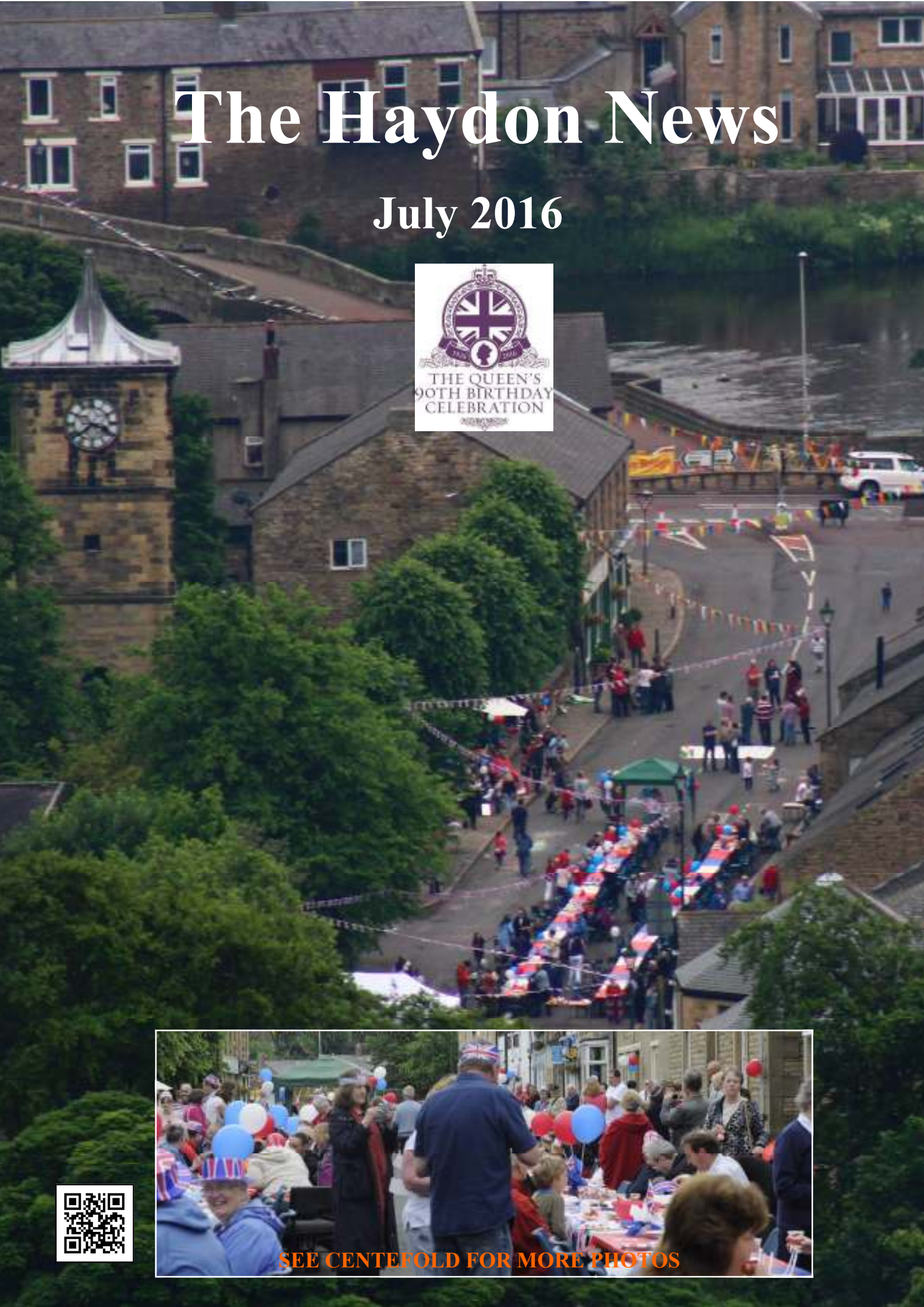


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The democratic die is cast and a period of uncertainty and change, at the very least, will follow. Predicting the outcome is futile. Anything between the realisation of the roseate hopes of the Brexiters to the realisation of the worst case scenarios offered by the Remainers is possible. Decades must elapse before we know. Anyone want to buy a four bed detached?

‘We should peruse the past, in order to prepare ourselves for projecting the present into the future. But sadly, we're never finished with the past, and must live with it forever. To quote Kierkegaard, "Life can only be understood backwards, but it must be lived forwards."‘ This quotation comes from The British Medical Journal website and contains more wisdom than almost all of the public discourse during the referendum campaign.

I thought it worthy of note that the retiring editor of the BMJ is going to live in Germany because of the risk of Brexit - so I wished him Auf Wiedersehen and many happy schnitzels!

Thank goodness it's over anyway! I don't want to hear about any more referenda until further notice.

I am delighted to report that The Haydon News' secret agenda, to overtake the circulation figures of the UK's allegedly most widely read propaganda organ (The Daily Kampf), is succeeding beyond our wildest expectations. On 14th June our website's daily hit rate reached the unprecedented level of sixty. World domination is anticipated before Christmas, at the latest. My thanks to Henry Swaddle for his maintenance of the website and, of course, to Dennis Telford for his uploading duties - amongst other things.

My most grateful thanks to those who have made voluntary donations to The Haydon News recently. Delivering a Haydon News through your letter box ten times each year costs about £8 per household. If

you felt able to make a contribution or wished to join the organisation it would be much appreciated.

Waitrose, in Hexham, is shortly going to be raising funds for us with their green token scheme so I urge you to consider availing yourself of the opportunity to contribute in this way too.

The Q90 and Haydon Hundred events have both been a tremendous successes. Lots of thanks and congratulations to those who put so much time and effort into organising such ambitious and complex endeavours. We have many pictures in this edition covering the events from a number of village photographers - my thanks to them too. It was with particular pleasure that we hosted the Royal Corgis.

Does anyone know who fly-tipped the rubbish filled dumpy-bag on the lonnen? It is in everyone's interests to try to stop this sort of anti-social behaviour. The police now hold regular liaison meetings with the community in the Methodist Hall - see page 23 - that would be an ideal opportunity to grass up the culprits. Yvonne is all ears.

Dog fouling remains an active concern for many, as witnessed by contributions to Haydon Bridge Matters. Greyhounds are notoriously dim witted and hungry, albeit affectionate, and a recent visiting example of the breed managed to find our sack of wild bird seed. This unfortunate coming together of dog and bird seed resulted in several kilograms of malodorous flapjack scattered around the garden. When taken in conjunction with a powerful new mower, courtesy of Hexham Machinery Centre...perhaps it is best to simply draw a discrete veil over the ensuing debacle.

Many thanks to whoever donated the new planters at the front of the Community Centre. They certainly spruce the place up nicely.

*Steve Ford*

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A meeting of the Haydon Parish Council was held in the large upstairs room of the Community Centre at 7.30pm on 23 6 16.

### **Public Participation**

The church clock was noted to be slow by some minutes and this will be put right anon.

It was reported that the turf is not being replaced on the tops of the new graves in the cemetery. The grave digger is to be contacted about this. It was also noted that in the original plans for The Showfield a bus stop for the Allendale bus was supposed to be installed adjacent to the cemetery. That there is no Allendale bus seems to have not been an impediment to this undertaking.

It was reported that the planning process for The Showfield extension has been paused at the request of the developer whilst access problems are reconsidered.

**Apologies** were noted.

**Declarations of interest** were invited.

**The minutes of the previous meeting** were confirmed.

### **Flooding**

The EA is reported to have said that work in the river will start in the summer and be completed by the autumn. Some of the accumulated gravel will be moved behind new barriers which will in turn be anchored firmly to the surrounding ground and bedrock between The Anchor and the new bridge. At this stage it is not clear what provisions are to be made for the repair and protection of the banks by Rock Springs.

Further removal of gravel is not to be permitted too, though the arrangements required have yet to be finalised. The possibility of a profit for the Parish Council was aired only to be dashed by considerations of potential liability arising from gravel removal works. Thompsons are to be contacted to attempt to clarify what is possible.

It was noted, with some asperity, that the management responsible for the river repairs in Haydon Bridge is separate from that obtaining at Lipwood, where massive works are urgently needed to defend the A69. The possibility that such works had been pencilled in for 2020/1 was noted. The whole river system really needs to be considered as a single entity in order for decision to be taken and priorities determined.

The Brigwood defences also require augmentation.

### **NCC**

Cllr Sharp reported that the new bin at the west end is well used but not well installed. The bin by the club is awaiting confirmation of the location of services under the pavement. The proposed bin by Low Hall will be provided by NCC but the installation is for the PC - assent was forthcoming for this.

The skip at Langley, to cope with the traveller's refuse remains under consideration though NCC has cleared the area. The risk of fly tipping was mentioned.

Litter by The Showfield - whether it has been cleared was unknown.

The problems with the planning for Belmont await further reports.

On site meetings about potholes are being arranged.

A 30mph limit on the road past Woodhall Mill will be pursued.

The details and practicalities of Community Asset Transfer (re: Fire Station) need further consideration.

