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ADOXOGRAPHY

Happy 90th Birthday to Queen Elizabeth II.

The Haydon News may be a little behind the rest of the nation but we get there in the end. Her Majesty's long reign has been remarkable in so many ways and the affection in which she is held continues to grow. We are witnessing the making of history and the monarchy looks set to be a secure part of the future - largely because of our Queen's influence and her devotion to her people.

Our back page this month contains details of the events in Haydon Bridge on the occasion of the royal birthday. Let's have a huge turnout!

Mass civil disobedience, in the form of a community rock chucking event in the Tyne, has been proposed by one of our more forthright citizens. The attraction of such an endeavour is easy to see but the practicalities are daunting. A brawny person, of either gender, will struggle to move a couple of tons of rocks per hour and several hundred tons need to be moved to fill the rapidly deepening trench that is undercutting the south bank between The Anchor and the New Bridge.

As I write this I am reminded of Joyce Grenfell's 'Old Tyme Dancing' recitation - it summons an image of our forthright citizen, aforementioned, perhaps taking a mis-step whilst chucking a particularly tricky rock, and consequently 'sailing stately as a galleon' gaily down the Tyne.

Rumours of dark mutterings have reached the editorial ear. The suggestion has been aired, allegedly, that The Haydon News is becoming too political. By way of broad reassurance I would respond that when a political topic is in play the parties represented at the last election in this constituency are all invited to contribute to a balanced debate. If there is no response to the invitation, then nothing is published from them. Any who wish to contribute are very warmly encouraged to do so.

I would hate anyone to call The Haydon News anodyne and, as it is a publication of secular origin, I feel all is grist to the mill - with the one proviso, that it has some reasonably direct connection to the life of the community or is of interest to at least a proportion of the readership. You can't please all of the people all of the time.

I have found an apparently foolproof way of dealing with unsolicited phone calls. It's called BT Advanced Call Blocker (*I have no connection with BT other than as a satisfied customer, Ed.*). Essentially, the gadget answers the phone for you and lets through those callers it knows about and demands their identity from all others. The gadget then rings you and says: "Messrs. Nickit, Floggit and Scarper are on the line. Do you wish to take this call?" Then you can accept or reject the call and the number is memorised for the future as either to be let through or not. So far, bar a couple of mildly vexed relatives and baffled automated calling robots, there have been no problems. In addition all cold calling now must be with caller number display - it's the law.

Every month 70p worth of Haydon News is delivered to every household in the parish for free. Even with the recent increase in advertising costs, this leaves a gap to be filled with a generous parish council donation, the editor paying for one edition's printing per year and a few very welcome private donations/subscriptions. We are very grateful to all those who have already made voluntary contributions. Contributions from other community organisations are currently under discussion too.

In a near future edition we will be enclosing a donation envelope in the hope that readers will feel moved to contribute to the costs of production. A fiver would be great and more is always welcome. Thanks.

How's your internet speed? When fibre broadband first came to Haydon Bridge there was quite a lot of dissatisfied customers who were not attaining the speeds they thought they ought to. We had fibre (by Zen - who also took on the phone line) installed a few months ago and the system did take some weeks to stabilise but today's results are:

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Anyone else got figures for comparison?

LOTS OF FLOOD INFORMATION THIS MONTH!

Steve Ford

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Due to circumstances beyond the editors control, this month's notes are by another. The worst case of flu ever recorded - probably - has floored the Ford family! My warmest thanks to Pat Hirst who stepped in at the last moment and made these notes.

Parish Council 28th April 2016 at Langley Village Hall.

Present: 11 councillors; 2 apologies; 16 members of the public.

Public participation:

Planning application at Langley Brick Works. Public reminded PC is not planning authority, but planning department obliged to listen to PC's opinion. Unanimous public objection to application on grounds including existing inadequate water supply despite £100,000 spent on pump, change of use from light industrial to residential, incompatible with existing business because of working hours, inaccuracies within application (tree line will not screen development from existing dwellings), incongruous building materials, possible site contamination, light pollution, no pedestrian consideration, unclear right of access, very limited and difficult access especially for anticipated number of vehicles and unsuitable for heavy septic tank traffic, no consideration given to wheelie bin access, falls within AONB and home to at least 7 ground nesting waders, some on 'red' list, a wildlife corridor, development will be bigger than existing village.

Cllr pointed out that Tynedale Plan is now irrelevant, so need a co-ordinated approach from objectors. One resident had discussed objection with planning officer and put recommendations in letter.

PC to write to planning department with points raised. Governor of Shaftoe Primary School raised major safety concerns if the Showfield is developed further. Already chaotic at start and end of day. Would object to further development unless considerable safety measures were implemented including 20mph, double yellow lines, safe crossings, and extra car parking (possibly on corner of school site). Still no progress on safe crossing on Shaftoe Street.

Declaration of interest in agenda items:

One Cllr declared personal and prejudicial interest in brickworks application.

To confirm minutes of previous meeting:

Agreed, with one amendment.

Flooding:

Flood recovery fund has £28,000 (thanks to Development Trust and Peter Fletcher for co-ordination and fund raising). Administered through DT - assured of audit trail.

Letters to affected villagers and businesses next week - announced in Haydon News and on Facebook. Expect 3 week turnaround, so looking to end of June. Cllr Charlton has names of those affected (but not necessarily temporary addresses).

Residents want to know what Environment Agency is doing to mitigate repeat of 'event' since promised meeting hasn't been held? Tyne Rivers, Environment Agency, NCC and Northumbria Water all involved, though south bank is being built up. Slow response, but hopefully there will be a decision in late May (discussions include build up of gravel between bridges).

NCC:

No report.

Brief discussion re bin by Working Men's Club.

Tunnel top bin.

Wheelie bin on east lay-by.

Highways:

Bus shelter on Ratcliffe Road.

'Minimalist' shelter - should be in line with pole.

NCC supplied website addresses - same company as Halt-whistle.

'Shelterstore' prices £1500 - £2000 - colour choice.

To investigate proper quotes; must be wheelchair accessible; to check measurements; quote to include erecting shelter.

Langley - some roads need tarmac in verges where rain has washed it away; potholes in Branch End Road; Plankey Mill Road from chapel collapsing.

Haydon Bridge - no news on Spa Well; path at back of Rocksprings has been repaired.

Ridley Hall woods - car park closed, toilets locked, picnic tables and chairs piled up. To ask National Trust if they can be re-instated for visitors. Also, need directions about using 'higher path' nearer entrance. Warning notice at Morley Bank to say path is closed but lily pond path still open. Permissive paths closed, but NCC paths open. To write to NT, but aware of sensitive issues.

Uneven paving slabs on track to Brigwood opposite panda crossing.

Lighting:

No issues raised.

Planning:

a) Proposed garden room to rear of 11, South Gables, Haydon Bridge.

b) Proposed conservatory to rear of 12, South Gables, Haydon Bridge.

Objections to both on grounds that applications don't accurately reflect actual situation.

c) Sawmill cottages - conversion from 2 to 1 - no objection.

Accounts:

Agreed, plus extra to tidy west of village.

Agreed to fund foil containers for meals on wheels.

Correspondance:

Clarification of strip of land on Showfield.
Undeveloped land at bottom of Belmont Gardens - resident expressed concern over materials being used to shore up bank wall - open bags of coal dust - could be environmental hazard and illegal disposal of waste.
No response to letter to NCC re fire station closure.

AOB

Talking to Age Concern re luncheon club along the lines of that at Allendale.
Anticipated problems with Travellers in May.
30 mile speed limit outside Shaftoe School - problems with re-siting.
Community Bank meeting 29th April.
Bins outside Anchor - could be environmental issue?
'Welcome' sign for the village.
Haydon Bridge High School - ongoing uncertainty; lack of information. To invite Regional School's commissioner to come to talk to PC.

Date for you diary:

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BAKT-EN- HOR : PART 2 : THOMAS COATES
(For part 1 see The Haydon News April 2016)

So, who was Thomas Coates Esq., of Lipwood House, who presented the Literary and Philosophical Society of Newcastle upon Tyne, in 1821, with a 3,000 year old mummy purchased from an old Arab in Egypt?

The Haydon Chapelry Registers of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials (1654-1812) has almost two hundred and seventy references to the Coats/Coates family - from the baptism of a son to George on February 21st 1695, to the burial of another George, aged seventy five years, on October 15th 1812 - with more in the Chapelry and Parish from 1813, making this surname and derivations of it one of the most common (along with Maughan) in the district.

The first significant records of the Coat(e)s family in Haydon Chapelry were, probably, the deaths of Thomas and his wife Margaret at Wood Hall in 1710. Both were buried at Haydon (Old) Church, Thomas on March 6th and his wife Margaret on October 23rd. These records suggest that the Coat(e)s' first connection with Haydon Bridge was sometime before 1710 - but after 1664, when Thomas of Wood Hall is recorded as living at Walltown.

The importance of the Coat(e)s family in our district's social history can be judged by the number of addresses in the Chapelry at which generations of the family lived and died. For example: Wood Hall, Brokenheugh, Vauce, Mill Hills, Altonside, East Brokenheugh, Chesterwood, Deanraw, Tofts, Rattenraw, Peelwell, Sillywrea, Esp Hill, Hill House, Light Birks and Lipwood - where the family had ownership through John Coats (of Wood Hall), well before Thomas Coates built Lipwood Hall in 1825.

