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# ADOXOGRAPHY



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Some fairly easy bird identifications on the cover this month. (*Answers bottom right.*) This is to encourage everyone to rip the back page off the last edition of The Haydon News and get out and about around the parish seeing what you can find.

Every month some more changes to The Haydon News! This time we have spine stapling of A3 pages to give an A4 publication. This should look great and be easier to flick through than a stack of A4 but it does mean that sides have to be added or subtracted in units of four. Until I have got the hang of the new arrangement there may be some variation in point size. Sorry.

One of the casualties of the new arrangement is the Index on page 2. I hope nobody is too disorientated by its absence.

Are we brimming with excitement about the election yet? Don't forget our attempt at non-partisan coverage on pages 31 and 32.

## **Get registered and vote! It matters.**

My thanks to Dennis Telford for his further investigations into the erstwhile Haydon Bridge pissoir. It is amazing what treasures are to be found in the village archives. In a century or two I can foresee cyborgs trawling through our records and thinking 'How quaint. Private cars powered by fossil fuel explosions and houses heated by burning stuff. The good old days Eh?'

Does the Parish need a Blogroll? There must be several dozen bloggers in the area. If anyone has a blog to which they would like to attract the browsing public The Haydon News would be delighted to establish a Blogroll. Let me know the URL of the blog and, ideally, provide assurances that the contents of the blog will not tend to deprave or corrupt and that nothing illegal, immoral or fattening is present.

Our internationalist credentials are given an excellent two fold introduction by Natalie Nera on page 22 and by Lydia Mills on page 29. Mere words can scarcely convey my delight that English has no accents or genders...

Dan Dowling has contributed a piece direct from his heart. He states his case with some force, which I welcome, those with more sensitive souls may flinch a little. The Haydon News needs to cover both the

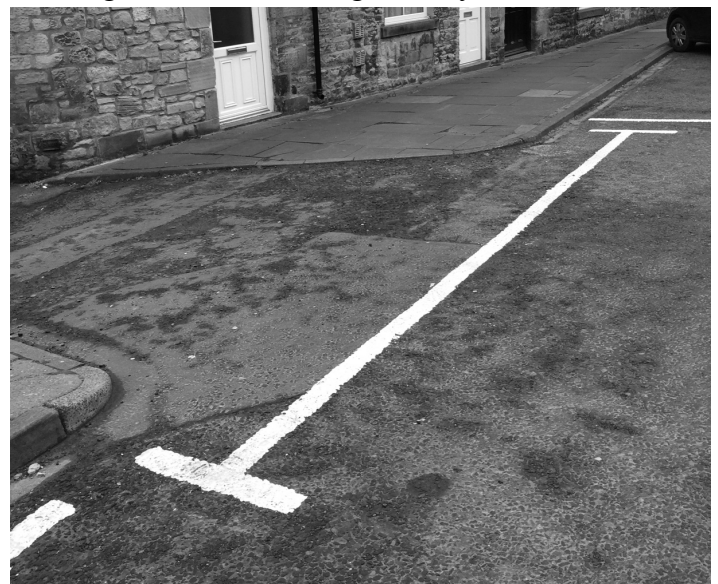
routine matters and concerns of a small community but it ought not to shy away from plain speaking.

There are otters at Allenbanks apparently. Has anyone seen any in the parish? Beavers are breaking out all over Devon and Scotland. Boar are spreading rapidly in our direction. Non-native deer species, some with 'tusks', are gaining ground. Wolves may soon be introduced in Scotland. For how much longer will we be able to walk around the parish confident in the knowledge that we are at the top of the food chain? From walking in Canadian forests I know that the knowledge that the local wild life will eat you if possible is unsettling. Even so, rewilding is an exciting prospect.

We have had a most welcome little avalanche of people paying their Membership fees and making donations to The Haydon News. Thank you.

Everyone is welcome to be a member and all offers of help with running the News will be gratefully received.

**Growing old is mandatory,  
Growing up is optional.**



Our mobility scooter mounted vigilante is patrolling his favourite white line, opposite the Co-op, at all times. He takes no prisoners...

To all those planning events in the parish this year, don't forget to let The Haydon News know **AT LEAST TWO AND PREFERABLY THREE MONTHS BEFORE!** We want to help you make the most of your plans.

Steve Ford

Top three: Heron, Chaffinch and Ducks.  
Bottom four: Kingfisher, Goose, Robin and Goosander.

# PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

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A meeting of the Haydon Parish Council was held on 26th March at 7.30pm in the Community Centre.

Ms. Lauren Langton addressed the meeting on the subject of the Tynedale Community Bank. She described this new organisation as being akin to a Credit Union or Savings and Loans club to serve the needs of those in Tynedale who had difficulty getting credit from conventional sources and who are at risk from exploitation by pay day lenders and their like.

The new organisation, whose official launch is in July, has forged a formal commercial link with the Prince Bishops Community Bank and consequently enjoys the **full protection** for clients that ordinary banks have and, moreover, is in a position to commence business almost immediately. A website already exists.

Individuals and businesses are invited to become depositors - a 0.5% dividend is envisaged. Money on deposit will help many and, it is hoped, drive pay day lenders and loan sharks out of Tynedale. It is suggested that people could use the TCB as a savings mechanism for Christmas, holidays, big domestic bills etc. The range of services offered will expand as the project develops.

## Public participation

The Belmont Gardens residents were represented in force - there was scarce room to sit. The proposed development of an additional five houses in The Paddock, Belmont was opposed for a wide variety of reasons: not an appropriate site, conflict with Strategic Green Space provisions, conflict with earlier CC opinion about extent of development, access problems, destruction of legally protected trees, zinc roof inappropriate, damage already done to access owned by residents, incomplete/out of date/misleading information in application, drainage problems, flood risk, presence of protected species (newts and bats), *inter alia*.

A vigorous discussion took place and many recommendations were offered. It was noted that the developers, also residents in the parish, were not present and were thus unable to present their views - which, in all fairness, need to be heard. The objectors plan to co-ordinate their appearance at planning meetings in Morpeth in due course.

Pot holes on Station Road have broken two car's springs. The path on Shaftoe Street needs repair. The church clock will be adjusted at the same time as it is altered for summer time.

## Apologies

Were received.

## Interests to be declared

Were sought.

## Previous minutes

Were agreed.

## NCC

A one month plan of repairs to roads is in hand. Richard Snowdon's sterling efforts with his road survey were commended and declared very useful.

The A69 to Threepwood repairs are now urgent. The Langley road drainage and signs problems are in hand as is the drainage problem on the Allerwash road. The West Mill Hills to East Haydon repairs are also in hand. Repairs on the A69 to Standalone road have proved insufficient and require more attention.

NCC has assumed responsibility for the new bridge and the surface repairs required are noted.

The yellow lines required in Shaftoe street and at the north end of the old bridge are to be marked on maps for wider consultation with a view to being placed in May.

Repairs to the wall in Church Street should occur in the next 2-3 weeks.

The invoice for the flashing speed sign is to be chased up.

The trees in front of The Bridge are to be formally pollarded in December but, in the meantime, those branches overhanging the building are to be removed.

## Highways

Richard Snowdon's survey has been passed to NCC.

Vast quantities of litter are collecting repeatedly near the bypass bridge, despite volunteers removing it regularly. Road Link are to be contacted to request attention to the problem.

Parking on pavements, especially in the estate is an increasing problem. The risk of accidents, the inconvenience to pedestrians and the overall illegality of the behaviour was discussed. The police are to be invited to 'feel a few collars' and ISOS may have a role to play too.

## Lighting

The area between The Club and The Showfield is very dark and this deep gloom is a source of anxiety to some who have to walk it at night. Cllr. Alan Sharp offered to fund the provision of a light if a suitable site could be agreed. He commended to form of lighting lately installed in Redburn.

It was noted that the whole village lighting review is due to take place in 2017 - this is part of the dark Skies project.

(It was noted, *en passant*, that the drains by The Club have been dealt with and the bin opposite The Club has yet to be installed.)

## Planning

Loft conversion etc. at High Lipwood. No objection.

Construction of 5 dormer style dwellings at The Paddock, Bemont. Objection.

New single storey extension at 2 Ratcliffe Road. No objection.

## Accounts

Agreed.

## Correspondence

Letters regarding the development at The Paddock, Belmont have been received.

Letter from CC detailing forthcoming payments in respect of the double payments resolution concerning the cemetery has been received.

Bizarre and rambling correspondence received from a resident of Carlisle. May yield to further contemplation/investigation.

## Parish Projects

Development Trust

The Haydon Hundred event, 6th June, now consists of three routes of 60, 100 and 140 kilometres respectively. Admission has been increased from 350 to 500. Entries from far afield are anticipated.

The Luncheon Club initiative is making progress and gaining membership.

## AOB

Door to door salesmen from Betel House have varied in their behaviour. It was agreed that visits after dark are not appropriate.

The possibility of fencing the path across Shaftoe Green, to constrain the dog faeces problem, was discussed.

The Fire Brigade will hose out the subway prior to its being painted.

There has been no progress yet on the Churchyard Committee.

Next meeting: Langley Village Hall 23rd April 7.30pm.

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**I continue my reports of activity on 'The Home Front', at Haydon Bridge during the Great War. Previous recollections, to December 1916, are recorded in the July 2014 to March 2015, issues of The Haydon News.**

Unprecedented losses of those with a connection to our parish had occurred at the Front during 1916. T.B. Cowing (March), T.W. Kindred (June), J. Gibson (July), F. McGurk (August), E. Kirton, M. Kirton, N. Charlton, B. Cuffe, J.P. Hutchinson, J.E. Robinson, T. Sowerby, J. Robinson, J.M. Birnie (all September), J.J. Armstrong (October), C. Law, J. Curry (November), and the Rev R.E. Kershaw (December) all lost their lives that year.

## 1917

**The Rev R. Kershaw** had not needed to volunteer, being exempt as a minister of the Gospel at Haydon Bridge but, at a service in the village, parishioners heard that he was activated by the most sincere and patriotic motives and he had been willing to sacrifice everything in what he saw as his line of duty.

