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## FREE BEER!

With people moving out of the parish The Haydon News Editorial Committee is looking a bit depleted. Please can we have some new volunteers! The role is chiefly remarkable for the supply of free beer at the committee meetings which are held in The Havelock at irregular intervals. Business is conducted in the form of constructive conversations and the exchange of ideas about future developments. Come and join us. Contact any of the committee members for further info.

Is there no end to the paper chase? Our doughty Cllr. Dave Robson is still waiting for all the bits of paper to align before the gravel can come out of the river. His efforts have been positively Stakhanovite. When the project is finally accomplished I think we should carry him shoulder high into the hostelry of his choice and stand him a few pints.

(Late breaking news - 26th June may be the day!)

Getting the river clear in the middle of the village will be easy in comparison to clearing the vast accumulation at Lipwood. There an entire island with its own woodland has accumulated and there is no immediately apparent access to the site.

Lots of congratulations to all of those who have been involved in the Northumberland Day and Haydon Hundred events. Both have been splendid successes and add further lustre to our parish life. The amount of work and worry that goes into organising large scale events is probably not fully appreciated by those who have not been involved but the entire community is indebted to them all.

In the light of the terrible conflagration and the associated loss of life in London recently it may behove our

community to spend some time and effort reflecting on any known or suspected, actual or potential, problems within our built environment in the parish. Anyone having concerns about something should first raise them with one of the Parish Councillors. All matters brought to the Parish Council's attention are properly and promptly dealt with, including referral on to the appropriate body. Act now - don't wait for disaster to strike.

Apparently some measure of control is going to be delegated from NCC to a west Northumberland body. This may prove useful in getting things sorted out as a local official is much better placed to evaluate problems.

Kate Steele (page 30) agrees with views already expressed in the Parish Council about the need for a slip road onto the Allendale Road. Perhaps the new local NCC branch can tasked with sorting this out - a test case on which to prove their mettle.

East Deanraw open day is Saturday, the 30th July, 2-5pm this year. See centrefold. This is an excellent way to spend a couple of hours and all proceeds go to the churches. The gardens are beautiful and who can resist afternoon tea and cakes in an English country garden in high summer? Every year the plantings mature and new additions appear. Make a date on your calendar.

The Haydon News is always delighted to hear of new and developing businesses in or serving the parish. Do be sure to make contact with any information that you would like published. 1,100 copies of The Haydon News are delivered within the parish - a few dozen are posted to outliers. This is an ideal way to get your business known in the parish.

*Steve Ford*

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# **PARISH COUNCIL NOTES**

## **PARISH COUNCILLORS**

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A meeting of the Haydon Parish Council was held at 7.30pm on 22nd June 2017 in The Community Centre.

### **Public participation**

The church clock is now correct but a volunteer is required to keep the machinery adjusted. All volunteers should report to the Parish Clerk, Mrs. Carole McGivern (v.s.).

Two members of the public attended to relate the very bad experiences they have had with the only contractor listed on the NCC website in connection with the installation of flood doors on their homes. Not only has the installation been incorrect but the subsequent ineffective attempts at repair have rendered the warranty null and void. A number of recommendations were offered and Cllr. Sharp undertook to investigate further the options for further help to resolve the problems.

It was reported that a tree at the entrance to the church car park is overhanging the pathway and needs trimming.

### **Apologies**

Were received.

### **Declarations of interest**

Were sought

### **Minutes of previous meeting**

Were approved

### **NCC**

Cllr. Sharp informed the council of a small adjustment that he wished to make to his earlier description of the Area Committees that are to be established within the county. These are properly referred to as Area Councils henceforth. Planning matters will be considered at monthly meetings and other matters at bi-monthly meetings.

Weeds on Ratcliffe Road are to be dealt with.

The Threepwood Road repairs are in abeyance until all the building related traffic has ceased from Mr. Loyd's house.

The repairs and markings on the Elrington junction have yet to be done.

The grassed areas outside the old fire station urgently need to be mown, as does the grass at the picnic tables by the river.

The Mill Hills to East Haydon road and the road past Plunderheath are still scheduled for repairs and new signage.

Plans for repairs in the area of the Spa Well are in hand and progress is being made.

The location of litter bins at Langley Gardens and The Showfield is to be reviewed following representation by a member of the public. A manhole cover on The Showfield also requires attention.

A long discussion was had concerning the problems both solved and caused by the double yellow lines on Ratcliffe Road. Further refinements are needed to ease access to the Co-op. The removal of the island and bollards at the junction of Church Street and Ratcliffe Road remains a priority that Cllr. Sharp is pursuing. Parallel parking on both sides of the full length of Ratcliffe Road was viewed with some favour by councillors. It was resolved to invite a traffic engineer to an on site meeting for further discussion.

### **Highways**

The double parking of commercial vehicles in Church Street whilst unloading, such that the road is entirely blocked, was reported by a member of the public. The brief and irregular nature of the problem was thought to lessen the pressure to act and no immediately obvious solution presented itself. The situation will be monitored.

A number of options for easing the parking pressure within the parish were aired and recommendations were invited.

A missing bin liner by The Anchor is to be replaced.

### **Lighting**

The start date for the lighting refurbishment remains uncertain.

### **Planning**

1/ Variation of condition 2 is sought at the Showfield. Clarification of condition 2 is required before approval can be given.

2/ Change of use of agricultural building to holiday let is sought at Chesterwood Villa. No objection.

**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.**

3/ Replacement of previously approved dwelling adjacent to Maresfield on North Bank by a new design. No objection.

4/ Alterations to Harsondale Farm. No objections.

#### Accounts

Were agreed.

#### Correspondence

It was decided to proceed with the creation of a new Neighbourhood Plan and volunteers to take part are asked to make contact with the Parish Clerk, Mrs. Carole McGivern (v.s.).

Permission was sought and granted to replace the planters by the seat by The Bridge.

A request for steps over the flood defence wall at Brigwood has been received. NCC disclaimed responsibility for the structure and recommended an approach to the EA.

A reply to the council's letter to the health centre has been received - see page 30.

A letter concerning the parking and noise on Ratcliffe Road has been received. The points raised were discussed and a reply will be sent.

#### Parish Projects

Development Trust

The Haydon Hundred was again very successful thought the inclement weather did put a bit of a dampener (sic) on the day. So torrential was the rain that one councillor felt obliged to relate that she had concluded the day with wet knickers - due solely to the rain she hastened to confirm. A profit was recorded.

Northumberland Day was held to be another major success and a significant revenue boost for The Bridge. It is hoped that the day will be repeated in the years ahead.

#### Flooding

Keeping everything crossed, Cllr. Robson reported that a start will be made at 8.00am on Monday 26th June. A loud knocking on wood was heard.

The path to the Riverside is due to be worked upon soon. Informative signage is also proposed. A letter to the freeholder is proposed requesting a trimming back of the over growing herbage.

Work is imminent on adjusting the trajectory of one of the paths in the cemetery. This will later be finished with tarmac.

A very long and detailed report on the steps required for completing the proposed new car parking area behind the Community Centre has been received from Mr. Brian Bell. This will now be expedited.

Despite Cllr. Sharp's best efforts the plans for the old fire station remain shrouded in mystery. Further

information is sure to appear in due course.

A small surplus that has arisen from Northumberland day and which is not immediately allocated to other purposes is to be retained as a seed fund for next year's endeavours. The Parish Council was invited to add a modest subsidy to this.

**The next full meeting of the Haydon Parish Council will be held on Thursday 27th July 2017 at The Haydon Bridge Community Centre.**

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When a lady living around four thousand miles from Haydon Bridge, with no personal recent link to our parish, is prepared to spend almost £1,000 to replace a fallen headstone in our village graveyard - which she may never visit - how could I turn down her request to support a search for information that would trace those ancestors on her family tree who had a local connection? ..... I couldn't ..... And didn't!

The result was a fascinating 'Who Do You Think You Are?' journey through over three hundred years of a family history and a close link with the Newcastle and Carlisle Railway at Haydon Bridge.

I am pleased to introduce you to Mrs Aandeg Skelly of Thunder Bay in Ontario, **Canada**, with whom I have been sharing my research via email. Computers and their hardware are infuriating at times, but for this project they have been indispensable.



Aandeg Skelly

My story starts in 1999 when Aandeg's cousin, Beth Reay Le Page, wrote to the Haydon News from her home in Melbourne **Australia**. Elizabeth Le Page's request was for available information relating to her grandparents George Young and Annie Marie Reay, and Annie's parents Joseph and Hannah Reay. All of 19c **Haydon Bridge**. (Now you know why email and the computer was indispensable. Australia, Canada and England ... Following an ancestral trail across three continents, without the BBC's financial clout.) - *I will return to Beth Le Page's correspondence.*

It is a little unfair of me to compare this journey to the BBC programme, 'Who Do You Think You Are?', as Elizabeth and Aandeg's knowledge and research, before we met through the Haydon News Web Site, meant they knew perfectly well who their family was and from where they had originated. My role was simply to add a little detail to a story that was common knowledge to our Canadian and Australian correspondents.

### BACKGROUND

It is the Haydon Bridge connection that is relevant to us, of course, and I will follow this link through the **Reay**, **Charlton** and **Laidler** families. A brief background to the family story, before reaching Northumberland, will help set the scene, however:

Aandeg Skelly and Beth Le Page started their genealogy journey from the birth of John Reay, around 1710, at Heskett In The Forest, near Lazonby, Cumberland.

