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ADOXOGRAPHY

Being the Haydon News editor has been fun - in a masochistic sort of way. I now know so much more about Microsoft Publisher than I ever expected to. This sort of public service is not wholly or even mainly about the guy who puts the thing together in an at least semi-coherent manner - it is mostly about those who contribute and there are scores of them. Writers, researchers, poets, crossword wranglers, proof readers, collators of information, advertisers, photographers, artists, printers, distributors, the coffee morning crew, the fund raisers, the treasurer, letter writers, members of the public who contribute ideas, the Parish Council, Cllr. Sharp...

A parish magazine can only work were the residents of the parish want it to work and put effort into it.

So a very big and heartfelt **Thank You** to everybody who has been part of this literary and artistic escapade.

Brian Alderson, still officially the most handsome man in the parish, will be taking up the reins for the next edition and I hope and expect that he will be supported in the role as I have been. All email traffic should now be directed to him on:

thehaydonnews@btinternet.com

Under his aegis the magazine will continue to metamorphose and, maybe, at some stage in the future it may become an on-line publication. Who knows?

I wish Brian, the team and the whole readership a merry and seasonal '*Bon Chance!*'.

Have you submitted your ideas for parking around the village yet. There's still time to make contact with any of the parish councillors and all ideas are welcome.

The mystery of the delay in getting a tree preservation order for the cherry trees at the old fire station is partly solved - the officer in question has been off sick. After a flurry of emails it now seems likely that a colleague will take over the task. The community's concerns have been made abundantly clear at the highest level - though that is not the same as saying that anything will happen.

The village is now blessed with three excellent eateries and new offers of food, drink and entertainment are

regular features in all of them. There's no time like Christmas to treat yourself and your family to a bit of luxury. Our Chippy and Tandoori are also first class establishments and can be visited with confidence. Go on - you know you want to!

It is a complete delight to read Dennis' account of Harry Watson's war time activities and in much more detail than I had previously been privy to. Harry

was a fund of stories of all descriptions and visits to the garage were never dull - nor are they dull now, Peter has inherited the gift. Harry's war time expertise was brought into play soon after I moved to the village in 1989 and bought a 1943 International Harvester Half Track armoured car. Watson's garage was fully up to the task of maintenance - including changing the tracks. Versatile is probably the best word.

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Steve Ford

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A meeting of the Haydon Parish Council was held in The Community Centre on 23rd November 2017 at 7.30pm.

The proposed meeting with NCC about the proposed lighting scheme has been postponed. The hope was expressed that a highly placed NCC officer would attend in due course to cover a multitude of pressing problems.

Public participation

The parking problem on North Bank has been referred to the Police.

A lively exchange developed over Karbon Homes' plan to demolish garages on the estate and build houses instead.

Objections raised included: Loss of access (including emergency vehicles and oil tankers), light, privacy, value and parking. Drainage and sewerage problems appear probable. Highway access will be problematic too.

The council recommends that all concerned residents should INDIVIDUALLY write to the planning committee in Morpeth with their objections. Guidance about valid grounds for objection can be had from the NCC website or The Bridge. The more letters the better.

Cllr. Sharp emphasised how active he has been and continues to be on behalf of aggrieved residents.

It was noted with interest that the road in front of the garages is an NCC adopted road but the planning application covers it.

The repositioning of the recycle bins to the Tunnel Top was criticised by all present.

Representation was made to the council about the nuisance caused by the noise from propane powered bird scarers.

The accuracy of the Church Clock was noted.

Apologies were accepted.

Declarations of interest. Cllr. Charlton acknowledged that her house is potentially adversely affected by the proposed housing development on the estate.

Minutes of previous meeting were agreed.

NCC

Cllr. Sharp reported that the proposed development of the Langley Brickworks has been refused planning permission.

The Willow Gap enforcement process is in hand.

That the Fire Station plans would be considered in Tynedale was confirmed and fresh plans are anticipated.

The TPO for the cherry trees may yet appear.

A report on the pavement in Church Street is awaited, with a view to repairs.

The island at the junction of Church Street and Ratcliffe Road still needs removing. Two camera surveys have been undertaken and final reports are awaited - possibly before December.

That fixings for signage remain in place was noted.

It was agreed that a new bin by The Railway be installed.

Highways.

Signage at Brigwood now appears satisfactory.

The dog bin by Shaftoe School is to be relocated.

A drain on John Martin Street appears blocked.

Lighting

An old sodium discharge lamp in Brigwood needs modernising.

Planning

The applications for the new houses in place of garages on the estate and for the old council yard new houses were both objected to.

The old council yard is commercial land, it has a water course running along one side and is prone to flooding. Concerns were expressed for the future of the allotments too. It seems likely that the ground is contaminated from previous commercial storage and processes on the site.

Accounts were agreed

The parish precept was agreed at £42+k.

It was noted that green burial in the new part of the cemetery would be £1k for parish residents - including the digging. Trees will be planted at rate of one per four burials.

Parish Projects

The new flower beds at The Bridge are courtesy of The Co-op as will the soon to arrive picnic tables.

It has been noted that the damage to the grassed

NB. These Parish Council Notes are NOT the formal records of the meetings. They have no status other than that of notes taken by a member of the public in attendance.

areas by the riverside seems to be due to canoeists driving their cars on it. The rocks that previously protected the site having been removed by contractors.

HUGE ROCKS NEEDED

Local farmers and land owners are asked to see if they can provide a dozen or so really enormous rocks - the sort that are too big to be easily moved - to protect the grass. Please!

A meeting will occur soon to consider the Lipwood island - its vegetation, the gravel accumulation, the undermining of the A69 and the silting up of the railway arches.

AOB

It is proposed to hold meetings for residents soon to discuss at length the parking problem in the parish. A committee will be formed to evaluate proposals. Any councillor will be pleased to receive representations from residents on the topic.

Today's news that HBHS seems to be heading for closure was debated at length. The very protracted series of events over recent years appeared to many present to represent a cynically conceived process designed to lead to closure with relentless covert and overt measures to undermine a vital component of the community in the parish. Blame seems to be attached to several bodies, possibly starting in Whitehall, extending through remote regional groups and down through county level apparatchiks.

It is said that Bright Tribe is proposing to withdraw as the school is not financially viable. An enormously eloquent statement in itself - profit comes before children's education.

Meetings of the education committee and the full NCC will occur in early December. Public consultation (*occurring after the decisions have been taken most likely. Ed*) will occur in March and April 2018. Officially no decision will be taken before May 2018. Problems with school transport are already anticipated. The number of houses that will be squeezed on to the school site could be huge. Andy Jackson will be invited to talk to the Parish Council.

The Christmas trees will go up on this Saturday.

The Christmas lights will go up on Sunday 3rd at 4pm.

With their arms forced up behind their backs a proportion of councillors were reluctantly persuaded to concede that, all things considered, the editor of The Haydon News had, perhaps, not made a complete arse of the job after all.

The next full meeting of the Haydon Parish Council will be held at 7.30pm on December 21st in the Community Centre.

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Taken as a Prisoner of War in 1942, Sergeant Harry Watson’s creativity and ingenuity provided his fellow prisoners with a link to the outside world.

This is Harry Watson’s story.

HARRY WATSON 1918 - 2001

When Sergeant Harry Watson of Haydon Bridge was held as a Prisoner of War, his immediate concern was one of survival. It is unlikely it occurred to him then, that the result of his creativity in the German prison camp ‘Stalag 4B’ would eventually find pride of place in a memorial to the DLI in the Second World War.

And yet ... after his success in building three radios while a POW and managing to keep them hidden from his Italian and German captors, Harry became more and more confident that when the war ended he would be able to carry his prized possession home with him. Seventy five years later at the Durham Light Infantry Museum, in the shadow of Durham Cathedral and Durham Castle, a remarkable example of Haydon Bridge’s Harry Watson’s initiative and technical skill is displayed for all to see and admire.

The motor vehicle business of Henry Watson & Co has been a Haydon Bridge institution since it was established by Henry Watson - Harry Watson’s father - in 1921.

Henry, a marine engineer, moved to Haydon Bridge from South Shields in 1918 to live at Springfield. Retiring from sea in 1921, he rented premises on Shaftoe Street from the owners of the Haydon Hotel and, with support from his uncle who had been a motor transport engineer in the First World War, he founded the business that has continued in the ownership of his son, and grandson Peter Watson. In its early days, the business concentrated on maintenance of a few of the private cars there were in the district. In 1925, the owners of the Haydon Hotel filed for bankruptcy and Henry Watson purchased the land, stables and cottage he had been renting previously. Henry sold his home at Springfield and established a haulage company on the former, Haydon Hotel pub land; eventually building up the business and leading materials for Northumberland County Council’s construction and road building projects from local quarries, with five of his wagons. (And, interestingly, transporting milk during the General Strike to Newcastle, crossing the picket lines to make sure children in the town did not go without.)

