

# The Haydon News

May 2017



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New exhibition by Haydon  
Bridge photographer,  
Will Nicholls  
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When holidaying in North America some years ago we decided to walk from the roadside car park to the beach about half a mile away, through dense woodland. At the start of the path there was a large official notice board advising walkers on the correct course of action to be taken if confronted by either a black or a brown bear.

It is salutary to be reminded that humans are not at the top of the food chain everywhere and doubtful if the average walker would pause to enquire the colour of the bear before taking to their heels - a fatal course of action with one of the two types of bear, apparently. One type will chew on you for a brief period, whilst you play dead, but they quickly become bored - whereas the other will dine until replete after a very brief chase.

The bear on the front cover is in Allendale at present as part of a display of photographs by Will Nicholls, Haydon Bridge's well known wildlife photographer.

It is also worth bearing (sic) in mind that not only have beavers been reintroduced into the UK and lynx are planned locally but there are also active plans to reintroduce bears and wolves to some of the more remote parts of Scotland - albeit behind stout fences. Both were naturally present in the UK until about 500AD for bears and possibly as late as 1888AD for wolves. They are widely present in Europe today.

Wild boar are patchily distributed throughout Britain currently and responsible for much damage and some danger. Dumfries, County Durham and North Yorkshire are the nearest reported sighting to Tynedale. Unlike the other species mentioned they do, however, make toothsome eating.

It is a great pleasure to see so many new trees appearing in the parish, especially on the wider verges and in wind-

breaks and odd corners of fields. You can never have too many trees. Overhead lines and underground services need to be considered when planting, as well as proximity to walls and buildings.

Last autumn I gathered Ash seeds, Beech mast, acorns and conkers and already I have a fair sized new woodland in pots - it really could not be simpler. Both children and adults can derive much pleasure and instruction from raising new plants and, in later years, they will be able to witness the fruits of their efforts.

What do we think of the new illuminated warning sign on the A69 at the eastern turning from the bypass? Is it effective in slowing traffic in the area of the staggered junction? Is it a sufficient measure? Have there been fewer near misses or accidents? Ought there to be a revision of the road to allow a more gentle exit from the A69 onto the Allendale Road?

'Baked goods in a van' has proved very popular - Jill's catering on Tuesday's (see page 11) - and now we have a 'Barber in a van' - The Barber Bus (see page 31).

It's election time again! Democracy only works properly if everyone takes part. If you don't vote, then you cannot reasonably complain if things don't go the way you wish.

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A meeting of the Haydon Parish Council was held on 27 4 17 at 7.30pm in the Langley Village Hall.

### Public Participation

None.

### Apologies for absence

Were received.

### Declarations of Interest

Were sought.

### Minutes of the previous meeting

Confirmed

### NCC

In view of the forthcoming council elections Cllr. Sharp's contributions were somewhat circumscribed by purdah.

The drainage revisions on the Newbrough Road are now completed after an unexpectedly long period of activity. The situation was officially described by the men present thus: "She's runnin' like a good 'un!" Further elaboration was deemed superfluous.

The road to Pagecroft has potholes requiring attention and the signs barring long vehicles are to be re-instated.

The gully adjacent to 1A Ratcliffe Road remains to be sorted out.

The trees around the village that were due for pollarding have been attended to.

The light at the end of Church Street has been restored to its rightful place but the one in Strothers Close remains to be fully finished.

The road markings at Woodhall have been completed.

The Elrington Road potholes have still to be repaired.

The proposed bin at the entrance to The Showfield - it is suggested that this be located a little further into the estate than previously planned.

The presence of appreciable quantities of litter at the junction of the Langley and Alston roads was noted.

The continued absence of official notices in The Hexham Courant was again remarked and is still being pursued. A notification of proposed temporary closure of the Land Ends Road for the installation of a sewer was brought to councillor's attention and the suspicion was raised that it had not been cleared with NCC. The matter will be investigated.

(Pending the results of the election - Cllr. Sharp was thanked for his contributions.)

### Highways

A pre-order consultation request was received from NCC in connection with a review of the course of a footpath from Greenshaw Plain to Low Yexley Wood. The council had no objections or views to contribute.

The flouting of the new double yellow lines at the junction of Ratcliffe Road and Church Street was again noted and the regular attendance of enforcement officers was anticipated. Though the ability of long vehicles to manoeuvre was improved it was felt that the island and bollards still need to go. Cllr. Sharp is maintaining pressure in this regard.

The possible creation of a zebra crossing by the Co-op was postponed for further consideration at an unspecified future date.

Potholes on the Newbrough Road and by Beamwham were noted.

### Lighting

The hoped for meeting with NCC about the forthcoming lighting renewal in the village has yet to occur.

### Planning

1. Advertisements by Bellway Housing near the A69.
2. Change of use of artists studio to guest accommodation at Blackhill, Heugh House Lane.

No objections to either.

### Accounts

Agreed.

### Correspondence.

The grossly unsatisfactory state of the public toilets was remarked. Their being locked at inappropriate times too had been noticed. A meeting is proposed with NCC to clarify the situation. Regular cleaning,

**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.**



fresh supplies of consumables and proper security provision being the priorities.

Social housing in or near Greenwich Gardens has been adumbrated by Karbon Homes. The details of the proposal are unclear and a meeting is proposed.

### Parish Projects

#### Development Trust

By chance another cycling event is crossing the parish on the same day as the Haydon Hundred. It is hoped that no problems will arise.

#### Northumberland day

A late request for financial support for a music event in the evening has been received and a modest subvention was agreed.

The excellent results achieved on the patch of land adjacent to The Bridge were noted. The picnic area is now in regular use, though a small amount of additional planting is anticipated.

#### Flooding

Detailed consideration is being given to getting Thompson's lorries into, across and out of the river for the purposes of gravel collection. Further evaluation of objectively recorded maximum water levels during the recent floods is under way.

The request for funding and/or housing for a couple of Green Goddess pumping engines was declined.

The area of river bank downstream from The Anchor remains to be restored after the recent flood damage repairs. It was noted with some asperity that the actual level of the bank top is now lower than before.

#### Parking behind Community Centre

It has been determined that nine spaces can be created and now a great rigmarole must be entered upon to permit progress to be made. Mr. Brian Bell is to be invited to assist the council in this regard. It is hoped that some improvement in the roadway may also be accomplished.

#### Riverbank access

The Lions are keen to assist but NCC need to remedy the drainage problems first.

#### Neighbourhood plan for Haydon Parish

This must be accomplished within the next couple of years and must conform to the established guidelines for such projects. The team that produced the Allendale documentation are to be contacted for advice and a possible meeting.

#### Local Artist's Gallery

A request has been received for financial support toward converting the old hair dressing salon into a local artists gallery. Whilst the project was viewed with interest it was felt that funding for it fell outside

the council's purview.

#### Fire station

On 9th May a discussion will be held between the council and an NCC officer in connection with the recent expression of interest in the site lodged by the council. The future arrangements for boarders remain unclear.

### AOB

Clarification was sought about the current arrangements for funding of educational establishments - *vis a vis* local and central government funding.

A short discussion ensued.

**The next full meeting of the Haydon Parish Council will be held at 7.30pm on 25th May 2017 in the Haydon Bridge Community Centre.**

### Corrections and clarifications.

Both The Courant and The Haydon News are going to have to hire new proof readers! Last month we both made the same error and, in consequence, owe one of the parish residents an apology, at the very least.

A planning application has been made for the construction of a manège. The details published refer to the construction of a ménage – which is an altogether different affair.

I am delighted to publically record that the west end of Heugh House Lane, Haydon Bridge is not a welter of untrammelled lubricity, especially in this cold weather.



### **REGULAR VILLAGE COFFEE MORNINGS**

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**I know from previous correspondence and comments, that my readers enjoy browsing lists of Haydonians from earlier years. I have promised on a number of occasions to complete my list of members and share holders of the Haydon Bridge Co-operative Industrial Society. (Last brought to your attention in the June 2014 issue of The Haydon News.) Well, here goes:**

The last 'nominated member' of the Society listed in The Haydon News of June 2014, as part of my Co-operative Society history, was William Kindred, a signalman of Smith's Terrace who was nominated in January 1914.

I had previously published a list of earlier members, from 1875 to 1888, in The Haydon News of March 2014.

It is especially interesting, I suggest, that those seeking nomination of the socialist inspired Haydon Bridge Co-operative Society, included residents from all classes of our parish electorate: upper, lower and middle class and, I guess, Liberal, Labour and Conservative.

