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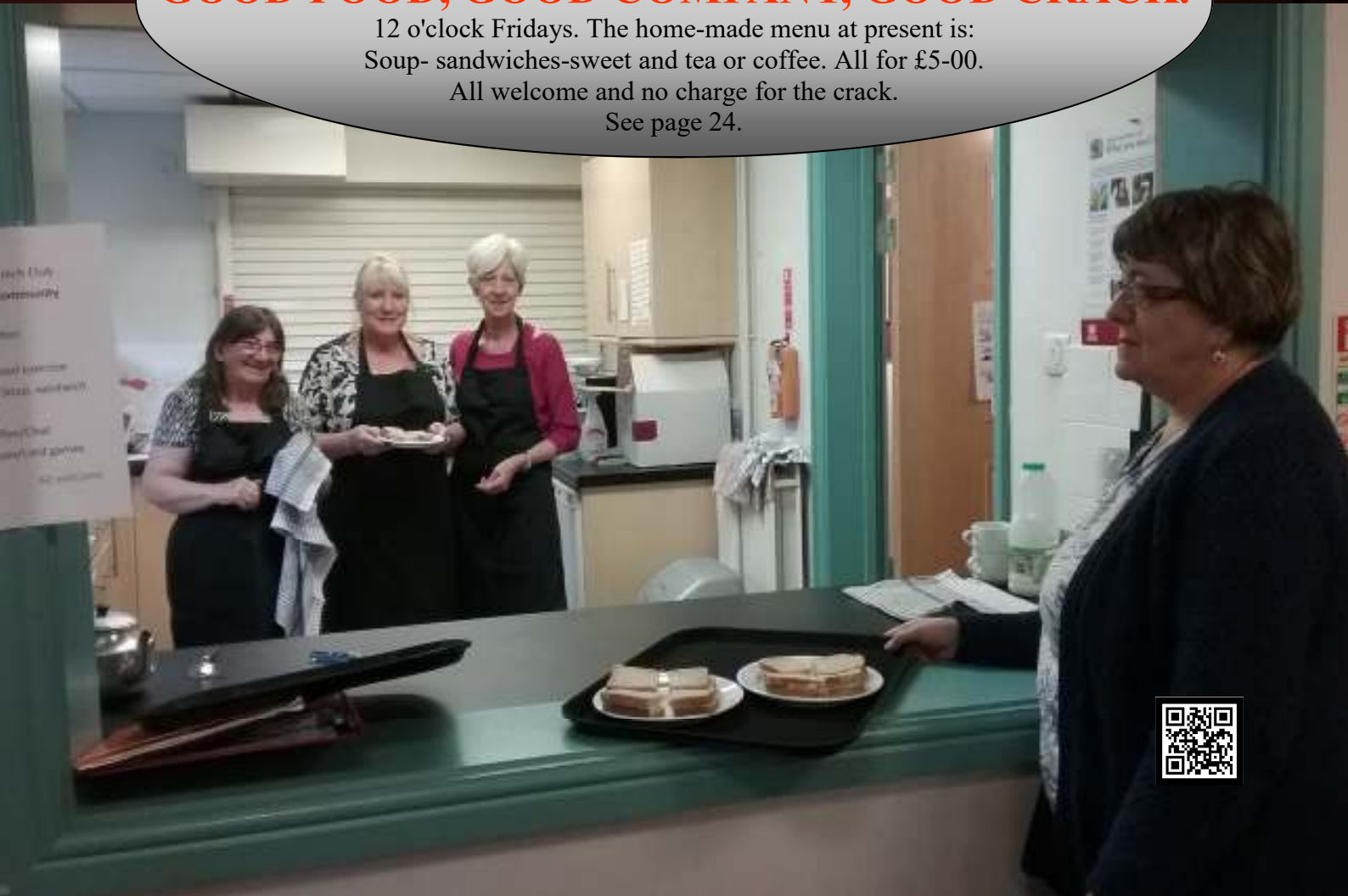


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You know how it is. A convivial morning coffee with friends. Homemade Brownies and wide ranging conversation taking in such diverse topics as seminal literature (AP Herbert, JB Morton, AA Milne and R Bluck), comparative philosophies and religions, Trump, Brexit, the vagaries of style/fashion/makeup, the degeneracy of contemporary political discourse, the delights (or otherwise) of the cottage upright and its many variations - all perfectly legitimate topics for the chatterati, though its often difficult to identify any unifying themes... The point I seek to make with this preamble is that time spent with friends and acquaintances is never wasted. Social interaction is important for all. Isolation is harmful but can be overcome - all efforts are to be welcomed.

With this in mind I offer the warmest possible welcome to the newly launched Community Centre Lunch Club - see front page. Currently about 19 are attending and more are always made welcome. As experience builds so the range of things on offer will grow. See also page 24.

All the Community Centre kitchen users already owe the Lunch Club a debt of gratitude as they have tidied up the kitchen drastically - it needed it!

Is it my imagination or is the remaining pile of gravel in the river changing shape and becoming less? I do hope so. It is proposed to hold a major meeting to discuss the problem of car parking in the village - and not just in Ratcliffe Road and Church Street. Many households have more than one car and some have commercial vehicles as well. When the estate was built cars were very much smaller and many households did not have one. When the even older houses and roads were constructed they only had to make allowance for horses and carts. Shopping used to be done on foot and the amount of traffic overall was a tiny fraction of what it is today. Change is urgently needed and some of the choices that may have to be made

will be unpopular. Every parish resident should rack their brains for ideas and present them for consideration - see Parish Council report.

It seems to be not widely known, for instance, that there are parking places down toward the riverside picnic site behind Jobsons (as was). Perhaps the cars that want to park on the double yellow lines by the Co-op could park instead on one side of the new bridge - it's only a few yards further away. Could parts of the flood prone pastures to the west of the village, those that are not already built on, be used for the community's commercial vehicles? Are there areas near the centre of the village and in the estate, that are at present grass, that could become parking areas?

There is a real risk that the parking problems could be made substantially worse if Karbon Homes demolish the existing garages to make way for new houses too.

A proposal worth considering is the establishment of a car sharing schemes. Humshaugh has done this with a community electric car. If households who only use their car for local tootling about a couple of times a week could collaborate together to share one car it would be much cheaper for them and ease the parking too.

Don't forget that next month's edition is the pre-Christmas edition and covers January as well. All Christmas notices need to be in early.

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Still no news on the fire station cherry trees despite numerous phone calls and emails to the NCC officer responsible.

Steve Ford

** itsy bitsy teensy weensy jokette!*

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A meeting of the Haydon Parish council was held on 26 10 17 at 7.30pm in the Community Centre. Cllr. Eileen Charlton was in the chair.

Public Participation

Concern was expressed about the cars parked on North Bank around and below the junction to Peelwell. PC Clement has been informed because of the perceived risk of accidents. It was suspected that some of the vehicles are associated with a business rather than belonging to households. A 20mph speed limit is already proposed for the village and extending this beyond the Peelwell junction was thought to be potentially useful.

A wide ranging discussion of parking problems in the village as a whole then ensued. Peter Fletcher has drafted a report on the problem and outlined some solutions. The Parish Council, NCC and Karbon Homes may be able to contribute to the discussion but resident's views are key. A map of possible changes is to be created and on site meetings held. Residents are likely to find that accepting the 'least worst' option is the only way forward. Funds would need to be found—possibly a Parish mortgage or a rise in the precept. It was agreed that a wholesale sort out would be better than a piecemeal approach.

Residents permit parking on Church Street was discussed. The shop deliveries also create problems at times. Perhaps a special commercial vehicle park would help. Before long an article and questionnaire will appear in The Haydon News.

The church clock light seems to be on permanently - this will be sorted out.

Apologies were accepted.

Declarations of interest were sought.

The minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed.

NCC

The results of the camera survey in the heart of the village will be available soon.

The traffic management measures by the Shaftoe School will be in place soon.

The uneven flagstones on Church Street are being examined with a view to revision.

The new LED lights orientation will be assessed at a proposed future on site meeting.

The bus stop opposite the Community Centre will probably have to be moved out to facilitate loading.

The bins proposed outside The Railway are to be ordered, the price list have been seen. The existing bin could be moved to The Showfield to save money.

No answer has been received to numerous requests for a TPO on the Fire Station cherry trees.

Discussions are still going on with the land owner whose permission is required before work can start at Spa Well. The council expressed the hope that the plans for the work could be inspected.

There remains a problem with water leakages on Tofts Bank.

The school culvert problem remains too. The path by the school farm remains hazardous and the gate precarious. Action will be sought.

Highways

The large accumulations of leaves on North Bank were noted.

Lighting

Nil to report.

Planning

Changes of use, parking facilities and accommodation are planned at Langley Dam. Decision unknown at the time of writing.

Accounts were agreed.

A budget meeting will be held on 9th November at 7pm.

Correspondence

A meeting with Karbon Homes about the planned demolition of garages on the estate was very well attended even though it was held when many would still be at work. The meeting was described as 'heated'.

It was asserted that all the garages are occupied and that the road leading to them had been adopted by NCC after their building.

The parking problems on the estate were again remarked and some alternatives proposed.

