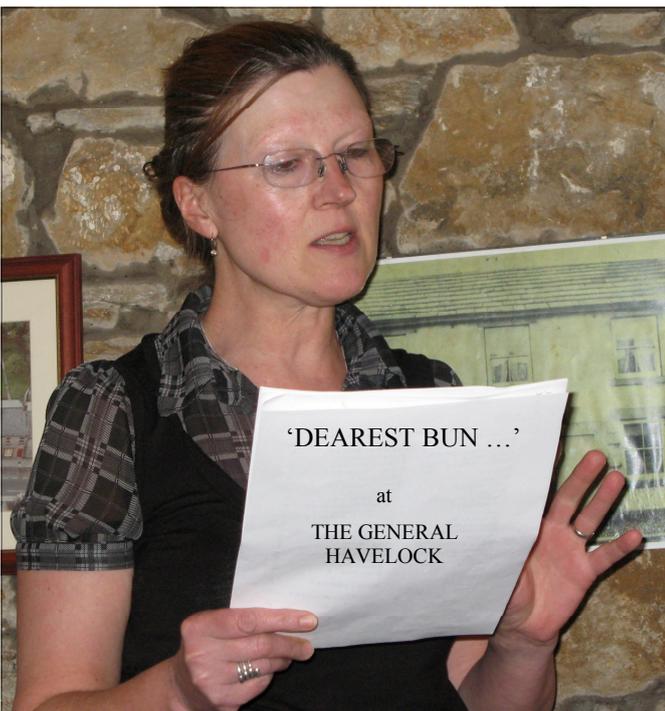
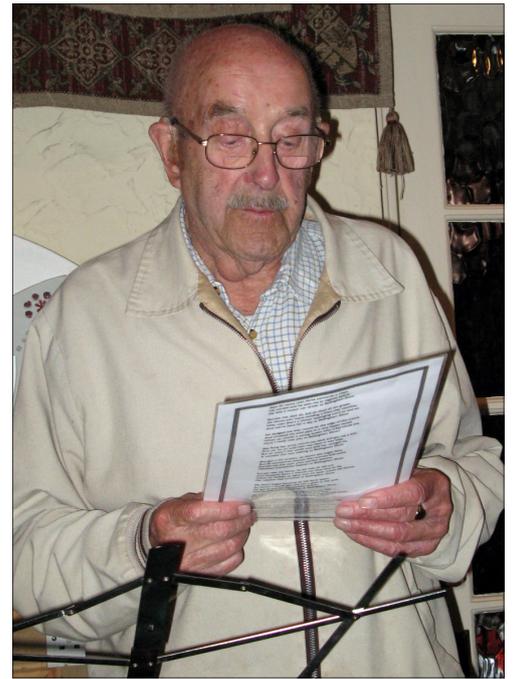




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EDITORIAL

Well done Ellie Charlton! £25 will be on its way to you soon. You have sent in a beautiful bold drawing — page 32. This is our first entry to our Under 16s prize competition and it looks great. More please!

I regret to report that one of our crossword compilers, Mr. Alan Borthwick, has hung up his quill after long and honourable service. We are most grateful to him for his contributions over the years and hope that in the future he may feel the urge to make other and different contributions. Thank you Alan!

There is now a vacancy for a new compiler. Go on! Give it a go! You know you have been just itching to try your hand at crossword compiling. Drop me an email or a letter via Claire's as soon as possible.

Various people have hinted at their willingness to write pieces for the HN and it is always a pleasure to get new contributors. We aim to have the widest possible variety of things in the magazine and that depends on you! Very many people in the parish have had or still have fascinating jobs or hobbies or stories to tell - we would love to hear from you.

Local businesses and organisations are very welcome to send in articles about themselves and any new developments or special events that they are organising. Dennis Telford has sent me a long list of previous contributors that he can call to mind and so we know there is a lot on offer.

Short stories - there's another possibility. Young people especially should feel welcome in the HN.

Articles should be about 400 or 800 or 1200 words long - each column is about 400. Drawings and photographs are welcome too but bear in mind that we publish in black and white. If you want to discuss an idea just ring or email or write.

Philip Larkin and Monica Jones have pride of place in this issue of the HN and their Blue Plaque has pride of place in Ratcliffe Road. Pages 12 and 13. This represents the culmination of a great deal of hard work by a number of people over a considerable length of time. Our thanks to all who made it possible and all who took part in the unveiling.

As you can see in this edition of the HN we are having an experiment with the printing to see what the costs of colour printing might be. If the costs are manageable then we may go down that route and advertisers will be invited to try colour.

Over the year in which I have been editor of The Haydon News there have been a number of missed opportunities. Ideally, all activities in the parish would have advanced notice published in good time and an account of the event be published after the event. Obvious misses have been prior notice of The Haydon Hundred and the Beer Festival—we would loved to have made more of them before the event.

We rely on being informed—we can only publish what we are sent. The deadline is the evening of the day on which the Parish Council meets - so, broadly speaking, get things to us before the 20th of the month before and you will not go far wrong.

Also, it is important to remember that there is no edition compiled in December, labelled January and distributed about New Year. Nor is there an edition compiled in August, labelled September and distributed at the end of August.

If your event is in January or September you must get your information to us **TWO MONTHS BEFORE! – because there is no HN in either month and therefore the item must appear a month IN ADVANCE.**

Another source of trouble is different people having different software packages, or versions of them, and different operating systems. A large part of my job is sorting out these incompatibilities.

Different people have different skill levels on their machines and may have reached a state of armed truce with the pesky device but at the expense of the software author's original intentions. What may look brilliant on your screen can be almost guaranteed to look different when opened on mine.

For information: I have Microsoft Office Publisher 2007 running on Windows 8 and a 30inch screen.

If you can compose your item in the same program, that would be ideal but even then strange effects appear routinely.

Desktop publishing would not be possible without modern computers and, though they are very fast, they are not intelligent - yet!

By the time this edition flops onto your front door mat we may be living next to a new international border. Let's hear your opinions about the referendum result.
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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Mistakes, misinterpretations, errors, omissions, cock-up's and SNAFUs are guaranteed and for which I offer a standing, all inclusive apology in advance. My handwriting and my hearing are both in sharp decline from already distressingly low starting points... Steve Ford Editor

A meeting of the Haydon Parish Council was held at 7.30pm on 18th September 2014.

Public participation

A substantial contingent of residents attended to voice concerns about the proposed development of more housing to the west of Inner Haugh Mews. The risk of flooding of the site was noted and the risk of extension of the flooding to the existing housing likewise. Doubt was expressed about whether the pre-existence of buried infrastructure had been properly taken into account.

The proposed access through Inner Haugh Mews was raised. The existing roads are already congested and the children's play area presents additional risks. The development seemed inconsistent with the Tynedale Core Strategy.

The existence of a number of unoccupied properties around the village was noted, raising doubts as to the necessity of further development.

That the Environment Agency had expressed reservations about the development was noted.

Whilst the Whittis Hill hedge remains unpruned, some clarity was brought to the subject during a discussion. Cllr. Alan Sharp is to have a meeting at which the problem will be discussed with NCC shortly. The resident chiefly affected was invited to attend the meeting.

Work on dropping kerbs to improve disabled access around the village was noted with approval and more will follow. Cllr. Alan Sharp has covered the cost of the work from his official allowance.

The Geeswood seat is on the 'To Do' list.

Apologies

Were noted

Declarations of Interest

Were noted

Minutes of the previous meeting

Were accepted

Vacancy on Parish Council

Ms. Laura Thompson was co-opted.

NCC

Cllr. Alan Sharp had a number of developments to report. Dropped kerbs, as noted, are being created.

New road markings near the old bridge are to appear soon.

The sign post at Langley has been re-erected.

The Whittis Hill hedge is to be the subject of a site meeting - as previously noted.

The Hill House to Standalone road is logged on the repair system and will receive attention in due course.

The footpath sign and dropped kerb at Park Stile are in hand.

Post-16 transport policy appears now fixed. How this will be managed when school leaving age is raised to 18 has yet to be considered.

A camp site for travellers remains under consideration.

The East Land Ends Road junction - see highways.

Work is proceeding at Allerwash Cleugh.

The flashing speeding signs will be up soon.

The drain by the War Memorial has been extensively excavated and repaired and so far no new puddles have appeared.

The planning issues at Belmont have received attention lately.

Highways

NCC has agreed the location for the flashing speeding sign pole to the west of the village. The Parish Council will then arrange the installation of the sign

that has been paid for by Cllr. Alan Sharp from his official allowance.

The path alongside the road to the west of the village is also severely overgrown. The issue will be pursued.