A wide ranging discussion about the persistent problems with traffic and parking around the junction of Church Street and Ratcliffe Road occurred. Several solutions were proposed. The Co-op's co-operation is to be sought.

The narrowing of the footpath outside The Railway, with tables, chairs and notice boards, was discussed and it was proposed that a discrete word with the owner was the simplest first step.

### **Highways**

The problems delineated by the bollards by the club remain to be resolved.

The bunting around the village needs to be removed and some of it replaced for future use.

### **Lighting**

The NCC website has an abundance of information about lighting, amongst other things, though it is not so easy to use. The middle lamp on the old bridge was reported to be faulty.

### **Planning**

West Moralee - no objections.  
2 Stublick Cotts. - no objections.

**Accounts** agreed.

**Correspondence.** A cheque from Youth Drop-in has been received.

### **Parish Projects.**

The Haydon Hundred ended up hosting 260 riders which made the entire project very healthily profitable.

The Bridge has had the patch of land to the south tidied up with a view to installing a seating area with planters.

The Q90 clean up and party went very well indeed. Praise was heaped upon the many younger people who joined in with the activities, before, during and after. It is a great delight to see their contribution to the life of the Parish.

The cost of the installation of the bus shelter opposite the Community Centre has yet to be resolved.

### **AOB**

The Toddler's group at the Fire Station will become homeless in early July and two members of staff have left. The Community Centre is an obvious choice of alternative venue and various funding options were aired. The issue will be considered further at the next meeting.

The dead tree and pot by the old Post Office needs to be removed and various alternatives for enhancing the appearance of that corner were considered. A new tree and planter, a sculpture or a sundial were suggested and readers of The Haydon News are invited to offer suggestions.

The fly tipping on the Haresby Lonnen is to be dealt with by NCC.

The rumoured change in status of local schools, to academies, and the possibility of a new school being built in Hexham were discussed. Whilst it was agreed that a careful watching brief was required the council also expressed a wish to meet the new head of Haydon Bridge School and an invitation will be extended to her and to other involved persons to attend a future PC meeting.

The trees at the top of Martins Close require pruning.

The flagstones on the path past Brigwood to the river are reported to be hazardous.

The possibility of transferring the old speed camera from the east end to the A69 was discussed but the imminent arrival of new digital cameras make this unlikely.

Exasperation with the intermittently locked public toilets was expressed. That the locks are timer operated caused councillors to ask what the fees being charged actually cover. Questions will be asked of the responsible department.

The next meeting of The Parish Council will be on 28th July at 7.30pm in the Community Centre.

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**HAYDON BRIDGE FIRE BRIGADE****Part 2**

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

**Part 1 was published last month (June 2016)**

**In last month's Haydon News, I introduced you to Haydon Bridge's 'new' Fire Brigade of the 1920s; a forerunner of our present brigade. It is likely that our parish council recognised the need for a well trained and organised group of fire fighters, following a fierce blaze at the premises of the Langley Barony Coal and Fireclay Co. Ltd. at Langley early on the morning of Thursday, April 28th 1927.**

It seems that around 2.15am on the Thursday morning, the night manager, Arthur Payne of Catton, was attending the kilns when he noticed flames coming from one of the drying flats where fires were burning for drying purposes. Arthur immediately gave the alarm and with volunteer help managed to isolate the fire in one large two storey brick building and an engine shed. Thomas Briggs, the works manager, W.S. Walton, a director of the company and E. Marshall, secretary were soon on the scene. The Hexham and Newburn fire brigades were summoned but didn't arrive until 5.15am and 5.45am. (*a message here for our 2016 County councillors*) Water was plentiful in the Langley Dam and fortunately there was no wind but, nevertheless, there was extensive damage.

It was June 13th 1928 before the 1927/1928 brigade's first official practice took place and, by this time, our councillors had inspected a 'fire conveyance' with a view to purchase but, 'although it was a useful wagon', the price of £4-10-0d was far above the council's means and 'a halt was called' to the purchase.

Incidentally, there were some rather interesting published requirements of those who sought a volunteer fire fighter's role in 1928. (*See right hand column*)

By October 11th 1928, a scheme to share fire appliances with the Hexham brigade had fallen through - the Haydon Bridge parish councillors did not want to lose control of their local brigade - and on November 8th 1928, our fire station moved to new premises in an old stone built stable along Belmont. (*Interestingly, from October 1932 these old stone buildings, most of which have been demolished recently in favour of housing in the vicinity, also became a garage for the parish hearse.*)

It seems that one of our newly trained fire brigade's early official call outs was in early January 1929, and they had their equipment from Belmont to a position below Low Hall and the water ready for action within eight minutes of the alarm.

In January 1931, the first signs appear that our Parish Council was in danger of losing control of its local fire brigade. A letter was received informing the parish that Hexham Rural District Council (RDC) had entered into an agreement with Hexham Urban District Council (UDC) for the use of their fire engine in rural areas. The RDC asked if Haydon Parish Council would be agreeable

**WOULD YOU HAVE QUALIFIED FOR  
OUR 'NEW' FIRE SERVICE IN 1928?**

There were some interesting published requirements of those who sought a volunteer fire fighter's role in 1928.

Firstly; 'bearded men with long bushy eyebrows' were ruled out. (*Sorry Tashy!*) And so were those guilty of the pernicious habit of cleaning their clothes with petrol, and those who wore celluloid collars.

Overly spirited men or those of a touchy disposition who would flare up at the least provocation, were not desired. Neither would 'soppy' men or those of pessimistic temperament - often referred to as 'wet blankets' - make the most successful firemen.

Training of the fire fighter was deemed essential and it was aimed at the all round development of the senses; so that a fireman may detect and recognise a fire by sight, touch, taste, smell, hearing and hearsay. Deliberation and dignity rather than speed when fighting a fire should be aimed at; it was considered unwise to rush towards a fire as that would only fan the flames. Many suggestions were given on keeping cool while fighting the flames, and the different holds to be employed in rescuing from burning buildings: i) An old woman. ii) A six month old baby, and iii) A very beautiful young lady. (*I'll leave that one to your imagination gents!*)

to the UDC becoming the fire protection authority for Haydon.

Our parish councillors agreed, but only for outlying parts of the parish, as it was anxious to keep its own brigade for use in the village. A month later, the parish was informed that the new UDC agreement would add a halfpenny in the £ to the local rates and, although our Parish Council had little choice but to accept this, they again requested that the present brigade be kept for the village.

In October 1931, our village brigade had been supplied with an extension ladder, but pressure continued from the RDC to reach agreement for the Urban DC to be the fire protection authority for all. The Parish Council rebuffed a further request in January 1932, but, by July of that year when they were told that the £17 a year it cost to run our parish brigade would not be refunded to the parish from the rates collected in Haydon, but would have to be borne by the parish, our councillors accepted defeat and agreed to allow the District Council become the fire protection authority for the whole of the parish.

By 1934, the number of firemen housed at Haydon Bridge was reduced to seven: Captain Tom Snowball, F.C. Brown, W. Greaves, J. Armstrong, R. Robinson, T. Birnie and C. Towers, but it seems likely that a complete hand over to the District Council was delayed until the National Fire Brigades Act of 1938, by which time the threat of war with Germany shed a totally different light on fire protection in the parish and we had two voluntary organisations looking after our residents' interests. Our local Air Raid Precautions (ARP) wardens, with Edward Kirsopp as Chief and wardens Tom Snowball, George Natrass and Henry Watson ensuring that the black-out was observed, warnings of air raids were given, and gas

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masks were provided and checked; and, at the outbreak of war, the **Auxiliary Fire Service (AFS)** was formed. At Haydon Bridge, John Spark (Captain), Herbert Robinson, Jack Leathard, James Drydon, George Thompson and Ted Raine were each volunteer members of the Auxiliary Fire Service.

In May 1940, Hexham Rural District Council agreed to station one trailer pump with the AFS at Haydon Bridge in case of fire and it was also agreed that it was necessary to have a man in charge of the village warning system twenty four hours a day. One month later, on June 17th 1940, the brigade, by now under the command of Edward Kirsopp, had their first experience of fire fighting with the trailer pump when more than an acre of brushwood surrounding a saw mill north of New Alston took fire. The flames were reported as 'leaping to a height of thirty feet or more' and it took a detachment of soldiers as well as our local AFS brigade to bring the fire under control.

By this time, the Haydon Bridge Fire Brigade had moved their premises from Belmont to the old Nissan hut on John Martin Street, where they remained until a new fire station was built on Greenwich Hospital land at the west end of California Gardens.

The Haydon Bridge AFS had become the first brigade in the district to receive certification for dealing with high explosive and incendiary bombs, in June 1940. Edward Kirsopp also reported to Parish Councillors that three stirrup pumps had been provided for Haydon Bridge and Warden, with a further twenty eight expected, along with helmets for the firemen.