Wherever he went on the field of battle he held aloft the blood stained banner of Christ among the men. In January 1917, the parish council recorded the deep loss sustained by Haydon Parish and Haydon Bridge's Congregational Church.

**In spite of the continuing bad news** from the Front, residents in our parish in 1917 remained positive about the future. A new company was formed and was registered with a capital of £10,000 in £1 shares; to take over the undertaking of the Haydon Bridge Coal Company Ltd., and to carry on the preparations for the market of, and dealers in, coal, clay and other mineral substances. The company offices were at 15 Church Street and 6,000 acres of land was purchased in the Whitechapel area. Well known Haydonians W. S. Walton of 'The Dene' and John Cummings of 'Glen Burn' were directors of the company, as well as directors of the Langley Barony Coal and Fireclay Company. (*For more information see HN July 2008*)

**The Shaftoe Trust School management committee** met in January 1917 and it was reported that the last time the school medical officer visited, 24.8% of the scholars didn't attend as their parents objected to the children being seen by anyone other than their own doctor. The service had been in operation for seven years and it was agreed to send a letter to parents outlining the benefits that a healthy body had on the development of the mind. The headmaster observed, however, that some parents were being ridiculous and it was unlikely that a letter would change their attitudes.

**Nursing:** The Haydon Bridge Nursing Association subscriptions were agreed at 6d. Total subscriptions received the previous year had been £64-6s-0d and total visits made to patients' homes by nurses were 204, including 40 maternity cases. The Association officers were: President, Mrs J.C. Straker; Secretary, Mrs Ainger (the vicar's wife); Treasurer, Mr Edward Davidson.

**Water water everywhere ... :** The early 20c was an interesting time in Haydon Bridge, when the parish had been sharply divided into two opposing camps for or against the benefits of connecting properties to a new water supply. The new scheme having been agreed upon, the stand pipes no longer required were put up for sale. There were still issues to resolve, however, with half the residents saying 'we told you so' when, in February 1917, Mr Veitch the Water Attendant reported that there was only thirteen inches of water in the Elrington reservoir.

It seems that the lead pipes used for the scheme had been made to the minimum specification in weight and were repeatedly bursting. Even the service pipe to the urinal at the bridge end had burst and this meant that 'everything was flowing everywhere'!

Neither did it help that consumers were new fangled with the modern supply and many of them ran their taps continuously in an effort to prevent the water from freezing during the harsh winter of 1917.

Notices were circulated to warn consumers of the shortage and asking them to prevent waste.

A lack of water in the reservoirs was made up for by floods at the Spa Well, where the supply was silted up due to gravel being washed from the footpath. The Parish Council agreed to have all the debris removed and the path to this very popular tourist and picnic spot repaired.

**Water Rates:** In March 1917, the Haydon Bridge Engineering Company on Church Street applied for a supply of water from the new scheme. It was agreed that the water be provided through a meter and a charge of two shillings per one thousand gallons be levied on the company. (*Comparison: cost in 2015 for 1,000 gallons, £5.40 plus a £41.69 fixed charge.*)

**John Barron:** It was reported in the parish that John Barron had died from bronchial pneumonia at a casualty clearing station in France on February 14th. 33 year old John was the youngest son of the late Wm Barron of John Martin Street and carried on his father's dairy business for a number of years until he became cart-man for the Haydon Bridge Co-operative Society. John was the second employee of the Co-op to lay down his life in France, after Thos Wm Kindred who died in June 1916. It was reported



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a comfort to John's family that he was visited in his final illness by A.H. Hulse, his old pastor at Haydon Bridge church, who performed the last solemn rites at his graveside.

**Knitting:** The Haydon Bridge ladies who had been working at the vicarage on Friday afternoons, on behalf of the Hexham War Depot, had made 143 pairs of socks, 25 pairs of mittens, 23 mufflers, 5 caps and 9 hot water bottle covers, in the two months to March 1st 1917.

**The Rev Stewart Wright** was appointed Minister of the Congregational Church at Haydon Bridge, in succession to the Rev E. Kershaw who died at Salonica.

**'Send relief':** A shocking discovery was made at Langley Station on the morning of Wednesday April 11th 1917, when the porter found the station master of three years, thirty six year old John Wardill, face downward in the ladies room with his throat cut and 'quite dead'. In John's pocket was a note in which he asked God for forgiveness and hoped someone would look after his poor wife and two children. Committed to his position of responsibility to the last, the station master sent a telegraph from Langley to Newcastle Central: 'Stationmaster dead - send relief. J.W.' before using a cut throat razor to end his days. In pronouncing their verdict of suicide while temporarily insane, the jury handed their fees to Mrs Wardill.

**Memorial:** A brass plate was placed in St Cuthbert's Church in April 1917, in memory of Robert White, husband of Isabel Helen Thompson. Robert White died 8th May 1916 aged forty eight years and had been a church-warden at St Cuthbert's for seven years.

**Wesleyan Sunday School Anniversary:** Did your ancestors take part in the 1917 anniversary? The programme on Good Friday was given by: Willie Carne, Isabella Tait, Willie Urwin, John W. Urwin, Nellie Egglestone, Mary Noble, Eva Harkness, Geo. W. Waugh, Herbert Thompson, Johnny Bates, Bella Bates, Annie Wylie, Jane Nevin, Minnie Murphy, Sybil Telford, Meggie Gibson, Mollie Urwin, Edith Hamilton, Eleanor Waugh, Frances Holliday, Nancy Philipson, Cecil Telford and Jeannie Anderson.

The congregation remembered forty scholars, or former scholars, who were serving with the forces. Six of whom had been killed and one died of disease.

**Sales at two farms** were reported in April 1917.

Mr Cowle was leaving Woodhall Mill, where he had farmed with his father for over forty years, and Mr Coulson was moving from East Deanraw.

To be continued next month

## HAYDON BRIDGE'S 1895 'PISSOIR'

In February's HN I provided a full frontal view of our stone faced 19c public urinal.

These photographs show the painted ironwork back-side suspended over the River.

Note the Reading Room and its original single storey design.



## THE HAYDON BRIDGE CO-OPERATIVE INDUSTRIAL SOCIETY LTD

### Part 13

1939 to 1940

**My Haydon Bridge 'Store' history Parts 1 to 12, from 1875 to 1938, can be found in the February 2014 to March 2015 issues of the Haydon News.**

In 1939, the Haydon Bridge Co-op dividend was 2/6d in £ and the Society was moving from horse power to 'horse power' for deliveries. In May of that year, a new 12hp Bedford van was purchased from Mr Scudamore for £196-3s-3d, to be used by the butchery department, and the old butcher's van was altered at a cost of £12-10s-0d and was used for 'hawking round the district'; travelling duties that were undertaken by Ozzie Moore who also had to

keep a check on the oil and petrol used, and wash the van once a week. A BSA bicycle was also bought, for the errand boy, for £7-14s-0d from S.G. Brown's cycle shop on Church Street. *(A cycle shop that was eventually taken over by I.D. Jeans, in premises that are home to the Haydon Bridge Pharmacy in 2015.)*

In June 1939, employee E. Moffat was given leave of absence so that he could join the Territorials. It was agreed that his wages, and the wages of all staff who undertook army training, would be made up to those they would have received working at the Store.

Two new appointments were made in June 1939: twenty year old L. Harrison from New Alston was made an assistant to the grocery department and driver, and seventeen year old Miss Alma Telford was appointed as a check girl.

In spite of a proposal that committee members attend meetings without payment, it was agreed after much discussion that they would receive one shilling each per attendance.

**In the period leading up to the Second World War, the Society continued to trade successfully. In 1935 there had been 765 members and 16 staff; by 1939 there were 800 members served by 18 staff.**

The Haydon Bridge Society continued to support worthwhile causes outside the parish. The Hexham War Memorial Hospital received their regular annual donation and, for the first time, the committee agreed to give twenty guineas to the Voluntary Hospitals' Combined Appeal at Newcastle upon Tyne. The Newcastle CWS fund for the purpose of entertaining the troops received three guineas and the Blind of Great Britain and Ireland appeal, one guinea.

On September 1st 1939, John Wm. Melvin, the Store manager, made a request for a girl over the age of sixteen to assist in the shop, 'as male employees were being called up to the army'. Applications were received from five girls: Miss J. Walker (19 years) 24 Shaftoe Street; Miss Maud Douglas (20) Light Birks; Miss Constance Raine (22) Brigwood; Miss E. Stokoe (18) Ratcliffe Road; and Miss E. Natrass (17) Shaftoe Street. Miss E. Stokoe was appointed following the interviews and started work on Monday September 18th.

**Germany's invasion of Poland and the start of the war in Europe in September 1939, seems to have had an immediate effect on staffing and supplies at our Co-op. Male staff were joining the forces; a rear light was provided for the errand boy's bicycle ..... but he was instructed not to switch it on at night; prices of all goods were rising; and it was difficult to get sugar, butter and bacon. The Store's assistant manager Mr Joe Longstaff pointed out to the committee that customers who**



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had received a regular supply of bacon in the past, 'couldn't understand where that bacon had gone to now'!

These issues were discussed at the General Meeting in December 1939. A meeting held in the Store's first floor drapery department rather than the usual venue in the Town Hall; the owners of the Town Hall having increased the rent for a meeting in the ante-room, to one guinea.

**In January 1940, food rationing was introduced to ensure 'fair shares for all' and on the 8th of the month, bacon, butter and sugar were rationed by weight; followed by meat, (by price - 1/10d worth per person per week) tea, biscuits, jam, breakfast cereals, cheese, eggs, lard, milk, canned and dried fruit, and sweets.**

By the turn of the year, nineteen men had applied for the position of 'motor driver' at the Co-op; to replace L. Harrison who had been called up for the military. The applicants came from as far as Bishop Auckland to the south, Tynemouth and South Shields to the east, and Morpeth to the north. Local men who applied for the position included: C. Curry, Shaftoe

### 'LET THERE BE LIGHT!'



This photograph, taken in the mid/late 1930s and provided by Mrs Rene Armstrong, shows the Haydon Bridge Store brightly lit with new electric lights installed in 1935.

