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2015 started with a bang! A whole cacophony of bangs in fact - as shown on the front cover. Many people worked really hard over the Festive Season to enliven the Parish's life and we owe them a considerable debt of Thanks. Several items appear in this edition of The Haydon News on the subject.

We are particularly indebted to Julia Cooper who has very kindly provided an encyclopaedic account of the work involved and a comprehensive listing of all the *dramatis personae*. See page 32

The new year is a time for giving thought to the future and in our house this has taken the form of planting tree seeds. An endangered Chilean conifer, *Fitzroya cupressoides*, and the more well known Giant Redwood or Wellingtonia (if you really want to irritate the cousins across the pond), *Sequoia gigantea*, are amongst them. These have, respectively, anticipated life spans of 5,000 and 3,000 years. What will Haydon Bridge look like in the year 7,000AD?

If you go back 5,000 years you are around the time of the building of the pyramids and these islands were populated by savages in skins and woad.

I think we can say with some certainty that we will still be above sea level but how far up Tynedale the sea will reach is hard to say. A 2 metre rise will reach as far as Ryton—that may be the end of this century. A 9 metre rise gets as far as Prudhoe. A 40 metre rise would be needed to get to Hexham but by that time Brampton will be a coastal resort. To reach Haydon Bridge the sea level rise will have to be 60 metres—that's half the length of the old bridge and current sea level rise is about 3mm per year and going up.

Given the delay in national infrastructure development I think we should apply now for a deep water harbour and lighthouse! Somebody should prompt Eileen to get started.

On page 12 Dennis Telford records that Haydon Bridge used to have its own *pissoir*. There seems to be a rather wistful quality to Dennis' prose on the subject. Perhaps there is an unspoken suggestion that we should have a new one...but where?

A similar situation arose in the fictional French town of Clochemerle in 1934 — as recorded in the wonderful book of the same name by Gabriel Chevallier. If you have not read this book and its two sequels (*Clochemerle Babylon* and *Clochemerle-les-Bains*.)

then you should.

Cllr. Vera Fletcher, see Parish Council Notes, is about to mount an expedition into the parish's existing public nettles. Perhaps she will recommend a continental solution for facilities north of the river. If it is to be mounted on the new bridge then it should be to leeward.

The Haydon News on-line edition has been getting an increased readership lately and an international one at that. Please welcome Aandeg Skelly's contribution this month which has come accompanied by her genealogical connection to the parish - possibly to feature in a future article by Dennis.

'A Chubb fuddler fuddling his Chubb' was merely a strangely suggestive phrase in the sixties radio program Round the Horne until I discovered the books of Nancy Mitford recently and this piscatorial puzzle was finally solved. The Haydon News is delighted to welcome another new writer, Oldredshrimp, who has promised to keep us fully informed on the local angling scene - which is about as close to Chubb fuddling as the parish will come, unless anyone knows differently.

I hope to have contributions from all the candidates in time for the general election.

All new contributors are welcome - just be in touch.

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A meeting of the Haydon Parish Council took place in The Community Centre on 18th Dec. 2014 at 7.30pm.

Public Participation

The Rev'd Dr. Benjamin Carter attended the Parish Council to introduce himself and to outline his plans and ambitions. The "cure of souls" in the Parish is the first duty laid upon him as not just the Minister of St. Cuthbert's but the Vicar and Parish Priest of the whole Parish. He expressed a lively interest in the whole of Parish life and looked forward to being an integral component within it.

The future use and development of the church buildings is in need of urgent consideration.

On Saturday January 10th at 10am everybody is invited to a meeting to decide priorities for the year ahead. It is hoped to prioritise 2 or 3 for especially close attention.

It was noted that the Christmas trees had taken a bit of a beating in the recent high winds but volunteers are re-erecting them.

The church clock is three minutes slow but the horological engineer normally employed is currently unwell and the Vicar took fright on first setting eyes upon ladders to the mechanism. A *sotto voce* comment was heard to the effect that there may be some squeaky bum moments amongst the commuters who rely upon the clock.

Apologies Were received.

Declarations of Interest Were requested.

Previous minutes Were agreed.

NCC

Cllr. Sharp mentioned the Community Chest meeting that had been held at Haydon Bridge the previous week at which future budgets were discussed. In 2015 a further £30 million has to be saved.

The Hill House to Standalone road has been repaired, as has the road leading to and from West Rattenraw.

The traffic camera won't be in position until 2015.

Works at East Land Ends road is on the cusp.

The uptake of superfast broadband has been good. (*Ed – not up Heugh House Lane it isn't! We are still relying on semaphore.*)

There are no funds left in the sport pot but there is about £4k in the play area's pot if anyone one has a project needing doing.

The next Community Chest meeting at which applications will be considered is 9th January – there's about £40k left.

Highways

The railings by the old Post Office are to be repaired.

The Hill House footpath steps have been reinstated.

The repairs to Allerwash road have been completed.

Lighting A wag observed that it was dark.

Planning

Listed building consent is sought for Lipwood Hall. No objections.

Consent is sought for a modification to the design of the proposed railway footbridge. No objections.

Accounts Agreed.

Correspondence

Core Strategy Consultation documentation was received for a meeting on Wednesday 14th Dec. Between 9am and 12noon.

Notification has been received about pruning of the trees overhanging The Bridge.

Bumble Bee Health information has been received.

Parish Projects

Development Trust: An extra loop extending the 2015 Haydon Hundred has been agreed and greater numbers of competitors are to be accommodated. More help will be required to run the event. The significant benefits to tourism in the Parish were noted.

The Bridge: Steady work is reported and new volunteers are appearing. It is noted with particular pleasure that groups of children from Shaftoe Trust School are coming to the Bridge to encourage younger users.

Shaftoe Green: The steps are now in good order. Wood chip is to be added around the equipment.

Issues carried forward from previous meetings:

The flagstone and manhole cover by 27 Church Street has yet to be sorted out.

A white line by the dropped kerb opposite the Co-op has yet to appear.

The hedge on Whittis Hill remains untrimmed.

The road surface near Langley Saw Mill needs attention.

The new litter bin by The Haydonian has not yet been installed.

Cllr. Vera Fletcher is to mount an expedition into the John Martin Street public toilets, chaperoned by her husband, and will report her findings ere long.

Local businesses are encouraged to make their toilet facilities available to visitors and the possibility of new signage for the existing public facilities was discussed.

The Whittis Hill street light is now OK.

There is a Dark Skies Initiative meeting in January.

The Allendale grave digger was thought to be interested in additional work at Haydon Bridge but this remains to be clarified.

The Millenium tree in the church yard and its plaque is to be evaluated by Steve Ford. Recommendations on management or replacement may be offered. Protective enclosure and an A4 sized new plaque were also discussed.

The bin at the football field is not yet in place.

£300 toward the Larkin Plaque has been received.

The riverside path behind the Ratcliffe Road properties is to be investigated for access.

AOB

Warm appreciation was expressed for this year's Christmas lights and trees.

Next meeting 22nd January 2015.

A meeting of the Haydon Parish Council took place in the Community Centre on 22nd January 2015 at 7.30pm.

Mandy Oliver of the National Pollinator Strategy, North Pennines AONB came to address the meeting about her work, especially with connection to the parish plan to create a wild flower meadow in the Cemetery. Her work is Heritage Lottery funded and addresses all aspects of action to enhance the abundance of pollinators—not just bees.

There are 24 species of bees in the UK of which 11 are bumble bee types.

Mandy's work includes domestic, agricultural, road, river and community environments for pollinators.

Grants of up to £250 for plants are available as well as surveys, event organisation, school visits and talks, strategy advice etc. Mandy expressed great interest in getting involved with a project at the Shaftoe Trust School and looked forward to contributing to the planned wildflower meadow in the cemetery.

Public Participation

The need for dropped kerbs in the part of the village south of the river was raised. Cllr. Sharp asked for sites to be nominated for consideration.

The vandalism to the east end bus shelter, which is parish owned, was mentioned. The windows have been knocked out which allows a gale to blow through. Plans were submitted showing unglazed peep holes at each end which were thought to convey significant advantages.

The Whittis Hill hedge has yet to be trimmed and the subject will yet again be pursued by Cllr. Sharp. Some councillors even offered a DIY solution.

A willow tree has been offered as a gift to the parish. Consideration will be given to a suitable location for it.

Apologies for absence

None — a full house was present!

Declarations of interest

Were requested.

Previous minutes

Were agreed.

NCC

Cllr. Sharp was delighted to report that the improvements promised for the Land Ends Road to Shaftoe Street area had been carried out, including signage by the caravan park. A noticeable improvement in traffic behaviour had already been noted.

The Park Stile raised kerb is to be the subject of a site visit soon.

The white lines at the Co-op - apologies were received for their non appearance so far. Sketches of the proposed layout were discussed. They will run from the railing end to Number 2 Ratcliffe Road, approximately.

£4,300+ remains for capital expenditure on play areas.

The Ratcliffe Road flashing speed warning should be up in the next 2 or 3 weeks. Cllr. Sharp is funding it.

Double charging for the cemetery maintenance has been occurring via the parish and CC precepts and a refund will be forthcoming at some point.

Repairs to the Standalone to Lipwood road are to be carried out soon.

The absence of some bus services was noted. Enquiries will be made about the problem.

The Low Hall bin is in place.

Public toilets are the Parish Councils responsibility to clean and maintain though the fabric is NCC's responsibility. Cllr. Fletcher was not happy about the state she found them in during her chaperoned sally into the gents. She also reported that liberties and even thefts had occurred when visitors made use of toilets in pubs.

The Langley Saw Mill road repairs have been poorly done and will need further work.

Highways.

Nil.

Lighting

The back lane at Alexander Terrace has a failed light.

Planning

Development at East Haydon Farm. No objections.

Threepwood Hall alterations. No objections.

Accounts

Agreed.

Matters arising

The Millenium tree was discussed and it was agreed to leave it, as it is a prostrate variety and quite healthy. Its provenance is an enduring mystery despite much enquiry by Cllr. Charlton. Enid Garrow will be asked if she can recall anything useful about it. The Vicar will be advised of the plaque installation.

Correspondence

Land Factor (Cllr. Sharp declared an interest) have sent plans of forestry operations affecting the Leazes Estate.

Peter Fletcher Esq. Informed the council of forthcoming reappointments to the Shaftoe Charity board.

Parish Projects

Development Trust is running a survey to establish the need for and the volunteers available for a Luncheon Club for older residents. See back page of this edition.

The Bridge is supporting a bird survey in the Parish.

Approval was given for the 2015 hanging baskets.

Wreathes and crosses at the War Memorial are to be removed after two months.

The cemetery bin needs relabeling.

The Spa Well project is gathering pace. Anna Coulson is now keenly involved. An annual trophy is envisaged.

Illuminating the church was proposed using the redundant bridge lights. The PCC is keen to collaborate.

