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Sunday (XMAS DAY) 25 th December 2015	OPEN AT NIGHT 8.pm TIL 11.00pm
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Saturday 31 st December 2016	SPECIAL NEW YEAR FAMILY PRIZE BINGO Eyes down 7.30pm + Hot Dogs after Come and welcome the New Year In with fun at your club
Sunday 1 st January 2017 (NEW YEAR'S DAY)	HAPPY NEW YEAR! Welcome 2016 and Celebrate with us! BINGO +KEY DRAW
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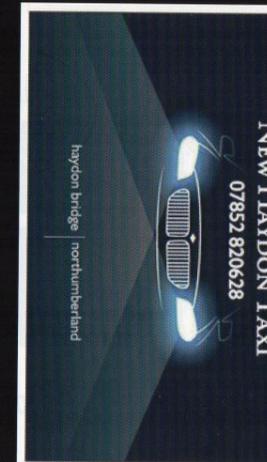
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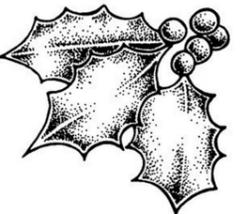


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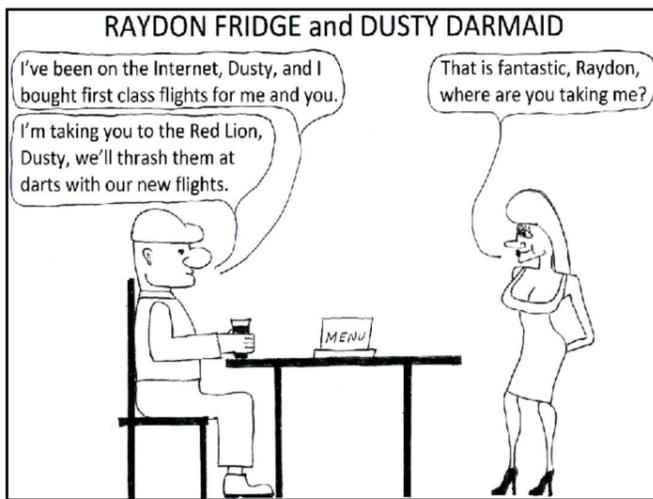
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- Plan early for Christmas - be realistic and budget accordingly. Work out how much you are going to spend on each person – and stick to it.
- Don't forget the everyday bills -remember that rent, the mortgage, utility bills, food bills and other existing debts still have to be paid – and the consequences can be severe if they're not.
- Don't bank on an overdraft - if you do need more money, don't run up an overdraft without talking to your bank first – it will work out more expensive.
- Keep things simple- if you can afford to pay for your goods by cash, cheque, or debit card, don't be persuaded to take out extended credit agreements.
- Shop around - try as many different places as possible to find the best price. Buy what you want and not what other people say you need.
- Buy safe to be safe - whatever the deal, whatever the temptation, don't buy from unauthorised traders and don't borrow from unauthorised lenders.
- Read the small print - check for hidden extras in any credit agreement. Work out the total amount payable. Ensure that the monthly instalments are within your budget before signing.
- Do your own credit checks - if you are going to use a credit card, shop around and compare terms.
- Be organised - if you've borrowed money don't forget that it won't be long before you have to make a payment. Make sure you pay on time, even if it is only the minimum, or you will be faced with additional charges.
- Start planning and saving for next Christmas - once Christmas is over, it's worth looking at what you did well and what you didn't.

Debt doesn't go away by itself. It can lead to serious consequences and ill health. If you do need debt advice now, call Northumberland Advice-line on 03444 111 444 or see our website for our opening hours:

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ADOXOGRAPHY

Hurrah! For those residents who are now making regular contributions to The Haydon News.
Boo! To those who drop litter and fly tip in our parish - and the usual dog poo bandits!
Hurrah! Hexham's M&S branch is not on the list for closure - at least, not on the list I have seen.
Boo! For the Parish Council having to have planning permission to shift a pile of gravel.
Hurrah! For the excellent health services provided by all the local practices and hospitals.
Boo! For the secrecy about the local 'Sustainability and Transformation' plans for the NHS.
Hurrah! For the new bus station in Hexham - I think it looks very smart. Especially the invisible clock, of course.
Boo! For Christmas lasting from mid summer to the end of January.
 With all the local, national and international developments that have occurred in 2016 I am oscillating wildly between despair and elation. Looking at the faces of Boris and Trump on their respective mornings after, I am reminded of the old aphorism about 'Be careful what you wish for - you might get it!'
 At the very least we live in interesting times. If Lord Farage's hints at civil disorder come to pass, in the event of *Brexitus interruptus*, at least we should be well out of it here and, if push comes to shove, we can eat the wildlife. The last episode of civil disorder that I can recall in Tyndale was when the riot squad turned out in Haltwhistle to deal with an overspill from The Working Men's Club (I think - I apologise if I have got the wrong address). But then, Haltwhistle...
 It was good to see such a large turn out at the War Memorial on Remembrance Sunday. Both old and young were present, which is very good. The number of WW2 armed services personnel still with us is very small and shrinking now. Those of us under 80+ years of age cannot have any firsthand experience of combat in a global conflict. Conscriptio is now a faint memory. According to Wikipedia conscription applied to all males between 18 and 51 - except those in reserved occupations or who were unfit or conscientious objectors. I cannot call to mind any century when the UK has not been engaged in large scale conflict. Next time, of course, conscription will apply

equally to males and females - if there is time to organise it. We must remember.

New Year's Eve Fireworks celebrations start at 11.30pm but actual bangs and sparkles are at midnight.

THE HAYDON NEWS

**WISHES ALL
 ITS READERS**

A VERY MERRY

**CHRISTMAS AND A
 HAPPY NEW YEAR.**



DEPUTY EDITOR REQUIRED

There is nothing excessively difficult about putting together each edition of The Haydon News, now that the new format has become more or less settled. It takes perhaps 20-25 hours per month, distributed over a couple of weeks and does not require a high level of computer skill.

Your current editor is starting to suffer from cabin fever as he cannot go away for more than a week or two, at most, for ten months of the year. For a retired old loony that is a bit of a bummer.

Is there anyone, or a small group of people, out there who would be willing to do the occasional month or two? Do be in touch if interested. Ta!

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A meeting of the Haydon Parish Council was held on 24th November 2016 in The Community Centre at 7.30pm.

Public Participation

One of the church clock faces' illumination seems to have failed. This may be due to building works. To be checked.

The roadway from the Church Street arch to the entrance from Ratcliffe Road, behind the Community Centre is in very poor condition. Progress along it with a wheelchair is positively hazardous. Ownership is to be investigated.

The increasing danger posed by the growth in traffic from the Showfield and the school related traffic was raised. Several suggestions were proposed: double yellow lines, notices, 20mph limit, an enforcement officer and/or spy van to attend, a school meeting - Cllr. Sharp agreed to take matters further.

Enquiry was made about the progress on the Church Street junction changes. No fixed date was available but further efforts are being made to remove the island.

The persistent Newbrough Road flooding was discussed though whether liability lay with NCC or the railway or Northumberland Water was unclear. Enquiries will be set in hand.

Haydon Bridge High School deny any knowledge of the money that was raised for the skate park. Attempts will be made to find relevant documentation.

Apologies

Were received

Declarations of Interest

Were sought

NCC

The Low Hall layby litter bin - estimates of cost and works required are now to hand and a decision to be reached to proceed. NCC will supply and install and empty the bin. The Parish Council will fund it.

The damaged rails on Church Street should be repaired soon.

The continuing problems with the Kattan drains were mentioned.

The trees at The Bridge should be pollarded before

the month end.

Other drain related work is in hand.

The possible car park development behind the Community Centre was discussed.

Steve Robson - Northumberland Water

This gentleman attended to field questions about floods and drains. The problems in Haydon Bridge are two fold: the rise in the river level resulting in flooding and the, usually coincident, rise in the quantity of surface water cascading down the hill.

The drain running along Belmont has recently been assessed (as have all the HB drains) and it was deemed that the possible upsizing that had been mooted was not cost effective within the Ofwat guidelines.

At present a joint scheme involving NCC and NW is under consideration. Consideration of the sewer provision is also occurring. Recent surveys have not revealed any defects of note.

Concern about the adequacy of the sewer provision for the extra houses at The Showfield and the intermittent odour problems in the area were discussed.

Mr Robson made the point very firmly that the likelihood of action on any problem increased in proportion to the number of complaints made. It is essential that anyone having a problem with water, sewerage, flooding or drainage makes use of the Hot Lines provided or writes a letter.

Highways and lighting

Problems with light on Church Street and Strother Close were noted.

Damaged handrails at Esp Hill and Geeswood were noted.

A meeting concerning the A69 junctions is to be held on 8th December.

The revised street lighting, so long discussed, should be installed during 2017.

Planning

Eight single bedroom supported living units with accommodation for staff on the old Anchor Garage site are proposed. Some irregularities in the documentation were noted and some reservations about parking and access expressed but no objections were made.

Accounts

Agreed and the precept set.

ISOS has agreed to donate the land adjacent to the adapted bungalow for use as a car park providing the PC covers the legal costs. The hunt for funding will now begin and planning application made. It is hoped that as many as eleven vehicles could be accommodated - this relieving pressure on the parking for the Community Centre.

Correspondence

The Core Strategy document has been received but has little to say about the parish.