A further three generations are recorded in Cumberland at or near Lazonby, following male descendants Robert Reay (b 1738), John Reay (b 1766) and Joseph Reay (b 1805). Joseph married Mary Bell in 1835 at Lazonby and Joseph and Mary's son, Joseph John, was born at Low Plains, in the Parish of Heskett, in 1837. It is this **Joseph John Reay** who provides the link with Northumberland and with Haydon Bridge.

### JOSEPH JOHN REAY

Joseph served his apprenticeship as a joiner at Penrith, but around the age of twenty one he joined the Newcastle & Carlisle Railway Company at Newcastle and lodged at 93 Blenheim Street, Westgate, in the Parish of St John in Newcastle where he was a 'joiner with the railroad'.

The railway company was in its early years, having been formed in 1825, and it was 1838 before trains operated along the full length of the line from Redheugh on the south bank of the River Tyne, through Haydon Bridge to Carlisle. It was 1851 before Newcastle Central Station was opened, only seven or eight years before Joseph Reay joined the company.

Moving from the wide open spaces of rural Cumberland to the centre of Newcastle upon Tyne must have been a cultural shock for twenty one year old Joseph; unless he embraced the contrasts as I did, when I travelled from Haydon Bridge to Newcastle to further my education on day release and night class courses as a teenager, after leaving Shaftoe Trust School ..... *And here, I digress:*

I fell in love with Newcastle in the 1950s and came to know the parishes of St John and St Andrew intimately, fascinated by the people and the places of the Town. So different from our parish at Haydon. From the dubious pubs of Pink Lane and bars in the Bigg Market; the joy of St. James' Park, filled to capacity every other Saturday at three o' clock in the afternoon; the Empire Theatre where I watched in awe as the singing stars whose records I had bought came to life - until City Councillors were allowed to demolish this wonderful theatre and, as I write this in 2017, I notice that the theatre's 1960s replacement is now itself under the demolition contractor's wrecking ball; I hope those responsible for the original demolition in 1965 and the 1960s architects are ashamed of themselves.

I have many happy memories of wandering the streets in which Joseph Reay had lived around one hundred years earlier. The oh so lively Green, Fish and Bird Markets just off Newgate Street; Westgate and Gallowgate; Bath Lane and Blenheim Street where I could have bought a second hand Ford 8 for £15 from one of the many dealers there - only available in black - or spend a happy hour combing the well stocked floors of the Model Shop.

I would return to the security and relative serenity of my home at Haydon Bridge at night, of course, and it wasn't long before Joseph Reay moved from Blenheim Street - today the soulless if grandly named 'St James Boulevard' - to the South Tyne valley to live; falling in love with our Haydon Parish ... and, by the way, the Station Master's daughter. *Read on ...*

Joseph Reay's move from Lazonby in Cumberland, where at least five generations of his family had lived as farmers or farm workers, was a success. Joseph, having come to Haydon Bridge in 1862 as a railroad joiner, was soon promoted to a carriage and wagon inspector with the railway company.

**Two significant events in Joseph Reay's life - work and personal - occurred in 1862;** the North Eastern

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Railway Company acquired the Newcastle & Carlisle Railway Co., and Joseph married the Haydon Bridge Station Master's daughter!

**Joseph Reay and Hannah Charlton - the daughter of John Charlton, Station Master and Margaret (nee) Henderson - were married at St Cuthbert's Chapel, Haydon Bridge on February 2nd 1862:** Joseph and Hannah moved into a railway cottage in the Haydon Bridge Station Yard - probably 4 Station Cottages - and it was there they had nine children. Two of the children, Charlton and Emma Jane died in infancy, nevertheless, imagine father and mother and seven children living in the small terraced house that was 4, Station Cottages. A living room, scullery and a couple of bedrooms!

### **Joseph and Hannah Reay's children, all born at Haydon Bridge, were:**

Margaret: born 1862. Married Joseph F. Heslop. d 1918.

Alice: born 1863. d 1891.

Joseph: born 1865. d 1888 at Haydon Bridge.

Mary Hannah: born 1866. Never married and died in 1955 at Haydon Bridge.

Annie Maria: born 1869. Married George Young. d 1951.

William John: born 1871. Married Annie Kirtley. d 1946.

Charlton: born 1873. d 1873 at Haydon Bridge.

Emma Jane: born 1874. d 1874 at Haydon Bridge.

Amy Louisa: born 1875. Married John Laidler and died in 1922 in Toronto.

**Two years after Amy Louisa was born, Joseph's wife Hannah died on August 25th 1877 at the age of thirty eight, due to a fall. She was pregnant with her tenth child and was on a chair cleaning a cupboard when she lost her balance and fell.**

**Hannah was buried in the extension to St Cuthbert's graveyard, above California Gardens.**

Joseph Reay, at forty years of age, was now a widower with seven children to care for, as well as continuing his career with the North Eastern Railway. According to the 1881 Census, the seven children are still living with their forty three year old father and were aged 18,17,16,14,11,9 and 5 year old Amy. Ten years later, daughters Annie Maria (21 years old), Amy Louisa (15) and son William John were the only children living with Joseph Reay, their father.

In the 1911 Census, Joseph is shown as a a seventy three year old widower and a retired Railway Tram Examiner. His daughter Mary Hannah Reay and grandson nineteen year old Joseph Heslop, who worked as a leadless glaze maker at Langley Barony Fireclay Company, are living with him at 4 Station Cottages.

Joseph Reay wasn't a born and bred Haydonian, having arrived in the village in 1862 at the age of 24 years, it is clear, however, that his commitment to our community was tireless and he was an active member of the parish community. Joseph Reay was an Haydonian in all but birth and as I trawl through the social history of our 19/20 century parish, his name crops up on a regular basis. It is clear that during his time here he took a close interest in local matters. At some time between 1875, when the Haydon Bridge Co-op was inaugurated in premises on

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Ratcliffe Road, and 1888 when the Co-op Society moved to their new premises on Shaftoe Street, Joseph Reay was appointed a committee member.

Joseph was accomplished as a musician, and was able to play many instruments, particularly the clarinet, piccolo and flute. He had been a member of a band when in Newcastle and at Haydon Bridge he formed a drum and pipe band, a military band and an orchestra; composing and transposing music for the ensembles.

Joseph retired at the age of sixty and lived in 4 Station cottages throughout the rest of his life with his daughter Mary Hannah. By the time of his retirement, of his other grown up children Alice had died, Margaret, Annie Maria and William John were married and it seems that Amy Louisa had moved out prior to her own marriage to John Laidler in 1899.

As well as his keen interest in local affairs, Joseph's strong religious beliefs impressed those who knew him, have written about him, or been quoted. The Rev Tranter is quoted here:

"Never in the course of my ministry have the words of one being been a greater blessing." Joseph "was a saint of God, a wise counsellor and friend who had served his generation in public service."

### END OF THE LINE

**Joseph Reay died on Sunday evening, February 24th 1924 aged eighty seven years, and one of the last links - most likely the last link - at Haydon Bridge with the original Newcastle & Carlisle Railway Company, was broken.**

Like the death of his wife Hannah (nee Charlton), almost forty seven years earlier in 1877, Joseph's demise was as the result of an accident - as reported in the newspapers:

#### **HAYDON BRIDGE**

**BURNING FATALITY** :- The death occurred on Sunday of Mr Joseph Reay. 87, a retired carriage and wagon inspector, who lived at Railway Cottages, Haydon Bridge. After going to bed, he dropped a box of matches in lighting a candle. While he was looking for the matches, the bedclothes caught fire and he was fatally burned.

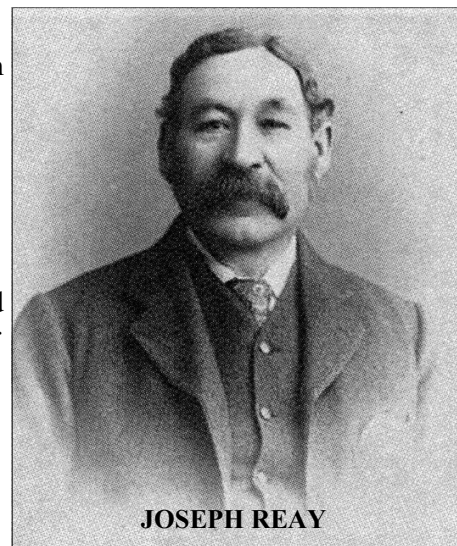
**REAY**:- 4, Station Terrace, Haydon Bridge, 24th Feb. (suddenly), aged 87 years, Joseph Reay, (late Carriage and Wagon Inspector, N.E.R.)

*Hexham Courant March 1st 1924*

*And The Yorkshire Post - 27th February 1924*

The death occurred at Haydon Bridge yesterday, of Joseph Reay (87), a retired carriage and wagon inspector. On retiring to bed he is stated to have lighted a candle, and in doing so dropped a box of matches to the floor. In seeking to recover the matches the bed clothing got on fire, and he was burned about the left arm and body, sustaining injuries from which he died.

Prior to Joseph Reay's interment in the extension to St. Cuthbert's Church graveyard on 27th February 1924, over one hundred mourners attended a service conducted by Rev J.E. Tranter in Haydon Bridge Congregational Church; reflecting Joseph's high standing in the local community.



