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ADOXOGRAPHY



Bonjour mes petits choux-fleurs! Comment ça va? Our continental influence continues this month with the very kind addition of a column from an ex-pat in the Languedoc.

The appearance of little green persons behaving strangely (see cover photo - contributed by Pat Hirst) in the village coincided with recent reports from radio astronomers of 'fast radio bursts' being detected, whose characteristics suggested origins outside of our galaxy and possibly alien civilisation.

Alas, the last I heard was that the culprit may have been a domestic microwave near the telescope. Pity.

This is not the only tale of problems with complicated science related things—see Natalie Nera's piece about the perils of not having a smart phone or failing to check entries on Face Book every ten seconds. I too do not carry a phone or use Face Book or other social media but my excuse is not that I am a Luddite but rather I find it less disruptive to be less accessible.

Do let us know if the new wrap-around cover photo works for you. We could make it a regular feature or not depending on popular opinion. We could also consider having centrefolds but that requires volunteers and with the continuing risk of late frosts I think we can discount that for now...

My late God father was a wholesale fish merchant in Bristol who survived the great crash of 1929 by card sharpening and playing snooker and billiards - amongst other things. Surveying my career prospects he offered the view that: 'With a bit o' training, he's got all the makings of a useless great b*****!' How right he was - especially when you count up the number of mistakes that occurred in the last edition of The Haydon News. I make it four. A proof reader has been appointed - unpaid, naturally.

On the subject of new appointments: We are always on the lookout for new members of the Friends of Haydon Bridge Committee. Following the recent withdrawal from the fray of our Minutes Secretary, John Harrison, we now need a replacement. The warmest appreciation of John's contributions to The Haydon News and the committee over the years is offered. The community is sure to continue to benefit from his presence amongst us in the years ahead.

Has the time come to consider planting more trees around the parish? Should we encourage/require developers to plant more trees in and around their developments? Vast numbers of trees were planted when the bypass was built and almost all of them are doing very well but there are still quite large areas, especially adjacent to the roads that lead into the village, where hundreds more could be added.

Native species should take precedence but we could also consider adding some rarities, to make more diverse plantings. Perhaps things that retain colour over winter such as *Quercus ilex*, the Holm Oak, or any of the many conifer species.

The roosting of school buses in the layby on the eastern road from the bypass has attracted comment several times in the parish council meetings. The other day I noticed that almost the entire length of the layby was occupied — and, worse, some of the engines were running to keep the drivers warm. Does anyone have any inspiration about where alternative day time parking could be found?

Election mania is reaching fever pitch! The claims and counterclaims are thicker in the air than flying pigs. The accusations, insinuos, blackguarding, lies, deceits, misdirections and the remorseless trifling with facts are piling up with each successive minute.

Nonetheless, there are many interesting straws in the wind. This is amongst the most fascinating of recent elections - not only because of the closeness of the contest but also the number of competing parties and the coming home to roost of a number of economic, environmental, social and other factors. Will we be living, once again, next to an international border?

It is now too late to register to vote but if you are registered to vote then I urge you very strongly to take the trouble to do so. Voting only takes a handful of minutes and democracy depends on the fullest possible engagement of the electorate - that means all of us.

I am indebted to my son-in-law for leading the tribe in the direction of LED lighting in the home. Low energy lighting has been pushed for years but the slow 'warm up' has been a problem for some. LEDs snap on instantly and cost even less to run. Hurrah!

Steve Ford

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A meeting of the Haydon Parish Council was convened at The Langley Village Hall on 23rd April 2015 — this being the occasion of the annual progress of the Council around it's parish.

It was noted with dismay that none of the residents of Langley were in attendance at the meeting.

Public Participation

Mrs. Avril Kirsopp, speaking on behalf of the Football Club, informed the council of the arrangements for the Haydon Bridge Festival (see page 27) which is now the official successor event to the Beer Festival. The Haydon hunt has withdrawn from the event this year and the Football Club is having a go at a somewhat different gathering.

This year's event will be on a single day, Saturday 27th June, from 2 'til late. There will be nine real ales from three breweries, bands, bar and BBQ - amongst other things.

The event is a fund raiser - see ad.

The proposed defibrillator is intended to be installed in an accessible position outside the Football club building, in a case that can be opened with a code from ambulance control. The existence of a defibrillator at the health centre was remarked.

The potential public liability problems that might arise from the use of the device were discussed at length. Advice from other communities where such a device is already deployed is being sought.

The Development Trust is supportive of the work.

En passant, Mrs. Kirsopp was delighted to be able report to the council that the dog poo bin that has been installed by the playing field is being very heavily used.

Apologies

Were received.

Declarations of interest

Were invited.

Previous meeting's minutes

Were agreed, with minor detail adjustments.

NCC

Cllr. Sharp reported that the planning applications for Belmont, the subject of so much public participation at the council's last meeting, had been withdrawn by the developer. Meetings concerning the proposals have been held.

The problems of inadequate street lighting provision in the neighbourhood of The Showfield are being considered. The contribution to the problem of the low positioning of the existing light on its pole and the overhang of tree branches was discussed. Further developments will be reported in due course.

With its pole in position, the flashing speed warning sign will now soon be in place.

NCC have agreed to empty the roadside bin on the old A69 route.

Repairs to the Threepwood road are due soon. The Standalone road has been done this week. The road from West Mill Hills to East Haydon will be done very soon.

Attention to the drainage on the Allerwash road is anticipated soon. Drainage and signage work on the road between Langley and The Carts Bog likewise.

Cllr. Sharp observed that the earlier he receives notice about an actual or potential problem with a planning application, the better. As this allows him to intervene more effectively.

The ditch opposite The Club has not been cleared satisfactorily and will require further work. The pruning of the trees by the library is planned.

Highways

Cars obstructing the bus stop opposite the Community Centre are a problem. Some passengers have been left standing as the bus has not seen them. The police have coned off the area for now and an offer of a flower tub has been accepted as a temporary measure. The installation of a canopy was proposed and the matter will be further investigated.

Lighting

Nil

Planning

New access onto the road for Brokenheugh. No objections.

Accounts

Agreed.

Correspondence

The overflowing of the bins at The Anchor and their undue prominence in the street scene was discussed in response to a letter. The matter is to be investigated more closely and solutions sought.

Bellingham First and Middle Schools are withdrawing from their present Trust association. Reassurance is offered to students and staff about the future. Consultations are in hand.

Guidance from the Rural Housing Alliance was received.

Notification of new pensions regulations was received.

Further information about the willow tree that has been offered, and the plaque to go with it, was received. Steve Ford agreed to contribute to the evaluation of the proposed move.

Parish Projects

Development Trust. The Bridge will be open for an additional day in the summer, 'til October — Thursday is the extra day chosen.

The Haltwhistle grave digger may be willing to work in Haydon Bridge. The Burial Board will be consulted.

A burial on Saturday will take place in a preferred location in the graveyard by agreement with the Clerk.

The wildflower meadow at the graveyard has been weedkilled, will shortly be dug over and then planted. A certain amount of light hearted banter ensued about the first occupant of this section of the graveyard.

AOB

The village's hanging baskets will appear soon.

Cllr. Brown expressed his thanks to the council for their continuing support of the Langley Village Hall. The uses to which it is put include: Young farmers, whist drives, children's parties, Christmas parties and fund raising sales.

Next meeting 28th May 2015.

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... and then there were the VE DAY CELEBRATIONS!

No doubt, today's children will have every moment of their young lives captured on their parents' or grandparents' phones or digital cameras, and their early days will be available for posterity. Not so in my first years when, like my young Haydon Bridge friends, my first reflections of a young life are only memories I can visualise, talk about or write about, but cannot recall with the click of the mouse on 'My Pictures' on the desk top.

I cannot be certain in which order the three incidents making up my earliest memories occurred, but the pictures are clear in my mind - *and are becoming clearer as I begin to forget what happened last week!*

My first day at Shaftoe Trust School is crystal clear in my memory. A trauma for some, but not for me thanks to the wonderfully realistic rocking horse in Miss Telfer and Miss Davison's primary class, that took all my attention and has left a mark to this day. As new starters in the 1940s, we were housed in what was the school dairy; it having been built in 1939 to support a plan to introduce a curriculum with a rural bias to the school. This excellent idea was thwarted, or at least delayed, by World War II and the dairy became a room for four and five year olds.