At a meeting with NCC the unsatisfactory situation with regard to parking and other traffic hazards at East Land Ends Road was discussed and examined at first hand. It was decided that no new yellow lines would be employed but that a number of warning signs and red tarmac with speed limit roundels painted on would be installed. The overgrowth of roadside vegetation was noted and will be dealt with. Overall, it was felt, some useful progress had been made with the problems

Lighting

Nothing to report

Planning

Development to the west of Inner Haugh Mews - previous objections and public representations were reviewed and it was decided to reiterate the existing objections.

Chesterwood Villa alterations - no objections.

East Haydon Cottage development - no objections.

Developments near Belmont House - no objections.

Variation of conditions at Arran - no objections.

Accounts

Agreed

Correspondence

A reply from Caris concerning the costs of church clock repairs had been received. Further questions have been posed in response.

It has been established that the Parish Council must pay for new dog bins. This was noted in connection with a request for a new dog bin at or near Low Hall Park. The ideal location for the new bin was discussed and the limitations imposed by access required for the bin lorries mentioned. NCC's views will be canvassed.

NCC insists that properly trained personnel be employed to assess the instability of the cemetery headstones at a cost of £675.00. Several councillors were observed to turn puce at this revelation and seditious mutterings may have been heard.

A new bin has been placed at the cemetery.

Parish Projects

The trees at The Bridge and the two as yet unpolarded trees on Church Street are causing concern. The responsibility for the trees at The Bridge is disputed but documentation from previous correspondence is thought to confer the privilege on to NCC. The other trees are, apparently, on a 'to do' list.

Shaftoe Green - gate posts need replacing and a new bin is also required.

The Development Trust is running short of John Martin Trail leaflets and was about to ask for a Parish Council subsidy for reprinting when, in an impromptu *coup de theatre*, the existence of a substantial secret cache was revealed. The exact weight of the cache remained clothed in mystery but it's near future delivery to The Bridge was confirmed.

Cllr. Ed Brown asked for volunteers to represent him at a forthcoming meeting that he has found himself unable to attend.

Cllr. L. Thompson offered the suggestion that the Parish Council should have it's own Facebook presence. A proportion of those in attendance looked baffled but the initiative was welcomed and applauded. GITS is proposing to organise a New Years Eve firework display on the Old Bridge. This will require the closure of the Old Bridge from 3pm on the day and the New Bridge will be closed to allow spectators a safe vantage point during the display. Public liability cover was discussed. The location of the Christmas trees and lights was discussed and some variation from the established pattern may be adopted.

AOB

Complaints have been received from several quarters about pavement parking and the hope was expressed that a suitably phrased note in The Haydon News might help.

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The SHLAA planning projections for the parish were reviewed. This document shows the current assumptions about permitted developments over the next quarter century and the grand total of new build residential property comes to about 250. The apparent conflict between dates on the documentation was noted. It was also observed that the results of the consultation process that preceded the publication of the SHLAA material appeared to have been wholly ignored.

Approval has now been received for the burning of the accumulated rubbish at the cemetery and so, when the weather permits, this will be done.

Whereas it had previously been reported that the cemetery tap was not working, it now appears to function normally.

Warmly favourable comment was received about the recent Philip Larkin and Monica Jones events. See front page and pages 12 and 13. The event was, it is hardly an exaggeration to say, of global interest and a gratifyingly large turnout was achieved.

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

NOTES FROM THE HOME FRONT

Haydon Parish during the years of the Great War

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

At 4.00pm, Friday, April 16th 1915, the recruiting detachment for the 2nd Line 4th Battalion, under the command of Captain Hankin, reached Haydon Bridge from Fourstones, headed by the Regimental Band playing 'Tipperary'. The detachment marched along Church Street, Ratcliffe Road, the bridge and Shaftoe Street, to the Town Hall. Crowds lined the streets and followed the party. Once at the Town Hall, they lined up on the roadway where Richard Davison, chairman of the Parish Council, welcomed them to Haydon Bridge and said he hoped they would be successful in enrolling many recruits which was, after all, the aim of their visit. The men then marched into the Town Hall where the tables were laden with good things for tea, and decorated with masses of daffodils. Later, at 7.30pm, the soldiers were entertained to a smoking concert and Miss Jeanie Swallow, Miss Lily Kirton, Mr George Natrass, Mr A.P. Vickers, and Miss Sadie Walton, who danced the sword dance in Highland costume, were among the entertainers. The soldiers were well supplied during the evening with tobacco, cigarettes, cigars and aerated waters.

Aerated water for the troops, but, something a little stronger for the locals perhaps?

Two charges of supplying liquor and selling drink to a drunken person after time, between 9.00pm and 6.00am, were brought against Mary Wetherall of the Haydon Hotel, in April 1915.

Mrs Wetherall was fined £2 on the first charge, but the second was withdrawn after she pointed out that when she 'realised Jimmy was drunk', she had taken the jug of beer off him before he drank it, and gave him his half-crown back. Just as P.C. Walton arrived through the door!!

Miss Jane Woodman of Alexandra Terrace, died on Tuesday April 13th 1915. Miss Woodman, aged sixty two years and described as 'an old Haydon Bridge worthy', had lived in the village all her life and for thirty seven years had been a Sunday School teacher at Haydon Bridge Congregational Chapel.

On April 20th 1915, the 4th Northumberland Fusiliers, many of whom were from our district, left Blyth where they had been stationed for a number of months, for The Front. Although unaware of their destinations, the enthusiasm of the men was described as, 'extraordinary'. However, in many cases, wives, mothers, sisters and sweethearts were clearly deeply affected by the parting, and they had every right to be

In May 1915, the Hexham Courant reported that once they had landed in France:

'The men of the 4th Northumberland Fusiliers were promptly sent into the firing line and received an early baptism of fire. It is evident that the fighting around Ypres has been of a very desperate character and the 4th's casualty list is undoubtedly a heavy one.'

One hundred years later, the knowledge gained through my research fills me with sadness; how the folk of Haydon Bridge and district, upon reading the newspaper reports in the village Reading and News Room on Church Street, were able to continue with their everyday lives in some sort of normality, for the sake of their families and the wider community at home, is quite unimaginable.

The first of our parish's recorded First World War deaths was James Henry Robson, a Shoeing Smith Corporal with the 1st Northumberland Hussars. James (23) had worked as a blacksmith for Mr Brown on Ratcliffe Road before he was recruited, and died of scarlet fever on February 8th 1915. It was the 26th of April, however, when the greatest early losses of the war were felt in Haydon Bridge. Six days after leaving Blyth for the unknown, Thomas Norman Davidson (20), William Glendinning (31), George Frederick Kirby (30), and Alexander 'Sandy' Paxton (21), were all posted as 'missing in action'.

Among those reported injured in the first week were: Sgt Tom Anderson, Private F.W. Morrison, Quarter Master Sgt W.S. Clemitson, PTE J.M. Birnie, and Sgt J. Curry.

At Haydon Bridge's Primitive Methodist Church on Sunday May 16th 1915, a memorial service was held in memory of the soldiers from the parish who had given their lives for King and Country in the early days of the War.

The opening of the service was conducted by the Reverend Edward Kershaw, since 1912 a Pastor at the Haydon Bridge Congregational Church, who was to lose his own life in December 1916.

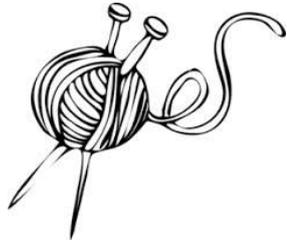
Private Kershaw enlisted in January 1916 and died of dysentery on December 11th of that year.

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Girls on the pill: My research into the years of the First World War uncovered an interesting solution to many a young lady's problems in 1915.

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Girls, on the threshold of womanhood, you owe it to yourselves to cast off your drift into decline and irritability and all sorts of weaknesses and evil that follow, by taking Dr Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People.

Are they still available, I wonder?

Sunday School: *How many children go to Sunday School in 2014?* At the Primitive Methodist Chapel on Church Street in May 1915, an Annual Tea for scholars and the public was held as part of the Sunday School Anniversary, in the Elmfield School Room. The ladies in charge of the tables were: Miss Telfer, Miss C. Todd, Miss C. Taylor (tea infuser), and Miss Graham (bread cutter).

The number of scholars on the Primitive Methodist books in 1915 was 113 and the average attendance each week was 65. There were 17 Methodist Sunday School teachers.

An earlier Primitive Methodist Sunday School scholar was Fred Lee. Fred was one of five children of John and Hannah (nee Rumney). He had lived at New Alston and worked at Settlingstones Mines for several years before joining the 4th Battalion (Territorials) Northumberland fusiliers.

Fred Lee was posted as missing in action on April 26th 1915. He has no known grave and is, therefore, commemorated on one of the panels on the Menin Gate Memorial in Ypres, Belgium.