I'd be grateful if anyone can put names to those in the photograph.

Reaching agreement in 1935 to provide the Co-op Store with electricity power and lighting was a strange affair as it was taken after much discussion and following a ballot held in secret; after which it was resolved that the 'ballot papers be burned'. The Society chairman undertook this task, but the reason for the secrecy is unclear and the voting figures were not recorded. Further discussion took place over a motion that a 'light be placed in the lavatory' and, strangely, an amendment to the motion that, 'no light be put in' was carried. Later, however, a motion 'without dissent' was agreed, 'to install electric light in (all) the premises'. This was followed by an agreement to install electricity in the Co-operative Society's houses as well.

Street; Joe Nevin, John Martin Street; Wm Turnbull, Church Street; W. Charlton, Parker's Terrace; G. Gibson, Heugh House; E. Bowman, Keeper Shield and T. Teasdale of the Odd Fellows' Hall.

Mr Teasdale, who was driving for H. Watson & Co. at the time, was offered and accepted the post.

The weather in Haydon Bridge in early 1940 was the worst experienced for several years and a fever was sweeping through the parish. In January, employees Melvin, Moore, Cowing, Lowdon, Bates, Heslop, Swallow and Miss Dockray were all off work sick.

This bad weather, which included 34° of frost, was blamed for a breakdown in the equipment at the Haydon Bridge Gas Works on Station Road, and its subsequent closure. A large number of residents were affected by the decision to close the Gas Works in March 1940, and for the Store committee it meant replacing the gas boilers in three houses they owned, with boilers fuelled by electricity.

Employees Ridley Telford, Charlie Cowing, Ozzie Moore and Johnny Brown were all expected to be called up in early 1940, and the committee made arrangements for their absence by appointing Mr Brown of Westwood for the butchery department; W. Turnbull of Church Street to drive the hawking van; twenty eight year old S. Adamson to drive the truck; and Miss Jean Telford of 'Tyne View', John Martin Street, to work in the Store.

It was agreed that employees on war service be given a 10/- bonus by the Society.

In March 1940, Miss E. Stokoe resigned from her position and R. Young of Corbridge - 'a man who was not liable for military service' - replaced her. The Store continued to trade to the best of its ability, although goods were becoming increasingly difficult to source with Nestles Milk and Golden Syrup 'very scarce'.

I will continue my history of the Haydon Bridge Store next month

### WORDS AND MUSIC

**Maybe the most interesting and enigmatic of the headstones still legible in St Cuthbert's Churchyard, is the one that tested the stone mason's skill in miniature and has left us with 'Watling Street', a piece of music that, as far as I'm aware, has never received deserved acclaim in our parish or beyond.**



**IN MEMORY OF  
CUTHBERT, SON OF  
HENRY ARMSTRONG  
WHO DIED NOV, 27 1828. AGED  
18 MONTHS. THE ABOVE  
HENRY ARMSTRONG.  
DIED OCT. 30, 1864 IN HIS  
SEVENTIETH YEAR.  
ALSO DOROTHY HIS WIFE  
DIED JANUARY 18, 1867  
AGED 71 YEARS.**



**So, who was H.N., the composer whose fascinating memorial appears to have gone unnoticed by so many Haydon Parish residents of recent generations?**

By email.  
2014.

Dear Dennis,

I know that the Shaftoe Guest House at Haydon Bridge contacted you concerning visitors from America looking for help in their research. Those visitors were my cousins and upon their return home they forwarded me your address so I could contact you directly. I hope that is okay.

I live in Washington State on the west coast of the U.S. and have been trying to piece my family's history together. My Armstrong ancestors came to America just after the U.S. Civil War had ended, and settled in Connecticut. Henry Armstrong (junior), born 1835 in Haydon Bridge, and his wife Jane came with their two sons. I have found a few records online to help me but have been uncertain on some connections.

I wonder whether there are any local records or family histories that could help me.

I am much obliged for your time and effort.

Thomasa Brewer.

***Let me provide a narrative to go with the 'Watling Street' dots.***

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**Henry Armstrong was a child of Dorothy Kirkley and her husband James Armstrong.** Henry was born in 1795 at Haltwhistle and baptised September 9th of that year by the Haltwhistle Scotch Church Presbyterians at 'Cawburn' - a farm one mile north of the Military Road above Haltwhistle - suggesting either a 'kitchen sink' baptism, or at one of the open air meetings which the non-conformists often held. James and Dorothy Armstrong had another six children, each child apart from Henry having James listed as the father whereas Henry's baptism record lists only his mother's name. An illegitimate child, perhaps? In addition to Henry, James and Dorothy's children were: Ann, 1794; Dorothy, 1795; Thomas, 1797; Sarah, 1800; James, 1802 and Margaret, 1806.

Thanks to Thomasa Brewer's account of her family's history, genealogist William Veitch's research, and close scrutiny of our parish records, we know that **Henry, a labourer, married Dorothy Davison of Haydon Bridge on December 31st 1825 and set up home in our village.** Dorothy was born at Haydon Bridge on January 4th 1796, to Cuthbert Davison - who was a mason by trade - and Jane Atkinson. Jane was baptised on October 27th 1768, the daughter of John and Margaret Atkinson.

**Henry and Dorothy had five children, baptised at Haydon Bridge:** Cuthbert, born 28th May 1826, baptised 2nd July 1826; Cuthbert Davison, born 18th May 1829, bap. 3rd August 1828; Edward, born 17th March 1830, bap. 9th May 1830; Jane, born 1st July 1832, bap. 9th September 1832; Henry jnr., born 16th October 1835, bap. 24th January 1836.

**At the baptism of his first three children - to 1830 - Henry was described as a 'labourer', but, for Jane in 1832 and Henry in 1836 he was a 'Singing Master'. A belated recognition of his burgeoning musical talent, perhaps.**

**By 1851, the family had moved to 'Mill House', Thorngrafton where sons Cuthbert Davison and Edward were stone cutters and father Henry was described as a 'Teacher of Music'.**

The next record we have of the Armstrong family, discovered by William Veitch, is at Ebchester, County Durham in 1861 by which time Cuthbert Davison Armstrong was a 'master mason', Henry jnr. was a builder employing two men, and father **Henry Armstrong was a 'Professor of Music'.**

**Henry Armstrong died on October 30th 1864 in his 70th year and his wife Dorothy (nee Davison) on January 18th 1867 aged 71 years; leaving 'Watling Street', Henry's musical composition, as a memorial on the headstone in St Cuthbert's Churchyard at Haydon Bridge.**

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## 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 seventh casualty, in 1918, was **William Kennedy**

### (47) William Kennedy



Photograph courtesy of Haydon Bridge Community Centre

William served as Private, 200728 (2409), 1st Battalion, Northumberland Fusiliers. He died on 10th May 1918, aged 24.

Born in Cumberland William was one of seven children of John and Jane Kennedy (nee Graham) who later lived at Dilston Haugh.

As well as having his name on the War Memorial William is also commemorated on the Reredos in St. Cuthbert's.



William is buried in grave C.40 in Hinges Military Cemetery.



**If you have any information relating to William Kennedy, or any of those individuals on the Haydon Bridge Memorial, then please contact Pam & Ken Linge at: Drystones, Heugh House Lane, Haydon Bridge, NE47 6HJ, phone (01434) 684050 or email: [pam\\_ken.linge@btinternet.com](mailto:pam_ken.linge@btinternet.com).**

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### And what of Henry and Dorothy's children?

**Cuthbert Armstrong:** died aged 18 months on 27th November 1828 at Haydon Bridge, and his death is the first recorded on the headstone in St Cuthbert's Churchyard.

**Cuthbert Davison Armstrong:** emigrated to America around 1883, and he died in Middletown, Connecticut in 1887.

**Edward Armstrong:** emigrated to Portland, Connecticut, USA (a quarry town) in 1853 to work as a stone mason. In 1861, Edward returned briefly to England - perhaps for Henry's wedding.

**Jane Armstrong:** remained in Haydon Bridge.

**Henry Armstrong:** served his time as a carpenter and joiner and married Jane Catherine Pickering of Tanfield, Co. Durham in 1861 and, in 1869, they emigrated to Connecticut, with two sons William Henry and Edward Pickering, where Henry built a successful wagon making business. (*Henry's second son, Edward Pickering Armstrong, is our correspondent Thomasa Armstrong Brewer's 2 times great grandfather.*)

**The 'Watling Street' composer whom I have followed, very briefly, from his baptism in 1795, through his adult years as a 'labourer', 'singing master', 'teacher of music' and, by 1861, a 'Professor of Music', certainly went up in the**

**world during his lifetime and, in the words of Henry's 4 times great granddaughter Thomasa Armstrong Brewer, our correspondent: 'I don't know how Henry's profession changed from a 'labourer' at Haltwhistle and Haydon Bridge to a 'professor of music' .... but good for him!'**

*In the preparation of this article my thanks are due to: Thomasa Armstrong Brewer; William Veitch; and The Commemorative Biographical Record of Tolland and Windham Counties, Connecticut, USA. Pub 1903.*

### Footnote:

An opportunity to give publicity - and an airing - to Henry Armstrong's 'Watling Street' presented itself in 2004 when I produced a recording on behalf of the John Martin Heritage Committee to celebrate John's life, 150 years after his death in February 1854.

In the recording '*All The Way From Haydon Bridge - Sounds of the Valley*', Jill Henderson and I provide a commentary of John Martin's life, with help from the pupils of Shaftoe Trust School, The High Level Ranters, Tom Leader, Henry Robson, Shaftoe Chorale, HB Community Band, Sue Dunne, The Street Martins, Graham Raine and Katy Cook.

**And, Johnny Handle playing his interpretation of Henry Armstrong's 'Watling Street'.**

There are still half a dozen copies of the 2004 CD available. If you'd like one, please give me a ring (01434) 684636. First come first served.

*I am always pleased to record successes of Haydon Bridge families in my Notes. Not least when the Haydonians and/or their families have influence across the world and, therefore, I will continue this Armstrong family's story in a future issue,*

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Our next meeting is on 22<sup>nd</sup> April at 7:30pm in Henshaw Church Room where Sister Jackie will be sharing, with us, her experiences in Bosnia.