Parish Projects

Planning permission for the gravel removal is await-

FOLLOW THAT CAR!

Some years ago I was invited to a posh dinner at a friend's house deep in the Northumbrian valleys towards Rothbury.

I could be grateful for my powerful Mercedes which easily manoeuvred the many sharp twists and turns as it effortlessly ate up the long miles. The dinner was also a huge success as several other friends had unexpectedly turned up.

All too soon, the evening drew to a close and it was time to leave. I had a babysitter at home looking after my young son so I was the first out of the door - just before midnight.

The journey back in the dark was very different from the journey there. The Cheviot Hills, which previously looked majestic and magnificent in the bright sunshine, now looked threatening and menacing in the night's gloom.

Knowing I still had almost a sixty minute drive ahead of me, I tried to go as fast as the law and the sharp bends allowed. This being the countryside, there were no lights. No other motorists. No houses. Nothing. Heck, I didn't even have mobile phone reception. Never have I been more grateful for my new car. And central locking.

Suddenly, behind me, I noticed a pair of headlights. I didn't know whether to be worried or pleased. The headlights came nearer. And nearer. I decided that when it overtook me, I would follow the car closely to at least have some company.

Except the car didn't overtake me. It stayed ominously just a few feet behind. When I slowed, it slowed. As I drove faster, so did they. In fact the driver mirrored my every movement. Alarmingly so.

Heaven knows I'm not a paranoid person, but this was starting to freak me out. The car stuck to me like glue and shadowed every identical left and right turn that I took. The road was beginning to narrow and I was forced to drive slowly despite every inch of me wanting to race ahead. An owl swooped low which didn't help my nerves one bit.

This carried on for more than an hour. I have rarely been so scared and I prayed for the familiar road signs and lights of my home village. My grip on the steering wheel left my knuckles white and my breathing grew shallow. A film of sweat formed on my brow. Still the car behind followed closely. I tried desperately not to think of those slasher movies where the poor victims meet a very bad end.

Finally after what felt like a hundred years, I could see street lights, house lights, restaurant lights and airport lights in the distance. At last! Thank you Lord! I'm safe!

As I reached the outskirts of Ponteland where we lived then, I pulled into a lay-by. If only to catch my breath and release my vice-like grip from the steering wheel. I sat back in the leather seat and slumped in blessed relief. I waited for my breathing to return to normal but then....

What's this??? The car behind now pulled into the lay-by too. Oh no!

Slowly, very slowly, the driver got out. A male. Tall and broad. It was like that moment in the Steven Spielberg 1978 film DUEL where the evil silent perpetrator gets out of his lorry and advances towards the helpless victim. Thump! Thump! Thump! And that's just my heart.

I sat clenched to my seat. And drenched to the brow. The man walked slowly over towards my door and knocked on the window. A faceless form in the dark. Shaking, I fumbled for the electric switch and opened it a few millimetres. Then I heard:

"Marita hi! Glad you're back safely. Janice and I left just after you and she told me to stay within a few feet of your car just to make sure you're ok. Cos you never know on these lonely country lanes. Anyway, you're nearly home now so good night pet!"

It was Geoff. My neighbour. He and his wife had been at the same dinner party earlier. In that moment I didn't know whether to hug him or punch his lights out!

Marita



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ed and the project may yet be accomplished in De-
cember. Further complication has arisen because
Thompsons are concerned about the depth of water
to be negotiated by their lorries.

The provision of sand stores, sand and bags is all in
hand. Lists of locations and wardens will be promul-
gated ere long.

The Ratcliffe Road bus stop is being manufactured
and should be in place by Christmas.

The Parish Council Focus meetings, held locally,
need to have a more senior person attending from
NCC. Various topics were raised at a recent meeting.
It is proposed that PCs in the west of Northumber-
land should collaborate and co-ordinate their actions
in connection with these meetings.

That decisions were being made in advance of any
consultation was held to be almost too obvious to
mention.

AOB

The possibility of a plaque in the village to com-
memorate the contribution made by the firemen was
raised and will be further evaluated.

Anton Philips, who has been running Langley Castle
for the Madnicks for nearly thirty years, is retiring
soon and it was felt appropriate for an appreciation
of his contribution to the community to be recorded.

The Madnicks have proposed a Northumberland Day
involving the whole county. This will occur in May
2017 and will require planning and co-ordination
locally.

Special mention was made of the need for the county
flag to be flown the right way up.

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Decem-
ber 15th at 7.30pm in The Community Centre.

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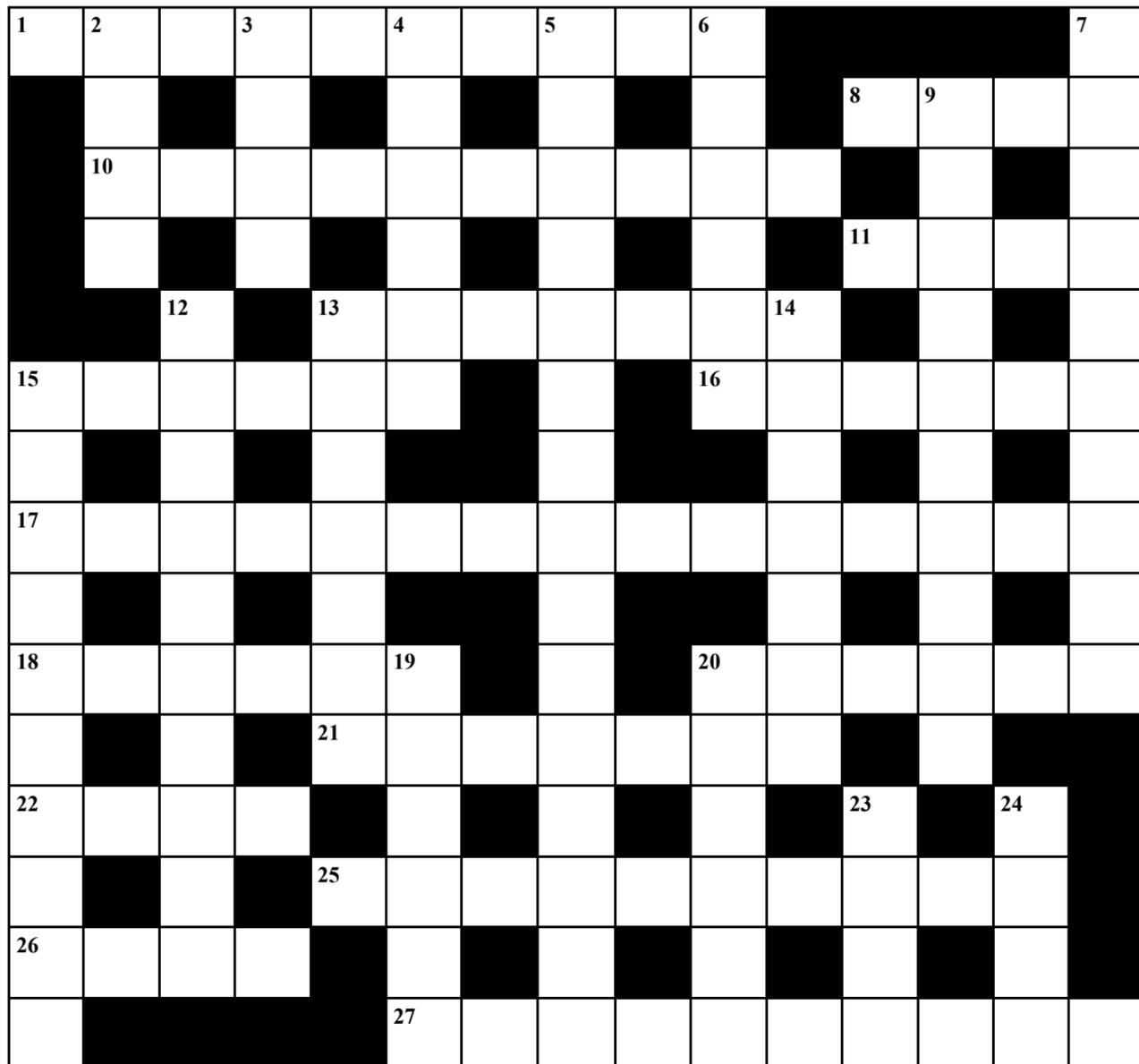
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16. Childless, Edison developed a belly. Boring! (6)
17. The first of Henry's turns on Nov. 5 ... (9,6)
18. Prisoner's at home with Buddy (6)
20. Swirling airs in Xmas pud, perhaps? (6)
21. ...the second of Henry's follows, soundly connected (7)
22. One hears a way of walking to the entrance (4)
25. Tossler, maybe, from a little tour (6-4)
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hope that the decision made by the county councillors of Northumberland, to return Haydon Parish's twenty first century fire fighting service to its nineteenth century provision, was not as foolish and short sighted as it seems to have been to many in our parish and beyond.

To be continued in 2017

LOOKING BACK : 1919
 In previous issues of The Haydon News I have recalled events in our parish during the Great War. Although the War ended officially on June 28th 1919, I will continue to look back at parish activity throughout 1919. This month, I look back at events in Haydon Parish following the war, from September 1919.