Fred is also commemorated on the Shaftoe Trust School Memorial and the organ at the Methodist Church.

Life, and preparation for death, continued in our rural community: Mr Cowle of Woodhall Mill, Robert Ridley of Peel Well, William Rutherford of East Mill Hills and James Jackson of Chesterwood had all started turnip hoeing in early June; while the Parish Council had accepted an estimate of £1-2s from Mr Cooper for, 'cleaning up, touching up and varnishing the parish hearse' and it was agreed to paint the metal rods inside in aluminium, as silver plating was too expensive.

My look back at life in Haydon Bridge during the Great War will continue in the November issue of The Haydon News.



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PLAYING A ROUND AT HAYDON BRIDGE

Haydonians have taken great pleasure from their golf in the recent past, and I can personally vouch for that over the last fifty years; enjoying - if that's the correct word when applied to a sport that builds a belief in your game and then shakes your confidence in the time taken to replace a divot - wonderful Sunday mornings in grand company on the Allendale and Hexham fairways. More recently, the Haydonian Golf Society has given a fresh impetus to local competition, in what is a truly special recreation.

It may be a surprise to many, that Haydon Bridge residents didn't always have to travel out of their parish to play a round of golf; when two, or perhaps three, courses were fashioned out of our rural landscape in the twentieth century. Early memories of our oldest and past residents, of golf greens and tees on the fell opposite Cubstocks are unconfirmed, but what is certain is that a golf club and two nine hole courses, at Chesterwood and below Crook Hill, existed here during the 1900s.

At mid-day on Saturday, May 27th 1905, visitors came from all parts to the 'old world hamlet of Chesterwood' to join with locals for the official opening of a new golf course at Haydon Bridge. The nine hole course was laid out on land tenanted, in the main by Mr Pigg, but also partly on Chesterwood Farm land tenanted by Mr John Davison Jnr.

The near 4,500 yard 18 holes, with a bogey of 80, was described in the Hexham Courant as being 'in a magnificent position' and visitors who climbed from Haydon Bridge station would be well rewarded with splendid views. (*How would today's golfers feel about a one mile walk up the North Bank from the station with their clubs, before teeing off, I wonder.*)

The first tee, at the highest point of the course, gave views of the long sweep of the South Tyne valley and beyond, and the course itself - laid out by Charles Atkinson of the Ryton Club - included many natural hazards such as trees, hedges and walls. The 'Chesterwood Park' course was the 13th that had been laid out in Northumberland up until 1905. The crowds gathered for the opening were given a brief history of Chesterwood by Major Hardcastle, and informed that the clubhouse was situated in an ancient pele house. Major Hardcastle also spoke of the debt owed to the Club President, Alderman Thos

Carrick, without whose efforts the club would have been unlikely to have been formed. Thomas Carrick drove the first ball to declare the course open, and a large crowd watched an exhibition, better ball foursome match, between Joseph Miller and J.S. Caird - captain, and professional at Newcastle City Golf Club - who defeated J.W. Robson and Douglas Edgar - captain and professional of the Northumberland Club. There followed a handicap for guests and members of the Haydon Bridge Club, won by F. Sackley of Hexham with a net score of 81. Haydon Bridge members' scores included; J.M. Beattie - the club secretary - 84 net, H. Hinde 90, G.E. Jackson 96, C. Mandell 102 and D. Hardcastle 105.

Scores that suggest the members were, perhaps, overcome by the occasion. Or, maybe the trees, hedges and walls played their part!

Lunch, was served in a marquee on the course, and was provided by Mrs Dinning of the Scotch Arms Hotel. During lunch, the Haydon Bridge Club captain, E.M Oubridge, paid tribute to the hard work done by the secretary Mr Beattie in the formation of the Club.

I haven't seen a plan of the 1905 Chesterwood Park course, but would be delighted to hear that one exists. In the meantime the archive must make

do with a record of the yardage of each hole:

1st hole 260 yards (Situated at the highest point on the course.),
2nd 175yds., 3rd 240yds.,
4th 333yds., 5th 260yds.,
6th 350yds., 7th 250yds.,
8th 200yds., 9th 170yds.

Each hole played twice, to complete the eighteen hole course.

But where were the tees and greens exactly?

Join me next month below Crook Hill, on the fairways of the Haydon Bridge golf course in 1915.



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By 1922, Haydon Bridge Co-operative Society had become an influential voice in an amalgamation of local societies. The partnership of western area societies had been established, informally, for a number of years and in August 1918, Mr Graham the Haydon Bridge secretary was instructed by his committee to write to Haltwhistle Co-operative with a proposal to open discussions on establishing the relationship on a formal basis. In January 1921, six Co-operatives had joined together in a federation: Haydon Bridge and Haltwhistle, Coanwood, Greenhead, Narworth and Nenthead. Allendale, Alston and Whitfield Societies planned to join later. By May 1922, a 'South Tyne Co-operative Services' was born, with its headquarters at Shaftoe Street, Haydon Bridge; although its relationships were not without teething problems. For example, in June 1923 the idea was abandoned for a while, due to disagreements between member societies. *So much for co-operation!*

The fields at the Tan Yard continued to provide grazing for the Store horses in 1922 and the South Tyne Angling Society retained their agreement to fish the Tyne from there. It is interesting that in December 1922, the committee agreed that the police should be given 'the power to erect a Carrier Pigeon House' in the garden of the Tan Yard fields.

At the end of the year, Miss Chester resigned as a drapery assistant, on the occasion of her marriage, and was replaced by Miss Cresswell. Miss Chester was given a wedding present by the Society, to the value of £2; a hint of generosity that was established over many years and applied to individual members of staff and local social groups.

In May 1923, Miss Storey resigned from her job with the Store and Minnie White was appointed as a check girl. It seems that a number of the staff at this time were female, and many customers certainly were. However, at the half yearly General Meeting in June, a suggestion that ladies be elected onto the Store committee received a curt response:

"It is unlikely that any ladies would desire to be elected" and, "In future, only male staff will be offered positions in the Store grocery department."

That's that then!

Two issues received much of the committee's attention in 1923. The plan to build four houses at Brigwood and a proposal to replace the grocery

horse and cart with a motor vehicle.

Following a meeting between Mr Melvin, the Store manager, and Mr Wilson of George and Jobling at Hexham, it was agreed to purchase a Ford motor lorry for £260. The lorry to be adorned with the name of the Society and acetylene lights on back and front. The existing cart-man, Jack Swallow, was informed that if he didn't apply for the position of lorry driver, his services may not be required any longer. Remarkably, there were fifty five applicants for the job of Haydon Bridge Store lorry driver, but Mr Swallow's agreement to 'learn to drive the lorry in a week', seems to have swung the vote in his favour. Jack Swallow was offered and accepted the new role, and the redundant 'black horse' was sold for £33. The butcher continued his deliveries by (grey) horse and cart.

The situation in relation to the new housing project was not so positive. The tenders of £2,700, from Wallace and Sons of Hexham, and £2,917, from Charltons of Newbrough, for the four houses, were 'unacceptable' and even after a new quote of £2,423 from Wallace and Sons following a reduction in the specification, the scheme was abandoned; the four prospective purchasers each having withdrawn their applications to buy, due to the cost.

Other interesting issues in 1923 included:

- The closing of the butcher's shop, in November until further notice, by the Inspector of the Board of Agriculture; no meat being allowed to be sold due to foot and mouth disease in the county.
- The ordering of 500 calendars, each one of which would include a photograph of the Store taken by Mr Griffiths. (*I wonder! Does anyone still have a 20c Haydon Bridge Co-operative calendar in their loft?*)

Having abandoned the project to build four new houses for sale, in 1924 the committee agreed to build a single house for the Store manager on the Brigwood site. The committee was informed that the 'rock bottom' cost of building the manager's house would be £600.

In May 1924, a letter of sympathy was sent to Mrs J. Routledge on the death of her husband and former



Haydon Bridge Co-operative and Industrial Society in its early days on Shaftoe Street. The small boy is Herbert Thompson. And the others ?



From right to left in this photograph: Johnny Bates (butcher), Alec Rodger (apprentice grocer), lady not known, J.W. Melvin (manager), lady not known, Joe Longstaff, man not known. Who are the unknowns?

Haydon Bridge Co-operative had 500 calendars printed for the year 1924, each of which included a photograph of the Store.

committee man, with an appreciation of the service he had given the Society.

In June 1924, Miss Thrower resigned, to get married, and an advertisement was placed for an assistant in the grocery department. The position was filled in July 1924 by Mr Longstaff of Lambley who was appointed on a wage of £2-12-6 a week. Mr (Joe) Longstaff was to go on to have a long and successful career at the Haydon Bridge Co-op, before moving to Whitfield as manager there. Maurice Armstrong, who worked at the Store under Joe Longstaff in later years, described him as the fairest and most genuine of men.

