

Major Village Events in June

This month, two of the biggest events in the village take place. Firstly the Haydon Bridge Festival on 2nd June and secondly on the 9th June the Haydon Hundred Cycling Sportive. Both fantastic events to watch, attend or take part in!!

Saturday 2nd June 2018

Haydon Bridge Festival



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Saturday 9th June 2018

THE HAYDON HUNDRED

Sportive

The Haydon Hundred is a cycle sportive running in South West Northumberland (and a bit in Cumbria & Durham). There is a 100km main route with challenging and unique features making it a "must-do" event for any serious cyclist and also a 60km route which is still a



challenge but misses a couple of the bigger climbs. And finally we have our top rated route - the Haydon Hundred Skyrider - which as well as a spectacularly beautiful route, will test even the most experienced cyclist

Entries

Entries can be made through the British Cycling on-line entries system. .

The Routes

All routes start and finish at The Bridge Community Library and Visitor Information Point, Church Street, Haydon Bridge, Hexham, NE47 6JQ.

All entrants will start between 8am and 9am. Riders will set off in groups of up to 20 at a time.

The Methodist Church will be open on the Saturday from 7.30 am until well into the afternoon for refreshments/facilities etc



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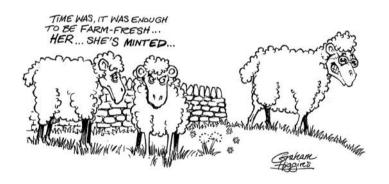
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Editorial

Thank you to everyone who generously donated money through the donation envelopes on the May edition of the Haydon News. Your continued donations, however small, will help to keep this publication going and we really appreciate your support.

There is a fair amount going on in the village this month, with the Haydon Bridge Festival taking place on 2nd June. For those that have never been it's a fantastic family friendly event, with great food, drinks and entertainment. We also have the Haydon Hundred Cycling event, another excellent event which brings a great number of visitors to the village.

It looks as though the summer weather has finally arrived, let's hope it's with us for a long time, although I did hear one farmer suggesting we could do with some rain!! - just shows you can't please everyone....



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MEETING OF HAYDON PARISH COUNCIL AT 7PM ON 26TH OF APRIL 2018, AT LANGLEY VILLAGE HALL.

Present: Cllrs. J. Bates, I. Burrows, E. Charlton (Chair), K. Richardson, A. Sharp, R. Snowdon, D. Thornhill; public; C. McGivern (Clerk).

Annual meeting of Parish Council — Cllr. Charlton explained that the Parish Council was obliged to hold an annual meeting. Any issue raised would not be responded to until the next annual meeting. Therefore she noted that it had been a turbulent year for the village, and the annual meeting closed.

Public participation -

Mrs Armstrong asked about the proposed residents' parking for Church Street. Cllr Sharp said that NCC would shortly be carrying forward a parking consultation which will include Church Street.

Mrs Brown asked why the public were not allowed to vote when there is a vacancy on the council. Cllr Charlton explained that the recent vacancy had been advertised. If 10 electors had contacted NCC, (Northumberland County Council), to request an election then this would have gone ahead, but the cost of this would have to be paid by the parish. As an election had not been requested it was for the Parish Council to co-opt someone to fill the vacancy.

Mrs Brown asked why there was a gap between the two most recent burials at the cemetery. The clerk said that the Mr Glenwright (grave digger), had explained that they had struggled with very wet conditions. It was possible that this was the reason for the gap.

Cllr Richardson asked if the tap at the cemetery was working. Mr. Gray had tried to get it working again, without success, and he was discussing this with the Chair. Cllr Charlton can assist with information about water source.

Parts of the footpath behind Rocksprings Cres. where work was carried out by the EA (Environment Agency) are disintegrating. It was agreed that the clerk would contact the EA about this. The Clerk was also asked to chase Northumbrian Water about work to reinstate the grass at the picnic area again.

Cllr Bates said that a Langley resident had asked about a grit bin for the car park at the village hall. This was passed on to Cllr Sharp.

Cllr Bates asked why Langley could not have a green waste service. This had been requested from NCC and they had turned down. This was passed on to Cllr Sharp.

Joanne Bates was welcomed on to the Parish Council, and completed an Acceptance of Office form and Declaration of Interests.

Apologies - were received from Cllrs Faulks, Fletcher, J & L. Thompson.

5. Declarations of interest – none were received.

Minutes of previous meeting -were agreed & signed.

Vacancy on Parish Council — Following the resignation of Cllr Robson the vacancy had been advertised. NCC had advised that the PC could co-opt someone. It was agreed to co-opt Mrs Avril Kirsopp.

8. Report from Northumberland County Council –

Cllr Sharp circulated an update on parking issues. Traffic calming measures near the Shaftoe School were discussed and Cllr Bates said that in other locations granite strips had been installed at one side of the road. This was very dangerous, as people swerve onto the other side of the road to avoid them. Cllr Sharp wondered if the 20mph signs and granite strips might work without adding the flashing sign. It was agreed that the PC would wait to see how these two measures worked. On North Bank, Cllr Sharp hoped that slow roundels on the road and additional signs would help highlight that this corner was dangerous. Cllr Sharp will bring more details to May meeting. The report for Ratcliffe Road suggested that herringbone parking at 60 degrees would lead to a reduction in the number of parking spaces, due to the specifications that would have to be met. A further site meeting was agreed. Issues around parking on Ratcliffe Road had also been raised in letters from Mr Hartley, a resident of Ratcliffe Road and Mr Morden Mgr of the Co-op. It was agreed that both of these gentlemen would be invited to the public meeting following the site meeting if they wished to join in the discussion. Cllr Charlton wondered if people would be more likely to give way if the middle line was removed, as this had seemed to be the case in Allendale. Mr Fletcher's document looking at parking in the village would be reconsidered now that schools issues have been dealt with. Cllr Sharp had also circulated a report arising from the schools consultation. The key point was that the age range at the High School was to change to 11-18 years. Secondly the closure of Bellingham Middle School, should mean that the pupils from the small church schools should come to Haydon Bridge at 11. Cllr Sharp noted that it will take a while for pupil numbers to build up again. A new Interim Executive Board has been appointed at Haydon Bridge. Cllr Sharp will provide the names of the Board shortly. He also said that everyone had been impressed by the response from the people of Haydon Bridge. It had come through clearly that the people of Tynedale wanted the choice provided by two schools. It was agreed that after the Ofsted report is published the DT (Development Trust) and PC should meet again with the Head of the High School.

