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A Northern Marsh Orchid - or is it?





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# ADOXOGRAPHY

This month's front cover shows a wild native orchid flowering close to Haydon Bridge. It is a bit like a Northern Marsh Orchid and a bit like a Common Spotted Orchid and yet different from both. In all probability it is a new hybrid - something that orchids are known to produce with little provocation. Alternatively, given the nutrient poor and rather dry situation in which the plant was growing, it may be a stunted form. If you can confidently identify this plant do please let me know. I should add that it is no longer available to view as it has progressed to seed head stage. Who knows what we will find growing there next year.

A few months ago I published an article in the HN about electric vehicles. Having now done over two and half thousand electric miles I thought a progress report might be helpful. I can report that a trip to Eldon Square and back again can be accomplished on a single charge with thirty miles range still in hand. The car uses both the state of charge of the battery and the style of driving to predict the available range and the highest predicted range for a single charge that I have achieved so far was 103.5 miles. Electric cars are not just for urban areas, they work well in rural areas too - and all at just over one penny per mile and no road tax! You really ought to try one.

I get the impression from information received that there should be developments in the river soon. The Haydon News should have a report on progress so far in the October edition—apparently.

Nectarworks is carrying out surveys in gardens of resident bee (and other pollinator species) populations. This is a project funded by The North Pennines AONB partnership and is Lottery funded. We made contact and have had our garden surveyed, which took over an hour.

To have your garden surveyed by a Nectarworks volunteer, contact Mandy Oliver on 01388 528801 or on: [mandy@northpenninesaonb.org.uk](mailto:mandy@northpenninesaonb.org.uk).

Our bees need all the help they can get.

Northumbria Police are recruiting - see page 23. Here's an opportunity for a thoroughly worthwhile career for both men and women. By chance I ran into Yvonne Clements over canapés the other day, the policewoman who attends The Methodist Church meetings, and she was full of enthusiasm for the potential benefits of close liaison between constabulary and communities. Go along and have a chat with her.

There was to have been a contribution from the Environment Agency this month but the Churches beat them to the last available page - there are three Church pages this month!

A number of people have promised articles for the Haydon News about a wide range of topics but the situation is now such that I see people dodging into doorways and pretending to be obsessively engaged in hunting Pokemon when they see me coming down the street. However, I have received prior notice about a forthcoming article about basketwork. Sounds fascinating. If you have a hobby or pastime do let's hear about it, ideally with photos.

The latest Star Trek film has been very well reviewed. I can feel a visit to the cinema coming on. Coincidentally, there have been recent reports of experiments yielding results that hint at the possibility of building an Alcubierre drive ([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alcubierre\\_drive](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alcubierre_drive)) - the sort of thing that would allow inter-stellar travel. I am enraged that it will be subsequent generations who get to use them and not ours.

*Steve Ford*

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A meeting of The Haydon Parish Council was held on 28th July 2006 at 7.30pm in The Community Centre.

Lesley Thorburn (and others) came to air the current concerns about the Haydon Bridge Play Group that has lately been evicted from the Fire Station. The group, which has been in existence for at least 25 years, provides a venue for 2-3 year olds at which they can become acclimatised to being in the company of their peers and under the supervision of adults other than their parents, in preparation for nursery - learning through play. This is not a child minding service. The cost is £6 per session with voluntary contributions towards juice and biscuits. The concerns centre around where they are to go and how the costs of their new venue might be met. Their new sessions begin in September at one per week, rising to twice weekly in October.

An informal but firm reassurance that The Shaftoe Trust would meet the cost of the venue rental for three years was given by the Chairman. The new venue is most likely to be the larger upper room at The Community Centre, though it does require considerable renovation after the tenancy of the youth club.

A Tot Club session is also in prospect, which would be free and on Tuesdays.

The hope was expressed that the PC would offer support if requested and Cllr. Alan Sharp promptly handed over a substantial cheque.

The possible use of money previously allocated to a putative skate park in the village was considered. The whereabouts of the money or, indeed, its very existence was uncertain.

## Public Participation

The state of the graves and their tending was of great concern to a member of the public. His mother's grave was severely overgrown to the extent that a strimmer was required to restore the situation to normal. The area concerned seemed not to have been

tended since spring. A tree noted to have blown over in the spring was noted to still be in the same position. The lack of running water, walls overgrown by ivy and unemptied litter bins were also reported. The PC agreed to renew endeavours to keep the cemetery both maintained and supervised.

The Festival was a great success and the funds raised have been distributed as noted elsewhere in The Haydon News.

The British Heart Foundation has further funds available for the provision of publically accessible defibrillators - for example for The Community Centre. The football club's machine has already been used.

A letter from the EA has been circulated to affected households explaining the current plans. The flood wall by Rocksprings needs raising. The PC is in negotiations with the various bodies responsible and Thompsons to get the gravel removed from the river and the issue of the appropriate license is anticipated. The PC will write to Rory Stewart, Minister for flooding, to try to hasten the work and funding. The flood wall at Brigwood needs raising too. NCC will be approached for funding. The contribution of surface water and sewage overflows to the flooding has received insufficient attention it was felt. Invitations to the bodies in question will be issued for them to attend a future meeting of the PC.

Removal of the traffic island at the junction of Church Street and Ratcliffe Road and revision of the road markings was discussed. Cllr. Alan Sharp undertook to raise the issue with NCC. The possibility of creating new parking spaces was considered.

## Apologies

were received.

## Declarations of interest

were invited.

## Minutes

of the previous meeting were confirmed.

## Flooding

The length of time required for the removal of gravel was discussed. The removal must be accomplished before October. The urgent necessity of having the holes by the weir filled was noted. The PC and Thompsons both have third party liability insurance in place. It is certain that no work will be undertaken at Lipwood this year and access may be problematic.

## NCC

Weeds in footpaths are to receive attention. The improvement in the grass cutting regime was remarked. Work continues on fettling the drains around the parish. The drainage near the school sports hall was mentioned in particular.

The partial closing of the smaller local recycling yards was criticised.

No new problems have been experienced with the



public toilets.

Cllr. Sharp has personally cleaned up an area of litter strewn land between the Showfield and the road - it belongs to the developer. Litter bin installation continues. The Whittis Hill hedge issue has arisen again and been dealt with - again. The riverside ground and the Ratcliffe Road rose beds require attention. The wall outside the Railway has been hit again and needs further repair.

### Highways

Roadlink have disclaimed responsibility for the potential problems at Spa Well and referred the problem to the land owner. Concerns about the speeds of vehicles on the bypass and past Woodhall Mill were raised, especially in the light of recent near misses. The possibility of private provision of speed cameras was discussed. The issue is to be raised via the Chief Constable in the hope that the Police traffic department might help.

### Lighting

Cllr. Walker agreed to pursue the on-line mapping option himself.

### Planning

Because of the lack of detail concerning the management of surface water drainage the proposals to amend the design of two houses in Tait's Yard will be subject to objection.

### Accounts

agreed.

### Correspondence

None.

### Parish Projects

Neither the Development Trust nor The Bridge had anything of note to report.

### AOB

The treacherous and broken surface of the footpath above the school entrance was remarked.

The hedge along the footpath leading from the west end of the village toward the Tunnel Top was noted to be severely overgrown and needing cutting again.

The urgent need to pollard the trees by The Bridge was emphasised.

That Haydon Bridge High School has achieved an improved Ofsted report was reported and congratulations were offered.

Shaftoe school's continued good performance was also commended.

**Next full meeting of council will be held at  
7.30pm on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> of September  
2016 at Haydon Bridge  
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**HAYDON BRIDGE FIRE BRIGADE****Part 3**

**This month I continue my history of  
Haydon Bridge Fire Brigade.**

**Part 1 and 2 were published in June and July 2016.**

There is a gap in my knowledge of the Haydon Bridge Fire Brigade and incidents attended between 1944 and 1950, although this gap may be filled in the future with further research - and on that note, I would be grateful for any appropriate details from our readers. (dennistelford636@btinternet.com) Thanks in part to recent information made available by former Haydon Bridge Leading Fireman Ken Tulip I can, however, continue this story of the Haydon Bridge Fire Brigade, with much greater conviction, into the 1950s.

By late 1953, Wilf Turnbull, Robbie Tait and Billy Tait had left the brigade (*See photograph*) and the remaining eleven firemen were: George Thompson (Sub Officer), Jack Leathard (Leading Fireman), Robin Armstrong (Leading Fireman), Tommy Armstrong, Johnny Brown, Laurie Thompson, Jackie Boyd, Maurice Armstrong, John Wilson, Lloyd Brown and R.S. Clemitson who made

his final appearance for the brigade on September 14th 1953.