It was around this time that the members of the Society were given access to a wider range of clothing and household goods than could be stocked



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in the Haydon Bridge Store. This was achieved by 'notes' authorising the members to shop at the CWS salerooms in Newcastle. If goods were purchased there, over the value of £3, the member's return train fare of 3/7d between Haydon Bridge and Newcastle was reimbursed.

At the December half year General Meeting in 1924, a Store dividend, which had risen to 2/- in £, was paid out and it was agreed that suitable arrangements would be made to celebrate the Society's Jubilee Year in 1925.

The building of the Store manager's house in 1925, attached to the terrace at Brigwood, was organised and the 1925 costs for the new house will be of interest to today's builders and tradesmen:

Masons' work and bricks £202-1s-3d; Fireplaces £27-3-7; Plastering and cement work £92-16-0; Joinery £175; Plumbing £28-8-10; Gas fitting (*Yes! Haydon Bridge had a gasworks in 1925*) £31-17-1; Slating £42-7-6; Painting & decorating, distempering and glazing £21-2-0; Lime and cement £10-19-0; Sanitary down pipes £1-13-3; Heads, cills, jambs etc., £12-13-4; Gravel £1-2-6.

Together with 'sundries' a total of £634-16s-3d. The manager (J.W. Melvin) was to pay £21 per year rent for the property.

1925 was an important year of celebration, being the Haydon Bridge Society's 50th year - or 100th half year if we are counting in General Meetings - and organising an event to mark the Jubilee began in April 1925.

In the meantime, however, the general day to day business of trading and employment continued. Miss Cresswell terminated her employment and was replaced by Miss Lee. J.A. Bates resigned his position in the butcher's department and was replaced by Mr J. Bell from Blaydon - not for long however - appointed in February, by April Bell was unable to account for cash received for goods delivered on his round with the horse and cart to 'the country' and, consequently, was given one week's notice and was replaced by James Taylor at 16/- per week.

The committee also found it necessary to complain to the Haltwhistle Society, for 'poaching members' from the Haydon Bridge area.

On a happier note! The Town Hall was booked for the Jubilee event, in June, and it was agreed that a fruit bowl would be adopted as the Society 'Jubilee Souvenir'. 450 bowls were ordered and a charge of 1/6d was made to those who wished to purchase this memento.

**More about the Co-op's 1925 Jubilee
in our November issue.**

HAYDON BRIDGE WAR MEMORIAL by Pam and Ken Linge

We continue our series of articles on those individuals who died in the Great War. The biographies are published chronologically and the forty second casualty, in 1918, was **Ainsley Morris Phillipson**

(42) Ainsley Morris Phillipson



Photograph courtesy of Haydon Bridge Community Centre

As well as having his name on the War Memorial, Ainsley is also commemorated on the Reredos in St. Cuthbert's, the organ in the Methodist Church and the Shaftoe Trust School Memorial.

Ainsley served as Lance Corporal, 28147, 2nd Battalion, Grenadier Guards. He died on 7th April 1918, aged 24.

Born in Warden, one of six children of Matthew William and Mary Jane H. Phillipson (nee Dodd). Matthew was a miner.

Employed as a painter, when the war broke out he worked in a munitions factory until he enlisted in 1916.

Ainsley was wounded and admitted for treatment at Le Treport Hospital on 5th April. He had hoped to be moved to England but gangrene set in and he died two days later.



Ainsley is buried in grave VI.F.9A in Mont Huon Military Cemetery.



If you have any information relating to Ainsley Morris Phillipson, 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.

1950s SHAFTOE TRUST SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPH



In the delivered issue of the August Haydon News, we provided a 1950s Shaftoe Trust School photo but failed to name Colin Edwards as one of the pupils. Colin's brother Ernest tells me that "lots of people have mentioned this". A good sign that The Haydon News is well read, but another indication that our proof reading is in need of repair. Colin is shown here behind Anne Meehan (nee Jewitt) who sent us the photograph.

DEAREST BUN

They came to Haydon Bridge from all points north, south, east and west - as far afield as Edinburgh and Manchester, Hull and Hereford - to join Tynedale and parish residents in memory of Monica Jones and Philip Larkin. The unveiling of a blue plaque on 1A

Ratcliffe Road, a house owned by Monica from 1961 to 1991, took place on Tuesday August 26th and was followed by a presentation in the General Havelock Inn and the launch of 'Dearest Bun ...', a book reflecting on Monica's time in our village.

Special guests were former colleagues and friends of Monica and members of The Philip Larkin Society, along with June Willis who lived next door to Monica for twenty three years and was her best friend during her time at Haydon Bridge.

The plaque was unveiled by Haydon Bridge resident and north east entertainer, Brendan Healy, in front of over a hundred bystanders, following an introduction by Parish Council chairman Esmond Faulks', and Dennis Telford's outline of Monica's life at Haydon Bridge and thanks to all who had made the project and its outcome possible.

Dennis was joined by Johnny Handle, Joanna Thompson and our village's oldest resident, Bill Foster, for the General Havelock presentation where the audience enjoyed a wonderful high tea provided by Joanna and Gary. _____

1A RATCLIFFE ROAD

The secret love nest of renowned poet Philip Larkin became public business in Haydon Bridge on August 26th, when one hundred folk gathered outside the front door. Residents and visitors alike turned out in force for the special ceremony to unveil a blue plaque at 1A, where Larkin regularly visited his friend and lover Monica Jones after she bought the property in 1961. The plaque commemorates Monica Jones, and Philip Larkin's association with Haydon Bridge and Dennis Telford said Tuesday's unveiling had been a decade in the making, and the campaign for a plaque follows similar installations in Hull and Belfast where Philip had connections.

Dennis said: "Philip Larkin lived and worked in Hull and wasn't initially impressed by Monica's move to Haydon Bridge. However, his first visit here in 1962 was enough to change his mind and I am delighted that what has been a ten year project for me has reached a conclusion today."

Dennis was joined at the presentation by parish councillors, including chairman Councillor Esmond Faulks, and Councillor David Robson who has worked closely on the project. Entertainer Brendan Healy was on hand to unveil the plaque, which includes an extract from an April 1962 letter from the poet to Monica in which he describes the house as, 'distinguished and exciting and beautiful' and how it can 'never be ordinary with the Tyne going by outside'.

Perhaps fittingly, the hymn 'Lead Kindly Light' was played at the ceremony by veteran north east folk musician Johnny Handle. The hymn was once performed outside 1A, at Monica's request, by the Haydon Bridge Silver Band, while Johnny's singing is known to have inspired Philip Larkin's poems.

Don Lee, external liaison officer of 'The Larkin Society', travelled from his home in Manchester with his wife to attend the event and Mr Lee said: "The turn out by local people is very impressive and now this plaque is here, our members from as far afield as Texas and Japan may be keen to visit."

In the 1940s, Monica Jones worked with Philip Larkin at Leicester University where she was a lecturer and Philip was a librarian. Monica regularly used the Haydon Bridge house at weekends and for holidays and remained there until 1984 before returning to Hull to live with Philip.

In 1984, Philip was offered the role of Poet Laureate following the death of John Betjeman. The decision to decline was influenced by his failing health and Philip Larkin died in 1985 aged 63 years. Monica remained in Philip's house at Hull until her own death in 2001, aged seventy eight.

Joseph Tulip



BRIAN PEARSON

Brian Pearson has been a friend of The Haydon News for many years. As 'Panda' our perceptive cartoonist - from May 2007 until June 2013; our bi-monthly crossword compiler whose creative clues flummoxed even the finest exponents; and, just as important, one of a group of distributors who deliver The Haydon News to your doors every month.

Brian died aged 67 years on August 6th and our thoughts are with his family and friends who paid their respects in large numbers at St Andrew's Church, Corbridge on Friday, August 15th.

Brian was born in Haltwhistle in 1947 and, although orphaned at an early age, his academic ability and natural talent ensured a successful education at Hexham Grammar School and Newcastle College of Art. Before leaving for Manchester College of Art in 1965, Brian played the trombone in the Haydon Bridge Silver Band and, when he left, presented the Band with a painting that was hung in the band-room.

Following his education, Brian worked as a graphic designer at his studio in Soho, before returning to the north when he retired in 2001. How lucky we were that Brian chose our village in which to live.

Brian will be sadly missed by all those who enjoyed his fascinating company and, although particularly modest about his own work during his lifetime, his paintings and pen and ink drawings will be for ever a tangible reminder of our knowledgeable and multi-talented Friend of Haydon Bridge.