**JOSEPH REAY**

The underbearers were:

E. Fatherley, J. Wray, T. Waugh, J. Moffatt, A. Waugh, T. Ridley, and G. Nattrass. According to the Hexham Courant, the underbearers were all railway 'servants'.



Joseph and Hannah Reay's headstone lies on the ground in the graveyard extension to St. Cuthbert's Church, above Alexandra Terrace. (Photograph taken June 2015)



Aandeg Skelly and the Reay family descendants arranged to have the headstone memorial restored to its original vertical position and the letters repainted, in 2016.

The granite vase is a memorial to Nora Yeudal 1912-1927. Nora (Reay) Yeudal was the daughter of Joseph Reay's son William John Reay - William John was born at Haydon Bridge in 1871.

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Joseph John Reay was laid to rest alongside his wife Hannah, at Haydon Bridge on February 27th 1924. Hannah (nee Charlton) had died following an accident on August 25th 1877 when pregnant with her tenth child (see page 7) and before moving on to follow the children of Joseph and Hannah in this Haydon Bridge family history, I will introduce the Charlton family.

Hannah Charlton, Joseph Reay's wife, was the daughter of John Charlton (b 1813 at Wark) and Margaret (nee Henderson). John Charlton was the son of Mathew Charlton and Mary Philipson. (*Mathew Charlton was from Haltwhistle and Mary was from Simonburn and they had been married at Simonburn in 1810.*)

Margaret Henderson (b 1820) was the daughter of John Henderson and Hannah Askew of Chesterwood, Haydon Bridge; they had married at St Cuthbert's on January 13th 1817.

John Charlton and Margaret (nee Henderson) married at St Cuthbert's Church Haydon Bridge on February 4th 1837 and the couple had eleven children at Haydon Bridge: Mary Ann (b 1836), **Hannah (1839)**, Margaret (1841), Elizabeth Isabella (1843), Mathew (1845), Ann (1846), Jane (1848), Margaret (1849), John (1851), Matilda (1853) and Emma (1855).

John Charlton has a significant place in our Haydon Bridge social history. Having been shown as a clerk in the 1841 Census, by 1851 he was the Station Master at Haydon Bridge on the Newcastle & Carlisle Railway. William Lee's 1876 publication of historical events that occurred in Haydon Bridge, has an interesting paragraph which refers to John Charlton.

May 19, 1857 - Amongst the passengers by the train which arrived at Haydon Bridge at 11.45 a.m. from Carlisle was His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. He alighted from the train and went into the refreshment room, where he partook of wine and biscuit. He also purchased some books from the stall of Mr. John Charlton, station master.

The 1858, Kelly's Directory shows John Charlton as 'manufacturer of soda water & ginger beer, & station master' at Haydon Bridge.

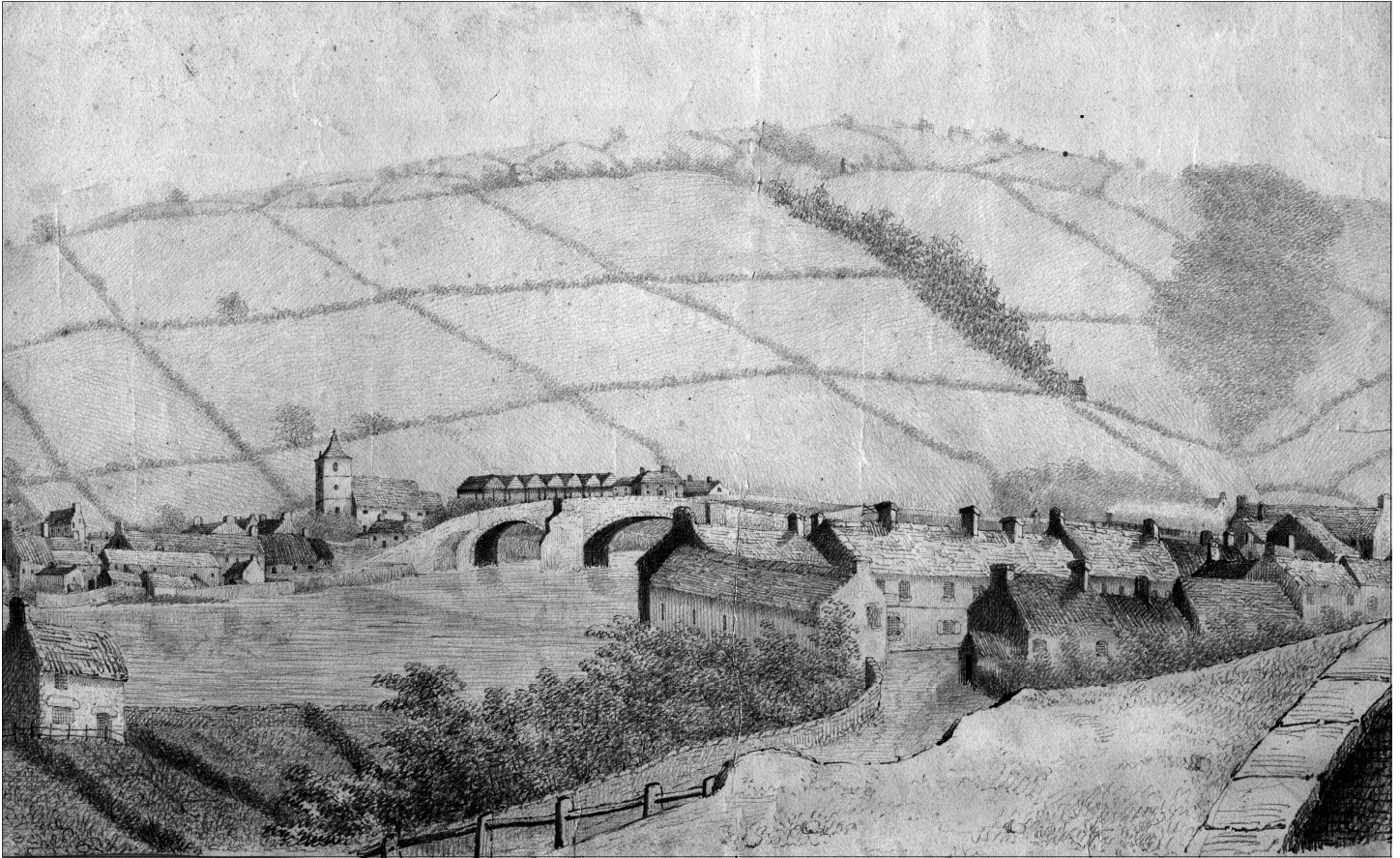
John and Margaret Charlton's second daughter **Hannah** married Joseph Reay at St Cuthbert's on February 2nd 1862 and, as I explained earlier (*page 6*), Joseph had moved to the village from Newcastle as a 'joiner on the railway'. The couple lived in 4 Station Cottages.

John Charlton, our Station Master and father of the bride, died on August 6th 1865 and is buried at Haydon Bridge. John died of Dropsy - the swelling of soft tissue due to the accumulation of excess water.

Interestingly, John's death certificate shows that he is an Innkeeper. (*Which Haydon Bridge Inn, I wonder. I'm unable to provide an answer at this time. I'd be delighted if someone can help.*)

Next month I will follow the children of Joseph and Hannah Reay, and the Haydon Bridge connection.

**THE HAYDON VIEWS**  
**Haydon History in Black and White**



I love this early pencil sketch across the valley to Haydon Bridge North Side, from John Shaftoe's School. From Newcastle City Archives and drawn around 1838, the artist has left us with something interesting to mull over as the sketch includes an elevation of the cover over the first Haydon Bridge Station on the Newcastle & Carlisle Railway. Other than an end view from the east (*See next month*), this is the only image of the station's cover I have seen.



Last month I showed you an image of John Shaftoe's School and Alms Houses - circa 1806 - attributed to John Martin. Here is an engraving of the school, drawn by Thomas Sopwith and published in 1829. Notice again, the schoolroom in the foreground, with five windows in the north elevation, and the much grander fifteen room Head Master's house. By 1829, the single room of the earlier school had been divided into three; two rooms for boys and one for girls and the Headmaster, the Reverend James Birkett, taught 'classical scholars' (probably in Latin and Greek) separately in his house where 'eight or ten private pupils boarded with him'. This is how early references to 'Haydon Bridge Grammar School' or 'John Shaftoe's Grammar School' originated.

# COMPETITION

## Your chance to win a £10 Voucher for the Bardon Mill Shop & Cafe

We need your help.

We are working on the creation of a website for the Benefice of Haydon Bridge & Beltingham with Henshaw. On the opening page of the website, we need a welcoming "banner" at the top of the page which will encourage people to want to use the site. It could simply say **Benefice of Haydon Bridge & Beltingham with Henshaw.**

This is the legal way of referring to our group of Churches. But we think that many people visiting the website (and the places!) will not be familiar with the concept of a Benefice.

What we want to achieve is a banner which will enthuse and encourage people to think about our churches within our landscape, culture and heritage, and the spirituality they may suggest. All our churches are set in the beautiful landscape of Northumberland's Tynedale. Nearby are famous features such as the Roman Wall, Sycamore Gap, the River Tyne, the Newcastle and Carlisle Railway. The Churches enjoy many historic, artistic and religious associations, with, for instance, 7<sup>th</sup> century St Cuthbert, Bishop Ridley who died for his faith in the 16<sup>th</sup> century, 19<sup>th</sup> century artist John Martin, 20<sup>th</sup> century poet Philip Larkin and others.