Thank you all again, Anne Brunton, Secretary, Haydon Bridge with Beltingham and Henshaw Mothers' Union.

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#### **Moving from rags to riches!**

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Easter faith means our moving from rags to riches!

We see this truth born out in the contrasting reactions of Peter and John to the empty tomb. Peter sees the linen cloths and remains in Good Friday mode. John sees the linen cloths lying on the ground and moves on instantly in his spiritual life. John believes! For John the mystery of the Empty tomb is God's transformation of the life of Jesus and the transformation of his own (John's) life.

Easter faith moves John from rags to riches!

Anyone presently immersed in the fatigue and monotony of daily care, may now be caught up in the mystery of Easter faith. The sick and the dying, with a positive attitude and acceptance, move from Good Friday to Easter Sunday. All of us, coping in faith with loss of whatever kind, move from that loss to gain, from Calvary to transfiguration.

It is the death resurrection swing, the rhythm of Christian experience and the movement of salvation history. It's Christ's way and our Christian way.

Easter faith really does mean moving from rags to riches!

Perhaps we are best advised to bring all these issues together in our Eucharist, after all it is here in the Eucharist that we revisit the tomb.

In the Eucharist we recall the events of Holy Thursday and Good Friday and then go on to Easter Sunday - there is no standing still in the Eucharist.

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*Easter Faith really does mean moving from rags to riches!*

**Father Leo Pyle**

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### Haydon Old Church

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### 12 April

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Rev. Marian Olsen

### 19 April

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Rev. Mary Elliot  
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### 3 May

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6pm Evening Service  
David Wilson

## CHURCH OF ENGLAND SERVICES

### 5 April Easter Day

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### St. Cuthberts

11am Parish Eucharist

### Haydon Old Church

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### 12 April

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9.30am Parish Eucharist BCP  
(Followed by Annual Mtg.)

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10am **Joint Eucharist**

### 3 May

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### Haydon Old Church

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*John Harrison*

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There was nothing new about February - winter simply dragged on unchanging – windy and cold. But as promised, the daytime temperatures were, on average, warmer than January – by only 0.2 degC. February was cold and grey for the most part but was exceptionally dry until the last week. The weather was very cold at the start of the month with night temperatures falling well below freezing under clear skies. Snow cover persisted for the first five days melting only very slowly during the day and freezing again at night. There were a few further falls of snow late on the 3rd but these added little to the snow cover. Apart from the larger drifts, which lingered for several more days, the snow cover had gone by the 6th. Pressure rose sharply from the 5th but brought stratus cloud and anticyclonic gloom until the 11th. Although days started very murky with occasional fog, the sun appeared briefly during the afternoons.

The stable weather pattern changed only slowly between the 12th and 21st with occasional incursions of rain-fall from weak frontal systems. With the less settled weather came warmer air, taking daytime temperatures above 9.0 deg C on a few days. Over the first 21 days the total rainfall was only 4 mm despite the dominance of westerly airflow (80%).

High pressure was replaced by unsettled weather patterns as Atlantic weather systems swept in from the west bringing most of the month's rain between the 22nd and 25th. The wind was occasionally very strong with a gale overnight on the 28th.

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# 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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Programme of Charity Fund-Raising Quizzes at the  
General Havelock, Haydon Bridge.

All Quizzes start at 8.15 pm

£1.50 per person

Refreshments, 'Beer Question' and Raffle

April 14th

Get it Together Society:

Fireworks Fund

May 12th

Haydon Bridge Health Centre

June 16th

Haydon Bridge Parish Church

**\*\*Queenie Quiz\*\***

July 14th

Anthony Nolan Trust

Quizmaster

John Harrison ([johnandaveril@aol.com](mailto:johnandaveril@aol.com))

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Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May

12 noon – 1.00 pm

Following dates to be confirmed, depending upon  
continued project funding:

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July

12 noon – 1.00 pm

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September

12 noon – 1.00 pm

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November

12 noon – 1.00 pm

All sessions at the Haydon Bridge Health Centre.

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SATURDAY: 9.30am-12.30am

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## HAYDON BRIDGE NATURE CLUB

### SUMMER WALKS PROGRAMME 2015

All walks start from the given meeting place at 6.30 pm. prompt unless stated different. If in doubt of a walk taking place due to bad weather, please confirm with the walks leader or walks programme secretary Cynthia Bradley on 01434 684622. Please come properly equipped with hiking boots and waterproofs and car share where possible. Thank you.

**Maps Ordnance Survey, Explorer OL43, Land ranger 87**

**April 9<sup>th</sup>** Barbara Wardle 688886 6.30 pm.  
“**Tony’s Patch**”, Meet at West Heugh House Lane.  
Circular, can be muddy. 3 miles  
Woodland & Pastures, Birds/Roe Deer/Foxes

**April 23<sup>rd</sup>** Cynthia Bradley 684622 6.30 pm.  
“**Haydon Old Church**”. Meet at the Library.  
Circular 3-4 miles.  
With visit to Haydon Old Church.

**May 7<sup>th</sup>**. Barbara Wardle 688886 6.30 pm.  
“**Humbleton Fell**” Meet at Chimney (Stublick)  
Land ranger 84611. Circular, fell walking. 3 miles  
Short Eared Owl/Hares

**May 21<sup>st</sup>**. Cynthia Bradley 684622 6.45 pm.  
“**Humshaugh**” Meet at The Crown.  
Circular. Pastures and country lane which runs parallel with the North Tyne. 4 Miles.  
Many types of Water Birds

**June 4<sup>th</sup>**. Ceri Gibson 688432 6.45 pm.  
“**Haltwhistle Burn**” Meet at Cawfields Quarry Car  
Park Circular 2 styles and farm yards. 5 miles  
Tyne River Trust Conservation Walk

**June 18<sup>th</sup>**. Cynthia Bradley 684622  
“**Monks Wood**” Meet Quarry House, near the road  
junction at Keenley Well. GR NY792565  
Circular. Pasture, lower edge of wood runs parallel  
for just over 1 mile with the river West Allen. Final  
stretch moor, top road gives views across the valley.  
4 miles

**July 2<sup>nd</sup>**. Anne Carter 684856 6.45 pm.  
“**Crindle Dykes**” Meet on Staingate. GR 785670  
Circular fell walk. 3-4 miles  
Beautiful wild flowers/ Geology.

**July 16<sup>th</sup>**. Cynthia Bradley 684622 6.45 pm.  
“**Steel Rigg & Craighaugh**” Meet at Steel Rigg Car  
Park at GR NY752677. Circular which includes  
some of the Hadrian’s Wall and the Tree at Sycamore Gap. 4 miles

**July 30<sup>th</sup>**. June Rumney 684562  
“**Haresby Lonnen**” Meet at the Library  
6.30 pm. Circular. Partly road & bridleway. High  
view point. 5 miles. Various wild flowers.

## THE BEACON CLUB

Programme

1<sup>st</sup> April- The Orient Express  
15<sup>th</sup> April- History of Newcastle Police  
22<sup>nd</sup> April- The Energy Crisis  
29<sup>th</sup> April- Beamish as it was & how it will be.  
6<sup>th</sup> May Spare the rod  
*£2-00 at the door which includes coffee & biscuits.*

### A VERY DISTRESSED LADY WRITES:

Dear Sir

Today I have found a filthy plastic bag of dog dirt which some disgusting dog walker has thrown over my garden wall.

My garden is not a receptacle for anyone’s rubbish and particularly not for dog faeces.

It makes me wonder at the low mentality of someone who ‘bags’ the dog’s dirt then dumps it in someone’s garden, regardless of who has to clear it up.

Such a dog walker is not fit to be in charge of a dog.

Yours sincerely *Name and address supplied.*

*Editor: I too struggle to understand the thinking behind the bags of dog faeces that I routinely find hung on bushes, trees, hedges and fences.*

### BAG IT AND BIN IT!

**If necessary, take it home with you!**

**Litter : Technology Will Win The Battle!**

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In Copenhagen this method was used to solve the dog mess problem. The £30 cost was quoted on BBC Radio 4.

**YOUR DOG? YOUR SHIT!**

## Advance Notice For Local Artists

This year’s exhibition will be from  
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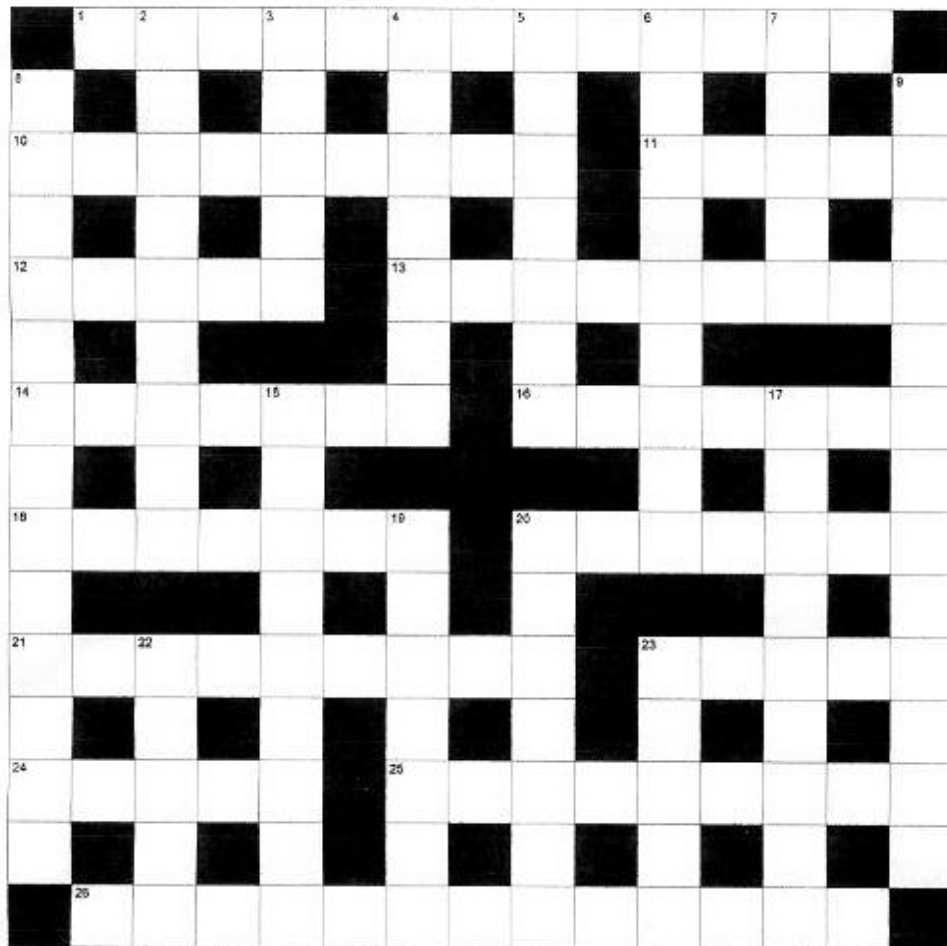
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## Across