Henry Watson’s son Harry was born on November 18th 1918, and after completing his education at Shaftoe Trust School - speaking highly in later life of headmaster W.W. Ridley and H.G. Stronach; the only male teachers at the school - he joined the family business. Harry soon picked up the mechanical and electrical engineering skills that provided a lifetime of self employment and, with little or no thought for his own safety, were to supply his fellow POWs in camps PG70 and Stalag 4B, with their regular updates on the progress of the War, as aired by the BBC. Harry Watson supplemented his early wages as a wagon driver and motor mechanic by working as a projectionist

at Haydon Bridge Town Hall Cinema. Money earned that he saved so he could buy himself a piano accordion, an instrument that was to inspire his interest in Scottish dance music. - A passion that was to benefit many local good causes by over £88,000 in his later years.

When attending local dances across the district, Harry told me he would often drive there in one of his father Henry’s wagons, filled with his Haydon Bridge mates.

Harry Watson joined the third intake of Militia in October 1939. One of his father’s wagons had been requisitioned by the army and when he drove it to Catterick, he asked then if he could join the army. Three weeks later his call up papers arrived and he undertook his basic training at Aldershot. Following a trade test, Harry was sent to workshops at Farnborough, as a mechanic repairing army vehicles, and from there in January 1940, to Chipping Norton to look after the battalion’s ninety vehicles - cars, trucks and motorcycles. It was from Chipping Norton that Harry experienced his first escapades abroad - in France and Belgium - before returning from Dunkirk to England where he was promoted to sergeant and joined the 9th DLI at Tiverton.



Sergeant Harry Watson - April 1941

Crossing the sea again in March/April 1941 and active in Egypt, Palestine, Suez, Iraq and Libya, within the year Sergeant Watson was taken prisoner by the Germans. It was this incident that led, eventually, to the manufacture of the secret radio chosen as an artefact on display in 2017, in the Durham Light Infantry Museum.

I’ll let Harry explain:

“At the end of May 1942, Rommel came round behind the battalions and surrounded us in the Gazala Box area west of Tobruk. Mines were laid by the Engineers and



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the gaps left between the mines were given code names, so we could recognise them. We lived in a hole dug in the sand with tarpaulin over the top and the trucks were dug in below ground level.

The enemy were about ten miles away and all the water wells had been poisoned so a water truck holding 200-300 gallons used to go to a rail head for water. We were each rationed to one pint a day. It was extremely hot during the day, when flies were a particular problem, and it was extremely cold at night. There was no dawn or dusk as in England. The enemy aircraft were overhead every day, and our fighting columns went out every day and night.

Once Rommel was behind us, they had us in a pincer movement and so the major gave orders to blow a hole through their forces and make west towards Tobruk. I was tail-end Charlie - the last of the Durham's - following the trucks in front. At the Tobruk east gate we could see the Germans about a mile away when we came across one of our trucks broken down. They had forgotten to put the cap in the sump after filling her with oil. Against my advice, the Colonel insisted we tow the broken down truck, I knew my vehicle couldn't cope with it so we towed it with the bren gun carrier, but the whole affair made us late. We were a thousand yards behind the 9th and by then it was night time. Once again, the Colonel made a decision I didn't agree with. We could see some British trucks in the distance, but I was suspicious that there was something not quite right about them. Anyway, he insisted that we carry on, even though there was a full moon.

It turned out as I had thought. The British trucks we had seen had been captured and were in enemy hands, and Gerry opened up on us with everything they had. Our machine gunner, driver of the bren carrier and those in the truck being towed were all killed. Two of our party jumped out and got away. I was caught by the Germans.

Funnily enough, the Germans spoke better English than me and said: "For you the war is over." "Oh!" I said. "Are you going to let me go home then?" "No!" was the gruff reply. Some of our other chaps were caught as well and we were all put in the care of the Italians.

My first thought was of escape, and when an allied column came right through where we were, everyone ran to get a lift or escape. I saw a truck where the driver had been shot. I jumped in and was just about to pull away, when a little Italian who had been hiding under the truck thumped me with a bayonet ... and that was that!

On the way to my first POW camp, PG70, we were taken first to Mersa Matruh where we were put into German trucks and driven further east before being taken by boat outside Tobruk. Then to a camp at Benghazi that was lousy and where we were treated roughly by the Italians. Finally, a boat to Brindisi, and then a cattle truck type train and a narrow gauge railway to camp PG70."

Back home at Haydon Bridge, in 1942, Harry's parents were informed by the Red Cross that their son had been captured.

It was in Camp PG70 that Sergeant Watson made his first radio; his practical knowledge fitting in perfectly

with the theoretical knowledge of another POW he had met called Simmonds. Harry Watson and his fellow prisoner got together and decided, with their different knowledge and skills, they'd try to make a radio.

Harry told me:

“We asked the commandant if we could have speakers, an amplifier and a microphone for the camp theatre. We said it would be better for the people at the back of the central hall so they could hear. The commandant was rather dubious, and he had a right to be, because Simmo and I had another object in mind as well. Anyway, we got the equipment and we were told that if we used any of the pieces to make a radio, we would both be handed over immediately to the fascists ... and shot.”

Remarkably, within a few days the two of them were listening in camp PG70 to the BBC from London!

“I used the amplifier as the voice part on the radio set, but the piece that was missing was the high frequency bit, to collect the radio waves. So, I had to make that bit. I got a highly polished tin that the Red Cross medical parcels came in and cut out the veins of a condenser. When the bugler wasn't looking I got a little brass strip off his bugle and took that away. I went into the theatre when the band was playing and nicked a piece of resin out of a violin case and I made a tuning condenser and a reaction condenser. With the bit of brass off the bugle, and a copper coin, I made the soldering iron. I got the solder from the joints of the big silver tins, got the solder to run and collected it, and soon I had a solder stick and soldered everything together. I was working in the theatre at the time, so I had access to bits of wire of one sort or another. That's where the wire came from to build the set.

With Simmo's knowledge and my skill we built a radio set and played about with it. The microphone became the ear piece and we got an old Italian valve. We plugged it

into the camp's mains and got it working. We put it through the amplifier and sat and listened through the microphone. Simmo and I took it in turns to write bits down from the BBC War programmes. We tried to keep it in the dark and only let a small circle of friends in the camp know any bits of information.

We made the radio in a camp office. In effect, the office was the radio station and we kept the radio in a stool with a false bottom. The office, and the stool where it was hidden, were used all day by the Italians. When listening in, we had to be careful not to make it howl. Sometimes, there was only a tarpaulin between us and the Italians.”

To “keep the radio thing going,” Harry got a job as an electrician and worked with an Italian going about the camp and outside the wire doing jobs. This gave him access to, “bits and pieces ... that seemed to walk!”

The Germans eventually took over camp PG70 and Harry heard that when they arrived they had told one of the lads what a state the British were in and how badly they were doing. The prisoner, apparently, told them not to be so daft, and they knew the true situation because they had a radio in the camp and were kept up to date.

“Oh dear!”

Harry told me:

“Simmo and I were worried when we heard this and we decided to get rid of the radio. We expected to be moved anyway and we could make another when we got to the next camp. Which I did! And I brought it home. And it still works.” *(See photograph below)*

After the Germans took over camp PG70 in October/November 1943, the prisoners were put into trains and taken to Germany. First to a transit camp and then to Stalag 4B, thirty miles north of Dresden.

There were forty prisoners in a cattle truck on the journey with a hole in the corner of the truck for a toilet and one



**The radio made by Harry Watson when a Prisoner of War, used to keep the camp informed of news of the War.
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It was in Stalag 4B where Sergeant Harry Watson made his second radio. Harry told me:

“Nothing was ready made. I had to build the lot and hid it in different places. In the theatre. In the toilet every night. And in a Canadian Red Cross parcel box hooked onto a cup hook with string.”

Harry recalled an incident with Eddie Moffat, another well known Haydonian POW, who used to go to Harry’s hut around six o’clock each night to visit him. “One night I brought my radio out to show it to Eddie, but he was off like a shot; he wasn’t going to get caught with it!”

Very few knew who had the radio in Stalag 4B, or where it was, only those who had Harry’s complete confidence.

And yet, 25,000 POWs were given information from the BBC. Harry wrote it down, someone else typed it out and went hut to hut reading the news. Harry said: “I didn’t rely on anyone really. It was just a freelance thing. The news was getting better and everyone had their tails up.”