I have been told that, in October 1940, there was great excitement among the AFS crew when Hexham District Council purchased a car to tow the Haydon Bridge trailer pump. It was agreed to keep the car at the Haydon Bridge fire station. (See page 8)

By the end of the year, twenty three stirrup pumps had been allocated for fire fighting in the parish: Three at Langley, one each at Elrington and Chesterwood, two at Brokenheugh, six between Chesterwood and the station gates, six between the station gates and Ratcliffe Road and four on the South Side. Additionally, by February 1941, over two hundred residents in the parish had been trained in fire fighting skills as a support for the auxiliary service. By May 1941, the fire station at Haydon Bridge had also been equipped as a night shelter for the use of local ARP wardens and other Civil Defence services. Some form of heating had been provided, along with a kettle for use during 'alert periods'.

In August 1941, the name AFS, if not the local personnel, was changed when the regional regular fire brigades and the AFS were merged and all local authority fire services were transferred to a **National Fire Service (NFS)**. This was the situation until, following the Second World War, the Fire Services Act (1947), transferred fire fighting functions in Great Britain to local authorities.

On Saturday December 11th 1943, our fire fighters were called to the Haydon Bridge Town Hall Cinema and one of the most serious incidents they had dealt with.

Eighteen year old John Bowman and his assistant sixteen

year old Sid Thompson were working in the projection room above the ticket office when Jimmy King, who was an unauthorised visitor to the room, nipped out the lighted end of his cigarette and it fell onto highly inflammable nitrate film lying on the floor. Flames and fumes spread quickly through the projection room and into the entrance area and cinema on the ground floor. The cinema was evacuated and the fire extinguished. Fortunately, John, Sid and Jimmy recovered from the trauma, although, John and Sid each spent a month in Hexham Hospital.

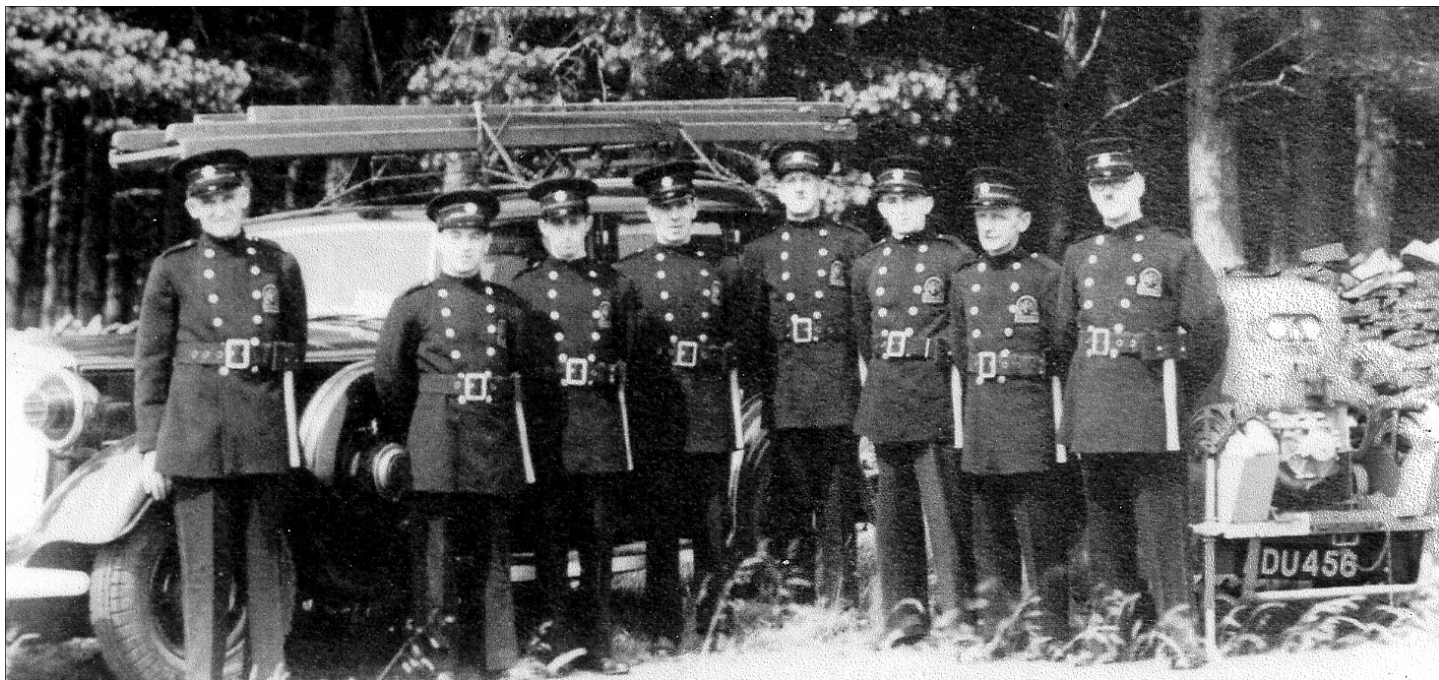
*(My 'Notes' of this incident were published in the Haydon News of April 2002, and my History of the Town Hall, HN from December 2008. On The Haydon News web site*

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On December 12th 1943, our firemen mourned the death of John Edward Kirsopp of 'Rocksprings', John Martin Street, whose responsibilities in the parish had included management of both our local voluntary ARP and AFS organisations since their inception.

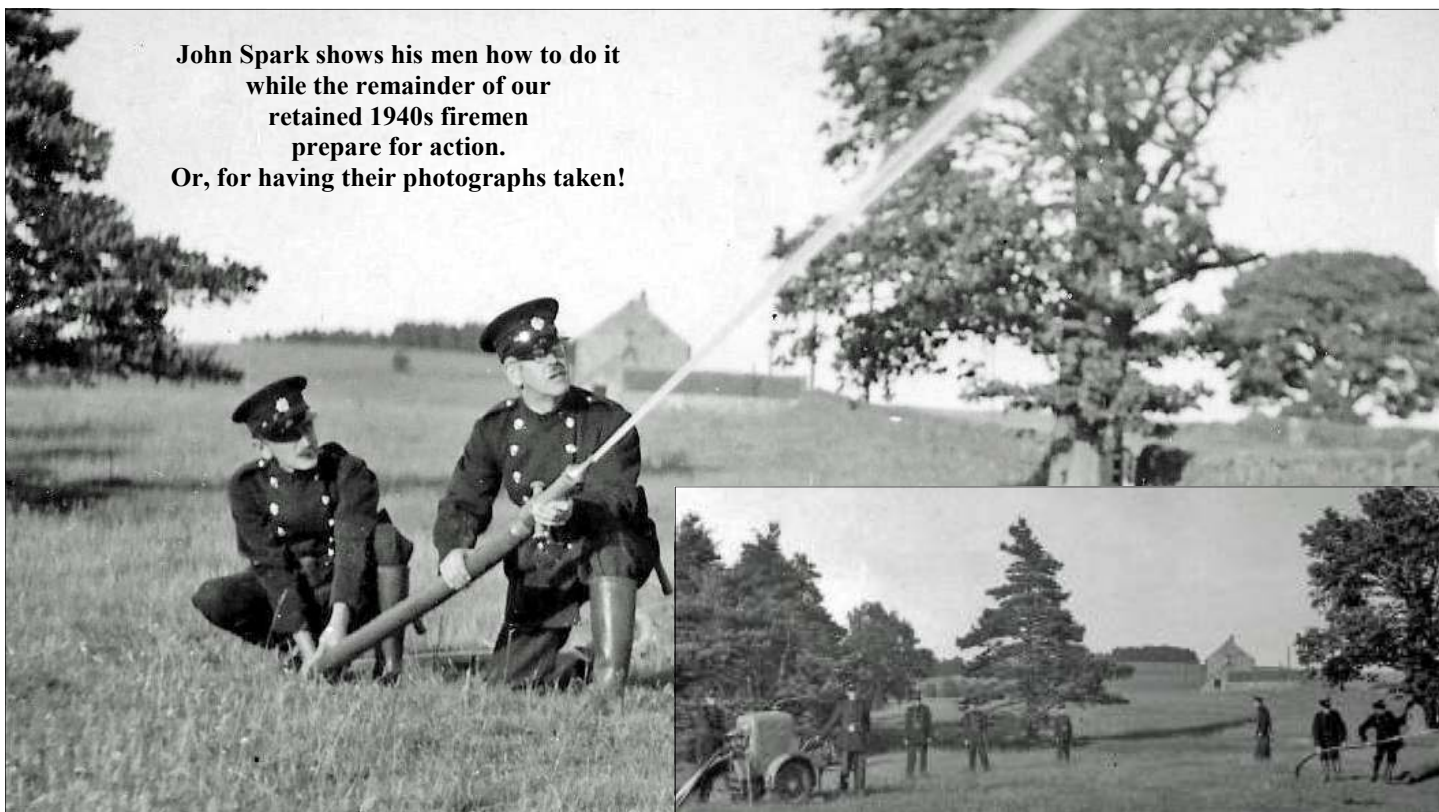
Sources of reference for this history: Haydon Parish Council minutes; L.C. Coombes (September 1969); Hexham Library and the Hexham Courant.

