISTANCE

DOWN

1. RESTRICTS
2. CARTMEL
3. OPTICIAN
4. RADIO TELE-
PHONES
5. EXETER
6. DONCASTER
7. COMMENT
13. CATTERICK
15. EXTENSIVE
16. EMBRACES
18. CHORIZO
20. KOWLOON
21. BANGOR

NUMBER OF ENTRIES

9

LAST MONTH'S WINNER

Mrs. Anne Plastow of Leyland

Entries in before
Saturday 22th March

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

ACROSS

- 6 & 2 dn. Magnificent dog to get through Alpine route (5,2,7,4)
9. Cupboards lose junction end (6)
10. Way in which hospital department managed church (8)
11. Flag the old class? (8)
13. Native, endlessly stupid, holds princess (6)
15. Barrel inside Pole is rather fat! (6)
17. Jointure returns with right - put it differently (6)
19. Outlaw old biscuit (6)
20. Fasten four in charge in return for man in the street (8)

22. Relit bit amended lots of words (8)

24. Cross when fish measure state (6)

26. Hirohito, maybe, takes the biscuit for this bird (7,7)

DOWN

1. Simian ate grail and achieved equality (14)
2. (see 1 ac.)
3. Resort is in commodes safe at last (6)
4. Stand across muddled Tees bird (8)
5. Coin article fore and aft (4)

7. Goal in attempt to be modern (6)

8. Biologist could award kind Chris (7,7)

12. Important - detonator blew a hill off (5)

14. Fifty back up nobleman but it's not serious (5)

16. Country enclosed Bible symbols (8)

18. Stint a thousand in shares (6)

21. Reeves and stubbs marry camel (6)

23. Felt sorry for herb on beginning of desert (4)

25. A chimney cleaner (4)

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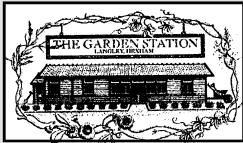
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LANGLEY WI

The night that snow arrived, the members of Langley WI managed to get to the hall but altered their usual format so that their speaker, Jane from Josie's Dragonfly Trust, could get home before the weather got any worse.

Jane began by telling us how the Trust began, the legacy of Josie Grove a young lady who was diagnosed with a terminal cancer. She was given donations of money after the press picked up her story. She gave lots of this money away to charities but after spending some time creating memories with her family, she decided she wanted other children and young people with cancer to have the same opportunities to make memories and fulfil wishes.

It will be 7 years in April since Josie passed away and her mum Jackie has kept the Trust going. They provide cash gifts for young people, with no hope of a cure, to spend on their wishes. They also provide Dragonfly Dreams, wishes granted at very short notice, such as a helicopter ride for a 5 year old, which had taken place that week.

They also provide Arts and Craft Boxes to children's cancer wards throughout the country because Josie was a very artistic young lady who wanted to make things when she was in hospital receiving treatment.

Jane then explained how money is raised to support the charities work, from The Dragonfly Ball to the Dragonfly Project, which involves people raising a specific amount of money before they travel to Thailand where they brighten the lives of children in an orphanage, install water filters in remote Hill tribe villages and take children with life limiting cancer for a few days away from the hospital, to give them some fun.

One of our members, Susan Stephenson has recently been to Thailand with the Trust and has told us what an amazing experience it was.

Jane said what a privilege it is to work for Josie's Dragonfly Trust, and encouraged everyone to visit the shop in Hexham or the unit they have been given in the Metro Centre and speak to Josie's mum Jackie.

The competition, A Postcard, was won by Diane with her card of a Spanish Senorita and Linda's postcard of Old Hexham in second place. Next Month we'll be visiting Mr George's Museum of Time in Haltwhistle, by kind invitation of Diane. We will meet there at the earlier time of 7pm.

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Speeding.

Not long ago I was driving into Newcastle along Stamfordham Road (dual carriageway) approaching the roundabout at Two Ball Lonnen, blissfully unaware that there was a police video van parked at the side of the road.

A few days later a letter from Northumbria Police arrived telling me that I'd been "clocked" at 36mph in a 30mph limit. I was given two options: pay a fine of £100 and have three penalty points endorsed on my licence or go on a speed awareness course at a cost of £84, but with no endorsement. Not surprisingly I went for the latter option.