At the meeting a questionnaire was circulated and address provided for replies.

A planning application is awaited and, in view of the major problems anticipated, it is hoped that it will be referred to committee.

Using the Strawberry fields for housing and/or parking was discussed and an approach to Greenwich Hospital mooted to ascertain the price.

Network Rail have asked that the glass recycling bins be removed from their car park and it is proposed to resite them temporarily in the old Fire Station.

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.

Parish Projects

The Development Trust has recently had a fascinating meeting with the National Parks about the new Sill development. Improvements in sign posting were raised to get some of the visitors to make use of the village facilities. A bus link was proposed.

The Sill was reported to be very busy already.

The grass around the picnic area has been raked, reseeded and driven on! The huge boulders that used to prevent vehicle access seem to have disappeared and replacements will be sought - possibly from Thompsons.

IT WAS NOTED THAT THE RIVERSIDE AREA IS BEING USED BY DRUG DEALERS AND OTHER UNSAVOURY CHARACTERS. STEPS ARE BEING TAKEN TO PREVENT THIS AND THOSE INVOLVED ARE WARNED ACCORDINGLY.

The gravel island and associated mid stream forest at Lipwood apparently needs a river bed and ecology survey. The EA and Network Rail are to be prompted to contribute to the resolution of the problem but ultimately the Parish Council may have to undertake the project.

As there are funds available for such works it was proposed to ask RoadLink to take steps to defend the A69 with some form of extensive barrier to prevent recurrences of flooding.

Information boards are in preparation for the riverside walk and locations for them were decided.

The first parish councillor's informal meeting with residents was held recently in association with one of the regular Saturday coffee mornings in the Community Centre. IT was judged to be a very useful event. 3 councillors were present and four members of the public attended. Amongst the topics raised were:

Blocked drains on Church Street.

Sunken manholes on Station Road.

Poor street lighting in Brigwood.

The need for a dog waste bin in Brigwood.

Rubbish in the Langley Burn.

The alleyway between Ratcliffe Road and the riverside is becoming overgrown.

Signs directing traffic to Brigwood are needed.

Requests for sand bag provision.

Policing of the existing yellow lines.

Parking - again.

The need to move the bus stop opposite the Community Centre.

The next full meeting of the Council will be on Thursday 23rd of November 2017 at 7.30pm in the Community Centre.

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HOME FRONT : 1939 - 1945**Haydon Parish events at home during the Second World War From September 1943**

George H. Sim: In September 1943, Mrs Margaret Sim of Haydon Bridge was informed that her husband, Sgt. George Hector Sim R.E. had been 'killed on June 10th, as the result of an explosion'. Sgt. Sim was buried in Tunis. Before the War, Hector had been a popular member of the Haydon Bridge Cricket Club.

Co-op: At the half year general meeting of the Haydon Bridge Co-operative Industrial Society, the president J.J. Coats reported sales for the half year ended April 17th 1943, of £16,962 - 13 shillings.

The members' share capital was £26,483 - 12 shillings, and the Haydon Bridge Co-op investments were valued at £25,867 - 7 shillings. Dividend was to be 2 shillings in the £.

Hunting at Sea: The Hexham Courant of October 16th 1943, reported that: 'By a remarkable coincidence, two Hunt class destroyers - HMS Tynedale and HMS Haydon - bearing the names of famous neighbouring foxhound packs, are now hunting together in the Mediterranean.'

In a letter to an official of the Haydon Hunt, the officer commanding HMS Haydon wrote: 'We have not been idle of late and have found a few targets for our guns. Since you all came aboard to see us, we have steamed over 50,000 miles which is not bad for one so young. Please pay our respects to the members of the Hunt.'

**HMS Haydon****HMS Tynedale**

Collections for the troops in Haydon Parish during October included: a Mill Hills Social Evening and Beetle Drive £5.5s.6d; a village Whist Drive £13; a Whist Drive and Dance at Grindon Hill Farm £14; and a Central Church Bring and Buy Jumble Sale £43.

A Grindon Home Guard Whist Drive and Dance was also held in Grindon School; music played by Billy Ballantine, Miss Nicholson of Simonburn and a young Henry Robson.

Bullocks: When an Inspector visited Low Moralee Farm in August 1943, he found that a three year old non -

pedigree shorthorn bull wasn't of the standard required for breeding and, according to the 1934 regulations, it should have been castrated. This was the first case of its kind in the area and on November 16th 1943, our local farmer was fined 10/- with 10/- costs.

Remembrance: The 1943 Haydon Bridge Remembrance Service was officiated by the Rev C.C. Fox on Sunday, November 10th and wreaths were laid by G. Lee Wanless from the British Legion and Master J. Graham from the Central Methodist Sunday School. The lesson was read by Lieutenant Ernest Harrison of the Home Guard and the Last Post and Reveille were sounded by Harry Swallow.

Town Hall Fire: On Saturday December 11th 1943, there occurred a major incident which led to the evacuation of Haydon Bridge's Town Hall Cinema and operators John Bowman and Sid Thompson ending up in hospital.

(I have followed this incident, including John's memories, in some detail in the Haydon News of July 2009. See my Historical Notes on our web site:

www.haydon-news.co.uk/back numbers)

When a visitor to the projection room at the Town Hall nipped out the burning end of his cigarette into the highly inflammable nitrate film lying on the floor, the result was a substantial fire and the immediate evacuation of the Town Hall. In 1943, There was a single access and exit to the projection room, this was inside the foyer and up a metal ladder above the ticket office at the west end of the building, from where projectionists John Bowman and Sid Thompson had to escape through the fumes and fire that spread into the entrance area on the ground floor.

John's memory of the aftermath of the incident is worth repeating here:

"My injuries and the pain were terrible. Aa went into the Haydon pub, but there was nobody in there who could do owt with us so Sid and me walked right up the North Bank to Doctor Hall's. Do you remember? You had to go down the steps inside his house into the kitchen, that was the surgery. Aye. And you know what he did? He give Sid and me a glass of whisky each. Even though aa was in agony man, me hair had been on fire and me face and arms were burnt and everything, that's what he did. He give us a glass of whisky and sent us off home."

On the following day, Dr Hall was called for again and John and Sid were rushed to Hexham Hospital where they remained and were treated for their burns.

On February 1st 1944 at Hexham Police Court, Matilda and George Stoddart of Chopwell expressed their regret at what had happened, but, as owners and licensees of the cinema since 1937, were held responsible for breaches of the regulations and pleaded guilty.

The Haydon Bridge Town Hall Cinema was closed for a week, while the necessary repairs were carried out, and the owners had plans approved to bring the operating box more up to date. Both John Bowman and Sid Thompon recovered from their experience and injuries, and both continued as Town Hall projectionists.



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John Edward Kirsopp: ARP Warden for the village, a well known footballer and Haydon Bridge FC secretary, a member of Haydon Parish Council, and a builder and slater to trade with a successful business in Haydon Bridge, died on December 11th 1943 at his home on John Martin Street.

January 1944: Airman Sergeant J. King of River View, Haydon Bridge was commended for an act of bravery, along with two of his comrades, when in their Halifax in the air twenty miles from Frankfurt, with incendiary bombs alight in the bomb bay and only a few feet away from a 2,000lb bomb, and although they were exhausted themselves through lack of oxygen, they took it in turns to share their own supply with a dying member of the crew in an effort to save his life. It was reported that the rear gunner had seen green tracer pass underneath the Halifax, followed by a vivid flash on the port side which lit up the whole of the bomber and the port elevator had been shattered and was no more than a dangling frame. The Halifax was filled with fumes and smoke and when the pilot called the crew asking if everything was alright, Sergeant King, the mid upper gunner, played down the damage and their situation, replying, "It's tattered a bit".

Bus Shelters: At Hexham Rural Council's meeting on January 4th 1944, councillors expressed an urgent need for bus shelters at Haydon Bridge. G.W. Wanless and W.W. Ridley insisted that the cost should not come out of the rates as, they pointed out, railway companies provide shelters for their passengers and bus companies should do the same. The council came to the conclusion, however, that it was 'hopeless to achieve anything while the War was on'.

Well! It's only taken 73 years since this meeting to get a bus shelter on the north side, for passengers going west.

HMS Tynedale: On January 20th 1944, the Admiralty announced that the Hunt class destroyer HMS Tynedale - see page six column 1 - had been hit by a U-Boat torpedo on December 12th 1943 and was lost at sea. Sixty six of the one hundred and forty six crew had lost their lives. HMS Tynedale had been launched on June 5th 1940 as the first Royal Navy ship to bear the name of a Fox Hunt in Northumberland.

HMS Haydon, a Type II Hunt Class Escort Destroyer, was launched on April 2nd 1942 and, as far as I am aware, was the second Royal Navy ship to be named after a Northumberland Fox Hunt. 'HMS Haydon' survived the war at sea.

Religious Union: At a meeting in February, unanimous approval was given by the representatives of the three Methodist Circuits in Hexham District, to a union of the three Circuits from September 3rd 1944. Churches in the Haydon Bridge district would be under the charge of Cyril R. Ransome.