It wasn't only fires, of course, that tested our firemen's skill and commitment - vehicular accidents on the A69, A686 and the B6319, and pumping flood water from houses and businesses (as we have been only too well aware recently) were regular events - and on Tuesday, April 24th 1953, just after midnight, a new challenge occurred. A goods train of thirteen tankers travelling east to the ICI works at Prudhoe, was derailed on the decline into Haydon Bridge station, when a coupling came adrift from five tankers at the rear of the train. The engine driver was unaware of the incident and as he slowed the train down, the five disconnected tankers gathered speed and crashed into the rear of the rest of the train. One of the tankers ended up across the tracks and the remainder piled into it. Each one of the tankers was filled with diluted ammonia gas and firemen from Haydon Bridge, Haltwhistle and Hexham had to deal with eighty tons of ammonia escaping onto the line, by diluting it with water and washing it down the tracks. Sub Officer Harris, from Hexham, told a Hexham Courant reporter:

"It was hopeless trying to stop the fractures. The firemen



**Our firemen of the late 1940s early 1950s are pictured here outside the John Martin Street fire station; part of which had been used previously as a store by builder Adam Nixon when he built the 1930s semi detached properties on Broadstone Close, on the south side of today's John Martin Street.**

**Back Row l to r: Laurie Thompson, Maurice Armstrong, Robin Armstrong, Johnny Brown, Billy Tait,  
Front Row l to r: Wilf Turnbull, Jack Leathard, George Thompson, Robbie Tait, Tommy Armstrong.**



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burned their hands and parts of their bodies and we had to withdraw and concentrate on spraying the area with water in an attempt to keep down the fumes. *(See below)*

Haydon Bridge and Hexham fire services combined again in another interesting incident, in June 1953, when our firemen had to lower a pump by rope slings down a cliff face to the River Tyne, to fight a fire half a mile from Low Morralee Farm. The fire damaged a Dutch barn, farm implements and a stack of straw and was fought for two hours by the two brigades, who prevented the flames from spreading to two further stacks of straw and a shed where farm tractors were being kept.

Jack Leathard resigned from the fire brigade in March 1954, leaving Haydon Bridge and his home at 'Duorf', John Martin Street following the closure of the Langley Barony fireclay works in November 1952 where he was a respected employee, having been trusted with the secret

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## **200 EVACUATED AFTER TRAIN CRASH**

Shortly after midnight on Tuesday, April 24th 1953, around two hundred residents were called from their beds by village policeman Harry Mitchell and evacuated to the Town Hall Cinema, when vapour fumes began to filter into their houses from tanks of liquid ammonia which had been derailed and fractured at Haydon Bridge railway station. Firemen were rushed to the scene and, working in breathing apparatus, washed the escaping ammonia away. Vapour and fumes swept over Hordley Acres in a cloud, made worse by the calm morning and low fog. The residents were evacuated immediately as it wasn't possible to determine the precise extent of the damage and, while most of the tankers held 30% ammonia diluted with water, it was confirmed that one tanker contained 100% proof ammonia. After signalman John Longstaffe heard the crash and his signal box filled with fumes, he put up stop signals east and west of the station before staggering to the house of Station Master Charles W. Leppington, getting him out of bed to raise the alarm.

It was reported in the Hexham Courant that the Hordley Acres' evacuation went off smoothly: 'Mothers with large families were helped by neighbours and the police who took many children to the Town Hall by car. The village (newsagent) Robert Harding, provided tea and biscuits and was helped by Mrs Brightwell and Mrs R.G. Tait, while local farmers supplied milk and the village publicans supplied cups and glasses.'

Mrs Tait said; "We were a little worried but there was no panic. When the policeman called we simply scrambled out of our beds, grabbed our coats and scarves and made for the Town Hall. A few older people were overcome by fumes but no one was hurt. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves. We were too anxious to sleep and were pleased to see the dawn." Meanwhile, hundreds of fish were poisoned in the river and hundreds of pounds worth of damage was done to crops of blackcurrants, raspberries and strawberries at Bookless' Gardens.

*Meanwhile; I slept as sound as a top in my bed in John Martin Street, blissfully unaware until the next morning of the excitement that had taken place on the North Side.*

formulae for mixing the glaze used to finish the products manufactured at Langley. Jack Leathard and his family - wife Vi and children John, Ann and Vivienne - were a big miss when they left our village to open a retail shop in County Durham, but they never forgot their Haydon Bridge connections and were regular visitors following their move. *(I notice that more than sixty years later, Ann continues to keep in touch with Haydon Bridge from her home in Nigeria through social media, and she visits us here whenever she can.)*

Jack Leathard was replaced in our fire service by Dave Jeans on September 7th 1955, a most able replacement I may say, whose cycle shop on Church Street would have been a boon to our present day cyclists. In 2016, Dave Jeans' former 1950s shop is home to our Haydon Bridge Pharmacy.

**I will continue my history of our Fire Service  
in next month's Haydon News**

#### **HAYDON PARISH 'HOME FRONT' 1914 - 1919**

**In this month's Haydon News I continue my report  
on positive news from the Haydon 'Home Front',  
from May 1919, following the cessation of the war.**

**Plans for Peace Celebrations:** A meeting was held on Wednesday, May 28th 1919, to consider the form the Haydon Bridge celebrations of peace in Europe should take, and the recommendations of a sub committee of the Parish Council were accepted. The village folk would be asked to decorate their premises and houses during the period of the celebrations; a united thanksgiving service would be arranged by the vicar W.H. Ainger and the Rev. R. Stewart Wright, while Mr R. Batman would be asked to organise a united choir for the service and a series of events during the afternoon and evening.

A grand procession would start from the station yard, and include fancy dress and comic costumes for adults and young people, decorated bicycles, horses and vehicles.

A free tea, for children of school age and elderly people of the parish, would be provided and a dance would be held at night with music supplied by the village band which had been reinstated earlier in the month.

Sixty pounds would be raised by voluntary subscription, for prizes towards sports and competitions.

**That's All Folks:** John Griffiths of Langley-on-Tyne and Walter Murray, a medical practitioner of Haydon Bridge, were summoned for allowing entertainment in Haydon Bridge in contravention of the Cinematograph Act 1909. Superintendent Taylor stated that he had visited the Town Hall on May 9th 1919, where Griffiths was working a cinematograph he had purchased, at the rear of the hall behind seventy people. Mr Walton, a bank manager and secretary of the Town Hall, said that he was in ignorance that a licence was necessary and there was no intention to defeat the object of the Act. The case was dismissed on the payment of costs and Griffiths was informed that he must no longer give entertainments in future, unless the premises in which he performed had a licence.

**Low Water:** It was reported that there were many local fishermen out trying their luck in the Haydon Bridge

stretch of the South Tyne during the first weeks of May 1919, but they were up against a 'continuing drought and phenomenally shallow water'. Good baskets were very low in number as expected, but on Monday May 9th, J. Turnbull who was stream fishing with the worm got four trout in the morning and twelve in the afternoon.

**Tally-Ho Hark Away:** The British class system of the Victorian era and through the Great War is never more in evidence than when following the history of the Haydon Hunt. The hunt is recognised as being one of the oldest, if not the oldest, packs in Northumberland and it is likely to have provided fine sport from the middle to early eighteenth century. In May 1919, the Haydon welcomed their new Master and the records of Capt. Keith's introduction to the position provide the perfect opportunity to list some of the well-to-do and the 'great and the good' - *and, no doubt, many of them were* - in our parish and nearby, who followed the hounds in the early twentieth century and following the Great War. A meeting of the members and supporters of the hunt was held at the Coach and Horses, Hexham, on the afternoon of Tuesday, June 5th 1919, when the new master, Capt Keith, was introduced to those assembled by the previous Master, C.T. Maling. *(See my Historical Notes in June 2016 HN.)*

Those present included: Capt. Keith (Master), aide-de-camp to General Montgomery. Committee: Col Edward Joicey of Blenkinsopp Hall, chairman; James Dodd, Sec; Forster Armstrong, Treas; Capt Roland Webster, Unthank Hall; Capt Laing, Haltwhistle; Major Ed Straker, High Warden; G.L. Walton, Glen Burn; M.J. Thompson, Moss Kennels; J. Oliver, Threepwood; Mr Bell, Dotland; Mr Watson, Newbrough; A.C. Spraggon, Willimoteswick Castle; Mr Pratt, Eshells; J.J. Dinning, High Staward; Mr Hindmarsh, Walwick.

Supporters: C.T. Maling, Chesterwood; J.J. Kirsopp, The Spittle; H. Straker, Newbrough Lodge; Capt Maitland Turner, Haydon Bridge; W. Watson, Settlingstones; T.L. Armstrong, The Bogg; Mr Davidson, Lee Hall.

On the Tuesday evening, Mr Maling entertained all the hunt supporters to a dinner at the Royal Hotel in Hexham.

**The Buffs:** The founding of the Haydon Lodge of the Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes (RAOB) took place at the Anchor Inn on Wednesday, June 18th 1919.

**Pte Geo Mansfield Anderson:** In July 1919, Gawen Anderson, father of Pte Anderson and formerly of Smith's Terrace, Haydon Bridge, was notified that his son who had been reported missing on May 27th 1918, had died in German hands on August 19th of that year in the field hospital at Le Fron Fournery.