**Please therefore enter our competition, by setting out in no more than 10 or 12 words, a banner which will be welcoming and informative.**

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# CHURCHES WORKING TOGETHER

## CLERGY MESSAGE

*From: Rev. Dr. Benjamin Carter*

The last weekend of June and the first weekend of July are known as “Petertide” when many churches around the world ordain candidates for ministry in the Church. The reason they come at this time is partly the proximity to the end of the academic year, but more importantly their closeness to the Feast of St Peter and St Paul which falls on 29 June. On this day, the Church remembers the two great apostles of the Church: Peter, the rock on who Christ built his Church; and Paul, apostles to the Gentiles. This Petertide we are delighted that Gill Alexander is joining us as Curate in the Benefice of Haydon Bridge and Beltingham with Henshaw. Instead of me telling you about her, here’s something from Gill in her own words.

“I was born and brought up in South Shields and the Church of England. I left the North East and the Church of England in 1976 when I went to university. Following an initial career in Academia, a heart for social justice drew me to work in the voluntary sector and eventually to work in local government. Developing programmes that tackle poverty and build flourishing communities has been a key driver. I returned to the North in 1996 and have been privileged to serve as a public servant in the region for over 20 years as the Director of Education and Director of Children’s Services in North Tyneside and currently as the Chief Executive of Hartlepool Council.

Ultimately, I could not ignore God’s tug towards ordained ministry. It has been an unexpected journey; and as Bilbo-Baggins used to say ‘It’s a dangerous business, Frodo, going out of your door. You step out into the road, and if you don’t keep your feet, there is no knowing where you might be swept off to.’ Through my journey as an Ordinand I have met some amazing people who have helped me keep my feet grounded in God. As God’s pilgrim people we do not journey alone.”

I hope that you will have chance to get to know Gill very soon, and as God’s pilgrim people we pray for Gill, and all those being ordained throughout the world this Petertide. More than that, Petertide is an opportunity for us all to remember God’s call to each one of us, and continue our journey of life, knowing and serving him in our lives.

*Your Vicar,  
Benjamin*

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

Rev. Dr. Benjamin Carter. St. Cuthbert's Anglican Church  
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#### Trinity 3:

##### Sunday 2 July 2017

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

#### Trinity 4:

##### Sunday 9 July 2017

9.30am: Parish Eucharist with Storybook Church, All Hallows’ Henshaw  
11am: Parish Eucharist, St Cuthbert’s Haydon Bridge  
3pm: God’s Tent, pitched near Threepwood Hall

#### Trinity 5:

##### Sunday 16 July 2017

9.30am: Parish Eucharist, All Hallows’ Henshaw  
11am: Parish Eucharist (BCP), St Cuthbert’s Haydon Bridge  
3.30pm: Big Church Picnic, St Cuthbert’s Haydon Bridge Grounds

#### Trinity 6:

##### Sunday 23 July 2017

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

#### Trinity 7:

##### Sunday 30 July 2017

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

#### Trinity 8:

##### Sunday 6 August 2017

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

### METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES

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

#### 2 July

10am Morning Worship  
Tom Dodds  
6pm Evening Worship  
Deacon Anne Taylor

#### 9 July

10am Morning Worship  
Sandra Martin  
6pm Communion Worship  
Rev. David Goodall

#### 16 July

10am Morning Worship  
Mark Knowles  
3.30pm BIG CHURCH PICNIC  
(grounds of St. Cuthberts)  
Games/Worship/Food for all  
No Evening Service today

#### 23 July

10 am Morning Worship  
Graham Wilson  
6pm Evening Worship  
Superintendent P. Dunstan

#### 30 July

10 am Communion Worship  
Rev. Jane Cook  
6pm Evening Worship  
Rev. Alan Dawson

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## PUPPET SHOW

Methodist Church

Wednesday 26th July 3.30 pm Refreshments later

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## St Cuthbert's Church

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**Methodist Church**

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## WATER THEME FOR JULY FORGE EXHIBITION

Yorkshire-born Lindsey Cooper, now resident in Hexham, is an accomplished artist working mainly in acrylics, whose fascination in the transitory nature of time and light over water is explored in the forthcoming July gallery exhibition at Allendale Forge Studios.



Entitled “Water Marks”, her exhibition focuses on the power and majesty of water, with subjects ranging from a tranquil river with its mirrored reflections, to a stormy sea, capturing movement at a given moment. Working from sketches and photographs taken in the landscape or on a sea shore, Lindsey then works on larger canvases in her studio. She strives to retain the memory of being present at that time. Her work has been described as expressive and atmospheric, calm and serene.

Artist Lindsey explained: “A sudden shift in cloud cover with its reflections on water, or rock pools left behind by receding tides, all fascinate me. Acrylics suit my way of working as I can quickly lay down layers of paint on canvas, building them up to create texture and interest. Occasionally, I will use collage and objects to further express my ideas, as I enjoy trying out new concepts and methods, including a recent departure into printmaking. I’m delighted to be exhibiting at the Forge this year as the Allen Valleys have a particular appeal for me.”

This will be Lindsey’s first solo exhibition for the Forge Gallery and it opens Saturday 1st July, running throughout the month. Artist Lindsey will be there on opening day to meet visitors, talk about her work and demonstrate lino cutting throughout the day.

**Admission is free.**

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## BOOK REVIEW

There are several self evident flaws in this month’s book review which are worth conceding at the outset.

I read the fifth book in the series first and so had to figure a number of plot features out as the narrative developed. Not too great a challenge, nor did it detract from the pleasure to be derived from the book. The earlier volumes I am trying to get hold of now.

The second factor is that I am probably not the target demographic for this genre. Almost certainly Steam-punk’s principal target is teens, 20s and 30s, though I am open to correction. This need not be an obstacle, though some adjustment of mental focus is required as well a liberal dollops of suspension of disbelief.

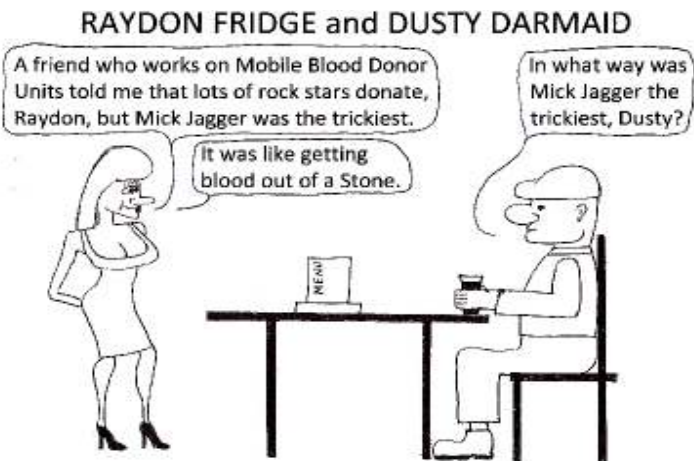
Thirdly, problems arise in accessing this series of books but they are surmountable. Of those that are available in hard copy, they are ‘print on demand’ titles which necessitates a short delay. Three, I believe, of the series are only available as ebooks and, obviously, this requires possession of the necessary machinery for viewing. I may have to join the 21st century at last.

Finally, the style is derivative. This series of books is very strongly influenced by P G Wodehouse and Arthur Conan Doyle and the principal characters are easily identifiable as admixtures of Jeeves and Wooster and Holmes and Watson. If you like that style of writing, then you will almost certainly enjoy this book and, presumably, its shelf mates.

The plot line is light-hearted and amusing. The use of English is very pleasing. The setting is an indeterminate period of history but reminiscent of the Edwardian, with added wildly improbable or frankly implausible technical wizardry that has affiliations with Mary Shelley's Frankenstein. There is a Lady Bracknell character and her husband has something of the Gen. Futtock, of Futtock's End fame, about him.

The steam, in this contribution to the steampunk genre, is introduced to the automata (of which there are many - including an octopus) via hose pipes that connect where their umbilici would normally be. The Prometheans are reanimated citizens, often substantially modified, and, to complete the menagerie that populates this surreal ecology, there is an enigmatic orang-utan at large. Enjoy!

Steve Ford



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# EAST DEANRAW OPEN DAY 2017

## Saturday 30th July - 2-5pm

A number of villagers and those in the surrounding parishes may have visited the East Deanraw garden in past years when it was opened for the Red Cross.

This year, we are planning a new direction by opening it in aid of the Haydon Bridge churches of St. John of Beverley and St. Cuthbert's. This enables us to concentrate more directly on the parish as well as the surrounding area where farming and horticulture still predominates. Those from yet wider afield are also most welcome.

As a result, there will be the local Cherrypickers band playing during the afternoon alongside events such as teas, hot and cold drinks and ice creams, together with various displays and stalls. More about that later.

East Deanraw was in the past one of the smaller farms on the Langley Estate. Now it is a private house, still owned by the estate, but redeveloped and extended to include a 3 acre garden and grounds as an oasis in an isolated spot surrounded by mixed and upland farming and woodland, away from the steading. The house and gardens were created into their present form over a period, about 12 years ago. This incorporated formal flower borders surrounding lawns and a small lake which is dammed for a burn running through. The outbuildings are mainly used for stabling and kennels.