(Note! The spelling of the surname of the family and of individuals within it, varies in the documentary evidence. For example, Thomas was baptised 'Coats' but became Dr. Thomas Coates in later life.)

Research suggests that the Thomas Coates Esq., to whom we can give credit for the gift of the 3,000 year old mummy in The Great North Museum, was the eldest son of William and Mary (nee Armstrong) of Esp Hill, and was baptised 'Thomas Coats' at Haydon Bridge on June 11th 1775.

Thomas was the great grandson of Thomas and Margaret (mentioned earlier as, probably, the first of the Coat(e)s' family recorded in Haydon Chapelry, at Wood Hall in 1710). He was the grandson of Thomas and Margaret's eldest son John, also of Wood Hall; and the son of John's eldest son William who was born at Esp Hill.

An interesting aside, in our parish's social history, is the marriage in 1746 of John Coat(e)s and Margaret (nee Eshton of Chesterwood) that brought two significant land owning families in the Chapelry together. It may also have been this connection that brought the ownership of Lipwood into the Coat(e)s family. (More research needed.)

Thomas Coates and his wife Anne did not have surviving children, their only child dying in infancy, and Thomas died in London in 1828 after a short but eventful fifty



Bakht-en-Hor is a 3,000 year old mummy - a woman five feet in height and between 21 years and 35 years old when she died - and is housed in the Great North Museum, Newcastle. She was brought to the north east by Thomas Coates Esq., of Lipwood House, Haydon Bridge.

(See also HN April 2016)

three years. Having served as a surgeon with the British Army in India, it is recorded that Thomas travelled home overland and on his journey saw the mummy that is now in the Great North Museum, being disinterred in Gournou the elite cemetery on the west bank of the Nile in the ancient capital of Thebes (today's Luxor). Thomas bought the mummy 'from an old Arab' on site and he presented it to the Newcastle Literary and Philosophical Society in 1821.

Thomas Coates built Lipwood Hall in 1825, on land in possession of his uncle Thomas to whom it reverted on his nephew's death. Although this uncle Thomas was born at Esp Hill in 1750, his sister Jane died in 1831 at Lipwood and his son Thomas (1774) and two daughters Mary (1777) and Isabel (1779) were all born at Lipwood.

It is unlikely that Thomas Coates spent much time in the impressive Lipwood Hall, overlooking the fine grounds, as his death is recorded as being in London on January 13th 1828. The Memorial Plaque to Thomas Coates in St



A Memorial Plaque to Thomas Coates, on the south wall in St. Cuthbert's Church, Haydon Bridge was dedicated by his widow, Anne.

Note! Anne has used the baptismal spelling 'Coats' in the Memorial.

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Another more recent reminder of the Coats family visible in Haydon Bridge today is 'Hordley Acre House' and the stone lintel recording its construction. Ada Elizabeth Mary Coats - whose father John Coats was Thomas's cousin - lived in this detached family home built in 1809 by George Coats, and died here aged 71 years in 1936.



Another of Thomas Coats' cousins - another Thomas and also a surgeon (1819-1860) - a son of Thomas's brother John, also showed his commitment to the place of his birth with a legacy to the News Room. (*Which became the Haydon Bridge Reading Room.*) This bequest was received by the News Room secretary on November 21st 1860 (*and recorded by William Lee in 1876 - see below*)

Dear Sir,

I am requested by the executors of the late Mr Thomas Coats, of this place, surgeon, to inform you that a legacy of £100 is by the will of that gentleman bequeathed to the members of the Haydon Bridge News Room, on the following terms, viz;- 'I give and bequeath out of such part of my personal estate as may be lawfully applied to charitable purposes, to the members for the time being of the Haydon Bridge News Room, the legacy or sum of one hundred pounds, free of legacy duty, to be appropriated by them to such literary educational purposes as two-thirds of such members present at a meeting to be convened for the purpose shall determine, such legacy or bequest to be called 'The Coats Benefaction, for the purpose of education.' I have also to inform you that a further sum of four hundred pounds is, by the same will, bequeathed to the members, payable at the expiration of twenty one years from the testators death, provided his sister shall leave no son who shall attain the age of twenty years. I have to add that the executors will be prepared to discharge the legacy of £100 at the termination of twelve months from the testator's decease, a period which will expire on the 14th January next.'

The Coat(e)s family tree is fascinating for those who are interested in our parish's social history, and I may return to it in a future issue. In the meantime, I'll stick to the Thomas Coates family connection and it is interesting that his father William, who was born in 1748 and farmed Light Birks and Esp Hill, was a Bailiff for Greenwich Hospital's, Langley Barony. William took on his wide ranging role towards the end of an agricultural revolution across the country, as well as in our Barony, and a period of extensive farm re-building and reorganisation here that had started after the Derwentwaters' estates were invested in the Crown, in 1735, and the run-down Langley Barony

became an absolute estate of inheritance for the benefit of Greenwich Hospital in 1745. The Langley Barony estate in William Coats's charge included thirty eight farms, at a time the former 'commons' were being enclosed with the intention of bringing them into productive use.

There is no doubt, that the Commissioners of Greenwich Hospital, who paid regular visitations to their northern estate, would be demanding of their bailiffs and receivers, to ensure a maximum return on the considerable money they had invested in the Barony.

HAYDON BRIDGE MUMMIES (Continued)

IRT-IRW

In April's issue and this month, I have added to our knowledge of the 'Haydon Bridge mummy', Bakt-en-Hor, in Newcastle's Great North Museum.

Remarkably, this was not the only mummy purchased and presented to the Newcastle Lit and Phil Society by a Haydon Bridge resident - read on!



IRT-IRW (Great North Museum)

Irt-irw was purchased in Paris in 1825, from an auction of the collection of Baron Dominique Vivant Denon, by **John Bowes Wright (1780-1836)** of Haydon Bridge and presented to the Lit & Phil along with her two coffins in 1826. Baron Denon had collected the mummy in Egypt in 1789-90 when he was part of the scholarly expedition that accompanied Napoleons campaign

When Napoleon invaded Alexandria on July 1st 1789, he took with him the now famous Commission of Arts and Science to chronicle Egypt and its antiquities. One of the artists among the scholars and scientists was Dominique Denon, a young Frenchman whose interest in ancient Egypt became a passion. He began to amass his own collection by sending back to France items of interest, including an adult female mummy. Denon published an account of his travels - 'Voyages dans la Bas et la Haute Egypte' - in 1817 and went on to become the first director of the Louvre, founding their Egyptian Gallery.

The mummy was unwrapped and examined by three Newcastle surgeons (Thomas Michael Greenhow, John Baird and Sir John Fife) in 1830. The Y-shaped incision in her stomach dates from the post mortem carried out then. Bandages weighing 22.5 kg were removed but contained no amulets.

The examination revealed that her brain and her internal organs were not removed before embalming. This is not unusual, but simply one of the approaches used at the time. She is thought to have been middle aged and the cause of her death was not determined by the 'autopsy'.

Modern study reveals that Irt-irw was a middle aged female, approximately thirty years old. Her body exhibits no trauma; some hair, all teeth and all visera are intact, though two toes on the right foot are missing and the left hand had been detached but has now been replaced.

She was buried in a double sarcophagus of two wooden Sycamore coffins with painted lids, both of which were covered in bitumen resin.

Irt-irw dates to the early 22nd Dynasty (about 900 BC).

With thanks to the Great North Museum and to Aron Mazel

HAYDON PARISH 'HOME FRONT' : 1939 - 1945

My earlier Notes of the Second World War 'Home Front' in Haydon Parish, from September 1939 to May 1940, were published in the June 2015 to April 2016 issues of The Haydon News.

Air Raid Warning: At the meeting of the Haydon Parish Council on Thursday, May 8th 1941, dissatisfaction was expressed on the method of preparing the locals for an air raid. The system in use was that, on the report of an air raid alert, Mr Edward Kirsopp the Chief Air Raid Warden would go round the village knocking up each warden.

It was agreed to ask the Northumberland ARP committee for a siren in the village, a request that had been turned down on a number of occasions previously. The cost of a siren was estimated at £20 - £25.

It was pointed out that Haydon Bridge fire station was equipped as a night shelter for the use of wardens and other Civil Defence services and 'heating and an electric kettle' were provided for use during an 'alert period'. *(Oh well! Looks like they got their priorities right. After all, is there a problem that a cup of tea won't solve?)*

And There's More! By June 14th 1941, the county ARP committee had turned down the council request for a siren in Haydon Bridge, and, 'unless incendiary bombs had fallen', neither would they agree to a retort by Edward Kirsopp that, if a siren wasn't installed, he would "blow a whistle" to alert his wardens.

In the face of the committee's intransigence, in spite of his best efforts, Mr. Kirsopp made further suggestions: "A member of the Haydon Bridge Band could be asked to blow his cornet when an alert warning is received," or he, "could stand on his own doorstep blowing a trumpet as a warning!"

Dad's Army indeed! And yet, another example of how moments of individual humour can lighten the darkest of situations.

I understand, from those who were there, that Edward Kirsopp continued to take his vital role as Chief Warden seriously ... and carried on going round the village from door to door knocking up the wardens, when an alert was received.