'Panda' was always up to date!
(First published HN May 2009)

A VIEW FROM UP THERE

John Harrison

There's a roadside sign by Bardon Mill which appears to instruct us to "Smoke" – what do we do if we don't wish to? In the days when we communicated less tersely with each other, this would have warned us to watch out for smoke drifting across the road. And when I go out for a meal I am instructed to 'enjoy your meal' – not 'We hope that you enjoy your meal sir'. We fill the vacant spaces now with unnecessary words - why do we have to be told 'No problem' when we order something? "Pint of bitter please" – "Certainly sir, no problem". There's the beer pump, there's the beer glasses – why should it be a problem?

Despite a slightly damp August, I guess that most of us have been reasonably happy with this summer's weather so 'no problem'.

July was generally warm and dry after a slightly unsettled start. With pressure relatively low, the first eight days were very breezy at times with occasional showers or longer spells of rain. As pressure began to rise, the clouds cleared and lengthy sunny spells developed. The daytime temperature exceeded 20 degC on 19 days between the 9th and the end of the month although it felt cooler in the breeze and the air was sometimes rather muggy. The days between the 20th and 28th were particularly warm, reaching 27.1 degC on the 22nd and 28.2 degC on the 26th, the latter being the warmest day of the year so far.

Thunder threatened at times but never visited Haydon Bridge. Weather conditions elsewhere in the UK were very hot with temperatures in excess of 30 degC and very heavy thunderstorms affected some areas. Because rainfall was both intermittent and generally rather light, the ground was very dry by the end of the month and rivers were running very low.

In contrast, August was cooler than average and quite wet at times. The first nine days were generally unsettled, with occasionally heavy rain accompanied by thunder on the 2nd and 8th. Winds were occasionally quite strong, reaching gale force on the 4th. Daytime temperatures were generally around the seasonal average during the daytime. Cloud cover tended to keep temperatures a little above average over-night.

In the wake of a depression, which brought dull and damp weather between the 10th and 15th, high pressure to the west of the British Isles brought the country in to a flow of cold polar air from the north. This dominated the weather until the 24th and during this period temperatures were well below the seasonal normal. Indeed, for much of the time they were more typical of late September or early October. Grass frosts were recorded on some mornings. (Northern Ireland recorded an air-frost during this period – the lowest night temperature on record).

The plants in the Plunderheath garden became very confused with the unseasonal weather. As high pressure moved to lie over Scandinavia, the wind moved round to the east, then round to south-west, bringing in warmer air with showers and sunny intervals after the 25th.

Taking the summer as a whole, the average daytime maximum temperature was 19.4 degC which is 0.4 degC above the long-term average. The average night-time minimum temperature was 10.3 degC, which is 0.5 degC above the long-term average. Rainfall (161.4mm) was 93.6% of the long-term average. The figures for summer 2013 were 19.9 degC, 10.7 degC and 179.1mm so 2014 was slightly cooler than last year but a little drier.

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
July 2014	21.7	+1.8	11.2	+0.6	31.7	53
August 2014	17.6	-1.8	9.7	-0.4	87.9	146

And finally, Gladys tells me of a visit she paid recently to her local hospital. On the wall of the waiting room was a notice for patients and their carers which was headed in very bold letters "Patients/Carers" – unfortunately the '/' had been missed off so the notice seemed to be addressed to patient scarers – Gladys was wondering what job they have to do?

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Some of you will remember the fantastic firework display on the old bridge for the Millennium 15 years ago. Well now there's a whole generation who **can't** remember that fantastic night and it's a long time until the next Millennium so we've decided to do it again on New Years Eve!!

FIREWORKS ON THE OLD BRIDGE NEW YEARS EVE

Lots of things have changed in 15 years about setting off fireworks– but after months of emails, phone calls and meetings – we've finally got the go ahead and it's going to happen. We've been told by NCC and the police that the old bridge will have to be closed from when the fireworks company start setting up – 3pm and as most people will gather on the new bridge to watch the display – that will have to be closed to vehicles from 11.30pm with a diversion in place. They'll both reopen as soon as the fireworks finish so disruption will be minimal.

We really need lots of volunteers for this event and we would like to do refreshments, if we can get enough help.

The Get It Together Society was formed in 2010 and has organised many great events in the village generating money to be used for more events to benefit the whole community. We would love to hear from anyone who has suggestions/ideas about what they'd like to see happen in the future. We would also love to have some new members on the committee. We meet on the first Monday of the month in the General Havelock at 8pm. The saying goes 'Many hands make light work' and that's certainly true in our case. Please come along to one of our meetings - you'd be very welcome.

To find out more about volunteering on New Year's Eve or about joining the committee you can call me on 01434 684061, email: getittogethersociety@gmail.com or if you know a current member, speak to them.

Pauline Wallis



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CLERGY MESSAGE FROM:

Deacon Anne Taylor

Autumn 2014

As I look out of my study window there is no doubt now that we are fast approaching Autumn. The leaves are changing colour the apples are ripening and the berries are already I the hedge rows. The season is changing again.

For some of us we will still hang onto our summer clothes and sandals as long as we can not wanting to give in to the fact that things are changing. But change its an inevitable part of life. And although we might want it to remain summer things will change. I do however think we have had a reasonably summer this year and talking to a number of farmers have been told they are well ahead with things. And so we give thanks for the good crops and bumper harvest. Let us not forget to thank God for his provision.

For some September will have been the start of a new year at school and will mean change. Some starting for the first time, some moving into a new class and some moving on to higher education and university and we think off all those and their families that will experience change in their lives.

In the church too there will be those who are moving on those who are retiring and those taking on new responsibilities and we think of those at this time as well.

And there may be changes that we are facing in our lives, retirement, illness, job loss, life changing things. For most people change is a difficult thing we like to keep things as they are but that's not possible.

Thank goodness we have a faithful and unchanging God a God who is the same yesterday, today and forever. On who we can rely, trust and depend.

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v.4 says *‘Remain in me, and I will remain in you.’*

Whatever changes we may be facing this time of year God's love remains the same

Deacon Anne Taylor

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5 October

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12 October

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19 October

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26 October

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6.00pm Evening Worship
Rev. Andrew West

2 November

10.00 am Morning Worship
Joyce Short

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5 October

Henshaw

10.00am Morning Prayer
Nigel Collingwood

12 October

Beltingham

9.30am BCP

19 October

Beltingham

9.30am Communion

26 October

Beltingham

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9.30am BCP

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12 October

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December 4th

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January 8th

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January 22nd

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February 19th

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March 5th

Alasdair Mitchell
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March 19th

David Raeburn Images of Nepal.

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Karate – 6.15pm David Beales,
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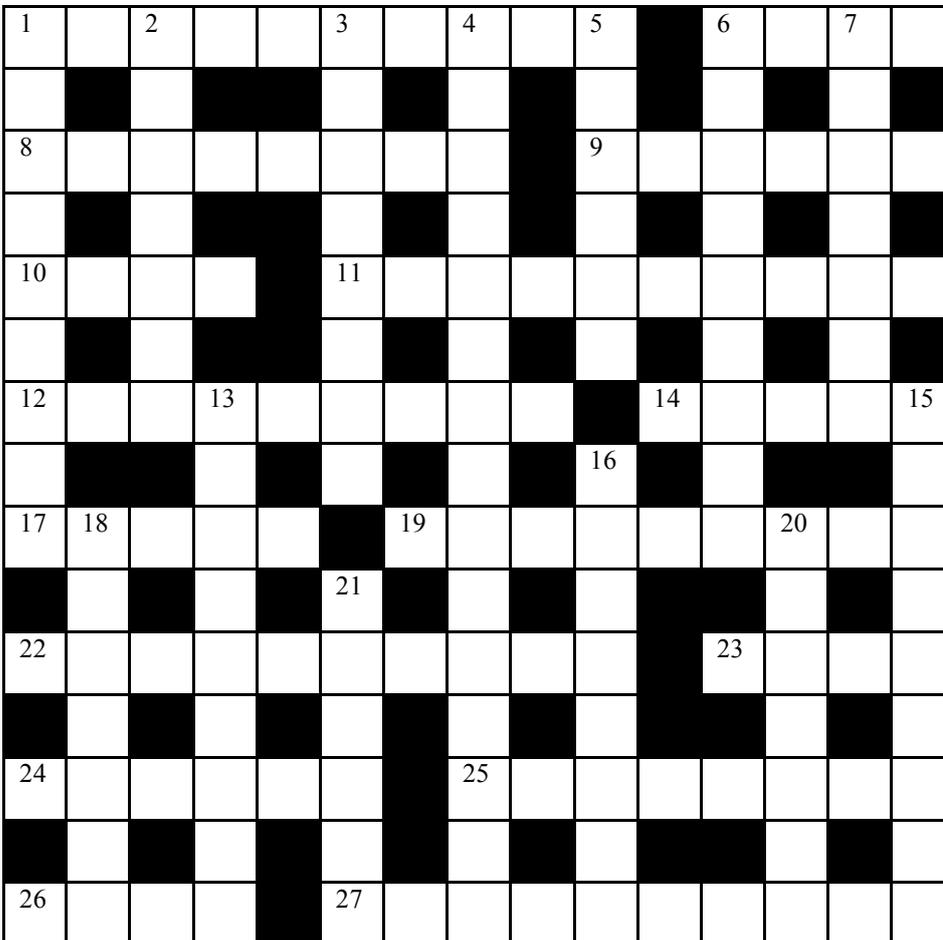
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DOWN

1. PRESS UP
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3. OUTERWEAR
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16. DESCARTES
17. MITHRAIC
18. SPINOZA
20. RUSSELL
22. ILEAC
24. TITLE
25. MILL

NUMBER OF ENTRIES

15

LAST MONTH'S WINNER

Ed Brown from Langley on Tyne

In case anyone was wondering - most of the entries are correct and the editor draws the winner out of a suitable receptacle, rarely a hat.