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|--|---|
| 1. Lift the spell and put one off (13)   | 18. Treated for no complaint (7)                  |
| 10. One wooden prop raises you from an Orkney island and creates an angry reaction (9) | 20. Mary's follower learns to blow (7)            |
| 11. A star mixed up in a West Indian cult (5)  | 21. Heater for baptism perhaps (9)                |
| 12. Note old shilling and double it (5)  | 23. Gold bar amongst those saving otherwise (5)   |
| 13. Consort with the queen is to flirt (9)   | 24. Contains a topic ongoing in Africa (5)        |
| 14. Try love secretly (7)  | 25. Second in command (6,3)                       |
| 16. Eastern Gaelic classical verse form (7)  | 26. Using a shield to play in your own half (9,4) |

## Down

2. Cheeky, very, because of shortage of funds (7)
3. The spice of great themes (5)
4. Briskly like Quentin (7)
5. Whenever (3,4)
6. Then tears cause fear (9)
7. So end those who didn't mind their own business (5)
8. Pence for right kiss to see him at his best (3,4,6)
9. A thousand turned to a distinct utterance for college entrance (13)
15. You were with it to be in it (3,6)
17. Watered the land with this rare digit (9)
19. Skinny Edward narrowed it down (7)
20. Chap crossed the island where he was born (7)
22. Fellow points to church house (5)
23. Notions of principles not with the left (5)

*Entries in before  
20th April please.*

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



## Brendan Healy

In the early nineties I went to Belarus when it was part of the communist Soviet Union. We arrived in Moscow having travelled on the scariest plane I've ever been on. Not because it was clapped out, quite the opposite. Horror of horrors, it was brand new, untried and untested. After we had taken off from Heathrow the Captain announced. "Welcome to the maiden flight of this Boeing 767."

Did you know that you aren't allowed off the plane once it is in the air and also did you know that they are allowed to restrain you in your seat. I found out subsequently that this wasn't the first time it had been up but had been through a series of test flights and stuff. You'd think the Captain might have mentioned that. I have a feeling that they always flew the newest planes into Moscow just to show off, to say 'Things are brilliant in the west!'

I was playing piano and keyboards with the group 'Lindisfarne' at the time, and the band had been invited to do a charity gig for the children of Chernobyl following that awful disaster at the nuclear power plant. I travelled into Moscow sitting next to Alan Hull, who was thoroughly mortified at the dreadful state of this communist country. His huge disappointment prompted him to write the song 'Mother Russia' ..... 'your sons have left you crying in the rain'.

When we got to Red Square we met some of the other groups, I remember 'China Crisis' and 'Echo and the Bunnymen.' We were shown around by a guide who told us that the architect of St. Basil's Cathedral (the wonderful multi-domed building we always see in movies) was blinded by Ivan the Terrible so that he could never recreate the building again. I wonder whether Ivan might have had the same inclination if he met the architect of the Sage?

### ANSWERS TO MARCH'S CROSSWORD

#### LAST MONTH'S WINNER:

Pat Mitchell

#### NUMBER OF ENTRIES:

6

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- 24 RINGO STARR
- 26 RUBY
- 27 PASSCHEN
- DAELE

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Subsequently we flew to Belarus with Aeroflot, the Soviet airline. I would have preferred to be on a 767's test flight. The thing about Aeroflot is that they always took off exactly on time whether they had finished servicing it or not!

On arrival at our hotel the foyer was full of burly men in shabby mismatched suits. I thought it was a convention of dodgy but hard-looking salesman. These were our bodyguards. Apparently we had to have them as we could easily have been robbed or mugged, since the locals thought all westerners were filthy rich. As it transpired, compared to them, we were. They had nothing. (Also their government was terrified that something might happen to us as they had never had a charity concert like this before.)

Stevie Cunningham, who played bass at the time, had forgotten his razor so we went shopping. He saw a Bic disposable in a glass case in the department store and asked the translator if he could get a packet of them. After a brief discussion with the salesman we discovered that the razor was the only one in the store. Not a packet of six, but one! We were there at the time of Perestroika and Glasnost, when the Soviet Union had begun to break up, and although it is a cliché it made me realise how good we had things at home.

The bodyguards had been drafted from all over the Union, whether they wanted to not, and without pay. There were Olympic boxers and wrestlers and my bodyguard, Mechtiel, was a champion kick boxer.

We were watching it on TV one night. What a violent sport! They had helmets on and used their heads as weapons. Mechtiel was pointing at the telly and then at himself. I mimed ... 'Is that what you do?' He nodded with a big grin and then pointed at the telly and said 'Musleem, Musleem.' It was then I noticed the head judge at the table in the contest was Musleem, Mechtiel's brother who was standing just behind me. They were dead hard, these lads.

When I left I tipped Mechtiel about thirty five pounds for the week. It was all I had. He burst into tears and started to jabber at the translator. Apparently I had tipped him the equivalent to two months' wages and he would love to come home with me and be my bodyguard for £17.50 a month.

We didn't really know we were born.

**Brendan**



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### Try Czech. Its easy!

Máte pocit, že jazyk jako čeština je na míle vzdálený angličtině? Pišeme latinkou jako vy a některým slovům se dá rozumět hned. Třeba tenis, hokej, fotbal, prezident, univerzita, student, parlament. Jsou buď převzatá z angličtiny nebo mají společný latinský základ. Navíc čeština a angličtina jsou příbuzní, protože obě řeči patří do skupiny indoevropských jazyků. A tak je vaše královna (queen) spřízněná s prostou slovanskou ženou přes společné staroindoevropské slovo, které znamenalo manželku, ženu a bohyni. A víte, které české slovo angličtina dnes běžně používá? Přeji krásný den a zdravím „ahoj“!

*Do you feel that Czech language is miles away from English? We use the Latin alphabet like you and it is easy to understand some words straight away; such as tennis (tennis); hokej (hockey); president (President); univerzita (university); student (student); parlament (Parliament). They either arrived from English or they have the same Latin stem. Moreover, Czech and English are related because both tongues belong to the group of Indo-European languages. So this way your queen is "related" to a simple Slavic woman (žena, pronounced as zhená) through the same stem; the original old Indo-European word meant a wife, woman or Goddess. And do you know what Czech word is commonly used in today's English? I wish you a nice day, using a Czech greeting "ahoj"! (The answer is "a robot". First used by the writer Karel Čapek in his drama R.U.R. It means „a labourer“ or „a serf“.)*

**Natalie Nera**

### Reflections on elections - *inter alia*.

Well I have to say that I'm disappointed to see you haven't got my party in your list of the candidates that are asked to submit 400 words in relation to the up and coming election.

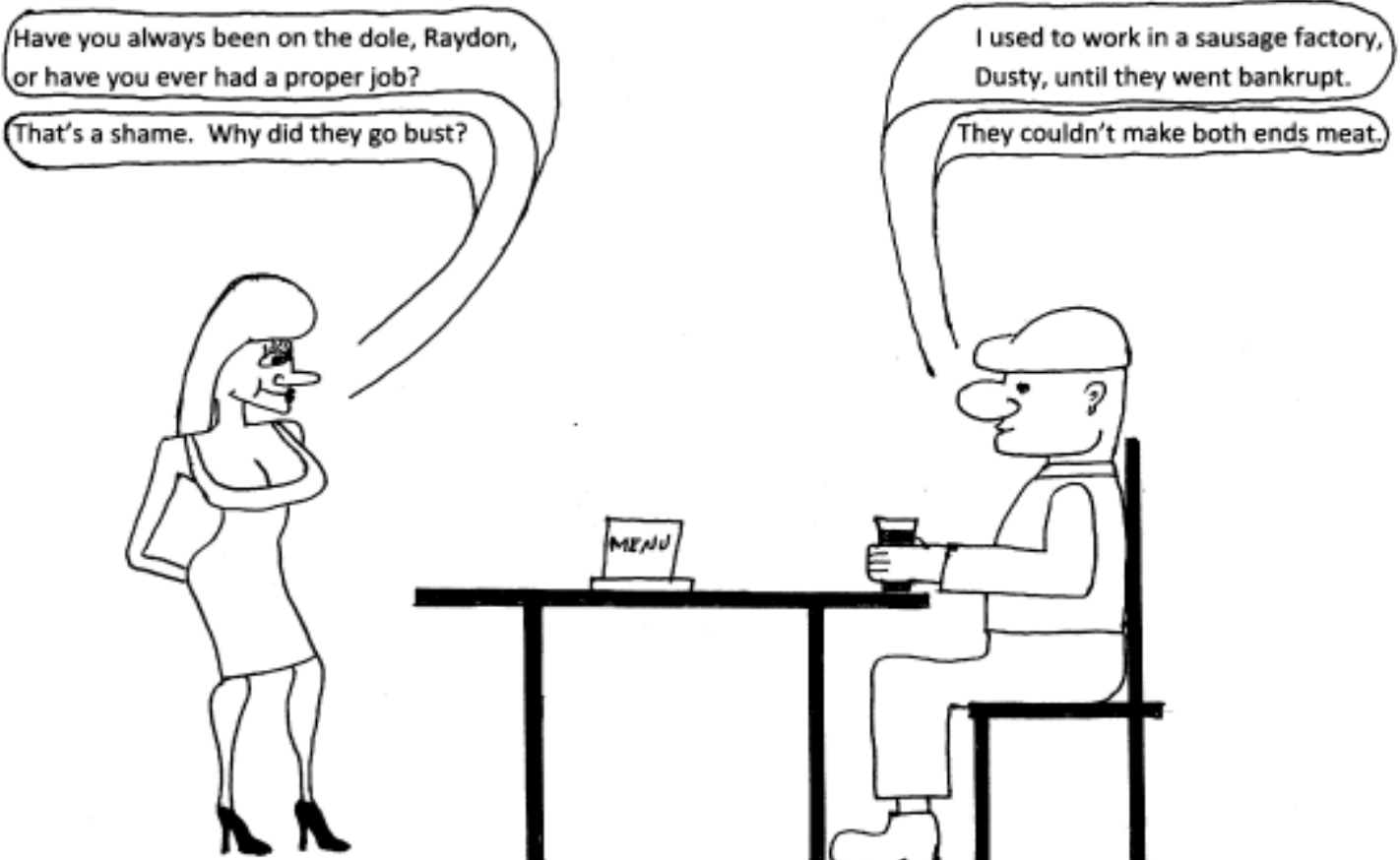
I live in Haydon Bridge – I've lived here longer than anywhere else in my life – I don't intend to leave until my ashes are hoied off the old bridge in front of my house.