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(All members shown are from South Side or North Side, Haydon Bridge, unless stated otherwise. Employment is shown where information is provided.)

#### **Nominated Co-op members January 1914 to 1920:**

Edward Smith - Shaftoe Terrace, Martin Stokoe - New Alston (Miner), Jacob Brown - New Alston (Labourer), Ellen Proud - East Elrington, Elizabeth Boyd - Station Cottage, William Smith - 21 Temple Houses, Thomas Dodd - New Alston, William Dickinson - Wesley Tc. (Miner), John Hicks - Shaftoe Tc. (Caretaker), William Keen - Heugh Lane, Mary Chalder - Shaftoe Tc., William Sanderson - 28 Ratcliffe Rd. (Shoemaker), Joseph H. Mitchinson - Gas Works House (Gas Works manager), Joseph Reay - 4 Station Cottages (Ret. Railway Carriage Inspector), Margaret Heslop - Hall Bank, Isaac Douglas - Cubstocks (Farmer), Margaret Bushby - East Street Farm, Whitfield (Farmer), Edward Makepeace - Westwood Cottage (Mason), Henry French - Station Cottages (Porter), Anne Batey - Brokenheugh, George Harding - John Martin St. (Signalman), Mrs Sutton, Ratcliffe Rd., Alfred Kent - 15 Ratcliffe Rd. (Joiner), John Abraham Graham - 4 Ratcliffe Rd (Gardener), George Pearson Graham - 4 Ratcliffe Rd (Rate Collector), John Paxton - John Martin St., William Rickard - Ratcliffe Rd. (Greengrocer & Fruiterer), Elizabeth Paxton - Shaftoe Tc. (Caretaker), John Hamilton - South View (Retired Gent.), John Curry - Peel Well Buildings (Farm Labourer), Peter Spooner - 10 Shaftoe St (Butcher), Thomas Watson - 4 Crescent Av., Hexham (School Teacher), Robert Wm. Veitch - 5 Station Cottages (Examiner), John Heslop - Hall Bank (Miner), John Wm. Carrick - West Elrington (Mason), Esther Makepeace - Westwood, Bardon Mill, Annie Brown - 16 Ratcliffe Rd., Elizabeth McKay - Heugh House, Wm. A. Thompson - Chesterfield (Miner), Elizabeth Jackson - Chesterfield, Thomas Armstrong - 8 Shaftoe St. (Retired), Frederick Steele - Ratcliffe Rd. (Miner), John Thirlwell - Church St. (Quarryman), Thos Watson - Haydon Farm (Farmer), Thomas Briggs - Langley (Manager, Langley Barony), Thomas Jackson -

New Alston (Foreman), C.J.S. Brown - Heugh House (Dairyman), Miss Elizabeth Dickinson - North Side House, Hannah Smith and Edward Smith - Grindon (Farm Labourer), Christopher Maughan - Woodhall Mill (Farmer), Jacob Hutchinson - Heugh House Lane (Engineer).

#### **This completes the list to 1920. 1920 to 1939 follows:**

Isabella Charlton - High Lipwood, Jos. Henry Morton - Charlton's Buildings (Chauffer), Thomas Brown - Ratcliffe Rd. (Labourer), George Parker - Alexandra Tc., Sarah Ashman - Shaftoe Tc., John Liddle - Settlingstones (Miner), James Wallace - Beltingham, Mary Moffatt - Ratcliffe Rd., Mary Jane Charlton - Ratcliffe Rd. (Dressmaker), Emma Robson - Fell House, William Thomson - 21 Shaftoe St. (Engineman), Mary Hamilton - Shaftoe Tc., Frank Brown (Miner), Rachel King - River View, Brigwood, Annie Thomson - Shaftoe Tc., Henrietta Morris Stokoe - New Alston, Annie Jane Brown - Heugh House, William Arthur Thompson - Bank Cottage (Miner), Margaret Thompson - Bank Cottage, Margaret Irving - 48 Ratcliffe Rd., Joseph Nixon Irving - 48 Ratcliffe Rd., Thomas William Robinson - 23 Shaftoe St. (Signalman), Annie Barrow, Edward Smith - 17 Shaftoe Tc. (Retired Railman), Nicholas Robinson - 3 John Martin St. (Miner), John Bates - General Havelock Inn (Railwayman), Thomas Glenwright - Plunderheath (Miner), John Philipson - Threepwood (Gardener), Mary J. Cowan - Shaftoe St., Amelia Sharp - Langley Mill, William Sanderson - 26 Ratcliffe Rd. (Ret. Shoemaker), Elizabeth Brown - Innerhaugh Buildings (Widow), George Arthur Paxton - East Dean Raw Farm (Fireclay Moulder), William Veitch - Pleasant Cottage (Builder & Contractor), Charles Taylor - Dale Cottage (Miner), Mary Chester - Park Cottage, Isabella Telford - Shaftoe Tc., Jane Harding - 11 Temple Houses, John Martin Bell - Heugh House Lane (Miner), Susannah Melvin and John William Melvin - Brigwood (Co-op Manager), William Walker - Brokenheugh Cottage (Quarryman), Emma and William Laidler - Peel Well Farm (Farmer), Kate Davison - Shaftoe Tc., Mary Hannah Reay - 11 Shaftoe Tc. (Nurse), Thomas Graham Snowball - 27 John Martin St. (Water Attendant), Annie Coats - 67 Victoria Tc., Jane Hogarth - Shaftoe Tc., Fred Armstrong - Nilston Rigg (Miner), Esther Douglas - Cubstocks, Charles Taylor - Shaftoe St. (Coal Miner Deputy), L. Dickinson - The Bowes Hotel, Bardon Mill (Innkeeper), Mary Jackson - New Alston, Gladys Veasy - Cruelsyke, Hannah and Hilda Spark - 53 Ratcliffe Road, Thomas Henry Dixon - 'Hadrian', Mary Alice Briggs - 8 Allen View, Allendale, William Herbert Robinson - Bank Cottage (Master Plumber), George W. Hunter - Bush Farm (Farmer), Laura Chester - High Lipwood, Auguste and George Briggs - Brigwood (Foreman), Anne Sutton - 9 Shaftoe Tc., Martha Surtees - Station House, Betsy Kirby - 23 Shaftoe St., Mary Jane Cowen - Shaftoe Tc., Isabella Robinson - 41 Ratcliffe Rd., Margaret Robb - West Land Ends, Hannah Armstrong - 'Riverdale', Thomas Elliott - Chesterfield (Smallholding holder), John Wm. Dinning - Ratcliffe Rd., Sarah Ellen Whitfield - Green Tree Inn,



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**This completes the list of nominated members and share holders of the Haydon Bridge Co-operative and Industrial Society until October 16th 1939.**

**My lists of earlier Co-op members, from 1875 to 1914, were published in The Haydon News' of March 2014 (1875 to 1888) and June 2014 (1888 to 1914).**



**Did you find your ancestors in my list of Co-operative members and shareholders?**

**If you did and you have any further information about them, please share it with me and let me bring them to life in the pages of The Haydon News.**

**Each one of these residents have played their part in the social history of Haydon Bridge and the parish. They are more than just names and it would be so good to record their stories for future generations.**

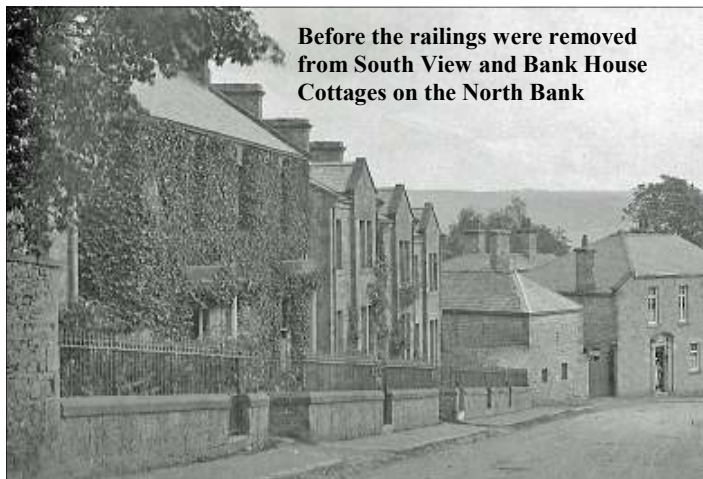
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## HAYDON PARISH 'HOME FRONT' : 1939 - 1945

Looking back at our parish events during the Second World War, I have reached events in October 1942.