**Thanksgiving Service for Peace:** According to the July 12th 1919 Hexham Courant, a very successful United Service of Thanksgiving was held in the Belmont field at Haydon Bridge, at 6.30pm on the evening of Sunday July 6th 1919. A procession headed by the band was formed at the Town Hall and included members of the Parish Council. Addresses were given by the Vicar, Rev W.H. Ainger, and the Rev R.S. Wright, the lessons being read by Mr Thomas Hare and Mr Jos Batey. The Vicar read the names of those who had made the ultimate sacrifice,



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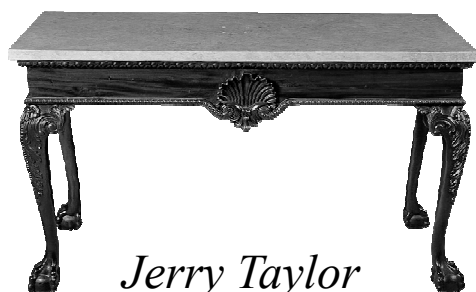
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with a special mention to the late Miss Winifred Carrick. The collection raised £11-1s-10d, which was sent to St. Dunstons' Hostel; the fourth contribution from the village to that institution within a short time. (See photograph on page 10)

### HAYDON PARISH 'HOME FRONT' : 1939 - 1945

**My earlier Notes of the Second World War 'Home Front' in Haydon Parish, to December 1940, were published from July 2015 and throughout 2016.**

**Out with the Old:** On Christmas Day, 1941, the Sunday School scholars of the Elmfield Methodist Church gave a Nativity Play performance that was so popular, a repeat showing was called for. The children taking part in 'The Stained Glass Window' were: Doris Noble, John Oliver, Evelyn Davidson, Pat Sloan, Marlene Turnbull, Lawrence Mitchell, Joan Derrick, Joseph Dobson, William Veitch, Evelyn Veitch, Brian Watson, Doreen Davidson, Evelyn Thompson, Jean Maughan, Margaret Watson, Margaret Ransome, Mary Stokoe, Amy Stokoe, and Joy Sleeman. Miss K. Liddle and Miss D. Todd were assisted by a choir and Mrs Pearson at the organ. *One or two of our readers may well remember this event, 75 years later!*

**And in with the New:** On the first week of January, 1942, a Fancy Dress was organised by the officials of the Haydon Bridge Floral Society, and was followed by an adult dance at night. The prize for the best fancy dress was awarded to Norma Brown's 'Little Bo Peep', and other winners were Irene Lax and Eric Turnbull. The dance music was provided by Jock King's Band and George Thompson and George Robinson were MCs.

**Social Support:** A number of social events, organised to raise funds for worthwhile causes were held in the parish in February 1942, including: A Floral Society Dance in the Town Hall where £18 was raised for the local Nursing Association; and a Whist Drive and Dance organised by members of the Grindon Home Guard at Grindon School, where Miss Hindmarsh of Grindon Hill presented prizes.

**HMS Tynedale:** During a Hexham and District Worship Week, in March 1942, the Women's Institute Savings Group at Haydon Bridge subscribed £652-12s-6d, which included £24 from Shaftoe Trust, £74-15s-0d from Post Office staff and friends, £80-8s-0d from the South Side of the village, £7-5s-6d from Ratcliffe Road and £12-12s-6d from the North Road. A total of approximately £4,498 was raised from Haydon Bridge to help the fund which totalled £325,000 from Hexham and District. The money would go towards adopting the Hunt Class Destroyer, HMS Tynedale.

**An 'epidemic'?:** It was reported locally that an epidemic of lost ration books had developed in the Hexham Rural District area in March 1942. Applications for twenty one new ration books to replace those lost, had been received during the month and yet, it was a surprise that none had been found and returned to the local Food Office. *Mmm!* As a result of this curse, existing pink and yellow food books would be replaced by a new single ration book.

**I will continue the WWII 'Home Front' notes in November**



**‘Thanksgiving for Peace Day’ in the Belmont Field at Haydon Bridge on July 6th 1919 (See pages 8/9)**

### **PIETER CORNELIUS DOMMERSON (DOMMERSHUIZEN)**

In my Historical Notes (Feb 2016) I asked for information on artist Pieter Dommerson (1834-1918), who lived in ‘Hadrian’, The Bungalows - today’s Brigwood. Remarkably, on the day February’s Haydon News was received in The Bridge Library, a visitor from Denmark turned up there to search for the house where the famous artist Pieter and his wife Anna had lived when they were in Haydon Bridge.

Pieter Dommerson was born at Utrecht, Netherlands on December 6th 1833. According to genealogist William Veitch, one source states that he was the illegitimate son of Cornelia and she had four illegitimate children, while another gives his father as Thomas (aged 26) and Cornelia (aged 21) and that they had a further two sons. Cornelia was born on November 12th 1813 and lived at Wijzelstraat, Amsterdam. She died in 1861.

William continues: The marriage between Pieter Cornelius Dommershuizen, bachelor, artist of 54 Bolsover Street, to Anna Petronella Synja, spinster, took place on January 27th 1859 at Trinity Church Marylebone, London and in 1861 they were living at Trinity Terrace, Lambeth with one year old son William Daniel. With them was Pieter’s eighteen year old brother Christian Cornelius. Both brothers were artists specialising in marine views. The adults were noted as being British subjects.

By 1871, Pieter’s surname was recorded as Dommerson and he was living with Anna, son William and his brother at 72 Well Street, Hackney. By 1881, they had moved to 104 Buxton Road, West Ham with children Christina, Sidney and Emma. In 1891, they were living at 61 Dacre Road, Leytonstone, West Ham with children Sidney and Grace and by 1900 had moved to Woodlands Road, Leytonstone Essex where the only child still with them was their seventeen year old daughter Grace. Pieter (77years old) and Anna Petronella (72 years old) were still at Woodlands Road in 1910 and they had eight children - five of whom were still living.

Sometime between 1911 and 1918, Pieter, Anna and a daughter Amy moved to ‘Hadrian’ on Brigwood - or, as it was known then, ‘The Bungalows’. A surprising move, perhaps, for two seventy plus year olds who had been living in the London area for at least fifty two years, since 1859.

So, John Martin wasn’t the only world famous artist to live in Haydon Bridge, but, while we are fully aware of John’s connection with the village, why Haydon Bridge for Pieter Dommerson until his death in November 1918, I wonder.

### **HAYDON BRIDGE FIRE BRIGADE - REQUEST FOR INFORMATION**

Elsewhere in this issue I have continued my history of our village fire brigade (Part 3 ... Pages 6 to 8). If you would like to share personal memories of our local fire service, to add to the brigade history, as a fireman or with a knowledge of those who were, or of incidents you recall in which our brigade was involved, please let me know:

**email:** [dennistelford636@btinternet.com](mailto:dennistelford636@btinternet.com)

**Tel:** 01434 684636

**Or write to me at:** ‘The Buildings’, West Rattenraw, Haydon Bridge. NE47 6ED.

**Thank you.**



## CHURCHES WORKING TOGETHER

### CLERGY MESSAGE

*From Rev. Dr. Benjamin Carter.*

August-September Letter

We are entering the great season of journeys. Just this week we have been seeing news stories of the queues at the Channel ports as families head off for their summer holidays and many of us will, over the coming weeks, be packing up the car for a journey on holiday or to friends and family.

Journeys are at the heart of the life of faith. We often speak figuratively of our 'faith journeys' as we way of describing the development of our own lives in faith. Increasingly communities of faith are also rediscovering literal journeys of faith in the great tradition of the Pilgrimage, such as the 'Camino' to Santiago de Compostela. (If you want to find out more about the 'Camino' I can recommend the Martin Sheen Film, *The Way*)

One thing you might not know is that our Parish sits on the path of one of the great English journeys of faith – the route taken those carrying the body of St Cuthbert on its journey from Lindisfarne to its final resting place in Durham. Fearing the threat of Viking raids, in 875AD the community of Lindisfarne disinterred Cuthbert's body and carried it on a journey over the North of England and the Borders, resting for a time in Chester-le-Street and Ripon, until finally being laid to rest in Durham over a century later.

Tradition has it that two of the sites that Cuthbert's body rested were Haydon Old Church and Beltingham – both churches dedicated to St Cuthbert. On the first weekend of September we will be marking this tradition with a series of events and services focusing on Cuthbert. At the heart of this will be our own pilgrimage in the footsteps of the Cuthbert's companions from Haydon Old to Beltingham on Saturday 3 September. Led by Michael Sadgrove, the former Dean of Durham Cathedral – the Shrine of Cuthbert – this an opportunity to follow the *Way of Cuthbert*. Everyone at all the events and services over the weekend; please look out for posters and fliers, or contact me, for more details.