**I will continue the history of our fire brigade next month**



**In October 1940, the Haydon Bridge AFS took delivery of a car, to pull the trailer pump provided by Hexham RDC in May of that year (See previous pages). The firemen in 1939 were: John Spark Captain, (far right on this photograph) George Thompson, (5th from right) Ted Raine, (4th right) Jack Leathard, (3rd right) Herbert Robinson, and James Drydon. Who are the other firemen in this photograph?**

**John Spark shows his men how to do it while the remainder of our retained 1940s firemen prepare for action. Or, for having their photographs taken!**





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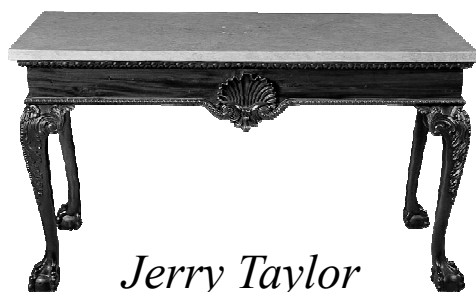
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### **HAYDON PARISH 'HOME FRONT' 1914 - 1919**

*Continued from May 1919*

**Not Out:** On Thursday, May 8th 1919, a Cricket Club meeting decided that Haydon Bridge would restart play again and enter a team in the 1919 competitions. The club's officers were appointed: T.A. Gibson (President), Dr. Routledge (Captain), F. Morrison (Vice Capt.), W.H. Walton (Secretary) and W.C. Clemitson (Treasurer). Our village team's last game before the war had been a defeat to Ovingham by 36 runs on August 30th 1914.

**"Fore!":** C.T. Maling, the president of the Haydon Bridge Golf Club, decided that now the war was over, it was time to resume play on the new course to the south of the village at Esp Hill. The ground had been held by the club since 1915 but had never been played on. The new course was described as being 'agreeably near the village, the first tee being 60 yards west of Shaftoe Trust School and only four minutes walk from the station for visitors. (*My history of Haydon Bridge Golf Club can be found in the October and November 2014 HNs*)

**Music to the Ears:** Haydon Bridge Brass Band held their first meeting since 1914, on Saturday May 10th 1919, and agreed to resume practices. All the members of military age had joined the fighting forces early in the war and five had lost their lives: J. Armstrong, C. Law, F. McGurk and L. Spark. Four had been injured: J. Fielding, J. Gray, J. Irwin and J. Spark.

**A September Show:** On Tuesday, May 27th 1919, the committee of the Haydon Bridge Floral and Horticultural Society, with the Hon Francis Bowes-Lyon as President, met to discuss reviving the Flower Show. This was the first meeting since August 1914, when it was agreed to abandon the seventy fourth show fixed for, as usual, the first Saturday in September. At the May 1919 meeting, it was decided unanimously to hold the seventy fourth show on Saturday, September 6th 1919. The event would be a combined horticultural and industrial exhibition, held in the Nissan huts vacated by the forces who had trained on the show field in Haydon Bridge.

Two members of the show committee had been killed in action: Lieut M. Southern and Robert Little and no fewer than sixteen other committee members and patrons had died between 1914 and 1919, including: James Walton, Joseph Henderson, Rev J.H. Mandell and the treasurer W.J. Morrison. This left a huge gap to fill in the show's organising committee membership.

**Haydon Bridge cricketers'** first game after the war was against Corbridge on May 24th 1919 and Haydon Bridge won by 61 runs to 49. Team: W. Clemitson 5, W. Wreay 13, Dr. Routledge 12, F. Morrison 0, H. Morrison 0, H. Walton 4, W. Wreay (Jnr) 1, S. Armstrong 13 n.o., W. Thompson 1, W. Davidson 1, A. Pearson 4. Extras 7. Total 61. Dr Routledge took 4 wickets and H. Walton 3.

**I am so pleased to be reporting some positive news on the Great War 'Home Front' this month. My research, that has followed five years of dreadful activity in Europe and sadness at home, has been giving me nightmares!**

**I am replacing my WWII 'Home Front' Notes this month with William Veitch's National Service recollections. See Page 10.**

**In my Historical Notes this month, William Veitch recalls in prose and poem his period of National Service as a young Haydonian.**

### NATIONAL SERVICE

A great deal is written about the two World Wars but what is often forgotten is what affected the majority of young lads of my generation - National Service.

The National Service Act of 1948 stated that all young men between the ages of 18 and 21 had to undertake 18 months service in the Armed Forces, with a further period of 4 years on the Reserve List (That would be sex discrimination today!) where they would be liable for re-call if required in an emergency. There were exceptions to these requirements, for those working in mining and agriculture.

In October 1950 the service was increased to two years in the Armed Forces plus 3½ years in the Territorial Army. All this was to ensure that there was available a large pool of trained servicemen against any future requirement. Remember, this was very shortly after the Second World War had ended and before the days of foreign travel - many 18 year olds in Haydon Bridge had never been further than Whitley Bay!

It was estimated that 6000 youths were conscripted every two weeks with an eventual total of 2,301,000 having served - principally in the Army. Today, many 17 year olds look forward to going to University - we had to look forward to joining the Armed Forces. We were old enough to serve and defend our country but not old enough to vote - that didn't happen until 1970. The last serviceman to be de-mobbed on the 16 May 1963 was lieutenant Richard Vaughan of the Royal Army Pay Corps (seems appropriate!).

No difference was made in the Forces between Regulars and National Servicemen in what was expected of them and they served - and fought - in the Malayan Jungles, the Korean War, the Cyprus conflict, Kenya, Suez, etc. Approximately 400 National Servicemen were killed in action and a further 600 died due to accidents and illness.

I said that there was no difference between Regulars and National Servicemen, but, there was one major variance - the rates of pay! We were paid much less ..... it was an Army on the cheap.

Initial National Service pay was £1-8-0d (£1-40p) per week plus 6d (2p) clothing allowance but 2/6d (12½p) was deducted for insurance (?). We were only allowed to draw £1 per week, but by creative Army accounting, after 6 weeks we were in debt. (No, I couldn't work it out either.) Out of our pay we had to purchase boot polish, blanco, brasso, dusters etc., for our own use - none was provided despite copious amounts being required!

After 18 months service they (in)graciously made your pay the same as that of a Regular Soldier.

One of the benefits was the NAAFI Canteen where you could purchase good brands of cigarettes and chocolate(s) - the latter without coupons - post war rationing was still in existence in those early 1950's, and they were almost impossible to obtain in the 'outside world'.

One other important factor was that your employer had to keep your job open for you whilst you carried out your National Service.

Incidentally I will bet that every National Serviceman can still tell you his service number without stopping to think!

It was said: "National Service opens your eyes to a different existence and made men out of boys." Unfortunately there were some National Servicemen who experienced great difficulty in re-adjusting to civilian life again. After all, it had taken away two formative years of your life.

**William Veitch  
January 4th 2016**

### CONSCRIPTION

When I was just a young lad,  
Well, only in my teens,  
I received a funny letter,  
Quite the worst I'd ever seen.

It said will you pop into town  
Your age group now is due,  
To put your name upon a form  
Your country may need you.

So, I travelled to their office  
I had to pay the fare  
I signed my name upon that form  
To prove that I'd been there

I then forgot about it  
And got on with my life  
Then another letter hit me  
Now, this one gave me strife

It said "We need to check you out  
To ensure you are fit  
And if you are not quite A1  
We'll change the rules a bit"

So, then there was the medical  
I'd ne'er had one before  
It's a function that produces  
Sweat from every pore

With all those doctors in a row  
And each one in a rush  
But when that voice said "Now lad cough"  
By heck, it made me blush

The final letter then arrived  
Its wording dire but neat  
We've found the very job for you  
You've landed on your feet!!!

It looked so most official  
And a colour dirty brown  
The thought of all that it contained  
Did really make me frown

I thought - should I ignore it  
But then you know - of course  
If I really did ignore it  
The outcome could be worse

The wording was pedantic  
My bell it didn't ring  
But when getting down to basics  
It was an invite from the King!

It said you now must come to us  
In khaki you'll look good  
We'll pay you thirty bob a week  
And even provide food.

It contained a travel warrant  
But confirmed all my fears  
That what I'd signed for 18 months  
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And caught that fateful train,  
But when I reached the other end  
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*From Deacon Anne Taylor*

**PRAYER WALK, NORTH TYNE TO SEA.**

This last week we have had the pleasure of accommodating and accompanying two ladies who have been doing a Prayer Walk down the North Tyne. They started the walk at the plinth at Dead-water above Kielder and are following the North Tyne down to the sea. They have been following the River Tyne Trail: Sources to Sea which has been put together by the 'Daft As A Brush Cancer Patient Care'. It is a lovely publication showing the walk in stages with maps, photographs and covering some local history. Each day began with prayer at one of the local Churches en-route and then walking up to 10 miles.

They are hoping to finish the walk in 9 days having Sunday as a rest day. The lady who originally decided to do this is Julie Woodford from Prudhoe - she felt that God had put this on her heart, praying that he would send a blessing on the villages along the Tyne as they walked.

Julie asked around if anyone would like to join her on this walk and Lynne Graham also from Prudhoe said she would accompany her. They asked for other people to join them on the way and each day people have come forward to accompany them, they have never walked alone.