'S' is for 'Sand': It was reported at a Haydon Parish council meeting in June 1941, that 80% of the residents between the ages of sixteen and sixty were involved in some sort of civil defence work. During a subsequent discussion, the usefulness of using sand to extinguish incendiary devices was stressed and it was agreed that all householders should obtain a quantity of sand for their

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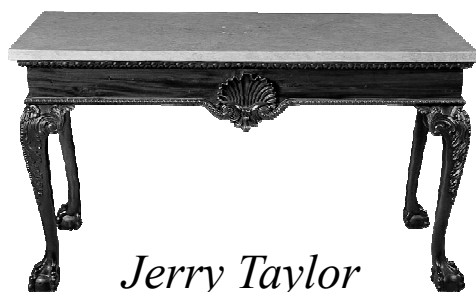
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or call into one of the sessions at the fire station.

own use. Mr. G. Lee Wanless suggested that sand should be available at various points in the village and it could be marked with a letter 'S'.

James Todd: Having spent his working life serving the London and North Eastern Railway, on Wednesday, July 9th 1941, James Todd of Barnard House, Haydon Bridge was, presented with an inscribed walking stick and a fountain pen on the occasion of his retirement. James' wife received an umbrella and the gifts were handed over by F.S. Lawson, Station Master.

James Todd had started work on the railway line as a lamp cleaner, and for thirty one years had served in the signal cabin at Haydon Bridge where he had served under eight station masters. When he received the gifts, James said that a member of the Todd family, including his father, had been a signaller at Haydon Bridge station ever since the opening of the railway.

Salvage: An average of ten hundred weight of paper each month was being collected at Shaftoe Trust School for the war effort.

Farming families of the parish were united in August 1941 with the wedding of Miss Ida Pigg, the youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Pigg of Chesterwood and Herbert White, son of the late Mr and Mrs White of Harsondale. Given away by her brother William, nieces Ida Mary Pigg and Betty Pigg were bridesmaids. William Wilkinson was best man and George Dodd of Silly Wrea and William Davison of Lough Green were ushers.

Respected families in the parish, past and present.

'Home Front' 1939-1941 to be continued next month

HAYDON PARISH 'HOME FRONT' 1914 - 1919

Most of the fighting in the Great War ended following the signing of the armistice on November 11th 1918, the war didn't end officially, however, until the Treaty of Versailles was signed on June 28th 1919. I am, therefore, continuing my Notes on the Great War 'Home Front', throughout 1919 and last month (April HN) I followed Haydon Parish events to March 1919.

Haydon Parish Soldiers' Welfare Association: On the first weekend in March 1919, a Whist Drive and Dance was held in the Town Hall on behalf of the association. There were forty three tables for the whist drive and prizes were gifts from Mrs Bates of Langley Castle; Robert Ridley of Lipwood; Mrs A. Browne, Threepwood Hall; and Mr C.T. Mailing of Chesterwood.

Comforts for the Troops: Local ladies also held a Whist Drive in March, to wind up the working party that had been formed on November 3rd 1916 to knit comforts for our soldiers, several demobilised soldiers were present. The meetings, had been hosted by the Vicar's wife, Mrs Ainger, and were held at the Haydon Bridge Vicarage. The following articles were made by the ladies between 1916 and 1919: 1,038 pairs of socks, 149 mufflers, 25 shirts, 25 pairs of gloves, 73 pairs of bed socks and 1,669 pairs of mittens; besides bags, bed jackets and caps.

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'Flags hung from various parts of the Town Hall'

Haydon Parish 'Home Front' 1914-1919 continued

A Spa Town: At a Parish Council meeting on March 13th 1919, Councillor W.M. Turner pointed out that the water at the Spa Well was 'running very meagrely' and, as it possessed 'great medical qualities', something needed to be done. Mr Turner said that if an enterprising individual or company were to build an hotel there, the village might become 'a great competitor of Harrogate'.
Woodhall Spa, perhaps?

Welcome Home: A unique gathering took place in the Town Hall on Friday, March 14th 1919, when over one hundred discharged and demobilised soldiers, together with those on leave, were entertained by the Haydon Parish Welcome Home Welfare Association. The wives of the married men were invited, while single men were allowed to take a lady friend. Flags hung from various parts of the hall and the national colours were represented with broad strips of red and blue on snow white table cloths. After the singing of the National Anthem, a meat tea was served. Among those present with decorations were Capt. M. Turner M.C., Corp. Frank Elliot D.C.M., Corp. T.W. Brown M.M., Second L/t H.M. Morrison M.M., and Sapper J.W.E. Ridley M.M.

Following tea, 'smokes' were distributed and the Vicar Rev W. Ainger welcomed the men who had come back and said how tremendously grateful those at home were to them. For days, when following their doings by scanty accounts in newspapers, their hearts went out to every one of them knowing full well the great sacrifices they were making to make it safe for those in England and from the depth of their hearts they thought of them and

prayed for them. A sad note was then introduced to the proceedings when those who hadn't come home were remembered and the association, expressing their deepest sympathy and their great sorrow, gave a donation of £10 to each of those who had lost their husbands. In addition, as it was impossible to give an adequate gift to all, £100 available from the balance of the remaining funds would be distributed to a soldiers' club, once it was formed, and a £25 cup to be called the Victory Challenge Cup would be played for at billiards by soldiers and sailors of the parish.

Following a musical programme the hall was cleared, the dancing was enjoyed 'with great heartiness', till 2.00am, and the committee of the Welcome Home Association expressed their belief that their work was nearly done. All that remained was for those men still abroad, to make their return.

Railway Guard Killed: A shocking fatality occurred at Haydon Bridge on Wednesday, March 26th 1919, in the siding three hundred yards west of the station. George Ruddick of Gateshead, the guard on a train standing in the siding, attempted to cross the 'up-line' and was knocked down by a light train going east. Mr Ruddock's left leg was severed at the right hip joint, he suffered injuries to the right temple and his death was instantaneous.

Capt. D.T. Turner: After many months of waiting for news, in April 1919 Mr and Mrs Turner of Haydon Lodge received official notice of the death of their eldest son, Capt. David T. Turner, who had been reported missing on May 30th 1918.

I will continue these 'Home Front' Notes next month

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CHURCHES WORKING TOGETHER CLERGY MESSAGE

Rev. Dr. Benjamin Carter.

I wonder if you noticed Denis Telford's reference to Sunday Schools in last month's Haydon News. For many of us our first experience of Church was through the life of Sunday Schools and many people ask me if we still have a Sunday school to which I answer "yes...sort of!"

I say "sort of" because what we do now might not look like what you remember Sunday School looking like. For one thing one way in which we work with children – through Messy Church – does not happen on a Sunday! Messy Church might be something new to you, but is now something of a phenomenon across this country and beyond. Based once a month on a Bible story (last month we looked at the Easter Story) children explore the story through craft activities which lead into a simple act of worship culminating in a shared meal. Taking place on the second Wednesday of the month we now welcome over twenty children to Messy Church.

Another way in which children and families can engage with faith is through our Storybook Church. Again running once a month, this time on the first Sunday of the month at St Cuthbert's children explore a bible story along with a contemporary children's story to compliment it. Again this is proving to be a very fruitful way for children to explore faith. Both of these are like Sunday School in that they focus on the needs of children. Where perhaps they differ from the Sunday Schools that many of you remember is that both Messy Church and Storybook Church are not simply about imparting knowledge to young minds. Both are chances for all who gather on these occasions – both children and adults – to grow in God's love from each other.

When we think of Jesus' response to children we invariably remember that verse from Matthew's Gospel: "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs." Through Messy Church and Storybook Church we can see the wisdom of these words. In children there is a wonder, and excitement, and yearning to know more about God, and it is one of our great charges to nurture and guard this quality. But more than this, when I see this childlike wonder and excitement and yearning it inspires me. What I find is that far from impart knowledge to young minds, these modern-day Sunday Schools teach the adults as much as they teach the children. Through them I discover again and again that I want to focus with fresh eyes on my faith, and come to Jesus again with the wonder, excitement and yearning of a little child.

Your Vicar, Benjamin

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Easter 6:

Sunday 1 May 2016

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

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

Ascension Day:

Thursday 5 May, 2016

6pm: Joint Eucharist, St Cuthbert's Beltingham

Easter 7:

Sunday 8 May 2016

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

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

Pentecost:

Sunday 15 May 2016

9.30am: Parish Eucharist, All Hallows', Henshaw

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

Trinity Sunday:

Sunday 22 May 2016

9.30am: Parish Eucharist, St Cuthbert's Beltingham

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

Trinity 1:

Sunday 29 May 2016

10am: Joint Eucharist, St Cuthbert's Beltingham

5pm: Evening Worship, Haydon Old Church

Trinity 2:

Sunday 5 June 2016

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

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

Christian Aid Week 15th–21st May

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The Methodist Chapel Easter Cross



Messy Church

Please note we are taking a break during May so the next
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Wed. 8th June 3.30 pm

Venue - should be Methodist Church - watch for posters
nearer the time to confirm.

Come along and bring your friends

*All children welcome under 8's to be
accompanied by an adult.*

INDIAN SUMMER

OMG! Somebody wake me up. I think I'm still dreaming!

I have just had the most fabulous Indian Head Massage right here in the centre of Haydon Bridge.