Brains Trust: The opening session of the Haydon Bridge 'Brains Trust' took place in February 1944. The 'Trust' included Mrs Weir, Miss O. Bury, Mr R. Walker (Shaftoe Trust School Headmaster), Mr E. Harrison, Rev. C.R. Ransome and Mr Noel Shaw (Question Master).

H.G. Stronach: The funeral of H.G. Stronach took place on February 26th 1944. Mr Stronach was headmaster of Otterburn School where he had been for two and a half years and previous to that, for ten years he had been an Assistant School Master at Shaftoe Trust School.

In The Haydon News of November 2009, I recalled Mr Stronach through the memories of former Haydonian, the late Joseph Morton. 'I remember a teacher (at Shaftoe Trust) called Mr. Stronach. He used to line the boys up in one gangway and the girls in another and we had to answer mental arithmetic questions alternately, as our names were read out. Mr. Stronach had a strap which he called the 'Cat of Nine Tails'. It had a broad part which he held and about four narrow straps attached. If any of us got an answer wrong we got the 'Cat of Nine Tails.' Joseph remembered Mr. Stronach as a teacher of Science and Electrical Science and said he was a very clever man who expected his pupils to be the same. Nevertheless, I know from my own father that, although not universally liked by the pupils at the time, 'Stronach' maintained discipline in the classroom and was a fine teacher.

A fir tree was planted at Shaftoe Trust School on the green to the west of the Dairy, in memory of Mr H.G. Stronach's ten years there as an Assistant School Master.



HERITAGE CORRESPONDENCE

I regularly receive requests from our Haydon News' readers for information related to their Haydonian ancestors. Please get in touch with me if you can help the writer of this email, or if you are able to add to my Waterhouse Inn information.

**Thank you.
(dennistelford636@btinternet.com)**

March 26th 2017

Dear Mr Telford,

I was fascinated to read your Historical Notes of Haydon Bridge in the March 2008 edition of the Haydon News.

In the March edition you mention various members of the Bewick family and also show a picture entitled: 'The old Waterhouse Inn stood on the road between Lipwood Hall and Whitechapel'.

My interest is because my daughter and I are pursuing genealogy research on our family and found that, in 1841, Mary Maughan is recorded as being the Innkeeper at Waterhouse. Our research indicates that Mary is an ancestor of ours so the Waterhouse Inn is of particular interest. Do you have any further information about that Inn and its ownership/Innkeepers? Do you know when it ceased to function as an Inn? The picture in the March 2008 Haydon News is most interesting as we are writing a history of our family.

Our family originates from Whinnetley Farm, which is near the Inn on the Honeycrook Burn and is connected with our Bewick ancestors.

Kind regards,
Richard Kingslake.

Waterhouse (or Water House) Inn

My reference to 'Waterhouse' in March 2008, to which our correspondent refers, was to locate for our readers the line of a five mile belt of mineral veins, extending from Moralee, south of the Tyne, 'through Waterhouse' and north and east to the Langley Barony Honeycrook Lead Mines and thence to Settlingstones and Stonecroft.

That a Public House - and a blacksmith's Shop - should be located by the nineteenth century turnpike between Lipwood and Whitechapel, as they were, is evidence of the importance of the area west of Haydon Bridge in those early days. Agriculture was predominant, of course, but mining for lead alongside the Honeycrook Burn until 1893 and coal mining at Whitechapel (until 1935) and elsewhere in the area, also provided a regular flow of customers for the ale house and the blacksmith.

Neither the Waterhouse Inn nor the building that housed the blacksmith's shop, can be seen today as various road widening works have been completed and, although some readers will, like me, remember Livingston's - or more recently Armstrong's - Whitechapel blacksmith's shop and the adjacent Holm Cottage, the Waterhouse Inn was in ruins well before even those of our oldest readers were able to raise a glass.

It is disappointing that we do not have recorded memories of the dubious activities of the nineteenth century that took place in our long gone Waterhouse Inn and, as far as I am aware - but I would love to be told differently - the goings-on there are left to our imagination. Authoress Nancy Ridley does offer a view that:

'Rather wild young men of the district used to gather at the Water House and drink far into the night. Bets were laid and disasters followed.'

We can be certain that a great deal of merriment occurred on Christmas Day around 1812 in the district that was 'Lipwood Quarter' - thanks to a song composed at the time by a William Makepeace - with a good chance that the Waterhouse Inn was involved in the drinking and

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dancing that was enjoyed there.

Nancy Ridley also reiterates a well known account that Thomas Cowing, son of Mathew of High Moralee, came to a violent end in 1849 on his way from Haltwhistle to the notorious Waterhouse. When riding at high speed on horseback with Nicholas Ridley as company, Thomas's horse galloped against the end of a house at Melkridge, 'killing the rider on the spot'.

We also have a substantiated record that twenty three year old George Cowing of High Moralee was drowned from his horse when crossing the river near the Waterhouse on 15th December 1852, and another Cowing, John, was the Inn keeper at the Waterhouse in 1856; following in the footsteps of our correspondent's ancestor Mary Maughan, who had her name above the Waterhouse door in 1841.

I share an ancestor with the Northumbrian author Nancy Ridley and it is through the recollections in her book *A Northumbrian Remembers* (Pub 1970) that I can place my own 2x great grandfather, Mathew Ridley, as a customer at the Waterhouse. This was around 1817/1818 when he was attracted by the 'exceedingly pretty' daughter of John Woodman who lived and farmed at nearby Whitechapel. Aware of its bad reputation, Woodman did not look kindly on the young man from Birkshaw, Bardon Mill who frequented the Waterhouse and very much enjoyed the company of his daughter Jane. - It was unlikely to have improved her father's demeanour that Jane was 'with child' as a 15/16 year old.

Woodman's doubts about her suitor, led to Mathew and his daughter meeting in secret and eventually eloping and riding off together on horseback.

Mathew Ridley and Jane Woodman were duly married and had five children: Robert (born illegitimately to Jane in 1817), William, John, Mathew and Elizabeth.

(It was Elizabeth, born November 21st 1837, who was to connect the Ridley and Telford families, when marrying William Telford, my great grandfather. William and Elizabeth were married on May 8th 1862 in St Cuthbert's Church at Haydon Bridge and they had nine children including William Ridley Telford, born March 20th 1872, my grandfather. Elizabeth died on June 4th 1879 and her inscribed headstone at Haydon Bridge is sad to read as it commemorates five of her nine children who died at an early age. William Telford died on December 25th 1920.)

Sadly, Mathew Ridley's wife Jane died at Birkshaw on January 25th 1846, and shortly afterwards her husband Mathew moved the family to Haydon Bridge where they lived and farmed Peel Well and Rattenraw. In the years that followed, the sons and grandsons of Mathew and Jane added the farms of Lipwood Well, High Lipwood, Middle Lipwood and Seldom Seen to their holdings.

In 1976, nineteenth century Mathew Ridley's Peel Well buildings at (West) Rattenraw were again in the family; five acres of the original three hundred acres being bought at auction by his 2x great grandson.

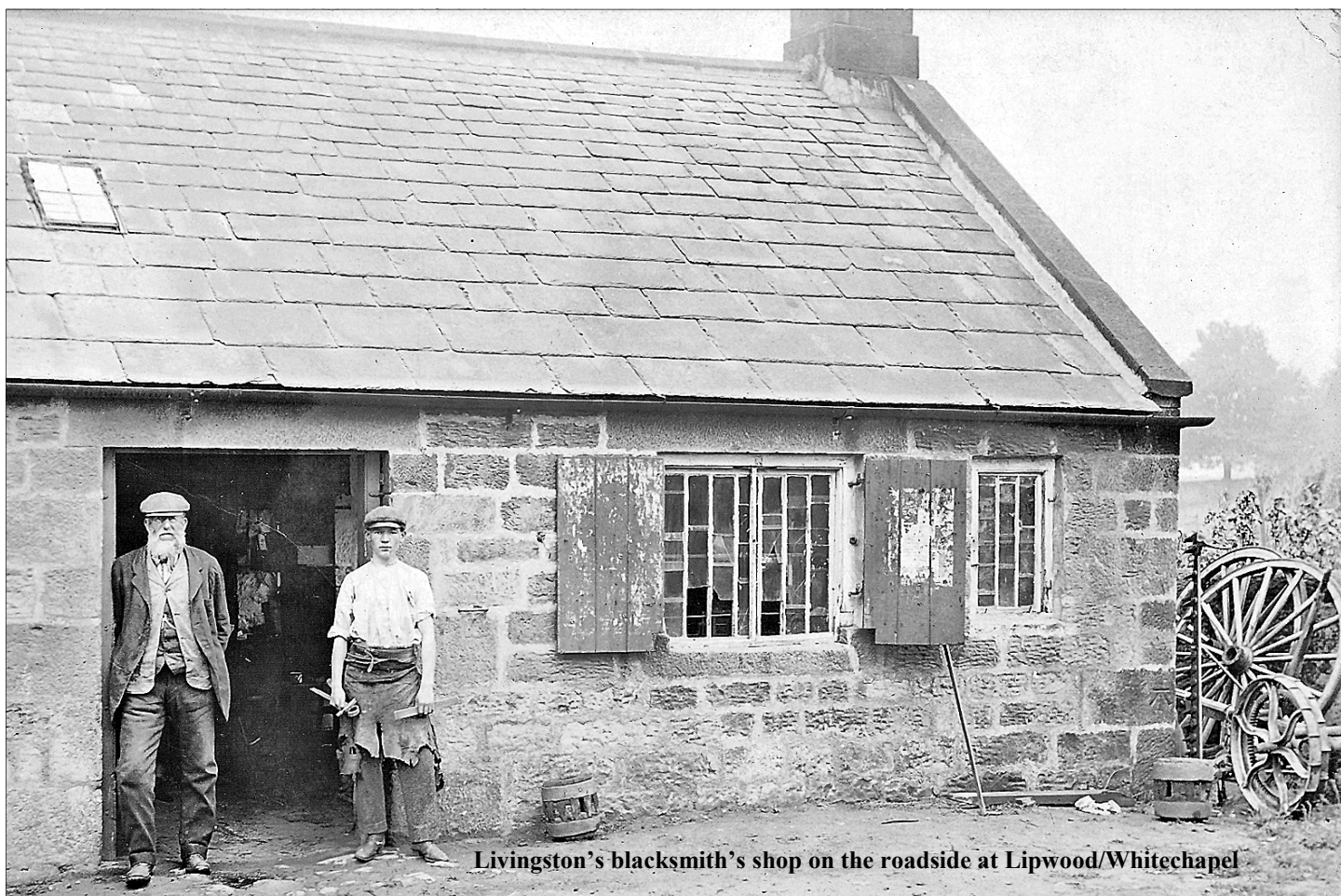
By this time, however, the Waterhouse and its dubious past was but a Lipwood and Whitechapel legend, and a couple of photographs.