The Methodist Chapel tennis courts, down the back of the station and at the east end of the California Gardens, played a large part in my early years. Dad and mam loved the game and the social intimacy the tournaments and friendly matches generated, and we spent what seems to me like so many warm summer weekends and evenings there, eating jelly and ice cream in the wooden pavilion that overlooked the tennis court. My earliest memory at the tennis courts is as an embarrassed four year old, presenting a bunch of flowers to an elderly lady in front of a large crowd. Recent research suggests that the 'lady' was Mrs Icton - not 'old' at all at the time - who had presented trophies at the Methodist Club's Annual Fete and Tournament, to the junior winners Audrey Thompson and Amy Stokoe.

So why, in May 2015, am I harping on about my earliest memories as a child? Because number three - or was it number one - was most significant as we commemorate Victory in Europe day this month; a seventy year anniversary from May 8th 1945.

I recall an event of great joy and excitement, even though I was unaware of the tribulations that were at an end. World War II for me - I'm so pleased to say - was nothing more than a couple of gas masks lying in the bottom of our wardrobe that were playthings for a boy of my age.

The event that celebrated VE Day at Haydon Bridge on the South Side in May 1945, was held on the grass verge on the south side of John Martin Street. (*A wider width of grass than today, I might add, it having been reduced by road widening at least twice since 1945.*) I recall a sporting occasion in which all those in the street took part - and almost certainly involved egg and spoon races, three legged races, and sack races - followed by a celebration tea of home made sandwiches and cakes - and probably jelly and ice cream, again - in the Nissen hut at the west end of John Martin Street; a Nissen hut that was for many years the village fire station.

I have been told by my elders, that victory in Europe was received in the parish in a happy but subdued fashion, with streets decorated but the cost of victory never far from the mind. For our adults the 1945 celebrations may have been, quite understandably, restrained, but for me as a four year old toddling up and down the grass verge on John Martin Street with my friends, it is one of my earliest - maybe the first - and happiest memories.

Seventy years ago, on May 8th 1945, Winston Churchill broadcast to the nation, informing all that hostilities would end officially at one minute after midnight, but in the interests of saving lives the 'cease fire' had begun the previous day and was, 'sounded all along the Front'.

It is thanks to the sacrifice of those from Haydon Parish who gave their lives (named here) and to those who fought alongside them, that my generation and those who have followed have enjoyed a lifetime of freedom.

John Armstrong: Died 28th June 1944
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I continue my reports of activity on 'The Home Front' from April 1917 at Haydon Bridge during the Great War.

Previous recollections are written in the July 2014 to April 2015, issues of The Haydon News.

It is always a pleasure to be able to reflect on letters written home from those Haydonians serving with our forces abroad. This month I'm publishing the thoughts of Haydon Bridge soldier Lance Corporal Frank Elliott. (*First published in the Hexham Courant*)

From (somewhere in France)
27th March 1917.

Dear ... ,

I am in the best of health; we get a lot of recreative training, such as football, cross country running, boxing and musket drill. It is grand training for the work we have on hand. It is wonderful how we get used to our work and the many conditions we have to go through.

Someone, however, must do it, and why not me?

The weather is very changeable, first wind and rain and then snow. Last Sunday was very warm, it reminded me of old Blighty watching the civilians go to Church.

The Church of England Padre here is a fine fellow, and does everything possible to cheer the lads, and it is no uncommon sight to see him ploughing his way up the trenches, knee deep in mud and water, with a bag of newspapers on his back and a smile for everybody. He often brings up cigarettes also - I believe his name is Mr Aglionby and he comes from Shields.

I believe that our Battalion mascot - a little Scotch Terrier - was killed this morning. Some of our chaps have gone out to look for him. He was a fine little dog, and was never so happy as when the Battalion was out for a march headed by a drum and fife band. He always ran in front of the band, and had been both gassed and wounded.

I am well off just now, a spring mattress and electric light in our quarters, it is a great change after lying on wet ground, and often up to the waist in mud during our spells in the trenches. It is astonishing what a chap can do and what privations he can go through, and be none the worse for it.

We have been here nearly two years now, and I seem to have a charmed life, never been wounded, although I have been hit several times by pieces of flying shells, and have sometimes been uncomfortably near a 'whizzbang' when it burst.

Frank. (Elliott)

Lieut H. Miles Carrick: Information reached the parish that Lieut Carrick of 'The Nook' (*later re-named 'Haydon Park'*) was wounded by shrapnel in

the ankle on April 25th and was in a field hospital. Lieut Carrick had been wounded three times during the war. He was the only son of the late Alderman Thomas Carrick of Carrick's Dairy Co. Ltd., and was, also, a partner in that firm. *(For more information on Carrick's connection with Haydon Bridge see HN July 2010)*

Rowdy Behaviour: Two 15 year old boys, from Ratcliffe Road and Temple Houses, appeared at Hexham Juvenile Court in May 1917, charged with trespassing and rowdy behaviour at Haydon Bridge station. The boys were opening the windows and jumping in and out of the waiting rooms and acting in a manner as to be a continual annoyance to the staff. Station Master, Fred G. Wood stated that there had been considerable trouble at the station for about two years and boys ran about breaking windows and gas lamps, in spite of a special notice being put up at the station. The boys were fined 5/- each, and bound over to be of good behaviour for the next six months in the sum of 10/- and, they were also placed under the supervision of the probation officer.

Whitechapel Pit: In their operations at Whitechapel Colliery, the recently formed Haydon Bridge Coal Company cut through the Little limestone coal seam during the week ending May 26th 1917. The seam was 2'6" in thickness with coal of excellent quality.

MM: In May 1917, news reached the parish that Lance Corporal T.W. Brown R.E. had been awarded the Military Medal. Thomas was the son of Thomas Brown of Ratcliffe Road and had worked as a joiner for E. Henderson of Ratcliffe Road before going to France in August 1915.

To be continued next month

ALL THE WAY FROM HAYDON BRIDGE

Last month (April 2015) I introduced you to the Armstrong family, especially Henry Armstrong whose memorial headstone in our St Cuthbert's Churchyard, shared with that of his eighteen month old son Cuthbert and his wife Dorothy, includes the sculpted tune 'Watling Street'. Thanks to Henry's 4 times great granddaughter, Thomasa Brewer, and a 1903 publication that provides biographical detail of Connecticut, USA luminaries, I can provide an account of Henry's youngest son Henry Armstrong jnr. (born 1835 in Haydon Bridge) and his son, Edward Pickering Armstrong, (born 1865) Their story is one of considerable success following emigration from England to the USA in 1869.

Henry Armstrong jnr., one of five children, was born in Haydon Bridge on October 16th 1835 and baptised here on January 24th 1836.

After leaving Shaftoe Trust School, Henry served his

apprenticeship as a carpenter and joiner before he moved with the family to Ebchester, Co., Durham where he was in business as a builder. Henry jnr., married Jane Catherine Pickering of Tanfield in 1861 and their children: William Henry (April 5th 1862), Dorothy (Jan. 18th 1864), Edward Pickering (Dec. 6th 1865) and another Dorothy (Oct. 6th 1867), were born in England.

John Cuthbert (Aug. 1st 1869), Thomas Dobie (March 23 1872), Cuthbert Davison (Aug. 4th 1876), Leonard Thomas (April 13 1879) and Elizabeth Ann (Oct 4th 1884) and one infant daughter unnamed were born to Henry and Jane in the USA; the family having moved there in 1869. Of the Armstrong family, only five of their ten children survived to adulthood: William Henry, Edward Pickering, Thomas Dobie, Leonard Thomas and Elizabeth Ann.

Henry's older brother, Edward - baptised at Haydon Bridge on May 9th 1830 - emigrated to Portland, Connecticut in 1853, to work as a stone mason (the Edward Armstrong family had 17 children of which only 8 survived) and it seems that Henry and Jane followed him, with sons William Henry Armstrong and Edward Pickering Armstrong, the only two surviving children born in England.