At the heart of all these journeys is a recognition that, unlike the journeys we will undertake this summer, those on journeys of faith do not always know their final destination. But the great power of pilgrimage – and why it still holds sway over us today – is that it is not the end of the journey that matters, but the journey itself which transforms and changes us. As those first followers of Jesus discovered the transformation began as they answered the call he continues to make to each one of us today: 'follow me'

*Your Vicar,*

*Benjamin*

### Services in the Benefice of Haydon Bridge and Beltingham with Henshaw.

Rev. Dr. Benjamin Carter. St. Cuthbert's Anglican Church  
The Vicarage, Station Yard Tel. 01434 688196

#### Trinity 11:

**Sunday 7 August 2016**

9.30am: Parish Eucharist (BCP), St Cuthbert's Beltingham

11am: Parish Eucharist (BCP), St Cuthbert's Haydon Bridge

#### Trinity 12:

**Sunday 14 August 2016**

9.30am: Parish Eucharist, All Hallows' Henshaw

11am: Parish Eucharist, St Cuthbert's Haydon Bridge

#### Trinity 13:

**Sunday 21 August 2016**

9.30am: Parish Eucharist and Baptism, St Cuthbert's Beltingham

11am: Parish Eucharist, St Cuthbert's Haydon Bridge

#### Trinity 14:

**Sunday 28 August 2016**

9.30am: Parish Eucharist, St Cuthbert's Beltingham

11am: Parish Eucharist, St Cuthbert's Haydon Bridge

5pm: Evening Worship in Haydon Old Church

#### Saturday 3 September

12noon: Midday Prayer with Reflection, Haydon Old Church followed by pilgrimage to Beltingham

5.15pm: Evensong at St Cuthbert's Beltingham

### Feast of the Translation of St Cuthbert

**Sunday 4 September 2016**

10am: Benefice Patronal Eucharist with Storybook Church, St Cuthbert's Haydon Bridge

#### Trinity 16:

**Sunday 11 September 2016**

9.30am: Parish Eucharist with Storybook Church, All Hallows' Henshaw

11am: Parish Eucharist, St Cuthbert's Haydon Bridge

#### Trinity 17:

**Sunday 18 September 2016**

9.30am: Parish Eucharist, All Hallows' Henshaw

11am: Parish Eucharist (BCP), St Cuthbert's Haydon Bridge

#### Trinity 18:

**Sunday 25 September 2016**

10am: Joint Eucharist, St Cuthbert's Beltingham

5pm: Harvest Festival, Haydon Old Church

#### Trinity 19:

**Sunday 2 October 2016**

9.30am: Parish Eucharist (BCP), St Cuthbert's Beltingham

11am: Parish Eucharist with Storybook Church, St Cuthbert's Haydon Bridge

SEE PAGE 20 FOR:

*The way of Cuthbert*

*A series of events and services for The Feast of the Translation of St Cuthbert*

### **ROMAN CATHOLIC SERVICES**

**Father Leo Pyle** St John of Beverley Catholic Church  
St John's Presbytery, North Bank Tel. 01434 684265

Mass each Sunday at 9.30am

Mass each Sunday at 11.00am at Haltwhistle

Mass on weekdays (except Mondays) at 10.00am either St John's or Haltwhistle.

### **METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES**

**Deacon Anne Taylor** Methodist Congregation  
Woodville, Redesmouth Road, Bellingham Tel: 01434 220283

#### **August 7**

10am Morning Worship  
David Stabler  
6pm Reader's Service  
B. Hargreaves

#### **August 14**

10am Morning Worship  
Deacon A. Taylor  
6pm Communion Worship  
Rev. Carla Quenet

#### **August 21**

10.30pm Joint Service at Fourstones  
Methodist Church  
6pm Readers Service  
Mo. Lucas

#### **August 28**

10am Communion Worship  
B. Japes/R. Hilborne

#### **No 6pm Service**

#### **September 4**

10.30am **CIRCUIT SERVICE**  
**at Trinity Church**  
**Hexham**

#### **No 6pm Service**

#### **September 11**

10am Morning Worship  
Sandra Martin  
6pm Communion Worship  
Rev. P. Dunstan

#### **September 18**

10am Morning Worship  
I Warburton  
6pm Evening Worship  
Neil Strike and Members of  
Hexham Community Church

#### **September 25**

10am Morning Worship  
Matt Barrick  
5pm Haydon Old Church  
Harvest Service

### **Methodist Church**

## **STRAWBERRY TEAS**

Plus Cake Stall

Sat. 6th Aug. 2 to 4pm

ALL WELCOME



### **Methodist Church**

## **PUPPET AFTERNOON**

With the Bell Family

Monday 29th August 2.30 pm

Come along and bring your  
friends and family.

Light refreshments to follow



### **Methodist Church**

## **MESSY CHURCH**

Wednesday 14th SEPTEMBER

3.30 pm to 5.45 pm



### **Methodist Church**

Concert by

## **HEXHAM BRASS**

Saturday 17th September

(Look out for Posters)

## **Coffee Mornings** **at the Methodist Church**

Every Tuesday and Thursday  
10 am to 12 noon

These sessions are run by local Church members in turn and take place around the Coffee Tables. Please come in for a friendly chat - tea/coffee/biscuits

Stay as long or as short a time as you wish  
**A warm welcome is given to everyone.**





# The Parish of Haydon Bridge

What are **your** priorities for **your** Parish Churches?

Last year we asked how would you like you Parish Churches to be developed?



## For St Cuthbert's...

94% said a Community Garden  
with access to the River  
90% said a Community Café  
84% said a Venue for concerts

## For Haydon Old Church...



77% said a destination for tourists  
72% said a place for artists to work  
84% said a unique venue for celebrations

## So this year we are...

...using St Cuthbert's Church Grounds

for events like the Summer Fete.

...inviting the Schools in for visits and events.

...studying and understanding the wild flowers

and wildlife in the Old Churchyard

...holding regular worship and events

at the Old Church.



## Very soon we will be...

.....completing essential repairs to the North West  
corner of St Cuthbert's.



...continuing to explore how your Parish Churches can be  
developed for the life of the whole community

...making St Cuthbert's and the  
Old Church open daily to everyone.



What are  
**your** priorities  
for **your** Parish Churches?

Let us know by emailing: [revbenjaminarter@gmail.com](mailto:revbenjaminarter@gmail.com) or write to The Vicarage, Station Yard, Haydon Bridge

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Programme of Charity Fund-Raising Quizzes  
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All Quizzes start at 8.15 pm

£1.50 per person

Refreshments, 'Beer Question' and Raffle

August 23<sup>rd</sup> Haydon Bridge GITS  
(Pauline Wallis)

Sept 20<sup>th</sup> Macmillan Cancer Care  
**\*\*Queenie Quiz\*\***

Oct 18<sup>th</sup> Motor Neurone Disease  
Association (mnda)

Nov 15<sup>th</sup> Guide Dogs

Dec 13<sup>th</sup> Josie's Dragonfly Trust  
**\*\*Queenie Quiz\*\***

Quizmaster John Harrison  
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## HAYDON BRIDGE NATURE CLUB



### HEN HARRIERS IN THE UPLAND LANDSCAPE

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**AT HAYDON BRIDGE METHODIST CHAPEL**

ON

**THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup> AT 7.15 PM**

INCLUDING REFRESHMENTS

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VISITORS £4.00

HAYDON BRIDGE NATURE CLUB MEETS FORTNIGHTLY BETWEEN SEPTEMBER AND MARCH AT HAYDON BRIDGE METHODIST CHAPEL. ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP IS £20.00.

## Haydon Art Club Show



You can never have too many pictures of the Flying Scotsman going through Tynedale.



# Haydon Bridge United AFC

## Presentation Day

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June was our end of season presentation day. A chance for all of the players, coaches and committee members and supporters of the club to be recognised for the work they've done over the season. It has been another successful season at the club and given the obstacles the club has had to overcome, a truly remarkable season indeed.

As mentioned in our article a couple of months ago, the club was hit severely by the floods back in December, with significant damage to our club house, complete destruction of our astro turf pitch, and major damage to virtually every component of our facilities. The fact that the Football Club is still in operation is a testament to the individuals involved in the club and the community that supports us. Our thanks are owed to everyone!

Presentation Day though is a celebration of everything positive about the club and we have a lot to celebrate! This year, we arranged several games for the children to enjoy, with dribbling competitions and the hilarious bubble football. Watching the kids running around trying play football while wearing an inflatable ball 20 times bigger than a football was as entertaining for those watching as much as those taking part.

As you'd expect with any outdoor event in this country the weather was typically changeable, we had beautiful sunshine for part of the day and monsoon conditions at times, the BBQ remained in operation though and was expertly managed by Peter Scott and his team.

## The Awards

### Participation Medals

All players in the Development Squad, Under 8's and Under 10's teams received participation medals - in order below:



## 100, 200 and 300+ Club

The football club took the decision this year to introduce a new award recognising the commitment of the players who have dedicated themselves to representing Haydon Bridge United. Awards were given to players who have completed 100, 200 and over 300 games for the club - in order below:.



## Top Goal Scorer

The first of our merit awards, the most difficult part of the game of football is putting the ball in the back of the net, possibly one of these players could be the next England goal scorer we desperately needed at the European Championships.