I'm of the opinion you only live the once, and I'm destined to live the rest of my life as "an outsider".... but that's ok.... I don't like the "insider" job description anyway.

Why? Racism. I work in London. I get the Monday morning first train, get back at about 10pm Friday. I'm on the train now, just past Stevenage, loads of Scottish drunk people keeping me entertained. It costs me £250 a week to travel and when you take accommodation costs into account I would be better off flipping burgers in Haydon Bridge Mac.....hold on....they would never get a licence so there isn't a Mac.... in Haydon Bridge ....and that's why I live here!

Gutted to hear my baby son might go to a school that got a red card from Ofsted though. I'm suppose I shouldn't be that concerned; these things go in cycles, my son is only 1 years old and anyway, Ofsted

## RAYDON FRIDGE and DUSTY DARMAID



staff indulge their preferences when allowed to exercise discretion rather than following formal rules (Heckman et al, 1996).

The thing I have never been able to come to terms with in the village is the overt racism. I was asked to leave a Haydon Bridge pub a couple of years ago for admitting to being a “\*\*gger lover”. I dared challenge the consensus of comments being publically voiced when stories were on the telly and it was close to getting nasty. I was the only one who objected in the bar, so I had to go home. It was the time of the riots – I had been working in London that day, in Lewisham, the place that has the biggest police station in Europe where people openly smoke cannabis on the steps outside.

I trod on Rebecca Brookes toe when she got arrested for the phone tapping scandal there. I had a strained wrist from all that finger wagging I was doing at the looters and the boss put me on the early train home. I must admit, it wasn't an easy day. I made it home on the 6pm from Kings Cross, then the 9.10pm from Newcastle to the village.

I needed a pint. I really needed a pint. Wor lass was on night shift so no conflict of interest. The 10.30pm TV news was on in the bar in the village. The commentary from locals was disgusting – really disgusting. It really was the kind of thing you hear about in national newspapers.

I work all over the country and I tell you what, there isn't another location, remote rural or not, that you would get away with what I heard unchallenged.

Similarly, I spoke to someone who was employed to manage one of our few village assets last month – he was resigning the next day, leaving the village... why? I asked.... amongst other things, he could no longer cope with unchallenged racism in his workplace apparently....

Why, Haydon Bridge? I'm from Rothbury, even further away in terms of links to cosmopolitan Britain, but you wouldn't hear foul and antiquated racist bile in Pubs there. I've got a little sister, born in Africa. My staff team absolutely love to hear about our village. They are Muslim, Sikh, Hindu and other religions and races. I get asked when I can arrange a visit to our beautiful village all the time.... I'm too scared to arrange this, but will, next time I hear overt racist comments, report it to the police and follow that up after prosecution by naming and shaming the perpetrators in the newspapers. It might help some of our neighbours move into the 20<sup>th</sup> century at least.

Lets hope people aren't fooled by the naive quasi-racist political parties in this election.

**Dan Dowling**

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## Haydon Bridge and Allendale Medical Practice    Spring 2015 Newsletter

It is coming up to a year since the merge of Haydon Bridge & Allendale practices. We thought it was a good time to give a brief update on how things are progressing. We have always hoped that by offering services across both sites we will be extending the choice you all have as patients. The merge created a lot of work behind the scenes, but it has always been our aim that the patients are not adversely affected, we hope we have succeeded in this.

Dr Hadaway is leaving the practice at the end of April, she is not being replaced and the other doctors are increasing the sessions they work. You can see the new timetable of when each doctor is where in the Spring Newsletter. You can pick up a copy of the newsletter from either reception and it is also available on the practice website.

We have changed the appointment booking system, this has been in an attempt to manage increasing demand, not as a result of the merge but in line with what is happening nationally. We have a growing ageing population, which includes many patients requiring more attention from their GP's.

There is now a dedicated duty doctor each day, so if you ring up for an appointment and there are no routine or urgent slots left and you feel you do need to be seen, the receptionist will take your details and the duty doctor will call you back. The doctor will then either make you a same day appointment or give you advice over the phone if appropriate.

Our IT systems have merged, so it does not matter where the doctors are located they can see your details as and when they need to. We currently have separate phone systems but you can phone either reception to make an appointment at either surgery, receptionists can also see the whole system and what is available where.

If you are unhappy with any aspect of our service or want to compliment us on something or just make a suggestion then please let us know. Feedback of any type is always welcome. Patients can contact the Practice Manager or can give anonymous feedback through the NHS Friends and Family Test. FFT cards can be found in both receptions.

We thank you for your patience and understanding during this year of transition.

*Drs: Henderson, George, Hadaway, Wyatt & Aitken.*

**Dr. Emily Hadaway is leaving the practice at the end of April.**

**There will not be a new doctor, the existing GP's are increasing the sessions they work.**

**GP Timetable from May**

		Allendale	Haydon Bridge
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Morning</b>	Dr Michelle George Dr Angus Aitken	Dr Mary Henderson
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Afternoon</b>	Dr Angus Aitken	Dr Mary Henderson Dr Michelle George
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Morning</b>	Dr Mary Henderson	Dr Paul Wyatt Dr Angus Aitken
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Afternoon</b>	Dr Mary Henderson Dr Angus Aitken	Dr Paul Wyatt
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Morning</b>	Dr Angus Aitken	Dr Michelle George Dr Paul Wyatt
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Afternoon</b>		Dr Michelle George Dr Paul Wyatt Dr Angus Aitken
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Morning</b>	Dr Angus Aitken	Dr Mary Henderson Dr Paul Wyatt
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Afternoon</b>	Dr Angus Aitken	Dr Mary Henderson Dr Paul Wyatt
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Morning</b>	Dr Paul Wyatt	Dr Mary Henderson
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Afternoon</b>	Dr Paul Wyatt	Dr Mary Henderson

*NB: Please note that this timetable is subject to change during periods of cover for annual leave.*

Please check with Reception for start and end times of specific clinics.

### Appointments

You can book routine appointments by telephoning either surgery on 683280 or 684216, or book on line at [www.patient.co.uk](http://www.patient.co.uk)

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##### Patient feedback

All feedback from patients, whether a suggestion, complaint or compliment is welcome. Patients can contact the Practice Manager or can give anonymous feedback through NHS Friends and Family Test. FFT cards can be found in both Receptions and on the practice website.

##### Why can't registration information be emailed to me?

We have to ensure that the person requesting the account information is you – the patient. We can't check that an email address belongs to you so we post out account information to your registered address.

##### Can I change my username and password?

You can change the password that we allocate to you when you sign up for an account, but it is and NHS security requirement that your username be something that does not identify you. For that reason the usernames are fixed and cannot be changed.

##### Access to Health Records

Under the Data Protection Act 1998, patients have the right to view their health records. A request can be made via the Practice Manager.

#### The Bridge and Visitor Information Point

Mornings are lighter and the days are longer. I am composing the news from the Bridge on the first day of spring, after spending a couple of hours putting the garden to rights-well, to be honest, **making inroads** into putting the garden to rights. It might look reasonable by June!

In the meantime, I have become really involved with the bird survey on the back of the March issue of the “Haydon News”. With my first effort-9<sup>th</sup> March-I spotted quite a number of garden birds and now, with the aid of my trusty bird identification book, know my coal tits from my long-tailed tits and my house sparrows from my tree sparrows. I have an extra, not on the list, the nut hatch, which always feeds upside down in our garden (I don't know if that is normal yet but I'm sure that I shall find out eventually.). In the following days, the greater spotted woodpecker has returned to our bird table and today, I think I have identified a female green finch! I'm never going to be an expert but I'm enjoying watching. If you haven't got going, I recommend it.

Apart from the bird survey in the “Haydon News”, there are children's surveys available in the Bridge-one for younger children and a longer one for older children. Just ask if there are none available on the counter. It takes no time to supply you with one.

#### Haydon Hundred

Once again, you will have seen the flyers in the Bridge and around the village for the Haydon Hundred Cycling Event. Last year, even with grim weather, the event was much larger and you will see that, this year, there is an extra challenge for those who are up for it. As a result, even more volunteers are needed: in particular, to man the larger number of stations along the route.

Anyone wishing to become involved, pop into the Bridge and leave your name and contact number. Bridge opening hours:

Monday: 9am – 12 noon

Tuesday: 1pm – 4pm

Wednesday: 1pm – 4pm

Friday: 4pm – 6:30pm

Saturday: 9.30am – 12.30pm

#### Volunteers

We have a dedicated group of volunteers at the Bridge, all with different strengths and interests and all very supportive of each other. After a number of years of running the library and Visitor Information Centre in this way, there have been quite a few changes: some volunteers have moved away; some have taken up employment; some have gained an increasing number of grandchildren!