Harry was the centre of communications, but, it did come at a cost ... in cigarettes and chocolate. Harry says he gave up one thousand of his Red Cross cigarettes and his bars of chocolate, to buy batteries and the other bits and pieces he needed. “Everything had a price.”

In camp PG70, Harry’s radio had been plugged into a normal socket outlet, but, in camp Stalag 4B a little more ingenuity was required:

“The mains ran through a conduit above my head and a piece of board was missing. I opened up the conduit with a knife I had made, selected a live and neutral, wired them up, insulated them with paper and put them back. The wire ran along the joist, covered over, and it came down through two holes beside the bed. Two nails, one I hung my hat on, kept the two wires apart. The radio was wired so it only had ear phone strength.

Harry also made his third radio in camp Stalag 4B: “A battery set, to use when Gerry cut the electric off!”

In spite of some “narrow squeaks” on the way, Harry Watson’s radio saw the Second World War through and Harry reflected: “The radio might not have been worth five bob, but I said: It’s going into a museum when I’m finished with it ... It’s beyond value.”

Harry Watson’s experiences during the Second World War are included in the archives of the Imperial War Museum and they make fascinating reading.

Before Harry’s death on Christmas Eve in 2001, I was fortunate to be able to interview him as we listened to his recorded memories, and I hope I can share more of his experiences with you in a future Haydon News.

My thanks are due to the Watson family for allowing me to recall the story of Harry’s radios, and we must be grateful to the Imperial War Museum, for keeping alive Harry Watson’s memories by accepting them into their archives. Finally, why don’t you call in to the Durham Light Infantry Museum, in the Palace Green Library in Durham, to view this remarkable piece of Haydon Bridge war memorabilia.

Regular readers will know I often receive requests for information related to former Haydonians. At the end of another year, (Doesn't time fly!) it is time to bring together those queries for which I am seeking further information. Please get in touch with me if you can help with these requests.

Thank you.

Dennis.

(dennistelford636@btinternet.com)

Email

From: Carole Chapelhow.

I am trying to find out if there is any family left in Haydon Bridge of a **William Robson**, born at Land Ends in approx 1861. His wife was Isabella. They had three sons and a daughter. I have been working on a project researching the life of one of his sons (George) who was killed in action in 1915. I am trying to trace George's siblings but hitting blank walls.

I'd be grateful for any information.

March 2017

Dennis,

A few years ago I met you in Haydon Bridge when researching my Hetherington ancestors (Anchor Inn proprietors and farmer at Esp Hill).

I noticed just yesterday, reading one of your archive editions, an article on William Samuel Walton. Who was obviously a very important resident of Haydon Bridge by all accounts - your article mentioned his father William Walton, post master for thirty years and Samuel Walton a farmer at Land Ends about the time John Martin was born. I am a direct descendant to Samuel. His daughter Mary married Mathew Hetherington of Esp Hill.

I am trying, without any luck, to find **Samuel Walton's parents** - the problem being that I think there are errors in transcription. I am, almost, sure they are William and Mary Walton or John Walton and Mary Chester. There are three births for 'Samuel Walton' in that area: in 1772, 1773 and 1785, but I have a death notice saying he died in 1815 aged forty two years so I think that rules out the Samuel born in 1785. Maybe you know who Samuel Walton's parents were. I presume he was buried in the churchyard at Haydon Bridge.

Incidentally, all the births of Samuel's children are noted as being children of, 'Samuel native of Allendale, mother native of Haltwhistle.'

May I just say how fascinating I find it to dip in and out of The Haydon News on line. It brings my ancestors alive.

My grandmother was Bertha Hetherington, born in St John's Street (sic), father William, grandfather Mathew (Esp Hill). They certainly married several Waltons along the way.

Thank you so very much.

Angie Collins.

Editor - The Haydon News

Re. Vickers family.

On doing some family history for a friend, I have come across the following family and wonder if there is any knowledge of them still in your community.

Francis Vickers (nee Place) Baptised 1848.

John William Vickers Baptised 1883.

Anthony Place Vickers Baptised 1866.

They are on the 1901 and 1911 Census at No. 9 Shaftoe Street and were Grocers and Bakers.

Anthony is buried in St. Cuthbert's Churchyard Extension (*Above Alexandra Terrace.*)

Francis was working at Moss Kennels on the 1871 Census. She married Joseph Vickers but I cannot find a marriage record. Francis died 1911 and is buried at St. Cuthbert's.

John William is listed separately on the 1911 Census with his wife Jane (occupation Grocer), so possibly took over the business from his mother.

Thank you.

Margaret Hall.

Sussex
September 2017

Email:

Dear Editor,

I am trying to trace **Miss Bell** who taught me at my Primary School in London in the late 1960s.

As my teacher I only knew her as 'Miss Bell', hence, tracking her down is not easy. However, I stayed with her parents in Haydon Bridge at 'Dew Drop' cottage and wonder if any of your readers could help me to find her.

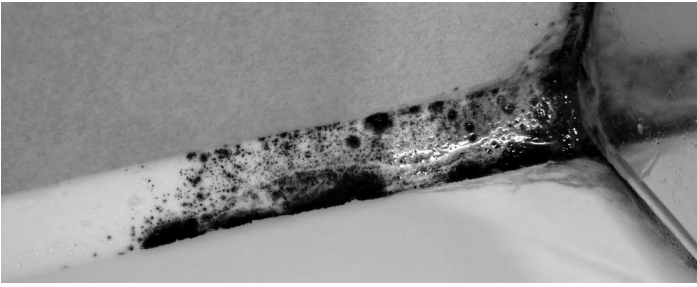
Stephen.

Stephen's email refers to one of Doctor Richard and Mrs Bell's daughters. Dr Bell's house and surgery was in the former 'Dew Drop' pub on Ratcliffe Road.

Please contact Dennis Telford in the first instance if you can help in the search.



A COMMON PROBLEM - - A SIMPLE SOLUTION



The whole world suffers from black patches of mould growing on their silicone sealant round the bath or shower or sink. Even if the sealant is marketed as 'anti - mould' the problem still recurs. Even the poshest, most well equipped and well maintained bathroom starts to look seedy and down at heel, the sort of thing you'd find in some 'Gawd 'elp us' B&B in the meanest seaside resort in the country. You feel embarrassed when guests give you sympathetic and 'understanding' glances when they emerge from their ablutions.

Removing and replacing the sealant is a complete pain. Its very fiddly, takes ages and is almost always in a position that needs a bit of reaching or other contortion to get at. Then you cut your fingers to shreds with the naked Stanley knife blade that seems to be the only tool that will work and you leave gouges all over the Formica or polymer fitting.

Instead, try this: Get kitchen gloves, loo roll and **THICK** strong bleach. First - put on the gloves! Unroll a couple of feet of loo roll and fold in half. Then roll it into a foot long sausage. Rest the paper against where you want to attack the mould and **CAREFULLY** pour a line of bleach onto it. Let the bleach generously soak the paper until it is quite sodden and press the soggy mess firmly against the mouldy sealant. Leave the soggy paper mess in place for at least 24 hours, topping up with more bleach if it dries out. Lastly, carefully (with gloves on) remove the soggy mess and hoy it down the loo, then generously hose off the now gleaming white sealant. *Et voilà !*

W.M.H.

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LET ME KNOW. Editor.*

CHURCHES WORKING TOGETHER CLERGY MESSAGE

From: Father Leo Pyle

‘I am going to look after my flock myself’

Ezekiel Chp 34 verse 11

Our God cares. God cares deeply for his people and we ARE his people. God cares for us, for every hair on our head!

‘The Lord is my Shepherd,

There is nothing I shall want’

Psalm 22 v 1

So this way the Kingdom is experienced, this way the Kingdom comes, heaven on earth and earth in heaven! Until Jesus, God’s care for us in person,

**‘hands over the Kingdom of God the Father,
so that God may be all in all’**

1 Corinthians Ch 15 v 28

This leaves us with the inescapable imperative: Help the needy! It goes back to the origins of our covenant with our God. Indeed it goes back to the origins of our humanity, we are creatures created to CARE. Care for the widow, care for the orphan, care for the stranger. We are meant to be the mirror image of our God who cares. We cannot be Christian with our backs to the poor, whatever their poverty, spiritual or physical needs.

Caring is Kingship and Kingship is caring, hence the caring Kingship of Christ.

Jesus Christ is ‘our God caring for us in person’ in flesh and revealed! The only imperative then is ‘Care for everyone and everything!’

The only God who exists is the God of liberation, the God who appears at the Exodus, liberating his people, who hears the cry of the oppressed.