In the 1870 census in Coventry, Connecticut, Henry Armstrong, born Haydon Bridge, Northumberland, England is listed as a 'joiner' and by 1880 having rented a farm in Hebron, Connecticut, his occupation is a 'farmer'.

In 1883, Henry's life was about to change. Eager to establish a business through which he could provide a future for his sons, Henry bought a water powered saw mill and began blacksmithing, spoke making and wagon building. By 1903, the published biographical detail of Connecticut listed Henry Armstrong as owning, 'a very attractive factory in which a number of hands are employed all the year round'. Henry was described as 'one of the real self made men in the town' and as a Second Adventist in his religious belief; 'taking a great interest in the spread of his faith'.

Henry Armstrong's milling business grew in size and reputation. Thomasa Brewer describes more than thirty five different machines for sawing and planing lumber, and making spokes and hubs for wagon wheels, along with metal work and blacksmith's tools.

The Armstrong name became well known in the



Henry Armstrong (born Haydon Bridge 16-10-1835) and his wife Jane Catherine (nee Pickering).

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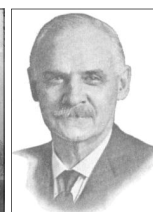
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Henry Armstrong, who was born of Haltwhistle and Haydon Bridge parentage and who was schooled and learned his trade in our nineteenth century village, believed in quality and reliability and his work reflected that. Characteristics that came all the way from Haydon Bridge.

Edward Pickering Armstrong, Henry's second son, spent his youth working with his brother William in their father's wagon shop in South Connecticut. It was here he learnt the rudiments of engineering and built on his father's skill and knowledge to develop an early interest and experience in machine design and manufacture. Edward did not stay in the family business as his father had hoped, and although that turn of events must have disappointed Henry, he would, nevertheless, have been a proud father as Edward built his own reputation in the design and manufacture of sawmilling machinery, primary saw tools, saw filing and saw sharpening equipment, for the booming timber industry of Oregon.

Edward (also known as E.P.) travelled throughout the United States to broaden his knowledge and experience of sawmills, their tools and equipment and on his return to Portland, Oregon in 1904, he started his own company, opening a small jobbing machine shop, at a time when there were thirty sawmills within the Portland city limits. The Armstrong Manufacturing Company was born.



E.P.'s father Henry was Born in Haydon Bridge in 1835

**Above: Edward Pickering Armstrong
Left: The first Armstrong's factory in Portland USA.**

Edward's son Henry Waters Armstrong (nicknamed Harry) joined his father in the expanding company in 1915 and his son Lloyd joined in 1925. Edward's wife, Fannie Mae (nee Waters), whom he married in Michigan in 1893, also took an active part in the management of the business and, in 1942 when Edward Pickering Armstrong died, his son Lloyd

became president of the company until his retirement in 1975. In 1977, Armstrong Manufacturing Co., became a wholly owned subsidiary of Simonds Industries; the oldest tool cutting company in North America.

Edward Pickering Armstrong had started his own company in the USA and from small beginnings the Armstrong name became synonymous with quality, reliability and innovation in the sawmilling industry. Edward's name lives on, not least through the many training manuals and instruction books he wrote and published on the operation and care of wood cutting saws; publications that are still recognised in the industry today. I am assured that those involved in sawmilling in the USA today are well aware of the name and legacy of the Armstrong manufacturing Company, their generous provision of information and ideas and their dedication and influence on the industry.

The Armstrong company, with its founder's roots all the way from Haydon Bridge, is now a major part of Simonds International, one of the largest makers of high quality saws, knives and files in the world, with a headquarters in Massachusetts and manufacturing facilities in the USA, Canada and Europe.

I urge those interested in the history of our parish, and in this case the success abroad of our nineteenth century Armstrong resident Henry, Edward his son and the Armstrong family, to visit the web site: www.armstrongblue.com - follow the links to 'website featured articles' then 'Armstrongs First 100 years'

**THE
HAYDON BRIDGE
CO-OPERATIVE INDUSTRIAL SOCIETY LTD
Part 14
1940 to 1942**

My Haydon Bridge 'Store' history Parts 1 to 13, from 1875 to 1940, can be found in the February 2014 to April 2015 issues of the Haydon News.

In September 1940, an advertisement was placed in the local papers for an apprentice for the Haydon Bridge Store grocery department. There were three applicants interviewed on September 6th: Ralph Pickering of East Dean Raw, Jack Young of Langley Villa, and Maurice Armstrong of John Martin Street. The committee's decision was unanimous and Master Maurice Armstrong was appointed at 12/6d a week. Maurice recollected that he was doubtful at the time as to whether he would be accepted as an employee, as his father Joe (Wiggy) Armstrong had his own grocery business, in competition with the Co-op, in their front room at 25 John Martin Street.

Maurice's charm must have won over the committee, although, ever the joker he always reckoned it was his answer to the question: "How many ounces are there in a pound?" that won the day. "Fourteen." Maurice replied. "You're just the boy we're looking for." was the chairman Geordie Briggs' response ... according to Maurice. (*Younger readers will have to ask Dad, Mam, Granddad or Grandma to explain!*)

It seems that the days of the Store horse were about numbered in 1940, when a harness and the butcher's cart were offered for sale and bought by Mr Kirsopp, a local builder and slater, for £3.

On the news that J.W. Brown was to be called up for the military, Mr Teasdale was given the traveller's role for the Society and 28 year old S. Adamson was appointed as 'driver of the motor wagon' from eight applicants.

In February 1941, it was agreed to take the hawking van off the road to reduce the transport costs. Driver Wm. Turnbull's employment was terminated and the van was sold to 'Domestos Ltd.' for £240.

In April 1941, Miss Nattrass and Miss Dockray both terminated their employments with the Society and were replaced by fifteen year olds Miss Ferguson of Willimoteswick and Miss Joan Curry of Smith's Terrace. Others who applied were Thelma Elliott of Elliott's Buildings; Amy Birnie, Burswell House; Mavis Brown, Station Gates; and Ronnie Moffat.

In June 1941, the effects of the reduced supplies and sales were reflected in the dividend as it was reduced to 2/- in £; and discussion was held as to why the soldiers on training manoeuvres in the parish were being sold cigarettes when they were also able to get them from other sources. For example, the YMCA and their own canteens.

Committee members who took the Society into the war years were: George Briggs, president/chairman; W. Charlton; J.J.W. Coats; J. Elwick; J.E. Ridley; M.J. Adamson; G.W. Nattrass; James Moffat; E. Raine; W. White; T. Wilson; and W. Young.

At the Annual General Meeting in December 1941, George Briggs was replaced by J.W. Coats as Society president. The Society membership in December 1941 was 874.

Between 1939 and 1945, many war time decisions were taken, of course, and Mr Cooper was given the job to paint 'protection' on all the Co-op windows. In 1942, a letter was sent directly, by Mr Graham the Society secretary, to Major G. Lloyd George with a complaint that supplies of food were inadequate and the number of evacuees in the village should be taken into account. Petrol for the Society motor vehicles was also in short supply and decisions on delivery to out bye areas had to be taken to reduce



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transport costs. It was agreed that village deliveries would have to be reduced to once a fortnight and, even so, distances travelled by the butcher's van and the lorry would be impossible to sustain.

A boundary, within which the Society would service members, was agreed: Greenshaw Plain to the east, Elrington, Branch End, Stublick, Redburn, Henshaw, Westwood, Birkshaw, Crindledykes, as far as Beggar Bog on the Military Road, Settlingstones, Walwick, and back to Greenshaw Plain. Members outside these areas would have to be served by Haltwhistle, Hexham and Allendale Societies.

In February 1942, Miss Ferguson terminated her employment and was replaced by Miss N.M. Ridley of Henshaw, and in April, Miss Murial Fleming sought membership of the Society on behalf of the Haydon Bridge women Land Army workers who were lodging in the hostel to the east of the village.

May 1942 was a significant month for the Haydon Bridge Co-op, when the Society was invited to take over the business of the late John Spark on the 'North Side'; trading at No. 6 Ratcliffe Road.