Very warm appreciation was expressed for the efforts of GITS with the New Year Fireworks. Many outsiders were present and donations offered.

AOB

Subway to be repainted. Tree removal from the riverside to be reported to the police. Core Strategy exhibition in the Community Centre on 26 1 15 - parish submissions ignored as usual. Shaftoe Street parking by the railings remains problematic.

Next meeting: February 26th 2015.

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

Thomas Blakey Cowing: News was received in the parish of Thomas's death (March 2nd 1916). Aged 33 years, Thomas was a butcher and lived at 4, Church Court with his wife Frances Gertrude (nee Wilson) and their four children. He served as a Private in the Northumberland Fusiliers. Thomas' platoon officer wrote: 'I found in him an estimable character, straight and upright and the heart and soul of the company, a very popular favourite, always merry and alive with wit ... In your sad bereavement the profound sympathy of all of us is extended to you.'

It's a dogs life: In May 1916, Edward Docherty of Haydon Bridge and Dinah Agnes Bell of Black Hill, Haydon Bridge, were each fined seven shillings and sixpence for not having a dog licence.

Empire Day was celebrated at Shaftoe Trust School on Wednesday, 24th May 1916 by the hoisting of the school flag. Addresses were given to the older scholars by the headmaster W.W. Ridley, and W.J. Morrison; and 'The Fatherland', 'Ye mariners of England' and 'The National Anthem' were sung. The younger pupils also sung patriotic songs to the accompaniment of the waving of flags in the school yard.

A largely forgotten anniversary today, Empire Day was an essential part of the school calendar for more than 50 years, celebrated by children and adults alike as an opportunity to demonstrate pride in being part of the British Empire. By the 1950s, however, the Empire had started to decline and in 1958 the day was renamed British Commonwealth Day and in 1966, Commonwealth Day.

The date of Commonwealth Day was changed in 1977 to the second Monday in March, when I believe the Queen still sends a special message to the youth of all the countries of the Commonwealth.

A Sad Demise: The driver of the 4.30am mineral train from Haydon Bridge goods yard, was faced with a gruesome sight when he pulled to a halt near Altonside on May 23rd 1916. The train driver reported to Mr Kindred, the signalman at Haydon Bridge, that the 'mutilated body of a man was lying on the permanent way east of the station'. Haydon Bridge policeman, P.C. Walton, was summoned and found that the body was completely severed in two. The later inquest, held at the Anchor Hotel, heard that the man's shoulders and arms were between the

tracks and the remainder of his body was towards the north embankment. The deceased's cap was found forty yards down the line.

John William Harker of the Railway Hotel, Haydon Bridge said that although the man had been in the public house for refreshments on Monday 22nd between 1.30 and 2.20pm., and 8.30 and 8.50pm he was 'perfectly sober' when he left.

It was pointed out that an express train would have passed the spot where the fellow was found at 2.45am. The coroner said that there was an accommodation crossing ¼ mile away to a farm, the gates were locked, and that 'the deceased had undoubtedly been trespassing'. An open verdict was returned.

Unidentified at the time of the inquest, the deceased was later found to be 31 year old John Foster of Esh Winning, Durham, who was due to be called up for military duties on the Tuesday of his demise.

This case does make me wonder how those who sought to avoid a call to arms - whether through fear, cowardice, pacifism or, as some would argue, common sense; or, a genuine need to maintain their skills or services at home - were treated by their contemporaries. Certainly, as we have seen in my earlier Notes on The Home Front, our village folk in 1914 showed no sympathy for the 'young men who stand about at the bridge end and on street corners' rather than join 'Kitchener's army'.

A number of local men did seek leave from the local tribunal to remain at home. For example:

A Haydon Bridge joiner said that if his son wasn't exempted he would have to sack his other employees and close the business, as he himself wasn't able to supervise it - an exemption was given.

A Haydon Bridge gardening contractor, who said he had nearly an acre of land himself and contributed to the support of his aged parents, was also given an exemption.

The tribunal dismissed an appeal, however, from a gardener who had passed a medical but stated that he would not make a better soldier than a gardener, and had poultry producing 6,000 to 8,000 eggs annually plus 10-12 tons of potatoes and other vegetables, and three or four employees looking after his one acre of land. The forty one year old appellant was told he would have to serve, from January 1st 1917.

It is interesting that the tribunal did not publish the names of the men, in the interests of public order.

Making Hay: In June 1916, William Cowle, a farmer of Woodhall Mill, was fined five shillings for 'lifting hay', contrary to an order under the Defence of the Realm Act without a written permit from the District Purchasing Officer. PC Walton reported that he had

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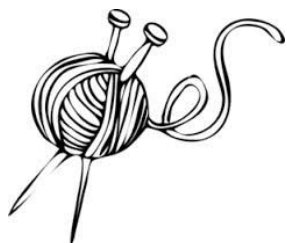
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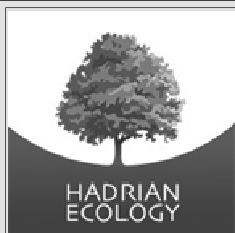
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seen two cart loads of hay coming from the direction of the defendant's farm and passing his house on the way to Esp Hill Farm. *(The village Police House was on Shaftoe Street in 1916.)*

In his defence, Mr Cowle said he 'was doing a kind neighbourly turn' and he 'had read something about getting permits but had put it off'.

News from the Front was received in the village that Haydonian J.R. Armstrong had been wounded in the head and both hands with shrapnel and had a broken left arm. He had had a 'marvellous escape', his steel helmet being badly damaged and in his breast pocket, his memorandum book had been hit by a bullet; saving him from almost certain death.

Vicar's Farewell: The Rev John Heneage Mandell announced that he would be retiring and he and Mrs Mandell would be leaving the village. On Tuesday, 14th June 1916, they gave an 'At Home' in the Town Hall to say, "Goodbye". Many people from all denominations were present and Rev Mandell gave an address thanking the parishioners for the many kindnesses shown to him and his family during their thirty seven years in the parish.

A handsome spirit kettle, together with a purse which contained £83, was presented as a gift, later.

The Reverend Mandell was appointed as the first Vicar when Haydon gained its independence from Warden on June 26th 1879 and was constituted as a parish in its own right. Within three years he had initiated improvements at Haydon (Old) Church and a great debt is owed to him that its restoration took place in 1882, giving us the atmospheric Haydon Church we can all enjoy today.

An induction service for the new Vicar, Rev W.H. Ainger took place on Tuesday, July 25th when the Bishop of the Diocese performed the office of institution.

Nuisance at Park Stile: The Hexham Rural District Council Medical Officer reported 'a nuisance at Park Stile' on July 1st 1916. His report stated: 'At the end of the yard at Park Stile there is a privy which empties direct into the river, and down the seat of which there is thrown all kinds of things - including cabbage leaves and potato peelings - in fact it seems to be a tip for general refuse and the outlet is in the most filthy condition.' The property belonged to Mr Scott, a former school master, who was given twenty one days to 'have the nuisance abated'.

By August 2016, a new privy had been built with the 'inside walls and floor cemented, and proper doors that closed were fitted'. There were now two privies for seven tenants at Park Stile, where there had been one before, and neither discharge their contents into the River Tyne. *Well! Thank goodness for that!!*

Fashion: I have to say I was struck by the rather fine fashions available in Wm. Robb's Dept Store, for ladies in 1916. I was under the impression that dress in the early 20c was of a more austere nature.

And, what about the ladies' undergarments? A special offer Mr Robb said you couldn't afford to miss.

-Women's Heavy Drill Directoire Knickers in Butcher Blue: 1/4½d a pair.

-Women's Woven Stockingette Directoire Knickers in Flesh Colour: 1/6½d a pair.

My English Dictionary defines 'directoire' as: 'Relating to a French decorative style of women's dress-almost transparent.' *In various shades of grey, perhaps?*



A Wm. Robb advertisement for ladies fashions. From the Hexham Courant July 1916.

Edward Gibson of Grindon Hill, one of our best known farmers and whose 1916 death I reported in last month's Notes from the Home Front, left an estate valued at £6,668-8s-1d. (£5,702-8s-1d net) He left furniture and £60 to his wife and the residue of his property to his eight nephews and nieces.

A memorial service was held at Haydon Bridge on Sunday July 9th in memory of those from the parish who had made the supreme sacrifice. St Cuthbert's Church was crowded with a reverend congregation and the names of the fallen were read: James Robson, Norman Davidson, William Glendinning, Fred Kirby, Fred Lee, William Paxton, Mathew Stobbart, James Stonehouse and Thomas Cowing

Thomas William Kindred: A memorial service was also held in St Cuthbert's Church on July 9th 1916, for Lance Corporal Thomas Kindred. Thomas, aged 20 years, had served his time as an apprentice grocer at Haydon Bridge Co-operative Store. Serving in France he contracted meningitis and died at St Omer Hospital on June 25th 1916.

John Gibson: Lieutenant Gibson was killed in France on July 5th 1916. John's mother taught at Shaftoe Trust School and his grandfather, John Gibson, had been for many years a rural postman at Whitfield and had served in the Indian Mutiny

Eggs for the Wounded: An 'egg depot' was opened at Haydon Bridge Station Yard and eggs were received at the post office, before being sent to base hospitals in France. The contributors on the depot's first day were:

Mrs Blayney, West Land Ends, 12 eggs; Mrs Reed,

Chesterwood, 11; Mrs Davidson, West Mill Hills, 12; Mrs Pigg, Chesterwood, 10; Mr Dodd, Langley Castle Farm, 20; Mrs Dawson, Hill House, 12; Mrs Dickinson, Sillywrea, 14; Mrs Herdman, 20; Mrs Harrison, 12; Mr Reed, 12; Mr Blair, 11; and Mr Watson, 6; all from Langley. A total of 190 eggs were despatched from Haydon Bridge station and the depot became the most productive in the country when, within eight weeks, over 2,000 eggs from the parish had been sent to France.

David Thompson Turner: Capt David Turner, of Haydon Lodge, was reported as being wounded for the second time in August 1916, with a bullet in the forehead. David had been mentioned in General French's despatches 'for distinguished war service in the field'. Before joining up, he had been learning farming with Mr Davidson of West Mill Hills. Sadly, 28 year old David lost his life in France on May 30th 1918. His name is not one of those inscribed on the Haydon Bridge War Memorial.

Frank McGurk: Described as 'one of Haydon Bridge's finest lads', Frank was selected to be a sniper and was wounded carrying out his work in France. He died the same day at the dressing station where he was being treated, on August 4th 1916.

A Fair Cop: Our local bobby, P.C. Walton, seems to have had a busy time in August 1916 according to the records of the Petty Sessions. Two residents who crossed his path were Mrs Bertha Carrick and Miss Mary Weatherald.

In consequence of a complaint received, P.C. Walton visited Haydon Park (formerly 'The Nook') and found the window of the drawing room lighted. The windows were open and the curtains drawn.