What really came across to me was the importance of accompanying people on their life journey what-ever that might mean, through the ups and downs of life. Just being there, whether that is standing/walking alongside someone who is doing a walk or standing beside someone who is going through a difficult time or an illness, just being alongside people is very important. To know that someone is close by you in a particular circumstance is very reassuring and we give thanks for the many individuals and different organisations and charities that do just that today.

As Christians, we have the added reassurance that our Lord Jesus is with us.

Jesus said 'I will not leave you as orphans, I will come to you' John Ch.14 v 18.

Even though Jesus returned to his Father in heaven he is still with us, accompanying us all the way through the Holy Spirit. Matthew Ch. 28 v 20 says 'And surely I am with you always, even to the end of the age'.

Wherever we go, whatever we do, Jesus is there with us.

'We'll walk the land with hearts on fire and every step will be a prayer' (Taken from Graham Kendrick's hymn 1989).

May God bless you and guide you always.

*Deacon Anne Taylor*

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**Thomas the Apostle:**

**Sunday 3 July 2016**

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

**Trinity 7:**

**Sunday 10 July 2015**

9.30am: Parish Eucharist with Storybook Church, All Hallows' Henshaw  
11am: Parish Eucharist, St Cuthbert's Haydon Bridge  
3pm: Deanery Songs of Praise and BBQ, Bardon Mill Village Hall

**Trinity 8:**

**Sunday 17 July 2016**

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

**Trinity 9:**

**Sunday 24 July 2016**

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

**Trinity 10:**

**Sunday 31 July 2016**

10am: Joint Eucharist, St Cuthbert's Beltingham  
5pm: Evening Worship, Haydon Old Church

**Trinity 11:**

**Sunday 7 August 2016**

9.30am: Parish Eucharist (BCP), St Cuthbert's Beltingham  
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**Wed. 13th July 3.30 pm**

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**3 July**

10am Morning Worship  
Local Arrangements Service  
6pm Evening Worship  
Roger Anthony

**10 July**

10am Morning Worship  
Deacon A. Taylor  
6pm Evening Worship  
Nigel Gotobed  
Salvation Army, Newcastle

**17 July**

10am Morning Worship  
Keith Box  
6pm **CIRCUIT SERVICE**  
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**24 July**

10am Morning Worship  
Margaret Weatherson  
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Rev. Jenny Pryde

**31 July**

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*The Rev'd Dr Benjamin Carter - Vicar*



## Employability Scheme Week South Tynedale Railway

In 2015 we ran our first ever employability scheme week with pupils from Samuel Kings School in Alston. We want the students to experience a real work environment and so they go through a full selection process as they will when looking for work. This is one of the year 9 students own account of what has been going here this week.

David Baker is 14 and lives in Nenthead.

*We had to have a visit to the railway weeks ago to hear about the scheme and then we had to do a letter of application if we were interested. 10 applied, 6 got picked.*

*When I came here on Monday we were getting shown around and got talked through the safety procedures and what narrow gauge and standard gauge is all about. I was told what can be done where and how far away from the rails are safe to work in. I was told about the 2 foot and the 4 foot and the cess. The proper course is called a PTS (Personal Track Safety) and we were told we had to have the exam for that on Wednesday. We were told how to behave and act around the customers and staff. We learnt about the different departments and what they did on the railway.*

*On Tuesday we were taken over to different places, the shop, the café, the offices, the trains, the workshops, the signal box and we were switched around different departments and shown what is safety critical and what isn't.*

*On Wednesday we had to do the PTS exam in the morning. We get our results tomorrow. Then we went to the Discovery Centre and learnt about levers and steam trains and internal combustion engines. Martin used a model to show how it all works. Then we went to the loco shed and hauled out Barber. Barber is a steam loco. It had to be pulled out the shed by another loco. We all had boiler suits on and we cleaned out the fire box so the loco was ready to use. You can't do it the same day it's used, it's too hot. While we were there some rails were delivered and a new coach arrived. They had to be safely unloaded.*

*We did some marketing with Kim in the afternoon, walking around and looking at areas such as picnic areas and shop and working out how to market them. Then later we did a booklet lay out, and put a post about the café on FB. This afternoon I'm in the signal box with Paul learning how that works. Tomorrow we'll be going to Slaggyford with the school bus and our Head teacher and we'll get shown what's happening with all the new stuff there by Heather.*

*We'll get a presentation certificate when we finish to add to our school evidence folders.*

The employability scheme is designed around the STEM curriculum and we hope that some of the young people involved will be engaged by what we have here and, in addition to gaining valuable insight into a modern workplace, will join our youth group. This in turn will help feed our apprenticeships and seasonal jobs as well as our management team for the future. *Heather Palmer*



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# EAST DEANRAW OPEN DAY

**Sunday the 17<sup>th</sup> July**

For those who live locally, they may well be familiar with walks into the surrounding country.

One of the favourites for gaining fine views is to take the south westerly back road from Haydon Bridge and foot path which eventually leads to the drive entrance of East Deanraw. The trail now leads up the drive and over the hill south to Langley along the route that the postmen used to travel on a regular basis.

East Deanraw features on old Greenwich Hospital Trust maps which date back to the early 18<sup>th</sup> Century when they were inherited from the Radcliffe family after their vast estates had been confiscated following their part in the 1745 rebellion.

Over a century later the Langley Castle estate was acquired by the Bates family, in the 1860s, with the task of restoring the castle which had been a total ruin for over 500 years.

The East Deanraw house and steadings had always been one of the nine farms that make up the estate together with what is now most of Langley village. It has now become a private house, still as part of the estate, and sits on the edge of the fell surrounded by grass lays which eventually roll north to the bank of the South Tyne.

It is here that the house and outbuildings have been redeveloped to create a country home complex with stables and kennels surrounded by 3 acres of garden and grounds, all in the last 11 years.

For those who visited the garden last year, when it was opened on behalf of the Red Cross for the first time, they will have noticed that it is high at 620 feet up, and exposed to the prevailing winds. Nevertheless, extensive lawns have been laid out overlooked by a large terrace facing south and protecting long borders on both sides.

The terrace looks down onto a small lake fed by a burn which runs through towards the castle to the east. The herbaceous flower beds below the terrace are now mature and coming to full bloom.

The garden opens onto the fell where guests can roam and as one climbs one soon sees the extent of Hadrian's Wall across the skyline to the north above the oasis of the house and gardens in contrast to the surrounding area.

This year's Open Day, on Sunday the 17<sup>th</sup> July, will follow similar lines to last year's event which proved popular with the 260 visitors who visited during the afternoon.

Visitors are encouraged to both see round the gardens and stroll out onto the fell, with dogs if they are on leads. There will also be tea and refreshments, plant sales all accompanied by music from the Cherry Pickers.

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Next June will be the fifth year of the Haydon Hundred and we would like to celebrate its fantastic success by adding a fun alternative route for all abilities and ages. The basic idea is to have a 2 to 3 hour ride, starting after the last HH riders have set off, and finishing in time for lunch. Everyone would go at their own pace but still be part of the big event. Villagers and visitors can enjoy our local views, history and hospitality.

So far, so good but there are many decisions to take in the next few months if we are to design the best event for the widest range of people. We need your ideas and help about the route, refreshments, childrens activities, charging or not charging etc. We would like to hear from all ages and abilities but particularly from local parents, young and much older riders. Please drop me a line at the Bridge with your contact details or comments, or leave a message on 07939202930.

All ideas gratefully received. Many thanks

*Carole Price*



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[david.beales2@btinternet.com](mailto:david.beales2@btinternet.com)

## **WEDNESDAY**

Yoga 10am (term time) Alicia Lester,  
[aliciafearon@btinternet.com](mailto:aliciafearon@btinternet.com)  
Yoga 7pm  
Art classes (bi monthly) Barbara Wardle,  
688886  
[bbarawardle2011@btinternet.com](mailto:bbarawardle2011@btinternet.com)  
Mother's Union 7.30pm Anne Brunton  
(As arranged) 344557

## **THURSDAY**

Youth Club 6-8.30pm Amey Henry  
01434 603582  
[Amey.Henry@nothumberland.gov.uk](mailto:Amey.Henry@nothumberland.gov.uk)  
Bowls Club 7.30pm (Sept-April)  
Joseph Tulip,  
688817  
[joseph.tulip@cnmedia.co.uk](mailto:joseph.tulip@cnmedia.co.uk)  
Parish Council 7.30pm (4th Thursday, monthly)

## **FRIDAY**

RNLI - Bridge Afternoon

## **SATURDAY**

Coffee morning, 10am  
Various groups and organisations.

## **SUNDAY**

Hornby Model Railways Association 10am  
Grant Robinson, 01661 844843  
[grant.robinson@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:grant.robinson@tiscali.co.uk)

## **NEW ACTIVITIES ALWAYS WELCOME.**

Contact: **Valerie Bell 01434 684705**  
[valerie@hexhammorris.com](mailto:valerie@hexhammorris.com)

# 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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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

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Date	Leader & Contact No.	Destination & Meeting Place	Description & Distance
7 <sup>th</sup> .July	Barbara Wardle 688886	Bardon Mill to Ridley Hall Meet at Bardon Mill Station. Share cars.	4 Miles. <i>Meadow land walk.</i>
21 <sup>st</sup> .July	Alison Watson 606535	Hexham Shire Meet at Hexham Race Course	5 miles terrain farmland & woodland. One steep climb. <i>Hares &amp; birds</i>

# POLICE

At The Methodist Chapel coffee morning every five weeks an opportunity to chat to two police officers.