The God who appears in Jesus, the friend of the poor, the humble, the despised, the marginalised.

So we cannot be Christian with our backs to the poor!

The only Church that will survive is a caring Church, what is more, a Church which cares for people just as they are not as they should be, hence ‘Youth Sunday’ and ‘Prisoners Sunday’ to mention but two of our care foci.

The most effective evangelism may well be, indeed must be straightforward good neighbourliness.

May peace and love be with you all this Christmas-time!

Father Leo Pyle

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

Parishes by the wall

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

Advent Eve

Saturday 2 December

3pm: Advent Carol Service, Haydon Old Church

Advent Sunday

Sunday 3 December

9.30am: Parish Eucharist, St Cuthbert's Beltingham

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

4pm: Haydon Bridge Christmas Lights, beginning on the Old Bridge

Advent 2

Sunday 10: December

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

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

1pm: Messy Church Christmas Party, Bardon Mill Village Hall

4pm: Bardon Mill Christmas Lights, Bardon Mill Green

Advent 3

Sunday 17 December

9.30am: Parish Eucharist, St Cuthbert's Beltingham

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

3pm: God's Tent, pitched at West Moralee Farm

Saturday 23 December

4pm Beltingham with Henshaw Carol Service. All Hallows', Henshaw

6pm Haydon Bridge Carol Service, St John of Beverley RC Church

Advent 4/ Christmas Eve

Sunday 24 December

10am: Parish Eucharist, All Hallows' Henshaw

4pm: Haydon Bridge Crib Service, Haydon Bridge Methodist Church

6pm: Beltingham with Henshaw Crib Service, All Hallows' Henshaw

11.30pm: Midnight Mass, St Cuthbert's Haydon Bridge

Christmas Day

9.30am: Parish Eucharist, St Cuthbert's Beltingham

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

Wednesday 27 December

3pm: Readings and Carols for Christmas, St Cuthbert's Beltingham

1st Sunday of Christmas

Sunday 31 December

9.30: BCP Matins, All Hallows' Henshaw

11: BCP Communion, St Cuthbert's Haydon Bridge

Epiphany

Sunday 7 January

9.30am: Parish Eucharist, St Cuthbert's Beltingham

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

3pm: Epiphany Carol Service, Haydon Old Church

Baptism of Christ

Sunday 14 January

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

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

Epiphany 3

Sunday 21 January

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

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

3am: God's Tent

Saturday 27 January

10.30: Messy Church, All Hallows' Henshaw

Candlemas

Sunday 28 January

8.30am: BCP Communion, St Cuthbert's Haydon Bridge

10am: Candlemas Celebration Service, St Cuthbert's Haydon Bridge

3am: Evening Worship for Candlemas, Haydon Old Church

2nd Sunday before Lent

Sunday 4 February

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

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

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No Messy Church in December instead

CHRISTMAS PUPPET SHOW

Monday 18th December 3.45 pm
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Deacon Anne Taylor Methodist Congregation
Woodville, Redesmouth Road, Bellingham Tel: 01434 220283

December 3

10am

Morning Service

Nigel King

6pm

Café Style Worship

Deacon Anne Taylor

December 10

10am

Morning Worship

Incl. Toy Coll. For Salvation Army

Envoy Eunice Blakey

Readers Service

6pm

December 17

10am

Morning Worship

Mark Knowles

Communion Worship

Rev. Jenny Porterpryde

6pm

December 24

10.30am

Join with Worship

at Fourstones Methodist

CRIB SERVICE

Deacon Anne Taylor

4.00pm

December 31

10.00am

Communion Worship

Supt. Paul Dunstan

No 6pm Service

January 7

10am

Covenant Service

Rev. Tony Buglass

Epiphany Carol Service

at Haydon Old Church

3pm

January 14

10am

Morning Worship

Ian Warburton

Evening Worship

Rt. Revd Michael Sadgrove

6pm

January 21

10am

Morning Worship

Diane Wylie

Evening Worship

Peter Smith

6pm

January 28

10am

Morning Worship

Rev. Gilbert Hall

Communion Worship

Rev. David Goodall

6pm

The Act of Remembrance 2017 Haydon Bridge War Memorial



Photos: Aron Mazel



See page 14 for a Commemorative poem by Indiana Shaw.

The village total for poppy sales before Re-
membrance Sunday was

£1,720.00

which was up on last year and an excellent
amount from our community.

MESSY CHURCH METHODIST CHURCH

Wednesday 12th January 2018

3.30 to 5.45 pm

New children always welcome.

What are your Dreams for the Haydon Churches?

One of our priorities in the Parishes by the Wall is to secure the long term sustainability of all the churches in our care. This is particularly the case with the Haydon Churches - St Cuthbert's Haydon Bridge and Haydon Old Church. To begin this process we are asking as many people as possible what their 'dreams' for these Churches are. Don't worry about the cost or the money, let us know what you would like to see the Haydon Churches become for the life of the whole community in the coming years. We have a survey which is available on our website – parishesbythewall.org.uk – which will only take a minute or so of your time. If you aren't able to gain access to the online survey please contact the Vicar (on 688196) and he will be able to pass on a paper version of the survey.

RED POPPY REMEMBRANCE DAY – BESSIE



My only truest love Bessie and I are away on a day out
down by the sea shore
Both of us holding hands - I am with a lass I am sure I
will love forever more
The innocence in her laughter - as we draw our names
and hearts in the sand
Takes me far away from the troubled hell I've seen in a
far and distance land
Where within the freshen green grass - lies a ground
soaked all in bloody red
Thousands upon thousands of my fellow man all piled
upon each other dead
These deaths leave me a silence that is more than deafen-
ing on my closed ears
As the mist of the mustard gas clears - yet still stings my
eyes brought to tears
Each face of the dead leaving behind an expression either
of torture or of peace
Lives given for their country now lie upon the rubble
mound of soil and grease
Each face whiten beyond the pale as a photo of a loved
one floats up in the gale
And back home the MOD write the dreaded words put
their letters in the mail
But here I am with Bessie on our own beloved sea shore -
innocence beatified
Far away as possible I keep her from the brutality of our
young men genocide
As I listen to her laughter as I look into her eyes of the
lightest emerald green
It all helps to take away the horrors of a bloody war I
wished I had never seen
I going to marry my beloved Bessie and have beautiful
children in their score
But never as in never will I tell my children of the brutal-
ity of the bloody war

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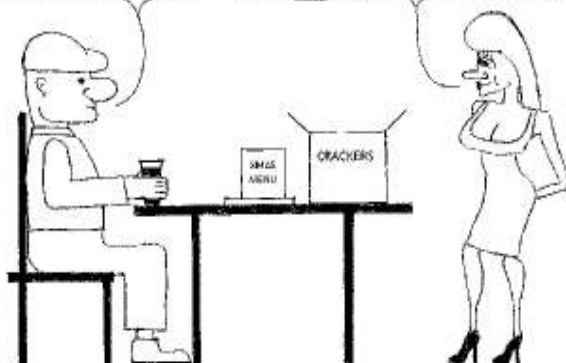
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RAYDON FRIDGE and DUSTY DARMAID

The jokes in these Christmas crackers are terrible, Dusty, I wonder who writes them.

Judging by the quality of the humour, Raydon, it's probably the same bloke who writes these cartoons.



Introducing Woody's Pie & Mash club at The General Havelock.

A monthly event with new and exciting flavours as well as old classics. Our first pie club on 20th October was fantastically well received with ham hock, chicken and bacon and mince and onion pies on the menu. We had the evening opened by our biggest pie fan Woody.

Quote from Woody, the pie and mash club founder;

'I had an excellent time. My favourite pie was the chicken , bacon and leek. It made me feel happy and proud that the pie club was named after me. I would like to say a big thanks to Gary and Joanna at the General Havelock. I always have a great time when I go there .'

Woody Douglas

The next pie and mash club is 1st December and 12th January, starts at 7pm and £10.50 for pie and dessert.



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THE NORTH EAST IN 12 FAVOURITE PLACES 11: THE FARNE ISLANDS

As I write this, all the talk is about offshore business deals and tax havens. So let's go out to sea this month. But not (this time) to Northumberland's most famous offshore island, Holy Island. It's at its best when the tide is in and the causeway covered, and the day trippers have gone home and it's truly an island again for a few hours. There isn't a Christian site in England that I love more than Lindisfarne, unless it's Durham Cathedral.



But how many have taken one of Billy Shiel's boats from Seahouses and made the crossing over to the Farne Islands? Even the outermost islands are barely five miles from the mainland, yet the waters around them can be decidedly choppy. Don't be surprised if there are no sailings, or if there are, landing on the Inner Farne or Staple Island (the two where public access is permitted) isn't possible.