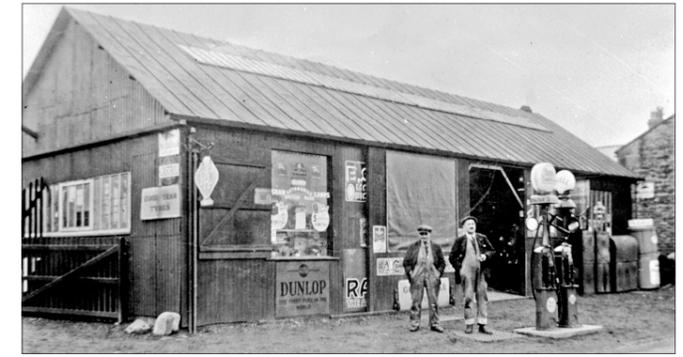
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This is a September 1919 advert from the Hexham Courant



And here are two views of C.W. McKay's 1919 Motor & Cycle Works (top) and (bottom) a later photograph of the Garage



Vroom Vroom: I wonder if Mr J.L. Hudson of Haydon Bridge was driving a motor cycle given a few extra revs at the hands of Charlie McKay, when he was fined ten shillings in October 1919 for driving in Beaumont Street, Hexham at a speed estimated at 25mph that was judged a danger to the public.

Railway Death: On Monday morning, September 15th 1919, the decapitated body of Mathew Cowing, a fifty seven year old general labourer of Haydon Bridge, was found by George Kent, a platelayer from Lipwood. The

deceased's body was lying at right angles to the outer rail of the up line, one and a half miles west of Haydon Bridge, one hand was gripping the underside of the rail, his head was completely severed and his hat was found ninety yards away. At an inquest in the waiting room at Haydon Bridge station on Wednesday, September 17th 1919, the coroner returned a verdict of 'suicide while of unsound mind'.

The King's Wish: At a meeting in October 1919, the Shaftoe School governors agreed an extra week's holiday could be taken in celebration of peace. Although the Education Committee objected, it was pointed out that 'it was the King's wish'.

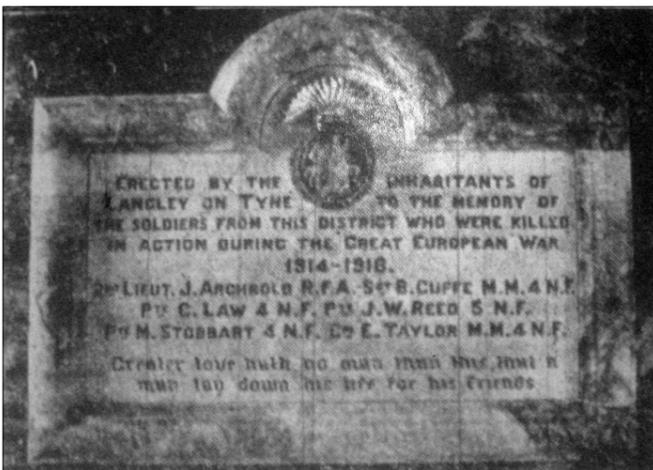
Howay the Lads: At the October parish council meeting in 1919, it was agreed that, 'a football field was becoming a necessity for the young men of the village and if a field of about four acres was not given, then the council would have to provide one'. Greenwich Hospital land to the west of Brigwood was suggested as one possibility.

The Flicks: An application was received by Hexham Petty Sessions in November 1919, for a 'Cinema Licence' and a 'Dramatic Licence' in respect of Haydon Bridge Town Hall. The secretary of the Town Hall, W.S. Walton, informed the bench that a fire proof building was being erected for the cinema apparatus.

Billiards: The final of the Victory Trophy, purchased from the remaining funds of the parish's 'Welcome Home Welfare Association' and valued at twenty five guineas, took place on armistice night in the Reading Room. The final was between George T. Brown and John Graham and George (Puddy) Brown won the trophy that had been keenly contested, there having been forty four entries.

James McQueen the, apparently, genial host of Haydon Bridge's Anchor Inn, died aged seventy three years on Monday, November 10th 1919. James had moved from Seaton Delaval to the Anchor eight years previously and had been a founder member of the Haydon Lodge of the Buffs (RAOB) in June of 1919. Mr E. McQueen, James' son, continued as host at the Anchor.

Langley Memorial: A memorial tablet to those from the district of Langley who gave their lives in the Great War, was unveiled in the Dean Raw School at Langley on Saturday, November 15th 1919. (Photo: Hexham Courant)



A COMPANY IN BATTLE

The unveiling of the Langley Memorial tablet, as reported in the Hexham Courant of November 22nd 1919, gives a brief insight into the activity undertaken by those men who left our district to fight for their country.

The Rev W.E. Pearson, referred to his close connection for ten years with the Haydon Bridge Company of the 4th Northumberland Fusiliers and the Reverend pointed out that when war broke out and they mobilised at Haydon Bridge Town Hall on August 4th 1914, only two men in the Company didn't answer the roll-call, and they had genuine reasons for not doing so. Barely nine months later they went to France and on their arrival, went into action immediately and the Haydon Bridge Company were chosen to direct the attack of the Northumbrian Brigade on St. Julian, a battle that was severely lost. Then, in 1916 in the Somme battle, they were given the most difficult task in the brigade; when they were placed on the right flank to advance past High Wood, held by the enemy and they did there what seemed the impossible. There again, there was the fight for Houthulst Forest in the 3rd battle of Ypres. They were again given one of the most difficult of tasks - to advance against a strong line of blockhouses - but they went forward and performed magnificently. These three instances, said Lt.-Col. Robb, showed what the high command thought of these men from the district and the great value they placed upon their capabilities. They placed no task too high for them and they were never disappointed. They did what they were given to do and they did it well.

Lt.-Col. Robb said the tablet unveiled at Langley would serve to keep the memory fresh and remind those in days to come of the great sacrifice made. He reflected that there were many sore hearts on Tyneside today but there would be many proud hearts for ever.

William Nelson: Reputed to be one of the best known men in the district at the time, William Nelson of West Mill Hills Cottages, died aged eighty four years on Monday, November 17th 1919. In the area from 1805, he had worked first at East Elrington for Robert Henderson and then East Mill Hills for Mr Langhorn, before twenty nine years with Mr Stephenson at West Mill Hills.

William Nelson had five sons and ten daughters, so, it seems likely that the family still have connections with our parish today. It would be interesting to hear from any of William's descendents.

Rent Day: Mr C.G. Grey, the agent of the Greenwich Hospital Estates, held the first of the estate's Martinmas rent-days at the Anchor Inn on Wednesday, November 19th 1919.

Welcome Home: Between fifty and sixty 'boys' who had returned from active service or were home on leave were officially welcomed home with a concert and dance on Friday November 28th 1919; the second such event in a short period. The Rev. W.H. Ainger said that those who were left at home had tried to do the best they could to keep in remembrance those who had gone forth to fight in order that people at home might live in safety.

blow, a self-employed bricklayer from Chester-Le-Street, had never actually liked the Jet he had dobed. (A tax man from Newcastle.)

My favourite nativity play story involves the little boy who fancied the part of Joseph, but because he was smelly and had a tendency to ad lib was cast as the inn-keeper. Harboursing his resentment, he decides to bide his time and wreak havoc on the big day. The teacher could tell he was a tad resentful but didn't think he could do any harm in such a small roll.

On the day of the performance everything went swimmingly until Joseph asked the innkeeper if there were any rooms. 'Why aye! Loads of space. Hawaay in.'

I feel very sorry for people who have their birthdays around Christmas and New Year. I am one of them and so is one of my sons, Sam. As a parent, it is very difficult to make them feel special when all you can really concentrate on is what Santa is bringing you. One of the great things about social media sites is that you find out how many people really care about you, as they send you lovely 'happy birthday' messages no matter what time of year it is. I had nearly 6.

This year I did find an upside to having a birthday the week before Christmas. Because my birthday has never seemed very important, even to me, I have not been paying attention to the numbers and have been telling people for the last year that I am 57. But, on my birthday, I realised that I was actually 57 this year. Result! I've had a year for nowt.

If you ever get a chance to go to the Ramside Hall Hotel in Durham, check out the mural paintings in the bar. It features cartoons of loads of people who have been there. Look who is under Martin Shaw and next to Ant and Dec. Albert flippin' Einstein, the cheeky nowts!

ALLEN VALLEYS PHYSIOTHERAPY

As the physiotherapist at Allen Valleys Physiotherapy, I have advertised in the Haydon News for some years. Now I've finally been caught up with and asked to write an article for it.

Perhaps I should say something about myself first. After working in the NHS for five years, I began working in private practice in 1989, initially in a locum, holiday relief capacity, and then the opportunity came for me to take over a practice in Sunderland, which I ran for nineteen years. After moving to the West Allen Valley in 2006, and commuting to Sunderland for a while, I opened a clinic in Allendale in June 2009 which is now based at the Forge Studios in Allendale. Since 2010 I have no longer worked in Sunderland.

My usual days work is spent treating conditions including bad necks and backs, headaches (which often originate from the spine), and a variety of other joint problems, knees, shoulder, sprained ankles, tennis elbows etc. These come under the general heading of musculoskeletal problems.

I try to use gentler treatment techniques to mobilise stiff joints, surrounding muscles, soft tissues and nerves, with

massage, vertebral and joint mobilisation. Home exercises are a vital part of the after treatment self care. Sometimes the spine may give off a cracking sound during treatment but I don't feel I have to necessarily achieve that to obtain the desired effect.

