

# The Haydon News

February 2018

Welcome to the February 2018 and 411th issue of the Haydon News since its inception in February of 1979! (all past issues are available through the Haydon News website [www.haydon-news.co.uk](http://www.haydon-news.co.uk)).

This magazine has undergone significant change since it began and especially over the last 4 or so years when my predecessor Steve Ford transformed it from the black and white photocopied document to the professional publication it is today. On behalf of the editorial committee and the contributors and readers of the Haydon News we would like to pass on our thanks to Steve



Photo: Aron Mazel





Once again Haydon Bridge welcomed the New Year with a magnificent fireworks display. This was the 4<sup>th</sup> year it's been done and it seems that the word is spreading as we had a wonderful crowd including lots of visitors to the village.

At the stroke of midnight Jessica Brown and Nattie Bell from Shaftoe Primary School, pushed the button to start the display and we had 7 minutes of amazing sounds and colours. It really was a sight to see!

Reaction Fireworks who do the display for us, have recently been in China sourcing new fireworks – they've put some of them on their Facebook page – so we can expect an even more spectacular display to bring in 2019.

There was a lot of organising throughout year to make this event safe and successful. Appreciation to everyone involved - the Get It Together Society, Reaction Fireworks, the long list of volunteers, the Parish Council, Northumberland County Council, English Heritage, Northumbria Police, Shaftoe Trust Primary School, everyone who came along and enjoyed it and everyone who donated. Thanks also to The Havelock, The Railway, The Anchor and The Haydonian who all helped everyone to have a great night. Apologies to anyone I've missed. Roll on next year.

*Any more donations towards next year are always very welcome.*



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## HAYDON BRIDGE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS 2017.

Another exciting and fun packed festive period has been celebrated and it is time to thank everyone for their tireless efforts to make this a real community event. The Christmas trees were once again beautiful and made a fantastic backdrop to the spectacular fireworks display on New Year's Eve. Many people have expressed their appreciation for the extra trees erected on the grassed area in Strothers Close.

Tom Taylor and Charlie Makepeace did a great job of switching on the lights and everyone from Shaftoe Primary school delighted us with their singing.

Santa and his helpers thoroughly enjoyed meeting all the children and hearing about their wishes for Christmas.

There are too many people to name individually but many, many thanks to everyone who supported this event in any way; Collecting and erecting trees, providing refreshments, storing equipment, collecting and counting money and organising the actual lighting up event. This year we would also like to thank Langley Saw Mills who gave us a discounted price on a tree we had to replace.

Christmas is a season of giving and the community of Haydon Bridge certainly upheld this timeless tradition making everyone feel welcome and part of something special!

As always people gave generously and we collected another amazing amount of money from the jars located in local businesses round the village. The total collected was **£687.21**, with a donation of **£500.00** from the Parish Council making **£1187.21**.

In March 2017 we also received a generous donation of **£150.00** from the sales of the Haydon Bridge calendars. Many thanks to everyone involved in this project.

Our outgoings totalled **£364.00**: **£230.00** for trees, **£83.00** for the battery lights and batteries, **£11.00** for tea lights and **£40.00** for electricity (Anchor Hotel). We will also give just over half the money from the collection jars to the Get It Together Society for next year's fireworks (**£350.00**).

A final thank you for everyone's continued hard work and endless enthusiasm which makes this such a memorable village event.

Julia Cooper on behalf of the Haydon Bridge Christmas Lights Committee.



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The Haydon News has been a great source of information for people in the Parish for a long time now and hopefully that will continue for years to come. To keep the magazine relevant we need people to write articles and report on events in and around the area, the more people we have contributing the better this magazine becomes.

## Riddle of the month...go on...have a go!!

### Romeo and Juliet Riddle

Romeo and Juliet are found dead on the floor in a bedroom.

When they were discovered, there were pieces of glass and some water on the floor. The only furniture in the room is a shell and a bed. The house is in a remote location, away from everything except for a nearby railway track.

What caused the death of Romeo and Juliet?

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## Haydon Bridge Businesses

A new Facebook group has been set up for local businesses in and around Haydon Bridge! This includes pubs, shops, services, B&B and entrepreneurs.

### For our local businesses:

If you have an offer on – post it! If you have something new – share it! If you change your opening times – post it! Offering a service – share it!

### For our locals:

Want to know what's on? Need to find a service? Want to check the opening hours of somewhere? Need a good local deal

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A meeting of the Haydon Parish Council was held on 21 12 17 at 7.30pm in the Community Centre.

The scheduled meeting with Lynsey Sawyer of NCC to discuss the street lighting scheme was postponed to January 2018.

### Public participation

Very strong reservations were expressed about the handling of the planning application for the council yard that occurred at the November meeting of the council. Dissent about a number of the statements made and potential conflicts of interest were both aired. Subsequent to the November meeting an onsite evaluation was made with officers from the NCC and the view was expressed that the land was designated B1/B2 and therefore not eligible for housing development.

Ratcliffe Road: a second camera survey report should be available in January to coincide with an onsite meeting to discuss parking options. Carelessness with parking is a continuing problem – made worse by the persistence of the island at the junction of Church Street and Ratcliffe Road. Options include both sides parking and making Ratcliffe road a single carriageway one way street.

PC. Yvonne Clements has reviewed the parking problems up North Bank, adjacent to the Peelwell junction. She opined that NCC may have to take a view on future parking restrictions and/or warning signs.

Apologies were received.

Declarations of interest were sought.

Minutes of the previous meeting were agreed.

### NCC

Cllr. Sharp took a few moments to explain how the planning system now works and clarified his place in it. He speaks for the residents but is not the decision maker. Because of the potential for conflicts of interest to be perceived he is careful when discussing planning issues in the Parish Council meetings.

Cllr. Sharp has attended two notable meetings this

week. The first concerned the High School's future. A further meeting is planned for 15th January 2018 between 5 and 8pm.

The second meeting was in Haydon Bridge at which a number of pressing local matters were considered: The Station Road application remains undecided. The original fire station application has been withdrawn and a new application submitted. Using the site as a boarding wing for the school now seems improbable. The tree preservation order has yet to be set in place. There is still time to register formal objections to the Greenwich Gardens application – until the first week in January 2018.

The Willow Gap situation should be resolved by 10th January 2018.

Neighbourhood plans are to be given additional weight when matters relating to the parish come before NCC. The parish is overwhelmingly strongly recommended to get a new plan made. Help with the process is available.

The damaged kerb stones in Shaftoe Street remain to be repaired.

The drains in the John Martin Street and Shaftoe Street area have yet to be cleared/repaired.

### Highways

A site for a dog waste bin remains to be decided at Brigwood. Steps over the flood defences are to be arranged – possibly via the EA.

The overhanging trees on North Bank have yet to be trimmed.

### Lighting

A recent report has been circulated.

### Planning

Listed building consent and conversion of redundant farm buildings at High Staward Farm. No objections.

Accounts agreed.

### Correspondence

Nil of note.

### Parish Projects

It is not practicable to have The Bridge toilets left open when the building is unmanned due to the risk of damage and theft.

Flooding – It is averred that John Wardle may have some large stones that could be used to protect the newly restored lawns by the river.

Two new bins for sand bags have been placed at Innerhaugh and Lipwood. Some of the green sand bins around the parish have had to be refilled because possibly well meaning citizens have purloined the sand during icy weather. The salt bins are yellow. Furthermore one of the sand bins has been vandalised and others used for rubbish.

In spring 2018 a report on a flood model for the

**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.**



Lipwood island is expected. It was reported that some of the trees on the island have been felled.

A meeting regarding the car parking problem in the parish is scheduled tentatively for February 2018. Time and date to be announced later – including in The Haydon News.

It was asserted that as many as twenty cars could be parked by the riverside. Plans will be laid to bring this about and the bottle bank may be relocated there too, though steps would have to be taken to limit the risk of broken glass being left on the ground.

#### **AOB**

Continuing problems with parking behind the Community Centre were discussed but no immediately obvious solution was apparent.