The course took place at the Holiday Inn near Stanington. I arrived at 7.45am for an 8am start to find 23 other miscreants already seated in the lecture room. Their average age was about 50 and about one third were women.

One of our lecturers- Mick from Whitley Bay- explained that the police discretion to give the option of a speed awareness course arose where the speed was less than one tenth more than the speed limit plus 9mph. i.e. in a 30mph limit a speed less than 42mph. This did not apply if you had been offered a course or been convicted of speeding within the last three years.

Mick told us that had we gone for the fine and endorsement option we would have been obliged to notify our insurers, who on average load your premium with £70 per endorsement point i.e. not just a £100 fine but an additional £210 to pay to your insurers!

We definitely felt we had made the right choice!

It transpired that a large number of those present had been caught on the A1 close to the metro Centre where the speed limit drops from 70mph to 50mph- a change largely ignored by motorists.

We were all given a remote control to answer questions such as: what is the usual speed limit in an urban area? 8% thought it was 40mph, so no wonder they got caught speeding!

To the question: what is the speed limit on a motorway? 4% replied 80mph. Oh dear!

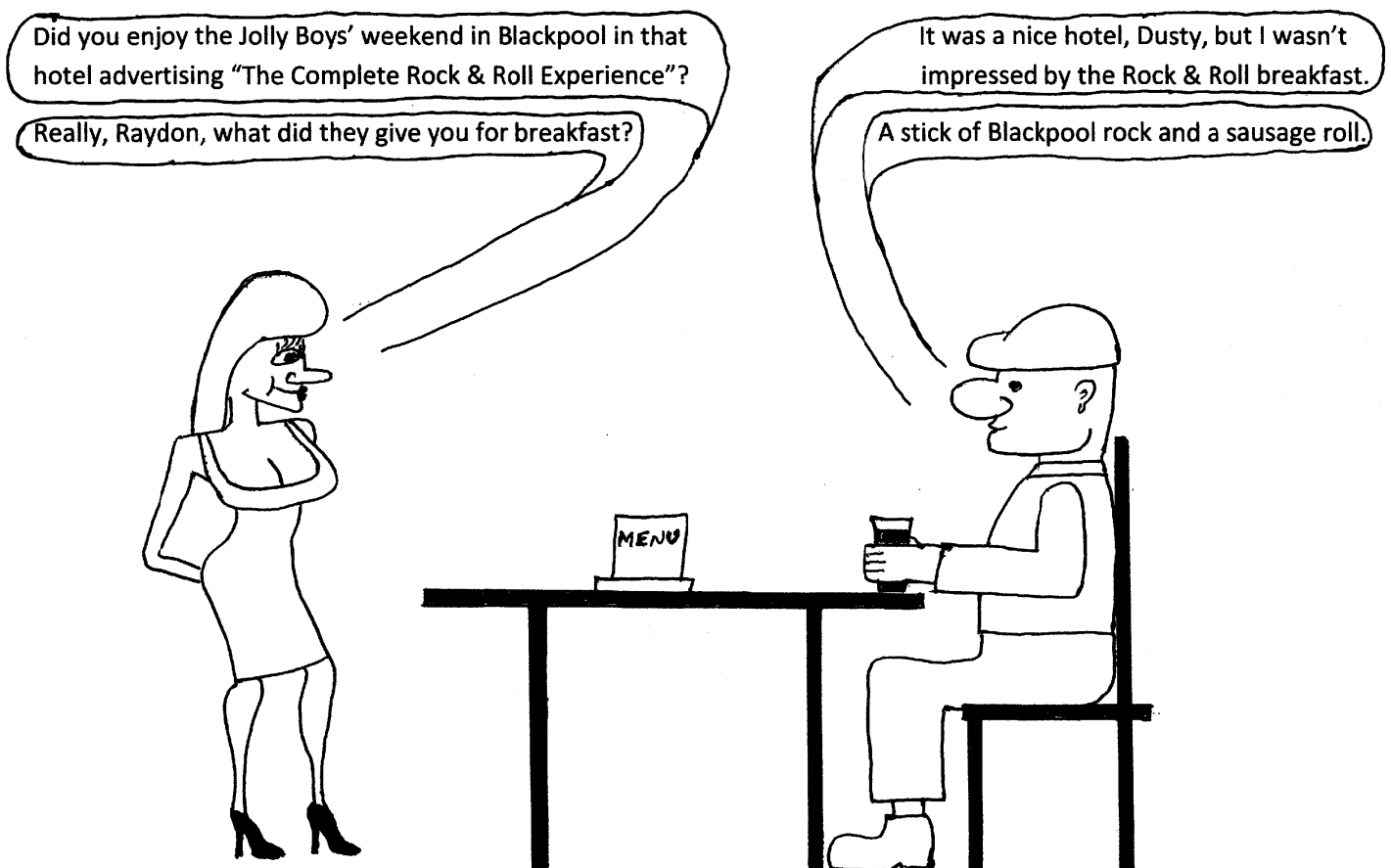
There was much demonstration of the effect of speed in an accident.