So what is that crack achieving? It occurs when the spine is placed in such a position and force then applied, which moves the joints of the spine further than they would move in every day life. This stretches ligaments, muscles and soft tissues surrounding the joint and can result in a popping sound. If you pull your fingers hard enough and fast enough, (don't necessarily try this) they may crack. This is thought to be the joint surfaces pulling apart, the joint fluid temporarily going into a gaseous state, and then back to fluid again after a short time. The same can happen in the spine. It can cause a feeling of relaxation around the treatment area, helping to realign bones and temporarily mobilise them. However, if nothing else is done after that in the way of postural correction, stretching exercises and core stability training, the situation may revert back again to the original state.

As far as back problems are concerned, prevention is better than cure and with the winter now upon us, life can get a little more physically challenging, trying to keep warm for instance. Reminds me of the song, "Summer time, when the living is easy....." and so it is, no logs or coal to get in, light nights to see where you are going, no ice to worry about.

Before any heavy lifting, ask yourself the following question, "What's the worst thing that could happen if you don't do it?" Then, is there an easier way the task could be done, perhaps by breaking it down, partially unload and carrying smaller units. It might take longer but it's better than having a bad back.

Try to prevent falls and other accidents by getting some salt to put down where you have to walk to the car or get the milk in etc. Keep patios clean and therefore less slippery in wet conditions. Easily attached mini crampons on shoes can also provide extra grip in the snow.

Once you've had one episode of back pain, there can sometimes be increased risk of having another, but once the condition settles down, it's easy to forget the pain and then do something strenuous that sets it off again. If you're feeling stressed or rushing, that's when you can be more at risk by not taking the time to think things through, find ways round to make it easier for yourself. Quick movements can cause injury too, rather than taking things slowly. We can be very careless at times, taking our body for granted and a sort of pride can take over when we think we can do things that we really should not physically attempt. One of the best ways to prevent back pain is to take a step back and think before undertaking the lift or other manual handling task.

I hope you have an injury free Christmas and New Year. All the very best.

Joyce Charlton

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EUROPE, AUSTERITY AND THE
THREAT TO GLOBAL STABILITY

inviting some form of sanctification of their proposals from the shade of the great man.

Mitteleuropa and *PanEuropa* were the brainchildren of Friedrich Naumann and Count Coudenhove-Kalergi respectively and were at their most influential in the early twentieth century. The former describes a central European integration run on German principles. The latter describes a more complete pan-European political and economic union. Count Coudenhove-Kalergi was a remarkable man and worth reading about in his own right.

From Bismarck onwards Germany has played a number of pivotal roles in the development of Europe. Not all of them quite as obvious or overt as WW1 or WW2 but despite everything they appear to hold the whip hand. Which annoys the French almost to the point of spontaneous combustion. The whirring noise is de Gaulle spinning in his grave.

Actually, it is more complicated and dark than that. In the wake of WW2 the Bretton Woods agreement sought to establish an American model of capitalism in the ruins of Europe, accompanied simultaneously by a ruthless process of intervention to eliminate left leaning governments and movements who might seek to develop more social democratic and collectivist ideas.

From an American perspective this worked well until the US deficit became problematic which is when Nixon rendered the Bretton Woods idea inoperative in 1971. Subsequently, the cherry on the economic cake, Bill Clinton repealed the Glass-Steagall Act in 1999 - and we all know where that lead.

It would be a mistake, however, to imagine that Germany, and hence Europe, is run from the Reichstag. Oh no! In

1966, for example, the Bundesbank orchestrated and ran a coup that ousted the then Chancellor Erhard and replaced him with a figure more agreeable to the bank, more malleable. And there's more too.

German bank domination is the key - the French got the bureaucracy. The EU ought to be a European Democratic Federation first, thus giving proper democratic legitimacy, and then economic and monetary unions could develop. Instead, based on the European coal and steel community, as the EU is, it is a cartel for commerce and against the people.

Sovereignty, the democratic deficit and possible future directions are all discussed.

The perfect Christmas present! *Steve Ford*

Brendan Healy Aged 57 and 4 days.

Every parent knows that feeling of pride when watching their children in the school nativity play, even if they are playing the part of a pineapple. Don't blame the poor teacher of your pineapple, she has to find parts for over 30 kids in a play where there are only about 10 characters...and one of those is usually played by a Cabbage Patch doll. Hence we find that baby Jesus, lying in his manger surrounded by sheep, donkeys, wombats, badgers and a giraffe, is often visited by 3 wise men, 3 shepherds, 5 spacemen, 7 power rangers and some exotic fruits.

Not that it matters really, because you can't see much past the sea of video cameras and mobile phones. All nativity plays are covered better than any royal wedding. In later years, it must be wonderful to look at the DVD of the back of the heads of other camera-toting parents who had the foresight to get there early.

I have seen other occasions when the cast of a show has been somewhat 'enhanced' by the director. An example would be when an amateur dramatic company does Gilbert and Sullivan's 'Pirates of Penzance.' It's the time of the year when everyone gets a part so that their interest in the society doesn't wane and they'll keep painting scenery until next year's 'HMS Pinafore'.

In these productions you usually find that General Stanley has been very busy having 84 daughters and there are so many pirates that their many assorted headscarves, doubling as pirate bandanas, would put the Queen's collection to shame. Not forgetting the overabundance of clod-hopping policemen, who are often in danger of collapsing the stage.

West Side Story is another popular production with 'am-drams', you can have so many Sharks and Jets that you can hide the dad-at-a-wedding type dancers at the back. I once helped out with the fight choreography for such a production and to my shame someone took a proper blow on the beak. He went off, dabbing his sneek, instead of doing the professional thing and making his way to the front of the stage where the audience would be able to admire the realism of my work. I do suspect that it wasn't my fault and that the particular Shark who struck the

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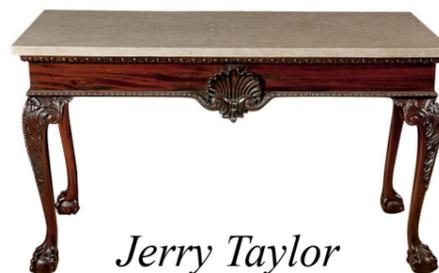
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Full and Overflowing: Shaftoe Trust School pupils provided the entertainment in Haydon Bridge Town Hall on Thursday, December 18th 1919. The object of the event was to provide finance for a Memorial Tablet for the 'old boys' of the school who fell in the War. The Town Hall was described as 'overflowing' and between sixty and seventy pupils took part, raising £38 towards the Memorial fund.

And ... Full and Overflowing: Ending the year 1919, a most offensive nuisance was located at Lipwood and Middle Lipwood farms. It was here where the Sanitary Inspector found in one case, sewage and surface water flooding the farm houses and buildings and in the other, sewage being discharged onto, and by the side of, the main country road.

HAYDON PARISH 'HOME FRONT' : 1939 - 1945

My earlier Second World War 'Home Front' notes have been published in The Haydon News between July 2015 and November 2016.

In this issue, I continue with my notes from June 1942.

Thomas Frederick Bell: News of the parish's fifth WWII death was received with sadness across the district. Thomas Frederick, the son of Thomas and Jane Bell (nee Stobart) had died on December 19th 1941 aged 26 years.

Anniversary: The Hexham Courant of June 4th 1942, reported on the Haydon Bridge Elmfield Sunday School Anniversary Saturday afternoon tea, followed by games in a field lent by Mr & Mrs Routledge. (The Elmfield Chapel was a forerunner of today's Methodist Chapel on Church Street.) The Sunday School scholars who took part included: Irene Ossleton, Mary Stokoe, Pam Sloan, Brian and Margaret Watson, Amy Stokoe, John Oliver, Norman Forster, William Veitch, Marlene Turnbull, Jill Rogan, Norma Brown, Dennis Oliver, Aileen Hill, Noel Oliver, Dennis Boyd, Rene Lax, John Leathard, Bobby Beckworth, Laurence Mitchell, and Isobel Charlton.

A Grave Situation: In June 1942, The Reverend C.C. Fox pointed out that at the present rate of burials in the parish, he estimated that the cemetery in Haydon Bridge would only last another two years before being full.

The cemetery referred to by the Rev Fox in his warning, was the extension to St Cuthbert's Haydon Bridge burial ground. The extension to the eighteenth century (Church Street) burial ground was opened above the California Gardens in December 1869/January 1870. It was another ten years after the Rev Cox's warning, before the new Langley Road cemetery was ready for use in 1952.

George Johnson: One of the best known farmers in the district, George Johnson of West Wharmley, died aged sixty nine on June 16th 1942. Mr Johnson had devoted a lifetime breeding and rearing Clydesdale horses and died from his injuries after being thrown over his horse's head onto cobble stones in the farmyard. George Johnson had had sixty six years connection with Wharmley when he died and, of course, the Johnson family still farm West Wharmley in 2016, a connection of one hundred and forty years!

Deuce: The Haydon Bridge Central Methodist Church, July Tennis Tournay was won by Miss Jean Telford and Mr George Moore. Winners of other competitions on the day included the Misses Audrey Elliott and Amy Stokoe.

John Sidney (Sonny) Mason: was killed in action on June 6th 1942 aged 21 years. From Pagecroft, 'Sonny' left a wife, and ten month old son whom he had never seen. He is buried along with five hundred and fifty other Commonwealth servicemen in the Knightsbridge War Cemetery in Acroma, Libya.