The possibility of the High School becoming a Technical College was aired. Much activity regarding the school is taking place out of the public view and no final decisions have been taken. A meeting with all the interested parties is proposed. The parish council aim to have a report in hand before 7th February in time for such a meeting.

A compost heap in a discrete corner of the cemetery is proposed and approved.

The next West Area Planning Committee meeting will take place on the 2nd Tuesday of January 2018.

The next full meeting of the Haydon Parish Council will take place on Thursday 25th January 2018 at 7.30pm in the Community Centre.

#### **January 2018**

A meeting of the Parish Council took place on Thursday 25th January at 7.30pm.

Lynsey Sawyer from NCC attended the meeting to discuss the street light modernisation. The council have embarked on a project to replace the old orange sodium lights with new LED lights. New lighting columns may be installed to ensure the lighting levels match British Standards and any columns in disrepair may be replaced. Contractors AA Lighting expect work to start in the village around the 6th February.

The lights should adequately light the road and footpaths, if anyone has any concerns about the level of light following the works, they should contact the council online or by calling 0345 600 6400.

Concerns were raised about the lack of lighting at the West junction of the B6319 and the A69. This will be investigated further.

#### **Public Participation**

Geoff Jackson updated the council on meetings he had attended in relation to Haydon Bridge High School. Several informal consultations have taken place recently and more are planned over the coming

months. Members of the Parish Council are meeting with the Headmaster of the High School next week.

Speeding vehicles in the village was discussed, following a number of recent accidents resulting in damage to residents' parked vehicles and fences etc at the west end of the village. The parish council will consider potential traffic calming measures. Parking issues were also raised. A survey/review of Ratcliffe Road to consider parking solutions and a potential reduction in the speed limit is underway and a report/proposal is expected soon.

Cllr Alan Sharp has meetings next week to discuss the parking issues on North Bank and pot holes. If anyone is aware of a pothole, please report it by calling 0345 600 6400 or via the Northumberland Council website [www.northumberland.gov.uk](http://www.northumberland.gov.uk).

#### **Planning**

Two planning applications were received:

No objection to 17/04615/FUL at the Willows.

Objections on the grounds of flooding to 17/04571/FUL at Land North of Middle Lipwood Farm.

Parish Projects, the development trust are yet to meet, further information at the next meeting.

Flooding – The Environment Agency have asked GAV to carry out a survey of the river from Lipwood down to Martin's close. The results of this survey expected later in the summer.

The Patient Group at Haydon and Allen Valleys Medical Centre reported that concerns had been raised about the availability of appointments, this will be investigated further and more information presented at the next meeting.

#### **AOB**

Concerns continue regarding the recycling bin placement at the west of the village. Cllr Alan Sharp has asked for the bin to be moved back to its original location, no news if this will be actioned though.

## EDITORIAL CHANGE

**This month I offer a fond farewell to Steven Ford, our editor since October 2013.** During his editorship, Steve has advanced The Haydon News from a wholly amateur publication - printed, collated and stapled together on the Friends of Haydon Bridge committee members' kitchen tables, and latterly the village Community Centre - to a professionally printed magazine, instantly recognisable through its coloured front and back covers as a quality product. The improvements have been made thanks to Steve's support, without which I'm certain we would still be stapling the pages together at the top left hand corner!

Steve is one of 12 editors who have undertaken the role since the first issue of The Haydon News in 1979, and I offer him my best wishes in his 'retirement' and welcome his kind offer of support in the future. **Thank you Steve.**

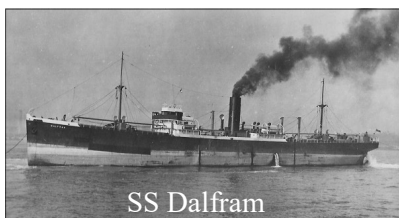
**I'm pleased to welcome Brian Alderson, as our new Editor of The Haydon News from this February 2018 issue, and wish him every success in the role.** A parish magazine cannot be successful, of course, without its contributors, advertisers and those volunteers who deliver the final product and work behind the scenes overseeing the process. We all look forward to a successful future with Brian at the helm and I'm sure he can count on the continued support of our Haydon Parish residents.

## HOME FRONT : 1939 - 1945

## Haydon Parish events at home during the Second World War - from February 1944

**Cyril Stuart Clemitson:** By February 1944, the sad news of the death of Haydon Bridge's Cyril Stuart Clemitson had reached the parish. Cyril was the son of Thomas and Mary Stuart (nee Curry) Clemitson and went to sea with the Merchant Navy in 1931, after leaving Hexham Grammar School. Cyril gained his First Mate's Certificate in June 1938. Before going to sea, Cyril was a member of St Cuthbert's Church choir and was actively involved with the 1st Haydon Bridge Boy Scouts, leading the troop to the World Jamboree at Birkenhead in 1929. In 1939, Second Officer Clemitson had survived when the steamship Dalryan was sunk on December 1st 1939. (*My report of this 'Dalryan' incident was published in the Haydon News of July 2015*)

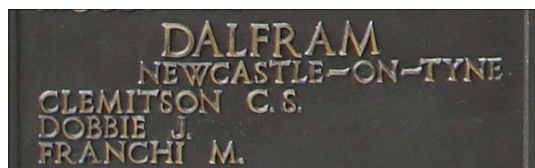
Stuart was not so fortunate on August 4th 1943, when the SS Dalfram, of which he was the Chief Officer, was torpedoed by German submarine U-181 and sank east of Madagascar. Three members of the forty three strong crew, including Cyril, were lost. The Dalfram was a British cargo steamer and was en route from Louenco Marques and Durban for Aden and Alexandria, via Mauritius.



SS Dalfram

Haydon Bridge's Cyril Stuart Clemitson died aged 29 years and is named on the Second World War extension of the Tower Hill Memorial that commemorates men and women of the Merchant Navy and fishing fleets who died in both World Wars and have no known grave.

4,786 merchant ships and around 32,000 lives were lost in the Second World War.



**Light Industry?:** At the Hexham Rural District Council meeting on February 29th, W.W. Ridley advanced the claims of Haydon Bridge that it should not be a forgotten village in local schemes for the development of post war light industry. Councillor Ridley said that the village's fine water supply, good railway facilities and availability of plenty of building land meant it was a "very suitable place for light industry".

**Red X:** In March 1944, the Haydon Bridge detachment of the British Red Cross celebrated their first anniversary at their headquarters in number 24 Ratcliffe Road.

**Sunday School Anniversary:** On Good Friday April 7th, Haydon Bridge Central Methodist Church congregation held their Anniversary. (*The Central Methodist Church in 1944 was the Wesleyan Chapel from 1874 to 1932 and from 1965, the Haydon Bridge Community Centre.*

*See also, page 9.)* The children who took part included: Daphne Moore, Alan Thompson, Anne Bates, Arnold, Kathleen and Alec Robinson, Dennis Telford, Heather Campbell, Betty Harrison, Jill Rogan, Evelyn and Gladys Veitch, Eileen and Joan Cooper, Vera Bowman, Kathleen Burrows Cynthia Wylie, Maureen Beavers, Maureen Brown, Ian Dodd, Enid Marsh, Denis Spooner, Rene Philipson, Alice Jameson, John Graham and Cecil Curry.

**First Duty to God:** After being fined £5 and £2s costs in April 1944 by Hexham Magistrates, for refusing to take up work as a shorthand typist on the instructions of a National Service officer, Mrs Dorothy Charlton of 12A Ratcliffe Road, Haydon Bridge refused to pay the fine. Mrs Charlton said she had been a Jehovah Witness for sixteen years and her first duty was to give her time to God. Mrs Charlton was sent to prison for two months.

**God's Love:** After a lapse of around thirty years, an old fashioned 'Love Feast' was revived in the Haydon Bridge Elmfield Church on May 15th 1944. The old custom of handing round a two handled love cup was modernised, however, by substituting, 'a cup of tea and biscuits'.