See also page 10

THE HAYDON VIEWS
Haydon History in Black and White



The ruined Waterhouse Inn alongside the turnpike at Lipwood/Whitechapel : Inset - Waterhouse in better days. ‘Where rather wild young men used to gather and drink far into the night.’ (See pages 8 and 9)



Livingston's blacksmith's shop on the roadside at Lipwood/Whitechapel

THE RELEASE

Hand out stretched - caught my tears
Arms out stretched - caught my fears

A cage outheld caught all of my sins
An angel came gave me flying wings

With them I ascended to the beyond
All chains broke no shall to me bond

I am leaving - I won't be coming back
Gone are the caverns of eternal black

Violins - lightly play music in my ears
As my life descends back in the years

To when I walked free on this world
Not a forsaken life as I tightly furled

A prisoner of others cruel intentions
Bid fare well to my failed abstention

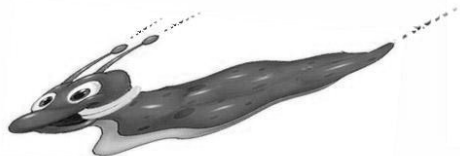
Raised beyond others contradictions
As sick minds they harbour affliction

As I a soul - now pardoned and freed
The cost only - that I should concede

Into the realms of our almighty Lord
As I feel the release of this life's cord

Indiana Shaw ...

DO SLUGS EVER SUFFER FROM GAS



*Do slugs I ever wonder ever suffer from gas
After having a munch in the cabbage patch
But just in case one blows and ends up flying past
Do your darn hardest - not at it to laugh :)*

Indiana Shaw

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CHURCHES WORKING TOGETHER CLERGY MESSAGE

From: Rev. Dr. Benjamin Carter.

My favourite story in the Bible is the story of Jacob's Ladder. If you don't know it you can find it in chapter 28 of the Book of Genesis. In it Jacob, fleeing from his conflict with his brother Esau, has a vision in a dream of a ladder leading up and down to heaven, with angels going up and down the ladder. Waking from his dream Jacob recognises the closeness of God's love to him with these memorable words: "Surely the Lord is in this place – and I did not know it".

I don't know why I love this story. It might be the memory of a family holiday in Bath where the west-front of the Abbey there are decorated with the image of Jacob's Ladder. It might have been the description of Jacob using a stone as a pillow in the story which for some reason stuck with me. Certainly as I have come to love the grandeur and beauty of our landscape I find myself returning to Jacob's words: the Lord is in this place.

During November we find ourselves, like Jacob, close to the gate of heaven. Be it through the feasts of All Saints and All Souls, through Remembrance Sunday, or at the month with the Feast of Christ the King. In the Church of England we call this time 'Kingdom Season' and in it we, like Jacob, think especially about our closeness to God's kingdom. The problem is that in grief, in the passing years of time, and simply in life, we can like Jacob before his dream, feel distant from God's promise of the hereafter. But in this month, we don't just think of those who have ascended that ladder and slipped from our sight, we also think about how the wonder and promise of God's Kingdom descends to us here on earth.

In John's Gospel we hear, at the end of the first chapter, Jesus quote from the story of Jacob's ladder. By doing it he reminds us that in Jesus God connects with the promise of God's kingdom. In Jesus, and in the love he reveals to us, we are connected with all who are gathered into God's love on the other side of time. In Jesus we see and know that connection between now and the hereafter, and when two or three are gathered in his name we know that Jesus us in our midst, that Jacob's ladder joins us to heaven, and that the Lord is in this place.

Rev. Dr. Benjamin Carter.

Parish Gift Day

Many thanks to everyone who donated to the Parish Gift Day in September. Including the Gift Aid we have been able to reclaim this raised over £2000 to support the continued presence and work of your Parish Church in this community.

Thank you.

ROMAN CATHOLIC SERVICES

Father Leo Pyle St John of Beverley Catholic Church
St John's Presbytery, North Bank Tel. 01434 684265

Mass each Sunday at 9.30am

Mass each Sunday at 11.00am at Haltwhistle

Mass on weekdays (except Mondays) at 10.00am either
St John's or Haltwhistle.

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

Parishes by the wall

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

All Saints and All Souls

Sunday 4 November

9.30am: Parish Eucharist, St Cuthbert's Beltingham

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

3.30pm: All Souls' Day Service, All Hallows' Henshaw

5pm: All Souls' Day Service, St Cuthbert's Haydon Bridge

Remembrance Sunday

Sunday 12 November

10am: Remembrance Day Service with Storybook
Church, All Hallows' Henshaw

10.15am: Remembrance Day Service, St Cuthbert's Hay-
don Bridge

Second Sunday before Advent

Sunday 19 November

9.30am: Parish Eucharist, St Cuthbert's Beltingham

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

3pm: God's Tent, pitching tbc

Christ the King

Sunday 25 November

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

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

Saturday 2 December

3pm: Advent Carol Service, Haydon Old Church

Advent Sunday

Sunday 3 December

9.30am: Parish Eucharist, St Cuthbert's Beltingham

11am: Parish Eucharist with Storybook Church, St
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5 November

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6pm	Evening Service David Stabler

12 November

10.15am	United Service at St. Cuthbert's Church
10.50am	War Memorial Act of Remembrance

followed by refreshments in the Methodist Church

6.00pm	Communion Service Rev. Tony Buglass
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19 November

10am	Morning Service Margery Burgess
6pm	Evening Service Rev. Jenny Porter-Pryde

26 November

10am	Communion Service Supt. Paul Dunstan
6.00pm	Evening Service Geoff Orrock

3 December

10am	1st in Advent Morning Service Nigel King
6 pm	Café Style Service Deacon Anne Taylor

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Light up a Life and remember someone special

With the festive season approaching Tynedale Hospice at Home is inviting people to celebrate the memory of a loved one and support its vital work through its Light up a Life campaign.

Light up a Life invites people to remember a loved one who has died by making a donation in their memory. In return for a donation – no matter how large or small – you will receive a card with your loved one's name (s) inside and a memory star to write your own message on. This can be brought to one of the Hospice's three dedicated Light up a Life services or can be used to hang on your own Christmas tree at home. Each donation represents a light on our remembrance tree and the remembrance tree of lights is turned on at each service.

Laura Elliott, Fundraising Manager for Tynedale Hospice at Home, said: "Christmas can be a particularly difficult and poignant time for people who have lost someone they love and Light up a Life is all about providing the opportunity for people to remember them.

"As part of the campaign, Tynedale Hospice at Home is hosting three Light up a Life church services where there is an opportunity for quiet reflection to remember those who have died. These services are family-friendly and are open to everyone of all faiths, whether you have experienced the services of Tynedale Hospice at Home or not and you don't have to have made a donation to attend."

The Light up a Life services are taking place at:

Prudhoe Methodist Church
Saturday, 25 November at 4pm
St Mary's Church, Ponteland
Sunday, 26 November at 4pm
Hexham Abbey
Saturday, 2 December at 3pm

All funds raised will support the work of Tynedale Hospice at Home 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.

To dedicate a light in memory of someone special, or to find out more, please call 01434 606 444 or visit www.tynedalehospice.com/event-light-up-a-life

See also page 23 for contact details.

Allen Valleys Folk Festival



A great three-day festival and the numbers were up again this year. There were artists from all round Britain and they were top class. Maz O'Connor from London travelled for 9hrs by national express bus with 2 guitars and 2 back packs. We were pleased she did as her singing and playing was outstanding.