With the summer months approaching, and holidays being planned, there will be times when our volunteers will be in short supply. Is there anyone, who would be willing to step in or join one of the teams on a more permanent basis? The job is made up of a lot of different tasks, which means time spent at the Bridge can be used in a way that suits you and that you will find enjoyable. You can have training, if you wish to be involved in the library process itself but we are also involved in tourism and IT as well as the tidying and organising of the books and the general upkeep and cleanliness of the building inside and out. The volunteer rota is very flexible; you are under no obligation to make a weekly commitment although you can if you would like to.

If you are interested (We really would like your help.), pop into the Bridge and we will give you more idea of what you would be volunteering for.

Happy reading ...

## On the Troubles with Lying

Let's face it: we are all liars. The people who claim they never lie are the biggest liars of all. I was unintentionally exposed as one last time; in the previous article I claimed I am this recluse, introverted non-drinker. The day after I handed in my contribution, I went out to our very own Havelock Inn to meet one of my friends for a quiet dinner. You know – two busy mums escaping for a couple of hours from their duties to spend time together. I entered the pub and nearly fell over because there were nine of my friends all waiting for me! They all deceived me, including my husband, to lure me there. To cut the long story short – unexpectedly, after about eight years I drank some wine and danced.

However generally, I am not a huge fan of lying. With a very few exceptions of sparing someone's feelings and therefore lying, it rarely comes to good. You know the situation when you invite your friend for dinner and she/he cancels last minute because their mother-in-law has been taken ill with heart attack/bleeding stomach ulcer/emergency operation that revealed metastatic cancer?

Of course, you would be a heartless monster not to have understanding. Three weeks later you bump into your friend in the supermarket. You chat. He/she accidentally mentions that the very evening they were supposed to be saying prayers by the bedside of their very ill mother-in-law, they sat at home watching DVDs. "So how is your mother-in-law? Is she well?" you ask incredulously, wanting to confirm the sudden suspicion. "She has never been better, you know," answers the friend cheerfully, "she hasn't even had a cold in thirty years. I reckon she will be with us till hundred. Why do you ask?"

At which point your hardened expression seals the mutual understanding. Gritting your teeth you pass warm regards to the said lady and leave your now former friend standing red-faced in the middle of the aisle.

This is actually a true story that happened to me several years ago. I have never seen the point of this wide-spread phenomenon of an absolutely needless lying among otherwise intelligent people. I am not their teacher and they are not mine, trying to think of excuses why they forgot their homework, which usually ends up being a cat or a dog eating the exercise book. Besides, haven't they heard the fable about the lamb and a wolf – the one where lamb always cries "wolf!" for fun and when the real wolf comes, nobody believes him and he gets eaten?

There are many perils to habitual lying. You have to work hard on it and without stopping and your memory must be phenomenal. Like serial philanderers, one has to be excellent at the art of deception, recalling names, places, details, plots and subplots they made up, and where, when and to whom they communicated them. If you, like me, forget names easily, or can't recall why you entered the room and what you wanted there even though you knew it thirty seconds ago, don't bother.

I could go on and on about other lies – lying to oneself or lying on one's CV. I know one lady who this way gets any job she applies for but loses it just as quickly. It's hard if you don't even have A-levels but claim to be a Mandarin speaking brain surgeon with years of legal expertise. As a good old English proverb says: "With lies you may go ahead in the world but never go back."

Natalie Nera

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## En Français!

*This is an answer to the Haydon News editor, Steve Ford, about foreign languages.*

*I am a French native and as a qualified teacher, I have opened the first French club for children in the village, "Les Petits Loups" using La Jolie Ronde method. Today I am going to let my very first pupil introduce himself (I have collected the info in our various discussions).*

**Lydia Mills**

Bonjour, je m'appelle Sauly.

J'ai 5 ans et demi et je suis en cours préparatoire (Reception) à Allendale. J'aime beaucoup parler le français comme mon papa. J'ai une grande famille, presque 100 personnes et je vais aller bientôt en France. J'ai fait un dessin de Minou et de ses vêtements d'hiver (see below). J'aime colorier.

Ma chanson préférée, en français est « Toc,toc,toc qui est là ? » dans mon livre de français de Minou et Trotline et les saisons.

Ma couleur préférée est le noir.

J'espère gagner le gros œuf en chocolat mardi pour mon beau coloriage. Il y a un concours de la plus belle carte de « Joyeuses Pâques! »

Au revoir !



## Jo's bit

In the March copy of the Haydon News there was a page on stopping smoking. In response, a poem:

*My daughter stopped smoking.*

*No joking! no joking!*

*Stoptober it began her plan to quit,*

*She started to walk & then to get fit.*

*She started quite slowly & increased to a run.*

*Decided a 5k in exhibition park might be fun.*

*What next? The Great North Run?*

*Now she runs with her dog "wha betty"*

*When she comes home she's reet sweaty !!*

*She runs around this village & passes lots of folk*

*"Hello again Bob " He's a reet nice bloke.*

*She drinks lots of water & stretches galore*

*& soaks in hot baths, her tutsies are sore!!*

*I'm really proud of her & all you potential "no smokers"*

*No jokers! No jokers!*

The late great Brian Pearson passed away on 6/8/14. He bought this picture at the John Martin summer exhibition. It was one of Philipa Richardson's, a former Cubstocks resident. His partner Peggy has given this to the St. Cuthberts Church for fund raising.

The PPC have decided to auction this on 16/6/15 at The General Havelock. There is a charity quiz that night for St. Cuthberts at 8.15.

If you are interested please contact Benjamin Carter or quiz master John Harrison or come along on the night. There is a reserve on this

Jo Thompson





### **The views of the erstwhile governing body of HBHS.**

I'd always thought there should be an article in the 'Haydon News' this year about Haydon Bridge High School. It's a year of celebration: 50 years since Eddie Waite OBE secured the future of agricultural education in this vast rural area with the opening of the selective technical school incorporating a working farm complete with pigs, a dairy herd, sheep and a useful acreage of fertile land.

The school, however, has hit the headlines for completely different reasons, with the Governing Body being replaced by an Interim Executive Board (IEB) whose members have been chosen by the Local Authority.

### **On behalf of the now defunct Governing Body, and with their permission, I would like to put our version of events.**

For over 2 years, the Governors of HBHS have been asking the Local Authority to re-think its 'light touch' approach to the school. Since the Ofsted rating of 2010 was 'good', the Authority had adopted its usual policy of concentrating on schools that had 'serious weaknesses'. Hence, despite numerous e-mails, 'phone calls, visits and disappointing external examination results, the Local Authority's only contact with school was through scheduled monitoring, which found nothing amiss.

In October 2013, solely at the insistence of the Governors, the Authority conducted an assisted review (somewhat similar to an Ofsted inspection). It was carried out by a well respected, experienced reviewer, registered as an Ofsted inspector. The report he produced agreed with the school's self evaluation that it was still 'good'.

Dissatisfied with the outcome of this review, the Governors commissioned an external independent review of governance, and another assisted review of the school, both of which were conducted in early 2014. Our Governing Body was declared 'sound', while the review of the school confirmed the Governors' view that should it be inspected in the near future, it would almost certainly be classed as having serious weaknesses or worse. We intensified our search into becoming an academy to have more control over the finances and direction of the school.

To give the new officers at the Local Authority credit, they did act on the findings of the review we had instigated, and provided an 'improvement partner', who worked with us once a month for 4 months. By June 2014, the Authority realised that the support we had been belatedly given was inadequate, removed the improvement partner, and in late July, issued the Governing Body with a 'warning

notice' setting out the steps we should take to rapidly improve results.

The chair and headteacher produced rapid action plans during the Summer holidays. These were abandoned by the Local Authority appointed associate head when our headteacher went off sick, and combined with new actions. By this time, the Local Authority was aware of our plans for academy status, and introduced further support. We were also informed that Prudhoe High School, which had recently been assessed as inadequate by Ofsted, and whose Governing Body had been replaced by an IEB, had been saved from academy status 'by the skin of its teeth'. Despite the strong recommendation from the Secretary of State for Education that all failing schools must become academies or face closure, the Local Authority has chosen to make sure that such schools in Northumberland stay within Local Authority control.

In October 2014 the Local Authority issued the Governors with an IEB application. This application was initially rejected by the Secretary of State on technical grounds and was resubmitted, unaltered despite the Ofsted findings, and accepted in late January 2015. The deadline for a decision to impose an IEB was early March. The Secretary of State agreed the application, and an Interim Executive Board was appointed on either 4th or 9th March.

So, the future of Haydon Bridge High School is now entirely in the hands of two opposed political groups - the Secretary of State versus the Local Authority and their appointees on the IEB. Yes, the governors made mistakes, but their loyalties were always to safeguarding the future of all aspects of the school including the farm and the boarding facilities. Providing, protecting and ensuring the best educational opportunities for the students in this diverse, remote and difficult catchment area were priorities, and at the heart of all our discussions and decisions.

Let's hope that whoever is around in another 50 years can celebrate the success of the school.

**Pat Hirst**

*Ed. I had thought it odd that both The Courant and The Journal had not carried more balanced views of the events at HBHS. The rumour that has reached me is that both have actively declined to publish the full spectrum of opinion. There is also, apparently, some lack of clarity over the nature and extent of the involvement of Guy Opperman MP.*

*HBHS is an important feature in the parish - socially, economically and educationally. All the citizens affected by recent events, whether parishioners, parents, students, staff or Governors, need the full picture and fair treatment.*

At this time of year the occasional sunny day can tempt us out into the garden, which can do more harm than good. I have heard of lawns being cut in February but this can do considerable damage, which will only be realised when Spring really gets under way. And it is also wise to remember that the soil temperature lags behind the air temperature and early digging can result in the burial of cold soil, which will delay the start of the growing season.

### **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
February 2015	5.9	-0.5	1.0	-0.3	27.6	44

And finally, my friend Gladys went to the local theatre with two friends recently only to find a man sprawled across the seats in Row H that she had booked. She asked the man to move but he just groaned and stayed put. The usher was called but still the man wouldn't move. The theatre manager also failed to make any impression. Now out of options, they called the police who duly arrived and took stock of the situation. They asked the man his name - "Bob Williams" came the reply. "Well Bob, where are you from?" they asked: "The balcony" the man replied.