**Health Visits:** Haydon Bridge's Doctor, H.W.T Hall, reported that Nurse Warhurst had made 4,170 health visits during the year 1943-44. Officials appointed were: President, Mrs A.W. Straker. Chairman, Mrs R. Allan. Secretary, Mrs Sillitoe. Treasurer, Mr J. Keen. Auditor, Mr W.W. Ridley.



**Pte John Armstrong (Green Howards):** of Station House, Langley, was decorated by the King with the DCM; gained for courage and bravery in destroying two enemy machine gun posts during an attack in the Munassib Depression on the nights of October 25th and 26th 1942. The investiture was attended by John's mother and sister. The news of John's award was reported in the Hexham Courant on February 6th 1943 and, apparently, the first his parents William Edward and Emily Kathleen Armstrong of Langley knew of the award was when neighbours showed them the newspaper report.

*Details of the incident for which John Armstrong was recommended for a medal were described in my 'Home Front' notes in The Haydon News of June 2017.*

**Soldiers' Gift Fund:** On May 27th 1944, Secretary Matt Smith informed the committee that one hundred and eighty five Christmas gifts had been distributed to Haydon Parish members of the forces, and to the relatives of those who had made the supreme sacrifice.

**Salute The Soldiers:** A campaign to raise savings from Haydon Parish residents, in the name of our soldiers in the forces, commenced with a dance on Friday June 9th 1944 and a parade of local special units on Monday 12th June. The activities were opened by G. Lee Wanless and Major Ian Straker and the savings target was £5,000. A Barn Dance was arranged by the Home Guard and held at The Tofts on Tuesday 13th, along with a Lantern Lecture by Rev. C.C. Fox. On Wednesday 14th June, there was a Whist Drive and on Thursday afternoon of the 15th, there were children's and adults' sports followed on Thursday and Friday evenings with dances in the Town Hall and the Women's Land Army Hostel. By Friday morning June 16th 1944, savings of £11,171 had been invested.

The Hexham Courant reported a final figure of £413,875 as having been added to the National Savings scheme by residents in the Hexham district during the week. It was said that these 'Salute The Soldiers' savings investments would be used following the war, to enhance the district's economic and social life. 'Millions of houses would be needed, along with hospitals, public libraries, playing fields and swimming baths' and when this happened, England would be 'Merrie England' once again. It was reported that: 'When the lads from Hexham district hear of the success of their Salute the Soldiers week over the wireless, (*Maybe Harry Watson's radio, cobbled together in Stalag 4B - See Haydon News December/January 2017*) they will know we are all thinking about them.'

**Home Comforts:** Parish residents at home continued to organise events for their social calendar at home, and a fete and tennis tournament on behalf of the Central Methodist Church was won by Miss D. Horton and Mr Hollis and the Misses Margaret Thompson and Amy Stokoe; and Miss D. Woodman and Mr G. Stokoe.

**Pte Percy Brown:** Percy Brown, son of John Graham and Elizabeth Jane Brown and husband of Isabella, of 9 Martin's Close, died on Friday June 16th 1944 aged 35

years. Percy had been a Territorial since 1926 and was mobilised with the local battalion of the Northumberland Fusiliers in 1940; he was safely evacuated from Dunkirk. Pte Brown was transferred to the Durham Light Infantry and served in the North African and Libyan campaigns. He died of his wounds, in a clearing station in France and was buried in Bayeux War Cemetery, Calvados, France.

**Another Sunday School Anniversary:** On June 11th 1944, the Haydon Bridge Congregational Church held their Sunday School Anniversary. The children who took part included: Leslie Hill, Nancy Weatherspoon, Isabel and Margaret Hill, Margaret Beavers, Eileen Moffatt, Harry and Harold Humble and Sheila Brown.

**Pte. John Armstrong DCM:** Twenty months after he received the DCM for gallantry in destroying two enemy machine gun posts in North Africa, (*See left hand column*) twenty four year old John Armstrong of Langley died on June 24th 1944 of wounds sustained in North West Europe, when fighting in his fifth campaign. John had been wounded early in the month, but remained on duty. John Armstrong of Langley was laid to rest in Ryes War Cemetery, Bazenville, Calvados, France.

A memorial service was held for John in St Cuthbert's Church in August 1944 when the Rev J.H. Salisbury, a former vicar of Haydon Bridge, officiated. Members of the well known and popular Armstrong family attending the service included: Mr and Mrs W.E. Armstrong, his father and mother. The misses Margaret, Kathleen, Betty and Edna Armstrong, his sisters. And Eric, William and Wilfred Armstrong, John's brothers.

**POW Fund:** In June 1944, Mr and Mrs Jock King organised an event at Haydon Bridge for the Prisoner of War Support Fund; and Jock King's Band played the music for the dance. (*See photograph below*)



**Jock King's Band**

**(L to R) Ronnie Rodger Jock King Bobby Hodgson Stan Hankin ??** (*Name to Dennis Telford please: 01434684636*)

#### ISABELLA RITSON

Isabella Ritson died at Haydon Bridge on August 12th 1869 aged 38 years. Do any of our readers have information about this Ritson family?

Please contact Dennis Telford—01434 684636

## HISTORICAL NOTES OF HAYDON BRIDGE (1939 - 1945 Cont'd) Dennis Telford

**Pte Edwin Ruthven Wallace Milburn:** On July 1st 1944, the Hexham Courant reported the death of thirty year old Edwin Milburn of the DLI. Son of the late Mr and Mrs John Milburn of Haydon Bridge, Private Milburn was killed in action in Burma. Edwin was a well known athlete and a member of the Haydon Bridge and Tynedale cycling clubs; being a holder of the Tynedale Shield.

**H.G. Stronach:** A memorial tablet on an oak plinth was made by the boys of Shaftoe Trust School and placed alongside a Golden Yew tree at the school, on July 18th 1944; in memory of the former Assistant Master. (See also, *The Haydon News of November 2017*) The tablet was inscribed: 'Trees and Flowers were his delight', and was unveiled by Ralph Curry, senior boy at the school, in front of Mr Stronach's son David, 1944 school pupils and their parents, and old boys and girls of the school. The unveiling of the memorial took place on a school 'Open Day', and features of the school in which a keen interest was shown, included the garden plots managed by the boys, the poultry breeding and the Domestic Science Room where it was reported that 'a fine range of dishes were on view'. Much of the produce grown in the school garden was used in the canteen and the fruit grown at the had been made into jam by the pupils. The boys in the woodwork room had made beds tables and trolleys, and splints and crutches which, through the agency of the Hexham General Hospital Supply Depot, were forwarded to various war hospitals and the Red Cross.

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**Elmfield Methodists:** The Annual Flower Service held at the Elmfield Chapel on Church Street (See *photograph of the Elmfield Chapel on page 9*) included a recital by Margaret Ransome, written especially for the occasion by Dorothy Todd. Recitations and solos were given during the event by: Marlene Turnbull, Eileen Hill, Edmund Johnson, Amy and Mary Stokoe, Margaret Watson, Vernon Welch, Norman Miller and Daphne Pearson. Norma Brown and Elizabeth Jeffery presented their floral baskets of sweet peas given by Mrs J. Brown.

**A Grave Issue:** In August 1944, a meeting was called to discuss the adoption of the 'Burial Acts'. Fifteen parish folk attended and a unanimous decision was taken to adopt the Acts. This would mean that steps could be taken to acquire land for the provision of a new cemetery for the parish. It was pointed out that the limited number of spaces in the existing (1944) cemetery, would allow for burials for little over one year, at the present rate of interments.

**Careless Talk Costs Lives:** The mysterious death of a thirty four year old airman whose body was found on the railway line at Limestone, about one mile west of Haydon Bridge, was unsolved at a Haydon Bridge inquest on 23rd August 1944. A verdict of: 'Found dead.' was recorded.

The inquest was on Corporal Francis Arthur Sturgess of Peterborough and the Deputy Coroner, commented that there did not seem any possibility of getting to the bottom of the tragedy ... leaving many questions unanswered.