### Under 8's

Daniel Alderson  
67 Goals!!

### Under 10's

Charlie Connor

### Under 12's

Niall Buchanan

### Under 13's

James Percival

### Under 14's

Liam Oliver



## Fair Play Award

This year's trophy was awarded to David and Avril Kirsopp for their efforts to restore the club to the fully functioning club it is today following the flooding damage caused in December last year. Their efforts were all the more impressive given their own circumstances during this time. Their own home was flooded and they were forced to leave their house and seek temporary accommodation.





#### **Most Man of the Match Award Winners**

Under 8's - Daniel Barrett  
 Under 10's - Charlie Connor  
 Under 12's - Niall Buchanan  
 Under 13's - Matthew Koranteng  
 Under 14's - Owen White



#### **Players Player Award Winners:**

Under 8's - Daniel Alderson  
 Under 10's - Robert Scott  
 Under 12's - Niall Buchanan  
 Under 13's - Matthew Koranteng  
 Under 14's - Liam Oliver



#### **Manager's Player of the Season:**

Under 8's - Daniel Barrett  
 Under 10's - Layton Murray & Blake English  
 Under 12's - James Hare  
 Under 13's - Harry Crowe  
 Under 14's - Liam Oliver



#### **Most Improve Player Award:**

Under 8's - Jake Tulip  
 Under 10's - Ryan Brown  
 Under 12's - Charlie Hind  
 Under 13's - Cameron Robson  
 Under 14's - Jacob Kroese

#### **Outstanding Service Award**

**Dent Oliver** - Dent has been involved with the club for an astonishing SEVEN decades!! Firstly as a Player, then as Groundsman, Manager, Treasurer, Secretary, Chairman, President and Trustee. Dent was also part of the triumvirate that had the foresight to purchase Low Hall Park in the 1970's giving us both security and a wonderful place in which to play football. Dent has dedicated his life to the club, and it is little wonder that he is known as 'Mr Haydon Bridge United'. A worthy winner of the Outstanding Service Award...



#### **Sports Personality of the Year Award**

**Tony Jenkins** - Following the devastating floods back in December, the damage to the club's infrastructure was severe. In the following 6 months, Tony has worked relentlessly with insurance companies and multiple contractors to get this club back to where it is today. The facilities we now have are second to none and testament to the effort of Tony. As Tony stated back when the floods hit, "Don't worry, the phoenix will rise again from the ashes" and it did thanks to Tony's effort. A fitting winner of this trophy.



Another hugely successful season for the Football Club. Now our focus turns to next season, the club is always on the lookout for new players, coaches and anyone who wants to get involved. If you have a general enquiry, please contact Tony Jenkins (Chairman) on 07803233504 or Paula Collis (Club Secretary) on 07715733178. For team enquiries, contact details for our managers are below.

#### **Team Manager      Mobile      E-Mail**

##### **Training**

##### **Under 15's**

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 Thurs 7.30 - 8.30

##### **Under 14's**

Peter Scott    07903551911      p-scott16@sky.com  
 Wed 6.00 - 7.30

##### **Under 13's**

Jeanette Dickinson    07776000428 jces@btinternet.com  
 Thurs 6.30 - 7.30

##### **Under 10's**

Alex Wilson    07849629398 Alex.Wilson@redringxpelair.com  
 Tues 5.30 - 6.30

##### **Under 9's**

Brian Alderson    07557368711 bwalderson@btinternet.com  
 Mon 6.30 - 7.30

##### **Under 8's/Dev Squad**

Brian Alderson    07557368711 bwalderson@btinternet.com  
 Mon 5.30 - 6.30

*Brian Alderson*



# Haydon Bridge Festival 2016

Our second year of running the Haydon Bridge Festival and to say we felt a little bit of pressure following the success of last year's event was an understatement. This year however, we had 12 months to plan the Festival which was slightly more than the 12 weeks last year's Festival was arranged in.



So we picked a date, booked the marquee, sorted out all the exciting bits, like insurance, licenses, toilets, etc (all the glamorous parts of a Festival!!) and announced the date on Facebook. That post alone reached 2,744 people, so we figured someone might come along on the day!!

Last year we had 3 major beneficiaries for the Festival, but this year we decided to nominate only one, Tynedale Hospice at Home. An excellent charity who have assisted a huge number of people in and around Haydon Bridge.

The setup for the Festival started a week earlier with 20 or so people from Haydon Bridge Football Club setting up the marquee, always a fun job especially between, the torrential showers and midge swarms! Once the marquee was up, each night of the following week additional components of the Festival began to arrive. This year we were a bit more organised with the setup and we had the majority of the Festival setup and ready to go by 5pm on the Friday.



Saturday morning was a more relaxed start than the previous year, finalising a few details and we were ready to go well before our 2pm opening time. In true Festival fashion the weather was not exactly what we'd hoped for and there was genuine concern that people would be put off by the wind and rain showers, but we need not have worried. The people of Haydon Bridge did us proud once again, across the day over 600 people attended the event, which is what makes the Festival the success it is!

As with last year's Festival, we try to make sure the focus of the Festival is on the village, with that in mind our entertainment and caterers are all from the village or linked to the village in some way.

This year our catering was provided by the General Havelock Inn with some truly superb food.



We also had Anna Hunter's FlipnFast Crepe van and the Tyne Valley Ice Cream van. High quality food and variety for everyone. We had an excellent mix of entertainment as well. Starting the day off with local acoustic duo Somebody's Fools making only their second ever live performance. Followed by the first of our Festival regulars the StreetMartins, always a great pleasure having them at the Festival, playing a varied mix of classic rock songs and a few surprising songs.

The Tyne Valley Big Band were next up to entertain the crowds now beginning to fill the marquees. Another great performance from them, proving yet again why they're one of the best bands around!



We were now starting to see a significant increase in the number of people at the Festival, the marquees were busy and the bar staff were rushed off their feet. Our next band are a firm local favourite, The Promise. Following on from their Haydon Bridge Festival debut last year, yet again they took the Festival atmosphere to a new level!

Our final act of the night was another local band The SubLimes, making their Festival debut with some fantastic guitar based rock songs that had the whole marquee jumping. A great end to a fantastic day!!







Huge thanks to Ali Reay our sound engineer for all his efforts and to all the volunteers who tended the bar and entrance areas throughout the day. We also have to thank Chris White Photography. All of the amazing photos included in this article and those on our Facebook page were provided by Chris.

The Festival is organised by a committee of 3 people supported by approximately 100 volunteers and supporters across the week leading up to and including the Festival day itself. Our thanks are owed to every single one of them on another job well done!!

Last but not least we have to thank the amazing people of Haydon Bridge and the surrounding areas who came along and supported this event and created an amazing atmosphere.



Thanks to you the Festival has proved to be a success, taking everything in to account we've managed to raise over £3,000 for our good causes this year.

We've decided therefore to donate the profits from the Festival as follows:

£2,500	Tynedale Hospice at Home	£200	Haydon Bridge Get It Together Society
£200	Haydon Bridge Christmas Lights Fund	£250	The Haydon News

Thanks once again to everyone who worked on the Festival and those who attended and made it such an amazing day.

The Haydon Bridge Festival will be back in 2017

[www.haydonbridgeFestival.co.uk](http://www.haydonbridgeFestival.co.uk)

<https://www.facebook.com/haydonbridgeFestival>

**Editor's note:**  
**Thank you very much for this very welcome donation.**



HAYDONIAN SOCIAL CLUB, SHAFTOE STREET,

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# LEEK, VEGETABLE, FLOWER & INDUSTRIAL SHOW

On Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2016

All leeks to be benched by 9.00am.

Vegetables, Flowers & Industrial Sections by 11.00am.

**SHOW OPEN TO PUBLIC from 1.00pm. to 6.00pm.**

Doors will reopen at 7.00pm.

Grand Auction will start at 7.30pm.prompt.

(Auction proceeds will go to the Great North Air Ambulance)

PRESENTATIONS at 8.30pm.followed by

EVENING ENTERTAINMENT

@9.00pm.

Limited tickets - only available at door @ £2.00 each.

First 120 there will get the tickets!



## Where should our food come from?

*John Harrison*

I had been talking to a Christian group about the complexities of responsible environmental stewardship and the real problems posed by over-simplification of the processes at work in the world around us. After the meeting a cup of tea was brought to me by a lady who clearly had something on her mind. Liz, was the 'environment person' for her local church and was clearly fired up about all manner of issues. Her church, for which she had organised a number of 'environment mornings', had recently appointed a new vicar who held strong views on environmental issues, rather like his predecessor. The former vicar was deeply involved in global issues and had encouraged his congregation to support Third World countries by purchasing their produce as long as farmers were receiving fair reward for their labours. The problem for Liz was that the new vicar, in total contrast, was firmly of the view that buying foodstuffs from abroad generated highly undesirable 'food miles' which had contributed to the current 'climate crisis'. His congregation were to buy only local produce and to do otherwise was environmental criminality. I wasn't surprised at her confusion, and unfortunately Liz was typical of the confused thinking that surrounds the whole issue of what is and what isn't good stewardship when it comes to purchasing our food.