Entries in before

Saturday 20th October

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

ACROSS

1. The Valley where you can slow down or sound off it seems. (10)
6. Fuel of a type attained in Ireland. (4)
8. Grinds noisily at a hundred US farms. (8)
9. Descendant from a stagnated old fellow. (6)
10. Domed recess seen from the cheap seats. (4)
11. I hop a cab or otherwise my feet stay firmly on the ground. (10)
12. Drag around with you and a friend, little by little. (9)
14. Lively young lady not feeling well in financial year. (5)
17. Mournful poem that the Spanish, for example, ask about. (5)
19. Limitation that defines the scope of an activity, or a mere part of it perhaps. (9)
22. Understood a key in an intentional action. (10)
23. Mr Elliott, was his first name Basil? (4)
24. Decision made by Hobson or Sophie maybe. (6)
25. Listener turned up in the province. (8)
26. Handed down from pompous educationalist. (4)
27. Sid turned to protégés and triggers. (10)

DOWN

1. Figure for devastated old Englishman it appears. (9)
2. City that is as new as could be. (7)
3. Paul could have disturbance and confusion ensues. (8)
4. Natural liar uses disturbance to create football game. (10,5)
5. Itinerants who walk noisily. (6)
6. Greek god to simulate theatrical entertainment. (9)
7. Wacky mob at the races. (7)
13. Did I feign injury to become distinguished. (9)
15. Measure the flyers for sixties group (9)
16. Have a snack at Open venue. (8)
18. Parasites found in fifty cheese slices. (7)
20. He's got the lap record from a part he's tigerishly acquired. (3,4)
21. Lids he used for protection. (6)

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As regular and ardent followers of my thrilling articles already know I am a newcomer to this village. An unwilling one too. At the time.

I've been here almost a year now. Which is of course nothing compared to my lovely neighbours who have lived here all their lives as did their forefathers and ancestors before them.

We have a dog and people here delight in telling me where I should go. Especially my New Best Friend in the Co-op and the Sausage Meister in the butchers. They mean for dog walks obviously (I hope!) and one of their suggestions included Allen Banks just off the A69.

Nothing could have prepared me for the beauty of the area. A few minutes out of Haydon Bridge we turned off at a sign marked Ridley Hall. Which I've seen a hundred times but always foolishly thought it was meant for Sir Ridley - pointing out he was home after his long travels in the Crusades. As if the knighted man didn't already know where he lived!

I took one look at the magnificent Hall and knew I was home too! I consoled myself with the thought that my two-up-two-down needs way less hoovering and I should be grateful for small mercies. Who needs a Hall?

Back to the scenery. Allen Banks was so gorgeous. And on our doorstep too! The local butcher here told me the surroundings there were positively Alpine. And he was right.

Even the journey back (and no not the A69!) was incredible. Throwing all caution to the wind I turned right out of the National Trust car park instead of left and followed a road which became ever narrower.

I'm of a doughty and adventurous nature so I worried not. I saw a sign which said 'Langley 4 miles' hence I figured I could beg a room in the 5* castle should I get hopelessly lost. Off I set wherever the road took me.

Well! It took me past what has to be some of the most breathtaking scenery in Britain. Taking it all in whilst keeping my eyes on the road was some feat. Not helped by a wayward sheep who stood on that very road staring at me in a Mexican stand-off. The sheep won and I waited till he fancied rejoining his woolly pals on the other side of the fence.

It was no great hardship. It meant I had a wonderful excuse for not moving another inch as the great outdoors enveloped me. All too soon Doris got bored with looking at me (quelle surprise) and headed back to the pasture.

In turn I headed towards Langley using the turrets of the Castle as a guide. All the while driving through countryside so fabulous it brought a tear to the eye. I wished - not for the first time - my Mum and Dad were still alive to see it.

Langley appeared all too soon and with it a sign for Haydon Bridge and home.

Reluctant incomer? Less so by the day.

Euphemia Whaletrouser

Update on Blood Pressure

High blood pressure is now often diagnosed using ambulatory blood pressure monitoring which basically means you get a blood pressure machine to take home and wear during the day. This means you get your blood pressure taken when you are relaxed doing your normal activities rather than sitting in a GP surgery where you may be anxious.

Your blood pressure reading consists of two parts, the systolic is when the heart has just contracted and the blood pressure is at its highest and the diastolic is when the heart has relaxed and your blood pressure is at its lowest.

For most people high blood pressure is present when the readings are 140/90 or higher when testing in the surgery or a home ambulatory blood pressure of 135/85.

Why Should You Care About Your Blood Pressure

Raised blood pressure can put increased pressure on the organs of the body which can lead to heart, liver or kidney problems. Having a raised blood pressure also makes you more likely to have a stroke. Most people don't realise they have high blood pressure until they have a blood pressure check.

Ways to Help Reduce Blood pressure:

There are many ways to control your own blood pressure. These measures allow us to be more in control of our own healthcare and may save unwanted visits to see the GP.

Lifestyle measures.

Lifestyle changes to control our blood pressure include reducing our dietary salt, weight reduction, increasing our fruit and vegetable intake and doing more exercise.

We should all be doing around 30 minutes of exercise four times a week if possible. What exercise we do is entirely up to ourselves. Sporty types might head to the gym whilst others may choose to take a nice stroll around our lovely Northumberland village whilst enjoying our fantastic summer heatwave!

Smoking is a risk factor for raised blood pressure and smoking cessation is also offered here at Haydon Bridge Pharmacy.

Drug Treatment of High Blood Pressure

After diagnosis of raised blood pressure, there are many medicines that can be offered by the GP to help to lower blood pressure along with the lifestyle measures we have discussed.

If you would like any more information or advice on your blood pressure pop into the pharmacy and any of the team will be happy to help.

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Haltwhistle Golf Club News

The long awaited refurbishment of the Haltwhistle Golf clubhouse at Greenhead has been completed and an 'official' opening was held on Saturday 6th September.

The European Golf Tour player, Peter Mitchell declared the clubhouse open, and was introduced by long term supporter Councillor Alan Sharp. It was a great social evening with barbeque and music, and more people attending than the club has seen for several years.

A draw took place a few days earlier enabling 36 people, many of them juniors, to play 2 holes of golf on Sunday 7th September with Peter Mitchell and Jim Latta. 4 other prizes were also won, for a half hour coaching session with Jim Latta, local coach who has been involved with the club this season.

The golf club now offers attractive facilities and can move forward in the plan to develop use of the course and keep the club going into the future. Further youth training is planned for next season, and special sessions to introduce more female players to the game. The club can offer good golf in lovely surroundings to tourists and to visiting golf parties. The new clubhouse is long overdue, and has been supported by grant aid from Sport England, Northumberland County Council, The Smith Trust, The Joicey Trust, The Cumberland Building Society and Haltwhistle Town Council. Councillor Alan Sharp

has been particularly supportive, and instrumental with grant aid.

The club itself has put in a considerable sum from reserves, and there has been much hard work by a committed team of the members. The club is still fund raising to continue with further improvements, and a new 101+ club starts in November. Tickets are £10 with a chance to win one of 3 cash prizes each month. More information from Patrick Peace on 01434 320471, patrick.peace@sky.com.

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HAYDONIAN SOCIAL CLUB'S LEEK, VEGETABLE, FLOWER AND INDUSTRIAL SHOW.

The annual Leek, Vegetable, Flower and Industrial Show took place at the Haydonian Social Club on Saturday 13th September 2014. There was a good amount of entries in most sections.

The Leek section was won for both Pot and Trench leeks by Gary Cunningham. The vegetable section Cup was won by Brian Burrows with most points on the day. The Flower section Plaque was won by Michael Dickinson and not to be out done, his wife Anne Dickinson won the Industrial section Cup.