**Request Stops:** At their October 1942 meeting, Haydon Parish Council agreed to make an approach for official bus stopping places, and to have white lines painted at the stops so as to enforce queuing in an orderly manner.

**Protests:** were made in Haydon Bridge at the destruction caused by the way metal railings had been removed to support the War effort. (*See the photograph below*)



Before the railings were removed from South View and Bank House Cottages on the North Bank

**Bob On The Bench:** Councillor Robert Allen of Haydon Lodge was elected by Northumberland County Council to the Alderman's Bench in October 1942. Colonel Allen was prominently connected with Haydon Bridge events and a partner in the Newcastle firm of Wise Speke & Co. Robert (Bob) Allen was a particularly keen supporter of Haydon Bridge Cricket Club and after watching the team play at The Park, opposite his home on the North Bank, would often leave a ten shilling note on his seat on the boundary. A substantial donation in the 1940/50s.

**Oscar Wardle:** In December 1942, a Haydon Bridge airman was reported missing. Mrs Winnie Wardle (nee Telford) of Prudhoe was informed that her husband, Sergeant Wireless Operator Air-Gunner Oscar Wardle, was missing from operations. Oscar was the son of John and Mary Wardle of Shaftoe Street. An enthusiastic sportsman, he was player-secretary of the Haydon Bridge Football Club before the outbreak of war. An old boy of Hexham Grammar School, Oscar joined the R.A.F. in 1940 and had taken part in many raids over Germany and Italy. His death was recorded as November 9th 1942, aged 29 years.



Photo: Hexham Courant

Oscar's widow returned to Haydon Bridge and remarried. Her husband, the popular Haydonian, Robin Armstrong.

**John Law:** News of Sergeant Flight Engineer John Law's death, reached Haydon Parish in late December. John, was the son of Robert and Hannah Law and the husband of Annie Law (nee Watson); all of Langley. John had died on December 3rd 1942, aged 28 years.

## THE TIME OF OUR LIVES - Home Home on the Range

Old Mr Fatherley's house - previously, 'Starling Hall' for some reason - was much the worse for wear; the stone flags had fallen or been removed from the roof, exposing the substantial king post trusses, and the timber window frames fronting Broadstone - or John Martin Street as it is known - had long ago rotted away. The building had also been the home and business premises of Mr Kirton the Clogger, in earlier days; no sign of Kirton's business in the 1940s and early 50s, however. But, behind the old stone walls of the dilapidated property was an empty building - the bothy - that was home to those boys and girls of 1940s John Martin Street families - as well as one or two from Shaftoe Street and Whittis Hill - who hitched their horses to the rail and joined the 'Sunset Ranch'!



The home and business of Mr T. Kirton, 'Clogger' and also home to Mr Fatherley, on John Martin Street: and (Below) the cottage dilapidated, behind which was 'Sunset Ranch'.



The arch to the east side of Mr Fatherley's site led to the rear of the terraced houses of Broadstone to what was, I'll wager, the best 'camp' anyone had constructed in Haydon Bridge for many a day. An old tarpaulin hung from the oak lintel to close the door-way from all but those with permission to enter - Roy Rogers, Gene Autry, Tom Mix, Hopalong Cassidy and Annie Oakley among them. One of our 'gang', was a young fellow whose talent and imagination invented our early and successful telephone system - a long length of string pulled taut with a tin can tied on each end - and fashioned a sophisticated alarm system that rang the chimes of a grandfather clock in the nearby home of Mr and Mrs Ridley, if anyone dared to enter the 'Ranch' uninvited. - Technology 1940s style! The well trodden earth floor was covered with hessian sacks, and proggy mats that, being worn to threads, had

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seen the best of their days; and odd sticks of furniture that had been scavenged from the tip, down the back of the station on the North Side, were added luxuries.

There was even food aplenty for the 'gang' in the Spring and Summer, thanks to Mrs Birnie's fruit trees in the garden of Broadstone House next door; a store of apples and pears the taste of which was reliant upon a successful climbing of her garden wall ... without being seen.

What we filled our days with in 'Sunset Ranch', I cannot quite recall, but, I do know that at weekends, after school and during the school holidays the building was the centre of our world, where our heroes and villains - cowboys and Indians, from the big screen at the Haydon Bridge Town Hall Cinema - came to life.

It was from the 'Ranch' that we would belt up a holster and six shooter, saddle up Trigger and Champion - born earlier from parents of plywood in my dad's joiner's shop - give the hind quarters a series of slaps and gallop to the wilderness of Gee's Wood's glades or the prairies of Sandy Bay and Pandon Pool, in search of Apaches.

Mention of my dad's riverside workshop, brings to mind the concerts our John Martin Street gang scripted and performed for the public, in the late 1940s early 1950s. The stage was a joiner's bench prepared with curtains and a scenery backdrop, and the 'auditorium' was fitted with lengths of 7" x 2" timber battens on suitable supports; in the hope that an audience would turn up on the night.

We needn't have worried; and the hours we spent script writing, rehearsing and making scenery and costumes all seemed worthwhile when we played to most appreciative audiences packed into the 'theatre' - who had paid one penny (1d) each for the privilege!

I can recall that my first party piece, as a nine year old standing on the joiner's bench stage, was James Wemyss' 'Neighbours Doon Belaa', a north east classic introducing me to a lifetime's love of traditional North East song.

I must say, that, if 'Sunset Ranch' was the most elaborate of our camps, the hiding places dug into the sand amongst the Silver Birch beyond Pandon Pool (A favourite bathing spot lost during the 1960s gravel extraction.) and the well camouflaged caves beneath the overhanging rocks high above the burn in Gee's Wood, were the most exciting. It was here we 'dug in' and watched in high tension, rifles at the ready, for the 'enemy'. (Usually Red Indians on their journey from Martin's Close or the North Side of the village.) It wasn't that we minded joining the Indians on occasions mind; there was nothing we enjoyed better than fashioning bows and arrows from the overhanging branches in Gee's Wood and becoming the aggressor, rather than the Sheriff and posse protecting the parish.

Gee's Wood was a wonderful playground (I wonder if it holds the same excitement for today's children as it did in 1949/50?) Of course, there were others who ventured into the territory there who were less likely to disturb our peace than those from the North Side, or the big lads from Martin's Close - a Rumney, Duffy, Brown, Beavers or Bell, maybe. For example, Gee's Wood was a favourite place for couples, *out walking*, or young lovers, *walking*

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out, with their sweethearts; across the bridge over the burn before climbing the steep rise to the footpath high on the opposite side of the valley from our secluded camp. They were no threat to us, these strangers in our wood, but they became unsuspecting extras in our gang's theatre of make believe as we followed their every movement from over the valley, rifle or revolver at the ready, primed with rolls of caps bought from Elsie Watson's sweet shop. We moved stealthily through the undergrowth and from trunk to trunk, until we saw the 'enemies' leave the wood and continue on their way to Threepwood or around the Esp Hill. We measured our success if we saw them out of the wood without being seen ourselves, and we could then return our six shooters to their holsters without having fired a shot, and return to the camp to report back.

Imagination played a big part in our early years.

It wasn't likely to be a direct return back to the camp, by the way, there were so many other fascinations for us in Gee's Wood. In the spring we searched for birds' nests and followed the progress from eggs to hatching and flight. We could all recognise every bird by the colour and the pattern of its eggs. The burn itself was also a source of much enjoyment; delicately lifting submerged stones to reveal the fish that lay there, or building dams, in which we could sail our home made wooden boats.

By 1953, the cowboys and Indians who had galloped across the ranges of the South Side of our village, had left for pastures new, and Trigger and Champion were laid to rest, broken and forlorn, in the corner of a garden shed somewhere. The camp in the building through the arch

from John Martin Street, that had provided much pleasure and inspiration, became a garage for the van of Robin Armstrong, the village chimney sweep / window cleaner, and the site of Mr Fatherley's crumbling cottage was the location for a bus stop and toilets, built to commemorate the Coronation of our Queen, Elizabeth II.

Only the joiner's workshop remains, defying the flood waters of the South Tyne much as it has done since it was built by my great grandfather one hundred and fifty years ago; and where Graeme Murphy and Jimmy Carruthers continue a tradition of first class carpentry and joinery, held since William Telford's first business in the property, in 1870.