After 4 hours of this we were allowed to go and I drove slowly home, this time keeping a wary eye open for police video vans!

Grumpole.

Ed: I was nabbed on The Two Ball Lonnen too!

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Welcome to our newsletter feature which we hope to publish twice a year, to keep everyone up to date with news and events at Low Hall Park.

As with all clubs affiliated to the Football Association, here at Haydon Bridge Utd all of our Managers, Coaches and assistants comply with Child Protection and Safeguarding legislation, and every junior team has at least one coach with an FA level 1 coaching qualification. We are delighted to have retained our Charter Standard Status following the annual inspection by the Football Association.

This season Haydon Bridge Utd have Under 10, Under 11, Under 12, Under 15 and Under 16 teams at junior level, and the Anchor Hotel Sunday team and Veterans at senior level. Each team has their own designated training session under floodlights on the Astro Turf Area, and, on a Monday evening from 6pm to 7pm we are holding introductory sessions for all youngsters under 8 years old.

With the aid of grants from Sport England and local funding organisations such as the Community Chest and the Community Developer fund, along with our own fund raising efforts, we have had a very busy time at Low Hall Park. We have developed a new mini-soccer pitch for Under 8 to Under 10 teams to play on, we have new roofs on the clubhouse and the dug-outs, and the clubhouse has been completely refurbished and redecorated. In order to minimise disruption, and to protect our assets we have had flood defence systems fitted to the Astro Turf area and the clubhouse.

As you can see, we have made a tremendous effort to keep Low Hall Park in tip-top condition, and we would like to thank Cllr Alan Sharp, Kathie Keadie at North Country Leisure and our local community for their continued support.

In recognition of David Kirsopp expertly maintaining the pitches at Low Hall Park for over 40 years the club organised for him to be a guest of the grounds staff at The Stadium of Light.

He was given a full tour of the stadium and facilities, watched a premier league match from the sidelines, and then realised a childhood dream by stepping onto the "hallowed turf" at half time to be shown how to replace divots by the professionals! Although in the opinion of everyone at Haydon Bridge Utd, and other visiting teams, he already does a fantastic job at Low Hall Park, and continues to do so, without payment. Thank you David...

Several social events held at Low Hall Park have been a huge success thanks to local support, especially the Beer Festival which has become an annual pilgrimage for many visitors, through to our junior teams presentation day at the end of the season, where a fun day, which included an obstacle course and a tug of war followed by the trophy ceremony.

This was all finished by 6pm then the senior team held their presentation and BBQ courtesy of Steve and Lindsay at the Anchor Hotel.

The football club have organised a show, and sale, of ladies fashionable clothing, all from high street stores, on Thursday 1st May at Haydon Bridge High School, watch out for further details around the village.

Future social events to pencil in for 2014 at Low Hall Park include the Beer Festival which will be held on the 4th and 5th July.

Haydon Bridge Utd is run exclusively by volunteers, and is always looking for new members, players, coaches, referees or individuals who can help the club to realise the sporting aspirations of the local community.

For the 2014/15 season we are particularly looking for adults to help run an Under 9's team, and we are looking for additional players to boost numbers for our U13's.

Thank you for your continued support, and remember, our monthly meetings are held in the dining room at the Anchor Hotel on the first Monday of every month at 7.30pm. If you are interested in helping out or would like to discuss other issues please contact Paula or Avril, or just come along to a meeting...

Here's to a nice dry early spring

Avril & Paula

(Cartoon to follow next month)



9 Top Tips For Managing Eczema or Dry Skin

The cold weather at this time of year can often lead to worsening of dry skin conditions including eczema or dermatitis as it is commonly known.