Alex and Tiana Martin won the miniature garden on a tray, with Charlie Makepeace runner-up. Most unusual mis-shaped vegetable was won by Jordan Reynolds with a leek which had grown four lots of stems. A full results sheet is on display at the club.

See pictures pages 24 and 26.

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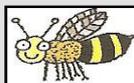
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The Border Woodturners

Open Day. 26th October

The Border Woodturner's Annual Open Day will take place on Sunday 26th October.

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There will be a display and sales table of members' work and various members will be running turning demonstrations during the day. The annual inter-club competition, with entries from 7 clubs from the surrounding area, will be judged in the morning and all of the entries will be on display throughout the day.

Also attending will be a large selection of timber for sale. Also Mark and Lisa Raby, will be demonstrating various colouring and finishing techniques during the day and offering advice and encouragement to anyone wishing to try something new.

A new addition to the show this year is Biven Machinery Sales, displaying a wide range of woodturning and woodworking tools and accessories. They will also be offering advice and technical information on lathes, bandsaws and other woodworking machinery, there will also be the usual raffle and tombola, with a large selection of prizes to be won.

This is an excellent day to view woodturning, purchase tools and supplies, some at show discounts, and to meet and discuss turning with fellow enthusiasts from across the North of England and South Scotland.

KEEP YOUR LAPTOP COOL

This year we are having some good hot summer days, we love them but our laptop may not like the hot weather.

How to keep your laptop cool, start by opening two bottles of wine, red or white, and of any type. Open the first bottle and put the cork in a safe place. Pour the wine into a glass drink it with friends. When finished open the second bottle and place the cork along side the first cork. Now enjoy the wine preferably without friends as good wine can sometimes be too good to share.

Now retrieve the two corks and cut them in half, or ask a friend to do it as you have had more wine than them. Place blue tack on the end of each half cork then turn the laptop over and stick a cork on each corner, turn the laptop right way up and now you have a ventilated cool running computer.

(Warning it may a good idea to leave the cutting of the corks to the next day and just have another bottle of wine).

Brendan Strikes Again!

That nice Dr. Ford here at the Haydon News has asked me to write a guest column for this month's edition. I was dead chuffed but I think I was only asked because I know the difference between 'your' and 'you're' which, by the way, qualifies me as a genius on social networking sites.

So ... here's yore article.

Everybody wants to be on the telly, right? And many people have no talent whatsoever so we live in a world whereby our expectations of entertainment are very low. (I'm not going to bother mentioning all the shows that rely on total idiots doing idiotic things like Big Brother and the X Factor. Whoops!) The trouble with such shows is that they have no place for the poor old pseudo-intellectual with a personality bypass, who has as much right to stain our screens as the next man. But hurrah! He has finally found his place as 'The Resident Expert.' This new breed are often called into TV shows at three o'clock in the morning, where they hang around all day in their dowdy suits for their thirty seconds of fame. This would be fine but not only are they boring, they are so darned negative.

"Today, in the news, Doctor Cannybright of Brill University has discovered a total solution to global warming. What do you make of this, Professor Ahbut?"

"Ah, but it means that we'll probably lose our lovely summers."

"You must surely be heartened by the news that the government is cutting the rate of VAT to nothing?"

"Ah, but it means there will be less money for vital work such as research into global warming and how it has recently ruined our summers."

I think negativity is a disease that we need to stomp out. Nowadays, when you ask someone how they are, they say 'Not too bad' instead of 'I'm great thanks.' 'How was work this week?' 'I got through it' instead of 'Brilliant, got paid.'

Some of the most positive people I know are those who have a hard time either through illness, injury or disability. They can be a great inspiration to us all if we would just notice them, but we are soooooo busy on 'Wastebook' telling all our 'friends' that we are having a cup of tea.

Here is some stuff I might write about one day...

I thought I might tell you about the time, while working in Las Vegas, when my friend was absolutely convinced that we had met the mafia. I told him I thought he was talking boll... rubbish. "What were their names?" he asked. "Andy the Greek, Big Al, Unsafe Salvatore and Jay the Boss" I replied. "I rest my case!" he said.

Or maybe I'll tell you about my theatre touring days, when an Italian actor nicknamed Nozza Napoli and I stopped the circus agent (a crippled ex-tightrope walker from Rome) from hitting the Romanian strong man with a Raleigh tricycle, because he thought he was having an affair with his wife. As it transpired the strongman was only after tomato soup.

The trouble with this story is that people tend not to believe it even though it is true and does exist somewhere in the notebook of a Birmingham policeman.

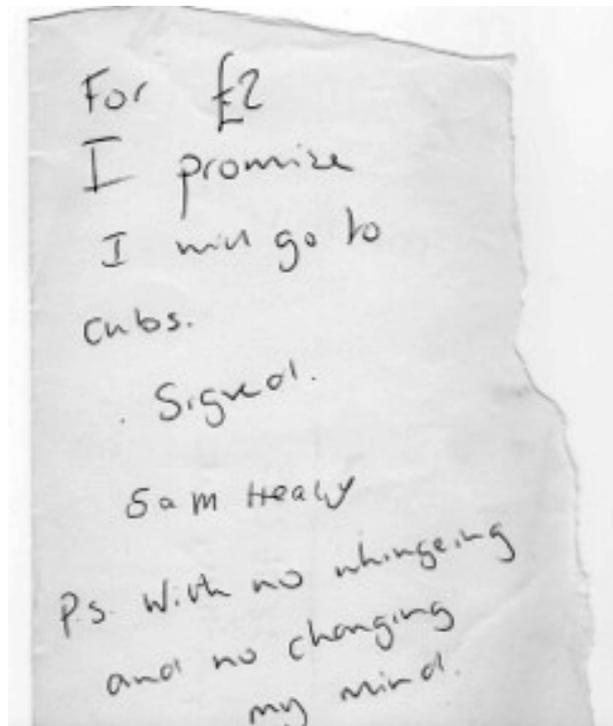
I was going through an old photo album and found this signed by my son who is now grown up.

"Is this proper parenting, Professor?"

"Ah, but you shouldn't reward children financially as they will the grow up with an expect....."

Get stuffed, it worked.

Brendan Healy



Yvonne Reynolds, a prize winner at the Haydonian Social Club Vegetable & Industrial Show.



Peculiarities of the English language

How many times have I heard this before? “You speak very good English,” followed by “We British are so bad at languages.” After which I assure the speaker – not out of mere politeness but out of deep conviction - that yes, my English is not bad but it has taken me twenty odd years of hard studying to get to this level, and no, British are not worse at languages than any other nation.

But do I really speak good English? Every day I discover what and how much I don't know. Years ago, I was already fluent in English, able to read, write, converse on any given topic and proud to have a great and well-paid job with a British company in Prague when I learnt that the simple question “How are you?” in fact does not require any real answer. “Fine, thanks,” in Lesson One of any given textbook, is as much as you will ever need.

I can still see the scene, as if from a bad comedy: a sun-lit office in one of the most striking cities of Europe and my British boss asks me the fatal question. I spend the next twenty-five minutes elaborating on activities undertaken the previous evening while my English counterpart looks at his wrist-watch impatiently. I thought him very rude then, and today I realise he must have thought I was truly and well clinically insane. To this day, I stumble and stutter when people ask me how I am, overwhelmed with a feeling of embarrassment.

This was followed by a succession of cross-cultural clashes, depending on what book I had been reading at the time. When I completed Harry Potter, I declared in front of my English friends that I had cooked goulash in a large cauldron. Having just read Jane Austen, I asked a British friend of mine whether she was bothered when she was merely looking anxious.

Then there were all the in-jokes and references to TV-shows in the seventies and eighties and local celebrities that muted me, for hours at times, when attending various social occasions, which is something my mother would never believe was possible.

Adding to the confusion, all those unwritten cultural rules that apply in certain parts of England, mainly the South, where a phrase “We will have coffee some time,” means “I am making a small talk here but in reality I don't want to see you at all,” is very confusing. It took me about three years to understand that there is no point waiting for the telephone call to come because it never will.

Or standing at the front door of a café for ten minutes waiting for the gentleman with me to enter first while he was waiting for me to go before him. My country's etiquette expects the men to enter public

places first in case there is a fight so they can protect their lady or ladies. In Britain ladies always go first; presumably they must be better trained in hand-to-hand combat if needed. Nonetheless, at that time it made me look like a complete fool and a bit weird because why would you want to stand outside in a freezing cold for ages when you are invited for a lovely, candle-lit romantic dinner indoors?