Mrs Carrick was summoned for failing to obscure a light and fined 20/-.

Mary Weatherald of the Haydon Hotel received a summons for failing to keep a register of an alien lodger, between July 31st and August 2nd.

P.C. Walton, who lived opposite, said he had noticed Henry Casparus Cordes staying at the Haydon Hotel for two days and it turned out that Miss Weatherald had failed to register him.

Miss Weatherald was fined 20/-, and Mr Cordes was fined 10/- for failing to fill in a registration form.

Geeswood: The Parish Council pointed out that the bridge in Geeswood was in a very dangerous state and on a dark night, nobody could get over it.

Nuisance at Brigwood: In September 1916, the Hexham Rural DC Sanitary Inspector reported that a cess pit at 'Westwood' on Brigwood Estate was full and sewage was flowing onto the back lane, causing 'a very offensive nuisance' there.

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Part 11

Thanks to Jim and Jean Smith of Pagecroft, who have taken great care of the Society's available minute books from 1875 to 1948, and additional information from individuals and other sources, I am able to record a seventy year, part history of a remarkable Haydon Bridge institution.

My Haydon Bridge 'Store' history from 1875 to 1931, can be found in the February to December 2014 issues of the Haydon News, and I continue the history in this month's issue.

At the 1932 June half year General Meeting of the Haydon Bridge Co-operative and Industrial Society, the lady members of the Society were congratulated by the chairman for their attendance 'on such an inclement evening'. *The men were expected to turn up as a matter of course whatever the weather, apparently!*

The meeting was informed that the committee had, earlier, considered opening a branch of the Haydon Bridge Co-op at Langley, having been offered a house and shop there, for £700. Also, tenants at the Tan Yard fields in Haydon Bridge had been given notice to quit as the Society contemplated adding to its housing stock by building on the site.

The deaths of two esteemed members of the Society committee were recorded at the meeting: William Dickinson and John Philipson.

In 1933 it was agreed to reduce the interest paid on share capital from 5% to 4 ¹/₆%, and £100 was invested in the Co-operative Laundries enterprise.

Tenders were invited for a new garage, a warehouse, and butcher's accommodation. Beattie & Sons were awarded the contract in accordance with their tender of £863-2-0. B.M. Fitzgerald's estimate of £14 for fitting electricity was also accepted, as was Beattie's estimate of £34-17-6 for widening the arch into the Store yard from Shaftoe Street.

On completion of the work, a Goodwin petrol pump and 200 gallon oil tank was installed.

In February 1934, the butchery manager Mr A.M. Armour accepted a new position as buyer for the Co-operative Wholesale Society and gave two weeks notice to the Haydon Bridge Society. Johnny Bates was appointed butchery manager at £3 per week to replace Mr Armour. Apprentice Ridley Telford was given a bonus of 10/- per week in acknowledgement of his increased responsibility, which included driving the butcher's van; and fifteen year old Charles Edmund Charlton, from Allerwash Fell Cottage, was appointed from eight applicants as the new butchery apprentice.

The house at Brigwood occupied by Mr Armour was allocated to assistant manager Joe Longstaff, he having been married in September 1933,

At the 1934 half year general meeting, the members discussed buying the Odd Fellows' Hall on Shaftoe Street from Mr Henderson who had offered it for sale at £500. It was agreed to make an offer of £250 for the premises. A new bicycle with a front basket carrier was bought, and consideration was given to the purchase of a new van for the butcher.

In August 1934, a Ford 12cwt van was bought and painted in the same colours as the Store lorry. The van was lettered: 'Haydon Bridge Co-op Industrial Society Ltd. - Butchery Dept - Telephone No. 9' and only one seat was installed, for the driver. Drivers would be informed that no unauthorised passengers were to be offered a lift. Ridley Telford collected the Ford van from Newcastle and the 'efficient manner in which he (had driven it)' was commented upon. This may have had an influence on the finance committee's decision to increase the wage of Mr Telford to 35/- per week as a 'first counterman', with annual increases of 5/- per annum.

The Society also purchased a motor cycle - 'with a speedometer' - at this time, for the Store traveller. Previously, employee Mr Longstaff had been using his own motor cycle for this purpose.

In December 1934, a quotation of £95-17-0 was accepted from W. Harrison for internal heating of the Shaftoe Street premises. It was also agreed that coke for the boiler would be bought from the railway station at Haydon Bridge, or the Gas Works, and Mr Bates would be paid 2/6 a week to look after the boiler during the winter months.

At the Society's General Meeting in December 1934, it was announced that Mr Thomas Hare, who had been president of the Society for over nineteen years, was leaving the district.

As vice president J.W. Hamilton was unable to accept the position due to ill health, George Briggs was elected to replace Mr Hare, and Mr Mitchinson became vice president. Mr Hare was presented with a walnut book case bureaux valued at £16-2-6, in recognition of his service from 1909 to 1934 and as Society president from December 1915 to 1934.

On June 1st **1935**, Master Edward Moffat of 26, Ratcliffe Road was appointed Store errand boy at 8/- per week for the summer months. Older readers will know that Eddie Moffat went on to give a lifetime of service to the co-operative movement, at Haydon Bridge and elsewhere. Others who applied for the position were: Wm Turnbull, 14 years, of 16 Shaftoe Street; J.D. Wardle, 14 years, of 15 Church Street; Wm Hudspith, 15 years, of 20 Ratcliffe Road; and Benson Brown, 14 years, of Ratcliffe Road.

In June 1935, Mr Longstaff made an application on behalf of all Haydon Bridge Co-operative employees for annual holidays of ten working days. The Store committee agreed, on condition that no extra labour would be needed to cover for absent staff; adding, interestingly, that the 'employees should leave their address where they go on holiday so they could be brought back if necessary'!! (*My exclamation marks*) A young Ozzie Moore completed his apprenticeship in August 1935 and his services were retained. Ozzie went on to spend his working life with the Haydon Bridge Co-op and eventually managed the Ratcliffe Road branch.

There was great excitement in August 1935, when it was agreed to install electric lights in the Shaftoe Street premises and a tender of £27-7-6 was accepted from O.R. Porteous for the work.

At the General Meeting in December, Mr Adamson said that employees were "not being as attentive to the customers as they should be". Mr E. Charlton contradicted this, however, and said that "every requirement he had had, had been dealt with with courtesy by all staff from the youngest to the oldest". The meeting agreed with Mr Charlton, and the chairman's proposal that 'the members' appreciation for the manner in which the staff carried out their duties should be conveyed to them', was passed.

Concern was expressed at the meeting as to how the unemployed in the parish were coping in a difficult situation in 1935, but, in response to a request for financial support for the 'Local Unemployment Fund', it was pointed out that any member of the Society who required assistance would, as always, be given, "the most respectful consideration".

On January 28th 1936, the Store premises closed for two hours between 1.00pm and 3.00pm, for the funeral of King George V at Windsor Castle.

In February 1936, committee members Adamson and Natrass attended Carlisle horse sale and acquired a cob priced at £37-16-0. The old horse was offered to the kennels for slaughter, for £6. The butchery department cart was repaired by William Telford, the village cartwright, and now the Society owned a horse and cart, a van, a lorry and a motor cycle. In March, another lorry was purchased for £11.

In June 1936, new drapery premises were opened on the first floor in the Shaftoe Street Store, and they remained there until the South Side Store's closure.

In September, Miss Waugh left the Society to get married and an advertisement for a check girl was placed in the Hexham Courant. Twenty one year old Miss Winnie Gibson was appointed and others who applied were: Miss E. Stokoe, 15½ years; Miss Spark, 15½ years; Miss Margaret Birnie, 16 years; D. Common of Nilstone Rigg; J. Elwick, 16 years,



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4 Station Cottages; and Miss Nattrass, 14½ years, of Shaftoe Terrace.

Further staff changes occurred in September 1936 when J. Clark terminated his employment having taken a business in Alston. Alec Rodger was appointed to Mr Clark's position; the errand boy Master Eddie Moffatt was offered a position as an apprentice and Eddie Brown, 15 years 9 months, was appointed errand boy. Others who applied for this post were: Robert Wylie aged 15 years 10 months; and Ken Lax and Peter Brown, both 14 years of age. Master Cowing's apprenticeship was also due to end, in October, and he was engaged as a 'journeyman' from November 1936.

At this time, it seems that there was 'considerable scandal about the Society in the village', according to Mr James Ridley of 'Broadstone' Haydon Bridge, and he informed the committee that he would move at the next General Meeting, that a full time cashier be appointed. Mr Ridley was invited to explain his charge/assertion and in their defence it was pointed out that the committee's fees of £12-11-6 had been accepted by the auditors, as had £4-9-1 allowances to committee members for other meetings.

The dispute rumbled on for over six months causing great interest in the district until, following a series of letters between the Society secretary Mr Graham, Mr Ridley, and the Co-operative legal team, James Ridley stated that at no time had he made a reflection on the honesty of the employees. This statement seems to have brought the dispute, if not the village gossip, to a close.

The Haydon Bridge Co-operative Store was closed on May 12th 1937 for the Coronation of King George VI and all staff wages were paid for the day.

As the year drew to an end, and after discussions with Union representatives, the Society committee confirmed it had no objection to their employees joining NUDAW (National Union of Distributive and Allied Workers). As a result of further meetings between the committee and NUDAW, the employees' wages and terms of employment were re-negotiated; and employees minimum working hours were set at 48 hours a week.

A 'NUISANCE' OR A RELIEF?

My earlier reference to 'A Nuisance at Park Stile' in 1916 (See page 7) reminds me that more than one of our village 'privies', has emptied its contents into the River Tyne over the years. In fact, our Parish Councillors of 1895 were responsible for the most famous of our 'netties' with an outflow to the Tyne. The standards of sanitation was an issue that our early councillors spent much of their time debating. Towards the end of the nineteenth century, many of

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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 fifth casualty, in 1918, was
Thomas Arthur Willan

(45) Thomas Arthur Willan



Thomas served as Lance Corporal, 552131 (5070), 16th (County of London) Battalion, London Regiment (Queen's Westminster Rifles). He died on 30th April 1918, aged 29.

Born in South Shields, one of three children of Thomas and Mary Willan (nee Harrison). Thomas was a draper.

Employed as a chartered accountant in Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

Enlisted at Westminster, London.

As well as having his name on the War Memorial and the Reredos in St. Cuthbert's,

Thomas is also commemorated on the Shaftoe School Memorial and the Methodist Church Memorial Table



Thomas has no known grave and is therefore commemorated on one of the panels on the Jerusalem Memorial, Israel.



Thomas is also commemorated on his parent's gravestone in St Cuthbert's Churchyard extension.

If you have any information relating to Thomas Arthur Willan, 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.