# GREENS

## How will the residents of Haydon Parish benefit from voting Green?

I am delighted to have this opportunity to outline how the people of Haydon Bridge parish will benefit from voting for the Green Party at this General Election.

As a permanent resident of Tynedale myself, I am passionate about protecting our natural environment. The prospect of 'horizontal fracking' could lead to this highly risky activity being undertaken beneath Northumberland National Park and possibly under our homes. Residents of Haydon Bridge parish are right to fear the potential additional road building and increased traffic this would likely entail, as well as the threat to natural habitats and biodiversity. I will campaign tirelessly for a moratorium on fracking, like that imposed just north of the border in Scotland, to avoid the contamination of water supplies and increased seismic activity already witnessed elsewhere in the UK and beyond.

People in Haydon Bridge speak passionately of the need to safeguard our public services. As a secondary school teacher, I am committed to protecting our local schools from creeping privatisation via forced academisation. I will fight tooth and nail to keep schools such as Haydon Bridge High School under Local Authority oversight, while ensuring that all parties are working with the best interests of children and young people at heart.

I will continue to campaign to ensure that our NHS is kept public and that our local hospitals and health centres are given the resources they need to deliver outstanding care, free of corporate interference. I believe that the people of Haydon Bridge should decide what and how services are provided and should have complete flexibility to meet local needs as long as services meet minimum standards.

Improved public transport would undoubtedly make life easier for residents of Haydon Bridge parish, many of whom face an unreasonable challenge just to get from A to B. I will campaign for the full electrification of the Tyne Valley rail line and push for public transport in our area to be taken back into public ownership. This, combined with local decision-making, will ensure that public transport is run **by** local people **for** local people. I will also work with communities to extend and improve existing cycle routes.

I hope to meet more residents of Haydon Bridge parish on the campaign trail between now and 7<sup>th</sup> May – hearing your experiences, views and concerns will always shape my vision for our shared future.

**Lee Williscroft-Ferris Green Party PPC**

# CONSERVATIVE

## How will the residents of Haydon Parish benefit from voting Conservative?

This coming General Election will be a really important one for our community. In just a few weeks time local people in Haydon Bridge will be able to have their say on my record as your local MP.

Trying my best to be a good local MP, representing local people and fighting for a better future for Tynedale, has been at the top of my agenda. Yes, sometimes that has meant disagreeing with the Coalition government in Westminster - but so be it. For me politics is about representing local people, and putting our area first.

However there are some things the government has got right. Slowly but surely with the Conservatives in government we are fixing our countries broken finances with our long term plan;

- REDUCING THE DEFICIT
- CUTTING INCOME TAX
- FREEZING FUEL DUTY
- CREATING MORE JOBS
- CAPPING WELFARE
- REDUCING IMMIGRATION

When elected in 2010, I said I would fight for more jobs and apprenticeships. Today local unemployment is down by 56% compared to its peak under Labour.

The number of local apprenticeships have doubled.

Apprenticeships are pivotal to a strong economy as they help get our local young people into work and into the careers that they want to pursue. I wanted to walk the walk, as well as talking about apprentices: so, when I was elected over 4 years ago I was the first MP to hire, train and retain an apprentice in my local Hexham office - Jade, from Prudhoe.

A stronger economy is also vital to help us protect our public services such as schools and our NHS. Already we have begun to address the historic low funding of Northumberland's schools. I have made it my mission to get Tynedale a fairer funding deal. The Conservatives in Government have delivered a Fairer Funding top up of an extra £12 million for schools in Northumberland. This means that Haydon Bridge High will see its core funding increase by £170,000 and Haydon Bridge Primary increased by £19,222. This is the first stage in a long re-balancing of school funding in Northumberland's favour and it is a campaign I am passionate about.

Of course we are all too aware of the present difficulties facing Haydon Bridge High following the recent Ofsted, and I am doing all I can with the Council and the DfE to ensure the school is back on track as quickly as possible.

At this election it will be my name on the ballot paper. You will be able to cast your vote on my record as your local MP. I have tried to do things differently, and stand up for our area in Westminster.

If you think I have been a good constituency MP I hope you will lend me your vote come polling day.

**Guy Opperman**

**Conservative PPC**

# UKIP

## How will the residents of Haydon Parish benefit from voting UKIP ?

We know that first and foremost people want to feel safe. Safe nationally and safe locally.

UKIP are committed to maintaining and equipping our armed forces to ensure that we are capable of protecting these shores from any future threats.

We will also halt the cuts to front-line policing, there has been far too much centralisation which ultimately affects rural areas the most.

We are committed to cancelling the multi billion pound white elephant known as HS2.

The old political parties talk about super fast inter city links while ignoring the rural shire counties such as Northumberland. The road and transport systems connecting the countryside with the towns and cities is where it should all start, not where it should end if there is any money left.

We will protect the green belt and give local residents the power of veto over disputed planning issues

We will continue to support bus passes and winter fuel allowances for pensioners.

We will end the use of speed cameras as a means of raising revenue.

We will scrap tuition fees for students who choose to study science, engineering, maths or medical degrees.

We will scrap inheritance tax and the bedroom tax.

We will ensure that GP's surgeries are open one evening per week where demand permits



We will promote a more integrated health and social care policy, and allocate extra funds for elderly care and dementia care. We will end hospital parking charges. We will prioritise social housing for those whose parents and grandparents were born locally. Our points based immigration controls will ensure that we have the services and facilities to cope with the numbers of immigrants we allow into the country. There will be no more new subsidies for wind farms or solar arrays. Our farming policy is designed by farmers for farmers. Farmers will benefit from reduced bureaucracy and red tape by leaving the EU. We will return to a single farm payment scheme. No one earning the minimum wage will pay income tax. UKIP wants to see more devolution to the grass roots without adding more bureaucracy. Our direct democracy policy will ensure that every decision starts with the people. Giving the parishes and town councils more control over the local budget will help to repair the disconnect which currently exists between politicians and people.

**David Nicholson UKIP PPC**

## LIB DEM

### How will the residents of Haydon parish benefit from voting Lib Dem?

Liberal Democrats in government have introduced a range of support measures, across the age spectrum, work status and health needs. The pension triple-lock, guaranteeing a raise in state pension every year, the pupil premium and the increase in tax-free earnings were all Liberal Democrats policies. These innovative measures have already benefitted families and individuals in Haydon parish.

The manifesto for 2015 and builds on this work:

**For children**, there is support in education and health. We guarantee education funding from nursery to age 19, ensuring there are qualified teachers in every class.

### The planned Pupil Premium for Northumberland in 2015/16 is £12.46 million.

Three children in every class have a diagnosable mental health condition. We have announced £1.25 billion of new funding for children's mental health services.

### Quality Healthcare for all

We have protected the NHS and will provide £8bn per year more by 2020 – the amount the head of the NHS says is needed to keep it sustainable.

Our top priority is to ensure that mental health is treated equally with physical health.

We introduced the first 'access and waiting time' standards in mental health and we are pledging £500m a year for better mental health care.

### For First-time buyers

The **Rent to Own** scheme will help first-time buyers onto the housing ladder by allowing them to build up a share in their home through renting.

This is an innovative housing policy that will give young people the chance of home ownership.

### For the Environment

We will protect nature and fight climate change with five green laws:-

A Zero Carbon Bill to end Britain's adverse impact on climate change for good by 2050.

A Zero Waste Bill to treble fines and claw back £500 million for the taxpayer by clamping down on organisations which fly-tip to deliberately evade tax and review the tax structure across landfill, incineration and collection.

A Green Homes Bill to insulate up to 10 million homes by 2025.

A Nature Bill to provide advice to Government to ensure that government departments are accountable for achieving progress in improving the natural environment.

A Green Transport Bill to bring forward a comprehensive package of transport policies to continue to build a people-centred, sustainable, safe travel system that helps the economy grow.

### Fair Taxes

We will cut your taxes by an additional £400 by raising the tax-free allowance to £12,500

**Jeff Reid**

**Liberal Democrats PPC**

## LABOUR

### How will the residents of Haydon parish benefit from voting Labour?

Electing a Labour government in May will make a real difference to the lives of people in Haydon Bridge. Our rural communities have been forgotten by the Tory/Lib Dem coalition. The budget was further evidence for that: Cities like Manchester are getting devolved powers. Infrastructure investment is vastly skewed towards the South. It's no wonder people in Haydon Bridge feel badly let down by the current government. We hear that feasibility studies will happen and there are promises of investment in road and rail infrastructure but funds still go elsewhere. Further deep cuts proposed by the Tories cast doubt over any infrastructure promises. A Labour Government will take practical steps to improve the lives of Haydon Bridge residents:

- Paying Winter Fuel Payments earlier for pensioners using off-grid energy, protecting pensioners from excessive price spikes on off-grid energy at the start of winter.
- Tackling the cost of doing business in rural areas by freezing business rates and energy bills for small and medium enterprises.
- Working to challenge low pay and insecure employment in rural economies, banning exploitative zero-hours contracts and increasing in the minimum wage.
- For the first time, we will include off-grid energy in the remit of the energy regulator. Conservative governments never stand up to vested interests. This market has been ignored by the government for too long.

Devolve billions of pounds and powers, including over public transport networks, to county regions. For example local people will have influence over setting the right bus routes and fares, as is already the case in London.

Being a good constituency MP is the minimum requirement for the job, it should no longer be the case that an MP could spend all their time in London and assume that they would be re-elected regardless. As your MP I will be visible in Haydon Bridge, I will listen to your concerns and ensure that the challenges you face are understood and acted upon, in every government department.

Many Haydon Bridge residents agree that we need a change of government. Only voting Labour can bring about the changes we all want to see; improved education at local schools which enables the next generation to do better than the last, safeguarding NHS services at Hexham hospital, guaranteeing GP appointments within 48 hours and building an economy that works for all, and not just a few at the top.

Please use your vote. **Liam Carr Labour PPC**