E mail for these ladies is:

Yvonne.Clement.8526@northumbria.pnn.police.uk

Tel 101 Ask for 8526

The dates for the next 2 Police surgeries are;

7<sup>th</sup> July 10-11am

11<sup>th</sup> August

# POLICE

Northumbria Police is seeking volunteers for its Community Speedwatch scheme.

Community Speedwatch allows local people to get involved to help tackle speeding in their neighbourhood and help make the roads even safer.

Volunteers will receive relevant training, support and specialist equipment to enable them to monitor traffic speed in areas where local residents have said they are concerned speeding is an issue.

Motorists who are caught driving above the speed limit by Community Speedwatch receive a letter from police; those caught more than once will be visited at home by an officer.

Police use the information gained by volunteers to identify areas where enforcement action needs to be taken to tackle speeding.

Police are now inviting more volunteers to come forward and sign up to the initiative

To apply to join the scheme visit the 'Working for us' section of the website.

[http://www.northumbria.police.uk/about\\_us/working\\_for\\_us/volunteers/community\\_speed\\_watch/](http://www.northumbria.police.uk/about_us/working_for_us/volunteers/community_speed_watch/)

## 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.

# Volunteer - make a difference

Interested in helping people solve their problems?

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Note: All travel expenses are paid to volunteers



## LIVE AID(s)

I won't bore you to death with the details of how my husband lost his arm. I'll save that for another exciting instalment. Suffice to say he became an amputee in the fortnight just before Christmas.

Typical bloke! Anything to get out of carving the turkey.

It's now Week 9 and the fun is just beginning.

I didn't realise what was out there until I got a telephone call from the Government's Department For The One Handed.

I made that title up but you get the idea. It was actually from an NHS care worker who had heard of our recent amputation and wanted to visit us at home with a host of gadgets.

Yayyyy! Who doesn't love a good gadget?

I say 'our' amputation since it affects me too. Oh yes. Goodness me the sacrifices I've had to make! Hubby's been taking way too long with my morning tea and biscuits ever since his operation. Just because he only has one arm doesn't mean our standards have to drop. Yesterday would you believe, he even forgot to put a fresh doily on the side plate for my Wensleydale Cheese & Chive Wholemeal scone which he'd spent all morning baking. With one hand missing it took him five hours of kneading and fifteen minutes in the oven. Slowcoach.

I bet they never have these problems in Downton.

Ever since we moved here he's fancied going for a swim in the crystal clear waters of the Tyne where it flows into Fourstones. Once the weather gets warmer obviously. Say April. Although with only one arm he'll probably end up going round in circles so he'll never leave his starting point. I've told him not to frighten the fish. He certainly won't be catching any unless the salmon are feeling considerate and leap into his mouth.

In the end I was out when the Care Worker came. Would you believe it? The one source of excitement all season and I missed it. I'd driven to Hexham for a Costa coffee and she decided to fetch up at that very moment.

Still, it made for an interesting evening. Once she'd left, Hubby laid all the items out on the kitchen table and made me guess what everything was. Course, he already knew since he'd seen the lady, read the instructions and now wore the one-armed t-shirt.

I turned the aids this way and that, trying to work out what did what. Extremely difficult without a diagram or explanation. All looked like items of torture, which to the one-handed they probably were. I could hang them in the hall and open Haydon Bridge Dungeon to the foreign tourists. Forget Hadrian's Wall. So last century. Well last two centuries then.

Mind you, one of the products was pretty damn useful for the double handed Mensch too:

Made of plastic silicon it looked like two dog bowls combined. For say a smallish dog. But instead of the base being round, it's conical. So 2 mini upturned dunce caps if you like.

Impossible to guess what they were for. A one legged dog

perhaps?

Hubby had the benefit of an accompanying leaflet and put me out of my misery. It's for jar lid removal. Of course! D'oh. And blimey, it worked a treat. The cones each had a vice-like grip which you'd never expect from notoriously slippery plastic. Insert item, twist and woosh! the lid came off. Gosh I could play with this all day. I know, I know, must get a hobby.

Next up and I didn't have a blooming clue. Okay here goes. Looked lethal:

A round white disc approx 4cms in diameter with 30+ sharp (very sharp) spikes 3cms high. I reckoned it could come in handy for hiding in the bed of unwelcome guests at Christmas. Put it this way, they'd be off home by Boxing Day. Or in Casualty. Either way you'd have the house back to yourselves.

Nope. I was wrong again. Pity - at this rate the Government won't be using me as a demonstrator any day soon. Which is a shame given my winning personality and magnetic charisma. I'd have amputees rolling in the aisles with laughter at my sparkling wit. Unfortunately they'd carry on rolling if they've only got one leg.

But I digress. Turns out it's for chopping onions.

Well I don't know about you but I need three hands for that. One to hold the knife, the other to hold the onion and a third to wipe away the tears streaming down my face. Besides has the government never heard of ready chopped onions in Tesco? And has no one mentioned trying to peel the pesky things with only one hand in the first place.

No, I reckon the think-tank in Westminster HQ needs to revisit that one. And soon: I put the disc in the cutlery drawer, forgot about it and when I went to get a teaspoon this morning, the blasted thing drew a spurt of blood from my thumb. Lucky it was me. My poor husband would have had no chance putting a plaster on himself with only one hand!

Where's that Lawyers-4-You number when you need it most?

"Yes hello. I've just severed my thumb on an onion impaler and...."

Click.

Enough about me playing with plastic. I need to paint the hall ready for my tourists. Thanks to our new gadgets I've got no problems getting the lid off the tin.

By the way, the NHS care worker is coming back soon with items for the bathroom. Whooo-hoo! *Marita*

## Arnie who ..... ?

Noo then, sum on yous will hev seen is on thi telly i thi Tyels o Northumborland, taakin ti Robson Green aboot thi Northumbrian tartan plaid. Can yuh beleev it? Me, Peter Arnold, a TV star!

A canny few folks must hev seen it, like, cos on Tuesda Aah gets a phone caall frae sum American fella askin is if'n Aah'd be willin ti gan ti Hollywood ti dee sum screen





tests fer a fillum ee waas mekkin. Ee kept caallin is Arnie, which Aah thowt waas a bit fresh like, but yuh knaa whaat them Yanks are like. Onyroad, Aah says Aah'd dee it. Me, Peter Arnold frae Hexham, gannin ti Hollywood! Praps Aah'll get me nyem in a star on thi pavement on Sunset Boulevard! Aah thowt.

So, last Wedensda, Aah flew oot ti Los Angeles.

Noo, it's a lang way, an be thi time Aah got theor, waad yuh beleev it, it waas Thursda! Aah had ti gan threw im-migration, an that tyuk a lang time, cos the cuddent understand is, cos Aah waas taalkin proper, an the'd nivvor heard Northumbrian afore, an them was taalkin Yankee, whaat Aah didn't knaa, so things went frae bad ti wors.

The tyuk is intiv a room an sarched is, an hoyed ivvory-thing oota me bag ontiv a tyebble, an the fund thi letter frae thi fillum company, an the rang them up, an efor a lang time taalkin, the let is gan. Aah had ti put aal me claes back in me bag be mesel, but, an as the gived is me passport, the tellt is ti "Have A Good Day"!

Whan Aah gets oot, Aah sees a fella haddin up a poster wi the word "Arnie" on it, so Aah went ower tiv im an tellt im Aah waas Arnie. Ee looked is up an doon, laffed in me fyec, an sayd Aah cuddent be Arnie cos Aah waas-n't big enyuff!

Be this time Aah'd had enyuf messin aboot, so Aah tellt im agyen that Aah reely waas Arnie, but ee waas havin nyen ov it. Whey, one thing led tiv another, an afore lang thi pollis kem alang an took is off, hoyed is in a cell, clashed thi door, an left is alyen fer thi neet, wi nee bait nowther.

Next mornin ..... yistorda it waas, thi fella whe'd rung is up frae thi fillum company torns up.

"Now then, Arnie" ee says, "let's get this straight. You're Arnie's cousin, ain't you?" an ee pulls oot photees o this geet tall fella wi mussels, wearin dark glasses, an carryin a gun, an lookin reet nasty.

"Arnie's cussin?" Aah says. "Arnie who? Whaat are yuh taalkin aboot?"

"Why, Arnie" ee says, "you must have heard of him - Mr Universe? Actionman actor? Governor of California? He was born in Austria, and his mother had a sister who lived in Northumberland, and they gave birth to boys on the same day, and they called their sons the same name, Arnold, or Arnie as we say over here. That's you, ain't it?" Aall ov a sudden, it hit is!

"Di yuh mean Arnold Whaateesnyem, Switchanegg, er ... Schwarzenegger?" Aah says. "Me, Arnie's cussin! Na, nee chance!" an Aah fell aboot laffin. So did tother fella, a bit ower much fer me likin, but.