There are about twenty-eight islands all told (I say "about" – it depends whether you are counting at high tide or low). They are formed of the same dolerite rock that we know so well in Tynedale through the Whin Sill on which the Roman Wall was built. The Farnes are now



owned by the National Trust, though until 1844, the freehold belonged to Durham Cathedral which leased them to a succession of adventurous people. (When I was Dean of Durham, I was relieved not to have to manage an extensive North Sea archipelago on top of everything else that crowds into a Dean's in-tray.)

Three things make the Farnes a must-see for Northumberland people: their rich wildlife, their close connection with Saxon Northumbria and the northern saints, and the story of Grace Darling.

Let's take nature first as she has been around on the Farne Islands the longest. The amazing variety of bird and



marine life you can see and enjoy is what draws most visitors. Everything depends on when you decide to sail there. May, June and July are good months because you can land on both the islands that can be visited. Grey seals are a big attraction, either in the water or stretched out on the rocks. The bird life is extraordinarily prolific. Arctic terns pose a hazard during the breeding season (from late May to July they will dive-bomb humans to protect their young, so make sure you take a hat). The puffins are justly famed for their beauty while the throngs of eider ducks, kittiwakes, fulmars, guillemots, razorbills and shags crowding the cliffs are a real education in bird life. Outside the high season, the islands revert to the brooding loneliness that somehow captures the essence of this bleak and windswept North Sea coast. A boat trip in



winter can be a bracing and thought-provoking experience.

For all who admire the saints of the North, especially



Aidan and Cuthbert, the Inner Farne is a place of pilgrimage. When Aidan founded his monastery on Holy Island in the seventh century, he began to seek retreat and solitude there, a habit that was famously followed by St Cuthbert. Bede tells us a great deal about his longing to live the life of a hermit, his frequent visits to the Inner Farne, the cell he built there, his habits of daily prayer and his cultivation of the island. He died in his hermitage



on 10 March 687, for ever after kept as St Cuthbert's Day. He hoped to be buried on his beloved island. But he correctly anticipated that his brothers would want his body returned to Lindisfarne. There it was interred, soon to become a shrine for pilgrims until the Viking invasions forced his community to leave in search of a safer resting place. The little chapel on the Farne dates from the fourteenth century and was built for the tiny monastic cell (usually just two monks) established there by Durham Cathedral Priory after the Norman Conquest. The furnishings date from the seventeenth century and once belonged in the Cathedral, hence their unusually rich decoration. The medieval pele tower was also built by the Cathedral Priory and is now home to the National Trust rangers who live on the island for much of the year.

Grace Darling is one of the North East's best-known women. She was born at Bamburgh in 1815. The Darlings had lived on Brownsman Island since the end of the eighteenth century. In 1826 they moved on to Longstone Island where Grace's father William Darling was the keeper a newly built lighthouse. On 7 September 1838,



Grace looked out of a window and realised that a ship had foundered and broken in two in rough seas on a nearby rocky island, Big Harcar. The Forfarshire had been carrying 62 people. William and Grace, realising that the sea was too turbulent to allow the Seahouses lifeboat to reach them, took their Northumberland coble and at great personal risk rowed out to them in the lee of the rocks. They were able to rescue seven survivors (nine others had managed to float a lifeboat and were picked up by a passing ship). Grace died at Bamburgh in October 1842, having become the archetypal Victorian heroine and a



household name. She is commemorated in Bamburgh Church where St Aidan had died in 651. There is a museum in the village that tells her story. It's worth noting that although the Forfarshire is by far the best-known ship to have sunk off the Farners, there are in fact scores of wrecks around the islands that demonstrate how treacherous these waters have been – and still are – to shipping.

While you are in north Northumberland, you'll want to visit Bamburgh with its beautiful church, its grand castle, its museum and its marvellous beach. And after an invigorating sea voyage, what could beat fish and chips at Seahouses before you set off for home?

Michael Sadgrove





Local Buskers at The Anchor

Many winters ago when my husband and I went on our honeymoon to Devon, we stayed in a charming place called Brendon Valley. One evening when having a dinner in the local pub, we found ourselves becoming part of an evening full of music, with local performers taking turns with their guitar and anyone, even a random visitor, was invited to join. "Wouldn't it be lovely to live in a place where something like this happens?" I suggested to my man.

Now, our dream is becoming a reality thanks to **Kevin Moore** who is behind organising the very first Open Mic Evening at The Anchor. It took place on the 5th of November 2017. It showcased the immense talents of local artists: The Old Softies, The Brampton Reivers, Somebody's Fools, as well as solo musicians and singers Kevin Moore, Chris Dunn, Phil Hartley, Mark Brown, Simon Boyd and Eimeor Hanley. **The next song-filled evening will start right after switching on the Christmas tree lights on Sunday, December 3, at 6:30, at The Anchor Inn.** If you have any queries or if you want to perform, please get in touch with Kevin via Facebook messenger.

Natalie Nera



Emergency First Aid Course



A one-day course is offered in the Community Centre on Thursday 7 December. It will run from 9.15 to 4.00 approx. Thanks to support from the Shaftoe Charities the course will be free for Friday Lunch Club volunteer helpers and at a cost of £35 to other Haydon Parishioners.

The course will be provided by F.A.N.E. Details of their one-day course can be seen on their website. Places are limited to 12, so please contact Carole Price at the Lunch Club on Fridays or on 07939202930 to book your place.

Yet another great reason to volunteer to help out on Fridays! We need as many helpers as we can get to spread the load.

Thanks

Celebrate the New Year with friends and neighbours

HAYDON BRIDGE

NEW YEARS EVE

FIREWORKS

Gather on the new bridge/Anchor carpark 11.30pm, ready for the fireworks at midnight.

- The old bridge will be closed from 3pm to enable the fireworks company to set up the display.
- The new bridge will be closed to traffic from 11.30pm 'til the end of the display for public safety.
- Please – no sparklers!

Hot refreshments outside the Railway Hotel

Mulled wine to keep you warm

GLOWSTICKS GLOWSTICKS

Continue the celebrations in our locals afterwards

HAVE A HAPPY NEW YEAR



The Martin Boys Are Back! www.mad-martins.co.uk

Many of you will remember the twin brothers Gary and Glen Miller of the cult Folk/Rock band "The Whisky Priests" and their interpretation of the Haydon Bridge Martin family's history in song at previous celebrations here in the village.

Now Gary Martin *et al.* have undertaken a mammoth task in producing a 3 CD set of his material presented in a deluxe hard back book-format packaging. There are 104 pages featuring lyrics to all 50 tracks, additional interlinking text, a host of excellent pictures and illustrations throughout, as well as a comprehensive list of the credits and acknowledgements. The album features a host of musicians, pipers and 'Jingling Geordie' poet Keith Armstrong (who has also done much to keep alive the Martin story himself) with recording produced and well engineered by Iain Petrie.

The book presentation has been designed by Helen Temperley and best described as a true 'labour of love'; a real work of art in its own right.

The story, in three CD 'acts', is that of the best known Martin brothers, William (The Lion of Wallsend, Inventor, Poet and Pamphleteer), Jonathan (the Incendiary of York Minster) and John (The Most Popular Artist of his Time).

The music, songs and spoken word echo the individual brother's contributions to an amazing Regency/Victorian saga retold here to reflect an aura of their era.

The album book in itself is a superbly detailed yet a concise guide to the brothers and the illustrations, many by the Martins themselves, is the best presented, currently available introduction to the history stemming from Haydon Bridge's extraordinary sons. It is well worth the asking price for the book alone and I would recommend purchase of the publication with CD's rather than just a download of the music.

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The production of this album is of epic proportions taken over several years and the artists performing and Gary Miller in particular are to be congratulated in their dedication of time, effort, research and musicianship in making it happen.

Mad Martins is released by Whippet Records (cat. no. WPTCDB24) as the 50 track triple CD.

You can sample the 50 tracks and learn more about the production at <https://madmartins.bandcamp.com/> or download the digital album including unlimited streaming via the free Bandcamp app, plus high-quality download in MP3, FLAC etc. for £29.99. You can buy the CD and book version also at £29.99 and the other items from

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Henry Swaddle



HAYDON BRIDGE NATURE CLUB



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Charities being Supported

December 12th Josie's Dragonfly Trust **Queenie Quiz**

January 16th Motor Neurone Disease Association

February 13th Blood Bikes

If you wish to nominate a charity then please contact John Harrison (aka Queenie) via the General Havelock or on Johnandaveril@aol.com.