Highways - A bin had been requested for the layby at the

bottom of the Threepwood road. A wheelie bin might work at this location. Cllr Charlton gave Cllr Sharp a list of drains that needed to be repaired. It was agreed that the clerk should contact Karbon Homes again about repairs needed at the fence/gate on the boundary of the estate. Details of a Roads hierarchy survey were received from NCC. Details of weed control measures were also received from NCC.

Lighting – Cllr Snowdon asked about installing a street light at the west end junction. Cllr Charlton said that when the bypass had been planned the Police and Highways Department agreed that they did not want lights there, as motorists tend not to see traffic approaching so well with street lights.

11. Planning applications –

18/01252/FUL - Tofts Farm: Construction of new agricultural machinery shed to North East side of existing farm buildings to allow feed crusher to be relocated away from dwellings on West Side of farm site - no objections.

18/01141/VARYCO - Anchor Garage :Variation of condition 2 (Approved Plans) and submission of construction method statement (condition 15) pursuant to planning permission 17/01547/FUL to allow alterations of internal layout and subsequent minor alterations to South West elevation (amended description) - no objections.

17/02577/FUL -Haydon Parish Council objects to these plans. As previously stated the amendments do not address the Parish Council's concerns as set out below –

Object: We note that the developer has produced amended plans. However, these amendments do not address the Parish Council's concerns over the materials used, ie buff brick. This does not blend in with the surrounding stone built properties in the conservation area.

Concerns over flooding in this area have not been addressed. After the floods of December 2015 Northumbrian Water carried out a survey of drains in Haydon Bridge. Following this they admitted that there was a need to upgrade the main drain on North Bank, as this was struggling to cope with the existing load. We do not believe any further development should be allowed in this part of the village until this is addressed.

The amended plans suggest that as there is insufficient parking within the site, residents could park on Station Road. The Parish Council strongly objects to this proposal. This area is already used by vehicles setting down/picking up from the railway. A line of vehicles regularly builds up when the level crossing barrier is in place, so it would be inappropriate to use this area for residents' parking.

Similarly the plans advise that as no pavement has been provided in front of the development, that residents cross to the pavement on the railway side of Station Road. Once again we draw your attention to the fact that people will be heading into the traffic building up around the level crossing.

- The amended plans suggest a raised level for the proposed dwellings which would suggest that County Council understands that there is a flood risk at this site. To raise the level of the new dwellings would perhaps protect them, but this would be to the detriment of existing properties in the vicinity. We expect that County Council would accept responsibility if surrounding properties were flooded in future.

Plans refer to 14 vehicles for the proposed dwellings. Parking

for all 14 vehicles must be provided on site, and not on the roadside, where it can only exacerbate existing parking problems.

12. Accounts – as agreed in the budget.

13. Correspondence –

Reply from NCC regarding the impartiality of the IEB at High School – "As you will appreciate we are working very hard to resolve a number of issues as a result of Brite Tribe walking away from the school. In answer to your question: The Council is in the process of assembling an IEB to put to the RSC for their approval. If and when the IEB is approved we will inform the parish council."

14. Parish projects -

Development Trust – There had been no meeting of the DT.

Parish Council Surgery – Cllr Richardson had held another surgery, but no one had attended, probably because it was too close to the Easter holidays.

Lighting St. Cuthbert's Church – Cllr Thornhill wondered if the proposed project to light the church could be revived. It was agreed that Cllr Thornhill would look at the practicalities at then report back to the PC.

Public footpath proposal Ratcliffe Road to river bank — Cllr Charlton said that she had not started work on the application for this, but will do so soon.

15. Any other business -

AD122 bus – Cllr Charlton said that the bus will now pick up in HB at around 8am and return to the village at about 5pm.

Antique shop – it was noted with regret that the windows at the old antique shop had been repaired and very swiftly vandalised once more. Mr Harrison is not prepared to repair them again until someone is prosecuted.

Declarations of interest – all Cllrs had checked their declarations.

Neighbourhood Plan – it was agreed that the clerk would invite David English to the next meeting to discuss going ahead with a plan.

It was agreed that as many parish Cllrs as possible should attend a meeting on 8th May to discuss the proposals for the High School.



CHESTERWOOD

Part 1

I am pleased to see that Historic England is showing an interest in Chesterwood, one of our parish's most historic sites. (See parish Council Notes, Haydon News April 2018) The Historic England web site highlights four former bastles as being of particular interest to them; together with 'the springhead structure and four troughs of Chesterwood Green'.

The former bastles referred to are: outbuildings to the south east of Chesterwood green, the house adjoining today's 'Mellom Cottage', the building to the west of the house adjoining 'Mellom Cottage' (formerly a pair of bastle houses and an example of terraced bastles of which, at one time, may well have made up the whole of Chesterwood), and the recently and appropriately modernised 'Golf House'.

Providing the present land and property owners are in agreement with any proposals, it would be good to see our historic hamlet given a financial and promotional boost through a national organisation.