My reply to Liz – I had to be brief – was along the following lines.... Take two farmers, both producing a similar crop, be it beans or tomatoes or whatever. **Farmer A** lives 3000 miles away from our local shop. He does not have a large amount of land and farms what he has intensively. He employs 45 people from his local village who help him till the land, and plant and harvest the crop. He uses muck to fertilize his crop and to maintain a healthy soil structure. He uses a traditional gravity-fed irrigation system which has been around for several generations, and the local climate is warm enough to sustain his crop. He sells his harvest to an agent who guarantees him a fair price and the crop, together with the produce from all the local farmers, is dispatched by air. **Farmer B** lives just

## The way of Cuthbert

*A series of events and services for The Feast of the Translation of St Cuthbert*

### Friday 2 September

#### **Readings and Music for St Cuthbert**

James Petherick – Organ

Michael Sadgrove – Reader

7.30pm: St Cuthbert's, Haydon Bridge

Free entry followed by refreshments

~

### Saturday 3 September

#### **Midday Prayer with Reflection**

12 noon: Haydon Old Church

#### **Pilgrimage from Haydon Old Church to St Cuthbert's Beltingham**

Beginning after Midday Prayer, if walking bring lunch and wear suitable clothing.

#### **Evensong with Sermon**

5.15pm: St Cuthbert's Beltingham

#### **Drinks & Dinner**

From 6pm: The Old Vicarage, Beltingham

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### Sunday 4 September

#### **Benefice Patronal Eucharist with Storybook Church**

10am: St Cuthbert's Haydon Bridge

President and Preacher: The Rt Rev'd Frank White,  
Assistant Bishop of Newcastle



down the road from the local shop. He employs just 5 people. He uses tractors to till the land and plant the seeds. He needs to artificially heat his crop in spring to encourage growth and he uses a spray irrigation system. He has to put chemical fertiliser on his land in order to sustain yield. Crops are harvested and packaged by machine. He sells his produce to a wholesaler 100 miles away who in turn distributes it by road to local shops and markets. The question I asked Liz was – ‘Which farmer’s produce did she think was the better for the environment?’

There is of course no easy answer to this question but if we use, for example, the idea of the *carbon footprint* of a product, which embraces the whole production process from planting to selling, it is more than likely that the overseas product has the lighter footprint, despite being transported by air over a considerable distance. So to adopt a ‘local is good, overseas is bad’ approach to food purchase not only deprives Farmer A and his local community of a sustainable livelihood but it may also result in potentially greater environmental harm resulting from Farmer B’s industrial approach.

**Food Miles** as a concept was very much to the forefront of environmental thinking in the 1990’s, with, for example, the ‘Food Miles Report’ (1994 reprinted in 2011), Christian Aid’s ‘Global Supermarket’ (1996) and SUSTAIN’s ‘Food Miles – Still on the road to ruin’ (1999). As is so often the case, the thinking behind the concept is laudable – given a free choice we should be aware of the environmental footprint of what we eat and transporting food can lay a heavy footprint on our planet. But, as is often the case, the concept has become over-simplified and has polarised opinion. Before we take away the livelihoods of farmers such as those in, for example, sub-Saharan Africa, who rely on selling their produce in a global marketplace, and before we condemn ourselves to a food production system that requires inputs on an industrial scale, let’s just take a step back and take a balanced look at both sides of the argument.

*Based on a contribution to LINK, the newsletter of the Anglican Diocese of Newcastle, by John Harrison*

## John’s Wobbly Bike

*By John Harrison*

In these uncertain times, we are perhaps concerned about our future – the wobbly wheel of the EU has proved too much for many folk and as a nation we have called for a new way forward into our nation’s future. Which brings to mind a story for school children which I wrote many years ago.

John had a bicycle – it was a bit old and bit rusty but he liked riding his bike around the village where he lived. There was one problem with the bike though – the front wheel was a bit wobbly and every now and then the wheel would fall off and John would go crashing to the floor. Apart from a few grazes John never hurt himself when this happened but one day after another fall he decided that he really did need a new bicycle – after all, his friends had got newer bicycles. So he went to his father and asked him “Dad, I like my old bicycle, but it is now so old that it is not safe to ride – would you buy me a new one?” His father said “John, I know that your bicycle is

very old but I have no money – what money I do have is spent on the food we eat. So I can’t buy you what you want. If want a new bicycle you will have to earn the money yourself and save up to buy one.”

John was obviously very disappointed – he really did want that new bicycle so he wouldn’t fall off any more. So he decided that he would go along to the High Street after school every day and offer to polish people’s shoes for them. So he got himself some polishes in different colours, some brushes and some dusters and next day he went along to the High Street to start polishing shoes. Not many people asked him to polish their shoes but he was kept busy – he went home that night very tired and he counted how much he had earned. It came to £3.20. All that work for £3.20. At this rate he would have to be polishing shoes for years before he would have enough money for that bicycle.

Anyway, next day he went along the High Street after school and prepared to polish shoes. He hadn’t been there long when along came this old man – his clothes were in rags and his shoes were falling to pieces – almost no shoes left to clean. But over to John he came. John looked at the shoes and thought that he would never be able to make those shoes look good – but he tried. When he had finished – it took him ages – he asked for his money from the old man. The old man looked at him and said “I’m sorry young man but I don’t have any money with which to pay you but wait a minute .... At this the man opened a large canvas bag that he was carrying. It was full of bits and pieces that the man had collected on his travels. He fished around in the bag for ages and John became impatient – at last he found what he wanted and held it up for John – it was a rusty nut (need to take one as a prop) – “I think this is what you really need for your bicycle” he said. John was angry that he had spent all that time cleaning those awful shoes and all he got was a rusty nut. But the man went over to John’s battered old bike. He bent down and screwed the nut onto the front wheel – it was a perfect fit – the wheel was now secure – it would never fall off again and throw John onto the road.

John was so pleased he packed up his shoe cleaning stuff, thanked the old man and rode off down the High Street and back home again whistling – a happy boy

You see, we may THINK we know what we want but is it really? What we receive often comes from a direction we least expect.





# 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.

## WEST TYNEDALE JUNIOR RUGBY CLUB

FOR BOYS AND GIRLS AGE 5yrs-12yrs

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MEET AT HAYDON BRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL

ON SUNDAYS 10.30am- 12.00noon

Contact Dave on 07810 336 537

or [dave.thornhill@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:dave.thornhill@tiscali.co.uk) or the website

[www.pitchero.com/clubs/westtynedalejuniors](http://www.pitchero.com/clubs/westtynedalejuniors).

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### Fruit & vegetable show

on 27th August

Entries from 10 -1

on show all day

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### "Kevin Roberts singing"

Auction of produce @10

Proceeds to charity

## The Silver Surfers Computer Club

*(Beginners Welcome)*

**Catton Chapel Tuesdays 2-4pm**

**Starting September 6th 2016**

Why not come and join a group of people who would like to improve their digital skills by sharing knowledge between friends.

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## HAYDON BRIDGE LOCAL ARTISTS' GROUP

### HAYDON ART CLUB

Open to all, first session free.

Meets 6.30 - 9.15pm every other Wednesday at

**HAYDON BRIDGE COMMUNITY CENTRE**

September 7th and 21st October 5th and 19th.

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Tel 101 Ask for 8526  
The dates for the next 2  
Police surgeries are;  
11<sup>th</sup> August 10-11am

Northumbria Police, are starting a new recruitment campaign from 27<sup>th</sup> July.

All info is on the  
Northumbria Police Website.

## REGULAR VILLAGE COFFEE MORNINGS

Tuesday 10-12am	Methodist Chapel
Thursday 10-12am	Methodist Chapel
Saturday 10am	Community Centre

*A different local organisation each week.*

**EVERYONE WELCOME**

IF ANYONE KNOWS OF ADDITIONAL COFFEE MORNINGS PLEASE LET ME KNOW.

## Haydonian Social Club

Family Prize Bingo  
Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> Aug 2016  
Eyes Down 7-30pm  
(everyone welcome)

### Hexham Beacon Club

Programme-

*No meetings July & Aug (coffee only at 10.30)*

7<sup>th</sup> Sep – Policing in Hexham  
14<sup>th</sup> Sep – Dementia Research  
21<sup>st</sup> Sep – Not bad for a Cullercoats Lad  
28<sup>th</sup> Sep – John Martin  
5<sup>th</sup> Oct – World War 2 Pacific

On Wednesdays 10-30 to 12-00 at  
Trinity Methodist Church Hall, Hexham

## Have You Switched Yet?

Can you recall switching your electricity of dual fuel energy account?

Ofgem research shows that over 60% of people don't recall switching energy supplier. Yet consumers who have never switched could save around £200 a year on their energy bills. (*Information correct at 14 July 2016*)

We have teamed up with the Energy and Sustainability Team at Northumberland County Council and the Northumberland National Park Authority to bring you the opportunity to easily switch providers of electricity and dual fuel supplies. We use the iChoosr collective switching scheme that was first launched in 2011. This scheme enables residents in the Northumberland Uplands to join together with members of the public in other communities across the UK to form a powerful buying unit consisting of thousands of individuals.