Here are ten top tips to help keep eczema under control.

1. Regular and liberal application of medical moisturisers is the key part to keeping eczema under control.
2. Moisturisers are most effective when put on when the skin is already moist for example a few minutes after a bath but can be put on at any time.
3. Try not to use soap as this can dry and irritate the skin. Replace soap with medical moisturising creams such as aqueous cream. These do not lather in the same way soap does but do clean and are much more hydrating.
4. Try to identify and avoid factors that make your eczema worse. If you think you may be handling something which may make the eczema worse wear gloves.
5. Avoid extremes of temperature where possible.
6. When you have a flare up of eczema a steroid cream may be needed to bring the condition under control. Some more mild steroid creams can be purchased from the pharmacy. If these are not effective the GP can also prescribe more potent steroid creams.
7. The pharmacy team are often able to provide treatment and advice to help you manage your condition so call in and let us help you.

No Smoking Day 12th March

Could this be your year? Every year approximately 250000 people try to stop smoking on No Smoking Day and every year thousands of people quit for good.

The theme of this years event is: V for Victory, In the battle against cigarettes we can help you win.

Call in to the pharmacy on No Smoking Day you can have your Carbon Monoxide level in your lungs checked. Carbon Monoxide is present in cigarettes. It binds to red blood cells in preference to oxygen meaning smokers will have less energy and feel more tired.

We will have lots of information for you including hints and tips to help you give up. There will also be an NHS stop smoking advisor in the pharmacy available for drop in appointments so if you feel inspired to stop you can seize the day there and then.

Tom McCullough, Pharmacist and Owner of Haydon Bridge Pharmacy.

FLOODING

DO WE NEED, OR HAVE WE ALREADY GOT, A VILLAGE DISASTER PLAN

In the early 80s, in the village where I was working at the time in Nottingham, I was a member of the Parish Council. At one meeting we had a presentation by a disaster management official from the local council.

The village was right next to the very flood-prone Trent, it had a main road and a mainline railway running through it and a large part of the village was built on the flood plain. Does it sound at all familiar?

All this was before 9/11 and 7/7 but it was at the tail end of the Cold War and Reagan's Star Wars project was in the news constantly. Thatcher's government seemed to be encouraging disaster preparedness. Perhaps cynically, I suspected that it was a ruse to raise public anxiety about 'The Evil Empire'.

Anyway...

The council officer gave us a plausible disaster to deal with: A huge gas tanker train derails in the middle of the village. A couple of the tankers ignite and detonate the whole of the rest of the train—a gigantic fuel/air bomb, in effect, but many times larger than anything any air force has ever used. The effect is similar to a low yield tactical nuclear weapon but without the radiation. Half the village is knocked flat and/or incinerated.

What sort of response could the surviving community mount on its own? We laboured to work something out in the fifteen minutes allotted.

The Chairman of the Parish Council went into Capt. Mainwaring mode without difficulty—hardly broke step in fact.

The WI were immediately to provide tea and biscuits in the smouldering ruins. First aid volunteers would leap into action with Band-Aids and paracetamol. Vans, lorries and estate cars would ferry the injured to hospital. Garden hoses were to be strung together to douse the flaming acres of heavily mortgaged debris. Houses with spare rooms were to be used as temporary shelter for the lightly singed but still walking refugees. Etc Etc.

It is to be hoped that the recent dampness in the Home Counties will make floating voters of many climate change sceptics but would Haydon Bridge cope any better? The flooding that we get from time to time tends to be of short duration but it won't always be like that. Suppose the water was waist deep on the level crossing...

Perhaps we, individually and collectively, should think about making a plan. Steve Ford

A trio of short pieces from our mistress of the literary arts — Euphemia Whaletrouser

OUT OF THE MOUTHS OF BABES...

Durham Cathedral in the North of England has long been heralded as one of the most magnificent examples of its kind in the world.

Not to be outdone Newcastle boasts two cathedrals of its own and in front of one stands a prominent statue of Cardinal Basil Hume in full ecclesiastic dress.

I pointed the figure out to my young son and asked hopefully if he knew who the great man was.

"Of course I do!" he replied proudly "It's Darth Maul from Star Wars!".

A CAUTIONARY TALE.

My husband has a deep - some would say unhealthy - regard for Michel Roux Jnr.

In a very poor light he even looks like him.