James Edward Brown: Eddie Brown, aged 22, of 17 Church Street, Haydon Bridge, was posted missing on July 18th 1942. (His death at Alamein was recorded on June 6th 1942) Eddie, the son of Edward and Winifred Brown (nee Robinson) was an outstanding young footballer who played three times for England Schoolboys while at Shaftoe Trust School. (See also, notes on my visit to Eddie's final resting place, HN November 2010.)

Charles James Patterson is another of our young men who, like Sonny Mason, has the Acroma, Libya cemetery as his final resting place - so, sadly, it is unlikely I will be visiting either of these two graves any time soon. Charles

James, son of Blanche Patterson, died on June 10th 1942.

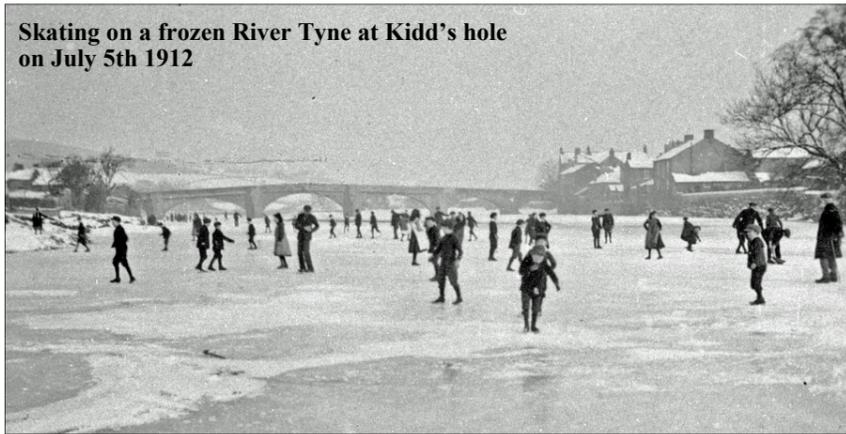
Chesterwood: The 270 acre freehold farm, was offered for sale on July 27th 1942. Bidding commenced at £4,000 and was withdrawn at £4,800, but sold later at a higher figure to a private buyer .

No Longer a Free Man: George Cooper Freeman, an eighteen year old farm worker from South Shields, stole a leather wallet and £5-10s from his employer's house at West Land Ends in 1942. Freeman was sent to prison in July for one month with hard labour.

Show Queen: The crowning of Miss Amy Stokoe as Show Queen, attracted a large crowd to the Town Hall on Thursday, August 13th 1942. The crowning ceremony was performed by Miss Elizabeth Veitch of Land Ends Farm and the Queen was presented with a Bible by the Rev C.R. Ransome. Miss Stokoe was attended by Miss Norma Brown, Peter Snowball and William Veitch. The ceremony included a programme of choruses and country dances performed by Sunday School and Shaftoe Trust scholars. The event, including a slide show and stalls, was organised by Mrs W. Watson of 'The Buildings' and Miss Usher, Miss Dorothy Todd and Miss B. Stokoe.

BEST WISHES FOR CHRISTMAS AND 2017 TO READERS OF THE HAYDON NEWS AND MY HISTORICAL NOTES

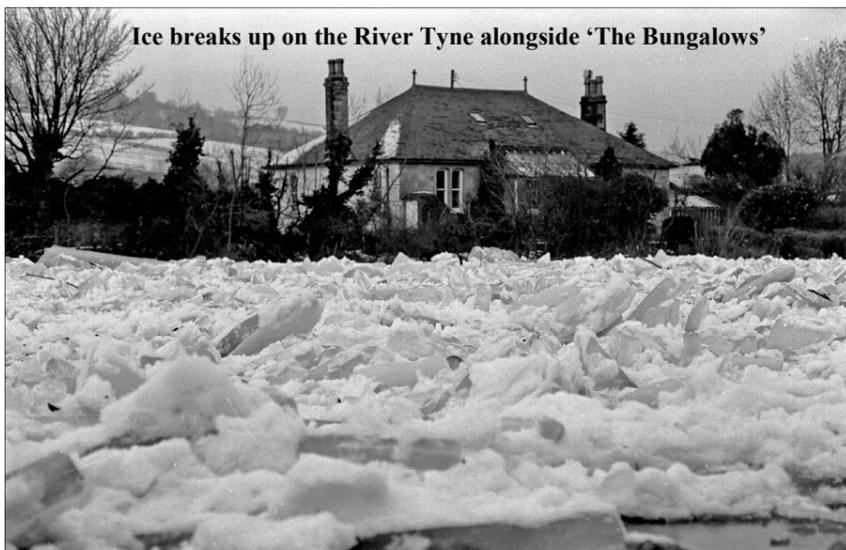
I leave you in 2016 with winter views in our parish from years past. The skaters in 1912 included my dad, as a six year old. The winter of 1947 was one of exceptional falls of snow and one of my vivid early memories, as a six year old, was this walk with my dad to Elrington, where the snow had drifted over seven foot high and above the first floor of the cottages.



Skating on a frozen River Tyne at Kidd's hole on July 5th 1912



A Sunday afternoon walk to Elrington with my dad in the winter of 1947



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Elfoot, snow bound in 1947

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Joyce Armstrong

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Wednesday

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 Art Group - 6.30pm (bi monthly)

Thursday

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 Parish Council - 7.30pm (4th Thursday)

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 The Bodley Head, London.
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This book is the most interesting that I have read this year. If you thought you knew all that you wanted to know about Europe and the EU then think again. The author was the Greek Finance Minister during the most torrid moments of the post 2008 crisis that engulfed much of the world but especially Greece. He knows where quite a lot of the bodies are buried and has some astonishing revelations to offer about the origins of the present problems that afflict Europe and the global economy as well.

Varoufakis' writing is lucid, engaging and literate. This is not a dry-as-bones economics textbook nor simply an historical treatise nor an insufficiently researched and considered rant. Though it is clear that the man and his country have suffered horribly at the hands of the Eurocracy, he retains objectivity and can identify those within and without Greece who deserve either praise or criticism.

The historical perspective offered extends back to Charlemagne and takes in Bonaparte and Bismarck on the way toward the twentieth and our own century.

The idea of 'Europe' as a single entity is probably justifiably ascribed to Charlemagne. None of the other empires or continental conquests really qualifies in the same way. Recent French and German leaders have made pilgrimages to Charlemagne's resting place when initiating significant European developments, presumably invoking or

NOTICES & WHAT'S ON?

HAYDON BRIDGE UNITED ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL CLUB
HBUAFC hold their monthly meeting on the first **Monday** of every month at 7.30pm in the Lounge of the **Anchor Hotel** where representatives of every football team in the village are invited to attend.
 This meeting is also open to members of the public.

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City of Sanctuary

Northumberland County of Sanctuary Press Release

Northumberland County of Sanctuary is a new voluntary organisation which is being established to help create a culture of hospitality for refugees coming to live here. Above all to provide practical support, friendship and a welcome to the rich ordinary life of our communities for people who have suffered violence, oppression and the destruction of their own daily lives in the places that they have called home.

We are a small but growing group of Northumbrians who are delighted to link with the developing national City of Sanctuary initiative to respond to the worst humanitarian crisis since the Second World War. We are proud of our County, of the warmth of Northumbrian communities and we consider that Northumberland has something really important, and good, to offer to people who have suffered so much.

A big part of County of Sanctuary is also about spreading awareness of the plight of refugees, about supporting initiatives to help them wherever they may be living in the world and talking to people in Northumberland about the issues and engendering many different ways in which different elements of our communities can offer support.

It's the Inaugural General Meeting of Northumberland County of Sanctuary on Saturday December 3rd at St James' Community Centre, Wellway, Morpeth at 2pm.

We are delighted that Ian Lavery MP will be coming along to express his support along with Sarah Smart of the neighbouring Newcastle City of Sanctuary and Ali from West End Refugee Services (WERS) in the City.

Northumberland is a wonderful County and everyone is welcome to attend and to help develop yet another way of demonstrating our warmth and hospitality to the neediest people in the world.

Further information:

Hilton Dawson 07767356867

Or:

Wendy Bond

[wendynbond@btinternet.com]

January 10th

Award-winning film "Salt of the Earth"

The life and work of photographer Sebastião Salgado, who has spent forty years documenting deprived societies in hidden corners of the world. Presented by the Wildlife Group and STS at the **Comrades Club, Haltwhistle starting 7.30.**

For the last 40 years, the photographer Sebastião Salgado has been travelling through the continents, in the footsteps of an ever-changing humanity. He has witnessed some of the major events of our recent history; international conflicts, starvation and exodus. He is now embarking on the discovery of pristine territories, of wild fauna and flora, and of grandiose landscapes as part of a huge photographic project, which is a tribute to the planet's beauty. Sebastião Salgado's life and work are revealed to us by his son, Juliano, who went with him during his last travels, and by Wim Wenders, himself a photographer.

"a shattering, thought-provoking testament to Sebastião Salgado's career"

Lazy River Jazz Band

Playing at the Green Room Jazz Club at Blenkinsopp Castle

Inn 8 to 10.30 Fridays, December 9th and 23rd.

New Year's Eve events in Greenhead:

James Bond Night

- come dressed to kill! at the Greenhead Hotel.

Cumberland Hot Shots at the Blenkinsopp Castle Inn.

Christmas Farmers' Market

11th December at Greenhead:

Food & trees in the village hall;

Crafts in the function room at the Greenhead Hotel

EDIT & DOODLE

Traces In The Sand

A recently formed collaborative arts group Edit & Doodle in Haydon Bridge has come up with their very first project, speedily assembled during November, in response to the Facebook post on Haydon Bridge Matters by the local man Dan Dowling. The original post asked for "boxes of hope" for children and adults in the war-torn Syria.