To take part in the scheme you simply register with iChoosr. This is easy and only takes a few minutes. iChoosr then holds an auction (the next one is scheduled for 11<sup>th</sup> October) where energy companies bid their best rates for your custom. iChoosr then contacts you with details of the best tariff available and the savings you could make. The service is free and you can choose to accept the offer or not without any obligation. iChoosr and your new supplier oversee your switch and you simply sit back and relax.

If you are computer savvy you can register online at <http://ichoosr.co.uk> or if you are not online or want help to register you are welcome to attend our drop in session at Haydon Bridge library on the 5<sup>th</sup> of October between 1 and 4 pm. If this is not possible we are at Bellingham library on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of September between 2 and 5 pm. We shall be happy to carry out the scheme registration for you. Note that you will need to bring along a copy of your energy bill.

Offers for the 11<sup>th</sup> of October auction will be made on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> of October and this round of the scheme will close on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November. Register for this round of the scheme and you will enjoy the best rates over the winter months.

*Alan Winlow*

### RAYDON FRIDGE and DUSTY DARMAID



# HAYDONIAN SOCIAL CLUB

Shaftoe Street, Haydon Bridge, Hexham, Northumberland -Tele:- 01434 684383

## The Leek Section

The leek show is organised by a separate committee to the other sections. To become a member of the leek club leave your details with the bar manager or contact the Chairman, Michael Smith.

A Trophy will be awarded for the overall winners of each of the following sections. The system will be 1<sup>st</sup> = 3pts. 2<sup>nd</sup> = 2pts. 3<sup>rd</sup> = 1pt.

## The Vegetable Section

Class	Entry	DESCRIPTION	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
1		2 x Parsnips (long)	£15	£10	£5
2		2 x Carrots (long)	£15	£10	£5
3		3 x Carrots (stumpy)	£15	£10	£5
4		3 x Onions (dressed)	£15	£10	£5
5		1 x Cauliflower	£15	£10	£5
6		1 X Cabbage (White)	£15	£10	£5
7		2 each of 3 varieties of vegetables	£20	£15	£10
8		3 x Beetroot (globe)	£15	£10	£5
9		1 x Cucumber	£15	£10	£5
10		6 x Tomatoes	£15	£10	£5
11		Heaviest Onion (dressed)	£15	£10	£5
12		4 x Red Potatoes	£15	£10	£5
13		4 x White Potatoes	£15	£10	£5

## The Flower Section

Class	Entry	DESCRIPTION	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
14		Vase of Spray Chrysanthemums	£15	£10	£5
15		Mixed Vase of 3 Dahlia Blooms	£15	£10	£5
16		3 x Pom-pom Dahlias	£15	£10	£5
17		3 x Gladioli	£15	£10	£5
18		Vase of 6 Sweet peas	£15	£10	£5
19		Vase of mixed Flowers	£20	£15	£10

## The Industrial Section

Class	Entry	Description	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
20		7 x Cheese Scones	£10	£8	£5
21		7 x Fruit Scones	£10	£8	£5
22		7 x Ginger Snaps	£10	£8	£5
23		7 x Shortbread Biscuits	£10	£8	£5
24		1 x Glazed Apple Pie	£10	£8	£5
25		1 x Gingerbread Cake	£10	£8	£5
26		7 x Fairy Cakes (buns)	£10	£8	£5
27		1 x Chocolate Cake (plain)	£15	£10	£8
28		1 x Decorated Cake (any)	£15	£10	£8
29		1 x Novelty Cake	£15	£10	£8

The Children's Section - No overall Trophy is available for this section. These entries not included in the Grand Auction.

Class	Entry	Description	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
30		Up to 5 years - Decorated Paper Plate	£5	£3	£1
31		Up to 5 years - Decorated Birthday Card	£5	£3	£1
32		6 - 10 years - Decorated Birthday Card	£5	£3	£1
33		11 -14 years - Decorated POP-UP Birthday Card	£5	£3	£1
34		Up to 14 years - Miniature Garden	£10	£5	£3
35		Up to 14 years - Animal made from Fruit and Vegetables	£10	£5	£3



# Haydonian Social Club

Shaftoe Street, Haydon Bridge, Hexham. Telephone 01434 684383

## THE HAYDONIAN LEEK, VEGETABLE, FLOWER & INDUSTRIAL SHOW

**SATURDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2016**

**Any members wishing to enter this show can get a show entry form from the Club.** If you are not a member of the Haydonian Social Club, application forms to join the Club are available from behind the bar. Cost £2 per annum, plus £1 in year one for your share.

**Entry Deadline will be 10am on the day of the show.** Entry to the show is free, but all produce will remain property of the show, to sell at the Grand Auction which will be held at the Club at 7.30 pm. followed by the presentations and entertainment.

Independent judges will judge all entries and the judges decisions are final.

### **ENTRANTS PLEASE FILL IN THE FOLLOWING BOX**

<b>FULL NAME</b>	
<b>ADDRESS</b>	
<b>Postcode</b>	
<b>Membership Number</b>	
<b>Child entrants - AGE</b>	

**Please bring this form completed on both sides, along with your produce to register at the above club before 10am. on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2016.**

The produce becomes the property of the Haydonian Social Club once registered for the show, and will be later auctioned to raise money for the Great North Air Ambulance.

Except Children's entries which will be available to pick up after the auction has taken place.

**PLEASE COME ALONG TO THE GREAT AUCTION OF ALL THE PRODUCE AT 7.30pm.  
PROMPT and help to raise money for the Great Air Ambulance.**

**Presentations of prizes will take place after the Auction at about 8.30pm.**

**LEEK CLUB PRIZES WILL BE PRESENTED AT THEIR CLUB MEETING AT A LATER DATE.**

**Come along and enjoy a good show day with us!**

#### **ROOT CAUSE**

I called in at the big Sainsbury's in Carlisle yesterday on our way to the Infirmary nearby.

As I paid for the shopping I noticed a row of posters on the supermarket wall offering helpful tips and suggestions.

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**AGEING CARROTS?**

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*Marita*

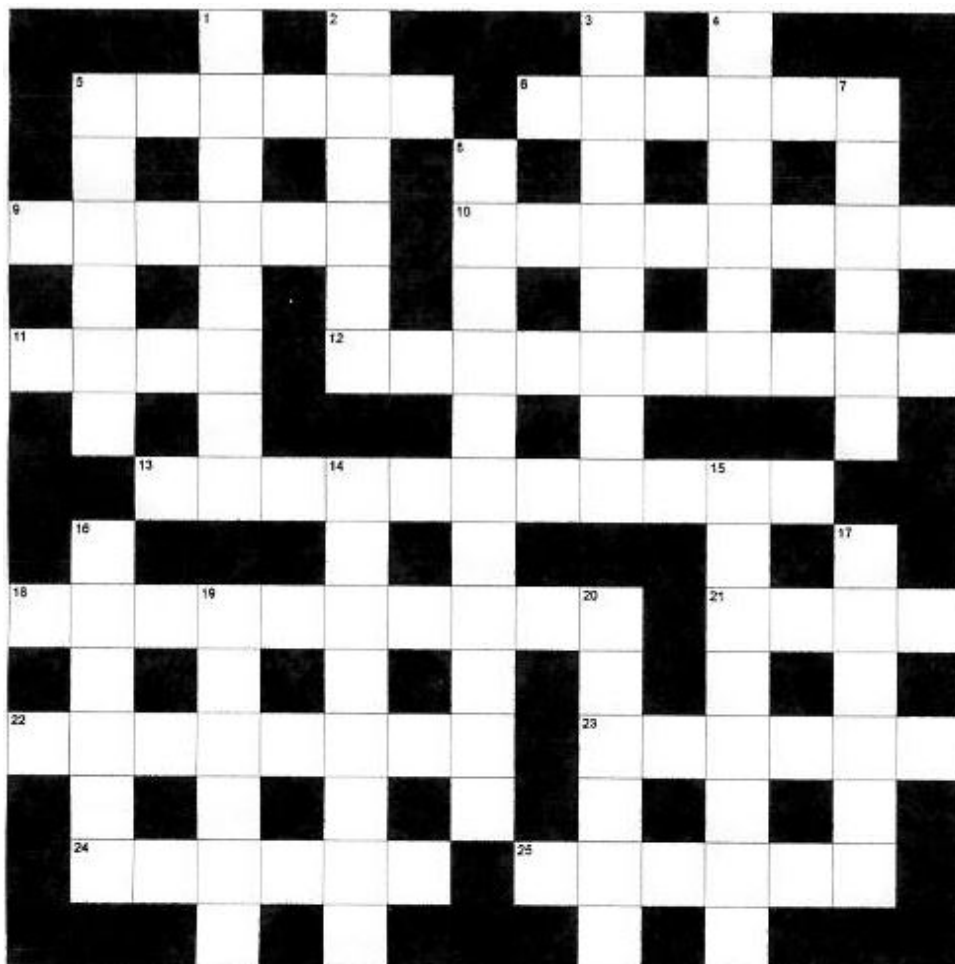
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## Across