Mr Spark's business had a turnover of £2,713 per year and the Store committee, 'afraid that a multiple or other firm might move into the premises', agreed to take over the business as a branch of the Shaftoe Street Store; providing Mrs Makepeace, the owner, accepted the Society as a tenant. In June 1942, the Shaftoe Street assistant manager, Joe Longstaff, was made branch manager of the Ratcliffe Road shop and given 'a free hand to manage the business to the best of his ability'. The Society agreed to employ John Spark's daughter in the branch and accepted John's former customers as members of the Society.

Mr Longstaff's existing role as Store traveller had to be addressed and it was agreed to discontinue this support for customers. In future, they would have to telephone their orders or send a post card.

Mrs Spark rented the living accommodation at No. 6 for 6/- a week, and the warehouse at the rear of the premises continued to be used by Herbert Robinson as a plumbing workshop, with a rent of 5/- a week.

In July 1942, Mrs Spark terminated her tenancy of the dwelling and it was taken over by T. Teasdale, who also looked after the boilers in the shop.

In 2015, the Co-operative Store continues to trade in John Spark's / J. Makepeace's Ratcliffe Road premises which were taken over in June 1942.

In June 1942, Miss Pearson handed in her notice and was replaced by Miss Elliott of Greenshaw Plain.

On Sunday, July 26th 1942, new ration books were provided for the public. The earlier pink and yellow food books were replaced by a single book in which butter, margarine and cooking fats were grouped together on one coupon. It is interesting to read that

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 eighth casualty, in 1918, was
James Batey

(48) James Batey



James served as Lance Corporal, 200097, 1/4th Battalion, Northumberland Fusiliers. He died on 24th May 1918, aged 23.

Born in Haydon Bridge, the eldest of four children of Mary Jane Batey of Plunderheath.

James enlisted at Haydon Bridge.



James has no known grave and is therefore commemorated on one of the panels on the Soissons Memorial, France.



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

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

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'an epidemic of lost ration books' had developed in Hexham Rural District in March 1942 and, during the month, applications had been received for twenty one lost ration books. It was 'surprising' that none of the 'lost' ration books had been found somewhere and returned to the Local Food Office!!

In September 1942, the Store butchery manager, J.A. Bates appeared at court in Hexham and was fined £2 for 'showing a light through his shop window'. The committee agreed that the Society would pay the fine on this occasion, but, in future employees would be held individually responsible.

J. Chicken, and thirty nine year old Mary Elizabeth Philipson of Rose Tree Cottage, were appointed in October 1942 to replace employees T.M. Teasdale, and Miss Jean Telford who had been called up for military service. Others who applied were: Mrs Adamson, Ratcliffe Road; Mrs Jeff Marshall, Alton Side; Mrs Hollingsworth, Shaftoe Court; Mrs Hetty Brown, Station Gates; and H. Pickering, West Mill Hills.

During the war years, supplies - or the lack of them - from the CWS were regular topic for discussion. For example, the question was asked as to how a small independent shop at Langley could get any amount of chocolate biscuits whilst the Haydon Bridge Co-op couldn't get any!

To be continued next month



Above (on the right): John Spark's shop at 6 Ratcliffe Road was taken over as a branch of the Co-op in 1942.
Below: The shop had previously been the home of J. Makepeace's grocery and corn merchant business.



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On June 11th the promised 'taster day' for ladies and girls will take place at the golf club from 6pm. It is a chance to come along, have a chat and see if you would like to try golf. Following this there will be the opportunity to have some professional coaching at a very low price, and some introductory fees for the club. Look out for more news on this soon.

And anybody else who wants to have a go, there is a temporary 3 month club membership at £80.

A poem by Jo

Wheel Barrow race I'm on your case
With Emma & Kal you've got a race
The sun it shone the costumes were dear.
We all ran, some walked & drank some beer
Photographers were there how's that?
Ian/Tom/Lorna/Aron & Pat
Now this is a tradition Joseph may report the story
Of by gone years & barrows of glory.
So many thanks to" especially the club ""/Anchor/
Havelock/Railway.
To all the spectators for cheering on the day.
But wheel Barrow race wheel Barrow race
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CLERGY MESSAGE FROM:

Deacon Anne Taylor

Happy Resurrection - Jesus is Alive!

We can say that because as Christians it is something we can carry on celebrating. The 40 days after Easter Sunday when Jesus rose from the dead until the Ascension when he went back to the Father is a time in the church when we go through the resurrection appearances of Jesus.

It says in the bible John 20 : 31 *'but these are written that you may believe that Jesus Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.'* It also says John 21 : 25 *'Jesus did many other things as well. If every one of them was written down I suppose that even the whole world would not have enough room for the books that would be written.'*

That's quite a lot then!

It just took some people a lot longer to believe the fact that Jesus had died but that God had raised him from the dead and that's something very special and unique to the Christian faith. Jesus has the power over sin and death and that's good news for us. Jesus said *'I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies, and whoever believes in me will never die.'* John 11:25 what a wonderful promise. But it was something that took quite a bit of getting use to. Even the disciples, Jesus' followers who had been told about this before Jesus died took some time to believe it. But one by one they did believe.

Mary Magdalene was one of the first to see Jesus alive in the garden where they had laid him after his death in a tomb. But when she went back to tell the others they didn't believe her.

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In one sense that's right because this is something we all need to acknowledge and experience for ourselves so that we too can believe.

Doubting Thomas as they call him, one of the disciples struggled a bit with this too. The first time Jesus appeared to the disciples in a locked room because they were afraid of what might happen to them, Thomas wasn't there. But a week later Jesus came to see them again and this time let Thomas see the scars on his hands and feet and where the sword went in his side and he believed.

So over the following 40 days Jesus appeared to many people and as it says 'they believed.' So the next 40 days in the church is a wonderful time when we re tell some of those stories that JESUS IS ALIVE. So most Christians should have a big smile on their face as they are constantly reminded of the fact that JESUS IS ALIVE. May you too know the peace and love of the risen Christ in your lives.

Deacon Anne Taylor

METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES

3 May

10am Morning Service

Ian Warburton

6pm Evening Service

Bill Stoddart

10 May

10am Communion Service

Rev. Mary Elliot

**4pm UNITED SERVICE
FOR CHRISTIAN AID
(St. Cuthberts Church)**

17 May

10.00am Morning Service

Ian Warburton

2.30pm Short Service

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No 6pm service

24 May Pentecost

10am Morning Service

Margery Burgess

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For Pentecost

Rev. Benjamin Carter

31 May

10am Local Arrangements

6pm Evening Service

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ANGLICAN SERVICES

3 May

Henshaw

9.30 Parish Eucharist BCP

St. Cuthberts

11.00 Parish Eucharist BCP

Haydon Old Church

5.00 Evening Worship

10 May

Henshaw

9.30 Parish Eucharist

St. Cuthberts

11.00 Parish Eucharist

4.00 United Service

For Christian Aid Week

17 May

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24 May Pentecost

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Thursday 12th November 12 noon – 1.00 pm

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Maps Ordnance Survey, Explorer OL43, Land ranger 87

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

May 21st. Cynthia Bradley 684622 6.45 pm.
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June 4th. Ceri Gibson 688432 6.45 pm.
"Haltwhistle Burn" Meet at Cawfields Quarry Car
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13 th May	Wish you were here instead of me
20 th May	Terrestrial locomotion
27 th May	A look back at ICI
3 rd June	Joys of emigration (Part 1)

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August 29th 2015

at The General Havelock, Haydon Bridge

All entries by 12. Judging at 1pm

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thank You

We would like to thank the staff at The Anchor Hotel, Haydon Bridge for the lovely meals on the 2nd and the 4th of April. For the excellent food for our Emerald Wedding Party celebrations and also the Pudding Parlour, Hexham, for the lovely Emerald Wedding cake. Also thanks to the waitresses, Joanne and Kimberley, for all their hard work and also the Canny Crack Band from Ovington.

We couldn't have wished for a better night!

Thanking you all

Joyce and Leslie Hill (and Kathryn)

A different point of view

I have recently received the April copy of the Haydon news. Having read the article by Dan Dowling, a resident of Haydon Bridge, I feel so strongly about his letter that I am posting this on the Facebook page Haydon Bridge Matters as well as submitting to the Haydon news.