Francis Johnson, a miner of 8 Ratcliffe Road, with whom Sturgess had stayed for seventeen months, said that the fellow had spent his spare time going for walks. He had left his lodgings as usual on Sunday morning, August 20th, and said that he would be back for dinner. Sturgess was very reserved in his manner and never discussed any of his affairs. He said that he had recently been promoted to Corporal and seemed to be well pleased about it.

Doctor H.W.T. Hall reported that Sturgess suffered from two compound fractures of the skull, laceration of the brain and a compound fracture of the right thigh; all consistent with him being struck by a moving train and death would be instantaneous.

The Newcastle Journal inquest report of the day gives no indication of why a serving member of the R.A.F would be staying in a private house in Haydon Bridge.

The Coroner at the inquest may have been cautious in answering many of the questions related to the incident, but I'm told that the Haydon Bridge folk gathered in the Haydon Hotel, Scotch Arms, General Havelock and the Railway Hotel in 1944, were not quite so reticent:

"Maybe it is a cover-up? Perhaps a murder? Was he a spy, passing on information to Germany?"

Or, could Corporal Sturgess have had something to do with the Royal Observation Post - the locally named 'Listening Post' - on Haydon Fell; where the observers followed the comings and goings of German aircraft as they came in over the North Sea towards Tyneside, but kept there own counsel well aware that 'careless talk cost lives'!



## THE HAYDON VIEWS—Haydon History in Black and White

Unlike the replacement Methodist Chapel on Church Street, little imagination went into the design of the Haydon Bridge Community Centre when it was rebuilt in 1999 in much the same style as the earlier Wesleyan Chapel on the same site. If you are new to the parish and want to see how the nineteenth century Wesleyan Chapel on Ratcliffe Road looked from the outside, take a look from the south side of Ratcliffe Road at today's Community Centre. The internal layout is also very much as it had been previously. However, I like these photographs - even though the 20C joiners are in - as this is how I remember the main hall throughout much of my lifetime. As a Methodist chapel (from 1874 until 1945), a Church Youth Club (from 1946), a venue for the 1st Haydon Bridge Scouts (from 1949), a badminton club, a Haydon Bridge Boys' Club, and a venue for numerous dances, concerts, pantomimes, jumble sales, whist drives and the like. And, from 1965, the first Haydon Bridge Community Centre. .... So many happy memories!



View to the north end of the hall



View to the south end of the hall

My second photograph is the original Primitive Methodist Chapel; built in 1863, enlarged in 1878 and 1884, demolished and rebuilt as you see it today, in April 1998. (The Wesleyan congregation - from 1932 named the Central Methodists - joined together with the Primitive Methodists in their renamed 'Elmfield Chapel' on Church Street, on June 3rd 1945.)

There were residents who appreciated the forward thinking that went into the design of the new Methodist Chapel, and there were others who were disappointed with the changes and would have preferred a more traditional approach - as is seen in the Community Centre - or, indeed, to have left the chapel as it was, and appears in this photo.



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Dave Robson—HB Parish Council

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As with everything in life these days the costs of doing anything increase on a regular basis. The Haydon News is affected by increasing costs on a regular basis, which makes it more difficult each year to keep this publication going.

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Thank you in advance, this time next year the Haydon News will have been in publication 40 years. There are national newspapers and magazines that haven't lasted this long, so we hope you can help us to keep this fantastic magazine going.

Regards

Brian Alderson

Editor

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You are dreading the mud all over shake down that dogs so love  
With all its mud all over the hallway wallpaper & heavens above

Then it's time for a shower or bath - it's now the order of the day  
While getting cosy in front of the fire - the contented doggy's lay

While you despite protecting yourself - from the outdoor winds  
Are now even more covered by the natures outdoor unholy sins

Your hair all wet from giving the dear old mutt a shower or bath  
Looking all bedraggled - while you are left cleaning out the bath

All the clothes and towels are in the washing machine all is done  
The doggy's happily sleeping having more than enjoyed their run

Hubby makes a hot tea then he's off to run you a lovely hot bath  
Totally in sympathy with you - just in case he catches your wrath

Both snuggled up in bed - arguing who is doing the next dog walk  
Next time the dog is eagerly sniffing - the door jamb of the porch

Indiana Shaw . . . J

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Birds on the wire  
I adore to admire

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Birds on the Wire  
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Birds on the wire  
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Birds on the wire  
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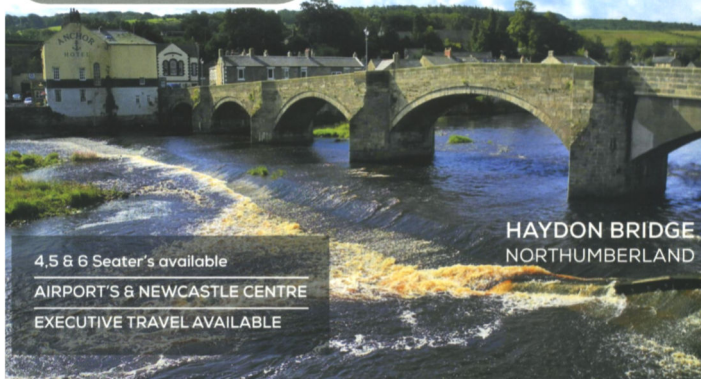
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## A TEXTURED LIFE OF MANY COLOURS

'Pieces of my Life' is the title of a new exhibition in the Forge Gallery in Allendale during February and features the work of textile artist Kate Slaughter, from Cramlington.

Teacher and nature lover, Kate draws her inspiration from the wild flora of both Cumbria and Northumberland. Having photographed her subjects, she then dyes fabrics, yarns and threads to create her fabric pieces; sometimes then including hand embroidery for emphasis and texture.

Part of Kate's collection reflects the challenges faced when diagnosed with a chronic illness. It represents a journey through life and the struggle for survival. Mixed media and small pieces of fabric are stitched together and layered in different ways to suggest the rebuilding of a life and a muted palette epitomises the anxiety and emotional strain of diagnosis. The finished work hangs listlessly from driftwood, giving the impression of the floating, uncontrolled sensation of being borne along by the tide while always clinging to hope.

Kate combines colours using variegated dying techniques with her favourite French knot stitch providing depth and definition to her work. Fragments of fabric and mixed media create the foundations of her embroidery, with hand dyed threads embroidered onto the surfaces by hand and machine to create a rugged background – in the way that lives are crammed with many things pulled together in an effort to enhance the quality of life.

A dandelion clock is Kate's logo. She explained: "It epitomises time; time flies by; in my life, it is time for reflection; it is also time to change – it is time for new beginnings. And there is no time like the present!"

In addition to the Gallery exhibition of her work, Kate – who is an experienced tutor - will be running three workshops in Studio 11 at the Forge, on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February **Creative Hand Embroidery** from 12.30-4.30 on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February – **Mini Art Quilts** from 10am – 4pm and on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February – **Layered Textile Surfaces** from 12.30-4.30pm.