As well as the Band and refreshments we want to make this a chance to persuade members of the parish to take an active role in both participating and visiting. Haydon Bridge has a substantial number of allotments which are a corner stone of the community and we are expecting a significant amount of produce, grown in the allotments, to be on display as a side show and subsequently being put up for sale on the day for the benefit of the event. We also expect to have a well stocked potted plant stall, also there to be sold off at competitive prices. We further plan to have a competition for the best arrangement of wild and/or garden flowers arranged, in a jar or jug which we hope will be displayed, having been split between the two churches on the Sunday morning before being moved before the garden opening. They will be judged for a prize for the winner.

The hope is that the East Deanraw garden opening will become an annual village event with more side shows and competitions to be added for the benefit of the wider community. Therefore, new ideas will be welcomed from any quarter.

All the net proceeds collected from the day will be evenly divided between the two churches and thus for the ultimate benefit of the parish.

**So, please remember to come to join us at East Deanraw on Saturday, the 30th July, 2-5pm. Adults £4, children and car parking free.**

Dogs (on leads) are welcome to take for a walk up the fell, where you can see an extended view of Hadrian's Wall on the Northern skyline.

*Tom Speir*







The pond

**EAST  
DEANRAW**

**OPEN DAY  
2017**



View to the south east



View to the south west over the garden

**SATURDAY  
JULY  
30th  
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# THE NORTH EAST IN TWELVE FAVOURITE PLACES

## 7: ALWINTON AND THE COQUET



This series is taking us round some of the less well-known places in the North East. We already live in the best part of England – no-one who reads Haydon News will argue with that. My hope is that I can whet your appetite to discover parts of it you may not have ventured to before.

Some of my favourite North Eastern places are densely urban, others are deeply rural. This month we're back in the countryside. It's about as remote and beautiful as England gets.



You don't detour into Alwinton off some nearby main road. You have to want to go there. It's situated near the top of the Coquet Valley where the river emerges from the high country of the Cheviot Hills. It's not quite a cul-de-sac but almost. Beyond the village there is nothing but the still silent fells (silent, that is, if they are not firing on the military ranges and if there is no shoot going on). It is also very dark up here at night. Alwinton car park is a destination in its own right because it is one of England's Dark Sky Discovery Sites (like Kielder on the North Tyne) where you have an unrivalled opportunity to see the aurora or the brighter planets, or simply gaze in wonder at the Milky Way.

But once a year, Alwinton shakes off its sleepiness and plays host to thousands of people who come every October to the Border Shepherds' Show. If you are only politely interested in sheep but curious about country life, come anyway. The famous border walking sticks are a sight to behold. I once went to a service in the village church where the churchwardens (there seemed a lot of them for such a tiny place) proudly carried carved sticks

in place of the traditional staves, giving the service a delightful and authentic Northumbrian rustic village charm.



Talking of the church, it is worth a visit. It stands apart from the centre of the village, prominently sited on a bluff on the hillside as if to defend the place from raiders. Maybe it was built there deliberately – in this frontier landscape not many centuries ago, you always had to be on the lookout for invading Scots and for reivers rushing down the valleys on both sides of the border.



The church is dedicated to St Michael. As befits an archangel, you often find him as the patron of churches in elevated positions. As you get near it, you realise how it's as if the church has been dug right out of the hill. If you walk up the steep churchyard to get above the church roofline, you'll appreciate this unique setting, and you'll enjoy a beautiful view of the Upper Coquet and the Cheviot Hills. Inside the church, you will find the highest chancel steps you ever saw. Clambering up them to take communion at the (literally) high altar must be no joke for the elderly or infirm. But it is undeniably splendid,



like a medieval stairway pilgrims would once have ascended on their knees as an act of contrition.

The Cheviots are the most remote and least disturbed hills in England. (I thought about awarding that compliment to the North Pennines as well, but although they are just as tranquil and beautiful, they have known far more industry – lead mining mainly – during the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, and this shows everywhere in the landscape.) From Alwinton you can walk along the border ridge with Scotland on one side and England on the other. The summits of Windy Gyle, and Hedgehope supply amazing views across Northumberland to the coast, and north to the Eildon Hills in Scotland – but this kind of expedition is only to be undertaken in fine weather and dry conditions unless you are a serious fell walker. Even on a fine day in summer, you'll rarely meet anyone else. The only sounds to be heard will be the breeze rustling the long grasses, and the curlews that are the symbol of the Northumberland National Park



Coquetdale is one of Northumberland's most beautiful valleys. When you drive back down from Alwinton, stop off at Holystone and take the short walk to Lady's Well. There was a small Augustinian priory of canonesses here, and they looked after this exquisite site until the Dissolution in the sixteenth century. It was associated with missionary preachers who were said to have baptised their converts in the pool, among them St Ninian and St Paulinus (the latter is depicted in an eighteenth century statue there). In the pool you'll find a white stone cross that photographers love because of the reflections it casts in the dark waters.

And when it's time for tea, you can stop off in Rothbury, a charming village (which feels more like a small market town) that is a pleasure to wander around. You may want to visit the church with its wondrous Saxon font, or the house and gardens at Cragside (National Trust), or the shoe shop where I once bought an excellent pair of black shoes that were extraordinarily reluctant to wear out. The proprietor of the antique shop has good conversation, and you may find an art or craft display in the village hall. And the National Park has a visitor centre there too.

At Rothbury you are on the Corn Road (see my article about Wallington a couple of months ago) which will take you either to Alnwick and the seaside, or back home to Tyndale.

*Michael Sadgrove*





**HAYDON BRIDGE NATURE CLUB  
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**CIRCULAR WALKS  
STARTING AT 6.30 PM**

**6<sup>TH</sup> JULY HADRIAN'S WALL - MEET AT SEWING SHIELDS**

**20<sup>TH</sup> JULY WHITE SHIELD – MEET AT RIDLEY HALL ROAD END (A69)**

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**THIS IS THE LAST OF THE SUMMER WALKS. WE ARE HAVING A REST  
IN AUGUST THEN OUR REGULAR PROGRAMME OF FORTNIGHTLY  
TALKS BEGINS IN SEPTEMBER.**

**CHARITY QUIZ NIGHTS  
AT THE GENERAL HAVELOCK  
HAYDON BRIDGE**

**All quizzes start at 8.15 pm - cost is £1.50 per person  
In addition to the Quiz, the evening includes the famous 'Beer Question',  
Refreshments and a Raffle Team size from 2 to 6 (optimum 4-5)  
Tables can be booked in advance over the bar.**

**Charities being Supported**

**July 18<sup>th</sup> Haydon Bridge Health Centre**

**August 22<sup>nd</sup> Haydon Bridge GITS - for the Fireworks**

**September 19<sup>th</sup> Haydon Bridge Football Club Queenie Quiz**

**Our charity slots for 2017 have now been filled and we have already  
reached March 2018 so if you wish to nominate a charity then please con-  
tact John Harrison (aka Queenie) via the General Havelock or on [Johnan-  
daveril@aol.com](mailto:Johnan-daveril@aol.com).**

**Raised so far this year ---- £990**

## A VIEW FROM UP THERE .....

*John Harrison*

In such troubled times as this, it is good to see that Brits have not lost their sense of humour. And what better place to catch this humour than on public noticeboards. My favourite has always been the graffiti on a poster for the continental ferry service from Harwich – “Harwich for the Continent”, to which someone added “Liverpool for the incontinent”. The latest to add to my collection has been on signs outside an inner London railway station – below two signs “Underground” and “Overground” (yes there is a London Overground), someone added “Wombling Free”. Talking of signs, are there any signs that our weather is settling down a little? Well, not really, the temperature has been jumping around all over the place, but there has been some consistency in the lack of rainfall. Despite recent falls, some of which were relatively heavy, the ground remains exceptionally dry and there is very little water in the smallest streams. It will be some while before the groundwater store has been restored to capacity.

The drought continued into May. There was almost no meaningful rainfall but it was a month of two halves as far as temperature was concerned. With high-pressure well established over Scandinavia, airflow remained consistently easterly for the first eleven days. This air was both dry and cold so by the 12th there had been no rainfall and the air temperature was well below the long-term average. The River South Tyne fell to almost unprecedented levels.

The high-pressure system was replaced by a complex area of low pressure from the 10th. Fronts embedded in this system promised rain but while other parts of the North did experience some substantial falls, the rain in Haydon Bridge was light and intermittent. The 15th was the wettest day of the month with a relatively insignificant total fall of 2.4mm. However, with the low pressure system came warmer air from the south and the 16th was sunny and warm (18.8 degC). The weather was mainly unsettled with rainfall across much of the UK until pressure began to build again.

With high pressure building from the south the air was of tropical origin and imported some remarkably high temperatures. The 24th was sunny and warm, but the 25th and 26th were exceptionally hot. Inevitably, as a front moved in from the west, the hot weather broke in thunderstorms on the 27th. As usual with such storms, rainfall intensity was localised. While the storms seemed to be all around us, the total storm rainfall here in Haydon Bridge was just 2 mm. The frontal system that brought the storms left a legacy of less settled weather but warmer drier conditions had reappeared by the last days of the month.

When the long dry spell ends the ground needs the right sort of rainfall. The rate at which soil can take up rainwater, known as its infiltration capacity, can be relatively poor in very dry soils for a variety of reasons. The ideal rainfall input in this case is a steady drizzle or light rainfall. However, many warm spells end in intense convectional rainfall, with or without thunder, which tends to exceed infiltration capacity and causes most of the rain to run off across the soil surface. The end-result is thus more likely to be flash flooding and soil erosion rather than a replenishment of the soil water store.