"Whassat?" I hear you cry.

Oh where do I start! At the beginning is a good a place as any so here goes:

I saw an advert in your very own Haydon News last week which said 'Indian Head Massage - leave your stresses behind' and thought, yup, I'll have some of that! As a busy Mum, wife and general dogsbody I am certainly in need of some de-stressing and indeed some precious me-time. So I booked myself in.

I turned up at 1pm today and was met at the door by Lisa, the owner of Eden Beauty on Ratcliffe Road along from the Co-op. As she led me into a small yet cosy and spotlessly clean treatment room, all thoughts of the Co-op faded away. As did the miserable weather outside. More rain? What a surprise. Just what we need.

Lisa too is spotlessly clean and highly professional as well as very friendly - which is important considering she's about to get up close and personal. She eased me into a reclining chair bed and set to work. The subtle lighting and soft music had me in a trance before she'd even begun!

First she massaged my neck and shoulders deeper and deeper with lavender oil, all the while using gentle yet firm strokes before starting on my scalp. I'm desperately trying to remember this next bit cos I could feel my body slipping off the recliner and under the door as I fought to stay awake. I wanted to drift off to sleep yet I didn't want to miss a thing! For thirty minutes she eased the tension away from me and I felt more relaxed than I have in years.

Towards the end (oh no, I don't want this to end - ever!) Lisa gave me a mini face-lift with the tips of her cooling fingers. I could feel the wrinkles being smoothed away by the minute, and come on girls, who amongst us could not benefit from a face lift!

As she massaged, I asked about the other treatments on offer. Yup, I could benefit from all those too: Swedish massage (full body), hot stone massage, facials, nails, and more and more. The prices are ridiculously low too. Mine cost £20 which is less than the price of a night out and far more relaxing. I'm looking at the pamphlet and there's so much I fancy I may well have to move in!

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Counting the days to the next session.....

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Taking decisions affecting rural areas - the right way and the wrong way.

I get very annoyed when I see poor decisions being taken about the public services we all rely on, I suspect that most people do. I don't expect everyone to see things as I see them or agree with the conclusions I reach, but I do expect decision makers to find out all the relevant facts before making their minds up. I was taught that a good decision requires that all relevant facts should be taken into account and no irrelevant issues should be considered. The Fire Station consultation was a classic example of failing to follow this principle. Information crucial to arriving at a good decision was missing from the original document and, in my view, not put before decision makers later in the process, despite the efforts of local people.

Since moving to Tynedale from Newcastle I have learned that many aspects of life are different in rural areas, not always better or worse, but different. For one thing, even neighbouring communities are so different from each other that it is impossible to understand what is important to any one place unless local people are listened to. No-one automatically

knows all of the local issues across the entire constituency, the county or the region (one of the many reasons I oppose an elected North East Mayor). There must be thorough research and proper briefing before important decisions are taken.

Rural areas in particular need decision takers to be making real efforts to listen to local people, and not just at election time. I have to say I haven't seen much evidence of this recently except for the political party I belong to (the Tynedale Greens) who have made a point of holding meetings all over the constituency. In the past year we have met in Bardon Mill, Wylam, Ponteland, Bellingham, Hexham and Ovington. On Saturday 14th May we are meeting at the Haydon Bridge Community Centre and the first hour from 2pm is reserved for local people to say what is on their minds about their community. You don't need to be a member or a supporter, just come along and have your say. Or you could just have a cuppa and listen to others speak. You will be very welcome either way.

Carole Price



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South Tynedale Railways 40th Commemoration Event

The Newcastle & Carlisle was one of the very first railways, the first public railway in Cumbria and the first cross-country route linking the Irish and North Seas. Steam locomotives were in use from the opening of the first section from Blaydon to Hexham in March 1835.

The western end, from Carlisle to Blenkinsop near Greenhead, was opened on 19th July 1836, with completion of the line on the 18th July 1838. This network of lines had a complex history and at one time extended right through to Lambley on the Alston Branch.

The Alston Branch, first proposed in 1841, was to go as far as the lead mining centre of Nenthead, but the last few miles were not included in the final scheme which was completed in stages during 1851/52.

The line was steeply graded, and with a quantity of bridges and viaducts, and it handled lead, lime and coal. An interesting feature of the Newcastle & Carlisle Railway was its adoption of right-hand running which lasted until the merger with the North Eastern Railway in 1862. Once the road network with cars and buses became accessible to more people, the lines began to decline. The populations served by the branch lines did likewise in some cases and the Alston branch line was no exception as mining in the area tailed off.

For the Alston line itself, closure proposals came from the late 1950s onwards, but the branch continued to link remote Alston with the outside world until 1976, when after the construction of a new road, the line closed on the 3rd May. The commitment made to keep this 'all weather road' open had sounded the death toll for the line.

The loss of the line was devastating for the communities along its length. Many had used the services of the train where they had no other alternatives available to them. Five stations closed on the 3rd May 1976. Featherstone Park, Coanwood, Lambley, Slaggyford and Alston. The last train however actually departed Alston on the 1st May 1976.

The South Tynedale Railway Preservation Society which was officially incorporated in 1983 commemorated the closure with a three-day event from the 30th April over the bank holiday weekend. The commemoration replicates some of the original events on that fateful day when the last trains ran. Feelings ran high as the communities felt that they had been cut off from the main line at Haltwhistle. A piper played, and Brotherhood of Man's Save your kisses for me was playing everywhere as it had just won the Eurovision song competition. At one of the stations, a coffin was placed on the platform and then carried onto the train when it arrived. The funereal theme was echoed along the line and at Alston the weekend event picks up on that theme, but with the emphasis on fun.

Although sad at the time, it was incredibly interesting preparing for this event as we got to talk to people who remembered the last day well. Some of those shared experiences relayed to the event audiences how it felt to live that time when the community had, what was for many, it's lifeline removed.



We commemorate with respect for what the communities felt at that time, but as the Society sprang from the closure, we are happy to celebrate the existence of the current line and its imminent extension to the second of those five stations, Slaggyford.

*Heather Palmer,
General Manager*

Alston Station
14.30
10-4-1976



Take a look at the back page to see what's happening in Haydon Bridge to celebrate our Queen's 90th Birthday.

The Get It Together Society is working with the Parish Council and St. Cuthbert's Church to organise a fabulous weekend festival that will have something to entertain all ages. Live music at the old church, a fantastic summer fete in St Cuthbert's Church grounds, all topped off with a Community Street Party on Church Street – a weekend to remember.

As you can imagine, a lot of help will be needed to make things go smoothly. If you can help with the fete then please speak to Rev Benjamin. For the Street Party we'll need movers and shifters for tables and chairs, people to help with food and drink and of course help to clear up afterwards. We will also need volunteers to do a leaflet drop around the village telling everyone the details of the Street Party.

If you are an entertainer or know someone who is and can help with the party atmosphere on the day then please contact me. Unfortunately we can't pay you but there'll be plenty of food! Contact me or come along to the Street Party meeting in the Community Centre at 7pm on Tuesday May 3rd.

I mentioned last month that the Get It Together Society been awarded a grant from Northumberland County Council and we planned to buy something special – well it's arrived...or should I say THEY'VE arrived. Two pop up gazebo's, 6mx3m that we can use on hard ground. Perfect for the street party whatever the weather. We've also been able to buy a portable PA system so we won't have to borrow one for future events. Thank you NCC.

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

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Riparian Owners - does this affect you?

The following item was drawn to the editor's attention - owners of the river bank take note:

People who own land adjacent to rivers (known as riparian owners) are responsible for the smooth passage of water through their land. They must not allow blockages in the watercourse and should remove any obstructions that appear. These can be natural blockages such as fallen trees or overgrowth on the banks or rubbish that might be dumped in the watercourse or have flowed downstream from another area.

Here is a large bundle of very useful information for flood victims from ABI. It seems to answer a lot of people's queries and questions and provide support for those who are experiencing problems with getting insurance.

Association of British Insurers
New flood insurance arrangements.

Flood Re – what do I need to know?

Flood Re is a new way to help people who live in flood risk areas get affordable home insurance. It launches on April 4th 2016.

Flood Re is not a home insurer itself – instead it works behind the scenes with existing insurance companies. Flood Re helps insurers offer more affordable flood insurance to those in areas at risk of flooding. It will mean people can shop around more easily to find policies with more affordable premiums and excesses. The scheme will develop over time so people should find they have even more choice in the future.

How do I know if Flood Re is relevant to me?

Only people who live in flood risk areas will benefit from Flood Re, and even then it will depend on how much you pay for the flooding part of your home insurance.

A lot of people who live in a flood risk area will already be aware of it. If you're not sure, your current insurer or insurance broker will be able to tell you if your property is considered at risk of flooding. There are also free online maps showing flood risk for different areas of England, Wales or Scotland. Remember to check for your risk of surface water flooding as well as your risk from rivers and the sea.

The Flood Re scheme is designed to help people who buy the buildings or contents insurance for properties which are at risk of flooding, providing they own and live in them. There is also a rule meaning you won't be eligible if your property was built after January 1st 2009.

How do I benefit from Flood Re?

If you live in a property where there is a high risk of flooding you may be contacted by your insurer directly about the scheme. You can also call your insurer to find out if they can offer you new options.