Mr Dowling appears to love living in Haydon Bridge yet throughout the article accuses those born and bred in the village, like me, of being overtly racist. I have always been brought up and have brought my children up to challenge any form of racism, sexism, homophobia and any other unjust statements. I can say that I have done this on more than one occasion. I'm sure that many other people in the village can say the same. I hope that if anyone else feels strongly about this they will also forward their comments to the Haydon News.

There are other points in the article which I take issue with however the one which I am going to mention is the comment about not liking the "Insider job description". At this point I feel sorry for Mr Dowling, he can never have what my family and many other families in the village have, a sense of belonging. I can go to the old cemetery and see the graves of my Great Grandparents, on the other side of the village I can visit the graves of my grandparents and my parents. I know so many families that have been friends for many, many years and generations. I'm now hoping to sell my house so that I can move into the home my father built and that he lived in for all his married life.

So Mr Dowling, whilst you are not happy with the job description for an "insider" I most certainly am and I'm so very happy that I meet the essential criteria for the position.

*Helen Easby B.Ed(Hons), EYP
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Haydon Bridge.*

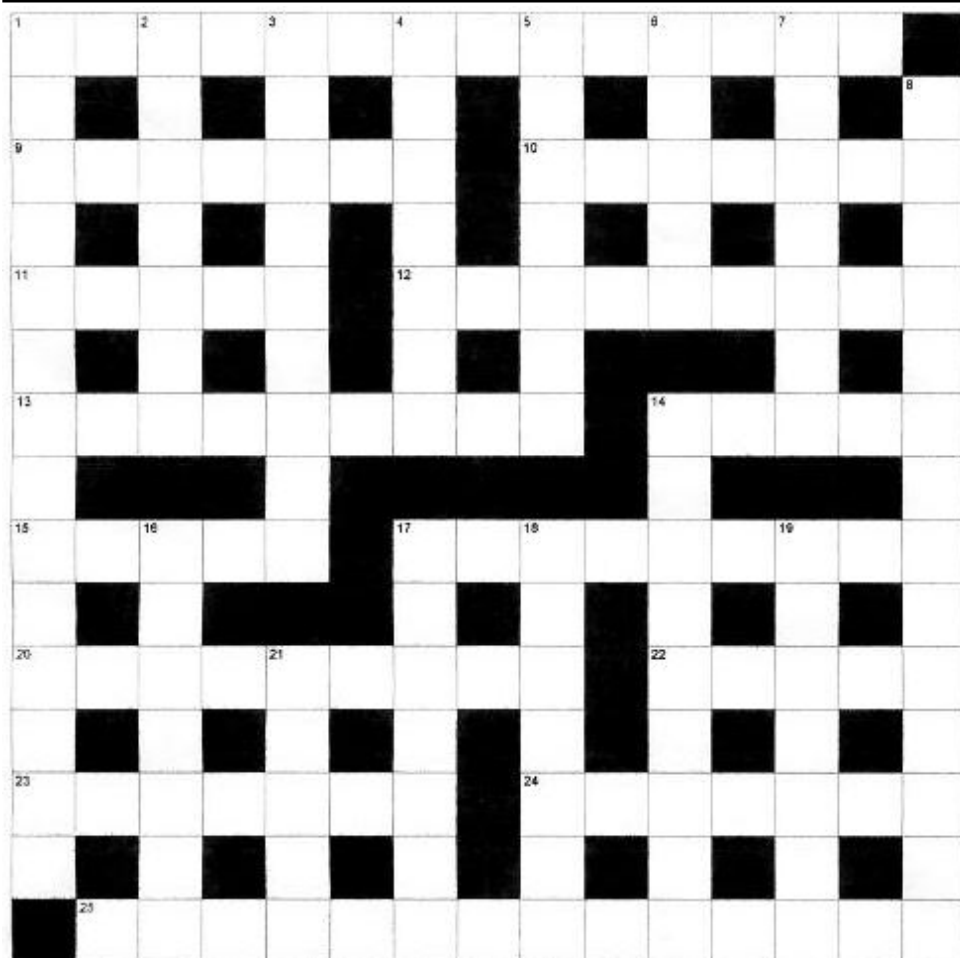
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| 9. Countrified its not right for ceremonials (7) | 20. Room to cut a place for hypothetical discussion (4,5) |
| 10. Encourage Rodney to be part of the engine (7) | 22. Bird which "Gangs alee" (5) |
| 11. Surround Home Counties by moisture returns to Scandinavia (5) | 23. Pulp the tax for malt holder (4,3) |
| 12. Sick, resting but uncomfortable (3,2,4) | 24. Bringing together single mixed drink (7) |
| 13. It isn't what it used to be! (9) | 25. King grafted leather (6,3,5) |
| 14. Assume its true of a place losing electric charge (5) | |
| 15. Contained in the art of love (5) | |

Down

1. Man crushes myth in the borders (14)
2. She performed on account of her hair (7)
3. Thin bit surgery! (5,4)
4. Sleeping wasp does it again (7)
5. State contains a pill on the tongues surface (7)
6. Begins film location (2,3)
7. Not ways out but encroachments (7)
8. To tax with dread for example means putting on pounds (3,5,6)
14. Indulging member in grape (9)
16. A sour beer out east gets you going (7)
17. Get onto the journalist who's ready to ride (7)
18. Not a lot to munch (3,4)
19. Oriental niggle at easy undress (7)
21. Put a hundred above the lid (5)

Entries in before 20th May please.

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

On Joys of Social Networks

I can no longer hide it from the world: I am a Luddite. Now that my secret is out, I have to say in my defence, it's not something I have planned to become. It simply happened by the mere absence of smart mobile phone technology in my life that keeps an ever-increasing proportion of population connected to the Internet and social networks 24/7. I am one of those people who consciously opted out.

I remember how much I hated the lunch breaks at my old work where everyone sat at the table, their eyes buried in their iPhones or iPads. No words were exchanged, except for „all right?“ which is hardly an expression of human interest. It rather resembles salivating Pavlov's dogs that were trained to react to food. A human being mutters two words – minus salivating - because that's what you are supposed to do when you see a fellow *homo sapiens* but your brain is fully engaged with the tiny device in your palm.

With my next confession I am risking to be laughed at publically: at home we share one old pay-as-you-go Nokia. It can just about make calls and send text messages. As I have recently discovered, however, I have missed the boat in more than the one sense. Lately, it has become socially acceptable to leave a message on your Facebook page if the person is running late or not coming at all. Several months ago I spent a good hour waiting for our guests. I grew increasingly worried, tried the telephone and then as I was about to raise alarm with Interpol, as the last resort I thought of checking my Facebook.

To my surprise, there was a message that they'd decided not to come. It was timed fifteen minutes after the expected arrival.

I was understandably not happy for there was no doubt in my mind that in similar situations one ought to make more of an effort than merely leaving a message on a website. How old fashioned! Believe or not, it was eventually me practically apologising for the misunderstanding because in today's modern world I am to blame for not checking my Facebook all the time.

A similar scenario has repeated with other people since, only now I anticipate that this might take place, and have my laptop ready. I don't get upset anymore either although I will never consider this anything but rude. Clearly I am in a minority here so with gritting teeth I have to accept the innovation.


Having said that, this is not the worst offence that can happen on the social networks. Although it's a fantastic tool I use for my work as a writer as well staying in touch with old and new friends alike, it's also a strange space where people feel completely free from any restraints, which sometimes leads to abusive behaviour. Most perpetrators would never dream of approaching a stranger at the bus stop and attacking them without any provocation or warning. Yet, in the universe of virtual reality, some people don't think twice of doing precisely this.

It became more apparent with the recent upheaval over the dismissal of the TV presenter Jeremy Clarkson. One lady on Facebook posted a comment that Mr JC should have never been sacked from his job because Jimmy Saville got away with his crimes. I felt strongly I had to comment on this. The point of this case is precisely that no one should feel above law. Anyone would have lost their job, should they physically attack their colleague. I suppose I should have seen what came next. I was called a pathetic, narrow-minded individual and a few more unpublishable things. I was upset by it so much so that I was seriously thinking of quitting Facebook. I did not quit. Instead, I blocked the person.