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| 5. Thrasher improved when fifty replaced the junction (6)           | 13. Show it is not mastered (11)                             |
| 6. Pin an old cottage dweller together (6)                          | 18. Oblique hints about unions need (10)                     |
| 9. Customer called Patrick Reagan shortly (6)                       | 21. Winds Indian cloth (4)                                   |
| 10. Talk about copies and publish again (8)                         | 22. Starts round of course (5,3)                             |
| 11. Looks carefully into Tories candidates (4)                      | 23. Fiery weapon in a palm tree (6)                          |
| 12. Strip away five hundred and one pieces of ceremonial dress (10) | 24. A book by Ellery Queen without the Queen is exciting (6) |
|   | 25. Puts a gloss essentially into failed bets (6)            |

## Down

1. Malmsey drowned him out (8)
2. Directions to dean to take solid food (6)
3. In the company of a thousand model Bach (8)
4. The Old Bailey in a Roman villa (6)
5. Diverge from the local bank (6)
7. Change key about the melody (6)
8. Solemn pop group fill the cemetery (11)
14. To nearly be about is to be so decorated (8)
15. A monk traps pit in a mess (8)
16. Positively maintain its sin (6)
17. Fishes for goblins (6)
19. International certainty, just the opposite (6)
20. Oldest service of the Royal Navy (6)

Please drop answers off at Claire's by 20th Sept (or post to the editor)

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Denis Bell

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Seven entries - all correct

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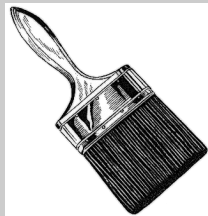
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14. BRAHMS AND LISZT
17. ICEBERG LETTUCE
21. LARGHETTO
23. EXPEL
24. MATER
25. SCIMITARS
26. TIMIDLY
27. MAGENTA

#### DOWN

1. ACCOST
2. VERMEER
3. SEPULCHRE
4. SECOND SIGHT
5. COS
6. BEFIT
7. RESISTS
8. TRANSITS
13. PANDEMONIUM
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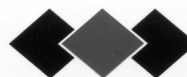
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## EGGSTRAORDINARY

This is not to disrespect (or diss as we young people say) the Co-op but I have found what is probably the most scenic place in Britain to buy eggs.

PS: The Editor is offering a prize to anyone finding a *more* picturesque spot. No, Tesco's doesn't count.

We're very particular in Berndt Towers about our eggs. I follow the wise maxim - never buy cheap Sushi or cheap tyres. Not if you value your life anyway. And along those lines, I don't buy cheap eggs.

Except these were! I'm used to paying around £4 a dozen and these were half that price. I'm almost reluctant to tell you where but, fool to myself, I will spread the word and share the love. Don't all *scramble* for the valleys!

I knew one could get fresh eggs from local hens because our neighbour Paul once brought me some. Only I couldn't remember where from. So, as I drove through Haydon Bridge this morning I spotted a likely looking woman emerging from a farm. I would ask her.

I could tell she worked on the farm because she had apple-red cheeks and muscular cow-milking arms. The bit of straw sticking out from her mop of curly blonde hair was a dead giveaway too.

I asked if she knew perchance where I might purchase some eggs from a perchery (crikey, try saying that after a few beers!). I was secretly hoping she would say "Step this way my dear, I have just the thing". But no.

She whispered conspiratorially that she buys hers from a place "up South Valley". And did I mind a bit of a trek?

Now I never let anything get in the way of me and fresh food so I said a little trek was no problem.

Trek? I needed a compass and a trained Sherpa!

As I climbed out of Tynedale Haydon Bridge fell lower and lower beneath me and finally fell out of sight altogether. No matter, I'm made of sturdy stuff and I wasn't going to let a dozen of Chicken Licken's finest get the better of me.

Just as I was thinking en'oeuf's en'oeuf (geddit?) I saw a sign saying FRESH EGGS. £2 PER DOZEN.

I turned right and followed a track, desperately hoping a tractor, fire engine or a flock of sheep would not come in the opposite direction. It didn't. I put my money in the honesty box and headed for Hexham to do the rest of my shopping. As I drove off I envied the gorgeous little cottages their vast view.

It's the middle of July and the temperature is 24 degrees (yup that one day of Summer if you can remember it). My dozen eggs are on the seat beside me and I'm nervous that they may become poached eggs if I leave them in the car too long.

If not, I'm going to use them tomorrow for breakfast and they'll be Eggsellent! Sorry - couldn't resist.

Marita

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## The Catton Silver Surfers Computer Club

I never thought I could enjoy email.

If you have ever had the kind of job where there are 300 emails are waiting for you if you have a day away from your desk you will sympathise. Now that I am retired there might be notifications from Facebook about the antics of the grandchildren or some amusing cartoon from a friend or an advert for my favourite shoe company or photos of the Canadian Rockies from Pinterest. Checking emails is no longer a chore!

When you retire you have time to use your laptop or tablet for leisure and dare I say it, just for fun. This is where the computer club comes in because sometimes it is nice to share the fun with others. Since we started the club last Spring one of my friends is now enjoying running a farm on Hayday, two have started playing Scrabble, one is planning a holiday by booking online, one can now receive and send email, and although I and others in the club may have helped them a little on their digital journey I have learned lots myself.

Sometimes the learning steps are small but essential, in my case having forgotten how to use tabs in Word, as I have always had a letter heading at work; I can now confidently organise my own letter headings. A major step was speeding up my laptop after loading Windows 10. I had almost given up; thinking I would have to buy a new one as it had become so slow and after a talk about editing photographs I discovered a whole aspect to Microsoft Office I didn't know I possessed.

I am off the wilds of Northwest Scotland in a few days and as much as I love the wildlife and the peace there is a little bit of me that misses my broadband connection. No chat with the family or friends, no looking up words I don't know from computer Scrabble, no catch-up tv, no BBC news updates, no access to online shopping to replace my e-book when I finish it. My family sometimes refers to my iPad as my dummy. Perhaps you would like to have more fun out of your tablet or laptop?

We welcome experienced members as well as complete beginners. Although at present having a summer break we will start up again on Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> from 2-4pm in Catton Chapel and perhaps you would like to join us. Later in September we will have a visit from a Barclays Digital Eagle who is going to give a presentation about Facebook and setting privacy options to keep us safe online.

In September we will start each session with a short structured lesson (about 30 mins) on a topic the members have asked for and then the rest of the session is spent helping people on a one to one basis with whatever expertise is available that day.

Well I must sign off as a friend is waiting for me to play my turn at online Scrabble. Hoping to meet some of you in September your friendly Silver Surfer.

Ring 01434 683154 for further information about the club.

*(P.S. it is free and there is usually cake but donations are welcome.)*



The Picnic in the Walled Garden was once again a huge success. The weather was warm and a bit cloudy so it was perfect for running around, playing games and having fun [and that was just the adults!] Cake, ice cream, balloons, bubbles, parachute, eggs and spoons, rounders, music and wet sponges all helped the afternoon along. Lots of tired and happy people.

The next GITS event is a quiz at the Havelock on **Tuesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 8.15pm**. It's to raise money for the New Year's Eve Fireworks and I'll be asking the questions. It's £1 per person and that includes Jo and Gary's infamous sandwiches and chips for supper. There's a beer question and a raffle. All donations for the raffle are greatly appreciated. Please come along and support us.

We had hoped to organise a Songs from Stage and Screen night in St Cuthbert's Church in September, but we're having difficulty finding anyone to sing. Such a shame as the last three years have been so enjoyable. If you know anyone who would like to be part of this.... solo, duet, group, choir – all welcome...please get them to contact me asap. The only criterion is that they sing songs that have been part of a stage show or film! Easy. If there's no response by mid August then we'll forget it.

There will be a disco in the Haydonion Social Club on **October 29<sup>th</sup>**. This coincides with Hallowe'en so it's a good excuse to dig out those bandages, brooms, fangs and capes. Watch out for more details soon.

Would you like to join us? We meet on the first Monday of the month at 8pm in the General Havelock. We'd love to see you there. If you can't commit yourself to being a 'fulltime GIT' perhaps you can be added to our list of helpers who can be contacted for events to help whenever you can. Ring me or contact any of the GITS.

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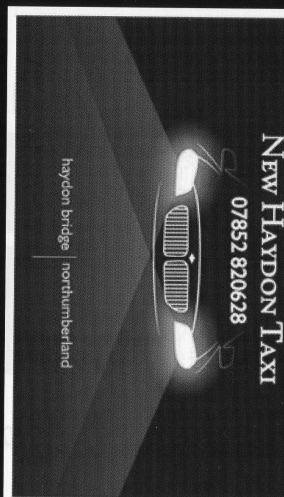


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