The 150 year old joiner's workshop defying the flood in 2015

And as for 'Sunset Ranch'? It remains only as an old(ish) man's oh so happy memory of a wonderful, wonderful childhood in Haydon Bridge.

#### Just a Few of the John Martin Street 'Gang' of the 1940s/50s.



Photograph on the left:

Back Row Lt to Rt: Gwen Ridley, John Leathard, Dennis Boyd, Alan Telford, Jean Ridley, Ann Leathard.

Front Row Lt to Rt: Barry Brown, Mavis Telford, Dennis Telford.

(circa 1948/49)



Photograph on the right:

Back Row Lt to Rt: Jean Ridley, Ann Leathard, Gwen Ridley, ? part hidden, John Leathard.

Mid Row Lt to Rt: Frazer Robinson, Alan Hetherington, Dennis Hogarth.

Front Row Lt to Rt: Barry Brown, Kathleen Hetherington, Dennis Telford.

(circa 1948/49)



## CONCEPT FOR A COMMUNITY ART & CRAFT GALLERY IN HAYDON BRIDGE

Utilising the empty Hairdressers premises on Ratcliffe Road which has stood empty for seventeen months.

Haydon Bridge is a thriving village, with a strong community spirit. Many people work from home, producing works of art and crafts. The quality of the Art and Crafts produced is very high, and warrants a permanent gallery and shop. Currently there is not such a facility in place. I firmly believe that the opening of such a facility will not only benefit the artistic community, but will benefit the village as a whole by increasing tourist footfall.

Haydon Bridge is on a well frequented tourist route. We are close to the Roman Wall, Langley Castle and Lanercost Priory, Corbridge and the market town of Hexham. Tourist footfall has increased since the By-Pass opened in 2009, and will continue to increase with the opening of the Whinsill Geological Research site and information centre, The Sill.

The shop will be managed and run by myself. I foresee the shop making a healthy profit from the sale of the artwork. Competition exists at Allendale, Langley, Bardon Mill and Hexham. The art and craft work here in Haydon Bridge varies from that which I have observed for sale at these other places.

I have calculated that initial start-up costs will be in the region of £3,000.00. This is to include the supply and fitting of a secure cash drawer and installing a Cardnet system. The required shop and gallery fixtures and fittings, lighting, display cabinet, shelving, and a picture display system. This also to include initial advertising costs, requisite sales accessories such as price tags and labels, and customer purchase packaging, carrier bags & tissue paper

Local Artisans who require display space will be charged a set monthly fee, this to contribute to the monthly rent for the shop. A commission will also have to be charged on the sale of art works in order to pay for the overheads. Advice, suggestions and questions welcomed, anyone interested in getting involved please contact:

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## CHURCHES WORKING TOGETHER

### CLERGY MESSAGE

**From: Father Leo Pyle**

Vocation Vocation Vocation!

We all have a vocation, it involves full response to the Gospel and it involves allowing the Gospel to work within us! This way involves radical change and transformation and we come to see things as they really are, **not as we are!**

The transforming power is through, with and in us, we see it in Jesus' resurrection and that the death of the Lord is the life of the Lord. No wonder the Greeks laughed when Paul talked to them about resurrection, but then that's the new order, **how things really are!**

We enter this new way at baptism which plunges us into the Jesus mind, heart, soul and divinity. This is the big time, the only time and **it is now!**

We walk in the light, we are called to total self sacrifice as God's priestly people. We are witness to the whole truth and nothing but the truth **Jesus** and so we serve,

**Service is our sacred vocation!**

No matter what our gifts, talents, qualifications, background or upbringing. It's all to get us on our knees before our brothers and sisters, young and old, in loving service.

And so we listen, we listen to the divinity within, nominal Christianity is a contradiction in terms because it is not about rules and regulations. It is far more important than difference, denomination, division or creed.

It is a matter of life and death for every person, every place and everything. And the divinity within confirms that **'God has made him Lord and Christ'**. There is no more to be said, transformed and christened, **we are in Christ and we live for Christ!**

**Vocation Vocation Vocation !**

This is our vocation, to be the Body of Christ for our world, dying for our world, rising for our world **in sacrifice, in witness and in service to all!**

*Father Leo Pyle*

## Christian Aid Week

**(House to House Collection)**

**14th—20th May**

**Look out for your red envelope**

**United Service at  
Methodist Church  
6pm on 14th May**

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

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#### Fourth Sunday of Easter:

**Sunday 7 May 2017**

9.30am: Parish Eucharist, St Cuthbert's Beltingham

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

#### Fifth Sunday of Easter:

**Sunday 14 May 2017**

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

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

#### Sixth Sunday of Easter:

**Sunday 21 May 2016**

9.30am: Parish Eucharist, All Hallows' Henshaw

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

#### Ascension Day:

**Thursday 25 May 2017**

6pm: Eucharist led by the Rt Rev'd Christin Hardman, Bishop of Newcastle,  
St Cuthbert's Beltingham

#### Saturday 27 May

10.30am: Messy Church, All Hallows' Henshaw

#### Seventh Sunday after Easter:

**Sunday 28 May 2017**

10am: Joint Eucharist, St Cuthbert's Beltingham

5pm: Evening Worship, Haydon Old Church

#### Pentecost:

**Sunday 4 June 2017**

9.30am: Parish Eucharist, All Hallows' Henshaw

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

### METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES

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

#### 7 May

10 am

Morning Service

Keith Box

6 pm

LANGLEY CHURCH

Supt. Paul Dunstan

#### 14 May

10 am

Morning Service

Margaret Weatherson

6 pm

UNITED SERVICE

FOR CHRISTIAN AID

Deacon Anne Taylor

#### 21 May

10.00am

Morning Service

Valerie Anthony

6 pm

Evening Service

Rev. J. Harrison

#### 28 May

10 am

Communion Service

Rev. Alan Dawson

6 pm

Evening Service

Bob McAlpin



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Mass each Sunday at 11.00am at Haltwhistle

Mass on weekdays (except Mondays) at 10.00am either  
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Henshaw. All children are welcome

Sunday 7 May, Haydon Bridge, 11.00

Sunday 14 May, Henshaw, 9.30

Theme The Good Shepherd  
Could you be a shepherd?  
Make some woolly sheep

Sunday 4 June, Haydon Bridge, 11.00

Sunday 11 June, Henshaw, 9.30

Theme Pentecost - Wind and Fire  
Crafty fun - a dove mobile, kites, windmills.....

Sunday 2 July, Haydon Bridge, 11.00

Sunday 9 July, Henshaw, 9.30

Theme Doubting Thomas  
Play a listening game  
Make a large collage of Jesus

*Learn and grow together with Jesus*

Children must be accompanied by an adult

For more information, contact the team at

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The governors are meeting on 13th July and completed grant application forms need to be received by the Clerk at least 10 days before the meeting to be considered. Applications not received before the deadline will be deferred to the following meeting.

For a grant application form or to talk through applying for a grant please:

Go to our website [www.shaftoecharities.org.uk](http://www.shaftoecharities.org.uk) or Email Peter Fletcher, The Clerk/Ann Shearer, the Assistant Clerk at: [info@shaftoecharities.org.uk](mailto:info@shaftoecharities.org.uk), or write to The Clerk, The Office, 15 Shaftoe Terrace, Haydon Bridge NE47 6BW



The Easter Cross which was placed outside the Methodist Church, was lovingly decorated by Deacon Anne Taylor along with some of the Methodist Church members and has been admired by many who have passed by.

### Coffees at the Methodist Church

Every Tuesday and Thursday 10 am to 12 noon

These sessions are run by local Church members in turn and take place around the Coffee Tables. Please come in for a friendly chat - tea/coffee/biscuits

Stay as long or as short a time as you wish

**A warm welcome is given to everyone.**

### Messy Church

**Wednesday 10th May 3.30 pm**

**Methodist Church**

**All children welcome**

## Northumberland Day, Langley Castle

**Saturday 27th May**

On Saturday, May 27, Langley's 10-acre grounds will be the scene of a re-enactment organised by military historian, John Sadler, and his business, Time Bandits, which offers a new development in historical interpretation and living history.

The free-to-attend event, running from around 10am to 4pm, will be based around the theme of the Border Reivers and the Warden's Court and those arriving at Langley will be transported back to the year 1569, when treachery, treason, rebellious northern earls and annoying queens (or former queens of Scotland), are all causing a bit of bother.