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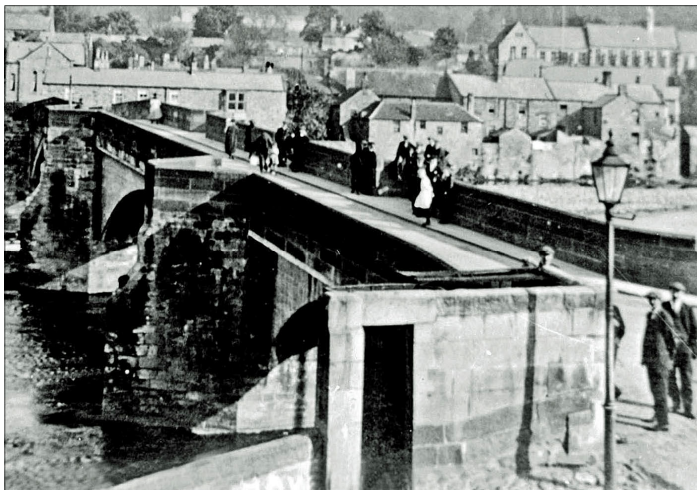
our houses were without drains of any kind and there were only three W.C.s in the village connected to the main sewer. It is no surprise, then, that provision of a public urinal was high on the council's and our residents' agenda.

The Parish Council's first choice for a site for the urinal was on the west side of the bridge, at its north end. The plans soon came under fire, however, and ninety objectors signed a petition stating that the proposal was, 'a grievous nuisance and a source of great annoyance'. Neither were all the councillors in favour of the proposal for a urinal, although the doubters did admit that they, 'could not deny their utility'. Eventually, agreement was reached on a site, still at the north end of the bridge but on the east side rather than the west. The men's urinal was made of painted 'decorative ironwork', and was suspended over the river. It was described as 'giving good service, in a primitive way'. Primitive indeed. And 'decorative ironwork'? Who'd have thought it!

On the plus side, the urinal was a most convenient convenience and those men who were caught short on their way home from the pub no longer had to use the alcoves of the bridge, or the Railway Hotel arch, for relief. On less positive notes, the architects had failed to anticipate the future of public transport,

when Charltons' double decker buses, or high sided 'United' buses trundling across the bridge, would give their passengers a bird's eye view into the iron 'necessary', open to the sky. And, on a personal note, the deep pools at the foot of the waterfall at Haydon Bridge, and below the leaking urinal, were where I and many of my friends learned to swim!!!

I'm rather surprised that English Heritage failed in their duty to 'list' our famous urinal, marking it as 'of special architectural and historic interest'. In the end, however, the rusting, disgusting 'necessary' was removed without ceremony to make way for the building of the new bridge through the village.



The 19c stone fronted iron urinal, suspended over the river.

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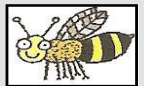
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DENNIS GILERT : A MEMORY

I first met Dennis in the bar of The Haydon Hotel shortly after he came to the village in the late nineties. His neighbour from Railway Cottages, Roy Philipson, had introduced him to the delights of The Haydon and to his pool playing friend, Harry Steele. A keen conversationalist, Dennis' distinctive South Yorkshire voice could be heard clearly across the bar as he recounted often amusing anecdotes to his drinking companions about his experiences working for the police and told tales of DIY adventures in his recently acquired Haydon Bridge home.

Prior to moving to Haydon Bridge Dennis had retired from the police force and trained as a barrister. His move to Haydon Bridge, according to Dennis, made his weekly commute to the High Courts in Belfast somewhat easier than they might have been from South Yorks.

In January 2005 I asked Dennis, along with Dennis Telford and Catherine and Storey Hall, to join the much depleted ranks of the Friends of Haydon Bridge Committee. They were all invited to attend the January AGM. By 7.30pm, the due time for the meeting to start, three of the new members were present but there was no sign of Dennis Gilert. Perhaps there had been a change of heart or confusion over dates. After a further wait the meeting was begun and shortly afterwards Dennis appeared. He had arrived at the Community Centre sometime before but had gone to the main hall, not realising that the people gathered there were Dance Club members. Having sat for a while watching the dancers and thinking that this was a Friends' social event prior to the start of the AGM, someone had gone to talk to him. He realised his error and beat a hasty retreat to the meeting room and the Friends AGM.

At the meeting Dennis was elected vice chairman of the Association, a position he held until the declining health of his parents and his own health problems forced his resignation in September 2009.

In the intervening years, Dennis' humour enlivened our monthly meetings and his expertise, from a lifetime of working with law related matters, proved valuable.

Dennis was also one of the committee members who sacrificed a Saturday morning most months, to collating and counting the Haydon News ready for distribution. The other members of the team were Dennis Telford, Storey Hall, George Hutton and I. It is probably those Saturday morning, spent sitting round a large table counting out Haydon News', drinking coffee and chatting and joking, that provide me and the other member of the Friends of Haydon Bridge who knew him, with the happiest memories of Dennis Gilert.

Mike Parkin

DENNIS GILERT

I am so sad to be reporting the death of Dennis Gilert; on Friday, December 19th 2014. A good friend to the residents of Haydon Bridge since he joined our community in 1999, Dennis' company and sense of humour was a great pleasure for those who knew him. Dennis joined the Friends of Haydon Bridge in 2005 and was immediately elected vice chairman, a position he held for five years during a period when the Friends and the Haydon News went from strength to strength. Dennis' funeral service was held at Newcastle West Road Crematorium on Friday, January 9th 2015 when around one hundred of his family and friends gathered to say goodbye and recall so many happy memories.

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A VIEW FROM UP THERE

John Harrison

Reading through my comments in the last issue of Haydon News, I notice that I bemoaned the lack of westerly winds – well I guess someone up there must have heard me because so far this year cobwebs have not stood a chance in the howling winds. I obviously have some sort of hot line here so please send requests for weather to

Several of you have said how much you enjoyed the fireworks on New Year's Eve and, if I may add a personal comment, it was wonderful to see how they put a smile on people's faces on New Year's Day. But organising events requires person-power so I ask you heed the call elsewhere in the News for new faces in the GITS group.

The last two months of 2014 were significantly milder than usual although there were 11 air frosts during December. Rainfall over the two months was roughly equal to the seasonal average. Thus marked the end of a year that has been the warmest on record across much of the UK. Snow lay on only 2 days (21 in 2013) and there were only 22 air frosts (62 in 2013). Winds were very strong at times, particularly during February and December. Particular memories of 2014 were the slow start to the growing season with the ground remaining cold and damp until mid-May, and the extended season in the autumn with wild mushrooms still being collected during December.

November was generally rather dull and damp. While the wind remained in the west, there were sunny periods over the first few days but as the wind turned to the east from the 10th, conditions became cloudy and very dull. Breaks in the grey blanket of cloud were rare and mist/fog was frequent. Between the 10th and end of the month, visibility at the morning observation was registered as moderate or less on all but one day. When rain fell it tended to be in the form of drizzle although there were more substantial falls on the 14th, 18th and 21st. Over the whole month there were only 3 rain-free days and 23 days when the fall was 0.2mm or more. The air was, on the whole, from a mild direction and nocturnal cloud cover meant that frosts were rare.

December was an extremely variable month with alternating cold and mild spells of weather. The most remarkable feature was the dominance of westerly winds which blew on all but two days. These were associated with a procession of Atlantic depressions separated by ridges of high pressure. With the depressions came fresh, and occasionally very strong, winds with spells of very wet weather, particularly on the 9th/10th (19.8 mm) and the 21st-23rd (39.8 mm). The latter resulted in some localised flooding and made for a miserable run up to the festive season.

A spell of more typical winter weather brought snow on the 7th, 10th and 11th, but the ground was generally too warm for this to accumulate. Snow was, however, lying on the morning of the 11th which resulted in difficult driving conditions and a number of accidents. Snow was still lying in the vicinity of the Military Road well into the afternoon. Ridges of higher pressure resulted in calmer weather with clearer skies which brought a number of moderate air frosts.

Yet again, the Christmas period was marked by relatively mild weather although a strong ridge of high pressure brought frosts over the last few days of the year.

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 |
|---------------|---|------------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|-------------|---------------------------------|
| November | 9.7 | +1.0 | 4.6 | +1.1 | 65.4 | 80 |
| December 2014 | 6.7 | +0.7 | 1.7 | +0.5 | 90.6 | 107 |

And finally...

Gladys tells me about a friend of hers who used to drive a hearse for a living. After 30 years in the job he decided to try something different and became a taxi driver. Unfortunately he crashed the car on his first day at his new job when a passenger tapped him on the shoulder.

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CLERGY MESSAGE FROM:

Deacon Anne Taylor

As I write this letter it is still only mid January yet Christmas seems a long time ago now. The decorations have been taken down and put away and plans are being made for the New Year. However I have already seen hot cross buns and mini eggs for sale in the local shop. In one sense that's moving a bit too far ahead in the Christian story.

A week or so ago we celebrated Epiphany when we remember the wise men coming to see the Christ child. This would have taken place not as our nativities often suggest at the time of Jesus' birth but sometime later may be even up to two years later when Jesus was probably a toddler. In most cases that is where we leave the story. As it says in Matthew's gospel chapter 2:12 *'And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod they (the wise men) returned to their country by another route.'*

So what happened next? Did they live happily ever after? Well not really. For Mary and Joseph and the baby Jesus things were far from back to normal. They were just beginning a whole new incredible journey a journey which would take them a long way from home. They were fleeing from King Herod who was trying to kill Jesus. Mary and Joseph left in a hurry in the night and went to live in Egypt until it was safe for them to come back home and live in Nazareth where Jesus was brought up.

We too are on a journey, a life journey, a faith journey, like the wise men we have met with the Christ child (celebrated Christmas) and now continue on our journey in the knowledge that God is with us through the good times the bad times, the joys and the sorrows wherever our journey takes us.

Even as a baby Jesus had an incredible impact on people's lives. The shepherds left their work and ran to see Jesus, the wise men travelled hundreds of miles to see Jesus, and even Herod who feared what that would mean for him wanted to find the child. And of course it must have totally turned around Mary and Joseph's lives. In fact it must have turned around anyone's life who recognised or believed this was Jesus, the Son of God, the Messiah.

And it is the same for us today once we have met the Christ child Jesus our lives will not be the same. Christmas may be over and our things packed away but Jesus remains with us for the journey. As we continue into this New Year may we know Jesus travels with us.