Having lived within the two feet six inches thick stone walls of the Wardle family's Chesterwood Farm House, with my wife and children - albeit, only for a two or three years during the late 1970/80s - I can vouch for the wonderful historic and working environment and our joy of living there; except, maybe, for our son David who delivered morning newspapers for John Clarke and might not have been too happy about having to get down to the village for his deliveries, and back for breakfast, and then back down again in time for school.

We were especially fortunate in having good neighbours, some of whom had lived there for many years - generations even, in one case - and all of whom were so much at ease in their surroundings.

Jim and Brenda Pigg farmed at Chesterwood, as had Jim's father Tommy Pigg and his father Michael before him - and their children do, to this day. Mavis Layton was in the 'South Cottage', as had been George Layton an interesting parish character until his death in January 1973. Miss (Margaret) Parker, a lovely lady with a wry sense of humour, lived in the cottage on the green, before moving to Shaftoe Terrace. Margaret was a joy to listen to as she regaled us with her experiences in Ireland and her calling as a nun. Hunter and Connie (nee Raine) Bradley, were popular members of our Haydon Bridge community - as had been Connie's family. Hunter and Connie had made Chesterwood their second home after moving there from Altonside, while living in Tynemouth. Mr and Mrs Leslie Carey lived at the north west corner of the hamlet, where they undertook a sympathetic conversion of their cottage; and Mr and Mrs Esmond and Pamela Faulkes and family lived in the farm house that

was formerly the residence of Bill and Vi Reed, son David and daughter Hazel. When Mr and Mrs Reed retired to live in John Martin Street, David took over the farm until, eventually, the land, farm house and buildings were sold and the buildings converted to 'Chesterwood Barns'.

In 2018, Chesterwood is the site of two farms and the inhabitants of the hamlet include farm owners and workers and retired professional people.

The earliest reference to Chesterwood may have been in 1296 when, 'Hugh of Chesterwood paid his taxes to the King'. A further reference occurs in 1369 when Anthony de Lucy was Lord of Langley Barony and we learn that, 'Chesterwood was held by Nicholas de Grendon'. By the early 17c the freehold of Chesterwood appears to have been in the possession of the Ridley family and it was sold in 1637 by William Ridley, along with his manors of Henshaw and Ridley, to Francis Neville of Chevett in Yorkshire. In 1654, Francis Neville drew up leases with tenant farmers William Maughan, Thomas Robson and John Stevenson. Subsequent agricultural leaseholders, tenants and/or farm owners at Chesterwood have included the Blacketts, Dickinsons, Nicholsons, Eshtons, Ords, the Rev. T.E. Crawhall, W.E. Wilkinson and, more recently, Michael, Tommy, and Jimmy Pigg and family, Billy Reed, David Reed, Bob Straughan, and George Wardle and family.

The first mentions of Chesterwood in the Haydon Parish Registers from 1654 are: the burial of Elizabeth the wife of John Henderson (January 5th 1655); the baptism of William the son of Alexander Barrow (August 19th 1665); and the marriage of Richard Atkinson and Mabel Eshton (June 10th 1658).

C16th Chesterwood seems to have been a defensible farm town with terraced bastle houses, providing a ground floor byre below first floor accommodation, and enclosing a small green or yard into which animals could be driven. It is the lasting structure of these remaining substantial stone bastle houses that makes the hamlet an architectural treasure of our parish.

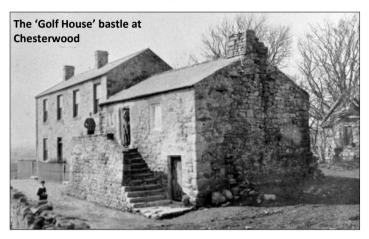
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Perhaps, the best known Chesterwood bastle in recent years is 'The Golf House', favourably restored in 2017. Many of our residents will be familiar, however, with photographs of the early C20th golf course and its club house bastle. Interestingly, our former Haydonian William Veitch tells me that his grandfather William Veitch senior and his grandmother Jane, lived in the cottage known as 'The Old Pele House' which adjoined the Golf House bastle. William Veitch senior was the greenkeeper on the Chesterwood golf course established in 1905 and Jane was employed in the club house as a cook. (See more in The Haydon News' Oct/Nov 2014)



So, Chesterwood was an ancient farm 'towne' and part of Langley Barony and yet, compared to other similar early farm communities in the parish - for example Rattenraw, Lightbirks, Morralee and Lees - our renowned local historian, Charlie Coombes's trawl through the Langley Barony/Greenwich Hospital records, provided a minimum of information about Chesterwood's history, before its 'enclosure' in 1792/93, and very rarely is it mentioned in the historic Court Rolls.

One can only assume that the leaseholders and tenants at Chesterwood were allowed to continue their farming there without interference from the administers of the Barony, who must have been happy in the knowledge that their annual rent, even though it was minimal, was guaranteed for a period of five hundred years from 1654. The ancient rent in 1369 was 20d per year for each of eight farms, a total in old money of thirteen shillings and





Haydon Bridge golfers on the steps of the former bastle in 1905

fourpence. (Or almost 70 new pence per annum!) In 1608, William Ridley was seised of Chesterwood at the same rent as 1369.

Moving on to 1792, areas of land that were tenanted by individual farmers at Chesterwood were described as lying 'scattered and intermixed and of consequently less value to the said several properties'. As a consequence, an agreement was reached between the then freeholder Sir Edward Blackett and his tenants, to divide and redistribute the lands as 'enclosed allotments', bringing order to the C18th field pattern. Each tenant was to have an allotment of the good land, of the land of interim quality and of the woodland in the park; the tenants casting lots to see where their allotments would lie

The 'woodland in the park' referred to, no longer exists, but, according to the late L.C. Coombes' research it may have been in a field west of the road beyond Chesterwood Grange and may have been the wood from which Chesterwood took its name.