A period camp scene will be established once the historic tents are pitched and this will be the focus for handling activities throughout the day, as children and adults alike get hands-on with armoury and other items and get ready to do battle! Storytelling sessions will keep everyone enthralled, whilst seeing the Warden's Court in action will keep all on their toes! There will be a pike drill for beginners, a chance to find out more about period food and medicine, ballads aplenty and even a children's battle.



There will also be falconry displays and arts and crafts stalls set up at Langley, providing event attendees with some exquisite items to see and potentially purchase. Local food and drink stallholders will also be in attendance and there will be some medieval stocks for photograph opportunities. There will also be tours of the battlements available throughout the event. This really promises to be a fun filled day for all of the family.

The Northumberland flag will be proudly flying at Langley Castle as usual and in the run-up to Northumberland Day and beyond. Chef, Mark Percival, is also planning menus that truly showcase Northumbrian produce, whilst castle owner, Dr Stuart Madnick, will be flying over from his home in the USA, to see the Northumberland Day concept that he championed come to fruition for the first time.

## Northumberland Day Picnic and Fair on Church Street and the Old Bridge 2pm-4pm.



**Bring a picnic or choose from lots of lovely food on Church St. and enjoy the afternoon with friends, family and neighbours. Plenty space to sit.**

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# News From The Bridge

## Saturday morning Produce Stall outside The Bridge



It's the time of year when all the hard work in the allotments begins to produce lots of goodies, whether it's lovely fresh fruit and veg, flowers or seedlings surplus to the growers needs, so on Saturday mornings at 'The Bridge' an empty table is erected outside in anticipation! Our optimism is soon rewarded with garden goodies being left by our green fingered friends – they leave us plants and produce surplus to their requirements and anyone can take whatever they like and put what they think is a fair amount into our donation pot left on the table.

This income helps to make the community library possible, as well as giving those without a garden the pleasure of enjoying really fresh garden produce that tastes delicious. We really appreciate the growers and those who make good use of this village asset. In addition we have created a herb garden on our new patio area – the herbs are just small at the moment but we expect them to flourish and be available for anyone to take enough to flavour their own culinary creations.

## The Bridge is the place to find out all kinds of things:-

### The Advance Notice Diary

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Library Computers for free Internet use for members and The Bridge computer to explore the village archives (£1 per hour)

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## 5. WALLINGTON

Hexham-Wall-Chollerton-Thockrington-Kirkharle-Rothbury-Alnwick-Alnmouth. It sounds like a list of stations on some sleepy Northumberland branch line before Dr Beeching's axe fell. In fact, these places all sit on a historic road that linked Tynedale to the coast. It was called the Corn Road because in the 18th century, maybe before, the harvest of Tynedale was carried along it to the port of Alnmouth from where it could be transported up, down or across the North Sea. It was also known as the Alemouth Road, a street name that still exists in Hexham.

If you want to avoid the main roads, it's a pleasant scenic way to drive to the north of the county. And among many points of interest along the route is Wallington Hall. It's one of my favourite places in Northumberland, famous on no fewer than three counts: the house itself, its marvelous



garden, and the family who lived there.

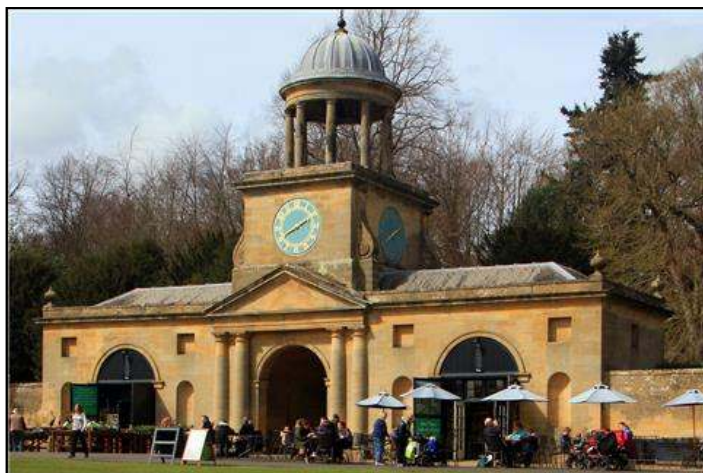
Let's start with the family or more accurately, families. There were two big Northumbrian names associated with the estate's early history: the Fenwicks, and then the Blacketts who acquired it in the late 17th century. It was they who created the house as we now know it. But the name that is indelibly linked with Wallington is not theirs but that of Trevelyan. Originally from Cornwall, the Trevelyans came into ownership as a result of a marriage into the Blackett family. The 19th century saw them rise to a position of remarkable political and intellectual dominance in the nation. Many will know the name of G. M. Trevelyan (George Macaulay T who died in 1962) through his writings on history and biography. I remem-

ber the four volumes of his English Social History in their colourful dust jackets lining my parents' bookshelves in



my childhood. I still have them today.

And what is so enjoyable at Wallington is the sense that this is still essentially a family home. The Trevelyans bequeathed it to the National Trust during the war, and it was opened to the public in 1968. It is undeniably a grand house, but it is modest with it, genuine, humane. It feels lived in, hospitable and for me anyway, the kind place you not only admire but love. This may be to do with the Trevelyans' politics. They were a forward-looking family who believed that inherited wealth and privilege should not be used selfishly but should benefit wider society.



Which they did in support of a number of important social and political causes such as the universal franchise.

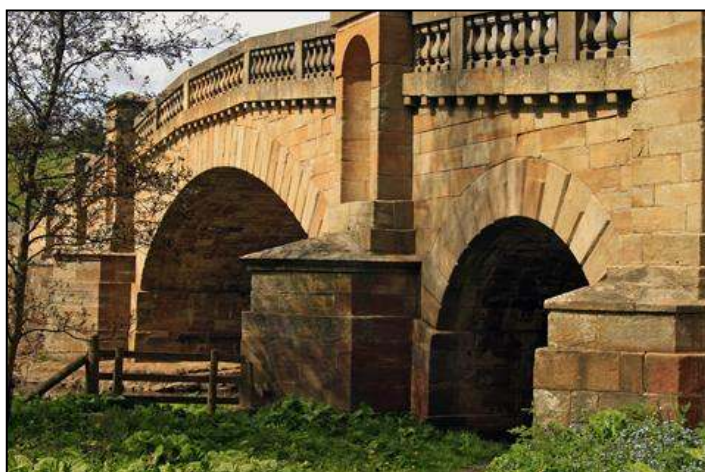


They also had a strong sense of their place in history, not least in North East England. One of the best of the many splendid rooms at Wallington is the arcaded sitting room created by the Tyneside Victorian architect John Dobson by roofing over the central courtyard. To decorate the walls, the Trevelyan's commissioned a series of eight murals by the Pre-Raphaelite painter William Bell Scott. They depict scenes from Northumbrian history including the Roman Wall, St Cuthbert being offered his bishopric,



the death of Bede, Grace Darling's heroic sea-rescue, and heavy industry ("iron and coal") on Tyneside. The colours are as fresh and vivid as when they were painted. The saloon, dining room and library are splendid too, as is the famous collection of dolls' houses upstairs.

But for many visitors, best of all is the park that surrounds the house. A good way of getting a sense of it is to follow the waymarked path that takes you right round it. It includes extensive woodland (with snowdrops and bluebells in profusion if you time it right), a stretch of the infant River Wansbeck complete with James Paine's beautiful little hump-bridge that you will have crossed if you approached from the south ("sound your horn" warns the sign: this elegant bridge is steep-sided and narrow by any standards). Not far from the house is a hide, popular



with bird-watchers. And if you are lucky, you may glimpse red squirrels too (though I haven't yet).

Even if you don't visit the house, or do the long-ish walk, on no account must you miss the much-loved walled garden. It is the star of the show, possibly (Alnwick notwithstanding) the best garden in Northumberland if you treasure naturalness and a sense of intimacy. You reach it by walking back from the house under the beautiful cupola

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gateway to the courtyard, crossing the road (carefully) and following the signs through the wood. What makes this walled garden so beautiful is not simply the array of colour that adorns it throughout the year, but how it has been cleverly landscaped to follow the contours of the land as it drops away from the house. A stream flows from west to east down the centre of the garden. This provides south-facing slopes that in this sheltered environment support a marvelous variety of plant life.