A VIEW FROM UP THERE

John Harrison

Perhaps like many of you, I have joined the ranks of the obese – I could have sworn that the bulk around my midriff was muscle, developed lifting all those heavy pints of ale. So I was encouraged by the following message sent to me by a similarly misjudged friend ... “If you weigh 200 lbs here on Earth, you’d only be 76 lbs on Mars. You’re not overweight, you’re just not on the right planet.” Here on planet Earth we also have to deal with a water-laden atmosphere which is both a blessing and a curse. As I write, winter’s grip seems to be tightening as far as the temperature is concerned but rainfall has been well below average so far – slightly worryingly the water is still up there waiting to descend upon us. When ??

October was dominated by Atlantic weather systems so the winds were dominantly westerly and conditions were, for the most part, variable but generally cloudy and damp with strong winds (gale force) at times. There were two notable systems, which brought us two rather different types of storm, the decaying tropical storm and the more traditional deep mid-latitude depression. The wind freshened from the west on the 1st and the weather remained blustery with wind force at near gale and frequent showers for the first week. When the clouds cleared, the night temperatures fell briefly but there was too much air movement for frost to be a serious risk. Although the wind speeds decreased the weather from the 8th remained cloudy and mostly dull with periods of moderately heavy rainfall until the 13th when warm air arrived from the south-west heralding the approach of former hurricane Ophelia. The air temperature on the 13th and 15th exceeded 17 degC, which is 5 degC higher than the long-term average for October. Most parts of the British Isles were affected by strong winds as Ophelia arrived on the 16th, Haydon Bridge experiencing an overnight gale on the 16 / 17th but almost no rainfall. The main feature of Ophelia was the warm dust-laden air which it brought and the atmosphere had a lurid orange/yellow glow on the morning of the 16th. Rain and strong winds returned with the arrival of a more typical mid-latitude low pressure system “Brian” which provided us with the month’s wettest day on the 19th (18.5 mm). This was the sort of storm which is to be expected in the middle latitudes at this time of year. In Brian’s wake a cold front brought in much colder air from polar latitudes. As pressure began to rise the weather brightened but by the 27th night temperatures were beginning to return to more typical autumn values and the first noteworthy grass frost arrived in the early hours of the 30th. This was however a relatively short-lived cold spell and warmer air from the south-west had returned by the 31st.

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

Month	Average Maximum Temperature (Daytime) deg C	Relative to long-term average degC	Average Minimum Temperature (Night-time) deg C	Relative to long-term average degC	Rainfall mm	Percentage of long-term average
October	13.8	+1.1	8.3	+2.3	74.4	86

And finally, Gladys, still on holiday in the USA, tells me a local story about two fishermen sitting on the river bank. The river was running quite low but there was still a good chance of a catch. One of the fishermen cast his line the water and suddenly the water separated leaving the riverbed open to view. This happened time and time again until the other fisherman turns to his companion and said “Moses will you please stop doing that”.

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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31st December from 10 o'clock

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December 13th and 27th

Haydon Bridge & Allendale Medical Practice

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Haydonian Social Club

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Hexham Beacon Club

6th Dec – Fire of London

13th Dec – Noteworthy's (entertainment)

On Wednesdays 10-30 to 12-00 at

Trinity Methodist Church Hall, Hexham

HAYDON BRIDGE Events 2017

December 31

Midnight fireworks from the Old Bridge
FURTHER EVENTS INFORMATION:

www.haydon-bridge.co.uk

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 Police surgeries are; 10-11am
7th December.

Regular Activities in the Community Centre

Monday

Playgroup – 9.15am

Nicola Grint. 07879999289

Yoga – 10am

aliciafearon@btinternet.com

Dance Club - 7.30pm

Audrey Phillips. 01434684452

Tuesday

Tiny Tots – 9.15am

Nicola Grint. 07879999289

Craft Class - 1-4pm (bi-monthly)

Joyce Sim. 01434 684704

Wednesday

Yoga - 7.00pm

aliciafearon@btinternet.com

Art Group - 6.30pm (bi monthly)

Barbara Wardle. 01434 688886

Thursday

Bowls Club - 7.30pm

Sandra Bough. 01434 684372

Parish Council - 7.30pm (4th Thursday)

Eileen Charlton. 01434 684505

Friday

Playgroup – 9.15am

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Keep Fit – 10am

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Friday Lunch Club - 12-2pm

Saturday

Coffee mornings - 10am

Various parish organisations.

Sunday

Hornby Model Railways -10am

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Emergency First Aid Course

Thursday 7 December

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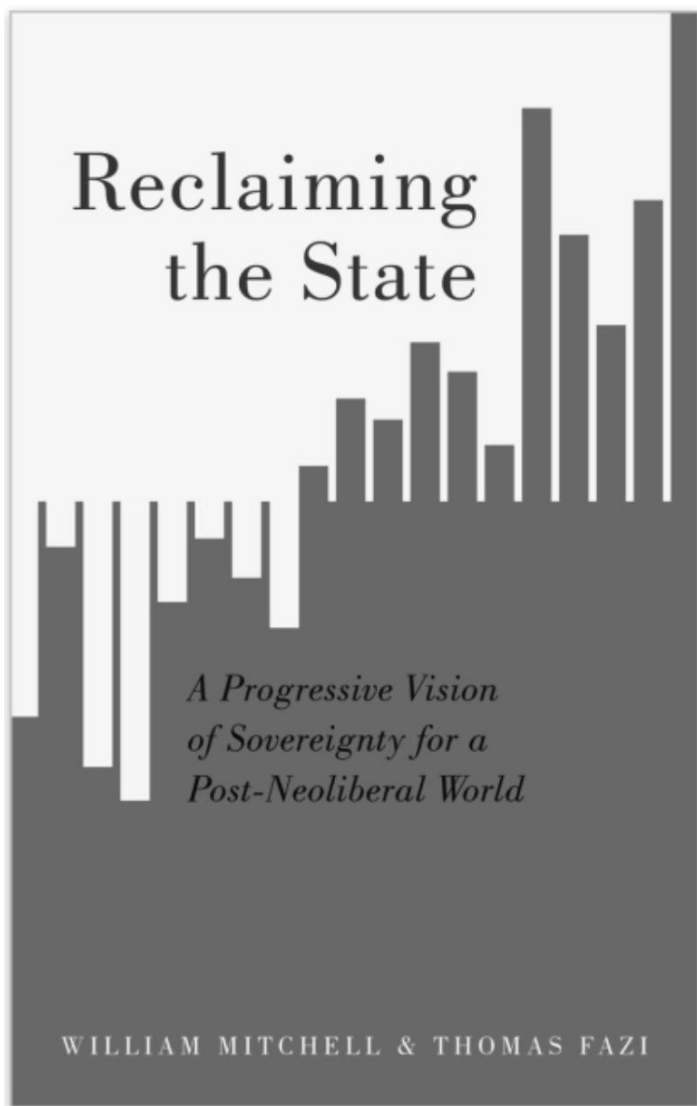
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BOOK REVIEW

Reclaiming the State

William Mitchell & Thomas Fazi

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Economics and geopolitics are very long games indeed. Ideas are advanced, trends develop, fads and fashions come and go, 'Events dear boy', politics, media, spin doctors - there's a host of things that shape how our world works. It's easy to understand how many lose the will to live around Budget time, when yet another opportunity to actually 'do something' is lost. But help is at hand.

This book offers a lucid overview of factors bearing upon the current global economic situation, going all the way back to the late 19th and early 20th century. The initial scene is the contest between classical liberal economic theory (the dark satanic mills) and John Maynard Keynes. Keynes 'won' and was very influential in the post WW2 consensus which culminated in the considerable social and economic progress that was apparent up to the late 60s. Act 2 is the contest between Keynes and the Neoliberals - in the persons of Friedrich Hayek, Ludwig Heinrich Edler von Mises and Milton Friedman. Act 3 includes the creation and failure of the Bretton Woods agreement, the termination of the gold standard, the abolition of the Glass Steagall Act, the rise and fall of monetarism, the Reagan/Thatcher axis, big bang deregulation and the enduring problems that surround us now. All of which falls more or less under the heading of Neoliberalism.

If you thought that the 'milk and honey' that is endlessly promised by successive governments is an awfully long time coming, then you are not alone. If you thought that economics was a dry and dusty topic suitable only for nerds, again, you are not alone but you would be wrong. Out of sight of most people there are or have been events that would set you back on your heels - if you knew about them.