As well as finding out what your existing insurer can offer it's a good idea to shop around, as the existence of Flood Re should, over time, mean you have more choice of affordable flood cover, even if you are at high flood risk. Comparison websites may not be the best way to do this if your home is at flood risk. These sites generally suit people with standard needs and insuring a property at flood risk may be best done by dealing directly with an insurer or insurance broker so they can consider your individual circumstances.

A list of the insurers using Flood Re will be published on the Flood Re website ahead of April 4th and there is an online broker finding service provided by the British Insurance Brokers Association (BIBA).

Remember not to focus purely on the price of the premium but make sure the policy gives you the cover that suits you best. You should take into account how much excess you would be prepared to pay (that's the amount of any claim that you have to cover yourself) and whether you want to have additional protection against problems such as accidental damage. Remember to always answer all questions you are asked honestly.

Why is Flood Re needed?

People buy home insurance to ensure they can repair or replace their property and belongings if they are damaged in events such as fires, storms and floods. There are lots of different insurers and policies to choose from and cus-

tomers can shop around to find the cover that suits them best.

For people who live in places where there is a high risk of flooding it has become harder to shop around. Fully drying out, repairing and restoring a flooded home often costs between £20,000 and £45,000 so buying insurance for properties which are likely to flood a lot often costs more and people who live in these properties don't have as much choice.

To help improve this situation and make home insurance accessible to as many people as possible, the insurance sector set up Flood Re along with the Government. It is the first scheme of its kind in the world.

How long do I have to sort my insurance out? Is there a deadline?

Although Flood Re will be operating from April 4th there is no rush for people to sort out insurance policies straight away. The benefits of Flood Re will develop over time so if your policy isn't due for renewal yet, you may find an even greater choice of cover when you are ready to renew in a few months' time.

Will I be able to get through to my insurer on April 4th?

Of the eligible households in the UK, we expect around 350,000 to benefit from the effects of Flood Re over time. That's 2% of eligible households. People won't be dealing with Flood Re directly, they'll still be buying their insurance as usual. Insurers will be well prepared to deal with any increase in customer enquiries in the first few weeks while people find out about Flood Re. If you are interested in any more detail about how Flood Re will work you can read about it on their own website.

If you are a customer interested in how Flood Re could affect your home insurance, please see our page: Flood Re - a customer guide below:

Flood Re is a reinsurance company, which means it enables insurance companies to insure themselves against losses because of flooding. Unlike other reinsurance companies it is a not-for-profit fund, owned and managed by the insurance industry, and it has been designed to address a specific issue for a specific period. It's also publicly accountable.

Flood Re's aim is to promote the availability and affordability of flood insurance to those who own and live in properties in flood risk areas. Establishing it required Government legislation and it is the first scheme of its kind anywhere in the world.

Customers will still buy their insurance from insurers or insurance brokers in the usual way, they will not deal directly with Flood Re. When the cost of the flood risk part of their policy climbs above a certain level, it may make sense for the insurer to place that part of the policy with Flood Re.

In the case of a customer making a claim because of a flood they will have their claim managed and repair works completed by their insurer in the usual way, but that insurer will then be able to recover those costs from Flood Re.

How is Flood Re being funded?

The insurance industry itself paid the set up costs of Flood Re, which are over £20 million, and many millions more have been spent by individual companies preparing their own systems. The pool of money to cover claims made on policies which are in the scheme will come from two places – the charge for each policy which is passed into Flood Re, and an additional annual £180 million levy on UK home insurers. Flood Re also has its own reinsurance policy in place to ensure it will be able to cope with

significant or multiple flood events.

How are the costs of putting a policy into Flood Re calculated?

When a policy is passed into Flood Re, the insurer will be charged a fixed sum dependent on that property's council tax band. For higher risk homes, this set price will be artificially lower than the price in the market which is based on risk, meaning the insurer should be able to offer the customer a lower price for the flood part of their insurance.

The final amount the customer is asked to pay for the overall insurance policy will depend on a wide range of factors, which different insurers take into account in different ways. This will include considerations such as what the policy holders do for a living, the age and condition of the property, and the likelihood of a claim being made because of fire, theft or subsidence, for example, not just flooding.

How is it decided which policies end up with Flood Re?

It is expected around 350,000 properties will meet the eligibility criteria and benefit from Flood Re over time, although there is no cap. This figure represents about 2% of eligible UK households. The decision about which properties are passed on will be taken on a financial basis; if a property can get a better price for flood insurance outside of Flood Re there will be no need to use it. Only when the cost of covering the flood risk becomes more expensive than the cover offered by Flood Re will it make sense to pass that part of the policy on. This means the properties which end up in the scheme cannot be predicted on a purely geographical basis – and it is possible different decisions could be reached even for neighbouring properties.

Are any properties excluded?

The majority of homes in high flood risk areas will be eligible for Flood Re, but there are some exclusions. Properties built after January 1st 2009 are not covered because it's important not to incentivise home-building in flood risk areas. This cut-off date was introduced for a previous agreement on flood insurance between insurers and the Government which began in 2008 so this is being rolled over to Flood Re. Flats in leasehold blocks containing four or more homes are also excluded.

Detailed eligibility criteria can be found on the Flood Re website.

This is a home insurance scheme – why does it not cover businesses?

Home and business insurance are very different things, and home insurance is a simpler product. It is not possible or appropriate to extend Flood Re to cover businesses.

Where there are small businesses which face difficulty getting property insurance because of flood risk, the nature of this problem is on a much smaller scale nationally and is of a different nature to those faced by domestic properties. If it is decided a specific solution needs to be found to help flood risk businesses access insurance there are a number of different options which could be explored, such as ways to reduce the flood risk to those properties in the first place, whether there is a market for more specialised products, or whether direct Government support could be funded via business rates, corporation tax or a new measure.

ALL OF THIS INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE ON:

<https://www.abi.org.uk/Insurance-and-savings/Topics-and-issues/Flood-Re/Flood-Re-explained>

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- August 23rd *Haydon Bridge GITS (Pauline Wallis)*
- Sept 20th *Macmillan Cancer Care*
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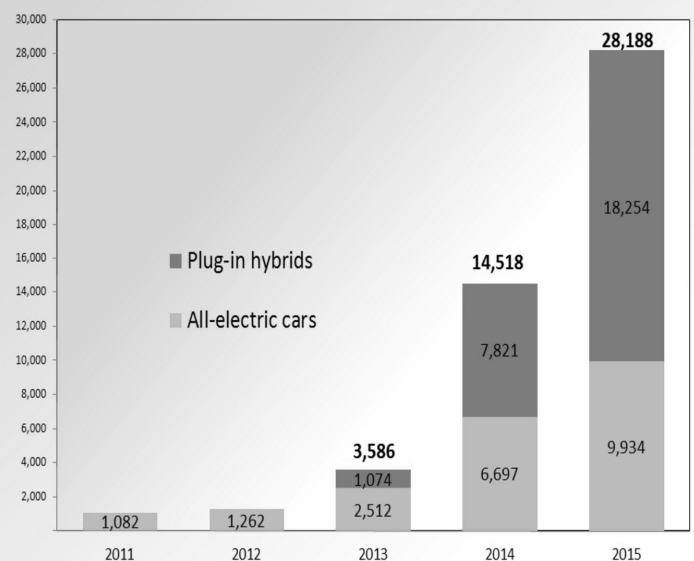
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Why buy petrol or diesel?

There's few things quite so tiresome as the zeal of the newly evangelised. Having done more than a thousand electric miles already, I now fall into that group. Sorry. 23% of new cars in Norway are now electric vehicles (EVs). Amazing but true. The UK has yet to catch up with this but the trend is obvious:

Registrations of plug-in electric cars in the UK by year (January 2011 - December 2015)



The Dutch government takes the view that by 2025 the greater part of the national fleet of passenger cars will be electric - to choose a fossil fuelled vehicle will be to make an eccentric choice. Tesla, an American EV company established by Elon 'PayPal' Musk has just

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announced its first 'affordable' mid size saloon car, the Model 3, and even before production starts almost half a million people have paid a deposit.

For most journeys that most people do most of the time and EV is the perfect choice. The overwhelming majority of car journeys are short range local running about - exactly the sort of use that, for technical reasons, the petrol or diesel car is particularly bad at. The EV does not need to warm up and use large amounts of fuel to do so. Every time a petrol or diesel car is started the first job that has to be done is warming up a few hundredweight of metal to get to normal operating temperature, which takes 10-20 miles at least - catastrophically wasteful and damaging to the engine.

It is not widely known that the very first cars, in the 1880s, were electric. Those that survive still run perfectly



happily. They were overtaken by fossil fuelled cars because of their greater speed and range and, crucially, the fossil fuel magnates actively killed off the enterprises that built them. In rather the same way that a cabal of ageing billionaires and quaintly heterodox wazzocks is currently undermining progress today.

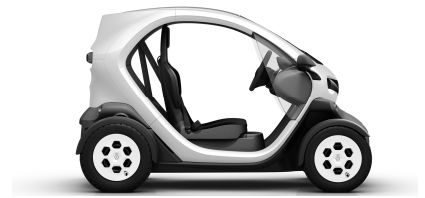
Yes. EVs are currently quite expensive to buy but Sunderland-built Nissan Leafs (really electric Micras) with 'delivery mileage' only, for example, are available at much more affordable cost. It's the batteries that cost the money. A version of Moore's Law seems to apply to battery costs - there is a rapid and consistent decline in costs and improvement in performance all the time. The questions really are: How quickly would you recoup your investment and how soon will EVs be cheaper than the old fashioned fossil fuelled kind?