Should I have kept quiet? Perhaps that would have been the easy option but the post was dangerously wrong in so many ways. On a deeper level it meant that if one person gets away with doing something bad, the other should too. It was making light of a serious physical assault, in actual fact condoning abusive and violent behaviour. I wonder if the woman who posted the words would have felt the same, if instead of two celebrities we talked about two ordinary people or instead of a man punching another man - a husband hitting his wife.

Some time have passed since the incident. The mean words addressed to me slipped from my skin like water. In a weird and reversed way, I am proud of being called pathetic by someone who spends their whole emotional energy on a mere TV show. We should always stand up to bullies – real or virtual.

Natalie Nera

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<u>NUMBER OF ENTRIES:</u>	6 (4 correct)
<u>APRIL'S WINNER:</u>	T Corbett
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POVERTY and PROGRESS

My identical twin brother, Eric, and I were born in South Shields seven weeks after the end of WWII, and before the NHS was created. We were 11 weeks premature and our combined birth weight was only 4 lbs. My father (who was 41), by then a naturalised British citizen, had been a Norwegian merchant navy officer on North Atlantic, Russian and Mediterranean convoys. He was torpedoed but survived three times. As a result, he was awarded a lot of 'war points' which was important when the war was over for the allocation of certain state benefits including housing. My English mother (38) had been an accountant but was in the forces during the war and specialised in opening large camps for the RAF and army. They both came from educated but not wealthy families. After the war dad remained seafaring but mam became a carer for two small boys and never went back to work. Our household income was very limited. Only twice in 19 years were we able to afford to visit my dad's family in Norway and then only after years of saving.

My first memories are of my English grandfather who worked on the river Tyne but died relatively young in 1947 when I was not yet two years old. For the first three years of life we lived with my English grandparents because after the war there were very few resources available to build houses. Nearly everything the UK produced was sold for overseas currency to pay off the war debt accumulated during six years of continuous world war: the British Empire was broke when the war finished. There were acute shortages of coal, wood, oil, etc, not helped by some exceptionally bad winters, especially that of 1947/8 when what little coal there was was frozen solid in the railway yards. Power cuts were a regular event all through my early childhood. My three year old brother and I once set fire to our bedroom curtains playing with the candle when mother was momentarily distracted. She quickly put it out!

For the first nine years of my life virtually everything was rationed, including all kinds of food, sweets, personal clothes, toys, all household goods, etc. Everyone had their own ration book and allocations were strictly limited. As a consequence, we had a very healthy but limited diet with very few sweets, almost no processed foods, and controlled quantities to eat. Few houses had fridges (or any household white or brown goods, for that matter) so food was fresh and daily visits to the shops were a necessity. I have all my school photographs from 11 years old onwards – there is not one single overweight child visible by the time I left school in 1964 aged nearly 19! This was also the result of almost unlimited exercise. From a very young age we were allowed total freedom to 'play out', roam the country side and explore the beaches and cliffs. Apart from the usual range of childhood illnesses everyone was remarkably healthy and fit. In 1948, when I was three years old, my parents were allocated a brand new three bedroomed house on a post war estate, entirely because of my father's war points.

My parents could not believe their luck! Here was a glorious opportunity to have an independent family life with their two still young boys with freedom to do what they wished to make their own way forward.

Dad was still away at sea for months on end so mam coped on her own most of the time. Our street had well over 100 new houses, but only two cars and mam had the only telephone to keep in touch with dad whenever he touched shore.

From an early age, children walked to school unaccompanied by parents, often twice a day if school dinners were not to be had. There was no chance to waste away time watching television because we could not afford one until I was nearly 14 years old, although by the time of the Queen's coronation in 1953 over half of houses had a small black and white telly – but there was only one BBC channel. Many of our clothes were hand made by parents, relatives and friends. What 'entertainment' there was consisted of reading or listening to the radio. A lucky few could afford 78's, vinyl records, or playing with handmade toys, making things like bogies and bows and arrows, etc.

Bought holidays did not exist until much later in life. My brother and I were luckier than most urban kids. We had a seagoing uncle, an aunt and cousin who lived in an old, what seemed to us at the time, large house on the fells outside Allendale. The magic of this place was that it had no electricity or bathroom, with an outside chemical toilet and lighting from oil and Tilly lamps; what more could young boys want! From the age of five we spent nearly all our summer holidays there until we went away to university in London. We soon began to spend some time working on the next-door farm, including milking the cows twice a day and gathering in crops – no health and safety in those days!

To me what I have just described sounds absolutely idyllic – at least, that is how it all still seems to me to this day. The one great bonus was the brand new council house from 1948 onwards and my aunt's electricity free house in the country. At no time did my brother and I ever feel or acknowledge we were poor. Compared with many others at the time we would have been considered comfortably off.

And yet and yet: to the vast majority of folks today the early years of my life would seem to be a description of almost grinding poverty, deprivation and social distress. But to us it wasn't, especially after the hardships of the WWII and 14 years of rationing. The current definition of poverty in the UK is any household whose income falls below sixty percent of median household incomes. (Note: using such a relative, not absolute, definition of poverty means that the 'poor' are always with us no matter what the politicians might say!) I appreciate that after years of economic growth and inflation the incomes and costs of households are difficult to compare like with like. But still. Because of this growth there has been an unprecedented improvement in the overall standard of living of most folks, particularly when compared with my generation and the ones before me.

There are so many gadgets, holidays, indulgences, etc expected by folks these days that it is difficult for me to reconcile the absence of a few of these as being comparable with the 'poverty' I grew up with and happily survived.

Peter Henriksen, Haydon Bridge, April 2015.



BARDON MILL EVENTS

In September last year we set up a fund raising Community Group called Bardon Mill Events to raise money for life saving public access defibrillators. Within 6 months we raised enough money to buy two of these for our local area by holding community events which have been really well supported by Bardon Mill and our neighbouring towns and villages, we are continuing to raise money to place more defibrillators within our parish. Our facebook page is www.facebook.com/bardonmillevents – please like our page to keep up to date with future events. We can be contacted via email: Bardonmillevents@gmail.com

In February this year, a 17 year old lad from Otterburn collapsed on the football pitch at Haydon Bridge while playing football and suffered a cardiac arrest, his heart stopped and he is only alive today because another parent, who was watching his son play football on an adjacent pitch and who is a Community First Responder happened to have a defibrillator in the boot of his car. Defibrillators save lives and on average 12 to 15 young people die EACH WEEK in the UK from suffering a cardiac arrest.



TYNEDALE HEART SAFE

We decided that we needed to try and make the larger community a safer place to live so we set up Tynedale Heart Safe in February and our aim is to raise money to buy public access defibrillators across Tynedale – at the same time The Stephen Carey Fund and The Hexham Courant set up The Heart of Gold Campaign with the same goals so we immediately joined forces to try and raise even more money to make 'Tynedale Heart Safe'. The Stephen Carey Fund is a registered charity which was set up when 21 year old Stephen Carey from Alnmouth, Northumberland collapsed and died during a football game in 2012 – their registered charity number 1158573 and their aim is to prevent similar tragedies occurring.

Alongside raising money and placing public access defibrillators we arrange training courses aimed towards all members of the public and each session covers CPR training and the use of a defibrillator. The defibrillators are stored in secure cabinets and if required the caller will receive a 4 digit security number from the ambulance service which enables them to access the defibrillator.

We have secured a pitch at The County Show on 25th May and are now looking at organising a huge Raffle to raise money for The Heart of Gold Campaign, the Raffle will be drawn on 15th June 2015. We are initially looking at a First Prize of £1000 cash alongside other fantastic prizes that have been donated by various companies to help us raise as much money and awareness as we can across the Tynedale area.

You can follow our progress and upcoming events on www.facebook.com/tynedaleheartsafe and we can be contacted via email: tynedaleheartsafe@gmail.com



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A few words from ...

Our Man in the Languedoc

“From where?”, I hear you ask!

And “why”?

Let's attempt to answer the second question first. Blame Steve Ford. His shoulders are broad and I'm sure he won't mind too much! Regular readers of the “Haydon News” will recall that in the March edition Steve commented that “we are all Europeans now”. His remark was made in the aftermath of the shocking events at the “Charlie Hebdo” offices in Paris. He went on to invite contributions written in French ... but I'm getting ahead of myself. That challenge comes later!