For example, take the words of Alan Budd, a Thatcher advisor: *'There may have been people making the actual policy decisions...who never believed for a moment that [monetarism] was the correct way to bring down inflation. They did, however, see that [it] would be a very good way to raise unemployment, and raising unemployment was an extremely desirable way of reducing the strength of the working classes...which recreated a reserve army of labour and has allowed the capitalists to make high profits ever since.'*

David Harvey claims neoliberalism to be *'the restoration of class power'*.

The nation state is another factor in the equation. What is it? What should it be? What influence should it have on economics? Are electorates represented effectively at local, nation state, regional or global levels?

This book presents ideas for the future - after neoliberalism. Informative and inspiring. *Steve Ford*

My Grandmother's Granddaughter

We embroidered our Christmas cloth together,
You told me stories of your past,
Rubbing lemon juice on your spotty hands,
Wrinkled with laundry
And southern sun you would never see.
You were always cold.
I gave you my jumper. It was too small.
Your world was inhabited with water spirits and
wood nymphs.
One day we went to the lake
In the middle of the forest.
Now, you live there.

*We embroidered our Christmas cloth together.
I actually did it all.
You mostly made wrong stitches
And messed up the colours.
It did not matter.
I shivered and you offered me your tiny jumper,
Such a sweet girl.
You believed my stories about water spirits and
wood nymphs.
We searched for them on our walks.
Now, your embroidery is your own.*

Natalie Nera

RAYDON FRIDGE and DUSTY DARMAID



Silence Befalls This Home Now

Looking through the bookshelves a homemade book he chose
 Trapped within the forgotten pages - he came upon a red rose
 Flatten down with care - faded in colour - more so in its scent
 Memories such of a time - so long ago - only to himself it lent
 It came from a happy home - a home cherished - all with love
 Every crevice packed with loving items fitting all like a glove
 A garden full of noises - the song birds they did forever sing
 And on these evenings roll scents from the flowers often ling
 All crafted by a man to perfection - made to the one he loved
 As to no other person - nor idol - to his love did he set above
 There was nothing he would not do - for him a toll well spent
 To share with his fair maiden - who was to him - heaven sent
 Their home a range of seductive aromas a good woman baked
 The scent of fresh green grass - cut - he meaningful then raked
 A garden and a home once filled with laughing children galore
 With hollow sadness wasn't that some sixty five years or more?
 Silence - befalls this home now - bare - the creaking of the gate
 No more idle down song birds - as the evening draws to its fate
 The old man - restful in his chair - the book between his hands
 Memories forgotten - now remembered - now fully understands
 His weary sunken eyes closing - they are about to open no more
 Over the roof top and beyond the chestnut trees - a spirit soars
 No more idle down song birds - as this evening draws to its fate
 Silence - befalls this home now - bare - the creaking of the gate

Indiana Shaw . . . -

SHE TREADS THE TRODDEN PATH

Laden arms with gardening tools and sweet scented flowers
 She wanders into the Kirkyard and treads the trodden path
 Noticing the subtle differences given with the different hours
 Glistening cob webs in the early morning dew they are cast
 The ground bird hunting for its hungry meal the earth scours
 Afternoon flowers sagging under the suns hot burning wrath
 Only to perk up again after the so refreshing light rain showers

She treads the trodden path

The tall trees over lapping seem to hold her with their embrace
 To her whispering sweet nothings into her forever listening ears
 It is as if in their sweeping branches her emotions they encase
 Further down the trodden path she walks eyes welled with tears
 Empowering her in a sense of security, humanity and with grace
 Often they have watched her come to this Kirkyard over the years
 To tend her loved ones grave and upon it flowers she would place

She treads the trodden path

Has it not been 10 long years or more - soon to join him she is sure
 This grave she has kept nurtured with all her love and all her plight
 Death to her emptiness and loneliness will soon to be her only cure
 Then together again they will be reunited as their God fulfilled right
 A grave then to be attended by the children you both went on to spoor
 They tread the trodden path morning, afternoon or in early dusk light
 Noticing the subtle differences of this Kirkyard so beautiful and pure

She treads the trodden path

Indiana Shaw . . . (-*)*

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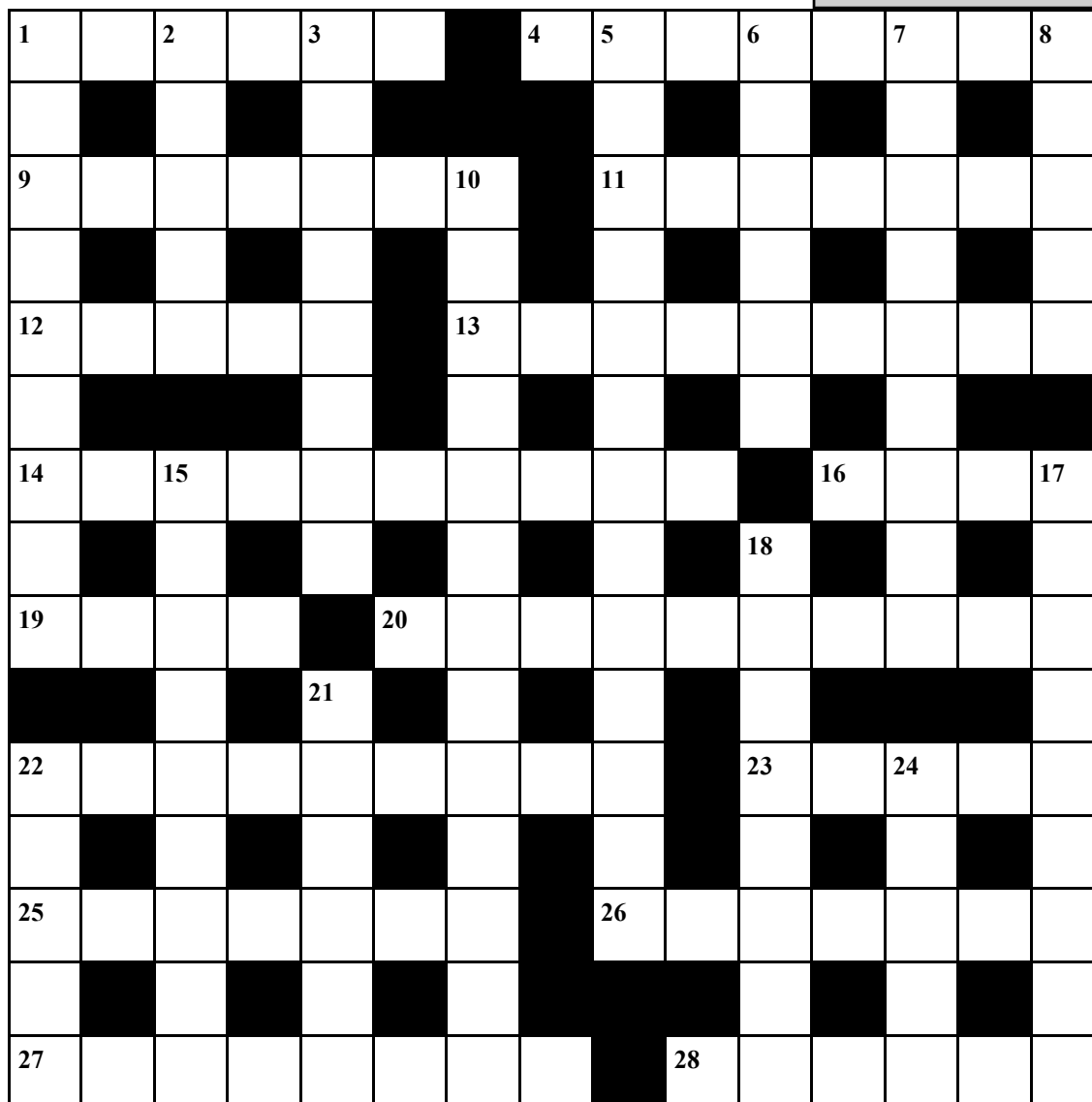
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NOVEMBER'S WINNER

Sheila Burrows

NUMBER OF ENTRIES

8 - all correct.