EV's pay no road fund tax. Charging on an off-peak tariff costs about 9.5pence per kilowatt hour - so, for an average EV a full charge from dead flat would be a couple of quid at most. This works out at a little over 1 penny per mile. We seem to be doing about 750 miles per month at present so that makes £8ish. The EV, having only one moving engine part and no gearbox, requires next to no servicing at all - other maintenance items are tyres and brake pads.

Some of the public charging points provide free electricity. It is also possible to fuel your EV from the sun or wind, even if you don't have your own solar panels or wind turbine. Ecotricity is a renewable-only electricity provider that also runs a nationwide charger network and offers a special rate for domestic supply to EV owners. This must be the closest approach to guilt-free motoring currently available today.

The choice of EV gets wider almost every day. From the

tiniest, a Renault Twizy:



To the plushest, a Tesla X:



To the adolescent boy's poster - a Rimac:



Off-road?:



Range - I hear you muttering. The current record for a standard production EV (Tesla 85D) is 550 miles on a single charge. Audi is aiming for a 500 mile range for their higher spec models. My i3 will do about a hundred miles per charge if driven intelligently - or 75 if it's me at the wheel. That's the length of the Tyne valley and no worries. In the years to come range will increase steadily.

Charging. You can charge using an ordinary three pin house plug but that is a bit slow. High power chargers are available for domestic or commercial use and may come 'free' with the car. The chargers can be mounted outdoors if required and locked to prevent theft or damage. Setting the charger and car to use an off peak tariff is easy.

Future charging developments will include 'wireless' charging where you simply park on top of a loop in the ground. It is not inconceivable that charging whilst moving may be possible and that would allow smaller battery packs.

Tesla have their own 'Supercharger' network across the globe and are experimenting with such fast charging rates that the cables used have to be water cooled.

An aspect of electric propulsion that will be unfamiliar to many is regeneration. In an old fashioned fossil fuelled car you use fuel to build up speed and when you brake the speed is converted into heat, by the brakes, which then blows away in the air - unforgivably wasteful.

In an EV you won't need to use the brakes very often at all because when you take your foot off the accelerator the motor starts to generate power, thus slowing the car, and puts it back into the battery. It makes perfect sense. Starting from my house with 70 miles range showing, by the time I reach Church Street I have 72 or 73 miles in hand - which takes me almost half way to Hexham - makes North Bank a positively useful hill.

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NOTICES & WHAT'S ON?

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Date	Leader & Contact No.	Destination & Meeting Place	Description & Distance
31 st .March	Cynthia Bradley 684622	Allendale Riverside Meet at Allendale Market Square. G.R.837558	Circular, road and along river bank 2-3 mile. <i>Various wild flowers & wild life.</i>
14 th .April	Barbara Wardle 688886	West & East Dean Raw Meet at Harsandale. G.R. 817614	Circular about 3 miles. <i>Farmland Views & Hares.</i>
28 th . April	Cynthia Bradley 684622	Fallow field Fell Meet at layby St.Oswalds just over 1 mile east of Chollerton crossroad.	Circular about 3 miles. <i>Visit St.Oswalds Church with field and road views.</i>
12 th .May	Barbara Wardle 688886	Harsby Lonning /Prior House. Meet at the Library or for a shorter walk at Chesterwood at 6.50.p.m.	Circular 5 miles. <i>Country Lanes, & Birds.</i>
26 th .May	Cynthia Bradley 684622	Beltingham Meet at C/P Allen Banks G.R.798640	Circular about 4 miles. <i>Along river & fields visit Beltingham Church Yard/ old trees and one which the Queen Mother planted.</i>
9 th .June	Cynthia Bradley 684622	Green Lee Lough Meet at permissive small car park	Circular 4 miles. Rough fell ground then a board walk. <i>Bird hide excellent for observing the wet land birds.</i>
23 rd .June	June Rumney 684562	Standalone Chesterwood, New Alston. Meet at the Library	Circular 5 miles. <i>Farm land & elevated views.</i>
7 th .July	Barbara Wardle 688886	Bardon Mill to Ridley Hall Meet at Bardon Mill Station. Share cars.	4 Miles. <i>Meadow land walk.</i>
21 st .July	Alison Watson 606535	Hexham Shire Meet at Hexham Race Course	5 miles terrain farmland & woodland. One steep climb. <i>Hares & birds</i>

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Haydon Bridge Update Newsletter

Since December the Environment Agency, Northumberland County Council and Northumbrian Water have been working together to tackle flooding in the Tyne Valley. This newsletter provides you with an update on our work in Haydon Bridge.

Repairs to flood defences

Following the flooding in December the Environment Agency has identified a number of flood defence repairs needed at Haydon Bridge. Central government funding has now been secured to carry out these repairs between now and September.

These repairs include:

- replacing the flaps and repointing the flood wall at Brigwood;
- strengthening the flood wall and stopping leakage through the flood wall at Temple Houses;
- minor raising of the ground behind Rocksprings Terrace.

Scour repairs

We are aware of the scour upstream and downstream of the old A69 road bridge, caused by the winter flooding.

Northumbrian Water is taking the lead for the repair to the upstream scour. The Northumbrian Water pipe is currently about two metres away from the river bank erosion and the pipe itself is not a cause for concern for the moment. The Environment Agency is concentrating on the repair at the immediate downstream location next to the flood wall and next week will be carrying out tree removal work to gain better access to the site.

Both organisations are working closely together with Northumberland County Council and design consultants, Mott MacDonald, to address this damage and determine the most efficient way to deliver the best solution. Repairs to the scours will take place between now and September.

Sewer Network Maintenance Northumbrian Water has carried out a closed circuit television (CCTV) survey on 3000 metres of combined sewer in Haydon Bridge and has identified sections of sewer that need to be cleansed. The cleansing will remove debris left from the flooding and help to ensure the network is working as designed. The CCTV survey also identified three areas of infiltration (where surface water is finding its way into the sewer network). Further survey work will be carried out to understand the source of this water.

Northumbrian Water has fitted a non-return valve to the sewer at Haydon Bridge United Football Club. Northumbrian Water will also continue to investigate surface water run-off, which has been reported to them, to identify the source.

Langley Burn

Northumberland County Council is working with the Environment Agency to investigate the flooding issues and explore opportunities for reducing the risk of flooding from Langley Burn.

Gravel management

The Environment Agency has carried out a topographic survey of the gravel in the river at Haydon Bridge. This information will be used to update and re-run the modelling for Haydon Bridge to assess whether the current gravel deposits have any effect on the capacity within the river during high flows. The results of this survey are due in May. After this we will let you know the outcome and our decision on future gravel management.

Repairs to Highway Infrastructure

On 17 March the Government confirmed it will provide £14.6 million funding to Northumberland County Council to help repair the flood damage to the County's highways infrastructure. Locally it is estimated that all repairs will cost around £24 million. The council is now prioritising the programme of repairs.

General debris clearance and gully clearance has been carried out across the area including reports passed onto the Council from Northumbrian Water.

The Council has been working with Network Rail on the B6319 to reduce the likelihood of flooding from piped watercourses and to repair damaged culverts.

The landslip on the B6319 has been investigated and surveyed. Drains have been jetted and the preliminary design and associated scoping exercise for a repair are underway. Temporary traffic lights are currently in operation at this location to allow this work to be done.

Access to the historic Haydon Spa is not currently possible due to the severe damage to the footpath caused by flooding. During the spring, the Council's Countryside and Green Spaces Team will be installing new timber steps to replace those that were washed away. Longer term, the Council will investigate options for a more permanent repair of the eroded section of the bank to further improve access.

Future flood defences

The Environment Agency has carried out a cost benefit analysis to explore further flood defence options at Brigwood, Lipwood and Temple Houses.

This assessment has found that there is the potential for future flood defence works at Brigwood and Lipwood. Over the next few months, the Environment Agency will explore more accurate costs and benefits of the initial options identified and investigate what funding is potentially available.

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Improvements to your Flood Warning Service

The Environment Agency is in the process of reviewing the Flood Warning Service at Haydon Bridge. The review will ensure that all properties at risk of flooding from the River Tyne at Haydon Bridge will receive a timely and accurate Flood Warning in future. Any improvements that we identify will start to come into effect in late June 2016.

If you are not already registered to receive free Flood Alerts and Warnings, please register with Floodline on 0345 988 1188 or visit www.gov.uk/sign-up-for-flood-warnings

Property Level Resilience Grant

Households and businesses in Northumberland that were flooded in December 2015 can apply for a property level resilience grant of up to £5,000, from the Government.

This grant is intended to only fund measures which improve the property's resilience or resistance to flooding, beyond repairs that would normally be covered by insurance. The deadline for applications is 30 September 2016.