To be continued next month...

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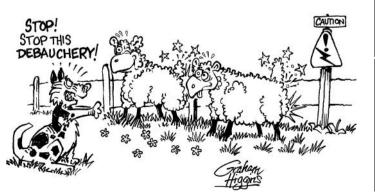
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A VIEW FROM UP THERE

John Harrison

Conditions in our schools nowadays are obviously very different to when I attended back in the 1950s. Two news headlines from the USA suggest that school is really rather a dangerous place to be "Kids Make Nutritious Snacks" and "Local High School Dropouts Cut in Half" Ouch !! It's all in the words isn't it — our use of language always trips us up, rather like one of Gladys' friends who was looking for a title for one his paintings — it was a still life of one his hens staring longingly at the lettuce, tomatoes etc in the vegetable garden. The title he chose? "Chicken Sees a Salad". All he needed was some Parmesan?

Well there's no shortage of words said about April, the most common of which are "April showers bring May flowers". Late spring is usually the time when the ground begins to warm up, especially after the cold drab winter and early spring that we have experienced this year. This said, the soil takes a long time to respond to the Sun's rays and even at root depths it is still quite cool. The general opinion in Haydon Bridge is that things are up to three weeks later than usual. But it is true that May tends to see the real start of the growing season and gardeners are now seen working late, trying to keep pace with what is starting to happen.

April began this transition from the depths of winter to the first signs of spring, and it was milder and wetter than normal. East winds dominated the weather over the first two weeks. This was particularly marked during the first four days which were very cold with snow and hail, the temperature on the 2nd (Easter Monday) rising to only 3.7 degC. This was regarded as the worst Easter holiday that most folk could remember. However, cloudy skies meant that there was only one frost under clearer skies on the 4/5th. The source of the air approaching the UK shifted to a more southerly position after the 5th which resulted in a temporary milder spell of weather between the 6th and 9th. The easterly wind, however, brought in some very dull and damp weather with hill fog. Rising air pressure brought about a shift to winds from the Atlantic from the 14th which raised temperatures and marked the arrival of the first clear signs of spring. Tropical air affected the UK 16th - 21st bringing some exceptionally high temperatures to the southern UK and a daytime maximum of 22.1 degC here in Haydon Bridge on the 19th. Although cloudy at times conditions were generally sunny and very dry.

Falling pressure on the 22nd heralded an unsettled spell of weather up to the end of the month with lengthy sunny spells and April showers. As the warmer weather broke, we experienced a spectacular lightning display in the early hours of the 22nd.

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

Month						
Average Maximum Temperature (Daytime) deg C	11.6					
Relative to long-term average degC	+0.1					
Average Minimum Temperature (Night-time) deg C	4.9					
Relative to long-term average degC	+1.1					
Rainfall (mm)	75.5					
Percentage of long-term average	157					

On a recent trip to Australia Gladys and her friends stopped at a local bar for a cold beer. At the back of the building, the owner was cultivating a crop of asparagus which he protected from the local rabbits in a large cage. To prevent scorching from the sun he had placed a light cover over the cage. Unfortunately, customers tended to lean on the cover while drinking their beer, which had apparently caused it to collapse occasionally. To prevent this he had pinned a warning notice to the cage which reminded Gladys of her younger days in the 1960s. What did it say? "This is the awning of the cage of asparagus".

Hexham Beacon Club

30th May – Across the Wide Missouri
6th June – Club outing Royal Armories Leeds
(come to the trip as a friend of the Beacon Club.
Bus-Entry & Dinner about £35).

13th June – Seven Bridges Crossing the Tyne gorge
20th June – Suffragette
27th June – WW10n Wednesdays 10-30 to 12-00 at

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News From The Bridge

Well done to those who responded to "A Consultation About Education in the West of Northumberland". Everyone was thrilled to hear that the report on 24th April looked so good, as the response to the consultation said Haydon Bridge High School should be saved. More than 3,000 responses were received by the council—perhaps People Power works after all.

It was then considered by the council's Family and Children Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 3rd May, who again accepted the proposal to keep the school open. They commented on the huge response they had received, not only regarding children in individual schools, but for the community as a whole, and also for the innovative ideas put forward. The meeting of the County Council's Cabinet on 8th May was recommended to take back control of and invest in Haydon Bridge High School and once again accepted the proposal in full. It will go before the full Council meeting on 10th July to be legally set in place.

Message to dog walkers

— leave only pawprints!

The county Council has provided free dog poo bags for emergencies when responsible owners may have forgotten to carry any with them

These are available from the Bridge, the Co-op and |Claire's Newsagents.

Now the summer has arrived come and see our selection of local walk leaflets on display in The Bridge:-

"The John Martin Heritage Trail" - Free

"Walks Around Haydon Bridge" leaflets at 50p each:-

"Village Walks" - three short and easy walks

"Farms, Romans and Countryside" - a full day of 13 miles or a shorter 7 mile loop

"Hills and Woods that inspired an Artist" - a 71/4 mile walk south of the river or a shorter 4 mile route

We also have "Cycle Rides Around Haydon Bridge" (£2) mapping three cycle routes exploring the lanes and tracks on both sides of the scenic Tyne Valley

The Bridge Opening times

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 9.00am -12.00pm

 Tuesday
 1.00pm - 4.00pm

 Wednesday
 1.00pm - 4.00pm

 Thursday
 4.00pm - 6.30pm

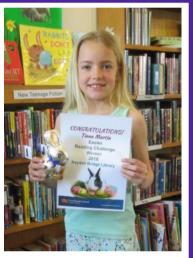
 Friday
 4.00pm - 6.30pm

 Saturday
 9.30am -12.30pm

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The Easter Reading Challenge was won by Tiana Martin, shown here with her certificate and looking forward to her chocolate bunny.