Efor that, it didn't tyek lang ti jaloos thi mistake, an the put is on a plane back hyem. Aah got heor aboot an oer sin, geet famished, an knackered an aall, cos Aah's had nee scan nor sleep fer two days!

One thing's for sure, but - Aah's hevvin nowt mair ti di wi fillums, an Aah's tellin yuh - be varry, varry canny aboot gannin on thi telly wi yon Robson Green!

*Peter Arnold*

Well – that was a weekend and a half!! Hope you all enjoyed the Q90 celebrations. A lot of hard work from a lot of people but definitely worth it. Read all about it and see the photos somewhere in this edition of the Haydon News.

Now that the Q90 events are over the Get It Together Society are looking towards the New Year Fireworks and planning some events to raise some funds for that.

The first one is something that's becoming a favourite with families – A Picnic in the Walled Garden. It happens on Saturday July 23<sup>rd</sup> from 1-4pm. Pack a picnic and come to the walled garden in Shaftoe Trust School to relax while the children have fun and games. £1 per adult, children free. Watch out for posters nearer the time.

We're hoping to organise a Songs from Stage and Screen night in St Cuthbert's Church in September. 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.

We'd love to do another disco at the club, the 70's one we did last year was great fun so we're hoping to be able to find a suitable date for all.

I mentioned last time that the GITS had been given a very welcome grant to be able to buy some items that would benefit the village at the events they organise. We've bought a mobile sound system, some walkie talkies and a couple of large heavy duty pop up gazebo's. Well it seems that the gazebo's aren't as heavy duty as we hoped because after their first use at the Q90 weekend one of them was badly vandalised during the early hours of Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June in the churchyard. If anyone has any knowledge of who did this, would they please contact the police on 101. Remember – these are items that were bought to benefit the whole village so whoever did this has committed a crime against all of us.

Would you like to join us? We meet on the first Monday of the month at 8pm in the General Havelock. It's very informal - we have an agenda – but we don't always stick to it - it's a friendly get together to organise more friendly get togethers. We'd love to see you there.

*Pauline Wallis*  
*The Get It Together Society*  
*Tel: 01434 684061*

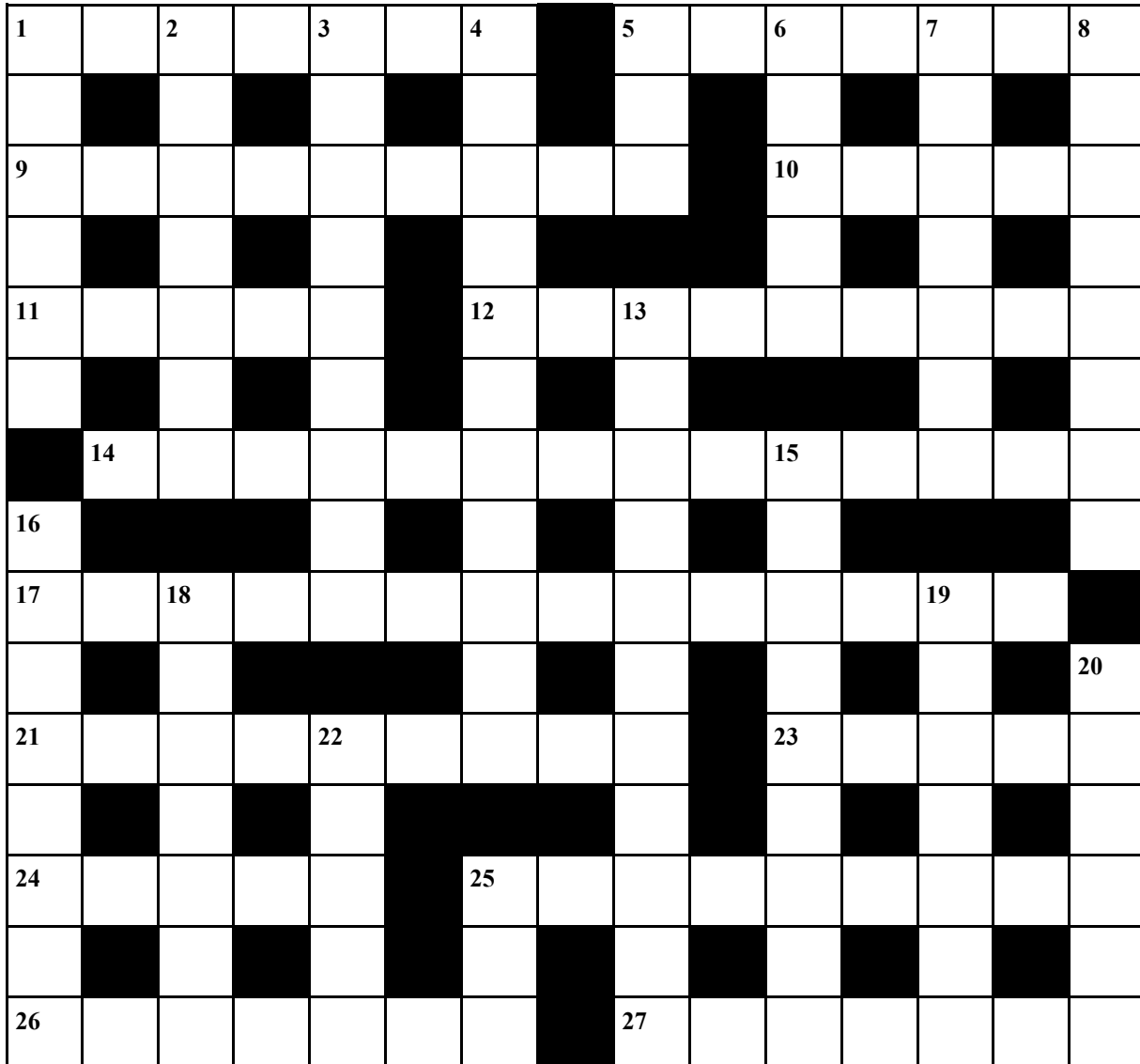
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1. Recommends Dave is broadcast to the South (7)
5. Denuded in a whip? Could be quite a show (7)
9. Shells at speed in vehicles (9)
10. Overweight in Food Standards Agency to create anatomical hollow (5)
11. Great – a fat bigwig! (5)
12. Those unduly patronising their relatives (9)
14. Two composers to get one blotto (6,3,5)
17. Announced flow to permit us to find greens (7,7)
21. Broadly, Larry lost the railway beside the poor quarter (9)
23. Forcibly eject from complex pelvis (5)
24. Buddie, right? Mum's the word (5)
25. Swords and cars – some at least were reliant (9)
26. Presumably how Major Peake didn't spend his time in space! (7)
27. Name tag entwined in purple (7)

**DOWN**

1. Solicit Aero Club commanding officer on the street (6)
2. Vermin not in contraction ever for this painter (7)
3. Push creel all over in search of tomb (9)
4. Support a great many to prophesy... (6,5)
5. ... because shortly they'll see salad (3)
6. Oddly, in fable of his time there's suit (5)
7. Withstands the furious nuns (7)
8. Passages the first of troupe with mixed strains could form? (8)
13. What a racket when god is chased by imp – I hesitate to follow (11)
15. With smoothing tool on wrestling arena, working up a real sweat (9)
16. High level negotiator located degree at junction (8)
18. Print slip from rum tear? (7)
19. Scotsman with agreement about the officer (7)
20. Woe is me! A thousand are back in this state (6)
22. Throng around this king (5)
25. Estimate, for instance (3)

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

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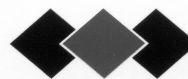
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After tiring myself out last time, watching birds in the garden, I just about managed to walk a little way along the River Tyne. I was surprised to find a completely different group of birds, only a few hundred yards away. There were pairs of mallards of course, ducking down to grab the weeds from the river bed. A little further on I heard a piercing, shrieking call, but couldn't see the birds at first, just a stretch of rocks on the other bank. Then they started to move – oystercatchers, a dozen or more, black and white with a long orange bill and pink legs.

Gulls are usually too complicated for me, but I can recognise two – the black-headed and the lesser black-backed. There's a clue in the name with both of them. How do you know it's a lesser black-backed? Well, the great black-backed usually stays on the coast. That's good enough for me. In the summer you can also see common terns along the river – like a gull but more streamlined, more delicate in flight. How do you know it's a common tern? It probably is, there's a clue in the name again.

If you see a bird like a house martin flying above the river, have a closer look. Is it brown rather than black? If so, it's probably a sand martin. They nest in sandy banks on the river, rather the eaves of your house. It's not uncommon to see a cormorant flying past, like a black goose with a white patch on its face.

What's down at river level, apart from the mallard? There's often a moorhen pottering about at the water's edge, and hopping from rock to rock you'll maybe see a pied wagtail (black and white) or a grey wagtail (grey on top, yellow underneath). If there are stones in the middle, look out for the dipper, like a very large, white-breasted wren, diving into the water, swimming underneath, then popping up again, always dipping up and down.