### 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 |
|-------|---|------------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|-------------|---------------------------------|
| May   | 16.8  | +1.5                               | 7.0  | +1.0                               | 9.2         | 18%                             |

And finally Gladys tells me of a story she heard about a man who had been experiencing hearing problems. When the doctor asked him to describe the symptoms his response was “Well there’s Homer who likes do’nuts, his wife is Marge who has blue hair, and his daughter Liza plays the saxophone”.

# 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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Contact Dave on 07810 336 537  
or [dave.thornhill@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:dave.thornhill@tiscali.co.uk) or the website  
[www.pitchero.com/clubs/westtynedalejuniors](http://www.pitchero.com/clubs/westtynedalejuniors).

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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](mailto:Yvonne.Clement.8526@northumbria.pnn.police.uk)

Tel 101 Ask for 8526

The dates for the next Police surgeries are; 10-11am

20<sup>th</sup> July

24<sup>th</sup> August

2<sup>nd</sup> November

28<sup>th</sup> September

7<sup>th</sup> December.

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HAYDON BRIDGE LOCAL ARTISTS' GROUP

## HAYDON ART CLUB

Open to all, first session free.

Meets 6.30 - 9.15pm every other Wednesday at

**HAYDON BRIDGE COMMUNITY CENTRE**

**June 14th and the 28th**

## Haydon Bridge & Allendale Medical Practice

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## Haydonian Social Club

Saturday 9th September

Flower & Veg Show

## Hexham Beacon Club

|                       |                                |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------|
| 6 <sup>th</sup> Sept  | The 21 <sup>st</sup> Military  |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> Sept | My Trip to Honduras            |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> Sept | We are not all Bader's         |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> Sept | <b>Nomadic Arabian Bedouin</b> |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> Oct   | The Kings Shilling             |

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

## **60th Brampton Arts Umbrella**

### **1ST JULY COME AND SING DAY**

#### **ST BEES PRIORY**

Venue St Bees Priory at 1pm. Choral Pieces Faure's Requiem, Cantique de Jean Racine and Messe Basse. Optional rehearsals on the two preceding Thursdays at Austin Friars starting 1pm. Cost £25 per performer with an 'Early bird' reduction of £5.00 before 1st June. Free for students. Enquiries to: colin.djames@btinternet.com

### **1ST JULY CHORAL CONCERT**

#### **LANERCOST PRIORY**

The Wordsworth Singers present music by Tavener and McDowall for choir and cello, with Martin Johnson, principal cello RTE NSO. Performance 7.30 pm. www.wordsworthsingers.org.uk

### **1ST JULY TEXTILE WORKSHOP**

#### **RSPB GELTSDALE**

Join artist Helen Walsh for a day of birds and stitching. Learn how Helen builds her pieces of work using fabric pens, pastels, threads and stitch and create your own bird portrait. £10 for members (£12.50 non-members) plus materials (£3 approx). Booking essential through 016977 46717 or geltsdale@rspb.org.uk.

### **5TH JULY CHORAL CONCERT (4 OF 7)**

#### **ST MARTIN'S CHURCH, BRAMPTON**

Philippa Dodd, Soprano. Enquiries to; bramptonclassical@gmx.com www.bramptonclassical.uk

### **7TH/8TH JULY PLAY AT THE**

#### **SANDS CENTRE**

Staged Right Youth Theatre presents 'Titanic' the musical, the true story of real people. 7pm and 2pm matinee on Saturday. Tickets £15 www.stagedright.co.uk

### **20th to 23rd JULY MUSIC ON**

#### **THE MARR**

Castle Carrock's ultra-friendly and popular family festival! Tickets and information at www.musiconthemarr.com. Booking essential!

## **General Havelock "Fruit & Vegetable show**

26th August - entries by 11.30 - including preserves & cakes  
Judging @1pm. Havelock open all day for viewing  
*Charity auction 9pm for air ambulance*  
*Kevin Roberts singing from 8.30pm*

## **HAYDON BRIDGE**

### **Events 2017**

#### **Saturday 8 July**

St Cuthbert's Summer Fete: 2pm

#### **Saturday 26 August**

Fruit & Veg Show  
The General Havelock Inn

#### **Sunday 27 August**

2pm Charity Duck Race  
by the Old Bridge and Anchor Hotel

#### **Saturday 9 September**

Flower & Veg Show  
Haydonian Social Club

#### **Saturday 11 November**

Craft Fair – Community Centre

#### **December 31**

Midnight fireworks from the Old Bridge

### **FURTHER EVENTS INFORMATION:**

**www.haydon-bridge.co.uk**

# **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

Craft class - 1pm (bi monthly)

Joyce Sim. 01434 684704

## **Tuesday**

Tiny Tots – 9.15am

Nicola Grint. 07879999289

Keep Fit - 10am

caroleannprice@hotmail.co.uk

## **Wednesday**

Kalmababy - 12.45 - 2.30

Catherine Roberts 07730566237

catherine@hexham.kalmababy.co.uk

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 (4<sup>th</sup> Thursday)

Eileen Charlton. 01434 684505

## **Friday**

Playgroup – 9.15am

Nicola Grint. 07879999289

Keep Fit – 10am

caroleannprice@hotmail.co.uk

RNLI - Bridge Afternoon - 1pm (as arranged)

## **Saturday**

Coffee mornings - 10am

Various parish organisations.

## **Sunday**

Hornby Model Railways - 10am

(Every 2nd Sunday - alternate months)

grant.robinson@tiscali.co.uk

For new bookings and information:

**Valeriebell2@gmail.com**

## Guilty Until Proven Innocent

A little while ago, I slept in on a Thursday morning and I was woken at about 9am by my wife shouting: “The bin wagon has just gone past. You forgot to put the bin out, you idiot.”

An hour or so later a letter came through my letterbox. This letter informed me that I was being “charged” £70 (discounted to £40 if I paid within 14 days) for parking in the grounds of Newcastle General Hospital the previous week and not buying a ticket from the ticket machine. It was one of those machines where you have to type in your car reg. and I was certain that I had bought a ticket because I remembered reading the tariff and thinking that £1:20 per hour was daylight robbery.

The letter had two pictures on it: one showed my car entering the site and the other showed it leaving, proof that I had been on site for 48 minutes. I was certain that I had bought a ticket and paid for an hour’s parking. I had to find that ticket.

I searched my car without success. I looked under the mats, under the seats and I even looked in the place where the spare wheel would be if cars came with spare wheels these days. Without the ticket I couldn’t prove anything. Maybe I had made a mistake when I was typing in my car reg.

Then I remembered that I had cleaned out the car a few days earlier and put all the rubbish and litter into the bin. I pulled all of the bags out of the bin, searched through them and found the ticket. I had typed my reg. correctly and the time and date stamp on it corresponded to the time and date on the letter. So why had they sent me the letter?

If I had not slept in and missed the bin wagon, that ticket would have been lost forever and I would have had no proof of my innocence. Maybe that’s what they were hoping for.

I wrote to the parking firm (recorded delivery £1:75) enclosing a photocopy of the ticket and protesting my innocence and they cancelled the charge by return of post, with an insincere apology and a vague excuse about the charge having been issued in error due to a technical issue. (I wouldn’t mind betting that if I had put the bin out that technical issue would never have been discovered.)

The letter began with the words: “We refer to the Parking Charge issued at Morrisons Stratford car park.” Stratford? I’ve never been to Stratford in my life. I wonder if the NHS (and Morrisons) realise what is going on in their car parks and how much damage it could do to their public image.

I am no computer expert, just the opposite, but even I know that there is a computer monitoring the entry camera of the car park, the exit camera and the ticket machine and that the “technical issue” most likely to cause this “error” is human intervention. Had somebody told it to send me a charge?

I know that my case is not a one-off because people I know have had similar experiences.

If hundreds, maybe thousands, of these letters are issued

in “error” the vast majority of people will appeal and refuse to pay but there will always be a small percentage who, for reasons of their own, will just pay up. Maybe they just want a quiet life, maybe they can’t remember if they bought a ticket or not, maybe they feel intimidated or maybe they just remembered to put the bin out.

If you use a pay and display car park do not throw your ticket away, keep it for at least a month.

And if you think that someone is deliberately trying to defraud you of your hard-earned cash, inform the Police. That’s what I’m going to do.

*RICHARD WOODLEY.*



Weren’t we lucky with the weather?

Warm and sunny, not too hot and lots of smiling faces!

Considering it was the very first Northumberland Day and we really had no idea what sort of turnout to expect – it was excellent. It was great to see lots of visitors in the village.

There was a good balance of stalls with a bit of something for everyone. The idea was to hand over the responsibility of setting up and running stalls to the stallholders. It was an opportunity to make a bit of money for businesses, charities, clubs, organisations etc. as well as raise their profiles. It worked really well and it took a lot of hard work and stress away from the organisers.

Chatting to stallholders throughout the afternoon they all seemed happy with the way things went and hopefully we’ve built a good foundation for future years.

The Brendan Healy Trophy for tug of war was won by the Haydon Warriors. I’m sure that many rules are broken during Haydon Bridge tug of war events but judging by the screams of laughter and happy faces – no one cares.

Paul Carruthers was a star with the children’s games. I imagine he slept well that night. That parachute is one of the best things the Get It Together Society has ever bought! Thank you Paul.

The music was brilliant – such a lot of talent out there. We were so lucky to have them performing here in the village and there has been lots of very positive feedback. A big thank you to Kevin Moore for organising it.