Kate's exhibition opens to the public on 2nd February in the Forge Gallery, Market Square Allendale. NE47 9BD from 10am until 4pm. She will be in the Gallery on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> February to meet and talk to visitors. Admission is free. There is ample free parking and an all day Cafe on site. Visit: [www.allendaleforgestudios.co.uk](http://www.allendaleforgestudios.co.uk) or [www.kateskloths.co.uk](http://www.kateskloths.co.uk)

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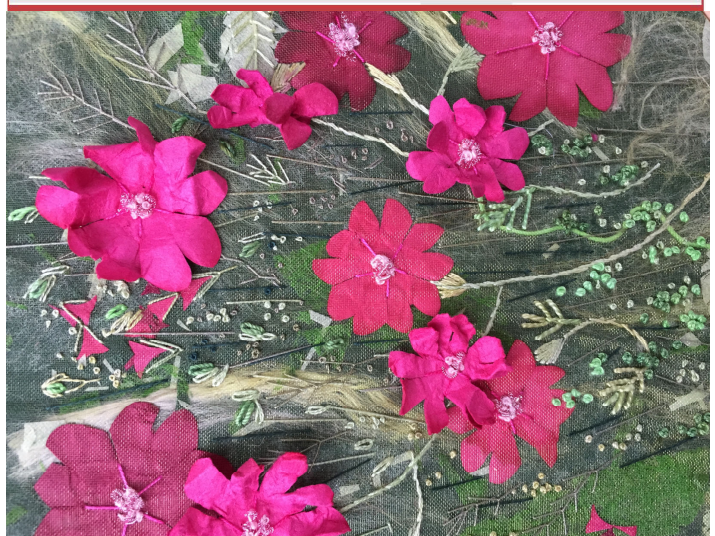





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# News From The Bridge

**A mysterious anonymous donation** has appeared in the library – a very large bound copy of “The Field, The Country Gentleman’s Newspaper” (but ladies may be allowed to peruse it), covering the period from January 6<sup>th</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup> 1894. Subjects range from the problem of farm lads driving on the wrong side of the road, salmon fishing in the Tyne, horse sales at Tattersall’s, pigeon shooting in Monte Carlo, hunting in Africa and advertisements including Tents and Outfits for Africa and the Tropics, Laurent Perrier Champagne with coca leaves, guaranteed to cure influenza, insomnia and neuralgia and Harbottle Castle to let (19 bedrooms with dressing rooms),. We’d love to know where this fascinating book came from – please own up!

## Northumberland Day

Northumberland Day this year is on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> May. Volunteers at the library will once again be making bunting on Tuesday afternoons and any help would be very welcome. Some more curtains of the same orange & yellow material used last year have materialised but if anyone has any other suitable material they could donate that would be wonderful. If you have a favourite Northumbrian recipe, do drop it in to The Bridge or email it to [admin@haydon-bridge.co.uk](mailto:admin@haydon-bridge.co.uk), as we plan to print recipe cards.

**The next craft afternoon** will be in the February half term so ask at the Bridge for further details.

**Village Flower Beds**—If you don’t normally pass them, do take a little diversion to look at the newly replanted flower beds in Ratcliffe Road near the bus stop (shown below), Church Street and the heather bed at the end of John Martin Street. It’s lovely to see them looking so good in winter and we’ll look forward to them brightening up the village later in the year.

Thanks again to all the loyal customers who support the Co-op, which puts in their Community Fund 1% of what you spend on selected own brand products and services together with money spent on carrier bags, and thank you to The Co-op for supporting us.



## The Haydon Hundred Saturday 9th June 2018



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Jobs include putting up signage the day before and setting up on the day, directing entrants & car parking, registering entrants, assisting cyclists with barcodes and timing tags and staffing feeding stations.

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Tuesday	1.00pm - 4.00pm
Wednesday	1.00pm - 4.00pm
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## A VIEW FROM UP THERE

John Harrison

The world's most irritating notice ? -"Back in an hour" pinned to an office door. Unless you know when the person left, the notice is meaningless. An hour from when ? On a different tack, a notice in a local park informs us "CCTV take your litter home". Well good for CCTV is what I say - I assume this means that I don't need to bother if they are taking it home ????

There's a lot to squeeze into this month's weather report so a little less detail. November was relatively dry at first but then turned more unsettled. Although dull at times there were some interludes of bright autumnal weather. Although the first two week were dry the weather was frequently cloudy and rather dull. When the clouds cleared a little, night temperatures fell and the first air frost of the winter was recorded on the 6th. As polar air swept in from the 10th in fresh north-westerly breeze the first snow flurries of the winter arrived on the 13th. A deep low pressure approached from the 20th onwards bringing wet and windy weather, but as pressure increased to the west of the British Isles, a strong arctic airstream dominated the weather for the remainder of the month, the daytime temperature reaching only 2.6 degC on the 30th.

December began with snow lying but by the 2nd this had melted away under relatively milder conditions which persisted until the 6th when cold polar air swept in behind a deep depression and associated gale-force winds. The days 8th to 17th were very cold with frosts and occasional snow flurries. When night skies were clear the air temperature fell quickly, reaching -8.1 degC by the morning of the 11th. The day before, on the 10th, daytime temperature had failed to rise above freezing. As cloud cover increased on the 12th the weather became very murky with sleet showers all day on the 14th. Milder air arrived from the south-west on the 18th which was heralded by fog and generally poor visibility. Murky conditions persisted all day 19th - 22nd. A deep depression brought wind and rain on the 23rd to 25th, which contributed more than half of the month's total rainfall over three days. As the temperature began to fall again on the 25th persistent drizzle turned to heavy snow late in the evening, which was lying to a depth of 2 cms in the early hours of the 26th but had melted by the time of routine observation. With snow at Spadeadam before midnight this was officially a 'White Christmas'. Cold conditions returned once more on the 26th with night frost when skies were clear.


Over the course of the year 2017 was slightly warmer (+0.5 degC) and considerably drier (87%) than normal. Summer was disappointing with June being the wettest month (111.5mm) and the wettest day occurring on July 4th (31.5 mm). There were fewer days with cold weather (snow falling or lying, or hail) . Exceptionally there were only two days on which thunder was recorded.

## Monthly Weather Summary

(Haydon Bridge : Height 162m asl)

Month	Nov	Dec
Average Maximum Temperature (Daytime) deg C	8.1	6.1
Relative to long-term average degC	-0.6	+0.1
Average Minimum Temperature (Night-time) deg C	2.5	1.4
Relative to long-term average degC	-1.0	+0.2
Rainfall (mm)	63.7	58.9
Percentage of long-term average	78	70

Gladys tells me that she recently ventured to a football match where she unfortunately chose to sit at the end of the ground where any crowd trouble usually occurs. Part way through the second half there was an incident in the goal mouth and a toilet roll streaked its way from the crowd on to the pitch where it hit one of the players. The victim was pole-axed, and the team doctor was called. After no more than a few minutes the player was fully recovered and the doctor reported that he had suffered only a soft tissue injury.



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**April 17<sup>th</sup> Guide Dogs**

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

## HAYDON BRIDGE NATURE CLUB



**TALKS DURING FEBRUARY**  
**FEBRUARY 8TH MEMBERS'**  
**EVENING**  
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Our next event will be a Family Friendly Race Night at the Haydonian on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March. Prior to this event we'll be asking people/businesses to sponsor a race for £30, buy a horse for £2 or take part in the Tricast for £1 where you can win a cash prize by predicting 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the last race of the night. Watch out for posters for more details.

We meet on the first Monday of each month in the Havelock at 8pm. Meetings are very informal. We'd love you to join us.

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Before Feb, 2017, I had never heard of Northumbria Blood Bikes,(NBB) but I saw one of their vehicles parked on Ratcliffe Road in our village. So I asked the rider, Sam Quigley, what they did. He gave a brief résumé of their purpose and I was intrigued; mostly by the fact that they not only transport blood, but medical notes, samples, medical equipment and so much more.

Having had to visit various North East hospitals when my late husband, Don, was seriously ill, I always wondered how his medical notes seemed to appear shortly after his admission no matter which hospital we were in. So now I know the answer; Northumbria Blood Bikes would pick his notes up from the last hospital he had been treated at and get them to the hospital where we were (e.g. From RVI to Freeman, or North Tyneside).

I then made the decision to attend one of the NBB coffee mornings to find out more about NBB. I was so impressed by the volunteers enthusiasm, professionalism and camaraderie that I signed up there and then as a Controller. (I'm one of the ones who get to sit at home in the warmth of my home and co-ordinate where all the riders and drivers deliver the blood etc, whereas the riders/drivers are out in all weathers, 365 days a year).