Deacon Anne Taylor

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Superintendent T.
Quenet

February 15
10.00am Morning Worship
Marie Hutchinson
2.30pm Haydon View visit
(No 6pm Service)

February 22
10.00am Morning Worship
Bob McAlpin
6.00pm Evening Worship
Ann Worthy

March 1
10.00am Morning Worship
Norman Fullard
6.00pm **United Service**
West End Church Hexham

CHURCH OF ENGLAND SERVICES

February 1
9.30am **Beltingham**
Parish Eucharist BCP
11.00am **St. Cuthberts**
Parish Eucharist BCP
3.00pm **Haydon Old Church**
Evening Worship

February 8
9.30am **Beltingham**
Parish Eucharist
11.00am **St. Cuthberts**

February 15
9.30am **Henshaw**
Parish Eucharist
11.00am **St. Cuthberts**
Parish Eucharist

February 18
Ash Wednesday
7.30pm **St. Cuthberts**
United Village Eucharist

February 22
10.00am **Henshaw**
Joint Eucharist

March 1
9.30am **Beltingham**
Parish Eucharist BCP
11.00am **St. Cuthberts**
Parish Eucharist BCP
3.00pm **Haydon Old Church**
Evening Worship

ROMAN CATHOLIC SERVICES

Mass each Sunday at 9.30am at
St. John's

Mass each Sunday at 11.00am at
Haltwhistle

Mass on weekdays
(except Mondays)
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Wednesday 12th February

St Cuthbert's Parish Priorities for 2015

On Saturday 10 January, as advertised in the last edition of the Haydon News, we used the Church Coffee morning to ask: 'How could the Church do more?' At the end of a very productive and enjoyable morning we were able to define **Three Parish Priorities** which will help focus our work through 2015.

These are:

Worship and Word

We will look to not only build up our normal pattern of Sunday worship but also, recognising that Sunday morning at 11am is not always the best time for everyone, to develop different styles, times, and forms of worship. This will be both in St Cuthbert's and at the Old Church. Alongside this we will provide means – courses, conversations, events – to help anyone who is interested to find out more about Christian faith and the life of the Church (see the Pilgrim course advert for more information about this).

Open and Accessible

Over the year we will be looking at ways of making the life of the Church and our Church buildings open and accessible to everyone. This might be simple things like improving our notice boards and trying to

develop a presence on the internet. It will also include us hosting events and simply trying to have both St Cuthbert's and the Old Church open more often so that everyone can benefit from these wonderful buildings. This priority will help us as we look to the next phases of the continued development of both buildings.

Present and Available

At our meeting we also recognised the need for us to turn outward: for us to walk and listen and serve alongside the whole community. We will be looking for ways we can do this. This might be in supporting many of the fabulous community centred events that already take place. It might be that we focus on one particular issue and put our time and energy into that.

These priorities – **Worship and Word, Open and Accessible, Present and Available** – will be the focus of our prayers and activity over the coming year. We will try to keep you all updated with how this work is progressing through the Haydon News. If you would like to be involved in any of these plans, or would like any more information about these priorities, please contact me on 688 196 or revbenjaminccarter@gmail.com.

With every best wish, your Vicar,

Benjamin

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.

This meeting is also open to members of the public.

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NATURE CLUB WINTER PROGRAMME

Meetings held at the Methodist Hall at 7.15pm.

February 5th

A.G.M.

February 19th

Lisa Shearer & Laura Waugh

Land of Oak and Iron

March 5th

Alasdair Mitchell

BASC and Rearing Deer in Haltwhistle

March 19th

David Raeburn Images of Nepal.

A Summer walks programme will be arranged to cover April - September
2015. Copies will be available at the 19th March meeting.

All enquiries to: The Hon. Secretary Robert Ford
28 Strother Close, Haydon Bridge. Tel No 684486

HEAR TO HELP

Anne Shilton, Action on Hearing Loss (previously RNID)
01670 513606 heartohelp.northoftyne@hearingloss.org.uk

Thursday 12th March 12 noon - 1.00 pm

Thursday 14th May 12 noon - 1.00 pm

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

Thursday 9th July 12 noon - 1.00 pm

Thursday 10th September 12 noon - 1.00 pm

Thursday 12th November 12 noon - 1.00 pm

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PROGRAMME OF CHARITY QUIZZES AT THE GENERAL HAVELOCK

All quizzes start at 8.15pm and include refreshments, a beer question, and a raffle. The entry fee is £1.50 per head. Teams 2 – 6 members.

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| February 10th | Great North Air Ambulance |
| March 10th | Breast Cancer Campaign **Queenie Quiz** |
| April 14th | Get it Together Society – for the fireworks next New Year |
| May 12th | Haydon Bridge Health Centre |
| June 16th | Anthony Nolan Trust **Queenie Quiz** |
| July 14th | A local charity (<i>to be decided</i>) |

If anyone wishes to nominate a charity for the quiz on July 14th, or any of the autumn quizzes, then they should do so via Jo at The Havelock or the quizmaster John Harrison (johnandaveril@aol.com)

Hexham Beacon Club

Programme

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| 4 th Feb. | Architectural Heritage of John Dobson |
| 11 th Feb. | The Flowering Desert |
| 18 th Feb. | How Brussels Works |
| 25 th Feb. | The Sill National Landscape Discovery Centre |

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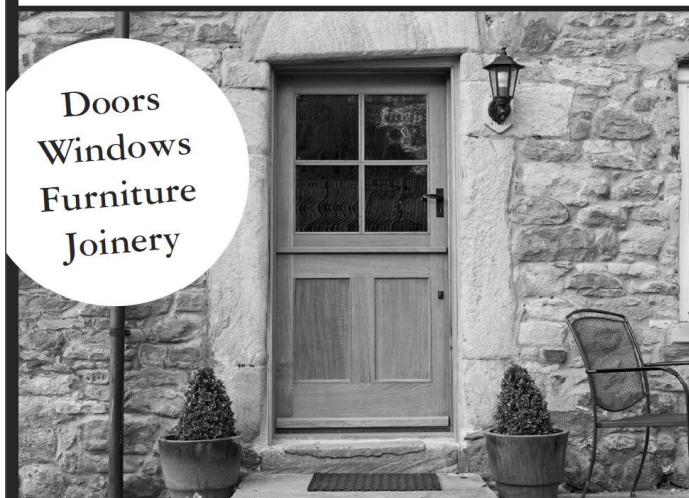
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Haydon Bridge writing group

We have been busy during festive period, meeting for our writing group before Christmas as well as after. Creativity was only interrupted by a bad viral infection, everyone seems to suffer these days.

The presentations on different types of publishing (including vanity) and script and screenwriting are fresh in our heads and with a new energy, we can embark on projects that will possibly incorporate the newly acquired knowledge.

I personally cannot watch any film or TV drama any more without getting annoyed by the cardinal sin of modern script and screenwriting – exposition. In case you do not know what it is, or somewhere in the back of your mind it has something to do with ancient Greek drama, - and you would be right about it -, it's when a character of the story explains things in a monologue or a conversation with another person.

A skilful writer will avoid this altogether and let the story explain everything in due course. It's a lazy tool and once you know about it, you actually see it everywhere!

If you want to take part in our next meeting, please contact me at natalienera@yahoo.com. Everyone is welcome!

Natalie Nera

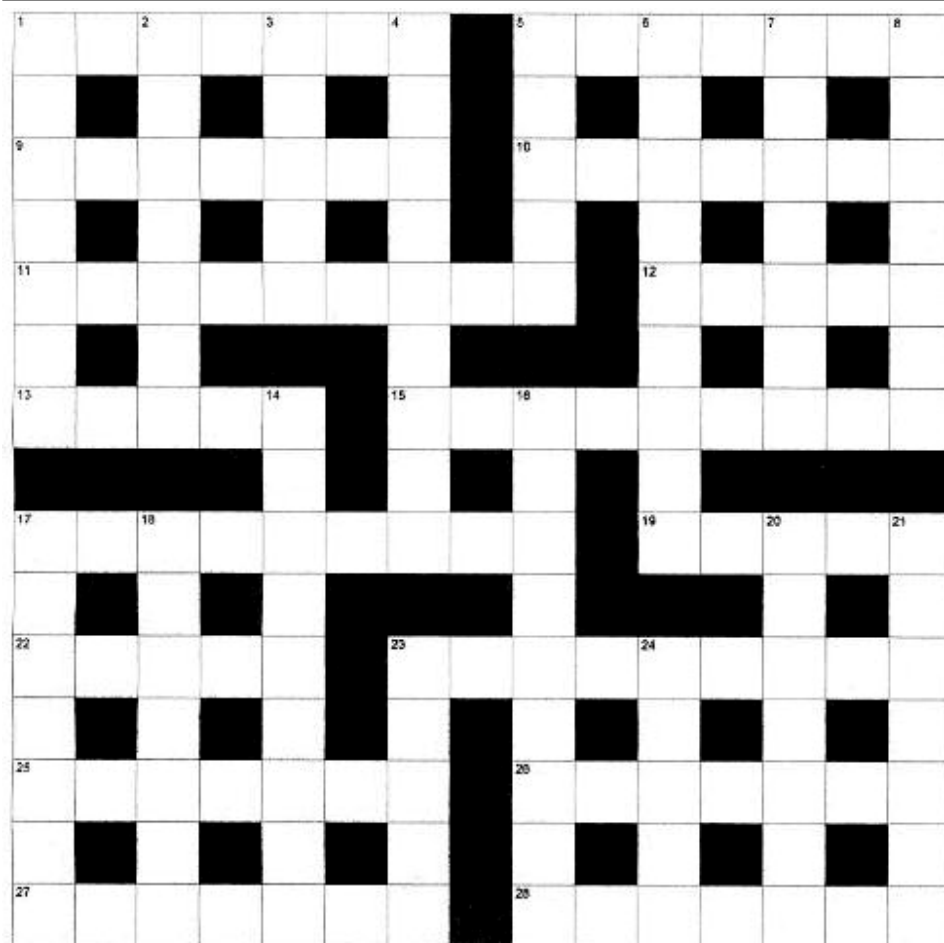
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| 1. The gate after wise (7) | 17. Cleans with a sharp edge when accountants have been to supper (7,2) |
| 5. Theologian had the point of Mussolini worked out (7) | 19. Ivory supplied by river in the back way (5) |
| 9. Scientist's glass responds (7) | 22. God be with you (5) |
| 10. Its a new idea to have one Vet only. (7) | 23. Naughty word is a goner (9) |
| 11. Unclean one concentrates on four? (5,4) | 25. Softly showing off couple (7) |
| 12. Contract let fields on direction (5) | 26. Deeply felt in grammatical form (7) |
| 13. Mixed up Scandinavian's chair (5) | 27. Fido finishes fags (3-4) |
| 15. Basically the Spanish point to madness (9) | 28. Bears up in hidden duress (7) |

Down

1. Marches round paradise without one (7)
2. River dust is stitched up (7)
3. Bird catches worm? (5)
4. Nests sins unpleasantly (9)
5. Divine in the east eaten (5)
6. Bad fellows in the Department of Trade get up to mischief (9)
7. Ring a worker to get the Scots lad (7)
8. Prisoners want a battery? (3-4)
14. Unpin neat letters belonging to a god (9)
16. Could ex-V.I.P. lose a banger? (9)
17. Point complaint to journalist on a slope (7)
18. A fence keeps one complaining loudly (7)
20. Doctor reverses letter (7)
21. Ways of holy men about the orient (7)
23. Salary carries on (5)
24. Kept inside, barred (5)

Entries in before 20th February.