I'll not even name all those lost double- and triple meanings of words and idioms and other phrases I have not quite understood or possessed knowledge of over the years. I am a child in a body of an adult. You can forgive your five year old a social blunder that leads him or her to come to an obese person in the street: “Excuse me, Sir/Madam, you are fat.” Would you forgive a grown-up the same?

Pass your first ten lessons in English, and it becomes a maze of poetry, hidden meanings, secrets and codes that only those born on this island get. I observe people's smallest gestures, changes of tone in their speech, trying to detect the significance of their message. I have been accused of being blunt, abrupt and humourless. Do I mind?

Of course not. If you take the path of the great adventure of learning another tongue, you have to be ready to look like an idiot and be viewed by the others as an idiot. Anyway, the biggest mistake I have made was not in English but in German. As a student during an exchange in the Black Forest, Germany, I told my stunned family that Czech University students lived in brothels. It led the German mum to deliver a forty minute monologue on the untold crimes of communist dictatorships. Trust me, Czech students never lived in brothels, not even during the hard times of oppressive regime. I just made a mistake, one tiny syllable.

Natalie Nera

Hexham Beacon Club

There's no doubt about it, Retirement is life-changing! For some men, filling the weekdays can be a challenge, particularly for those living on their own. No longer the regular chat with colleagues and meetings with clients. For others it affords the opportunity to sort out the garden, catch up with the decorating or pursue a hobby.

After the first weeks of ‘freedom’ from work, once you get used to this dramatic change in lifestyle there is the opportunity to enjoy something different.

Forty years ago it was apparent that there was the need for a club of some sort for retired men in the Hexham district. The Hexham Council of Churches became aware of this and called a meeting to discuss possibilities.

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An initial meeting was held at Trinity Methodist Church, the outcome of which was to establish a club to meet weekly to promote friendship and goodwill on an interdenominational and non-political basis where guest speakers would be invited to talk on a variety of topics.

This would provide the opportunity for questions and discussion. Wednesdays was the preferred day and the Inaugural Meeting was on 7 March 1972, this attracted 14, and adopted the title 'Hexham Beacon Club'.

There was 22 at the second meeting, numbers then grew rapidly. A charge of 5p per meeting was agreed, sufficient to cover the cost of coffee, a biscuit and the room charge.

Since those early days, apart from the weekly charge having increased, the format has not changed. Meetings still start at 10.30 each Wednesday except for a summer break July and August. The Chairman for the day introduces the speaker who continues until the coffee break at about 11.15, assembling again at 11.30 until 12 noon.

Members are attracted from a wide area – North Tyne, Allendale, Weardale, Haltwhistle and Prudhoe. Weekly attendance is usually about 60, and has exceeded 100 on occasions in the past. Speakers come from a wide area and talk on a wide variety of topics, some light-hearted and amusing, to the more serious – but no contentious.

There is no attendance rule and no annual subscription, some have been members for over 20 years and most attend regularly. There is naturally a strong local representation although there are many more who have retired to the area and find it a friendly gathering.

Ages range from the newly retired to centenarians! A Birthday card is presented to the 80 year olds and to others on their 90's birthdays, signed by all members.

Many of our speakers are themselves retired, and, on occasions, one of our members will contribute. One retired Professor has been a guest speaker for over 15 years; his talks are much enjoyed and attract a full attendance. Members enjoy an annual outing in June each year, a Luncheon in late November, and our Christmas meeting, when we are joined by the ladies.

The club is always keen to welcome new members – no introduction is necessary. You are invited to join us at Trinity at 10.20 any Wednesday to see for yourself.

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The Rev'd. Dr. Benjamin Carter The new Vicar



It is wonderful to have this chance to introduce myself to the wider community of Haydon Bridge. On Saturday 11 October I will begin as the Vicar of the Benefice of Haydon Bridge and Beltingham with Henshaw (to give it its full title). We will be moving to the vicarage after just over four years of curacy in Whitley Bay. I am married to Steph and we have a one-year old daughter, Elizabeth.

I am originally from a village on Morecambe Bay in Lancashire but after about 10 years studying and living in the south but with my call to ordination I move back to the North of England. After two years of training at theological college in Durham, I was curate at St Mary's in Monkseaton. Steph and I were married just over five years ago. Steph is a musician by training and will be juggling bringing up Elizabeth with some research work at the Music Department at Newcastle University.

Our interests revolve a great deal around music and walking - and so Haydon Bridge seems an ideal place to move to. I have sung in Church and Cathedral Choirs most of my life and still look for chances to sing when I can. We have also come to love the Tyne Valley, and the South Tyne especially, very often taking the chance to escape west for some walking on days off.

We are really excited about moving and getting started in Haydon Bridge. I hope to try to get out and about as much as possible in the first few months to meet people and find out what is going on. I am particularly excited about all the chances to meet and work with the other churches and community groups which I can see, from only a brief look at The Haydon News, are thriving in the area. There will also be plenty of chance to say hello at St Cuthbert's Sunday by Sunday, but also with Remembrance Sunday and then Christmas fast approaching. If you see me wandering around - I'll be the one in a dog-collar - please do say hello! Above all I can't wait to see what God has in store for us all as a community in the years to come.

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Writers' Group Report

So we have finally met: on Monday, September 15. They were only three of us but it was a great fun.

We spent the whole meeting discussing our respective writing projects, reading out our poems, stories or articles.

Our first topic was "A Letter To a Sixteen-Year Old Self". Bridget and I attempted to tackle the subject. I wrote a *bona fide* letter, whilst Bridget penned a version in verse. She also added a shorter poem about a butterfly. Marita presented two poems: one about perils of online dating and the other was a dark tale about dangers of drowning in the river. She also read a touching article about her mum.

We meet next on Thursday, October 23, at 7:30 pm, and if you want to join please do contact me at natalienienera@yahoo.com.

Our next topic is "Internet, technology, its impact on people, and the way we live today". It can be explored in an essay, article, poem, short story or any other form you can think of.

People may feel intimidated about joining such a group so here are some FAQ:

Do I have to have a prior knowledge of writing?

All you need is desire to write.

Do I have to be a published author?

No. It's an interest group that is open to everyone. Some people like writing but don't aspire to become published at all.

Are there any fees?

At the moment we are a very informal group with only three members so there are no fees.

Will I learn how to write?

It's not a creative working course, it's an interest group. Having said that if you produce a piece of writing for a monthly meeting and take a constructive criticism, your writing will probably improve.

Why should I want to meet other people that write?

For the same reason people who do art, or spend money and time on their precious cars, meet. It does not work for everyone but the likelihood of meeting and making a friend in a group of people that share your interest and passion is high. Moreover, it's inspiring to exchange ideas and support each other in creative process.

I am happy to explain or answer any other questions you might have by email. In the meantime, keep writing, keep smiling and don't be afraid of just trying something new.

Natalie Nera

HAYDONIAN GOLF SOCIETY REPORT

On Saturday 16th August members of The Haydonian Golf Society set out for Percy Wood Golf Club in Swarland, twelve players with ambitions of seeing their name engraved on the Claret Jug for 2014.

Mother Nature always travels with us and has been kind in the past to such amateur mortals as ourselves. However, this time she obviously thought we maybe needed a little reminder not to be too complacent. When we teed off at Percy Wood it was quite calm, compared with the strong breeze we'd left behind at Haydon Bridge and there were no signs of precipitation - but the test was yet to come. After several holes the breeze became a wind and ended like a gale (it was difficult for small people to stand on the tee!).

Percy Wood is also a Country Retreat. The course is surrounded by static caravans - a very busy place at this time of year and the clubhouse/bar is also busy.

My fourball was last to tee off and as we approached the green on the 14th hole I noticed a lady leaning on the balcony surrounding her caravan and I thought how good it must be to see the golfers coming up the fairway and watching them putt out.



Not in this case! One of our group had a wayward shot which hit her van and she was waiting to have serious words with the culprit.

Big Dave Moxon left his mark - literally - when he walloped his ball into a course sign, making a large dent. His way of saying "Big Dave was here".

The longest drive was won by John Craig and the overall winner was Craig Tulip with 37 points, nudging John Carr into 2nd place with 34 points. Others taking part were A Murphy, G Hamilton, R Richardson, J Gilbertson, J Tulip, M Sadler, A Barker, D Moxon and M Smith.

David Tulip joined us for the day and, although he no longer plays, thoroughly enjoyed his outing and gave his son, Joseph, the benefit of his knowledge and experience - at least I think that's how I remember Joseph describing it??

Joanna Thompson of The General Havelock kindly left her busy establishment to present the trophy. Many thanks Jo. And of course Claret Jug day would not be the same without our official photographer, Tom Buist. There are some great photos. Thanks again Tom!

Joyce Gilbertson.



Under 16s Haydon News competition.

Congratulations to Ellie Charlton - aged 11 - a really good drawing!