This led me to complete my Advanced Driver training so that I can now drive NBB vehicles and help in transporting blood, samples etc throughout our region; We currently cover hospitals and blood banks in Newcastle, Berwick -on-Tweed, Ashington, Whitley Bay, Gateshead, Hexham, South Shields, Washington, Sunderland, Durham, Bishop Auckland and Darlington

**All of our volunteers, including the committee give their time for free and no-one gets paid any remuneration.**

**We are always fundraising to keep our fleet of vehicles on the road and I would like your support over the next few months .**

**The Co-op and The General Havelock have charity boxes if you would like to donate.**

**The General Havelock are donating the money raised at their Feb Quiz night to Northumbria Blood Bikes. Please come along and join in the fun.**





# NOTICES & WHAT'S ON?

## HAYDON BRIDGE UNITED ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL CLUB

HBUAFC hold their monthly meeting on the first **Monday** of every month at **8pm** in the Lounge of the **Anchor Hotel** where representatives of every football team in the village are invited to attend. This meeting is also open to members of the public.

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# CHURCHES WORKING TOGETHER CLERGY MESSAGE

*From: Deacon Anne Taylor*

At the time of writing this letter, during the first week of January, the lights and Christmas decorations have been taken down and we have just celebrated Epiphany the visit of the Wise Men, but already mini eggs, chocolate bunnies and chickens are in the shops and we are starting in our Churches to plan for Lent!

Ash Wednesday the start of Lent this year is on 14th February so just a few weeks away, by then we will have had our pancakes (Shrove Tuesday).

The word shrove comes from the word 'scriven' and means to be forgiven. Ash Wednesday is a day when we acknowledge our need for forgiveness and therefore the need of a Saviour, Jesus.

It seems like we have just been celebrating the birth of Jesus and now we are planning events surrounding his death, yet the two are closely linked.

The gifts of the Wise Men are a stark reality of just who Jesus was and what he had come to do. Gold for a King, the King of Kings, Frankincense for a priest, our great High Priest and Intercessor, Myrrh used in the preparation of a body for burial, the gifts foretold what Jesus had come to do for us. This is also picked up in the lines of one of the Christmas Carols we have been singing but perhaps not noticed

From the carol Born in the Night, Mary's child we sing in verse 3

'Truth of our life, Mary's child, you tell us God is good, prove it is true Mary's child, go to your cross of wood'

The stable holds the echo of the tomb that's yet to be, on the manger lies the shadow of the cross he's yet to see.

The six weeks of Lent starting on 14th February are a way of preparing us for all that Jesus came to do for us, including giving up his life for us on the cross.

By then the days will be lighter and hopefully warmer and the signs of spring and new life will be all around us.

**The hope of new life in Jesus which is celebrated at his birth, becomes a reality with his death and resurrection.**

**Let us make the time this Lent to prepare ourselves for the new life that Jesus offers.**

## WHO AND WHERE

The names and phone numbers of the Clergy who minister in Haydon Bridge

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

Deacon Anne Taylor, with the Methodist Congregation  
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Services in the Benefice of Haydon Bridge  
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## Services in February 2018

### Second Sunday before Lent Sunday 4 February

9.30am: St Cuthbert's Beltingham, Parish Eucharist  
11am: St Cuthbert's Haydon Bridge, Parish Eucharist  
with Storybook Church

### Last Sunday before Lent Sunday 11 February

9.30am: All Hallows' Henshaw, Parish Eucharist with  
Storybook Church  
11am: St Cuthbert's Haydon Bridge, Parish Eucharist

### Ash Wednesday

#### Wednesday 14 February

10am: All Hallows' Henshaw, Eucharist with Ashing  
3.30pm: Haydon Bridge Methodist Church, Messy  
Church  
7.30pm: St Cuthbert's Haydon Bridge, Eucharist with  
Ashing

### First Sunday of Lent Sunday 18 February

9.30am: St Cuthbert's Beltingham, Parish Eucharist  
11am: St Cuthbert's Haydon Bridge, Parish Eucharist  
3pm: God's Tent, pitched at Haydon Old Church

### Saturday 24 February

10.30am: All Hallows' Henshaw, Messy Church

### Second Sunday of Lent Sunday 25 February

8.30am: All Hallows' Henshaw, BCP Communion  
10am: All Hallows' Henshaw, Celebration Service

### Third Sunday of Lent Sunday 4 March

9.30am: St Cuthbert's Beltingham, Parish Eucharist  
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### February 4

10am Morning Worship - Rev. Jenny Porterpryde  
6pm Evening Worship - Deacon Anne Taylor

### February 11

10am Reader's Service - Christine Thompson  
6pm Evening Worship - Mr. Nigel Gotobed  
(Newcastle Salvation Army)

### February 18

10am Morning Worship - Bob McAlpin  
6pm Communion Worship - Rev. Jane Cook

### February 25

10am Morning Worship - Rev. Terry Hurst  
6pm Evening Worship - Rev. David Goodall

### March 4

10am Communion Worship - Rev. Stephen Lindridge  
Chair of Newcastle  
Methodist District  
6pm Circuit Service - Hexham West End  
Methodist Church

**Total amount of collections at Joint Church  
Christmas Services in Dec 2017 was £359.00 which  
has been split between the three Churches chosen  
charities.**

**Many thanks to all who made this possible**

### ADVANCE NOTICES

### WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Friday 2nd March  
2pm

### METHODIST CHURCH

ALL LADIES WELCOME

METHODIST CHURCH  
SATURDAY 10th March  
7.30 pm

CONCERT WITH HEXHAM BRASS  
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ALL WELCOME

**Messy Church  
Methodist Church  
Wednesday 14th February  
3.30 pm — 5.45 pm  
New children welcome**

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EACH SESSION TAKES PLACE DURING  
COFFEES ON THURSDAYS

The next three take place as follows ....

15th Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> March 26<sup>th</sup> April

## Dreams for the Haydon Churches

In the Autumn we asked you what you dreams were for the Haydon Churches (St Cuthbert's and The Old Church). We were delighted with the responses we received through Church life and the online survey. Initial responses included a strong sense from everyone who responded that the Churches should be somewhere that "Everyone is welcome". One response, which was typical of many from Church goers and non-Church goers alike, went on to say that their dream was for them to be "A place of "all things to all people" – a true community space for everyone". We are currently working through all the responses and suggestions about what we could do next. Our intention is to have, through 2018, a series of events and activities. Held at both St Cuthbert's and Haydon Old Church, these will allow us to find out practically what it would mean – both in terms of the development of the buildings and the resources we would need – what it would mean to turn the dream for the Haydon Churches to be a place of welcome for the whole community into a reality.

If you would like to share you dreams with us, or would like more information please contact the Vicar on [revbenjaminccarter@gmail.com](mailto:revbenjaminccarter@gmail.com) or on 688 196. We look forward to sharing with you a more detailed plan of our 2018 activities and events in the very near future.

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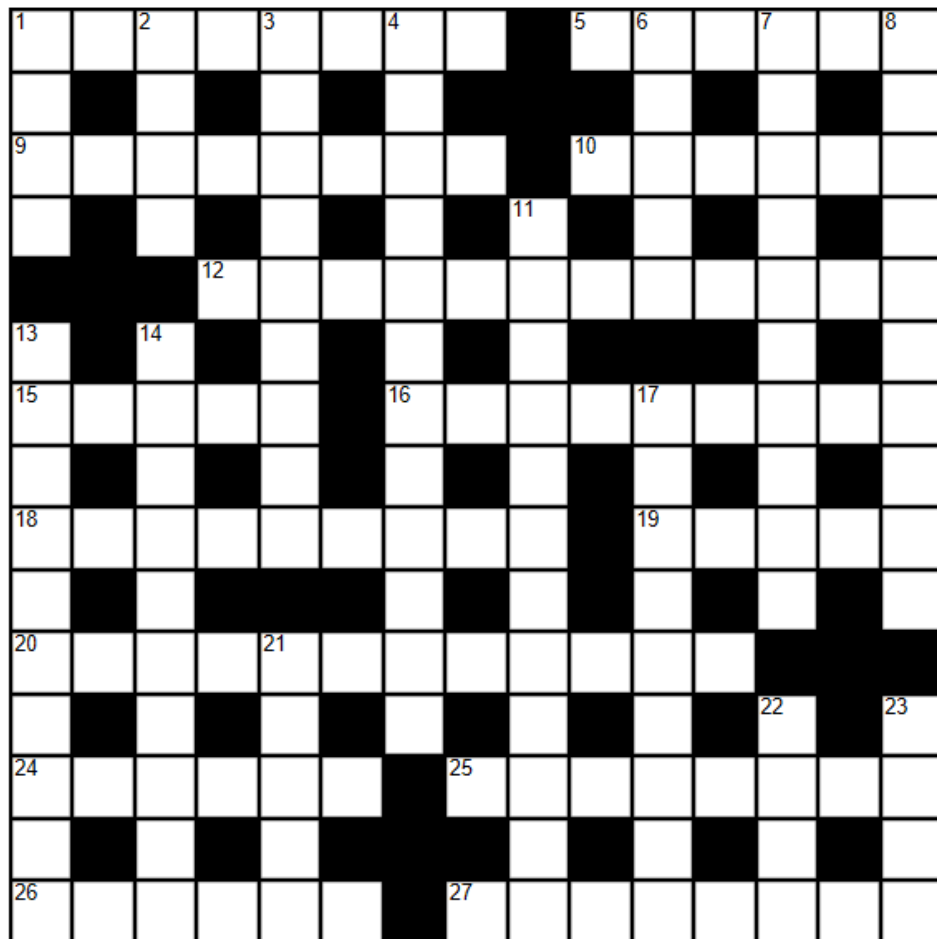
Please drop answers off at Claire's by  
20th February (or post to the editor)