After a shaky start the balloon race was fantastic! It was too windy to fill and release them on the bridge as planned but it worked very well filling them in the churchyard then releasing them on Church Street. There was a little video posted on Haydon Bridge Matters which totally captured the moment with delighted children’s faces and squeals of joy and excitement. It was worth it just for that! Try to see it if you can.

Up until now there have been no balloon race labels



returned. The deadline is June 30th. Fingers crossed that someone out there found one.

It was a mammoth task getting chairs and tables out onto Church Street (and back again) from all over the village so thank you to all who helped and thank you to the Community Centre, Methodist Church and St Cuthbert's for their tables and chairs.

Thanks also go to Derek Boyd and Kevin Charlton for putting up bunting and to the library ladies who made tabards and masses of bunting which will be in use for years to come.

It really was a huge group effort by a lot of people, some who were 'collared' on the day. You all know who you are - so to you, the organisers, the stallholders and everyone who came and supported the day -THANKS.

It's a little-known fact that there was an excellent Northumbrian Evening in the Anchor on the night time. Angus Gardiner kept us entertained with music, songs and stories. A few more people would have been welcomed but those of us who were there had a great time. Thank you Angus.

Looking forward to doing it all again on Northumberland Day 2018.

*Pauline Wallis.*

### **Cook books? Schmuck's books.**

If the housing market statistics are to be believed it appears that should you live near a Waitrose or Starbucks you've hit the bricks & mortar jackpot.

Apparently those companies will only consider trading in areas of affluence or high disposable incomes. In other words you've arrived.

Well we may not have a Waitrose or Starbucks (yet!) in Haydon Bridge but when I arrived and discovered our local butcher I felt like I'd hit the jackpot. My husband hit his head against the wall as he realised ready meals may be a thing of the past and his much-loved family could be in danger of extinction from more of my experimental cooking.

How little faith he has. As the trendy foodie magazines pile up in my old-fashioned pantry and the tv is permanently tuned to Masterchef how can I not produce Cordon Bleu meals to feed, nourish and delight my nearest and dearest?

Quite easily it would seem. In trying to emulate the Cheffy dishes from page and screen I have created some culinary howlers. I watched as Jamie - in under 15 minutes - produced a healthy and light summer meal using only 5 ingredients and a food processor. Seemingly all I needed was spinach, couscous, spring onions, mint and parsley. It wasn't even cooking. More an assembly of fresh produce and the pressing of one button.

Yup I can do that - pass me my apron.

In Jamie's hands what emerged on the plate was an inviting, delicate green and white speckled warm Middle Eastern salad - pretty enough to grace any table. In my hands it looked like something the dog had eaten. And regurgi-

tated. No pretty white flecks. Just a heavy mound of toxic green unmentionables.

My husband refused point blank to eat it and headed off to the fish and chip shop. Somewhat more drastically my son filled out an application form for a job in the Middle East. At first I was flattered thinking he wanted to live in a country where such food was everyday fare.

Alas it seems he wanted to move to a country where he was safe - and far - from my kitchen.

He got the job. As we tearfully waved him off I vowed to fill the aching gap by trying out more delicious recipes. And now I cook for only us two. Well only me really if I'm honest. My husband - considerate to the last - says I must relax more, put my feet up and basically Step Away From The Stove. He said he'd far rather enjoy my company in our snug little lounge than at the side of a hospital bed having his stomach pumped.

Back to the butcher. We're doubly blessed in that it has both a fresh meat fridge plus a home-cooked food display. And this is where I headed yesterday, lured by the wonderful smell, as I collected more industrial strength indigestion tablets from the Pharmacy opposite.

Here in the glass-walled counter flanked by magnificent boiled hams, I saw centre stage a gorgeous Roast Cherry Tomato & Brie Flan - golden brown and ready to eat. I snapped it up and as she carefully wrapped it I asked the Butcher's wife if there remained any pork pies? She retired to the kitchen and returned bearing a deep tray of the warm fragrant little beauties.

Upon asking me how many I would like I confided to her that as I was on the new Pork Pie Diet, two, or better still three, would be appropriate for that day's allowance.

Another customer salivating from the wonderful smell turned and asked in both hope and unconcealed joy: "Pork Pie Diet? I haven't tried that one. How does it work?"

As she would never see 40 - nor her waistline again - I let her into my little secret.

"Well' I said 'you don't lose any weight but it does make you very happy!"

And as I left with the evening supper prepared by someone - anyone - other than myself I knew my husband would be very happy too.

*Marita*

### **RAYDON FRIDGE and DUSTY DARMAID**



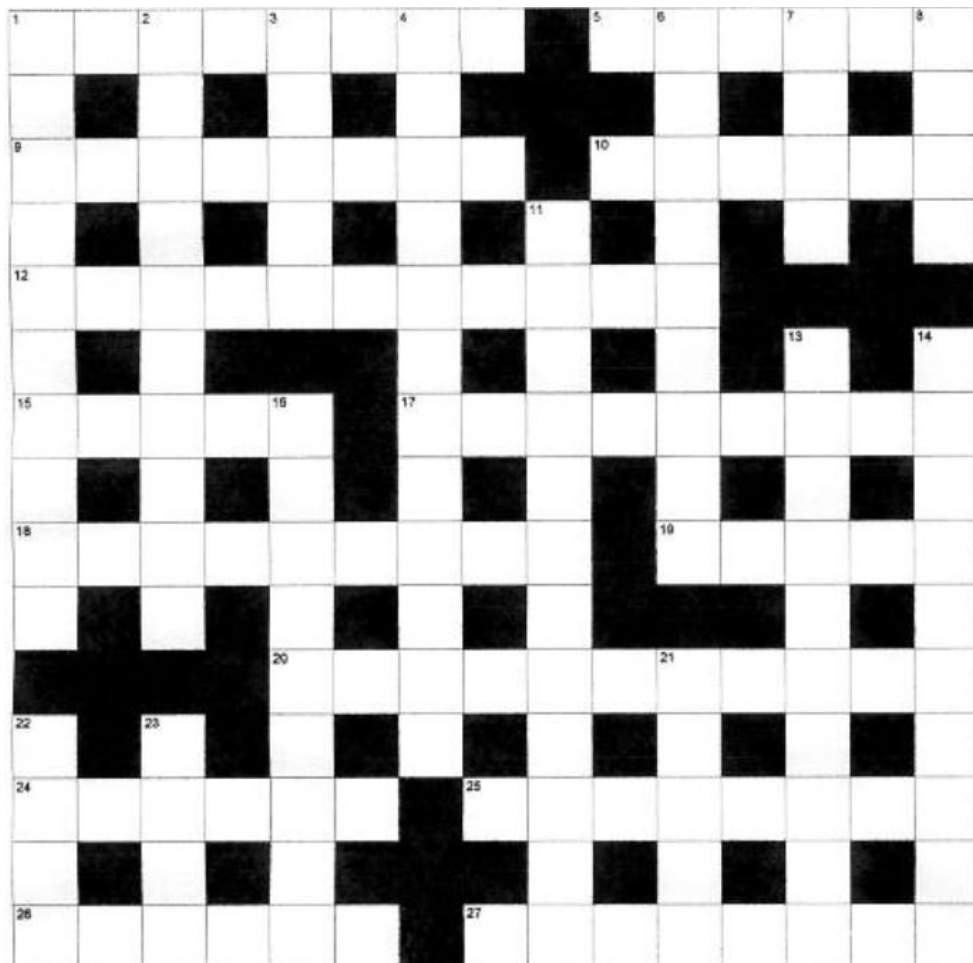
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## Across

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| 1. Big letter sounds generous (8)         | 19. Bored by ruin in the North East that's not right (5)              |
| 5. Big man on ship makes big woman (6)    | 20. Placed early before a noun (11)                                   |
| 9. Nut hangs about ship (8)               | 24. Factories vegetation (6)  |
| 10. Indian sailor becomes a rogue (6)     | 25. 'Go west young man'. Here's an alternative (4,4)                  |
| 12. Another way to change your local (11) | 26. Another cup of tea for the umpire who is poorly (6)               |
| 15. Titanic road marker (5)               | 27. Lady donkey meets newspaper chief and if carefully considered (8) |
| 17. Grass sorry for the plant (6,3)       |   |
| 18. Old colonel keeps his hat on (8)      |   |

## Down

1. Moved from office and went back in the race (4,1,5)
2. Genuine racquet game (4,6)
3. Go inside a tent erected here (5)
4. First day of the sales ? (6,6)
6. Musical embellishment which a girl set down (5,4)
7. Tea chest holds selected ones (4)
8. Mrs. Lot's season (4)
11. Clover is past but keeps me going (5,7)
13. Sounds as if the foundations are at the top (10)
14. Chosen and planned at turning (10)
16. To steal rope is a bit of a bloomer (4,5)
21. Nude I digest (5)
22. Practise fighting among furious partisans (4)
23. Divide in two and share out with 7 (4)

Please drop answers off at  
**Claire's by 20th July**  
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**JUNE'S WINNER**

Jen Ballantyne

## NUMBER OF ENTRIES

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## JUNE'S ANSWERS

### ACROSS

1. DOZENS
5. REPROVED
9. RIGATONI
10. COGNAC
11. AUTISTIC
12. TOCSIN
13. EXACTORS
15. TYRE
17. I-SPY
19. ALSATIAN
20. FOREST
21. DETOXIFY
22. LOITER
23. OPERETTA
24. SUSPENDS
25. SUTURE

### DOWN

2. OBITUARY
3. EXAMINEE
4. SHORTFALL
5. RAIN CATS AND DOGS
6. RIOTOUS
7. VANISHES
8. DECENTLY
14. RAIN TREES
15. TRUFFLES
16. RAMRAIDS
17. INEXPERT
18. PROFITER
19. AUSTERE

Apologies for June's Crossword gremlin. The clue for 25 across was not published. The editor has been spanked!