The shoeboxes are supposed to contain small presents as well as practical items such as toothbrushes or socks. The E & D artists decided to use their talents and produce a one-of pamphlet called Traces In The Sand with poems and illustrations raise some money for the charity. The pamphlet will be available online from Amazon in December. More details to follow.

Here is the title poem:

Traces In The Sand

A bottle with a teat

Rancid milk spilling onto the red hot stones

Wrapped with dying seaweeds

A scarf, a birthday gift from a man

A wet sandal, dotted with sparkling grains,

Moving up and down with rising waves

Two people lying on the beach

The mother's eyes eternally fixated

On her baby's frozen face

Her arm wrapping the body

In the last act of love

OIL CO-OP

After a six year period the operation of the Haydon Bridge Oil Co-op is being handed over to Ms. Ann Rooke.

She will be sending round an introductory email in due course and the quarterly routine will continue as before - unless or until she chooses differently.

The email address is: fuel@haydon-bridge.co.uk

Heating oil, red and white diesel and, possibly, LPG may be available in the future.

Do encourage friends and neighbours to join - with Trump and Brexit the price is sure to rise.

Steve Ford

CHURCHES WORKING TOGETHER

CLERGY MESSAGE

From: Rev. Dr. Benjamin Carter.

Have a very surprising Christmas!

Life is full of surprises, and this past year has been full of them; some good, some bad, but all surprising.

Christmas is a time of surprises; whether in the surprise that you feel at receiving an unexpected present, or the surprise visit of an old friend or family member. You might love surprises, you might not; you might be disappointed by them, but it's hard to deny that Christmas is a time full of surprises.

Given all I've said about surprises it might seem strange for me to say that the most familiar thing about Christmas, the story of Jesus's birth in a stable in Bethlehem, is the greatest surprise of all.

We are so used to living in a world where some people think that if they want to be noticed they must be in the media, being as visible and noticeable as possible. Next to this, it is very surprising that God showed his love for us through the birth of a baby, to a young mother, in a poor family, in a quiet back-water. The surprise of Jesus did not end there. Rather than seek influence by spending time with the rich and powerful, Jesus spent time with the ordinary people, and even the outcasts of his society, to show that the love of God is a gift given to us all, no matter who we are.

The great surprise of Christmas is that its central gift, the birth of Jesus, is a gift aimed not at those who can afford it, or those who think they deserve it, but at you, me, and everyone simply because God loves us for who we are.

Whatever Christmas holds for you, I hope that you will be able to take time to appreciate all the surprises that Christmas has in store for you. I know that in all the Christmas services in the Churches of Haydon Bridge, which are listed in the Haydon News, you will receive a warm welcome, and a space to enjoy and give thanks for the gift of Christmas.

Above all can I simply say have a very merry and surprising Christmas.

Your Vicar

Benjamin

Methodist Church Christmas Fayre Saturday 3rd December 2 – 4pm

Usual stalls:

Christmas, Candles, Cakes, Tombola and more.

Teas to be served all through the afternoon

Special Visit of Santa (at approx 3pm)

All very welcome

Street Nativity

**Saturday 10th December 11.15 am
in Community Centre**

During St. Cuthbert's Christmas Coffee morning, a Street Nativity will take place. Please come and join in with the Carol Singing and listen to the Christmas Story in word and song.

**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

Advent 2:

Sunday 4 December 2016

9.30: Parish Eucharist (BCP) St Cuthbert's Beltingham
11am: Parish Eucharist with Storybook Church, St Cuthbert's Haydon Bridge
4pm: Haydon Bridge Christmas Lights switch on.

Advent 3:

Sunday 11 December 2016

9.30am: Parish Eucharist with Storybook Church, All Hallows', Henshaw
11am: Parish Eucharist, St Cuthbert's Haydon Bridge
1pm: Messy Church Christmas Party, Bardon Mill Village Hall
From 4pm: Bardon Mill Christmas Lights switch on, Bardon Mill Green.

Advent 4:

Sunday 18 December 2016

9.30am: Parish Eucharist, All Hallows' Henshaw
11am: Parish Eucharist in St Cuthbert's Haydon Bridge
3.30pm: Beltingham with Henshaw Carol Service, All Hallows' Henshaw
6pm: Haydon Bridge Carol Service, Methodist Church

Christmas Eve:

Saturday 24 December 2016

4pm: Haydon Bridge Crib Service, St Cuthbert's Haydon Bridge
6pm: Beltingham and Henshaw Crib Service, All Hallows' Henshaw
11.30pm: Midnight Mass, St Cuthbert's Haydon Bridge

Christmas Day:

Sunday 25 December 2016

9.30am: Parish Eucharist, St Cuthbert's Beltingham
11am: Parish Eucharist, St Cuthbert's Haydon Bridge

Tuesday 27 December, 2016

3pm: Words and Music for Christmas, St Cuthbert's Beltingham

Naming and Circumcision of Christ:

Sunday 1 January 2017

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

Epiphany:

Sunday 8 January 2017

9.30: Parish Eucharist with Storybook Church, All Hallows' Henshaw
11am: Parish Eucharist, St Cuthbert's Haydon Bridge
3pm: Epiphany Carol Service, Haydon Old Church

Epiphany 2:

Sunday 15 January 2017

9.30am: Parish Eucharist, All Hallows' Henshaw
11am: Parish Eucharist, St Cuthbert's Haydon Bridge

Epiphany 3:

Sunday 22 January 2017

9.30am: Parish Eucharist, St Cuthbert's, Beltingham
11am: Parish Eucharist, St Cuthbert's Haydon Bridge

Saturday 28 January

10.30am: Messy Church, All Hallows' Henshaw

Candlemas:

Sunday 29 January 2017

10am: Joint Eucharist, St Cuthbert's Beltingham
3pm: Evening Worship for Candlemas, Haydon Old Church

Fourth Sunday before Lent:

Sunday 5 February 2017

9.30am: Parish Eucharist (BCP), St Cuthbert's Beltingham
11am: Parish Eucharist with Storybook Church, St Cuthbert's Haydon Bridge

A VIEW FROM UP THERE

John Harrison

We are not yet in to the depths of winter but the problems with flood waters return, not on the river but on the B6319 east to Newbrough (Station Road and beyond). For some strange reason no one seems to be taking responsibility for doing anything about it. I wonder how long it will be before someone comes to serious harm. Last winter the flooded B6319 claimed a good number of registration plates and diesel engines. As I approached the flooded area yesterday evening I narrowly avoided becoming its next victim, just managing to emergency stop only 2-3 metres in to the water. The flood was in the pitch dark and was not signposted. Come on somebody, this is a real danger – or perhaps you just don't care. Talking of wet weather

During October the weather map was dominated by high pressure to the north-east for the most of the month which means inevitably that that there wasn't much 'weather' around during October although there some interesting interludes. But high pressure usually means relatively inactive weather so much of October was dull with low cloud and drizzle. The wind was mostly light and I had to record 'Calm' on two days, which is rare in a hilly area. Pressure rose rapidly over the first few days as high pressure became established over Scandinavia, effectively blocking off Atlantic weather systems. The winds were dominantly light easterly and very little rain fell over the first nine days. Conditions were generally rather dull with low cloud and drizzle although this occasionally cleared by afternoon to give us some glimpses of sun. The 4th was a particularly warm day, reaching 17.7 degC here at Plunderheath. Pressure remained high until the 12th but frontal systems brought occasional cloud, slight rainfall and a fresher breeze.

Low pressure moved in from the south after the 15th which brought a more unsettled feel to the weather for a while. Winds became moderate to fresh at times with rain falling as blustery showers some of which were quite heavy. Pressure started to rise again on the 19th, bringing a return to calmer but occasionally rather murky conditions for a few days, after which unsettled weather brought exceptionally mild air in from the south and the wettest period of the month. By the 28th rising pressure brought a return to lighter winds, low cloud, fog and drizzle, but the wind stayed in a mild southerly direction.

By the end of the month my lawn was still growing and we were still picking tomatoes. And the 'experts' are telling us that globally 2016 is going to be the warmest yet BUT this could change next year as the El Nino effect subsides, to be replaced by El Nina. Whatever !!!

Monthly Weather Summary (Haydon Bridge : Height 162m asl)

Month	Average Maximum Temperature (Daytime) Deg C	Relative to long-term average degC	Average Minimum Temperature (Night-time) Deg C	Relative to long-term average degC	Rainfall mm	Percentage of long-term average
October	12.8	+ 0.1	6.5	+0.5	49.6	57

And finally, Gladys tells me that a friend of hers who is vicar of a large rural parish recently almost knocked a cyclist off her bike. He stopped the car and ran back to see if he had injured the cyclist, who had fallen off her bike and was sitting at the roadside. All was well but in case the cyclist needed to be in touch with him, he left his usual calling card on which were printed the words "The Rev Morris is sorry to have missed you today".

CHARITY QUIZ NIGHTS AT

THE GENERAL HAVELOCK, HAYDON BRIDGE

All quizzes start at 8.15 pm - cost is £1.50 per person

In addition to the Quiz, the evening includes the famous 'Beer Question', Refreshments and a Raffle Team size from 2 to 8.

The quizzes have raised £2168 so far during 2016 (up to November).