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

HAYDON BRIDGE PLAYGROUP

From 2 years

**Playgroup runs on Monday and Friday mornings
from 9.15 to 11.15 (term time only)
at Haydon Bridge Fire Station**

The sessions give children a chance to learn through play and to experience lots of different activities. Playgroup is lead by a fully qualified Playgroup Leader & assistant(s). **Cost per session is £6.00**
HB Playgroup is a member of Pre-School Learning Alliance.

For more information on the above sessions or an informal chat please contact Kelly Richardson 07732260415

HAYDON BRIDGE TINY TOTS

TINY TOTS - from birth to three years

Tiny Tots runs on Tuesday mornings from 9.15 'til 11.00 (term time only) at Haydon Bridge Fire Station.

The sessions offer a chance for babies/toddlers, parents and carers to meet, play and try crafts. Followed by a snack and a drink, music or story time.
Cost per session is £1.50.

**For more information on the above sessions or an informal chat please contact:
Kelly Richardson 07732260415
or Nicola Grint on 07879999289**

ANSWERS TO DECEMBER'S CROSSWORD

LAST MONTH'S WINNER:

Carole Muir

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Peculiarities of the English language

After reading the article by Natalie Nera in the October 2014 Issue on the Peculiarities of the English language it brought back memories of a few experiences I too have had with the English language however from the opposite point of view. Although I grew up in Canada, I did live in Cambridge for 3 years from 1975 to 1978, and that was the last time I was able to travel up to Haydon Bridge. In Cambridge, I joined a Karate Club run by a Korean Sensei. It quickly became clear that he could understand me better than the locals due to the American influence in Korea when he was growing up.

One day he came to me quite serious and asked very politely if I could help him understand something. Of course I obliged, this man could kill me a dozen different ways with his thumb. He wanted to know why the English were so morbid. I of course was quite confused and shared that I didn't find the English morbid. I asked him why he thought this and he said that since he had arrived in this country there didn't seem to be a day that didn't go by that someone wanted to know how he was going to die. He said he didn't really know how to answer them so would just shrug his shoulders and say, "I don't really know". Then it hit me like a thunder bolt and I had a hard time holding back my giggles as I realized they were asking him, "How are you today (todie)". When I explained he laughed and I became his official translator. This taught me to be more tolerant of those learning our language.

On another occasion I was on an exchange program with my town's sister city in Japan. There was a very large gathering and we were instructed to mingle as our Japanese hosts wanted to practice their English. There was one gentleman in particular that followed me everywhere I went. I would try and mingle with others, however he was always there. Close to the end of the evening this gentleman who was about 65 years of age asked me to join him at the microphone. The room of approximately 500 people went quiet as he started his thank you speech. He turned to me and bowed very deep and when he rose in his clearest voice he said in English, "Thank you for having intercourse with me". I took the microphone and did my deepest bow and when I arose I said, "The pleasure was all mine".

Luckily my husband came and whisked me away before I broke into hysterics.

This taught me to never trust a dictionary translation.

By Aandeg Skelly

**Granddaughter of Hector Reay-Laidler
Haydonian from Thunder Bay, Ontario, Canada**

A new Haydon 100 challenge - Birds!

50 years ago the Haydon Bridge Women's Institute produced a scrapbook of village life including a list compiled by Billy Tait of almost 100 birds breeding within 5 miles of the village.

Next month the Haydon News will print the 100 as a checklist and the Haydon Bridge Nature Club will challenge you to record sightings of the 100, and any new species, throughout 2015. You can be on the lookout in your garden or out and about on walks.

Each new season in the Haydon News the Nature Club will suggest which birds you might be able to spot and remind you to drop off your results at The Bridge. Blank checklists, a special illustrated checklist for children and reference books will be available to help identify the varieties.

In the meantime the RSPB website has an interactive Bird identifier you can use to get started. The scrapbook and many other written and photographic records can be found at The Bridge community library.

Carole Price

Digital, schmidigital!

Technology passed me by a long time ago. In fact I was glad I had a boy-child in '92 so he could teach me all things Computer.

It was not to be. iPad? iWish!

I realise I belong in a much gentler age. When we all used quills and wrote by hand on a page. How could I know that one day in the future we'd be madly obsessed with our laptop computer?

Not me of course, I'm a bit simple you see, All this technology - it does nothing for me, Downloading uploading I've never had an urge to, The only bytes I crave are in a McDonald's cheese burger.

So I bred a geek to have it all figured out, And he's figured I'm useless - my intelligence in doubt, he said "Mum please just try it, let's surf the net" I couldn't help wondering what if I get wet?

He stood there embarrassed his hands in his pocket and said "This is a laptop can you try to unlock it?" I stared at my son who stared back at me I said 'Well I would if I could so please pass me the key'

And what do I do if I want a new mate
Would I have to rely on an internet date?
With my skills instead of getting George Clooney I'd probably end up having dinner with a loony.

I've never longed to Twitter, Google or tweet. Even without eBay my life's still complete. And what the heck's Facebook and why all the fuss?

Cos to me it's all a mystery - I'm a computer wuss.

So I stare at the laptop alone and inept. And decide that from now on I will no longer fret or worry that I'm pathetic with technology. So I'm pulling out the plug - that's much better!

Yipeeee!

Wilhelmina Gates Von Zuckerberg

Unexpected reasons for snow

My childhood memories are lined with winter snaps like kitsch postcards – everything covered in snow and looking magical. We would put skis on right outside the door and go cross-country to the nearest park woodland. We would take our skates every afternoon after school and go to the ice-skating ring converted from our school playground by the janitor. Sadly, winters are too mild in Britain for a proper outdoor ice-skating experience. I regret not having the white stuff but perhaps not for the reasons you would expect.

If snow lay on the ground, it would be easier to spot dog turds. It is an everyday struggle for me to avoid them with the buggy and make sure that my toddler does not step in them – they are literally everywhere in Haydon Bridge. As a former dog-owner, I am baffled how anyone can just leave the said excrement in the middle of the pavement and cannot be bothered to pick it up. If you have ever spent an unplanned half-hour in the garden in near zero temperatures, removing the brown smelly paste of your child's shoes, and scrubbing the floor in the hallway and kitchen because that's where he ran before you could remove the offending pair of boots from his feet, you will understand my discontent.

I personally don't think it's possible that a human being would knowingly do this, given all the diseases the dog and cat poo pose especially to children, so I have a theory about it.

We think that they are just people who happen to be hugely inconsiderate to their fellow citizens by leaving turds on pavements. In fact they are robots – androids who are remotely controlled by their masters – aliens from outer Space. Those aliens live in the shape of those dogs as a disguise and they have a secret plan on how to invade our planet. That-is-where-it-all-begins! Oh, I do hope that Doctor Who is not on annual leave.

Or perhaps it's all my fault. I might be turning into a paranoid, grumpy old woman. Actually, I can see myself with my inner eye at the meeting of Turds Anonymous saying: "Hi, my name is Natalie and dog turds on pavements make me angry." Then we have a group hug and repeat our mantra: "To clean my soul, I must accept turds on my boots. To clean my soul..."

Natalie Nera

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Brendan Healy **Because he had nowt else to do.**

Campervans are brilliant. I had one when I was younger and it was fantastic! Admittedly, it was an old rust bucket with no cooker or any posh stuff like that, but it was so much better than sleeping under canvas. The seat became a bed and I had a kettle, so what more could a young man want? I spent forever at the beach and the Lake District. It was also somewhere to get changed into your swimmers, rather than dropping your towel mid-change and having to put up with 'wiggly worm' jokes from your friends for the next few weeks.

When I worked as a musician, whether it be as a solo act or with the wittily entitled 'Brendan Healy Band', I had the obligatory transit van. This had been vaguely converted so that the sound equipment went under a double bed at the back, and it had a line of aeroplane seats to get more people in. It really came into its own as a dressing room when we played rainy festivals.

Now, I'm not really sure what a mid life crisis is but if it is the time of your life when you try to recapture the younger man in yourself, I'm having one.

I know I'm having one because I've just got a campervan.

They are doubly brilliant these days. It's got flippin' everything. Two double beds, a double burner cooker, fridge, lift up roof, TV, DVD, an awning which sleeps another two and a roof-top jacuzzi. (I made the last one up 'cos I was getting so excited.)

Now the wife and I can go away for picnics, short breaks and even holidays in luxury but there are added benefits I didn't know existed until now.

If you are on the road as much as I have been, you learn very quickly how expensive motorway food is. You also learn that everything tastes like camel drivers' underwear. Worse still, you cannot see the preparation area where the spotty 16-year-old who hasn't heard of soap, works. Even coffee is extortionate thanks to the major brands.

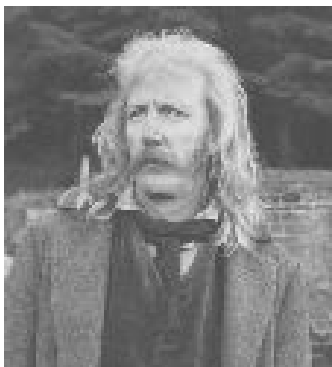
I have always gone off the motorway and found little vans by the side of the road. When I first met my wife I took her to one of these. She was mortified then, but is now a convert.

These vans have to have hygiene certificates, they are cheap and quick, the food is hot and freshly cooked and if you don't like the cleanliness of the operator's hands you simply move on. There are even vans where you can order by phone when you're on your way.

They have motorway services beaten hands down. But much as I am a food-van fan I have now found the ultimate. I can cook whatever I want, whenever I want, in my own campervan. I can have exactly the type of coffee I want, for much less than £17, and my hands are sometimes quite clean.

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At some time in your life you'll hear that you look like someone famous and usually it gets on your wick 'cos you think you look nothing like them.

For me it's always been Donald Sutherland, the A-list Hollywood actor from hundreds of films such as 'The Dirty Dozen' and 'The Hunger Games' to name but two. I've always thought of myself as more of George Clooney. See for your self.

A Thank You from Jo

I have had the privilege of living here for 15 years, I moved here 1999. My first New Year I witnessed the millennium fireworks and I was inspired.

Since then people like Howard Oliver, who started the Christmas tree lights event, have continued to inspire me. Joyce Brown and her fund raising jars. Dennis /Kevin /young farmers. Harry's chip suppers for everyone. Dicken/Maureen/ Jackie / Julie and the Shaftoe School and many more people who are involved involved

For everyone who witnessed the magical Christmas lights event on 7th December and the fireworks display December 31st and felt these events should happen again can I just say - It takes a huge amount of effort /time/planning to make these events happen.

Both events need donations and volunteers but the effect on community spirit is immeasurable.