ACROSS

1. Six involved in reckless rape (6)
4. More than able fur pest I decimated (8)
9. One found in fortress in old Spain (7)
11. Spring inside the German liver (7)
12. Easier without me about to just get rid of it (5)
13. American crook and serviceman up against Grandma in France (9)
14. Rule one nut overturned in the Channel (10)
16. Edith maybe first to put in a face (4)
19. Heard the horse's tack fall (4)
20. Not touched by fence daft university shifted (10)
22. Sterile without the French in impoverished surroundings coming later (9)
23. Mad dog second in assault (5)
25. Flute blown around the Royal Academy makes you cry (7)
26. Bobby all at sea in school... (7)
27. ... recreates between terms (8)
28. Passes out loudly but they're fake moves (6)

DOWN

1. Extortionist from bat ever poetic (9)
2. Bible returned with half a fly inside – quite a match for goddess (5)
3. Dagger found in toilet flushed out on the street (8)
5. Does less than one's best, submerged by paperwork (13)
6. Quote me back? Enough to make you sick (6)
7. I'm in anxiety following a short fall because of a Spanish fascist (9)
8. No go in touring in Italy (5)
10. Show Alston river to one friend – it's rising very rapidly indeed (13)
15. Trellis an alteration was made to put back (9)
17. Deafness five hundred confused with loss of colour (9)
18. Iron out shrinkage (8)
21. Meat that journalist grumbled about (6)
22. Tarry ground (5)
24. Strike with truncheon but continue to play (5)



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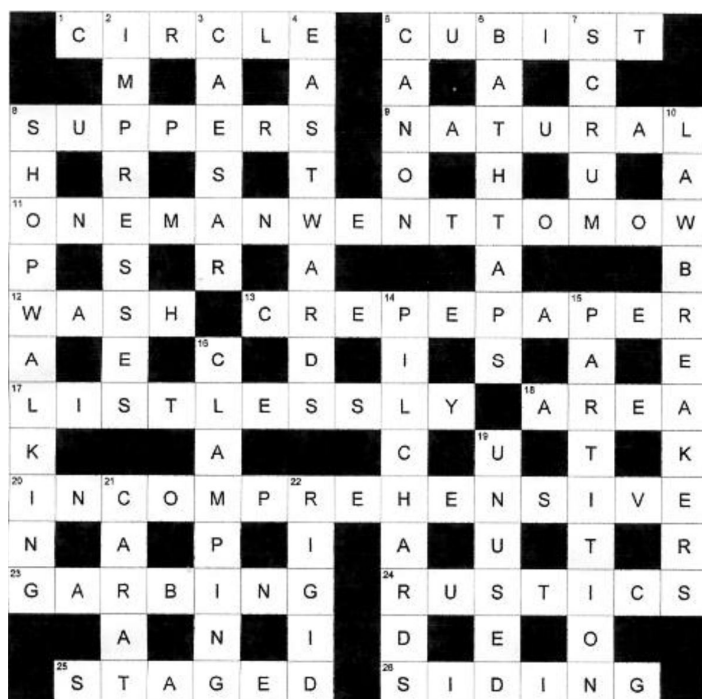
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For more information, please contact Michelle Turnbull by telephone on 01670 522008 or by email:-

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The Get It Together Society have been planning a couple of events for 2018 so look out for details nearer the time for a Family Race Night at the Haydonian in March and a Family Treasure Hunt in May.

A few people have asked who won the Balloon Race that was held during Northumberland Day last May. Well there were no winners as we had no balloon tickets returned so the money that was held for the owner and finder of the winning balloon was donated to the General Havelock's Pensioner's Christmas Lunch.

Meanwhile....

HEARTS & STARS

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

HAYDON BRIDGE FIREWORKS

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

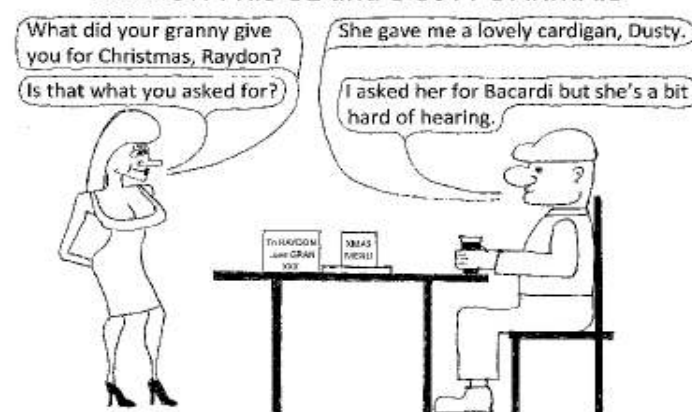
Shaftoe Trust Primary School is organising a competition in school to find two lucky children to start off the fireworks. We look forward to finding out who they'll be!

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

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

Our AGM will take place at the Havelock at 8pm on December 4th. All welcome. *Pauline Wallis* 01434 684061

RAYDON FRIDGE and DUSTY DARMAID



News From The Bridge



Halloween Craft Afternoon

The Bridge was packed with children and adults on the Tuesday before Halloween when numerous spiders, bats and skeletons were enthusiastically produced in readiness for the spooky night. It was a joy to behold the library crammed with youngsters of all ages busily colouring, cutting out and assembling, with literally every available chair and table in use. What fun they had.

The event was rounded off with juice and a spooky treats for every child.

The next craft afternoon will be in the February half term, but there will be Christmas activity sheets available in the library for children to complete and colour, either in the library or at home.

The Bridge Opening times

Monday	9.00am -12.00pm
Tuesday	1.00pm - 4.00pm
Wednesday	1.00pm - 4.00pm
Thursday	4.00pm - 6.30pm (summer only)
Last Thursday session was 26 th October, recommencing after Easter 2018	
Friday	4.00pm - 6.30pm
Saturday	9.30am -12.30pm
Tel: 01434 688 658	

New books

Did you think you'd read nearly every book in the library? We've had a large delivery of new books for all, including adult and teenage fiction, audio books on CD and cassette and large print books

Village Flower Beds

Walking between St. Cuthbert's and the station, Church Street looks so much more attractive now and work has started on tidying up and replanting the rose bed opposite the Community Centre.



The quiz in the General Havelock in aid of The Bridge raised £275.17

As always, a fun night was had by all – a great way to raise funds for organisations around the village. Many thanks to Joanne & Gary at The Havelock for hosting the quiz and supplying refreshments, quiz master John Harrison, and Phil for organising the entrants. Thanks too to all those who supported us by entering and buying raffle tickets.

UPDATE ABOUT OUR NEWLY ACQUIRED FOOTBALL ARCHIVES

In the last issue of the Haydon News we focused on our wonderful addition to the library archives, telling how it was put together by Ernie Edwards. Whilst that is true, having studied the contents more fully over time, it is clear that a major part of the content owes its very existence to another Haydonian – Alistair Burrowes. Alistair compiled the data from research he undertook over a long period of time and with great dedication, interviewing past footballers and delving into newspaper archives, capturing the information for villagers to ogle over. He has been into the library to inspect the masterpiece and agrees it is a very worthy addition to our archives, certainly of interest now but also a very significant document for future generations to admire. I did suggest to him that it would be great if he could write a piece for the Haydon News telling the story of his research and the conversations with the footballers from the past. It is intended to add an acknowledgement of all the contributors at the front of the album.



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HAYDONIAN SOCIAL CLUB

CHRISTMAS PROGRAMME 2017

Saturday 9 th December 2017	XMAS FAMILY PRIZE BINGO - eyes down@ 7.30pm Come along and have fun - you could be a winner!
Saturday 16 th December 2017	CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY - Starting 1.30pm (List for names behind bar - before 2nd Dec 2017) REMEMBER SANTA WILL BE CALLING!!! (He could be early)
Sunday 17 th December 2017	BINGO + MEAT VOUCHERS Eyes down 8.00pm.
Wednesday 20 th December 2017	BINGO +WINE & CHOCOLATES 8.00pm + KEY DRAW 9.45pm (Draw tickets on sale until 9.30pm only)
Sunday (XMAS EVE) 24 th December 2017	BINGO + CASH ADDED Eyes down 8.30pm
Monday(XMAS DAY) 25 th December 2017	OPEN AT NIGHT 8.pm TIL 11.00pm
Wednesday 27 th December 2017	BINGO 8.00pm + KEY DRAW 10.00pm (Draw tickets on sale until 9.30pm only)
Thursday 28 th December 2017	Live Show entertainment SKOOL DAYS @ 8.30pm.
Saturday 30 th December 2017	Normal Cash BINGO @8pm. Last chance to win this year--you could be lucky!
Sunday (NEW YEAR'S EVE) 31 ST December2017	FAMILY PRIZE BINGO 7.30pm Come and welcome the New Year in with fun at your club then watch the firework display to welcome the New Year.
Thursday 1 st January 2018 (NEW YEAR'S DAY)	HAPPY NEW YEAR! Open all afternoon and night til late. Welcome 2018 and Celebrate with us!
MEMBERSHIP FEES now due for 2018 still only £2	Join our Social Club for only £3 and take advantage of our cheaper prices for alcohol and have free hire of the Concert Room for parties.

*The Committee and members of Haydonian Social Club send everyone best wishes for
Christmas & the New Year*