Programme for 2016/2017

December 13th "Josie's Dragonfly Trust" Queenie Quiz

January 24th 2017 "Haydon Bridge Parish Church"

February 21st Great North Air Ambulance

March 21st Breast Cancer NOW Queenie 'Wear it Pink' Quiz

Bids are invited for any registered charity for any of the monthly slots in 2017.

Bids for quizzes to John Harrison via the General Havelock or on Johnandaveril@aol.com.



HAYDON BRIDGE NATURE CLUB



TALKS DURING DECEMBER AND JANUARY

DEC 8TH PEAT, SPHAGNUM & RESTORATION BY ABI MANSLEY

JAN 12TH DILSTON PHYSIC GARDEN BY KAY COOK

JAN 26TH BEAR AND LYNX IN GEORGIA BY NICOLA FAULKS

7.15 PM AT HAYDON BRIDGE METHODIST CHAPEL INCLUDING REFRESHMENTS

MEMBERS FREE

VISITORS £4.00

HAYDON BRIDGE NATURE CLUB MEETS FORTNIGHTLY BETWEEN SEPTEMBER AND MARCH AT THE METHODIST CHAPEL IN CHURCH STREET: ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP IS £20.

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

December 4

10am Morning Worship Diane Wylie
2.30pm Carol Service at Haydon View

No 6pm Service

December 11

10am Morning Worship
Including Toy Collection For Salvation Army
Envoy Eunice Blakey

6pm Communion Worship Rev. Terry Hurst

December 18

10am Morning Worship Mark Knowles
6pm UNITED VILAGE CAROL SERVICE
Deacon Anne Taylor

December 25

10am Family Service Deacon Anne Taylor
No 6pm Service

January 1

10.30am Joint Service At Fourstones Methodist
No 6pm Service

January 8

10am Covenant Service Rev. A. Dawson
6pm Local Arrangements

January 15

10am Morning Worship Ian Warburton
6pm Readers Service Don Jowett

January 22

10am Morning Worship Mark Knowles
6pm Evening Worship Jackie Males and
Hexham Community Church

January 29

10am Morning Worship Bob McAlpin
6pm Evening Worship Rev. Alex Dunstan

CHRISTMAS CHURCH SERVICES 2016

STREET NATIVITY

Saturday 10th December 11.15am (during Coffee am)
IN THE COMMUNITY CENTRE

VILLAGE CAROL SERVICE

Sunday 18th December 6pm Methodist Church

CRIB SERVICES

Saturday 24th December 4pm St. Cuthbert's Church
6pm Henshaw

Proceeds from those services above which take place in our village, will be split three ways: Cafod, Action for Children and Motor Neurone Disease.

EXTRA SERVICES

Saturday 24th Dec 11.30pm St. Cuthbert's
Midnight Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICES

St. John's Church 9.30am Nativity Mass of the
Lord Jesus Christ
Bellingham 9.30am Parish Eucharist
Methodist Church 10.00 am Christmas Day
(Family Service)
St. Cuthbert's Church 11.00am Parish Eucharist



Total Village Collection for the Annual Poppy Appeal 2016 amounted to £1,563.50



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cling though. That was particularly dangerous because any vehicles travelling behind us also had to drive through the same dust cloud, but they couldn't see that we were already in it, just ahead of them.

Our accommodation varied each night, from tents in the remote bush, to huts in small settlements, to even an occasional proper bed, which was very welcome. Some campsites were spectacular locations on the banks of the Zambezi River, but we were a bit apprehensive on the night that we saw the "Beware of Crocodiles" sign next to our tents!

Most of us faced personal challenges within the main challenge. Mine included toothache throughout, four crashes, resulting in some significant skin loss, and on day 4, after cycling 130 miles, I developed severe diarrhoea shortly after our evening meal. I spent that entire night on the toilet, with not a wink of sleep. As I sat there at 4am, pitch black, shivering in the freezing cold, totally dehydrated and desperately tired, I was certain that I couldn't possibly wear cycling shorts with such a medical condition, and that my challenge must surely be over.



That was without doubt my low point. Thankfully my symptoms eased by 6.00 am and I was able to give it go. It was a day of 95 miles entirely on rough bush roads. I survived the day on water and plain bread buns, and as the day finished, I'd ridden a total of 225 miles through the African bush, in 36 hours, with no sleep. I told myself that it could surely only get better from here! Thankfully it did.

Some people had expressed reservations at the risks of cycling through such remote areas of an under-developed African country, but the Zambian people were never other



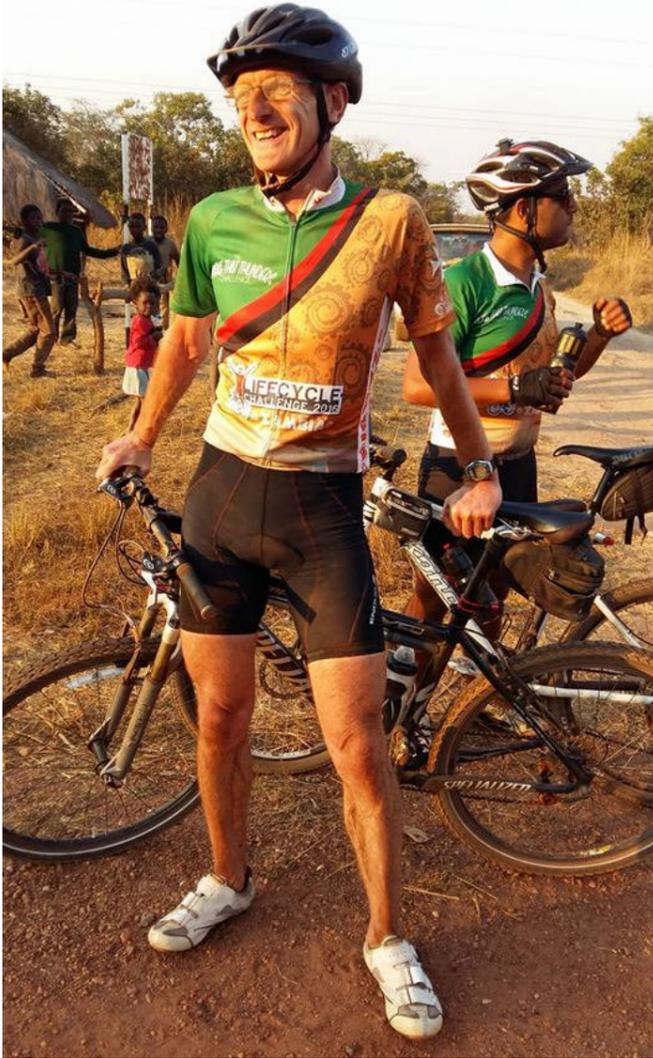
than welcoming and encouraging, and at no time did anyone feel even slightly threatened. To see such warm, friendly, people, who had so little and yet asked for nothing, was very humbling. It was wonderful to see everyone just going about their daily lives, lived so differently to our own, and always finding time to smile and wave to us.

Out of the ten cyclists that took on the challenge, Alan and I were two of only five to successfully complete the full route. The support we received throughout was fantastic. Such an undertaking can only be partly-planned in advance and so the logistical challenges were constant, varied and unpredictable. Without such a capable and resourceful support team, I am not sure that any of us could have completed it.

I raised exactly £5,000 for the Life Cycle Challenge Foundation and would like to thank all my family, friends, clients & colleagues for so generously supporting me in the challenge.
David Armstrong



“Smoke That Thunders”



Some Haydon News readers will know me, some will know Alan Curry, some may know both of us, but many will know neither. Alan and I were both born & grew up in Haydon Bridge, lifelong friends, from families that have lived in the village for generations. We played football and cricket together for the village teams, before Alan left for a career in the RAF. He later returned with his wife, Carmen, before moving to Malta, 20 or so years ago.

That is all relevant, because it explains how we both ended up cycling around Zambia this summer to raise funds for the end-stage renal failure charity that Alan founded, after Carmen suffered renal failure. The **Life Cycle Challenge Foundation** began in 1998 when, after Carmen returned to good health, Alan cycled 2,000 miles home from Malta to Haydon Bridge to raise money to support the renal department at their local hospital that had treated her.

The Foundation raises most of its funds from a demanding annual cycle challenge, of around 1,250 miles over 10 days, on mountain bikes. It could be anywhere, and this year's challenge was a route around Zambia from Lusaka, heading initially north, then west, then south following the Zambezi River, and ending on the Victoria Falls Bridge on the border with Zimbabwe. Ten cyclists took on the challenge, supported by a team of volunteers from Malta and a local Zambian support crew. The challenge was called **Smoke that Thunders**, the traditional local

name for the Falls.

It proved to be a real adventure. After travelling for 2 days from Newcastle to Lusaka via Malta and Dubai, with no sleep, we re-assembled our bikes and managed about 6 hours sleep before rising at 4.45am for day 1, which was to be 140 miles. There's no phasing-in-gently with Life Cycle Challenge!

This was the theme for the challenge. Days usually commenced at 4.45am, so that we could eat, pack away and be ready to set off between 6.15 – 6.30 am, as daylight



broke. It was technically winter in Zambia, which meant the dry season, and the temperatures we faced ranged from -1c at daybreak to +36c later in the day. This range was tricky to dress for, having only minimum kit with us. Some days were very challenging, with the longest being 146 miles, and overall we averaged out at 115 miles per day. Doing that average mileage every day on a mountain bike would be quite an undertaking in any situation, but it became more so when we had to deal with terrain that varied from smooth tarmac, to rough, rutted, African dirt roads, and everything in between, sometimes having all in the same day, and often facing a stiff headwind.