The terrace above is overlooked by an owl perched on top of a pavilion. Inside the conservatory is a marble fountain with an inscription drawn from a Roman sarcophagus: "When wearied or overwrought by study and affairs of business, repair to these haunts and refresh your mind by a stroll amidst the flowers". It's good advice for anyone looking for physical and spiritual renewal amid the stresses and strains of twenty-first century life. We are



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**May 23<sup>rd</sup> Haydon Bridge Playgroup and Tiny Tots**  
**June 20<sup>th</sup> Haydon Bridge Flower and Veg    Queenie Quiz**  
**July 18<sup>th</sup> Haydon Bridge Health Centre**

**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 contact John Harrison**  
**(aka Queenie) via the General Havelock or on [Johnandaveril@aol.com](mailto:Johnandaveril@aol.com).**

# A VIEW FROM UP THERE ....

John Harrison

Now the temperatures are marginally better than during the winter, the gardening season is upon us. So it's out with the spade and, inevitably, the lawn mower, which puts me in mind of a story about two men walking down the street. As a lorry went past loaded with rolls of turf, one man said to the other "That's what I'll do when I win the Lottery, send my lawn away to be cut". Although there hasn't been a great amount of rain, the atmosphere has remained very humid and my lawn is usually wet with dew each morning. As I predicted some while ago, although March was much warmer than usual, so far April has proved to be rather cold, reaching only 8.0 degC on Easter Sunday. This spring reversal seems to be a regular feature of our weather and over the last few years we have experienced snow and frost in April after a promising start to the growing season.

March was, for the most part, generally mild and wet at times but there was a short taste of winter mid-month. Unsettled weather dominated for the first week, which was relatively mild but frequently dull and wet. However, there were occasional sunny periods. The 7th to 12th were cloudy at first but became brighter by midday. Apart from occasional light showers it remained relatively dry, although the ground was quite wet. As pressure rose from the south on 13th a fresh westerly breeze developed which became strong on the 14th but although cloudy at times there was little or no rainfall. Temperatures were well above the normal for the month. Unsettled conditions returned on the 17th heralded the start of a spell of very wet and windy weather which lasted until the 22nd.

Cold polar air was drawn in behind an active depression on the 20th which resulted in sleet and snow on the 20th. Snow was very heavy with exceptionally large flakes early on the 22nd and was lying to a depth of 8 cms by 9.00 am. The snow turned to rain during the course of the day which resulted in localised flooding. The 48hr total rainfall for the 21st/ 22nd was 35.2 mm, representing 35% of the total fall for the month. The weather improved late on the 23rd as pressure rose and the next few days were dry, but under clear night skies, there were night frosts. Days were, however, sunny and clear. The polar air was replaced by warm Tropical maritime air on the 24th and the remainder of the month was very mild but cloudy and misty at times.

Some of you may have come across the term "*Weather Bomb*". The technical definition refers to this as 'explosive cyclogenesis' which in simple terms refers to an area of low pressure (depression) in which the central pressure falls very quickly – in the UK at least 24 millibars in 24 hours. In other words they are a more powerful version of the Atlantic depressions with which we are very familiar. The result is a short burst of exceptionally strong winds and rain.

## **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
March	10.7	+2.0	3.9	1.3	100.8	156

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# 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.

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Dance Club - 7.30pm  
Audrey Phillips. 01434684452  
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Joyce Sim. 01434 684704

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Tiny Tots – 9.15am  
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### **Wednesday**

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Yoga - 7.00pm  
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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**

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RNLI - Bridge Afternoon - 1pm (as arranged)

### **Saturday**

Coffee mornings - 10am  
Various parish organisations.

### **Sunday**

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**Will Nicholls, Haydon Bridge's award-winning wildlife photographer**, is exhibiting at Allendale Forge Studios in May. Entitled 'Northumberland and Beyond' the exhibition not only features red squirrels photographed in Haydon Bridge, but spider monkeys from the Amazon rainforest and brown bears from Finland.

Will's interest in wildlife began at 11 years old when he moved to Haydon Bridge. "I remember going out with my step dad's camera and photographing the lambs, and was immediately hooked on photography and quickly moved on to photographing the local wildlife which focused on red squirrels." This fascination with red squirrels ultimately led to Will publishing his critically acclaimed book 'On the Trail of Red Squirrels'. "A local publisher [Wagtail Press] approached me about producing the book which I worked on after my A levels over the summer, and finished before I set off on my first solo expedition to Cambodia in September 2013."

The trip to Cambodia was a steep learning curve for Will and an eye opener to the conservation issues that exist. "The area was greatly threatened by poachers and loggers, and the issue wasn't helped by the blatant corruption that surrounded every conservation effort in place."

His next trip was to the Amazon rainforest in Peru. A 10 week expedition within the Manu Biosphere, known as the most biodiverse place on Earth, allowed him to realise that the rainforest was his favourite environment to work in. "I love the challenge that rainforests bring. Arguably the most extreme environment on Earth to work in, these forests hold a tremendous amount of species."

"I spent over two months tracking and searching for endangered primates, as well as even larger animals like jaguar."

In great contrast to tropical environments, Will's favourite country is Finland. "I've travelled to Finland twice now, and each time I've fallen more in love with the country. It's home to bears, owls, wolverine, wolves and other fascinating creatures. It's the dream for any photographer."

The exhibition at Allendale Forge Studios, Market Square, Allendale runs from 2nd - 31st May, 9am - 5pm everyday. Free Entry.



### **Mark's first year in Langley Castle's kitchen**

A former North East Chef of the Year, Mark Percival, is celebrating his first anniversary at Langley Castle Hotel and Restaurant in the knowledge that his culinary credentials have compelled many more residents and non-residents to dine within the castle's 14th century seven-foot walls.

Mark, aged 31, who was formerly head chef of the popular Bouchon Bistro in Hexham, took charge of Langley's kitchen in February 2016, bringing with him a team of chefs who all shared a vision of the none-fussy food that they wished to offer.

"We have tried to be as flexible as possible," says Mark Percival. "We have many families staying at the castle and so we offer a children's menu, but also a drawing room menu that allows parents to choose dishes such as a Langley burger and pasta carbonara and enjoy relaxed dining with their kids."

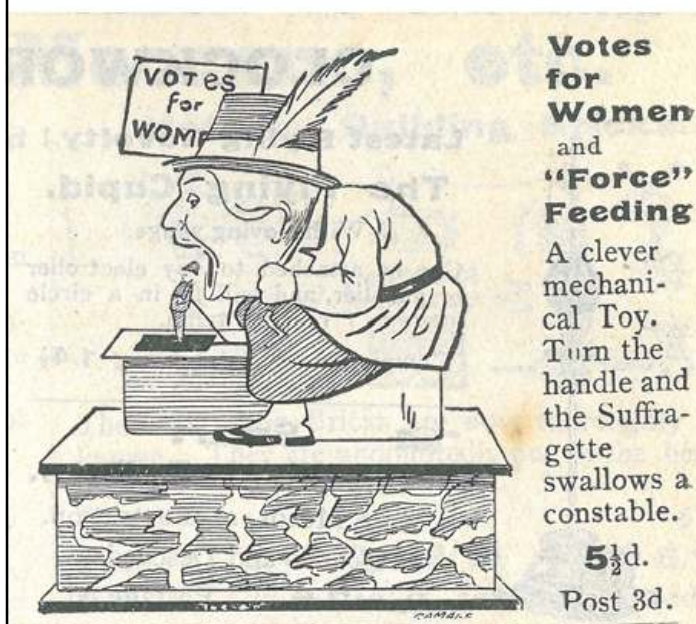
Much of this has been down to Mark's humble approach to his trade, which is remarkable given his CV. He says he recognised that, given Langley's extraordinary ambience, food could only ever be the icing on the cake for a visitor, not the main reason to stay, or call in. This refreshing humility has allowed the team to rustle up the perfect recipe for business success.

"Everything is fresh and served in season, so dishes come and go, but everything is consistently tasty, exquisitely cooked and appealing. The food is free from distractions, enabling its flavours to speak for themselves. It's ticking many boxes."

Mark's menus can be found online at [www.langleycastle.com](http://www.langleycastle.com) where tables can also be booked, by those who wish to dine in the restaurant. In the coming year, Mark hopes to get out to events and food festivals, showcasing some of the dishes Langley's guests can enjoy. In the meantime, as the chef at the 'birthplace of Northumberland Day', he needs to get his thinking cap on and create a Northumberland Day menu that can run both on the day itself – May 28 2017 – and the period around that. What else he may have up his sleeve for this very special day is currently being kept firmly under his chef's hat.