Whenever he is on tv we have to sit in rapt attention as the bon-mots fall from the great man's mouth.

Today was no exception as he came on just after Saturday Kitchen. I don't mind - for a few moments I can gaze at the set and remind myself of home.

Michel, host of Professional Masterchef, was asked why the programme is so popular given only a small percentage of viewers could ever hope to achieve similar standards.

With Gallic flair M.Roux said "Ahhhhhh but!! We are selling fairy tales!"

Hubby still transfixed to the screen agreed and said aloud to Michel, "Yes and with my wife's cooking it's certainly Grimm!"

Slightly used partner with a broken frying pan anyone?

TOURIST ATTRACTIONS

Some years ago I took my Mum to London for a weekend treat.

Being very posh but infirm I decided she needed to be cosseted and central. The 5 star Marriott on the south side of the river next to the London Eye was just the ticket.

We arrived late at night. The staff had already closed the drapes and placed a Swiss chocolate on our pillow. After a superb dinner in the hotel dining room we repaired to our separate bedrooms with interconnecting doors.

Next morning I woke to hear her humming. I went through and put the miniature kettle on as a prelude to our breakfast.

My Mother is one of those European women who thinks nothing of strolling round strange rooms, in private, completely in the nude. In this state of déshabillée she emerged from the bathroom and took the delicate French porcelain cup from my hand. Little pinkie in air, she opened the curtains with a flourish to check out the world-class view from her enormous window.

She had no fear of being seen. We were 6 floors up and the nearest building was far beyond the other side of the Thames.

My mother had not reckoned with the London Eye. At exactly our height and mere inches away was a large stationery glass pod. Inside were 8 Japanese tourists taking pictures of the stunning Grade 11 listed building which our hotel occupied. So near were they I could see the make of their cameras and the whites of their eyes. Mother - totally naked - did a helpful twirl.

If I was horrified Mum was not. She said "The Japanese are sticklers for impeccable manners. Thank goodness I was holding the cup correctly."

News from California Allotments.

March is the great South-North divide, Hampshire can have warm dry soil, where our California may still have damp cold soil. It can warm up one day then the next it's cold again. It's said that years ago the gardeners would sit on the soil with their bare bum to test if the soil had warmed up, but I think these days it is preferred to use the palm of your hands.

You can get an early start by using polythene or glass cloches. Put the cloches in place to warm the soil up a week or two before sowing seeds such as peas, carrots and beetroot. Only sow a small amount of each as it is only a catch crop. Look out for Jack, that is Jack FROST, you may have to cover the cloches with fleece on very frosty nights.

Onion sets, shallots and parsnips can go into the cold soil without any protection other than netting to stop the birds from pulling them out.

GREENHOUSE

When sowing tomatoes and cucumbers start them in small plug pots and as the roots begin to curl in the bottom of the pot, that it is time to re pot into a 2 ½ inch onto 4 inch pots then into the greenhouse, borders or into grow bags as I do, to keep down year to year contamination.

Tomato Shirley is a good cropper and tastes good. Telegraph cucumber can be used to eat or if looked after could be a winner in the village show.

If you find cucumber is hard to digest then try sowing Cucumber Burpless, it goes down a treat.

Allotments are a lot of fun and good exercise. If you would like to give it a go, contact James Brown and ask to be put on the list. If you are not dedicated and don't have a minimum of 4hrs spare time a week, then an allotment may not be for you.

SHAFTOE TRUST PRIMARY SCHOOL

SPRING TERM EVENTS:

During our 'Green Week' children have been working in house groups exploring various issues and the Eco theme continued within their classes. Activities focussed on Recycling, Reusing and Reducing. Children were invited to bring a game or jigsaw to school that they no longer had any use for to 'swap'.

However there was also the recurring theme of DOG DIRT! Children have produced posters which are to be displayed along the path on Shaftoe Green and Year 1 decided to make large instructional posters—watch out for them in the village...

In March there is our 'Around the World Week' where each class will be learning about countries across the world including costumes, foods, traditions and culture. As part of this we will also be exploring our local Northumbrian heritage with help from the Schools Library Service.

Mrs Ord, our Unit Manager, will be cooking a selection of foods from around the world during that week.

Mrs. Santamarina, our teaching assistant, will be cooking some traditional Spanish foods for children to taste. Year 1 children have already been learning Spanish songs.