Some days involved battling constant heavy traffic, much of which was mining juggernauts, heading in or out of the northern mining region through which we were passing. They had no respect for cyclists and we had to be constantly alert to take swift evasive action.

Roads were so bad at times, that trucks would ignore their lane and just drive to avoid the potholes, which made it doubly-difficult if trucks were travelling in both directions and both wanted to take the same line, because we would usually want to take that line too!

Where the roads were wholly or partly dirt, the trucks would create huge dust clouds that we couldn't avoid cy-



THE NORTH EAST IN TWELVE IMAGES

1. EDLINGHAM



This series of pieces is about byways, not main roads.

I'm not asking you to ignore the great sights of North East England: Lindisfarne, Durham Cathedral, Alnwick Castle, Hadrian's Wall, the Northumberland Heritage Coast, Beamish, the Angel of the North, the Tyne Bridges and many more wonderful places. How could we forget the unforgettable that have so shaped the region and made it familiar to people across the world?

But I want to take you to some of the North East's less familiar sites, landscapes and buildings. I'm suggesting twelve to start with that are largely off the main tourist routes. And I begin with a remote little place that seems to me to sum up so much of the spirit of this part of England. It's the village of Edlingham just off one of Northumberland's most beautiful roads that strides across the sandstone hills between Alnwick and Rothbury.

I was vicar of this parish more than 30 years ago when it was part of a united benefice with Alnwick. Getting out to the church could be tricky on winter days. One snowy January Sunday, there were just two of us in church for the morning service. The other person had also driven out of Alnwick and across the moor, bringing with her the church silver for communion. We had to break the ice on the water cruets that morning, I remember.

This is wild, craggy country, quintessential Northumberland. The views across the Vale of Whittingham as you come off the moor are outstanding, with Cheviot and Hedgehope prominent on the horizon. The tops are often white with snow between November and May – the best time to walk the Cheviots if you don't want to find yourself knee-deep in mud. You can see the little village below you as you drive towards the turning.

It's an enjoyable surprise, then, to find that Edlingham has a fine group of historic buildings: a church, a castle and a railway viaduct. Just like Durham. The viaduct used to carry the North Eastern Railway's branch line from Alnwick to Cornhill. It barely lasted 40 years and was closed to passenger traffic in 1930. But the viaduct makes a splendid backdrop for the older buildings in front.

What is left of the Castle is an imposing ruin of a 13th century fortified manor house. It was progressively fortified in the following centuries against the ever-present threat of raids across the Scottish border. The tower is not a keep but the remains of the *solar* or principal living room of a manor house. It has been voted as one of the best three castles in Northumberland.

The Church of St John the Baptist dates from around the Norman Conquest, though the mighty tower, rough-hewn

chancel arch and aisle piers make you feel that it's almost dateless, as if it has simply grown out of the ancient stony hillside. The church's foundation takes us back indeed to Saxon times when these lands were gifted to the community of St Cuthbert that grew up around his memory (the church of Old Haydon has a similar history). Today's community is developing plans to use the church as a gateway to the heritage of the area and for village activities.

I said that Edlingham somehow sums up the spirit of the North East. Its remoteness is part of that. But these three buildings between them symbolise the history of North East England: an ancient church connected to St Cuthbert, a castle that speaks of a marcher region that has been fought over for so many centuries, and a viaduct that recalls the huge impact of the industrial revolution on the area. All this in the middle of deep countryside. Go and see for yourself.

To get there: take the A1 to Alnwick, go through the town following the signs to Rothbury (B6341). The road climbs steeply on to Alnwick Moor. The turn for Edlingham is on the right about 5 miles along. Or just north of Morpeth, you can take the A697 towards Wooler and turn right at a crossroads on to the B6341.

Michael Sadgrove

Haydon Bridge United AFC

Season 2016/17 – November Update

With the changes in weather over the month a number of fixtures were postponed due to frozen or waterlogged pitches, even so it's been another busy month at the club, with some fixtures continuing across the north east and the installation of our new Under 7/8's pitch. Extending even further the facilities at Low Hall Park.

The Club

Continuing our introduction of those involved behind the scenes, this month we focus on **Paula Collis**.



Paula first got involved with the Haydon Bridge United around 14 years ago when her oldest son started playing for the club. Since those early days Paula has gone on to manage/coach the team with Tony Jenkins and Colin Banks until the teams last season 2010/11 as U17's.

Paula has been the club's treasurer, and since 2009 the club secretary and Welfare officer, Paula states "We have a good pro active bunch on the committee which helps make my job easier"

Our Teams

Development Squad

Training for the development squad continues on Monday nights from 17:30—18:30 on our 3G pitch.



Under 7/8's

The team have continued their great start to the season with more great performances and scoring over 30 goals in the last month alone! We played our first home games of the season on our new pitch, huge thanks to David Kirsopp and Paula Collis for setting up the pitch and installing the new goals!

All the players are enjoying playing for the club and we have more players coming through the development squad to add to teams next season, the future looks good for the club.

Under 7/8's

Under 9's



Another busy month for the Under 9's with some tough opposition and even tougher playing conditions experienced across the month. Throughout the month the players have continued to play good football and have worked hard in training. Some great individual performances from Daniel Barrett, Daniel Alderson and Jake Tulip.

Under 10's

The last few weeks have seen some brilliant play developing from our Under 10s side. Our Team Captain, Wilf Daykin, earned himself Man Of The Match away against Stocksfield Hornets due to his fantastic defensive efforts throughout the game against a well organised side. Noah White also had an outstanding game in Midfield, and set up the goal scored by Tom Taylor. Goalkeeper James Sowerby's skills were tested as he saved 15 shots during the match, and Kristian Parker and Robert Harrison worked hard in defence to stop Stocksfield in their tracks. Both Charles Younger and Ryan Brown made use of their new passing skills developed during training, and worked in partnership throughout Midfield.

Our next league game was away against Prudhoe Lightning. Wilf Daykin earned himself MOTM again following his stint in goal during the second half, giving Goalkeeper James Sowerby a well-earned break from the pressure. Defender Kristian Parker blocked a number of clever shots by Prudhoe, while Noah White and Robert Harri-

son kept the game fast paced. Midfielders Ryan Brown and Luke Scorer pushed forward throughout the match, allowing Tom Taylor and Charles Younger to run rings around the Prudhoe defence

Under 13's

Despite winning against Blyth Rangers Deportivo 3-2 in a cup fixture only two weeks ago, the league fixture this weekend didn't go quite as well with the Under 13's losing 7-1. Goalscorer was Jordan Reynolds and MOTM Niall Buchanan

We were knocked out in the 3rd Round of the Shiremoor Press NFA U13 Cup losing 7-1 at home v Newcastle East End Blues. Goal Scorer Jamie Connor, MOTM Shay Dickinson

Under 14's

The U14's progressed to the next round of the league shield after a 5 - 1 away victory at Ponteland United Pumas. Goals from Cameron Robson (2), Aaron Davidson (2), and Archie Richardson secured the victory. A very good performance from all the guys and the MOTM award going to Hal Hodkinson.

The team were back in league action with a win against Kingston Park on Sunday following a postponed match the week before due to waterlogged pitch. The game was in doubt following overnight frost but the pitch passed an early morning inspection. Goals from James Percival, Josh Burville, Cameron Robson, Aaron Davidson, and MOTM Harry Crowe. What was very impressive was the fact that 50% of the goals were headers!

Under 14's

Under 15's

The u15s lost away at Team Gosforth in the League Shield at the end of October. Our only goal scored by Joey Robson. MOTM Owen White



A frustrating few weeks followed for the under 15's with matches called off due to waterlogged and frozen pitches.



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We still need volunteers to be marshals at the event; it involves marshalling the closed bridge at either end for one and a half hour shifts, in pairs, between 3pm – midnight and the new bridge at either end from 11.30pm – 12.30am Please contact me on the number below or you can find me on Facebook.

Our AGM will take place at the Havelock at 7.45pm on December 5th

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A good night was had by all that attended the Hallowe'en Disco at the Haydonian on Oct 29th.

People were very slow to arrive - probably because there was so much else going on in the village – but the place was certainly jumping by the end of the night. There were some fantastic costumes – a lot of effort was made. Thank you to Toddy for the music, the bar staff at the club and to everyone who gave raffle prizes and helped out.

HEARTS & STARS

We are selling Hearts and Stars again this year. Write a wish, message or dedication on a heart or star – or just decorate it. You can then put it on your own tree or we'll put it on one of the trees on Church Street. We'll be at various events around the village leading up to Christmas or you can contact me on the number below or on Facebook. Hearts and Stars are £1 each and all proceeds go to the Get It Together Society Fireworks fund.

HAYDON BRIDGE FIREWORKS

It's nearly that time again and everyone in the Get It Together Society is really excited about the fireworks from the old bridge on New Year's Eve.

Shaftoe Trust Primary School is organising a competition in school to find two lucky children to start off the fireworks. We look forward to finding out who they'll be!

As usual the bridge will close at 3pm to allow the fireworks company to set up the display while there's still a bit of light, so allow yourself a couple of extra minutes to cross the river.



Haydon Bridge Festival returns
Saturday 24th June 2017