**DECEMBER'S WINNER**

Barbara Lee

**NUMBER OF ENTRIES**

5 - all correct.



## ACROSS

1. Female involved when same fur used to keep listeners warm (8)
5. Vehicle losing first half only to Spanish guy (6)
9. Girl trap for 24 (8)
10. Hobbit ingests article in N. Spain (6)
12. Jam a neck very awkwardly without exception (5,3,4)
15. It goes round both ways (5)
16. Hastens back to mine entrance when sees spray (9)
18. Wild or raw – both, in fact, causing great conflict (5,3,1)
19. Manchester ship, maybe, built with tin and aluminium (5)
20. Put a coin into a two-year plant and it lasts 198 years longer! (12)
24. Fliers here on a street in Italy next to the railway (6)
25. Fine, a hundred dined next to café (8)
26. Felicity possibly found in Cumbria (6)
27. Suits man to make waves (8)

## DOWN

1. Rebel gave up all resistance, bending European flower (4)
2. It's not unheard of to treat rheum alternatively (4)
3. Unkempt crude oven exposed to the elements (9)
4. Calculates William's wife right to cut a dash on ice (6,6)
6. Radical that is never ordinary may confine someone strange (5)
7. Workers at the Bridge? (10)
8. Immobilised but able to replenish money- drawer (5-5)
11. Son bites mail frantically, he's no get-up-and-go (12)
13. Rank law bad so get no result (4,1,5)
14. Territorials back pamphlet on particle magnetism (10)
17. Command given to secretary (9)
21. As is standard with a Bellini opera (5)
22. May French motorway cause injury? (4)
23. Sweep up lost euro in church (4)

## DECEMBER'S ANSWERS

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### Harry Watson's Clandestine Radio Set

It must have been in 1999, or the millennium, we had a visit from Alan Robley. He frequently came by for a chat. He had lived in our house as a young lad during the war and regaled us with a lot of tales: a lucrative business supplying rabbits to the inhabitants of South Shields; recovering Austin 10 engines from surplus fire pumps; and lots more. On this occasion he was keen for me and my (first) wife, Sue, to come down to the village with him to meet a friend of his, as the friend had something that might be of interest, bearing in mind I was interested in electronic gadgetry.

It turned out the friend was Harry Watson. We sat in the comfortable living room making small talk for quite a while, until Harry disappeared upstairs and returned from the attic clutching the self-same radio set pictured in the December edition of the HN. Built on a "breadboard", with at least two valves, and a beautifully crafted tuning condenser (that's a capacitor to a younger audience), made from flattened pieces of tin can. He then told us about its history as detailed by Dennis in his article. One small point not mentioned by Dennis. His wife really hadn't want it in the house, she knew that it had been hidden by hanging it on a hook in the void under the latrine in the prisoner's hut!

Harry asked if we would like to see it working, and proceeded to arrange an extension lead so that it could be plugged in. We watched in amazement as the dull red glow of the filaments slowly appeared in the "bottles". Harry put the earpiece to his ear, fiddled with the tuning condenser, and then the reaction condenser, and passed the earphone to me. I took it gingerly, well aware that the apparatus was being powered from the mains, and probably wasn't earthed, so placing a live electrical component against the ear was a potentially hazardous thing to do. Amazingly music was coming from the earpiece and then a voice, Dutch. We were probably picking up the long-wave transmitter at Hilversum! This was with just a short bit of flex for an aerial. After about twenty minutes of this, a smell I remember from my youth, overheating shellac insulated wire, started to pervade the room, and it was decided that it was best to turn the power off before the self-wound mains transformer suffered irreparable damage.

It was the one and only time I met Harry, and I often wondered what happened to that radio-set. I was so pleased to see that it has found its way to its proper place in a museum.

PS One point worth mentioning, to achieve sufficient gain to receive the BBC from a long way away, and with a minimal aerial, this radio used the "superegen" principle. Basically positive feedback is carefully applied by the operator to the radio-frequency amplification stage by a second tuning capacitor. Great care must be taken by the operator to ensure that too much feedback isn't applied, because it will then emit a screeching whistle from the ear-piece, and more importantly the unit behaves like a transmitter that can easily be located by the guards using radio detection finding gear!

Phil Harley

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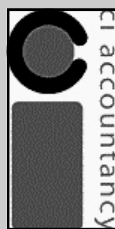
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My mate is an idiot, Dusty, he stood in  
front of a mirror and, in capital letters,  
tattooed his wife's name on his chest.

AVA.

You mean he wrote it in  
reverse, Raydon? What  
a fool, what's her name?





## GALE FORCE WINDS EXPECTED . . .

Gale force winds are expected - time to tie your knickers down  
All Heads bent and everyone is pushing their way across town

Mouths are tightly shut - just in case their dentures out and fly  
Ski goggles are on just in case you get something in your eyes

Flared skirts are all flying and long hair that blowing out of place  
By the time you get to work you look more than a total disgrace

Then time is spent behind the desk rearranging all that went astray  
All Sat there hoping the wind has died by the end of the work day

Dinner all sat on the bench outside eating someone else's lunch  
As the wind sends their pickle onions right into your own mush

The bloke sat next to you is eating your fly away in my face hair  
Reinforcing that old saying - How nice is for everyone to share

Then no worries about putting your left over rubbish into the bin  
The darn bits just fly out again - once you have so neatly put it in

Then it is all back to office - all heads down and pushing through  
Then clogging up the elevators - without as much as a say or a do

Then it is back behind the desk - rearranging all that went a stray  
As hoping the wind has died down by the end of the working day

All signs are not looking good as the pigeons huddle on the ledge  
Even worse when one drops off - because another in does wedge

As 5 o'clock end of day arrives and no one is in a great rush to go  
Stuck to their seats it's almost as if the work force is on a go slow

One fresh air freak limbers up and starts heading for the exit door  
Wow' one blast of hurricane winds and the guy was seen no more

The thought of settling down for the night was more than an idea  
As we started to rearrange - "We can do anything with bits Ikea"

We gave the trouble of eating - to those ever so brave pizza boys  
Though when we sent the orders the delivery guys were annoyed

It is not much fun delivering pizzas on a light weight moped bike  
One was lifted by the wind - once landed he was ass up in a dyke

The pizza boy arrived said "That's it the wind has taken my bike"  
We piled up the pizza boxes the pizza boy bedded in for the night

Then next morning came and at long last the wind had died down  
Drama over we sent the pizza boy home with a tip of half a crown

Indiana Shaw . . . ; )