The Bridge allowed all our Haydon Bridge archive to be copied by Alastair Burrowes onto the Old Haydon Bridge website, where you can access them any time, but if you'd like to print



off any copies or look at our archive videos, do come into The Bridge. See who you can remember, perhaps put names to the unknowns

We also have a mini voice recorder to record interviews, so if you know of someone with interesting memories of the village in times gone by, do bring them in to record their stories. Even recent memories will become the archives of the future—everyone does look young!

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Haydon Bridge Nature Club Day Trip to Floors Castle

On the 19th May when Harry and Meghan were in Windsor getting married a group of intrepid travellers from Tynedale were bound for Floors Castle, Kelso. The trip, organised by the Haydon Bridge Nature Club, was a sell-out. Ably driven by our driver, George, the coach trip was a great success. The weather was perfect. The castle is the largest inhabited house in Scotland and is the residence of the Duke of Roxburghe and his family.



We were welcomed outside the castle and introduced to the treats awaiting us by Matt, after which we were able to roam the public areas of the castle at our leisure. The Castle was so interesting, holding many treasures and intriguing artifacts ably explained by the guides in each room. Some of us chose to go outside first and return to the Castle later.



There were well signed walks through the woods or along the river bank and the Walled and Millennium Gardens to explore, so there was plenty of opportunity to take in the flora and fauna of the estate. And there were two Cafes where we were able to refresh and indulge in some great fare, much of which is produced on the estate. The blueberry and lemon cheesecake was to die for. Thank you, Liz, for the recommendation! We all had a wonderful day and George managed to get us home in time to watch the highlights of that wedding! A perfect day – where to next year? Any suggestions?

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Nature Notes May 6 2018

We have just returned from a week's holiday in Cornwall. Before we left two energetic jackdaws were attempting the apparently impossible task of constructing a nest high up in a V frame in our shed. When we got back we discovered to our amazement that the jackdaws had succeeded in creating a three foot high nest- see photograph- leaving an enormous pile of twigs on the

floor beneath. What incredible determination! let's just hope that if they do lay eggs in it, it does not overbalance and fall. Perhaps next year we will put up a box in which they can build a more secure nest!



Awoke this morning to a loud (and familiar) drumming noise coming from the sycamore tree just outside the bedroom. Got up to see if I could spot the culprit, to be rewarded by the sun illuminating the



red, white and black colours of the great spotted woodpecker! It then flew off in that strange undulating flight, no doubt to look for another tree with a piece of dead wood to tap his bill on to announce his presence to

the opposite sex.



Counted four curlews on my walk this morning with their delightful, if slightly melancholy call, plus two skylarks seemingly vying with each other to rise higher and higher without

ever ceasing to sing. What a joy. The bluebells and primroses were out in Tony's Patch and the ransoms will shortly follow. By Standalone Bank the wood anemones, both pink and white are a fine sight.



I think that probably this is my favourite time of the year, when all of nature seems to be coming alive again after a long winter. The frogs are singing in the pond and their tadpoles have all hatched. The leaves are just appearing

on the trees and all seems well with the world.

Rumpole.

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The train operator Northern has greatly increased the number of trains that stop at Haydon Bridge. In response to the Tyne Valley Community Rail Partnership and calls from local commuters the frequency of trains to Hexham and Newcastle has been increased from every two hours to every hour. The New Timetable has brought an even bigger change in the Haltwhistle and Carlisle direction.

Local rail enthusiast and Northern Community Stakeholder Noel McGivern said. "This is the most important upgrade in travel links since the Haydon Bridge bypass. People often see rail as expensive but an off peak return journey from Haydon Bridge to Hexham costs only £3.40. More people using these services is the best way to secure them for the future."







Haydon Bridge Departures

Timetable from 20 May 2018

Trains to Newcastle Monday - Saturday

07:15 07:41 08:47 09:29 10:28 11:27 12:28 13:28 14:28 15:27

16:28 17:31 18:30 19:26 19:35 20:50 21:50 22:48

Mon - Fri • Saturdays only ••

Trains to Newcastle Sunday

09:35 10:36 12:36 14:36 16:36 18:37 20:36 21:22

Trains to Carlisle Monday - Saturday

07:10 07:52 08:49 09:56 10:55 11:57 12:56 13:57 14:56 15:57 16:56

17:46 18:13 19:13 20:13 21:15 21:23 22:13

Trains to Carlisle

Sunday

09:35 10:45 11:43 13:43 15:43 17:43 19:43 20:45 21:51

Saturdays only • 1 min later on Saturdays • • Mon - Fri • • •

Friends of Shaftoe Trust (FOST)

Humbleton Fell Race:

Wednesday 20th June

This is a Fell Running Association (FRA) registered race. Entries are on the night. Juniors from age 6 are permitted – junior races start at 6.45pm, senior race at 7.15pm. See www.fellrunner.org.uk for more details. All welcome to join in or just to support.

Car Boot Sale:

Saturday 23rd June, 2pm onwards

We are organising a car boot sale for the first time, and would welcome sellers and buyers. To sell will cost £10/car — please arrive between 12.30 and 1.30pm — be aware there is limited space in the school yard. Gates will open at 2pm — entry £1 per adult, children free.

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The allotments will show what they can grow!

Last year was the first time that we have opened the gardens at East Deanraw, Langley, particularly for the members of Haydon Bridge (HB) and Haltwhistle parishes; and I am pleased to say that it was well attended and it enabled us to pass on a significant cash donation to the churches within the HB parish.