Thanks Haydon Bridge 15 years on - still inspiring

Jo Thompson

Editorial mea culpa—again. I owe an apology to John Harrison for amputating the punchline to his last 'View...'. Here is the last paragraph again - complete:

And finally Gladys tells me of a little old lady who purchased two parrots, one male, one female. Unfortunately it was almost impossible for her to determine which was which so she decided to watch them closely. To do this, she placed a large brown paper bag over the cage, and watched them through a spy-hole. After some while, the male bird shuffled along the perch and pecked the female on the cheek. Pleased with her work, the old lady removed the bag, grabbed the male bird and painted a white ring around its neck, so she would know in future which was which. The very next day, the vicar called round to see how the lady was, and also to sample some of her excellent baking. At the sight of the vicar, the male parrot called out "Ah, I see they caught you at it too did they, vicar?"

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Also on the Saturday morning, Church members acted out a Street Nativity.

Monies raised from these two events which totalled £133.00 were sent to Tearfund - many thanks to all who supported these special times.

A special thanks to Joanna and Gary at the General Havelock for the warming refreshments provided to the Carol singers - they were much appreciated.

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**I think it's safe to say that the
New Years Eve Fireworks were a huge success!**

It was wonderful to see so many people of all ages out in the village enjoying themselves.

It was a bit touch and go at one point whether the display would be safe to go ahead, as the weather conditions deteriorated, but the fireworks company - Reaction Fireworks - were brilliant and kept a close eye on conditions, manoeuvring the firing positions to suit the weather. You probably heard a test firework go up in the afternoon – that was to test where any debris would fall and the viewing area was adjusted to compensate for this.

From 3pm, while the display was being set up, a relay of marshalls were at either end of the old bridge to stop people from crossing. The awful weather made this tricky at times especially when the wind blew the barriers down and on a couple of occasions they were headed for a parked car!!! Kevin Moore came to our rescue and tied the barriers down safely – Thanks Kev!

At 11.30pm our teams served mulled wine, hot chocolate and shortbread to keep out the cold and then at midnight our two Art Competition winners flicked the switch that started the wonderful fireworks display that brought in 2015.

Well Done to Aimee and Dan

It was a fantastic display and everyone seemed to appreciate it. The old bridge was the perfect setting for it and the Christmas trees enhanced the spectacle.

There was a lot of organising over the year to make this event safe and successful so a big thank you to all of the Get It Together Society, Reaction Fireworks, the volunteer marshalls and refreshment servers, Joyce Brown for her kind donation, the Railway for the use of their kitchen, the Parish Council, Northumberland County Council [several depts.], English Heritage, Northumbria Police, Shaftoe Trust Primary School, the Community Centre for the loan of staging, everyone who displayed posters and everyone who came along and enjoyed it. A big thank you also goes to Claire Marshall for providing fabulous goody bags for our Art Competition winners.

Many people have said they would like to have made a donation on the night. There were buckets out but being New Years Eve, the Get It Together Society wanted to have fun too rather than pester people for money, so if you want to show your appreciation please donate now. There is always a collection box at the Havelock or leave it at Claire's. Thank you.

We're constantly looking for new committee members – our numbers are much diminished so we need more people if we want more events like this. Please consider joining us.

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The Get It Together Society

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Local company comes to make yurts in Haydon Bridge.

Cloudhouses Ltd make tents called yurts we sell and hire them across the length and breadth of the UK and have recently come to Haydon Bridge from Alnheads with their business.

What is a yurt? Well it is originally a type of nomadic tent from Mongolia which is easy to put up, take down and transport as well as being able to cope with adverse weather conditions, which we tend to have our fair share of in the British Isles.

Unit 1a at Haydon Bridge Industrial Estate is now the location of Cloudhouses new offices, storage warehouse and canvas sewing workshop with the woodworking workshop and linen room remaining at premises just down the road at Langley.

The main business of this expanding company is provide luxury event and festival accommodation from weddings, business functions and private events and parties parties to large VIP areas at music festivals across the whole of the country.

The company is run by Justine and Simon Jameson who live in Allendale, with other members of the workforce coming from the surrounding area including a few of the boys from the local band Pikey Beatz, the bass player is related to Justine too.

Cloudhouses make all of their tents by hand and have done so since 2007 all be it on a smaller scale until now. The yurts range from a 30ft wedding yurt down to a 2 person mini yurt, which is called a squirt, with other sizes in between. The tents are often dressed with carpets, beds and all the trimmings and at parties and weddings lighting and sound systems are also available.

Cloudhouses are happy for anyone to pop in for a chat during the week about a new venture or even just to have a look around and say hello.

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Having run successful restaurants in Seahouses and Amble, the owners know that they can provide something that will please their customers. The menu offers a range of exciting dishes that is guaranteed to please any palate. The main focus of the menu is the home style dishes, where the chef uses techniques and ingredients that create dishes that have fresh and authentic tastes, which are typically enjoyed in Indian and Bangladeshi homes. It offers variety of choices from chicken and lamb dishes to seafood dishes such as monk fish and sea bass, takeaways can be offered as well.

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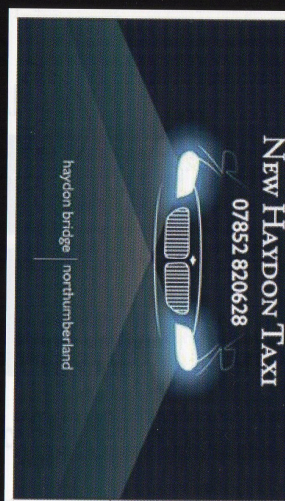


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Life of a Tyne salmon

The river Tyne has an average annual salmon run of over 30,000 fish per year and is regarded as the finest salmon fishing river in England, bringing fishermen from all over the world to fish these hallowed waters providing jobs, tourism and much needed money into the local economy. Salmon always return to the river of their birth to spawn and keep the circle of life rolling but a salmon's life is not a simple life. In 1959 not a single rod and line caught salmon or sea trout was reported from the Tyne, the quality of the water in the industrial areas has been greatly improved and, with the building of the Kielder hatchery to substitute for the loss of spawning grounds high up the North Tyne when Kielder reservoir was built, means that over 350,000 young salmon fry are released back into the head waters of the North and South Tyne's, River Rede and burns and streams. The releasing of these young fish, cleaner river water and measures in place by the Environment Agency have caused a huge up-turn in the river's fortunes, resulting in a zero rod catch in 1959 to an average of 6000 per season now.

Salmon run the river Tyne from opening day of the season, these early spring fish are the ultimate prize for anglers, as these solid fresh fish provide the ultimate fishing adrenalin fuelled fight. Environment Agency control measures require all salmon are to be released before June 16th to protect these spring fish. These spring fish have a low metabolism rate due to the cold spring water and can spend nearly all year in the river, often dropping back down stream before heading up stream to fulfil their goal ... to spawn.

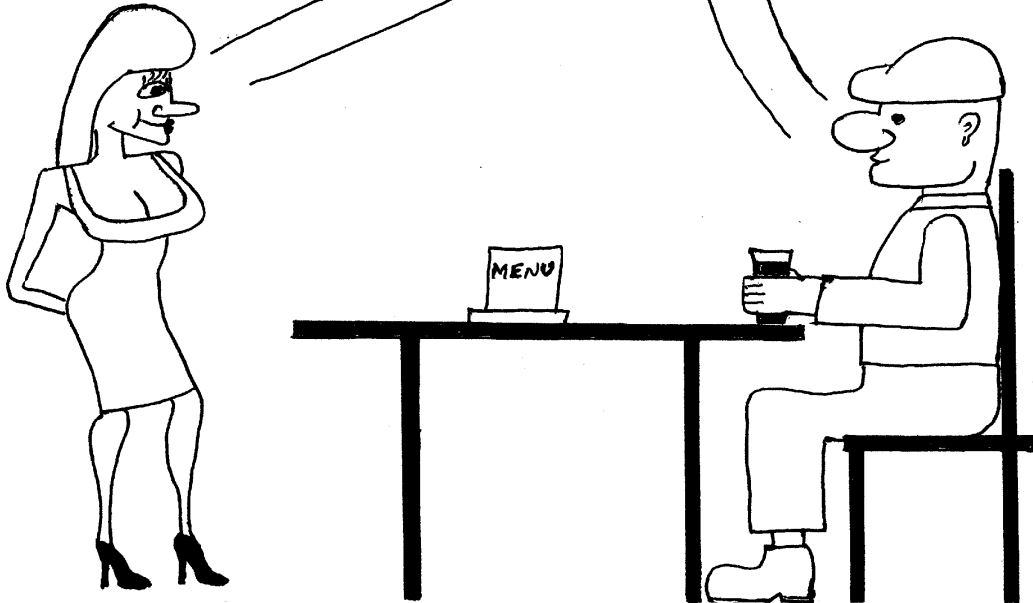
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Did you enjoy the Jolly Boys' weekend in Blackpool in that hotel advertising "The Complete Rock & Roll Experience"?

Really, Raydon, what did they give you for breakfast?

It was a nice hotel, Dusty, but I wasn't impressed by the Rock & Roll breakfast.

A stick of Blackpool rock and a sausage roll.



All year, on every tide, fish enter the river and the runs of fish peak in late September and October. In the late autumn months the adult fish have turned red in colour and the males develop a Kype (hook) on the jaw, these are the spawning colours they develop to attract a mate. Once paired the female lies on her side and beats her tail in the gravelly Tyne river bed to create a redd (trough) in the river bed, she then swims above the redd and lays her eggs which drift in the current into the redd. The male lies above her then releases milt to fertilise the eggs and then the female swims above the redd and beats her tail to cover the eggs in gravel. To survive these eggs require clean fresh well oxygenated water flowing over them. This is the start of the salmon's life cycle.

Spawning is the start of a salmon's life cycle and is its climax of a long journey back from sea and often spells the end for these exhausted parent fish, as very few survive. These eggs lie secure in the gravel and after 3-4 month embryos become alevins. These alevins survive on the contents of its yolk sac for up to a month and once this is absorbed become salmon fry.

Fry now have to look after themselves, developing dark fingermark camouflage stripes on their sides. At this time they are called salmon parr and feed off larvae and aquatic life and are similar to a brown trout. At this stage of its life it becomes food for a host of predators including herons, goosanders, cormorants, otters and its cousin the brown trout.

Once these parr get to between sixteen month old and four years old they change physiologically and become smolts.

These changes enable the fish to migrate downstream and leave the fresh river water and head to the salty sea to find food as these fish don't eat in fresh river water, relying on feeding in the ocean to bulk up on weight. At sea the predators increase; bass, cod, gulls and one of the biggest seal colonies on the Farne Islands lie in wait to gorge on these fish, so they hurry quickly to the deeper feeding grounds of Greenland to grow.

On the return journey to spawn in the river of their birth they again run the gauntlet of predators including the nets men. These fish up to 6 lb are known as grilse and may have spent one year at sea feeding, some may spend four years at sea and return up to 30 lb in weight or more. Return they must, as they can not spawn in salt water and they travel along the coasts until they smell the river of their birth.