## ALZHEIMERS" THE ROAD TO FORGETFULNESS

### HAVEN'T YOU FORGOTTEN SOMETHING

Haven't you forgotten something  
A voice spoke to me within my mind  
Was it being ferocious or being kind  
Haven't you forgotten something

Haven't you forgotten something  
Now to me in a more determined shout  
Definitely had with itself so more clout  
Haven't you forgotten something

Haven't you forgotten something  
Did I forget something in my own haste  
I stare into nothingness my mind cased  
Haven't you forgotten something

Haven't you forgotten something  
With it the voice continued to persist  
What is it that I've importantly missed  
Haven't you forgotten something

Haven't you forgotten something  
As now comes to me - as unknown faces  
And now to me entirely unknown places  
Haven't you forgotten something

Haven't you forgotten something  
The reminisce of memories I can no longer find  
Once beautifully articulated, now to it so blind  
Haven't you forgotten something

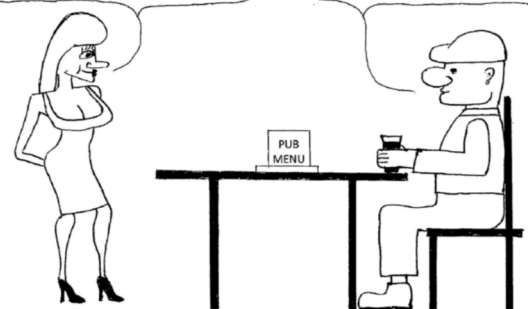
Haven't you forgotten something  
Staring into nothingness, nothingness in return  
As each and every memory disappears in its turn  
Haven't you forgotten something

Indiana Shaw . . . ; )

## RAYDON FRIDGE and DUSTY DARMAID

Did you manage to mend your wobbly kitchen table with that D.I.Y. mag I gave you, Raydon?

Yes thanks, Dusty, it was just the right thickness to wedge under the short leg causing the wobble.



# Haydon Bridge United AFC

## Season 2017/18 – February Update



The 2017/18 season is well underway and the club has continued to further develop in all areas. As part of our continuous maintenance programme at Low Hall Park, all our the pitches have been verti-quaked this season, a process that improves the quality, and longevity of the playing surface.

The football club are currently working in partnership with the Northumberland Football Association to create a bespoke pitch maintenance schedule for Low Hall Park. Advice from the experts is always welcome.

Thanks in part to Sport England funding, we have installed a much needed purpose built storage facility. This will be used to house equipment vital to both the football club and the Haydon Bridge Festival team. We would like to thank all of our neighbours for their patience and cooperation during the movement and construction of the building.

Sports participation, especially amongst children, is a stated ambition of Haydon Bridge Utd, and our newly formed U7s team managed by Richard Smith and our U12s, under the management of Martin Rogan and Stu Connor, are having great fun and are playing some wonderful football along the way.

We have added extra teams to our playing structure this year as well. We now have 9 teams playing in various leagues covering the age groups of Under 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16 and the Anchor Senior team.

### **Development Squad**

Our development squad continues to progress with players from the age of 4 enjoying training sessions with our coaches.

### **Under 7s**

The Under 7's have been progressing really well this season. This is the first time the players have been part of the team and the progression has been tremendous, we all know the importance of our position on the field and to work as a team when making decisions to either pass, dribble or shoot. The team are having great fun when playing matches and we have tasted many victories as well as some draws and a few defeats. Each player has managed to score this season and we have been rotating positions on the pitch. We participated in an indoor tournament at Wentworth in Hexham where all players got medals.

### **Under 9s**

At the start of the season we didn't have enough players to setup separate Under 8 and 9 teams so we merged the players together into one team. Credit to the younger under 8 players they've stepped up and are competing equally with the older players in the team and winning man of the match awards from opposition teams who are unaware of the age difference.

The Under 9s also had a recent success winning the Tynedale Mini Soccer 5 aside tournament at the Wentworth, fantastic achievement by a great team

### **Under 10s**

It's been a busy season so far for the Under 10's with a squad of 13, playing 7 a side matches has brought in a squad rotation system, hopefully preparing our players for their place in the premiership one day! The players have played some great football and are developing their knowledge of the game and their abilities.

### **Under 11s**

The North East Youth Development League is certainly increasing the travel of the U11s this season. An early season trip to Berwick, being one of the longest trips, although the team played well and were invited to the Berwick Rangers v Elgin City as guests on the same day. The team are continuing to develop and are progressing well

### **Under 12s**

Our new Under 12's team have had a great season so far. The team are playing great football and scoring loads of goals, even though each week they seem to come up against one of the best goalkeepers in the world.

### **Under 14s**

More great football on show from our Under 14s again this season. Plenty of goals scored by the team so far and the team are progressing well in Division 2 of the PinPoint league.



### Under 15s

The under 15's have had a great season so far. Some great performances, with plenty of goals scored has seen them winning mid season promotion to Division one.

### Under 16s

The first half of the 2017/18 season has been fairly tough for the under 16's. A league reshuffle at the start of the season place in a higher division than previous seasons. All credit to the coaches and players, who never give up and have put everything in to their matches. Following a mid season re-organisation of the leagues, the team won their first match in the new division 3-1.

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## Local Buskers at The Anchor

A newly established tradition of Open Mic sessions at The Anchor continued on the first Sundays of December 2017 and January 2018. It is organised by the local singer-songwriter Kevin Moore and it offers to showcase local music and poetry talent.



At the last two sessions, the audience enjoyed performances by The Old Softies, The Brampton Reivers, Chris Dunn, Kevin Moore, Elizabeth Hodgson, James Bell, Tony Reynolds, Calum David Tordoff and Tara, Simon Boyd, Mark Brown and duo Morish. There is a newly open “poets’ corner” and it is not like the one in Westminster Abbey. Local poets are alive and well, entertaining the audience with their latest work as the musicians set up

their instruments.



So far, listeners have been introduced to the poems of Tom Moody, Natalie Nera and David Roe.

**The next session will take place on Sunday, February 4, at 6:30 at The Anchor Inn. If you have any queries, or if you want to perform, please get in touch with Kevin via Facebook messenger.**

Natalie Nera

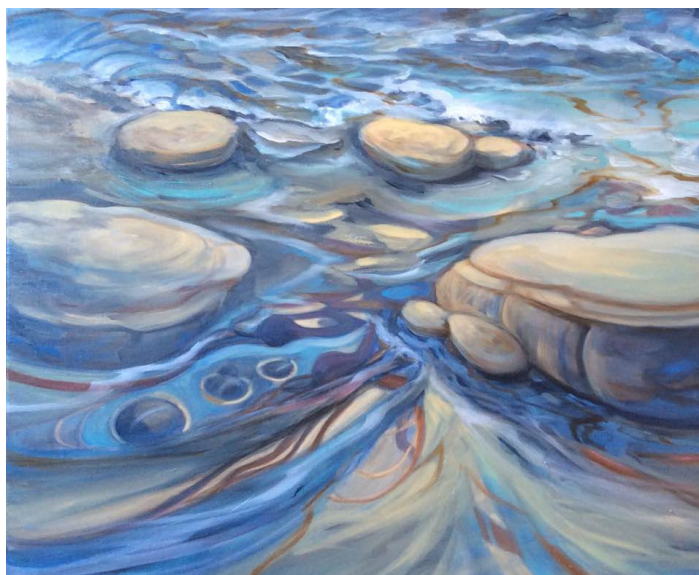
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## Together

Stone throw of life  
Water bubbling across our thoughts  
Crossing the cobwebs of my gratitude  
The nuclear bomb of our future  
In your eyes  
Your tongue speaks of sounds  
Your body is lonely. How trivial.  
The moment siphoned forever  
Through the river of a forward flow

## Natalie Nera

An example of collaborative creative response between Natalie Nera and Susan Routledge. *Woven Stories* is a collaborative arts project organised by Edit & Doodle, a group based in Haydon Bridge. Their first exhibition opens in March 2018 in The Forge, Allendale. If you are interested in joining the project, please contact Natalie via Facebook messenger.



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