One of the highlights of the event was the Allotment Produce Display competition. All HB allotment holders were invited to take part, as a key village activity, in this competition. This was our first attempt to involve allotment holders and we were rather late in getting the message circulated around them.

Using last year's experience we hope to do better this year with a clearer brief together with a spelt out theme based on the 5 daily dietary essentials of fruit and veg that is recommended for our good health.

The contestants will be judged at this year's Open Day on Sunday, 29th July, when East Deanraw's garden will be opened again for the charitable benefit of the HB churches, same as last year's. There will also be several other additional stalls and side lines at the event.

A brief on the 2018 theme is given below, and the winner will get a very worthwhile prize, as will the runner-up. We also intend to shortlist the best of the entries which will be combined to be donated to the employees of the HB Surgery, as a thank you for all they do, from the parish.

I do hope as many of you as possible will enter this year, and if you have any questions do please call me, Tom Speir, on 07802 974710.

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The goal of the growers will be to produce between five and seven varieties of fruit and veg (the 5 a day concept) in proportionate quantities and variety for an attractive weekend's consumption for two people. This should include the basics of potatoes, onions and carrots plus other fruit and vegetables, such as will make the collection a healthy, attractive and enjoyable experience.



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What's on in Haydon Bridge?

Friday 01 June

10am Keep Fit @ Community Centre

11.15am Chair Exercise & Lunch Club @ Community Centre7.30pm Shaftoe Singers @ Methodist Church Hall

Saturday 02 June

10am Coffee Morning @ Community Centre

2pm Haydon Bridge Festival

Sunday 03 June

Trinity 1

11am

6pm

9.30am St Cuthbert's Beltingham , Parish Eucharist

9.30am Mass at St John of Beverley Church10am Methodist Church, Morning Worship

Matt Barrick

11am St Cuthbert's Haydon Bridge

Parish Eucharist with Storybook Church Mass @ St. Wilfrid's Church, Haltwhistle

Methodist Church, Evening Worship,

Rev. Jane Cook

6.30pm Buskers Night @ Anchor Hotel 8pm Bingo @ Haydonian Social Club

Monday 04 June

9.30am Pre-School Playgroup @ Community Centre

10am Yoga @ Community Centre8.00pm GITS meeting @ Havelock

Tuesday 05 June

9.30am Baby Clinic @ Health Centre
 10am Craft Class @ Community Centre
 10am Coffee for all @ Methodist Chapel
 2pm Computer Club @ Catton Chapel

6.00pm Judo Juniors/Seniors @ Haydon Bridge High School

6.55pm Zumba/Zumba Step @ Social Club 7.30pm Carpet Bowls @ Community Centre

Wednesday 06 June

10am Community Well Being @ Community Centre

2pm Painting Group @ Community Centre

7pm Yoga @ Community Centre

7pm Badminton @ Haydon Bridge High School

8.30pm Bingo @ Haydonian Social Club

Thursday 07 June

10am Movement and relaxation @ Community Centre 10am Coffee for all @ Methodist Chapel

5pm Netball @ Haydon Bridge High School
6.55pm Zumba/Zumba Step @ Social Club

7.30pm Carpet Bowls

Friday 08 June

10am Keep Fit @ Community Centre

11.15am Chair Exercise & Lunch Club @ Community Centre7pm Woodies Pie and Mash Night @ General Havelock

7.30pm Shaftoe Singers @ Methodist Church Hall

Saturday 09 June

7.30am Haydon 100 @ Library
 7.30am Methodist Chapel
 Open all day for Refreshments and Facilities

10am Coffee Morning @ Community Centre
 2pm Shaftoe Trust Point to Point Race Day (Pg 15)
 7.30pm Lynch Mob (Acoustic Irish Music @ Social Club

Sunday 10 June

Trinity 2 9.30 All Hallows' Henshaw Parish Eucharist with Storybook Church 9.30am Mass at St John of Beverley Church 10am Methodist Church, Morning Worship, **Graham Wilson** 11am St Cuthbert's Haydon Bridge, Parish Eucharist 11am Mass @ St. Wilfrid's Church, Haltwhistle Methodist Church, Communion Worship, 6pm Rev. Terry Hurst 8pm Bingo @ Haydonian Social Club

Monday 11 June

9.15am Pre-School Playgroup @ Community Centre

10am Yoga @ Community Centre

Tuesday 12 June

9.30am Baby Clinic @ Health Centre
10am Coffee for all @ Methodist Chapel
2pm Computer Club @ Catton Chapel
2pm Adult Mental Health @ Library

6.00pm Judo Juniors/Seniors @ Haydon Bridge High School

6.55pm Zumba/Zumba Step @ Social Club 8.15pm Quiz @ General Havelock (SANDS)

Wednesday 13 June

10am Community Well Being @ Community Centre3.30pm Messy Church @ Methodist Chapel

6.30pm Art Group @ Community Centre

7pm Badminton @ Haydon Bridge High School

7pm Yoga @ Community Centre 8.30pm Bingo @ Haydonian Social Club

Thursday 14 June

10am Movement and relaxation @ Community Centre
10am Coffee for all @ Methodist Chapel
5pm Netball @ Haydon Bridge High School
6.55pm Zumba/Zumba Step @ Social Club
7.30pm Carpet Bowls @ Community Centre

Friday 15 June

9.15am Pre-School Playgroup @ Community Centre
 10am Keep Fit @ Community Centre
 11.15am Chair Exercise & Lunch Club @ Community Centre
 7.30pm Shaftoe Singers @ Methodist Church Hall

Saturday 16 June

10am Coffee Morning @ Community Centre

Sunday 17 June

Trinity 3
9.30am St Cuthbert's Beltingham , Parish Eucharist
9.30am Mass at St John of Beverley Church
10am Methodist Church, Morning Worship
Anne Worthy