You are eligible for this grant if your property flooded internally. For more information about this grant, visit www.northumberland.gov.uk/Campaigns/Flood-support.aspx, call 01670 624139

or email fcerm@northumberland.gov.uk

Business Recovery Grants

Business recovery grants are available to small and medium sized businesses with up to 250 full time equivalent employees. They can be used for a wide range of activities to support survival and recovery such as marketing, interest payments on new and existing loans, specialist advice, training, equipment and other activities supporting implementation of a recovery action plan.

Specialist advisers can be contacted for advice and support. Application forms are available on the Council's website, or businesses can call Arch (the council's development company) on 01670 528489 or email katy.mcintosh@arch-group.co.uk.

If you would like further information or have questions, please contact:

Environment Agency at: northeast-newcastle@environment-agency.gov.uk

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Haydon Bridge Flood Recovery Fund

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We are very pleased to announce that because of this the Haydon Bridge Flood Recovery Fund now stands at over £28,000.

We are now in the position to distribute these funds to those affected. A letter will be sent to every home and business which was flooded. We have done our best to identify all those affected. Letters will be distributed by Friday 6 May, and so if after this date you think you should have received a letter but have not please can you contact Jo Thompson at the Havelock.

The funds are being distributed through the Haydon Bridge Development Trust and applications will be treated in the strictest confidence.

We are asking for applications to be returned to The Flood Recovery Fund, via The Bridge, before Friday 27 May to allow us to distribute the money very quickly.

Many thanks to everyone who worked so hard to raise this money and for all who gave so generously. We hope that, as Spring arrives, this money will help those affected that night in the depths of winter.

THE HAYDONIAN CRUCIVERBALIST

April 2016

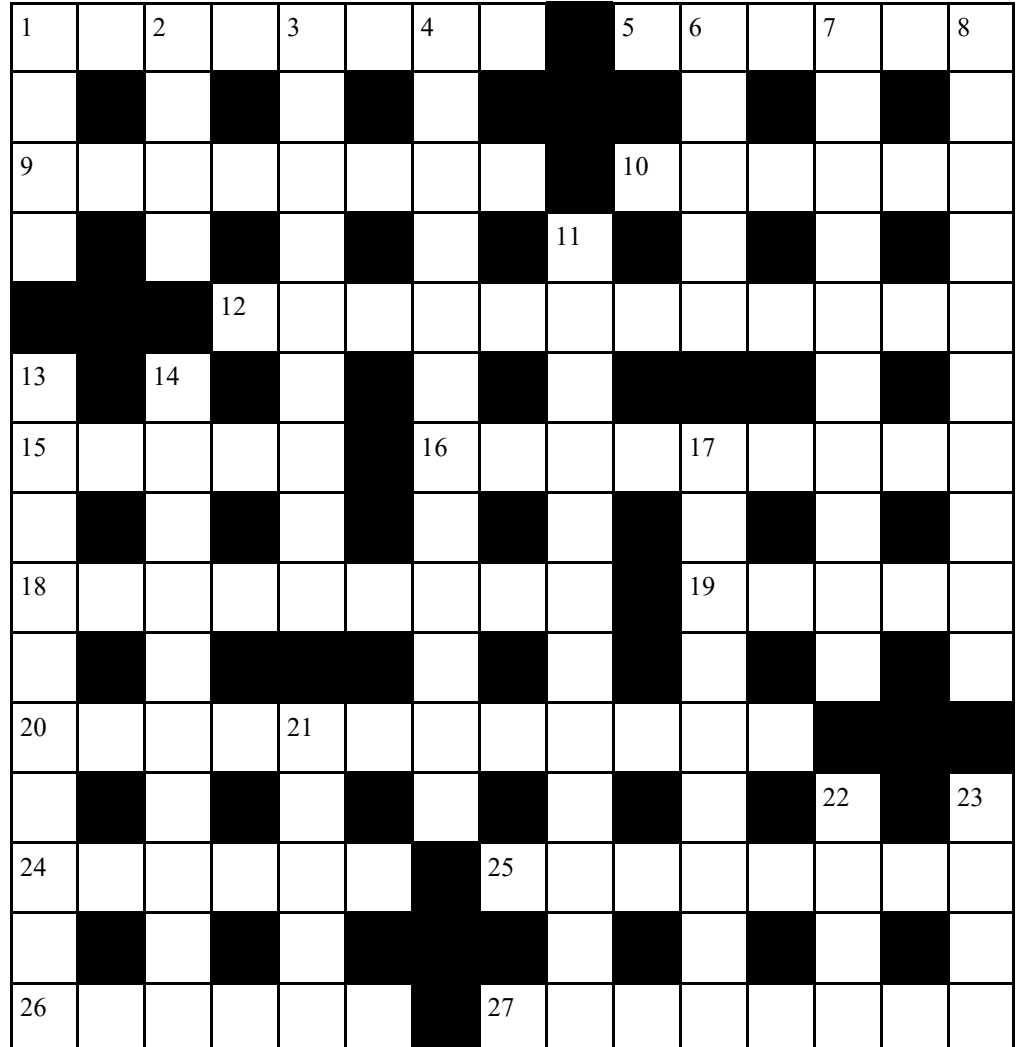
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1. Truck went first, as apprentice was once (8)
5. Tight hold of Horatio (6)
9. Spot on account with clergy work (8)
10. Partner lost the right to entrap (6)
12. Joyful as a lamb may be (5,2,5)
15. Virus back, 50 taken out but 500 more embedded in building material (5)
16. Temperate, keep oneself away from louse back inside (9)
18. Element of Argyllshire village where hesitation replaces article (9)
19. Fold formed from cracked crockery (5)
20. Plane fresh in redeployed specially for actor (5,7)
24. Disposition of worker around on river (6)
25. Fungus to menace the kids (8)
26. Cave on the South of France is quite unexpected (6)
27. Trash, say? Stub it here (8)



DOWN

1. Off a street (4)
2. Stitch for harness (4)
3. Irish moss relocated near Grace (9)
4. Lie about chest pain? May make for bigger headache (12)
6. Register in stolen roller-skates (5)
7. Over-sown in the auditorium and overridden (10)
8. Is Grandma's gallery too protective? (5,5)
11. Near the norm, an apostle with debts (12)
13. Finch, English, in col – sparrows, more like (10)
14. Well matched with marriage guidance council held by a string (10)
17. Nun's veil out west with fellows at junction, useful item (9)
21. Soundly stashed multitude seen (5)
22. M as written by Jane and not Ian (4)
23. Windfall, no head so bit of a responsibility (4)

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

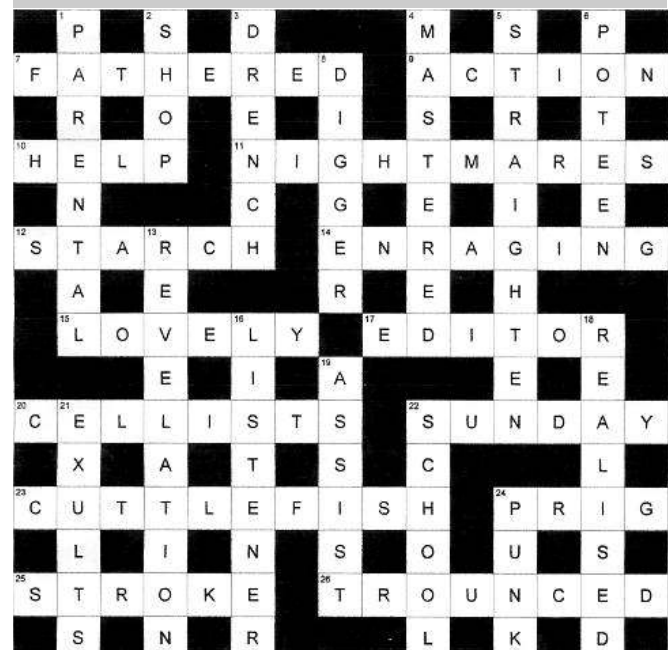
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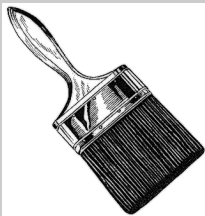
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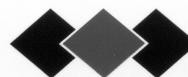
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The age of rage & intolerance

My last month's column has had an unexpected feedback: I have been called courageous and daring because of how I addressed the EU question. It did surprise me – it was mentioned only in one paragraph, just like my concern about a possible war in Europe. I don't believe I am right or wrong, nor do I think I am entitled to dish out any advice on how the British should vote about their future. Moreover, contrary to popular belief, EU nationals living in the UK don't have a vote in the upcoming referendum.

What strikes me in all these increasingly emotional debates about staying in or leaving the EU is that they try to argue with seemingly hard facts and predictions, made often by the very same people who could not foresee the banking crisis and collapse of the world economy in 2008. The truth is far scarier: although you can make some educated guesses, nobody really knows what's going to happen. Perhaps Britain will be this strong, independent superpower with a thriving economy that will be laughing from the sidelines at the stupid cousins on the Continent, as the OUT camp promises. Or perhaps not.

If you employ analytical and logical thinking, it soon becomes apparent that the arguments on both sides are difficult to contradict or confirm, it's more what you chose to believe. Instead of making a case for British identity, which is what this whole debate really is about, we are bombarded with data and conclusions that are usually nothing more than wild guesses, about the gloomy future that will await Britain if it stays/doesn't stay in the EU. I am sure I am not the only one following this with utter bewilderment.