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So imagine how thrilled I was to find an old British Thornton Slide Rule! Or to quote my son "What in God's name is that?"

'That' I pointed out, 'Is what I used to calculate your pocket money. And I still do'.

Granted he's twenty four with a responsible job and lives twenty miles from home, but you get the picture. To me he will always be six and needing his Mum!

Back to my awesome discovery. Heaven knows how long it had lain in the drawer but it was in pristine condition. As was the plastic case. The cardboard box had seen much better days but haven't we all? Especially if we'd sat in a cupboard for decades.

I turned it this way and that and fondly remembered the days when they were standard issue in the Maths Class at

our school. For reasons which still remain a mystery I was top of our class in the grammar school and so everyone expected me to grasp the basic rudiments of how the thing works. Well I couldn't then and I couldn't now.

In fact by the time I'd slid all the different pieces into place then faffed about with the little plastic guide, I'd already worked out the original solution in my head. I did find a practical use for it though in that hot sticky Summer before the school holidays; I managed to swat some pesky flies that had come in through the open window by my desk! Dr Barker the Geometry guru in charge of us wasn't impressed.

There must be hundreds of thousands, if not millions of Slide Rules in existence but you know, I've never see one in all these years. They're made of tough plastic too so pretty indestructible. Where are they all, I wonder.

And now I must dash, I still have some yarn to thread on an old wooden spinning wheel I found earlier today. Then I can make hubby some nice woolly trousers. Or a Onesie in his favourite Man United colours for when he's watching the team on TV. I watch them too but only when that dishy José is there! So much prettier than Alex Ferguson.

*Marita*

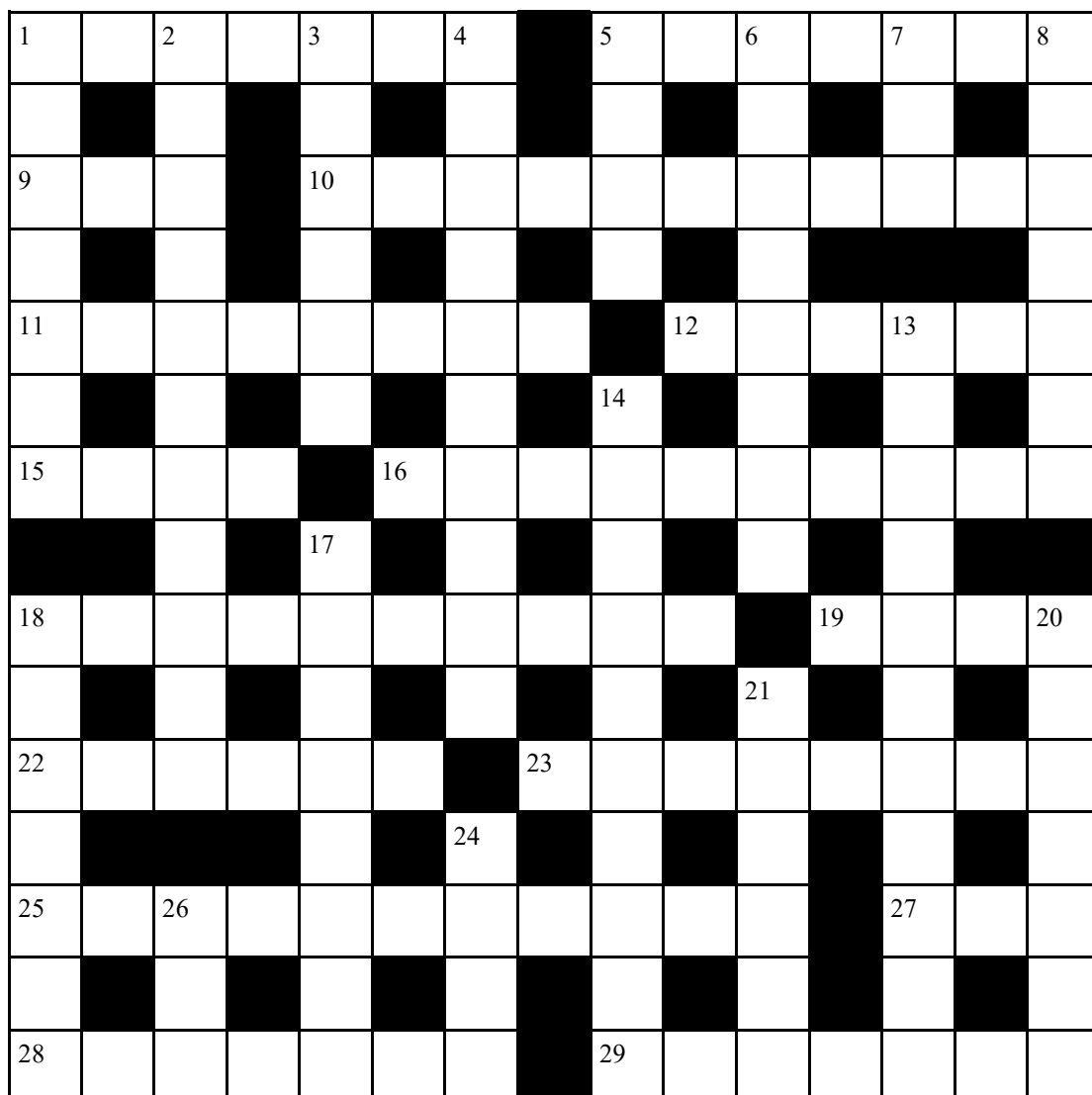
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5. Need about 24 sheets (7)
9. Drag tailless bird back (3)
10. Heard about Brit down under with hard rock. Fruity! (11)
11. Woolly jumper on the Welsh coast (8)
12. Seaman accustomed to be maltreated (6)
15. When the water's low you'll hear this veg (4)
16. Communist nestled in trite surroundings with bible and satel lite TV (10)
18. Besmirch the table in the classroom of yesteryear (10)
19. Purloin, drop a second, leave clean (4)
22. Sole located in coral on Elysian fields (6)
23. In old language and the rest (2,6)
25. Sat around long before finding Lanes town in Somerset (10)
27. A small part is most appropriate (3)
28. Not for 26 and 24 (7)
29. Family send quote back about moving (7)

### DOWN

1. Road navigating bird (7)
2. Jiggery pokery from Emil when involved with grandee (11)
3. Oddly smear Pepsi on this cartographical aid (3,3)
4. Firm representative at violent disturbance is your nationality (10)
5. Prerequisite to riches (4)
6. Two-wheeled conveyance for the confined space? No, four (8)
7. Levin or Gershwin, terrorist type (3)
8. Distracted Frenchwoman from headless leper due soon (7)
13. Deadly agreement in court action - police department hang up cloak (7,4)
14. Hutch's companion not unknown on the wagon - transport for celebs (10)
17. The key to bad secrets in the house (8)
18. Angle oboe (no drugs) about in Italy (7)
20. Stretchy lie cast all over (7)
21. Taken Yankee prisoner? One from Mombasa maybe in there (6)
24. Institute shortly this month (4)
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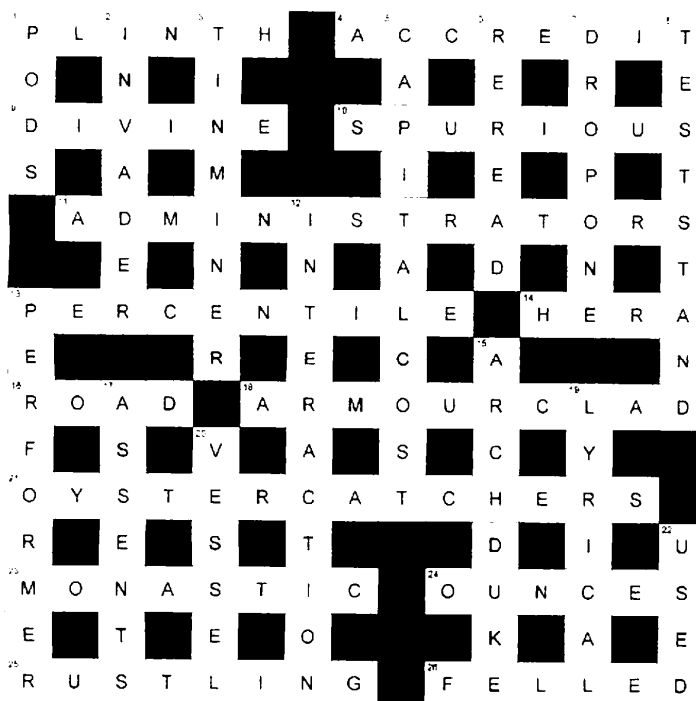
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[www.haydonbridgefestival.co.uk](http://www.haydonbridgefestival.co.uk)

### Sunday 25 June - Saturday 1 July

Haydon Local Artists Summer Exhibition  
Community Centre, Ratcliffe Road

### 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

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### Saturday 11 November

Craft Fair – Community Centre

### December 31

Midnight fireworks from the Old Bridge

### **FURTHER EVENTS INFORMATION:**

[www.haydon-bridge.co.uk](http://www.haydon-bridge.co.uk)

### **Brendan Healy, AKA Brehundan Healahu.**

If you're reading this on Sunday, I am at the City Hall, Newcastle, doing the two sold-out shows that are 'Sunday for Sammy'. Firstly, to clear up why it's called Sunday for Sammy. The bi-annual concerts are done for charity, as a mark of respect to Sammy Johnson who died in 1998. Sammy was 'Stick' in Spender with Jimmy Nail. Just one of the many and brilliant acting roles he played on TV and in the theatre.