11am Mass @ St. Wilfrid's Church, Haltwhistle11am St Cuthbert's Haydon Bridge , Parish Eucharist

3pm God's Tent

6pm Local Arrangement Service 8pm Bingo @ Haydonian Social Club

Monday 18 June

9.15am Pre-School Playgroup @ Community Centre10am Yoga @ Community Centre

Tuesday 19 June

9.30am Baby Clinic @ Health Centre
10am Coffee for all @ Methodist Chapel
10am Craft Class @ Community Centre
2pm Computer Club @ Catton Chapel

6.00pm Judo Juniors/Seniors @ Haydon Bridge High School

6.55pm Zumba/Zumba Step @ Social Club

Wednesday 20 June

10am Community Well Being @ Community Centre
2pm Painting Group @ Community Centre
10.45am Methodist Women in Britain Coach Trip
6.30pm Humbleton Fell Race
7pm Badminton @ Haydon Bridge High School

7pm Yoga @ Community Centre 8.30pm Bingo @ Haydonian Social Club

Thursday 21 June

10am Coffee for all @ Methodist Chapel
 5pm Netball @ Haydon Bridge High School
 6.55pm Zumba/Zumba Step @ Social Club
 7.30pm Carpet Bowls @ Community Centre

Friday 22 June

9.15am Pre-School Playgroup @ Community Centre
 10am Keep Fit @ Community Centre
 11.15am Chair Exercise & Lunch Club @ Community Centre
 7.30pm Shaftoe Singers @ Methodist Church Hall

Saturday 23 June

10am Coffee Morning @ Community Centre 2pm Car Boot Sale, Shaftoe Primary School

Sunday 24 June

Birth of John the Baptist

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

9.30am Mass at St John of Beverley Church10am St Cuthbert's Haydon Bridge

Baptism Celebration Service,

10am Methodist Church, Morning Worship

Valerie Anthony

11am Mass @ St. Wilfrid's Church, Haltwhistle
 5pm Haydon Old Church, Evening Prayer
 6pm Methodist Church, Evening Worship

Supt Paul Dunstan

Monday 25 June

9.30am Pre-School Playgroup @ Community Centre
10am Yoga @ Community Centre

Tuesday 26 June

9.30am Baby Clinic @ Health Centre
 10am Coffee for all @ Methodist Chapel
 2pm Computer Club @ Catton Chapel
 6.00pm Judo Juniors/Seniors @ Haydon Bridge High School

6.55pm Zumba/Zumba Step @ Social Club 7.15pm Film & Food Night @ General Havelock

Wednesday 27 June

10am Community Well Being @ Community Centre
2pm Painting Group @ Community Centre
7pm Yoga @ Community Centre
7pm Badminton @ Haydon Bridge High School
8.30pm Bingo @ Haydonian Social Club

Thursday 28 June

10am Coffee for all @ Methodist Chapel
5pm Netball @ Haydon Bridge High School
6.55pm Zumba/Zumba Step @ Social Club
7.30pm Carpet Bowls @ Community Centre
7.30pm Parish Council Meeting

Friday 29 June

9.15am Pre-School Playgroup @ Community Centre
 10am Keep Fit @ Community Centre
 11.15am Chair Exercise & Lunch Club @ Community Centre
 7.30pm Shaftoe Singers @ Methodist Church Hall

Saturday 30 June

10am Coffee Morning @ Community Centre
Café @ St Cuthbert's Church

11am Messy Church, All Hallows' Henshaw

8pm Live music & General Havelock

Sunday 01 July

6pm

Trinity 5
9.30am Parish Eucharist, St Cuthbert's Beltingham
10am Methodist Church, Morning Worship

Peter Smith

11am St Cuthbert's Haydon Bridge

Parish Eucharist with Storybook Church Methodist Church, Evening Worship

Norman Fullard

1st—7th July Art Exhibition @ Community Centre

Methodist Women in Britain Coach Trip

Wednesday 20th June

The bus will pick up at the Community Centre at 10.45am - anyone wishing to go would need to ring Millie on 01434 602044

CHURCHES WORKING TOGETHER CLERGY MESSAGE

From: Rev. Dr. Benjamin Carter

On the third Sunday of each month in the 'What's on' pages of the Haydon news you might be intrigued to see listed at 3pm 'God's Tent' and wonder what this is. God's Tent is a new afternoon service which has been going for a little over a year now in the Parishes of Haydon Bridge and Beltingham with Henshaw. In simple terms God's Tent is a 6 metre Bell Tent that lives in the Vicarage garage, which is then transported to various locations and pitched up in the landscape in which we live.

God's Tent began life as a response to two practical questions. The first was how can we offer something a little more creative for older children and their families? The second was how could we do this given the physical limitations of inflexibility of our buildings. Added to this was a desire to take Church and worship out of our buildings from time to time and explore the spiritual richness of our landscape. From these three concerns 'God's Tent was born.' The idea of a Tent is not an accidental one. In the Old Testament we hear of God meeting his people in a tent 'pitched among us' and in the writer of the Gospel of John plays with this image when he says – in a reading used often at Christmas – that 'the Word became flesh and pitched his tent among us.'

Quite quickly we have discovered in our activities and worship – den building at Threepwood, scavenger hunts in Allenbanks, fire building at Redburn Park – that God's Tent is much more than just an afternoon activity for older children. What we are finding is that God's Tent is a kind of Church in its own right. For people who would like to know more about God but for whom Church in a traditional way is not quite right God's Tent is a way of learning about who God is for us in a new and different way.

This month we will explore Baptism and in that some of our community will begin to prepare to be confirmed. As the months go by we hope that God's Tent will become established in our worshipping life as a place which, complimenting the lives or our regular and traditional worship, more people can come to know what it means to be loved and cherished by the God who, in Jesus, pitches his tent among us.