Over the last few years my wife and I have enjoyed time in Haydon Bridge. In all seasons and all weathers. It is not just the village we have come to admire. It's also the spirit of the people who live there.

One lunchtime, while chewing over Steve's words—and one of Jo's excellent steak sandwiches in the “General Havelock” - I made up my mind to respond. I put it to him that, as a northerner living for the last 15 years in “*la France profonde*” I might be handily placed to pen an occasional column outlining some of the curiosities of life as a “*rosbif*”.

We live in a village with a population a tenth the size of Haydon Bridge but the issues that affect our daily lives often have more than a passing similarity.

Now for the “where?” As one writer put it : “It is easy to get to the Languedoc. All you have to do is to drive down the Rhône valley until you reach the Mediterranean coast, then turn right”. So the region of Languedoc-Roussillon (to give it its proper name) lies south of Toulouse, above the Mediterranean and occupies the land between the river Rhône to the east and the Pyrenees in the west. Cross those mountains and you're in Spain.

What does the Languedoc have to offer? It's a land rich in evidence of a Roman heritage; where the ruins of Cathar castles soar above ancient stone villages strategically perched on hilltops; where the language of Occitan is still spoken and sung, the Sardane danced; where the fragrance of wild herbs blows on the four strong winds; where the coastline is a haven for sea birds and the cultivation of oysters; where boars are hunted and bulls are fought; where



the innumerable church towers are illuminated prettily at night; where stars positively burst out of a black velvet sky; where grape is king and pastis queen; where the slower pace of life is subservient to nature's rhythms.

And where there is space to live and breathe.

Yet there is more, much more. If my words have tempted you, seek out the stunning visual images on You Tube by typing in the link *Destination Sud de France, naturellement privilégiée*. It is a bit touristy but none the worse for that. Look out for the Languedoc's two World Heritage sites - the fairy tale castle of Carcassonne and the engineering miracle that is the Canal du Midi.

Let's finish with a few words in French. On this occasion I've kept the paragraph quite short and at a basic level to encourage everyone to keep reading.

See if you can spot the one mistake I have deliberately made! No prizes to be won but I look forward to telling you more about life in this beautiful, quirky corner of France in future editions.



Bon courage!

Chers amis,

J'espère que vous avez trouvé bien agréable les mots que j'ai écrits par rapport à la région du Languedoc-Roussillon. Je vais ajouter que dans la Région il y a six départements : L'Aude (11) Le Gard (30) L'Hérault (34) La Lozère (46) Les Pyrénées-Orientales

(66). Chaque département porte un numéro. C'est typiquement français que la liste départementale est rangée alphabétiquement. Les plus grandes villes - certainement les plus bien connus - sont Montpellier, la capitale administrative, Nîmes, Narbonne, Perpignan et Carcassonne. C'est une région où on profite d'un climat favorable. Trois cent jours ensoleillés par an. Pas mal! Les hivers y sont courts et doux. Par contre, surtout sur le littoral, il y a du vent. Même les vents portent leurs noms individuels : Cers, Marin, Autun et Tramontane. Dans nos jours les vins du Sud de France deviennent de plus en plus réputés. Et au printemps, aux mois de mars et d'avril, c'est les fruits rouges du Roussillon (cerises, mûres) qu'on peut trouver sur les belles tables des restaurants parisiens.

A la prochaine!

Laurent Sieur d'Arques

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WILD GEESE

Never mind looking for Haydon's One Hundred Birds. I'm still chasing a wild goose:

The many ardent fans of my Haydon News articles know the Whaletrouser family and I are relatively new here. In fact I've been told by kindly neighbours that we won't be properly established until we've produced three generations of Whaletrousers and can claim at least 5 headstones in the village graveyard. We should be well integrated by the year 2189 then. Or when the DFS sale has finally ended.

Until such time who better to ask than a local whenever we need anything? Last week was no exception. I approached a friendly looking lady in Hexham to enquire where I might buy a handle for our garden gate. Now back in our homeland (Newcastle) I would have popped into that wonderful and suitably old-fashioned Thorpe's of Gosforth. On the High Street.

Every town needs a Thorpe's; a shop which sells everything you never knew you urgently needed until crossing its threshold. Mousetrap? Head to Thorpe's. Fire Bellows? Thorpe's your man. Egg Separator? Yup - Mrs Thorpe. Something to amuse kids? The mini railway which runs like clockwork around Thorpe's ceiling. Ham & Pease Pudding sandwiches? Ah! That would be Greggs. Right opposite Thorpe's.

Only Hexham doesn't have a Thorpe's. But if you're reading this (and who isn't?) Chairman Thorpe - We. Need. You. Desperately!

In the absence of Thorpe's of Gosforth I asked the local lady in Hexham Market Square where I might procure a garden gate handle. She thought long and hard. Then said: "Now then. Do you know Donatelli's? It's a nightclub above Poundland, opposite the HSBC bank and next to the betting shop. Everyone calls it Donny's. I used to go there when I was younger. Everybody did. You must know Donny's surely?"

I realised I didn't but felt sure I would find it. The helpful lady continued:

"So. If you take the road to the left up behind Donny's, or right if you're coming from Haydon Bridge, just after the pet shop, Oxfam and dry cleaners. The pet shop's shut down just last week but the sign's still up. Such a pity. The dry cleaners too. That's progress I suppose.

So, keep going till you see a sign for the racecourse. Drive up the steep hill and follow the road. You'll come to a farmhouse which has a cardboard notice in the window saying 'Fresh Eggs'. Go past there and beyond the fish farm with its own café. About 3 miles further is a T-junction.

RAYDON FRIDGE and DUSTY DARMAID



Turn left here and look for a sign to Whitley Chapel. Keep going along that road until it forks off.

There's a small infant school and a bus stop where the council have planted some lovely flowers. Daffodils I think, or could be crocuses. No, no I'm sure it's daffodils. Anyway take the right hand fork. It looks like a private lane but no one cares who uses it. Mind you it does get very muddy when it's been raining and you have to watch out for the tractor drivers - they think they own the land. Come to think of it, they do!

At the end of this lane are two old house. One has a green door. Or is it brown? About 200 - 300 yards past there is a small row of run-down industrial units made of wood. Or they were till the council patched them up with bricks and new windows. The roofs are corrugated iron and quite rusty. And then, someone had the great idea of turning the last unit into a little hardware shop. Selling everything for the home and garden. Brilliant. Dead cheap too!"

I was busy trying to remember all of this and thanked her profusely. I told her I would go there the very next day.

"Oh no dear. It closed down years ago. I just meant that's where everybody used to go. Now we all go to Matthew Charlton. Centre of town. Can't miss it."

Euphemia Whaletrouser

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Brendan Healy

Who is right off Tom Cruise

Why do screen actors mumble? I'm sick to death of it. Do they think that mumbling or whispering makes them sound 'real' or are they just badly trained and have never worked in the theatre?

You can't go on the stage at the Theatre Royal and mumble. If you aren't distinct and people can't hear what you are saying they'll want their money back.

Lots of 'actors' today have never trained. Like most X Factor contestants they just want to be on the telly. ('It's all I've wanted my whole life' ... NOT 'It's what I've WORKED towards my whole life'.) Then along comes some idiot 22-year old producer called Jocinda, who thinks it would be mega brill to have this gritty, young, unintelligible amoeba called Baz on her brilliant, 'brand new' reality show about people who live in a large greenhouse together and always wear their trousers back to front. Next thing you know, Baz is doing panto for 6 million pounds a week and thousands of hapless punters have spent a small fortune to not hear a flippin' word he says. At least Baz has an excuse. He hasn't got a clue what he's doing.

Tom Cruise, however, should know better. He has done loads of films. A lot of them are cobbles but some have been canny, but what really gets on my wick is when he starts mumbling. I shout at the telly a lot, but mostly when squillionaire actors start mumbling.

My poor wife! Every two minutes, 'Whadhesay?' ... 'Whadhesay?' ... 'Who the heck is she?' ... 'Whadshesay?' 'Oh switch it off, I've lost the plot on two levels!' So the poor woman has to switch off the latest rented blockbuster to watch later when I'm in the bath. Then, we turn over and there's that total \$h!|@ Baz on a celebrity game show about nowt. (Dear reader, you have no idea how hard it has been for me not to swear in this column.)