Also Damian O'Kane from York with his many musical talents. A young band called "Fare" were from Scotland give us their songs from their upbringing among the music of Orkney. There were 13 bands in total plus a selection of local musicians. Some of the bands played late into the night in the local pubs and there were various hands-on events during the day.

On Sunday there was the burning of the Allendale Wolf and dancing in the village square. I would have liked to have seen more local people there to enjoy the festival but maybe next year.



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COMMUNITY CENTRE DEFIBRILLATOR

The defibrillator is now in position on the front wall of the Community Centre.



The Community Association is arranging awareness sessions in the use of the defibrillator and Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) sometime in November. Dates and times to follow. The dates and times will be advertised around the village and on Haydon Bridge Matters.

The sessions are open to all ages, even if you

have had training before please come along, everyone is welcome. The more people that can be trained in CPR and the use of the defibrillator the better. You never know when the situation may arise when you might need to perform CPR and use the defibrillator. It is an essential piece of life saving equipment.

Thanks once again to you the community for all the fund raising efforts that helped to make this project happen.

Mary Douthwaite

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THE NORTH EAST IN TWELVE FAVOURITE PLACES

Where the Roman Wall Ends (or begins)

No-one in this village needs to be told about the Roman Wall that strides above us along the crest of the Whin Sill. Sycamore Gap is beautiful, but we don't need yet more pictures of it. The same goes for the outstanding Roman sites at Chesters, Housesteads and Vindolanda. (But it's worth putting a word in for the newly opened National Park Centre "The Sill" at Once Brewed on the Military Road. It's worth a visit, and there's a nice shop and a good café-restaurant there too.)



But the antiquities in urban Tyneside offer something a bit different. I'm thinking of Wallsend north of the Tyne and Arbeia on the south bank opposite. You don't expect to come across Roman remains where there were once shipyards and the tangle of heavy industry, or in the midst of long streets of red brick Victorian houses. Just as the lonely upland setting of the Roman Wall in our area is a great part of its appeal, so it is, for me anyway, in the gritty townscapes where the Tyne nears the sea. What they lack in scenery they more than make up for in urban atmosphere, especially on the sort of grey overcast days the North East does so well.



Let's focus on Wallsend. If you can, get there by Metro from the city centre. I suggest this for the sake of getting off at Wallsend station. It's nothing special to look at, but it has the distinction of being the only railway station in the world that has signage in Latin (and in English too, should you need it). A short walk under the



tracks brings you to the site itself.

Segedunum (does it mean strongly fortified place?) is dominated by an unlikely looking 1960s tower bearing the inscription "Where Rome's great frontier begins". This is the observation tower and it's worth starting the visit at the top (there's a lift as well as stairs). From here you can take in the entire excavated site and its setting. You are looking west, up the Tyne that flows alongside the fort. Upstream you can see the remnants of the legendary Tyneside shipyards and beyond, the city-centre where the Roman bridge Pons Aelius once stood. This was the lowest crossing of the river, a key strategic location, and it's likely that Segedunum was built to protect it.



The Roman Wall has a long history, but what matters at Wallsend is that it was at Pons Aelius that Emperor Hadrian began to construct his wall in 122AD. (Aelius





is derived from Hadrian's family name.) The short four-mile section eastwards, running under what is now Byker and terminating at the fort also included a spur running down to the river. This was completed a few years later. When you walk the site and gaze at the two short chunks of wall that survive, you can't help pondering this extraordinary monument that stretches all the way to the Solway via our parish about half way



along. What was this edge-of-empire wall for? Probably not to defend the empire or attack enemies. More likely it symbolically marked the extent of empire, with its many gates serving as points at which to control traffic and regulate trade between the empire and the peoples beyond it.

But I left you at the top of the observation tower. Come down and visit the galleries on the two floors at the bottom. There are good interactive displays about the history of the Wall, exhibits of excavated artefacts and (what school children especially enjoy), resources to help you imagine what it would have been like to live in



a Roman garrison. You are also told something about the history of Wallsend after the Romans left in about 400AD. Its key role in Tyneside's heavy industry, particularly mining and shipbuilding, is rightly made much of. This characterful area is all part of Newcastle's hinterland.

There isn't actually a lot to see above ground when you walk round the site. I've mentioned the short sections of



wall that survive. The reconstructed Roman bath house is the most prominent building (not open at the time of writing). But as I've said, it's more a case of setting and atmosphere. This close to the river, you appreciate its significance for this part of England, and the strategic importance of a crossing point as near to its estuary as you can. You see why Segedunum was necessary. And



if it all feels a little forlorn, think what it must have felt like to soldiers from Syria, north Africa or Spain whose legions served on the Wall at different times. They would have wrapped themselves up against the keen east wind blowing off the North Sea and wondered how they ever came to exchange their azure Mediterranean skies for this bleak and lonely place.

That's why I say that atmosphere is everything. If you want to feel the authentic North East in all its ancient, sharp and uncompromising character, Wallsend offers plenty of scope. So does Arbeia, when it opens again in the spring. And if you want to know more about the Wall and those who served on it, the Roman Army Museum at Carvoran and the excellent exhibitions at Vindolanda will give you plenty to think about.

Michael Sadgrove

In Search for Aylan

I could not stop crying when I heard the news of the drowning of the three-year old Aylan Kurdi. He was a Syrian war refugee who perished together with his mother and his older brother when crossing the sea to the safety of Europe two years ago. Aylan did not look like the popular image of tabloid media; he was not a young, fit man who had been traveling to the civilisation to rape women and take benefits. In fact, he looked remarkably similar to one of my sons. I also have two children, two boys, and although I am an accomplished swimmer, I cannot imagine surviving “a swim” in the open sea, let alone saving two children under five as well. I sat down some months later and wrote “Traces in the Sand”, which was to become a title poem of a booklet that came out a year later in support of Haydon Bridge based charity Refugee Aid Network UK, in aid of



long-suffering people in the war-torn Syrian city of Aleppo.

Curiously, the same tragic event motivated the man who is behind the charity: Dan Dowling of Haydon Bridge. Understandably, after the widely reported death of a beautiful little boy, that was both unnecessary and horrible, the public opinion was galvanised and the charitable efforts upped. In September 2015, Dan was approached by a former colleague to assist with a business proposal to generate corporate donations for life saving aid in Syria. He could help because that is what he does for living: writing business plans, business proposals, tenders and loans. During his research, just travelling through Europe, he was confronted with the horrors of the consequences of modern day wars. It was an eye-opening journey for him, an epiphany.

“It changed my life forever,” says Dan, sitting in his house by the river Tyne in Haydon Bridge.

At the time of our interview, it is chilly, yet sunny and damp. How very British! A massive fluffy black dog Lenny is playing with my son in the garden. I nicknamed him “Teddy Bear” be-



cause that’s how he looks to me. My little boy’s golden locks shimmer in the sun.

Dan sports typically quite a shabby outfit, consisting of pock-eted trousers and a brown-coloured jumper, a stark contrast with eloquently delivered stories, all of them moving, all of them quite traumatising to listen to, all of them real. The man nervously fiddles with his fingers, his eyes staring before him as he weighs in every word. He explains to me that after his brief voluntary work for his friend, he decided to launch his own charity that would help people in Syria: Refugee Aid Network UK was born in 2016.

The Time before this Time

But let us start from the beginning. We live in the same village, yet I did not know Dan Dowling until November 2016. The journey, that led me to this moment, started in October that year when I spotted an appeal on our village Facebook page, to prepare a shoebox of hope for people in Aleppo. We were asked to add some basic toiletries, gloves, hats, some small toys for the kids. As I was filling “our” shoebox telling my two little boys they had to share all this with someone less fortunate, perhaps a boy like them, I had one of those light bulb moments we all get



every now and again.

My two friends Victoria and Imogen had been working with me on a collaborative arts project with the view of presenting our fruits of labour at the exhibition. It occurred to me that we could use our artwork to produce a book that would raise some money for this local charity. Could it even be done? Can we manage it? There were only few weeks till December and all of us are busy mums with very young children: we were not sure but decided we would at least try. We worked at midnight or got up at four a.m. to work on our artwork! The resulting book earned over £130.00, which is not bad for a niche slim volume of poetry and illustrations.

What Happened Next?

In March or April this year I bumped into Dan again. He was walking a dog, I was pushing a buggy. We exchanged some polite sentences, as you do when you see a familiar face in the street, and then I became quite curious: how an ordinary man, a family man with a young son and in a happy relationship, living a cosy life in the rural Northumberland launches an international charity? I wanted to know.

“I am a baldy from up the street,” Dan laughs off my inquisitive question. He is right, without trying to sound offensive, you would pass him in the street without noticing. In fact, the only thing you would probably pay attention to, is his gigantic dog.

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New Years Eve is fast approaching so we need to make sure that we have plenty of volunteers for the Fireworks at Midnight.