On one tour we did together, we had a young wardrobe mistress who never knocked on the dressing room door but would just barge in. One night we decided to teach her a lesson by standing completely starkers waiting for her to bring the clean costumes. At the usual time there was a knock on the door, which threw us a bit but we thought we'd go ahead with our nudie-teach-a-lesson-plan willy nilly. "Come in," we called, and a total stranger walked in. The woman was covering for the usual girl, who was on her holiday. She never even batted an eyelid but we did hear her giggling as she walked down the corridor. We felt like proper Charlies.

Sammy's real name was Ronnie, but in Equity no two actors can have the same name and Ronnie Johnson already existed, so he became Sammy Johnson. When I joined equity there was already a Brendan Healy so my actor's name is actually Brendan P. Healy. Inventive eh? Equity must do this so that royalties go to the correct person. I once received 47p from a cable TV production of Othello in South Africa that I might otherwise never have received. The fact that I've never been to South Africa and I've never done Othello prove that the system is not infallible. (If you are reading this on your iPad in South Africa and you are an actor whose name is Brehundan P. Healahu or similar, I will be happy to post you a cheque for your 47p. Please send me a cheque for 88p to cover the postage.)

Next week I'll tell you how Sunday for Sammy went this year from behind the scenes. All the juicy gossip from the stars, like who has which particular age-onset ailment and who has had a camera up the bottom.

As we get older we start to lose more and more people we know to the great blues in the sky. Recently I lost a very dear friend, the brilliant John Wheeler, who was only 42 years old.

I've played in bands with him since he was about seventeen, and he had matured into one of the best saxophone players I've ever known. He was intensely sensitive and, when needed, his solos sparkled. He was also extremely intelligent and had a PhD in summic ti dee with Physics.

Like all great men of intellect he would sometimes miss simple things. Things like what he was meant to be wearing on a gig. I think his brain was, rightly, too busy with important things.

"John, the dress code tonight is meant to be black and white. How the heck does your grey cardie fit into that brief?" It wasn't that John was trying to make a fashion statement (he didn't know what that meant.) With a huge smile on his face, he would reply something akin to; "Colour is a function of the human visual system, and is not an intrinsic property. Objects don't 'have' colour, they give off light that 'appears' to be colour. Spectral power distributions exist in the physical world, but colour exists only in the mind of the beholder, so therefore my cardie fits the dress code." John, you couldn't half make me laugh. Rest peacefully.

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## SUCCESSFUL DIRECTORS' EVENING AT THE ALLENDALE FORGE

Friday 31 March was an opportunity for the new Board of Directors at the Allendale Forge Studios to make new friends, celebrate old ones and show off recent developments at a Directors' Evening.

The Board's chair, Sandy Rutherford, welcomed guests, saying: "We are delighted that so many of you have come to enjoy this evening, and giving us an opportunity to speak to you, as community representatives, about the recent changes, and we very much look forward to working with some of you in the future. Volunteer staff and other friends of the Forge have been helping us through this transition phase – painting, moving furniture about, hanging new works and cleaning through the building. All essential work, as we have accepted new pieces from artists anxious to join the project. Stunning crafts and original pieces not found anywhere else are now on display and the shop is looking fantastic."

Sandy is supported by vice-chair Fran Williams and Board members Zoe Bell, Jina Gelder and Lesley Gosling, to pool fresh ideas and encourage other talented people to use the improved Forge facilities.

About 100 invited guests, including several members of the parish council, spent time exploring the studios, Gallery and shop, mingling with artists and crafts people, many of whom are already exhibiting in the Forge. Visitors from the town and some from further afield voiced their support, including a representative from the recently formed Community Bank, which will be based in the Forge from the end of this month. Studio 11, the largest rentable space, and a perfect workshop space, attracted interest from one guest as a venue for future Board meetings and others were impressed by the 'hot desking' studios, ideal for those with small businesses and little room at home for office work as free wi-fi is also an incentive.

A 'not-for-profit' enterprise, 'Allendale Creative Artists' began as a co-operative of professional artists and small businesses in 2006, but soon outgrew its original location in the Square. In 2010 the current building was designed and built, also in the Square, with grants secured against a loan, and has fast become a hub for local artists and others from further afield.

The new website is now live:

**[www.allendaleforgestudios.co.uk](http://www.allendaleforgestudios.co.uk)**

It features a regular blog and details of community activities taking place at the Forge and in Allendale town. Guests were encouraged to drop by with any pending event details for the website. Sarah Blackett-Ord has taken responsibility for the Forge Gallery and exhibitions will change monthly.

**Those interested in exhibiting in the Gallery or who are considering bringing craft work for sale, should call: 01434 683 975 and speak to any of the volunteer shop staff who will give advice, or forward the information.**



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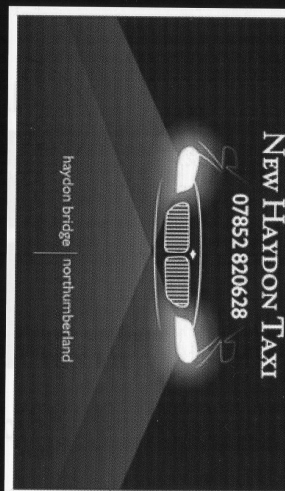
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## Mighty Hike for Macmillan

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This year four people from Haydon Bridge and neighbouring village Bardon Mill will be adding their support for the work done by Macmillan. The team, consisting of two sisters, Sharon and Deborah Brown, Sharon's daughter Bridie and their friend Graeme Murphy, will be taking on Macmillan's Mighty Hike challenge this summer.

The event, which takes place in the Lake District on June 17th, will see hundreds of men and women sporting the green Macmillan t-shirts walking along the Cumbrian Way. The 26-mile route, which starts at Keswick and finishes at Ambleside, wending its way through the Borrowdale and Langdale valleys, is, quite literally, a marathon challenge.

Last year, Deborah and Sharon completed the Moonwalk in Edinburgh in aid of Cancer Research and Graeme is a seasoned hiker, having bagged all of Scottish Munros as well as the Wainrights in the Lake District. Largely an experienced team, they hope to complete the course in a good time (around 9.5 hours) and have, perhaps a touch optimistically, dubbed themselves

the Racing Reivers.

Newcomer Bridie has not taken part in a challenge like this before but is enjoying training and is so far managing to keep up with her more experienced teammates. The team often set off on their training walks from the village, going up to the Roman Wall or along the John Martin Trail, so if you see them make sure to give them a wave of support.

Macmillan ask that each person taking part in the Mighty Hike raises at least £250 to donate to the charity. Last month the Racing Reivers held a coffee morning in Bardon Mill Village Hall which was a great success. Many people attended or generously donated homemade cakes and raffle prizes, with the help of local support the event made over £400.

With the money made from the coffee morning added to their individual donations the team now has around £1500, easily fulfilling the minimum required to take part. However, the team would love to raise even more. Macmillan gives so much more than the minimum to the people it helps so the Racing Reivers want to give as much as possible to help them continue their brilliant work.

**If you would like to sponsor the team's Mighty Hike and contribute to the work of Macmillan Cancer Support, you can do so by donating to their online fundraising page via this link: <https://www.justgiving.com/teams/theracingreivers>.**