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|-----------|---------------------------|-------------|
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| Wednesday | 11.30 - 1.30              | 5.00 - 9.00 |
| Thursday  | 11.30 - 1.30              | 5.00 - 9.00 |
| Friday    | 11.30 - 1.30              | 4.30 - 9.00 |
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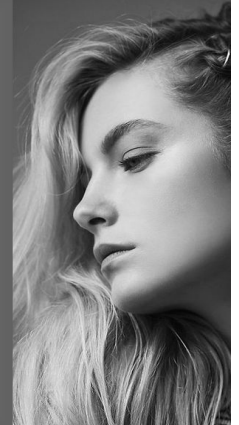
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## Husband inspires run for Tynedale Hospice at Home.

Haydon Bridge woman Derrien Turrell is taking part in her first Great North Run in memory of her husband and is calling on others to dust off their running shoes and sign up to one of the world's most iconic running races in support of Tynedale Hospice at Home.

Derrien, 55, who works in Homebase in Hexham will be joined by work colleagues Kirsty Cruddas, 30, from Hexham, and Vicky Bradford, 43, from Gateshead, in a bid to raise over £1,000 for Tynedale Hospice at Home.

Derrien's husband Peter died of cancer nine years ago and she cared for him at home in his final days.

Derrien said: "Peter and I both wanted him to remain at home and I was adamant that I didn't want him to die in hospital or in a hospice. Being surrounded by family and friends in a familiar environment was important to us both. I was living in London at the time and unfortunately there weren't any local services like the one Tynedale Hospice at Home offers near where I lived so I cared for him in his final hours.

"Some years later, when I moved up to Northumberland I heard about the Hospice and I realised it was just the kind of service I wished Peter could have benefitted from. It is highly valued in the local community and the wider family support and hospital transport services it offers are second to none. We are very fortunate that it's available on our doorstep.

"Peter was a runner and liked to take part in marathons, although he never actually managed to take part in a Great North Run. He often gave running friends advice and training support and when my best friend commented that it was his words of encouragement that got her through the Great North Run that was all the motivation I needed to get sign up!"

Derrien, who has lost an amazing three stone to help her get fit for the race, persuaded work colleagues Kirsty Cruddas, who works in Homebase in Hexham, and Vicky Bradford, who works Homebase in Gateshead, to join her. It's the first time that all three have ever taken on a challenge like this.

Kirsty added: "When I discovered who Derrien was running the Great North Run for I was more than happy to support her and raise money and awareness for such a fantastic local charity who in times of need offer comfort and support to people within their home."

For Vicky the challenge is an important milestone following an incredible year losing five stone in weight.

Vicky said: "I was persuaded to take part in the run by

Derrien after a lot of arm twisting! I decided to do it as it's all about raising money for a good cause and I can cross it off my 'bucket list' of things I want to achieve. For me it's a once in a lifetime event."

The trio have already started their training with a series of runs and training walks.

Derrien continued: "Whether we run or walk it, or a combination of both, the aim is to complete the race in under four hours and raise as much as possible for Tynedale Hospice at Home. We get together as much as we can to train, and with the lighter nights and warmer weather I can't think of better motivation to get out and get fit in preparation for the race."

All funds raised will support the work of the Hospice which provides palliative nursing care to people in their own homes, Family Support Services and a Hospital Transport Service to people living in Tynedale, West Northumberland, Ponteland and the surrounding areas.

Cathy Bates, Tynedale Hospice at Home's community fundraiser, said: "We are so grateful to these amazing women for supporting us at this year's Great North Run. They are an inspiration. We are looking forward to cheering them on, along with our team of Tynedale Hospice runners whose sponsorship will make a real difference to the lives of children, adults and

families in Tynedale, West Northumberland and Ponteland."

"It costs over £800,000 to run these services each year and 90% of this must be raised through fundraising activities and voluntary giving. We hope that we can smash last year's total and raise more than £15,000 through this year's Great North Run."

Tynedale Hospice at Home still has a limited number of places for this year's Great North Run for £54, in return for a pledge to raise £300 for charity.

"The deadline to reserve one of our remaining places is fast approaching so I would encourage anyone who would like one to sign up as soon as possible," added Cathy.

To reserve your place, call Cathy Bates on 01434 606 444 or email: [cathy@tynedalehospice.com](mailto:cathy@tynedalehospice.com)

You can sponsor Derrien, Kirsty and Vicky's fundraising efforts at [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Derrien-Kirsty-Vicky-GreatNorthRun](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Derrien-Kirsty-Vicky-GreatNorthRun)



## Letter to the editor

In response to your question regarding the new warning signs on the A69 in May's Haydon News.

We travel along this road most days and exit onto the Allendale Road. When the sign was first erected it did indeed slow the traffic down but this, to a large degree, is not the case anymore.

I find the turnoff very stressful, as the traffic is reluctant to slow down to such a degree to allow turning safely. A speed of 30mph is required to make the turn. Drivers become so irritated at having to slow that it is not unusual for them to overtake, which means that they are occupying the middle of the road - and onto the red markings. This is both dangerous to the traffic that is travelling from west to east and at some point this may cause an accident.

So no, I don't think that the new signage is adequate and that there should have been a slip road laid at the time of the bypass.

*Kate Steele*

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## A message from the health centre in response to last month's Parish Council notes.

We appreciate that it is not always easy to get a routine appointment when or as quickly as patients would like. Routine appointments are currently being booked one week in advance, but I acknowledge there have been occasions when there has been a two week wait. That said acute problems are always dealt with on the day.

Please be assured that we are doing everything we can with limited resources, at a time of ever increasing demand and you can be assured this has absolutely nothing to do with the merge of the 2 practices 3 years ago. It is due entirely to the exponential increases in demand resulting from an aging population at the same time as reductions in our budgets.

In an ideal world we would employ another GP, but sadly NHS funding does not allow us to do this.

We always see any patient whose medical condition requires attention on the day. If a patient requires an urgent appointment and there are no available appointments on the day, a GP will call them back to discuss their symptoms. They will then either make an appointment, or if appropriate give advice over the phone. The GP's have access to additional appointment slots that are not available to reception staff.

Whilst our patients may well wish to have more immediate access to routine appointments, I am afraid that is a patient expectation that is just not deliverable in the current political and financial climate no matter how much we may all wish it was.

Please be assured that the GP's and the whole practice team continue to work extremely hard for the benefit of all our patients. *Anne Grieve Practice Manager*

## COMMUNITY CENTRE DEFIBRILLATOR

Last year the Community Association decided to raise funds to purchase a defibrillator, similar to the one at the football field. The idea behind this, being that the community on both sides of the bridge, would have access to a defibrillator should the need arise.

I can now report that a defibrillator has been purchased and will be installed at the front of the Community Centre within the next few weeks.

Special thanks to all those involved in fund raising, especially Joyce Gilbertson and her team, CO-OP staff, the bowls club and last but not least the local CO-OP community fund.

Money raised is set out below:

|                                   |                 |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|
| CO-OP quiz night and donation     | £345            |
| Joyce Gilbertson quiz night       | £514            |
| Bowls club donation               | £80             |
| <u>Local CO-OP community fund</u> | <u>£1130.80</u> |
| <b>Total raised, a fantastic</b>  | <b>£2069.80</b> |

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the CO-OP members, customers and the local community for their generosity in supporting our defibrillator project, without you all this would have not been possible.

*Mary Douthwaite. Chair, HB Community Association.*

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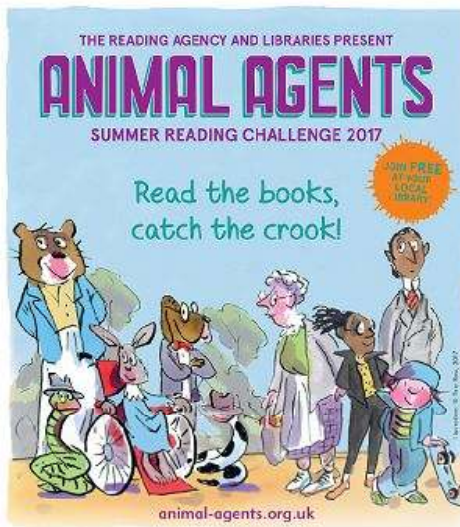


## Saturday Morning Produce Stall

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### The Bridge Opening times

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| Monday    | 9.00am - 12.00pm                 |
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| Wednesday | 1.00pm - 4.00pm                  |
| Thursday  | 4.00pm - 6.30pm<br>(summer only) |
| Friday    | 4.00pm - 6.30pm                  |
| Saturday  | 9.30am - 12.30pm                 |



## Bonus Ball

Numbers are available in our weekly Bonus Ball draw. A £30 prize is awarded to the person holding that week's National Lottery bonus ball number. If no-one has that number the prize is rolled over. Could one of these be your lucky number? 3, 6, 18, 24, 25, 26, 28, 34, 37 & 40.

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