As in previous years, the old bridge will be closed from 3pm. We can't reiterate enough that this is not our doing – Northumbria Police insist on it – having so many explosives on the bridge is a safety hazard so the public have to be kept at a safe distance from the moment the fireworks experts start setting up. This means that we need pairs of marshals at either side of the bridge doing one and a half hour shifts from 3pm – midnight. We also need people to marshal the road closure points at either end of the new bridge from 11.30 'til midnight-ish as well as helpers to serve refreshments and rattle collection buckets to start off the Fireworks 2017/18 fund. Please contact me or any of the other Get It Together Society members with your name, email and phone number ASAP so we can liaise with you as to what times are most suitable for you. We can't do it without your support on the night. Many, many thanks.

We're in the process of organising some exciting events for next year so watch this space.

As always, we would love to welcome more members and ideas to the Get It Together Society. We meet on the 1st Monday of the month in the Havelock at 8pm.

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The Shaftoe Charities have generously agreed to meet the course fees of those Lunch Club volunteers who wish to be trained. Others from the parish can join the course for a £35 fee. Places are limited to 12 but, if there is sufficient demand, there is the possibility that the course could be repeated in the new year.

The course will be provided by F.A.N.E., see their website for further details. They have been advised that some participants may be interested in the care of the young and of older people too.

If you are interested in taking part please contact Carole Price, either through the Lunch Club or by using the contact details that will be on the Co-op Notice board from 8 November.



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**If you wish to nominate a charity then please contact John Harrison (aka Queenie)
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A VIEW FROM UP THERE

John Harrison

A couple of weeks ago I was invited to a harvest hog-roast at a local church during which they were also going to toast the lay reader who was about to retire. So that's what happens to clergy when their life's work is done – I think I'll just keep on working !! Before talking about the weather, I'd just like to share a couple of strange headlines from American newspapers. How about "Homicide victims rarely talk to the police" and "Statistics show that teen pregnancies drop off significantly after age 25." And strange is how we could well describe the weather this autumn.

September was cool and at times cloudy and dull, but there were also some sunny periods. Winds were mainly variable and light, apart from one blustery spell of weather between the 10th and 14th. The first six days were generally dry with some hazy sunshine and a short spell of rain overnight on the 4th. Winds were light. Weather systems arriving from the west on the 8th brought a change to very unsettled weather with strong winds and bouts of heavy rain. This was torrential on the 13th causing some local flooding and flood warnings on the South Tyne. Pressure began to rise from the 14th bringing more settled weather although occasional showers persisted in a cool polar airstream. When night skies cleared the air temperature fell and by the morning of the 19th had reached 3.0 degC. This was reflected in the more sensitive garden plants which wilted badly. A shift to winds from a more southerly direction brought much milder nights after the 20th, the temperature falling to only 14.7 degC on the 21st. For the remainder of the month the weather was a mixture of dull/cloudy conditions with relatively poorer visibility but also some spells of quite warm sunshine.

I realise that what I am about to talk about occurred in October but while it's fresh in your minds I thought I'd say a little about an event of considerable meteorological significance, which was the arrival of former hurricane Ophelia. It isn't uncommon for tropical storms to travel eastwards to Europe but Ophelia managed to keep its shape well into the eastern Atlantic - which is exceptional. Such storms change into mid-latitude depressions as they travel, with associated warm and cold fronts. Ophelia came to the British Isles from a southerly direction and drew in very warm air, which on the 16th was loaded with fine dust from the Sahara Desert. There was a deposition of fine dust and widespread reports of 'lurid' atmospheric conditions in the late morning/early afternoon of the 16th October. The usual reports across the UK were of very gloomy conditions with a yellow/orange/red glow, but a few referred to a blue/violet cast to the sky. Many have referred to conditions as "almost alien". Several observers reported it strange that one could look directly at the Sun which appeared as a coloured disk. Storm force winds caused considerable damage along the west coast but interestingly there was very little rainfall here in Haydon Bridge (2 mm).

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
September	15.9	-0.7	9.2	+0.9	71.3	112

And finally, Gladys is away on holiday in the USA and sent me this story from the local newspaper. A rather bad-tempered woman "in her senior years" was arrested for shoplifting at a grocery store. When she appeared before the judge, he asked her what she had stolen from the store. The lady defiantly replied, "Just a stupid can of peaches you old fool." The judge then asked how many peaches were in the can. "Nine! But why do you care about that?" she replied. The judge answered patiently, "Well, ma'am, because I'm going to give you nine days in jail -- one day for each peach." As the judge was about to drop his gavel, the lady's long-suffering husband raised his hand slowly and asked if he might speak. The judge said, "Yes sir, what do you have to add?" The husband said meekly, "Your Honour, she also stole two large cans of peas."

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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HAYDON BRIDGE Events 2017

Saturday 11 November

Craft Fair – Community Centre

December 31

Midnight fireworks from the Old Bridge

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POLICE

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

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Tel 101 Ask for 8526

The dates for the next Police surgeries are; 10-11am
2nd November 7th December.

Regular Activities in the Community Centre

Monday

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Nicola Grint. 07879999289

Yoga – 10am

aliciafearon@btinternet.com

Dance Club - 7.30pm

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Tuesday

Tiny Tots – 9.15am

Nicola Grint. 07879999289

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

Joyce Sim. 01434 684704

Women's Wellness Group - 7pm

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Wednesday

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aliciafearon@btinternet.com

Art Group - 6.30pm (bi monthly)

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Thursday

Bowls Club - 7.30pm

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Parish Council - 7.30pm (4th Thursday)

Eileen Charlton. 01434 684505

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Friday Lunch Club - 12-2pm

Saturday

Coffee mornings - 10am

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Sunday

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MEET A PARISH COUNCILLOR

Councillor Kelly Richardson has set up a series of meetings that she has titled 'Open Parish Surgery'. The idea is to give people who might hesitate to attend and speak at a parish council meeting an opportunity to have a quiet private word with a parish councillor.

A parish council is a civil local authority found in England and is the lowest tier of local government. They are elected corporate bodies, have variable tax raising powers, and are responsible for areas known as civil parishes, serving in total 16 million people. A parish council serving a town may be called a town council, and a parish council serving a city is styled a city council; these bodies have the same powers, duties and status as a parish council.

Parish and town councils vary enormously in size, activities and circumstances, representing populations ranging from less than 100 (small rural hamlets) to up to 70,000 (Weston-Super-Mare Town Council). Most of them are small: around 80% represent populations of less than 2,500.

There are 9,000 parish and town councils in England. Over 16 million people live in communities served by these local councils, which is around 25% of the population, and about 80,000 councillors serve on these councils. It is calculated £1 billion is invested in these communities every year.

Their activities fall into three main categories: representing the local community, delivering services to meet local needs, and improving quality of life and community well being.

Local councils can provide and maintain a variety of local services including allotments, bridleways, burial grounds, bus shelters, car parks, commons and open spaces, community transport schemes,

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community safety and crime reduction measures, events

and festivals, footpaths, leisure and sports facilities, litter bins, public toilets, planning, street cleaning and lighting, tourism activities, traffic calming measures, village greens and youth projects. These existing powers were recently strengthened by powers contained in the Localism Act including the extension of the "General Power of Competence" to eligible local councils.

Not every civil parish has a parish council: smaller ones—typically those with an electorate of fewer than 200—have parish meetings instead. A parish with a small number of electors may share a council with one or more neighbouring parishes; such an arrangement is known as a grouped parish council, or sometimes as a joint parish council, common parish council or combined parish council.

Parish councils are funded by levying a "precept" collected with the council tax paid by the residents of the parish. Parish councils have unpaid councillors who are elected to serve for four years, unless a casual vacancy arises which may be filled by a by-election or by co-option.

At these new sessions people are invited to bring along any concerns, problems, ideas or proposals and share them with a councillor directly. The subjects raised would then be taken by the councillor to the next Parish Council meeting.

The next two dates will be:

Saturday 13th January 2018

Saturday 7th April 2018

The sessions will run alongside the existing coffee mornings in the Community Centre and so refreshments will be available too.

Councillor Kelly Richardson's contact details are:

Mrs. Kelly Richardson

07732260415 or 01434 684251

Richardsonkelly00@gmail.com

49 Strother Close. Haydon Bridge. NE47 6JN

Friday Lunch Club

It is friendly, relaxed, good value for money and most importantly very tasty. That is the verdict from the locals who have been enjoying the new lunch club at the Community Centre. Why not come along and join them at 12 noon every Friday to enjoy a freshly-made lunch of Soup, Sandwich and Sweet for £5?

If you want to, stay a while afterwards for the chat or dominoes, cards or board games. Also included in the price is an optional chair-based exercise session, if you want to improve your strength and flexibility simply turn up at 11.15.

More volunteer helpers are urgently needed to share the work so that everyone gets a break. Each helper chooses their dates and the jobs they want to sign up for. Everyone is shown what to do and at first works with someone who has done the job before, any expenditure on ingredients is re-imbursed and training in Food Safety or Emergency First Aid is occasionally provided to those who request it. Please come along to meet us at the Community Centre from 11.15 any Friday if you feel you can help in any way.

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BOOK REVIEW

Penguin; 01 edition (2 Jan. 2014)

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The blurb on the cover is rarely reliable I find - but in this case I was very pleasantly surprised.