Once back in the river their bodies change again to enable them to survive. They don't eat in fresh river water and one of the biggest mysteries in fishing is why they take a fisherman's fly or lure. Aggression is one thought, another is these lures resemble something they have eaten at sea. They return to the river to make the journey up stream and this brings the life cycle full circle. One thing for sure, the salmon is a remarkable creature and one of the most prestigious prizes for fishermen all over the world and we are very lucky to live along the Tyne's river banks to watch these creatures complete their journey.

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Helping Hands recognised in National Award

Top-performing, Home Care Company – Helping Hands had further cause for celebration recently. In addition to reaching its 25th Year Anniversary in May, privately owned care company Helping Hands achieved a top ranking in the Health Investor Growth Company Awards 2014 as the second highest performing Healthcare business in the country. This award recognises the UK's top 25 independent healthcare companies based on their growth over the last 3 years.

Tim Lee, the Chief Executive of Helping Hands, a leading local Domiciliary Home Care and specialist Live In Home Care provider said: “ As the population in Britain gets older we regularly see research which confirms that most people would like to remain independent, living in their own homes, for as long as possible. The recent growth achieved by Helping Hands' is a result of our passion and desire to provide services which enable as many people as possible to maintain their independence and stay living safely in their own homes, rather than go into residential care. “

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Commenting on the award, Matthew Flower, Head of Healthcare at Zolfo Cooper said “Given the strong reputation developed over the last 25 years, it is not surprising to see the business near the top of this year's list yet again.”

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Christmas Crafts:

It seems a long time since Christmas now but, at the time, the days seemed very busy. Yet, in amongst all the activity and with many already visiting relatives, a small but select group of children found time to attend the Christmas Crafts session at the Bridge. They were a particularly industrious bunch, who did very well producing a 3D Christmas tree, a Christmas bauble and a gift tag/decoration. After refreshments, they left with instructions and materials for a thank you letter to complete at home. Well done, everyone.

Bookstart:

We have several very young readers (0-4years), who have joined the library recently but who did not receive a Bookstart introductory folder: they were out of stock at the time. The folder contains all sorts of "goodies" plus a small passport booklet. I am pleased to inform you that we now have a new stock of the folders. If your child did not receive one, when they joined Bookstart, probably when they joined the library, please ask for a folder on your next visit. The passport inside the folder should be brought to the library on every visit. The volunteer will stamp the passport each time your child borrows books. Each time, six books are completed, a certificate is received. Well worth the effort.

National Libraries Day

(Saturday, 7th. February 2015):

In 2011, as a result of the closing of a number of libraries in the UK and others, like ours, becoming Community Access Libraries run by volunteers, a "Save Our Libraries Day" was organised to celebrate reading, libraries and librarians. In 2012, following on from this event, the National Libraries Day became an annual celebration, held in the first week in February. Alan Gibbons, author and library campaigner proposed this particular time after receiving e-mails suggesting that there should be a chance to celebrate our libraries, institutions where books are provided at no cost to any individual.

"A reading child is a successful child. A child who goes to the library is twice as likely to be a good reader and that child becomes a literate adult, a life-long reader." Alan Gibbons. Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals website.

The theme for this year's National Libraries Day is Harry Potter. For children visiting the Bridge during the first week in February, there will be activity sheets available to complete and hand in. Make sure that your name and age are on the sheets.

Archives:

As the number of resources that we have in the Archives accumulates, it often takes a new "pair of eyes" to spot a significant feature or point of interest. That happened recently, when a relatively new volunteer to the team was browsing through the file donated by the Haydon Bridge Women's Institute. Quite soon, it became apparent to her that this year is the fiftieth anniversary of what was the WI.

The pages of the file make fascinating reading about individual members, the meetings and the activities of the Haydon Bridge WI. One of the women's projects for the year 1965 was spotting the birds of the local area and the findings were recorded. Our volunteer plus several others in the team thought it would be a good idea to carry out similar observations fifty years on, record them and compare the results. Is the bird population changed in any way? Are there fewer sparrows? What about the birds of prey?

Watch out for a survey to complete in a future "Haydon News" and perhaps join in. Bird spotting will make a good family outing.

Happy reading ...

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CHRISTMAS LIGHTS. Julia Cooper

The 2014 Christmas lights were once again a great success and much appreciated and enjoyed by the Haydon Bridge community.

However these events do not just happen by magic but require the continued support and organisation of many people. Firstly, many thanks all those willing and enthusiastic workers involved in assembling the trees and disposing of them in the New Year. These helpers (without whom this event would be impossible to achieve) were fed Fish and Chips lunches by Harry and refreshments were supplied throughout the day by Claire's Newsagents and the General Haverlock. Thanks also to Kevin Moore who assisted Dennis with the electrics. Electricity for the lights on the bridge was provided by The Anchor Hotel. Ten trees were kindly donated by Mr and Mrs Dickinson from Crowhall Farm and delivered by Edward and Stuart Furlong.

Since the instigation of this event children from Shaftoe Trust Primary School have delighted us with their singing! Many thanks to both staff and pupils for their continued support. We appreciate the effort put into practicing songs and organising the competition. This year it was lovely to have the involvement of Rev Benjamin Carter who not only helped erect the trees but blessed them at the lighting up ceremony.

As always people really appreciated the hot dogs, drinks and nibbles served on what was a very cold night; thanks to everyone involved in providing these tasty refreshments. Mr Ralph Marshall has kindly offered to store all the boxes used to hold the trees. Finally, but perhaps most importantly we must thank Santa and his helpers for taking time out of their very busy schedule to meet the children!

Of course events such as this need funding and each year we are always astounded by the great generosity of village people. This year the money collected in the jars placed in the shops was a staggering **£617.48.** In addition to this local businesses were asked if they would be willing to sponsor a tree and the response was very enthusiastic, raising a further **£375.00.** All the jars need emptying and counting, which is quite a mammoth task, for which we must thank Joyce Brown and her stalwart helper Rene Armstrong.

This year, after much research and haggling the trees were sourced for only **£190.00.** The remaining money is to be put into an account for future years. Trees will always need purchasing, the sand bags and boxes often need repairing or replacing and at some point we may need to purchase new lights. Sadly, extra trees had to be bought this year to replace those damaged in an act of mindless vandalism. This is the very first time damage has occurred in such a manner and hopefully it will be the last!

During the festive period revellers enjoyed a fantastic Fireworks Display on New Year's Eve organised by the 'Get it Together Society'.

If this is to become another annual community event it has been suggested that the money from the jars be shared equally between the lights and the fireworks. If you have any other suggestions about activities over the festive period please talk to any member of the 'Christmas Lights' working committee (Joyce Brown, Joanne Thompson, Dennis and Jackie Oliver and Julia Cooper).

The following people and businesses kindly sponsored the trees:

***The Cooperative Store
Claire's Newsagents
Gary Cunningham
Harry's Fish and Chips
Peter Westall
Alan and Brenda Tweddle
Mr and Mrs Thompson-The General Haverlock
Safe and Secure
Haydon Bridge Pharmacy
Haydon Bridge Football Club
Peter and Shirley Watson - Garage
Brian and Ruth Welch-UK Industrial Tapes Ltd
Haydon Bridge Health Centre
David Edwards
Haydon Bridge Cricket Club
David Ferguson Ltd, M.D. Thirlaway
Charlie and Julia Cooper
Dennis and Jackie Oliver
C and J Newman Plumbing and Heating
Geoff Jackson- Langley Furniture Company
Edward Furlong
Mr and Mrs Dickinson
Mr and Mrs S. Furlong Ridley Hall Farm
Maureen and Dicken Robson
George Gamble, Jamie Eales
Jobson - Animal Health
Ken Tulip
Mr and Mrs Gilhespy-Tedcastle Farm
Paul Brown- Tiles
Emma - Driving Instructor
Kevin Charlton Builder
Alan Baty Mobile Disco
Graham Murphy - Joiner
Steven Todd-Joinery and Glazing
Paul Stead-Joiner and Builder.***

Once again many thanks to everyone involved!



Gary, Joanna, Laura and staff entertained Haydon Bridge pensioners during their annual complimentary Christmas Lunch at the General Haverlock Inn on Tuesday December 16th 2014

Social opportunities and meals together for older members of our community.

Can you help?

Lots of discussions have taken place in lots of meetings that I have attended over a long period of time relating to the lack of facilities for our older generation.

From Village Appraisals / Village Plans / Parish Council / Development Trust / Community Centre to even casual discussions in our social venues around the village each one of these conversations gives an image of a regular meeting with people being brought by volunteers to a venue that is easily accessible and has a friendly ambiance at which refreshments of various degrees are available then time for those attending to *enjoy* social activities with perhaps games / talks / music the list is endless.

It is pretty obvious that nothing will happen until we find out what people want and more importantly - who can help to make ideas work and are volunteers willing to help with transport and assist those attending ----- **nothing is possible without this help**

Currently 3 projects are either available or possible

1 We already have Meals on Wheels supplied by Mary Milford's small ever decreasing number of helpers - they supply any housebound parishioners twice a week with a lunch time meal in their own home - a vital service available on request by anyone housebound and wishing to be included on Mary's list. She would welcome more drivers for deliveries

2 The Community Centre committee have talked with Age Concern about creating a luncheon club type facility once a week with extra services such as advice or health could be included as well as a social event and activities. The kitchen being available for lunch preparation - possibly provided by either a volunteer group or an individual who could provide a limited menu for a reasonable price to anyone attending - and be an integral part of something which could become an enjoyable weekly event.

The General Havelock already has a pensioners day on a Tuesday where a three course lunch at a special rate is available and they have suggested that this could be enhanced upon with a social period following the meal - various activities and entertainments from bingo to sing-along's could be included.

All these suggestions could work well BUT ----- only if you want them - and an army of helpers are willing to work together to make it happen.

So we have created a questionnaire on the reverse of this article

Firstly to ascertain if all or any of the options are wanted?

Secondly to ask for the volunteers who would be needed to make any of the options possible?

Eileen Charlton

Questionnaire to determine the viability as well as the popularity of the three options for social and community facilities proposed overleaf

Please tick boxes of services you would like to enlist for and put your contact details in the box below + would you require transport.

You may select more than one option

| Meals on wheels request service | Community Centre Luncheon Club | General Havelock Tuesday + social |
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| USERS | | |

THE VIABILITY OF ANY OF THESE OPTIONS WILL DEPEND ON THE NUMBER OF POSSIBLE USERS WISHING TO TAKE PART REGULARLY AND ALSO THE NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS WILLING TO HELP WITH TRANSPORT AND AT VENUES

SO THE VITAL QUESTION IS *CAN YOU HELP* – IF YES SAY HOW

| Meals On Wheels | Community Centre Luncheon Club | General Havelock Tuesday + social |
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| Volunteer to be on Transport Rota / helper | Volunteer to supply transport / help | Volunteers to supply transport / help |
| VOLUNTEERS | | |

Please give your contact details and state how you can help

**Please place completed Questionnaires in box in Library and Claire's
Any questions telephone 684505**