The bird that everyone wants to see is the kingfisher, the tiny flash of a brilliant turquoise back, with bright orange underneath, skimming low along the water. They are here in the Tyne, but they're very shy. You're more likely to see a pair of goosanders floating along in the water, the male with the same dark green head as the mallard, though a good bit larger, and female with a brown head.

Waders are a bit like gulls for me – too complicated to learn properly. But if you hear a whistling call and see a smallish brown and white bird land on the rocks, it may be a common sandpiper. They're not all that common!

If I can be bothered to jump in the car and drive up to the Stanegate, the road that goes past Grindon Lough, there's another group of water birds to find. There will usually be a heron somewhere around, often a pair of mute swans with orange bills – the other swans are much rarer. You'll often see coot in the reeds, looking like a fat moorhen with a white patch on its face.

Quite often you'll see a great crested grebe on this lough or one of the others nearby, and maybe a pair of tufted duck, smaller than the mallard again, the male with a

glossy purple head and the female brown. If you're really lucky there'll be goldeneye there as well, the male with a bottle-green head and a white spot on his face.

There we are, another twenty species, just by wandering along the river and a short drive up to Grindon Lough. Next time I'm going to be really energetic and take a walk into the woods....

*Robert Bluck*

### WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Children can be very cruel.

My mother (rightly thinking we would spend half our lives in Germany and the other half in Britain) gave her new-born babies Christian names which were easy to pronounce.

Well they certainly were, but they leaned far more towards the Germanic - and English people back then had never heard of them. It still remains that way today.

Whenever I mention mine to anyone on the phone or in person the reply is universal and varies from "Oh that's unusual" to "Can you spell it for me?".

I never had any problems with my surname as it's recognised in both Germany and Britain, but thanks to marriage, my entire name is now 'foreign'.

German is a phonetic language. In other words it's spoken as it is writ. So my own name, Marita, could only ever be pronounced one way. Or so I thought.

Unfortunately not a single person in my school or town had ever come across it before. So I became Marta, Marietta and Martina. As the popular Addams Family TV series reached these shores from the US I was known as Morticia. Thankfully only briefly.

And when the Beatles' Sergeant Pepper album became a worldwide success I too succeeded for a time as Rita Meter Maid amongst my fellow classmates. But as one long word - Ritametermaid.

I soon got used to answering whatever I was called.

Years later I would see the wonderful yet ancient b/w film Great Expectations - starring the legendary late Sir John Mills as the young Pip. The film fascinated me and I could watch it time and again. Especially when the escaped convict Magwitch leaps from behind the grave-stones to grab Pip by the neck. Both the boy and I jump out of our skins every time.

To this day I've never seen a more dramatic opening to a film as the sinister Abel Magwitch demands of the terrified child:

"Where's your mother!".

And I'd run petrified in turn to my own mother to hide in her skirts. Which, as a woman of 39, I should have grown out of but such is the power of cinematography.

However it was the aged Miss Havisham who really scared the living daylights out of me. Forever dressed in her greying and dusty bridal clothes, the uneaten, decayed wedding feast served as an ominous portent that we fe-

males may also find ourselves unloved and unmarried for eternity.

As the film ended I eagerly scanned the closing credits to find out the name of the actress who'd played the unfortunate spinster so well.

OMG! Her name was also Marita! What a cruel twist of fate! Would I too end up a victim? Jilted and abandoned at the altar. AAAAAAARGH! Find me a fella. Any fella! Quick! Yup - he'll do!

Calm down woman. 'Course I wouldn't. I am way too much of a catch. As I keep telling my lucky husband - who sits permanently stupefied and numb in his armchair in sheer disbelief at his astonishingly clever choice of bride.

At least having an unusual name means people don't forget you in a hurry. If at all. But far worse is having a ridiculous name. In this case it's my middle one:

I have no idea what my mother was thinking. Growing up in a dour mining town where the coal dust permeated everything, being given the outrageous name (are you ready?) of Hildegarde was just asking for trouble. Apparently it means 'Fighter' or 'One in Battle.'

With a name like that I was constantly fighting a losing battle let me tell you.

Needless to say I kept it well hidden. Or I would have done if the teacher hadn't singled me out that day. It was my own fault. I had turned round to help the gormless Susan Jones behind me with her Maths when Mrs Wilford shouted:

"Excuse me MARITA HILDEGARDE! Perhaps when you have a moment to spare you could join the rest of the class on page 43 sometime today?"

There! My secret was out and the children were merciless. Within moments I received my new nickname which stayed with me until grammar school. And so I would be known for the next 3 years as FIRE GUARD. And in that coal mining town of course everyone had a fire guard. Except our house now had two.

The moral of the tale? Please, please think carefully before you name your children. Choose wisely or it could scar them for life.

Now I really must dash. I've got my kids Brad and Beyoncé coming round for tea. *Marita*

### RAYDON FRIDGE and DUSTY DARMAID

An asteroid is going to destroy the Earth tomorrow, Raydon. The Queen is on T.V. tonight to talk to the nation. Maybe we should all go home and watch it.

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He hugely resented paying a penny more than absolutely necessary and oft were the times he would regale us with his many and varied money-saving tips. He saw no shame in offering cash for everyday items in the hope of securing a substantial discount. Even in his local Greggs!

On the day his mother died, he ordered a headstone from a Newcastle memorial firm and gave instructions for the appropriate wording - whilst being fully aware that the engraving costs would increase with each letter. He said it needed to be done as soon as possible and asked that they put all other orders on hold.

When the headstone was ready he received a call from the owner of the company, who gave Frank an itemised list culminating in the final agreed price. Which exactly matched the written estimate. As did the time-frame.

Our colleague adopted a look we all recognised only too well and said he would prefer to pay cash - but expected a fifty percent discount in return.

From the conversation, it was clear the memorial director could not accommodate such a large shortfall. Especially after giving Frank's order special priority. The more they discussed it, the greater the discount Frank demanded. Until he said:

"Right. That's my final offer. You can take it or you can try to find another Margarete Wallace Krummelbach born on the 18th of March 1915 and who died last week aged 87. Then sell the headstone to her family. Good luck".

To this day we still don't know whether Frank's mother lies in an unmarked grave or not.

*Marita*

## MON DIEU MADAME!

They say old age starts at 60. But then others say 50 is the 'new' 30. Who knows for sure?

The French have a wonderful way of saying 'mature'. Namely: *Une femme d'un certain âge*.

It's just as well I'm still in my early 20's (as I have been for the last few decades) and have no need for such fancies.

But I'm at a complete loss how old the lady is who lives near me:

I haven't lived here long and we were discussing the different views from our window. She said hers looks out over the tranquil sheep fields. I trumped her by saying mine looks out towards Langley Castle.

She couldn't better that so instead said:

"Well I've lived here all my life and that castle's been there for a long as I can remember".

Crumbs! I bet even the French don't have a saying for that.

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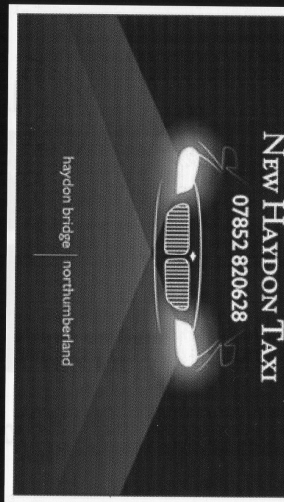
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### *A weekend of community events to celebrate the 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Queen Elizabeth II*

#### **Friday night**

Haydon old church was the perfect venue to start our weekend of celebrations. A pop-up bar 'popped up' under a gazebo next to the church where Jo and Gary from the Havelock served drinks before we all went in for the evening's entertainment.

The Tyne Valley Traders played to a full house by flickering candlelight.

It was a fabulous concert with very talented musicians playing a range of wonderful folk music. During the interval we had strawberries and cream [courtesy of the Co-op] and another drink or two before returning to the church for the second half which included a brilliant rendition of Meet Me on the Corner. An excellent night in a very atmospheric venue.

#### **Saturday afternoon**

It rained but no-one cared! With shelter from several gazebo's and trees, the churchyard was transformed into a perfect community space which was soon packed with fun, games and laughter.

Shaftoe Trust School held a lively Race Day with a tote running on children racing on hobby horses. Great fun!



#### **Sunday afternoon**

No rain today! Phew.....Lots of volunteers turned out so we could transform Church Street into the venue for a great big Birthday Party! Two lines of tables and chairs with room to sit 200 people were soon full and the tables groaned under the weight of so much delicious food. An army helpers kept plates full and the tea and coffee flowing.

It was a sea of red, white and blue with bunting and balloons, crowns and tiaras, and union flags everywhere.

A great effort was made to dress in patriotic colours and some went the extra mile and wore fancy dress. A parade up and down Church Street showed off



some fantastic costumes.

Live music from Emma, Kev and members of the Street Martins had people dancing in the street.

The day drew to a close with a service of celebration led by the three churches and ended with a resounding rendition of God Save the Queen.

A huge thank you to everyone who organised and helped at this brilliant weekend of events – far too many to mention everyone by name but you all know who you are.....and thank you to everyone who came and had fun.

People in Haydon Bridge know how to enjoy themselves!

*Pauline Anne Wallis*