A book which both men and women can enjoy by reading the same words but taking different meanings from them is unusual in my experience - at least I think women will make something different of the narrative to men. Here we have a man and a woman orbiting each other warily whilst struggling with their own internal demons and limitations and the complexities of communication and comprehension across the yawning gender divide.

The one is actively seeking a spouse/partner and the other is in pursuit of their father's identity. Brought together by a mutual acquaintance, they realise the potential benefits of collaboration and the scope for misunderstanding and joint enterprise.

Genuinely comedic moments and outright farce, combined with a reasonably straightforward narrative style, make this an easy and enjoyable holiday read. High concept literature it isn't.

There is now a sequel 'The Rosie Effect' that I have yet to get to grips with - Christmas perhaps...

Steve Ford

However, we agree to have a cup of tea where he promises to satisfy all my queries.

When we finally meet, we talk. We talk a lot. We talk about his paying his own money to dispatch containers of help to the besieged city of Aleppo; about going on the field trip to research the area before sending any physical help. About bullets that whizz around your head as you try to escape; a child dying in your arms; weapons that come from every country, including the UK, and are being supplied as we speak. There is famine and cholera in Yemen, hardly anyone mentions; camps in Northern France and Paris, in Greece and Turkey; soldiers and barbed wires put up against people running away from desperate situations. No wonder young children with mums or older people don't make it! That is an undertaking for fit and healthy young individuals. And like in any war that has ever been fought in history, there are a few people who profit from it, while unimaginable suffering is spread amongst the rest of the population.

"So how does RAN UK work?" I enquire as I sip the last drop-let of strong English tea from a battered mug.

"It is a committee led organisation with all the members democratically elected. But everybody works as a volunteer, no one is paid. We all do it in our spare time. Perhaps you should talk to our chairman Michael." I don't vocalise my surprise at the fact that the founder of the organisation is not also a chairperson, - an assumption I wrongly made - but someone else is.

People of the RAN UK

"I was really angry that people who are fleeing to Europe are being ignored," explains Michael Nixon, the chairman of the RAN UK, on the phone to me. I wanted to know what his motivation was, to get actively involved with helping people in war zones and refugees. In his "normal" life, Michael is an engineer who works away most of the week, and he is also a father to three young children, aged 12, 9 and 2.

I can tell that Michael does not use many words and replies in an accurate, yet briefest possible version of an answer. His sentences are decorated with the melodic North East accent. Voice is a wonderful medium. You can build the whole person around it. I picture a strong man who works with his hands and his actions speak for him, rather than self-promoting monologues. He reveals he goes abroad every two to three months and he has been to camps in Serbia and Northern France.

"How did it change you?" I ask. Michael explains:

"I suppose I feel less powerless. I can see how a small group of people can achieve a lot, I can see an immediate impact. The hardest thing for me as a father is to see other fathers with sick children they can't help. It's so heartbreaking to see it, yet it would be so easy for us to deal with the whole situation. I feel obliged to help those people. I hope that someone would help me if I were in that situation."

A similar sentiment echoes from another volunteer, a high school English teacher Sarah, who is also a mother to a thirteen-year old boy. She makes weekend trips once a month and every holiday to Paris to help refugees stuck in Europe, sometimes simply assisting people to get in touch with the right charities, doing whatever is needed on the spot. There, you find a number of people from many places, including Afghanistan or countries in Africa, some of whom don't even know their birth date. The complete lack of knowledge of the local culture, education, makes them especially vulnerable. The Police are not very helpful, repeatedly destroying all the food and possessions the refugees have. I ask Sarah what her teenage son thinks about her humanitarian work.

"He understands," she replies with an audibly more cheerful

tone in her voice, "he is a teenager so he talks to other people about how he finds what I do interesting." I also want to know how the experience changed her life.

"Previously, I wouldn't travel abroad. Now I am a more confident person who simply wants to solve problems at hand. I am a control freak so it would give me anxiety not to do anything. I live in a small village so this has definitely opened my mind."

"I can't live like I lived before," she continues, "I can't justify meals out and entertainment when I see so much suffering. You see, some people don't care because it doesn't affect their lives directly."

What is next?

Caring is what makes us humans, does it not? Caring is what all three charity workers have in common: empathy to human suffering, a feeling that one must do something in the case of humanitarian disasters we face today worldwide; that it is our duty as human beings to help those who need it most.

Yet, as Dan Dowling confirms to me, their much needed relief work is made harder by media coverage, portraying refugees in a negative way, even choosing a word "migrant" as if they simply went on an interesting field trip, rather than ran for their lives. With every terrorist attack it is more difficult to convince people that that's what we should do, help the others because they need it. Compassion can be sometimes in short supply when people are scared, then they rationalise it by "being the sensible ones", resorting to patronising attitudes, calling those who believe we should help, that they are naïve, even maybe stupid, not understanding anything, as well as forging derogatory terms like "a luvvie".

The reality? People behind this charity, work in their day jobs, have their families, children, loved ones and yet, they use their money and free time, sometimes risking their freedom or life to help complete strangers who are affected by wars around the world. They do it despite the fact they can be misunderstood or be portrayed in a less flattering way. Helping others and easing their suffering is what matters to them.

Still not convinced? Maybe it is time to look in the mirror, the mirror of history. Who dares to look?

I was reminded of it recently when I watched the last part in the documentary series of *Who Do You Think You Are?* In it, a comedienne and actress Ruby Wax travels to Central Europe to uncover the truth of Holocaust. The expert, who discusses with her the persecution of the Jews by the Nazis, says bluntly something along the lines that Europe was afraid of the influx of refugees, so many countries put restrictions on immigration. America did not want refugees at all. The year was 1938. Ruby Wax laughs: "So what's new?"

Sadly, not much. So which one am I, Neville Chamberlain, who appeased Hitler, or Nicholas Winton, who as a young man single-handedly saved lives of over six hundred children from occupied Czechoslovakia, for which he was knighted many decades later? I am neither. I will never voluntarily travel to a war zone, negotiating militia and armies, dodging bullets and bombs, to deliver basic supplies to hungry, diminished people. I am an ordinary mum with quite an ordinary compassion. I am someone who just about managed to send a toothbrush and crayons to a little boy in Aleppo who may not even be alive today. I might even muster my proverbial quill to write more poems in an emotional response to the turbulent world we live in. Is it enough? No, but then only some of us are heroes.

Natalie Nera

Natalie Nera is a founding member of a collaborative arts group Edit & Doodle. Together with visual artists Victoria Holt and Imogen Mitchell, they produce exhibitions, publications as well as using their art for annual charity projects. Their last years booklet to raise money for RAN UK is still available from Amazon.

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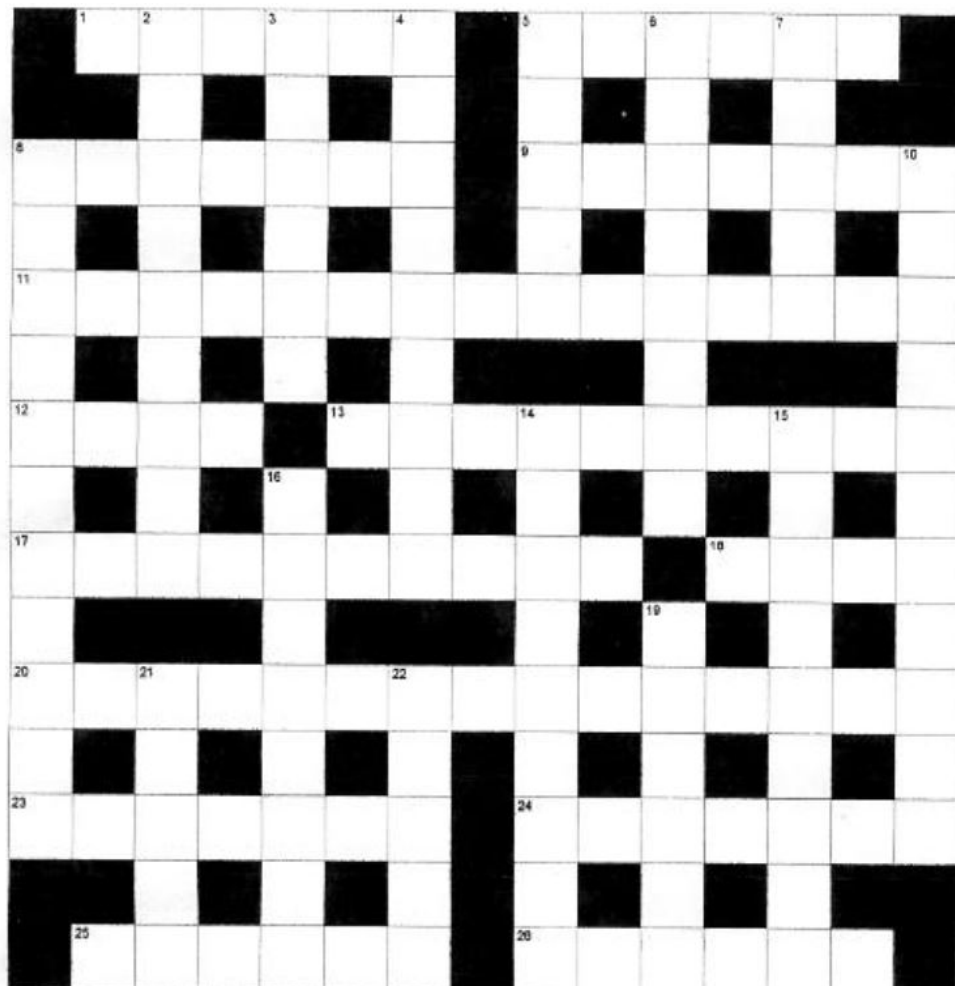
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| 8. Drinkers at evening meals (7) | 23. State could bring about dressing (7) |
| 9. Unsophisticated way of birth in old city (7) | 24. Poles and peasants (7) |
| 11. Old round about hay making (3,3,4,2,3) | 25. Holy old man performed in the theatre (6) |
| 12. Clean the point of a tree (4) | 26. Leave the train here and join in the argument (6) |
| 13. Pepper race of fancy wrapping (5,5) | |
| 17. Acting without effort or without a rota (10) | |