If you want to know more, just ask! with best wishes,

Benjamin

Mass on weekdays (except Mondays) at 10.00am either St John of Beverley or St. Wilfrid's, Haltwhistle For all other services, see What's On In Haydon Bridge, Page 20

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Sunday 8th July 3.00 to 4.30 pm

Churches Together in Haydon Bridge Event

This afternoon which is open to all ages, will take place in the grounds of St. Cuthbert's. There will be Worship Songs, Games, Face Paints, Parachute and Food for all. Please come along and join us and bring your friends

Messy Church 13th June

3.30 pm

Methodist Church

come along and bring your friends

WHO AND WHERE

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

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

Deacon Anne Tayloris on Sabbatical from mid May to Mid August During this period please contact—Rev Alan Dawson 01434 230-997 or a Methodist Church Member

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ALLENDALE Forge Studios

THERE ARE PLACES...

Sheep farmer, teacher and now professional artist, Carole Thirlaway, from West Mickley in the Tyne valley, is enjoying a busy year exhibiting her multi-media work in a variety of locations, including a solo exhibition in the Forge Gallery Allendale throughout June.



An experimental printmaker, Carole loves the element of surprise which the use of varied techniques brings from her work. She draws her inspiration from favourite places and cites Northumberland as her special place and major influence, but the North York moors, and sometimes poetry are also significant sources. She works from her small studio experimenting with textures and

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colours to produce collagraphs – prints made from a base plate collaged with different textures – and more recently , wood block engraving, depicting certain birds which have a special connection for her.

Delighting in the contrast between the freedom of the collagraphic process and the disciplines of engraving, Carole began wood block engraving after volunteering in the print room at Cherryburn, birthplace of the renowned Northumbrian engraver Thomas Bewick. She also works creatively with lino cuts and monoprints, finding the uncertainty of results coming off the press quite stimulating.

She escapes to her other home in rural Creuse, central France, in the summer months to gain a different perspective but always looks to nature for her ideas, particularly the changing light, rising mists and the intense colours of nature, which she recreates using oil based printing inks.

Carole seeks to externalise the emotions and impressions evoked from her personal world and which carry special meaning for her. She hopes that her interpretation is conveyed in her June exhibition.

Carole Thirlaway's exhibition starts on 4 June in the Gallery in Allendale Forge Studios and continues to the end of the month. Admission and adjacent parking is free. There is an all day cafe in the Forge. Visit: www.allendaleforgestudios.co.uk



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Season 2017/18 - June Update



Under 15's

Success for the U15's in the final of the West Division Cup! Cheered on by a large crowd, the Haydonians edged out a very good Stocksfield side. In a very entertaining game, we took an early lead through Aaron Hardy which many thought would calm the nerves but Stocksfield had other ideas and kept coming with pace and power. A super save from Matty Scott meant we kept a slender lead, which was shortly doubled by the impressive James MacQueen. Stocksfield were winning a lot of the aerial battles and this was rewarded when Stocksfields Archie Leonard won a header against our defence which looped over the stranded Scott and into the empty net.

The opposition had their tails up and pushed for an equaliser before the break, but we held on and entered the interval with the one goal cushion. After the kick off disaster straight away as a direct run to the goal was slotted away by Stocksfields Leonard. But we have had to come back several times this season and tonight was going to be no different as Aaron Hardy squeezed his second goal past the keeper to put us back in front. As time ticked on it was backs to the wall stuff as Stocksfield kept pushing and we were thankful for MOTM Matthew Koranteng for a goal line clearance at the death. Huge thanks to everyone who came down and congratulations to all of the U15 squad who have played their part in the teams success this season!

Four days later the U15's managed to pull off their second Cup Final victory as they edged out Bedlington in



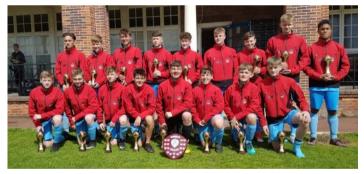
a tight encounter at Cochrane Park. We went into the game with confidence following our previous cup final heroics, but we also knew that Bedlington were going to be up for it and they didn't disappoint! Things couldn't have started any worse for the Haydonians as the inspirational centre half Hal Hodkinson was forced off after only a couple of minutes after twisting his ankle. Credit to the guys and a reliable stand in of Lewis Hunter, we began to get into the game. Our attacking soon paid

off as a chance was snapped up by Harry Crowe and we were a goal to the good. But this was going to be another nervous performance as Bedlington hit back with a chance mid way through the half. With Bedlington defending well and Matty Scott pulling off a good save the score stayed level at the break. With the start of the second half and some running repairs carried out, Hal Hodkinson was able to come back on and how important



that was as he played a MOTM performance, organising the back line and putting in some match saving challenges. Time was disappearing fast and we were potentially heading to extra time until Alyosha Hipkin played the ball to James Percival who managed to chip the ball over the keeper and into the top corner! With only a couple of minutes to go it was back to the wall stuff as we hung on and claimed the victory. Thank you to all

those who travelled down to watch today, and a big thank you to our team sponsor - Tyne Valley Express for their support this campaign.



Under 14's

Haydon Bridge Under 14's played in the final of the West Division cup at Allendale against Hexham Greens. We didn't settle into the game and by the latter part of the first half Hexham scored 3 goals in quick succession. A further goal in the second half meant it wasn't to be our night as our opponents defended well and took their chances. Well done to the lads for getting to the final and to the winners Hexham Greens for a strong performance.

A great season for everyone involved with the football club, there will be a break for our teams now before it all starts again in July. Information on teams and training etc for the 2018/19 season will appear on our website and Facebook page in due course.