STAFFING:

As you are probably aware Mrs Cox is retiring at the end of this term after 20 years as Headteacher. We are busy collecting photographs and anecdotal pieces as part of a book of memories. If past pupils or parents would like to contribute a memory or just a simple message please send it into school as soon as possible.

A formal presentation will take place after the Spring Festival on Wednesday 2nd April. In addition to this staff and pupils are organising a few surprises which will be given to Audrey after egg jarping on her final day (approx. 3.00 p.m.).

It would be appreciated if any donations for Audrey's gift could be left at school before March 10th (giving us time to shop)!

Congratulations to Mr Dunn and his wife on the birth of their second son. Baby Peter was born on Tuesday 4th February, weighing 7lbs 14 ozs.

Mrs Cooper, Year 2 teacher and Assistant Headteacher is retiring at the end of the summer term 2014 after teaching at Shaftoe for the past 24 years.

DATES FOR DIARIES:

Friday 21st March 6-8pm- school disco

Wednesday 2nd April- Spring Festival at 2pm

Friday 4th April- Egg Jarping Final at **2.40pm** (change of time)

WEST TYNE FEDERATION NEWS

Safer Internet Day

We have been talking about keeping safe when we are working on the internet. We enjoy the internet at home and at school but we have to be safe all of the time.

We met the Smart Crew who taught us some important messages ...

- S** - always stay Safe on the internet
- M** -do not give personal information otherwise a stranger might try to Meet you
- A** - never Accept strange messages or messages from people you don't know
- R** -always check out more than one website for Reliable information
- T** - Tell someone if you feel unsure or uneasy about something you see on the Internet

On February 11th 2014 children and students around our country reminded themselves and other people of all the fantastic things on the internet but also the dangers to watch out for. Always enjoy the internet but always stay safe. We are proud to be SMART crew members in our schools!

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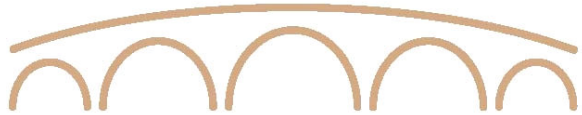
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WEDNESDAY 26th MARCH 2014 at 7.30PM
HAYDON BRIDGE COMMUNITY CENTRE

- An informal talk and answers to questions about domestic and commercial scale wood heating systems. What's possible and how much can be saved
- There has never been a better time to consider biomass heating. With the non-domestic Renewable Heat Incentive (RHI) already established and the domestic RHI set to begin in Spring 2014, a biomass boiler will not only save you money on your heating bills but also provide a sustainable investment too.

As the longest-standing installer of biomass systems in Northumberland, North Yorkshire and the Scottish Borders, The Wood Heating Company has over 30 years of biomass heritage and experience at your disposal. We look forward to seeing you there.

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED
For more information contact: mark@ianson.net

Are you a local business or interested in
Promoting tourism
in Haydon Bridge?

TOURISM EVENING

TUESDAY 18TH MARCH 2014 at 7.45PM
HAYDON BRIDGE COMMUNITY CENTRE

- Review our progress - tourist information point, website, walks and cycling leaflets, events (Haydon Hundred Cyclo-Sportive, GITS Performing Arts Festival, Beer Festival, Haydon Local Artists' Summer Exhibition) – and more
- Discuss how we can use the programme of summer events to promote tourism locally
- Share knowledge, experience and ideas
- Plan future events and promotion

If you are interested or can help with any of the above do come along. There's no need to reply or register, just turn up and bring some good ideas if possible. We look forward to seeing you there.

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For more information contact: tourism@haydon-bridge.co.uk



Haydon Bridge Methodist Church

Presents

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Saturday, 5th April at 7.00pm

Admission to include supper:

£5 in advance from 01434 684560

Or £6 at the door

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THE HAYDON BRIDGE OIL BUYING CO-OPERATIVE

The February order for the co-operative amounted to 63,200 litres - that is several tanker loads. So far, no problems with this delivery have been reported to me.

The price quoted was:

53.33ppl + VAT

The next order will be in May.

New members are always welcome - a handful appear each month. Do spread the word as widely as possible. The bigger the orders, the bigger the discounts.

The biggest saving on this order reported to me was £150.00 for one customer. Anyone claiming a greater saving should let me know.

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