Down

2. Makes you take notice when I'm next to the printing room (9)
3. Roman acts as race leader (6)
4. Oriental hospital rooms in that direction (9)
5. Take note immediately as a churchman (5)
6. City played at sunset for home fitting (4,4)
7. This crumby formation (5)
8. Acting as store detective (4,7)
10. Bare walkers are criminal (3,8)
14. Hard clips round fish (9)
15. Ireland has it between rooms (9)
16. Holding tight to a novice in a tent (8)
19. Virgin international put over the American newsman (6)
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Brendan Healy

Dan's mate.

I went to see Peter Pan The Never Ending Story last week. It felt like it was never going to end.

Most of the time there were about 20 dancers, 8 acrobats, 2 break dancers, 2 parents and Nana the panto dog in the Darling children's bedroom. I don't know how the poor little blighters ever got any sleep.

One of the show's boasts was that there was 'flying without harnesses'. There wasn't. There was lots of flying where the harnesses were clearly visible and then they had a great big fan set in the stage and the Peter Pan with goggles on (not the singing one) did his skydiving free-fall stuff.

I know I'm a grump but I'm starting to get offended at the ridiculous price of tickets to see dodgy shows. The world of showbiz is constantly whinging that people don't come and see live entertainment any more and they don't, not when it costs over £100 for two people to park their car, eat some popcorn and watch a load of poppycock.

If shows are good enough I think people will pay to see them.

I've seen a few shows in Las Vegas, one of which was very badly lit and only had poles instead of a set so I didn't wait to see what that was all about. One year we did see a traditional 'Vegas type' show at Harrah's Hotel. There was a magician who made a helicopter appear in front of our very eyes, that was worth the entry fee alone, never mind the hundreds of show girls. The helicopter must have been dead expensive because they had only been able to afford to give the show girls half a costume. They must have been freezin'.

Then there is 'O' by the Cirque de Soleil at a purpose-built theatre in the Bellagio Hotel. It is simply awesome. Highly polished, beautifully conceived, fantastically designed and impeccably executed. As we left we tried to get tickets for the next day, which was a first for me, but there wasn't one to be had for the foreseeable future. So much happens in the show that your senses cannot take it in in one go. At the time it was about £87 a ticket and it was worth every penny. Decent seats are now about £120 and are still worth every penny.

We were staying in the Luxor and because it is shaped like a pyramid it doesn't have elevators, it has inclinatorators that travel at an angle up the inside walls. I like Las Vegas a lot, there is tons to do even if you're not a gambler. In fact it was in Vegas, many years ago, that I first came across an indoor skydiving centre. It was a new idea then.

My wife and I had the opportunity to go to the Foundation Room in the House of Blues. It's a very posh members' club and Ian La Frenais (one of the writers of Auf Wiedersehen Pet) had told us the restaurant was excellent and that he could get us signed in. We turned up at the Mandalay Hotel and eventually found the lift to the Foundation Room, manned by a doorman. "Name, sir?" "Brendan Healy." I'm quite used to this. The conversation is usually followed by me landing in the street on my posteriar to the sound of "And don't ever set foot in

here again!" But not this time, we were treated like royalty, ushered into the lift, accompanied past the queue to the bar and given the best seats in the restaurant, which is on the top floor overlooking the Las Vegas strip. I remember thinking that Ian La Frenais must be really well connected. I rang him the next day to thank him for getting us in and told him that we had been spoilt rotten to which he replied, "I'm not surprised really, I got Dan Aykroyd to put you on his guest list."

If you are on Facebook check out George Takei aka Sulu, the helmsman of the Starship Enterprise. His posts are brilliant. Here's one.

In English this makes sense:

"All the faith he had had had had no effect in his life."

Here's an even longer chain of 'hads' which makes sense once the punctuation is added.

James while John had had had had had had had had had had had a better effect on the teacher

James, while John had had "had", had had "had had"; "had had" had had a better effect on the teacher.

RAYDON FRIDGE and DUSTY DARMAID



WHO'S THE DADDY? By Raydon Fridge.

I never knew my father, not like all my schoolyard chums,
But Uncle Ray and Uncle Don were always round at Mum's.
They never called her Mrs Fridge, they always called her Lover,
And the identity of my real Dad I never did discover.
Some say he's tall, some short, some fat, some say he's kind of wiry,
But I always seem to draw a blank in my paternal inquiry.
But I won't let it get me down, and I won't shed a tear,
Because I have still got Dusty and I have still got beer.

RAYDON FRIDGE and DUSTY DARMAID



You Mad Meat Eating Morons

Each animal was brought in and penned - then the poor
thing cornered

Then in any barbaric way they chose - the animal was
then slaughtered

Then cut up - packed - sold and bought to feed your sons
and daughters

While the rest of us all turn a blind eye - when really we
shouldn't oughta'

It is not that I am saying that you should never bring meat
to the table

But if we could eat less - then kill them more humanely -
if you are able

It's our greed - that puts the killing of animals for meat in
high demand

To many slaughter houses are not watched over and then
left unmanned

To the horrors that lie within them - and to the people
who are employed

Who seem to take their pleasure afflicting as much pain
as to be their ploy

We really should be more grateful for the meat that is
placed upon our plate

I hope all the words I write within these lines - will for
you carry some weight

Before nature's own creatures turn against us all - in their
own justifiable hate

And kill you with their cancers & diseases in the meat
you have so enjoyably ate

Indiana Shaw . . . - -

"TWISTING" - THE DANCER SPINS

Twisting - the dancer spins in the mist of the night - to his
own tune

This unearthly spectre gracefully dances - lit by the light
of the moon

Softly his leather clad soles play skilfully onto the mois-
ten moss beneath

Night animals stop to stare of this dancing spectre to them
he bequeath

Their little clicks of approval seemed only to add to the
body of the tune

As this unearthly spectre dances in the mist - lit by the
light of the moon

He makes his way through the trees - still dancing as he
reaches the Leith

Across the wooden bridge - into the mist he disappears
beyond the heath

Gazing into the mist you still imagine him there - still
dancing to his own tune

He is one of nature's own loons - who only dances - lit by
the light of the moon

Indiana Shaw . . . ;)

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Who are B4RN?, they were established in 2011 by a commu-
nity group from Arkholme and Quernmore. They registered a
society under the Co-operative and Community Benefit Socie-
ties. With the aim to:

***Provide broadband to domestic and business premises located
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***Promote the take up of broadband, the Internet and the use of
ICT generally.***

***Provide an opportunity for people and organisations to con-
tribute financially to the community, with the expectation of a
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News From The Bridge



The Produce Table

The Bridge produce table on Saturdays has now finished for 2017 and we, the volunteers would like to say a big thank you to all who made it a success. A total of £186.50 was raised for The Bridge Library. Our thanks go to the California Gardens allotment holders and the local green fingered gardeners who donated their surplus fruit, vegetables and flowers, and to the residents and visitors to Haydon Bridge who generously bought our produce. The variety of produce made for some interesting and entertaining discussions around the new picnic area, stripy tomatoes, purple cauliflower and lantern shaped squashes, to name but a few. Thank you all.

The Bridge Opening times

Monday	9.00am -12.00pm
Tuesday	1.00pm - 4.00pm
Wednesday	1.00pm - 4.00pm
Thursday	4.00pm - 6.30pm <i>(summer only)</i>

Last Thursday session this year
26th October, recommencing
after Easter 2018

Friday	4.00pm - 6.30pm
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Co-op Community Fund

The Development Trust which oversees the running of the 'Bridge' has benefited from the Co-op Community Fund. They have donated two pots of money to the village, the first to be used to improve the flowerbeds in the village - Church Street around the Millennium Tree and between St. Cuthbert's Church and the entrance to the industrial estate, the Heather Bed at the east end of John Martin Street, and the flower bed opposite the Community Centre on Ratcliffe Road. Work will be starting on this shortly. The second phase will go towards Improving signage at the entrances and around the village.

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The album has a permanent home in our archives and can be viewed in The Bridge library – just ask at the desk. Just make sure that you arrive early in the session, as we're sure you'll want to pour over it for hours as you recognise familiar names and faces. Haydon Bridge is proud of its' football roots and we would appreciate any additions to the archives to keep them up to date.

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