It's only here in this country that I can see that somehow many people feel they are different from anyone else across the Channel to the point that you hear strong declarations that British history and culture has nothing to do with those weird Europeans. From ancient Rome, Celts, Anglo-Saxon tribes and strong Viking and French influence... These claims somehow deliberately ignore and lie about over a thousand years of cultural exchanges, trade, ideas and sadly also conflicts.

The otherness of the British, mostly stemming from their country's peculiar geographical position, is both a curse and a blessing. If Britain were not an island, people in Dover would be fluent in French, and inhabitants of Newcastle wouldn't bat an eyelid when conversing with their neighbours in Norwegian. It's also worth acknowledging that the Continentals are not one homogenous mass but many lands with just as many cultures, histories and languages as I always try patiently to explain when I have the fifteen-hundredth conversation that goes like this:

“So where are you from?”

“Prague, Czech Republic.”

“So do you miss Poland?”

“Not really”.

“You know, my second cousin twice removed has been to Bucharest.”

“That is Romania.”

“Yes, but that's nearly the same.”

“Yes, like someone from Gloucester nearly comes from Sicily.”

Actually, I never say the last bit, that would be a bit rude but at least in my head I allow myself to have a bit of fun at the expenses of the poor Brit who is trying to make small talk. If I had a penny each time I have had to react to similar questions, I am sure our mortgage would have been repaid.

So where are the politicians battling it out in this ideological discourse? Where is someone saying that the future is not a doomsday full of unknown imagined threats but an opportunity? Instead you can choose from the following options:

Economy will flourish if:	You stay in the EU
	Leave the EU
Or economy will collapse if	You stay in the EU
	Leave the EU

It does not make much sense. Besides, my understanding of how global economy works is somewhat limited to know the correct answer so I can only go by the claims recited by “experts” in the papers, which are by and large confusing and contradictory. And what of these stock markets? They are nothing but a legalised con in my eyes. Someone in London shifts numbers from one side to another based on a speculation. By being this weird puppet master, you can become insanely rich without actually producing anything of value – just by “trading”.

I am very cynical about what I see and read in the papers. I also don't trust politicians just as a matter of principle, based on a lifetime of experience. There was definitely no coincidence when the British PM was named as a part of a huge international tax-avoidance scandal. It's not like the rest of the lot are saints with faces of angels, they just slipped through the nets - for now. And for some of them it's only because they were not heading an important political campaign.

They all do it – everyone wealthy at least. So it's hypocritical to single out one of the upper class club. When it happens, you have to ask - why? Why him and not the others? My professor of economics, who was openly of right-wing with conservative leanings, made no secret at his lectures that the only way serious money can be made is by avoiding taxes and underpaying the workforce.

Meanwhile as we are getting closer to the referendum date it's also interesting to observe the language and tone that more or less attack anything from Europe. Even an innocent looking article about a mother abandoning her baby in fact insinuates that all mothers from that particular country in Europe must be equally horrible.

This is all a part of a big lesson about humans and all the shades that they are. As I am learning that lesson, I am more and more terrified of this outpouring of hatred, antagonism and nationalism everywhere. Muslim children in Switzerland are offended by female teachers possibly touching their hands, orthodox Jews refuse sitting next to women on planes and abortions are banned and likened to acts of terrorism. It looks like everyone is supposed to be angry about something or someone or demand something because of a sense of entitlement. In this age of rage and intolerance, how do any of us fit in or belong anywhere?

Natalie Nera

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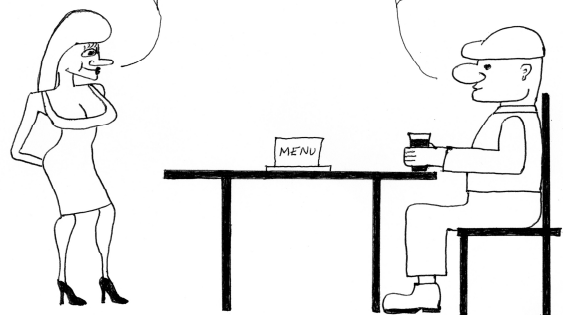
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RAYDON FRIDGE and DUSTY DARMAID

We didn't do very well in the talent competition last night, Raydon, done up as Dolly Parton and Kenny Rogers.

I still think it could work, Dusty, but next time I'm going to be Kenny.



There's a lady lives near me who is well into her 80's.

I privately call her Mrs Malaprop for reasons which will become clear: Today as I gave her a lift home from Hexham she suddenly turned and said admiringly :

"Ooh by the way, I heard that you're a Communist! Well done!"

Having kept my political leanings to myself I wondered how she could possible know. And get it so wrong to boot.

Then she produced a magazine from her bag and pointed to an article:

"Look. It says it right here. Marita Berndt. Our resident communist. "

Just when I was getting over Ada in the library too.....

Marita

RAYDON FRIDGE and DUSTY DARMAID

Have you decided, Raydon?

Poached? The menu says the salmon is oven baked.

I'll have the poached salmon, Dusty.

I saw the chef acting very suspiciously down by the river bank last night. That salmon is definitely poached.



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Do poppies still grow on that sacred ground,
Their tall stems crowned in red.
And is the Skylark's joyful sound,
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Believing their battle-hardened foe,
Had perished beneath the earth's dark face.

For had not their guns for seven days,
Pounded the earth both day and night?
While men from both sides were mentally crazed,
By remorseless noise to add to their plight.

They steadily walked across no man's land,
Still unchallenged by enemy shell.
Until those in the lead could see first hand,
The undamaged barbed wire, before they fell.

Those further back knew a moment of fear,
As endless shells poured down like rain.
And machine gun bullets ended life of those near,
As the air was rent by the screams of pain.

No retreat the order made clear,
As those still to come had nowhere to hide.
And could only move forward mid chaos and fear,
As they trembled and stumbled together and died.

A silence descended on roll call that night,
As name after name brought no replies.
So that even some officers try as they might,
Failed to stop tears from clouding their eyes.

Thousands were slaughtered on that day alone,
Young men who had answered the call to fight,
To stand against foe who threatened their home,
No longer knew dawn, just endless night.

No poppies now grow on that sacred ground,
For farming has banished them all.
But now and again it's as if there's a sound,
Akin to a skylark's call.

As if a thousand voices could speak
from beneath that nurtured earth.
Begging us all not to be weak,
but to fight for freedom's worth.

Those brave young men who gave their lives,
Had only one thing to say.
Remember we gave our tomorrows,
So you could have today.

*Anne Stewart
March 2016.*

Farmwatch

New Farmwatch signs are sending a clear message to would-be thieves in Northumberland.

Police, the NFU and insurers NFU Mutual have joined forces to help highlight the strength of Farmwatch across rural Northumberland.

Together they have produced 300 new Farmwatch signs for mounting to gates, fences and farm buildings and so send a clear message to would-be thieves. The collaboration comes as a result of an increasingly close working relationship between the Police and the local farming community. A regular rural crime forum has also been established bringing farmers and police officers together every three months to discuss issues and share information.

Farmwatch in Northumberland is a longstanding success with hundreds of farmers right across the county signed up to receive regular updates and information about criminal activity in the area.

Neighbourhood Inspector, Kevin Oates, said: "The new and updated signs are perfect for spreading the message about Farmwatch and the work we are doing in our rural communities to keep them safe.

"Farmwatch is a really useful tool in the fight against rural crime. It allows us to be in constant contact with our most rural communities.

"I'd urge anyone who lives in rural Northumberland to sign up and play their part. We need as many of our rural residents signed up as possible as they are our eyes and ears."

This is a view shared by NFU Northumberland County Adviser Samantha Davies who said: "Rural crime is a significant national issue and the NFU has been focused for several years on building better links with police forces across the country.

"We have just produced a rural crime manifesto for the Police and Crime Commissioner elections and that highlights the importance of good communication to encourage maximum community engagement.

"In Northumberland we are forging ahead and this latest collaboration shows what can be achieved by working together. Good signage is crucial to the success of Farmwatch as a visible reminder to would-be thieves that their activities will not go unnoticed. These signs are not cheap, but by pooling our resources we are now able to provide them free of charge to Farmwatch members."

Rural insurance specialists NFU Mutual are also very active supporting Farmwatch and other crime prevention initiatives across the country.

Local Agent Jayne Watson, based in Morpeth, said: "Every year we produce national rural crime statistics so we are only too aware of how important crime prevention measures are. We work closely with the local farming community and are only too pleased to contribute to the success of Farmwatch in Northumberland."

Farmwatch members wanting a sign should contact either local policing team or their NFU local group secretary. Anyone interested in joining the Farmwatch scheme should contact their local policing team on 101.

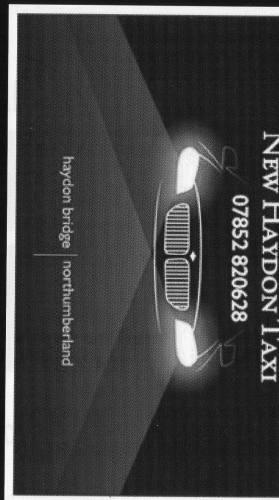
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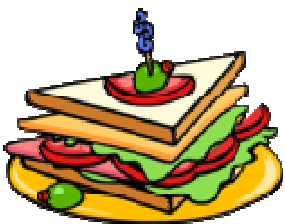
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