I have tried all sorts of different sound systems to enhance the words coming out of my telly, but none of them seem to work, which makes me think that it is to do with the transmission. If you can hear the words in a movie, the next thing that happens is a helicopter comes over and the noise makes you pile out of the chair, grab the dog, and take cover under the coffee table. Then, having returned to your recliner and placated the dog, you can't hear the dialogue for the next ten minutes 'cos you're deaf from the damned helicopter.

If you go to the cinema everything seems to be hunky dory, but in the pitches they've got room for sub-woofers. woofers, wiffers, tooters etc and I haven't.

Why don't the film and telly people realise that most of us watch things on ordinary tellies and mix the sound accordingly?

I've written over fifty theme tunes for TV, and the final part of the recording was always to mix the sound on an old telly so I knew how people in their living rooms would hear it. The studio speakers were, of course, too sophisticated. Why doesn't Mr Spielberg do that now!

There's even an advert on the telly at the moment where some girl on her holidays whispers at us to make us feel special. If I could get my hands on the advertising person who thought of that I would make him feel special.

Admittedly, my problem could be that 1000 watts of monitor speakers either side of my head while playing in bands could have marginally reduced my auditory perception, but I don't think so.

Hearing loss is natural with age. BUT I have found the solution! The subtitle button! I can even turn the sound down on the telly. One big upside is that environmental health people have stopped calling round on behalf of the neighbours. The big downside... I can follow the plot of Tom Cruise's films

My Grandma's name was Alice Dickman. (No relationship to John Alexander Dickman, the last man to be hanged in a Newcastle jail.) Her family had a bakery and their pies were a very well known delicacy in the North East, best served out of the coat pocket in the Leazes end whilst it is snaaing and accompanied by Bervrul.

This week I rented a film I've really been looking forward to, but imagine my disappointment when I saw it was about an Indian boy and a Benghal tiger sharing a lifeboat.

Anyhoo, it has encouraged me to try and make my own film, 'The Life of Dickman's Pie.' Tom Cruise will be playing the pie and no one will mumble in it unless they have a gobfull of hot mince and volcanic gravy running down their face.



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Pharmacy News

New Faces, New Roles

It is a time for considerable change in the pharmacy. In the past few months we have taken on some new challenges in the pharmacy we now supply the medication for Burn Brae Lodge care home in Corbridge and The Manors assisted living accommodation in Prudhoe.

The team in the pharmacy have also had major success in developing themselves. Heather has now completed her pharmacy technician training and is a registered pharmacy technician. Heather will now be undertaking a course to enable her to check the work of other team members. Lois has passed her health-care counter assistants training and is now undertaking the dispensary assistants course.

Abby Chandler has now been promoted to pharmacy manager to lead the pharmacy for the future. One of Abby's first jobs in her new role is to recruit new talent to the pharmacy. You may have seen our recent advertisements in the Hexham Courant. We are looking for bright, friendly and dynamic people to enhance our team.

Why Change?

In a small village it is very easy for a business to stand still. The population of the village has not changed substantially over the past seven years since I took over the pharmacy. The footfall to the pharmacy despite the bypass has not changed significantly. It would be very easy for the pharmacy to stay still. Unfortunately every year the government reduces the amount that a pharmacy is paid for the drugs we dispense so in reality if we do not get more people using the pharmacy it would eventually become unsustainable.

Seven years ago the pharmacy in Haydon Bridge was classed as an essential small pharmacy. This meant that if it did not do a certain number of prescriptions every month the government would subsidise it. Thankfully at the time I recognised that this was not something I wanted to rely on so I made changes to bring more prescriptions in to the pharmacy via our delivery service. From April this year the government has ended the essential small pharmacy scheme and has not yet announced if it will offer a replacement finance model. This may well mean that a lot of pharmacies in villages such as Haydon Bridge will have to close. The delivery service that we offer to the surrounding area means that the future of Haydon bridge pharmacy is secure. It is a timely reminder though of the need to keep the pharmacy moving forward. I hope that we continue to provide you with the very best service you can get and that our new faces welcome you warmly.

Tom McCullough

The Bridge and Visitor Information Point

Volunteers:

Many thanks for the positive response, calling for more volunteers. We have three new recruits already. Anyone still wishing to join us, please call at the Bridge during any of our opening times (or all of them), to judge which session would fit best with you.

Books:

On your visits to the library, you will see three recent book displays: the always popular books on flowers, trees and birds and a selection of Gardening magazines too; two shelves of new fiction and non-fiction concerning the two World Wars and another two shelves of "Quick Lit.", consisting of popular fiction, good to read but not overtaxing-just right for the fine weather to come!?

If you have any special requests, or need another author recommended, **DO** ask. If we can't give an answer, we'll find out.

Dates:

From Thursday, 11th. June, the summer timings in the Bridge begin:

Monday:	9am – 12 noon
Tuesday:	1pm – 4pm
Wednesday:	1pm – 4pm
Thursday:	1pm – 4pm
Friday:	4pm – 6:30pm
Saturday:	9:30am – 12:30pm

On the week beginning, Monday, 18th. May, the annual Jigsaw and Book Sale will be held here during each daily session.

All the volunteers continue to be thrilled by the generosity of our customers in donating books. Space is becoming scarce and it is with regret that we cannot accept any more encyclopaedias, educational text books or similar large volume sets. The sheer weight precludes us storing them. We are still collecting fiction, and nonfiction, particularly local history.

Bird Survey:

The survey is still going strong. We do have a few extra observation sheets available, especially for children.

Haydon Bridge diary:

Along with the Haydon Hundred, there are many other events taking place in the village. If you are organising an event, do check the events diary on the counter in the Bridge, in order that you choose a date that does not clash with another event and do write your event in the diary, too. This way, you are more likely to have a good attendance on the day and also Karen (who checks and records upcoming dates, each Saturday) will ensure the event is mentioned in the Haydon Bridge section of the "Hexham Courant".

Happy reading ...

THE HAYDON LOCAL ARTISTS SUMMER EXHIBITION

21ST. - 27TH.June 2015

Of Paintings, Sculpture, Photography, or Embroidery Pictures

- 1 Entry is open to artists born, resident, educated or with connections to the Parish of Haydon Bridge
2. Up to 5 framed works may be submitted, the last one listed may be held in reserve if hanging space becomes limited
- 3-Entry fee is **£1:00 per work**. Please make cheques payable to '**Haydon Local Artists Association**' and attach to the application form below
4. Entry forms should be submitted 2 weeks before the commencement of the exhibition but no later than **Sat 7th... June**
Late entices will no longer be accepted.
5. A label should be fixed to the back of the work giving your **Name, Address, Title of Work, Medium, and Price** if for Sale (or **N.F.S. if not**)
- 6.All pictures should be strongly framed with fixings for hanging. Maximum frame size of approximately **71x79 cms (28x31ins)**
- 7.**Unframed mounted works** may be submitted but on a **one framed for one unframed** basis at an entry fee of **50p.each**. These unframed mounted works must be enclosed in a clear poly wrap for protection with artist's name and picture details on the back.
Maximum size again **71x79 cms [28x31ins]** including the mount.
8. The organizing committee reserves the right to select or reject work at their discretion
9. The works are exhibited at the owner's risk. Any insurance deemed necessary should be arranged by the artist
- 10.Works for sale will be on a **20%** commission basis. Proceeds will be used to offset the exhibition costs
- 11.Works must be delivered to the Haydon Bridge Community Centre, Ratcliffe Road between **9:00 am. And 11:00 am.**
on. Saturday 20th...JUNE and collected at the end of the exhibition, **but not before 6.00.pm. on Saturday 27th.JUNE**
- 12.Exhibitors will be encouraged to act as invigilators during the exhibition
13. Entrants are automatically invited to the preview on **Saturday 20th. JUNE** from **5.00 PM.TO 7.00 pm.** These will be issued by e-mail with a limited number for their friends and patrons on request
- 14 If you have any queries regarding your exhibits, please telephone Robert Ford 01434 684486
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