

The Haydon News

May 2018



Welcome to the May issue of The Haydon News. Another busy edition , thank you to everyone who has contributed to making this edition and thanks to all the people involved in delivering it through out the area.





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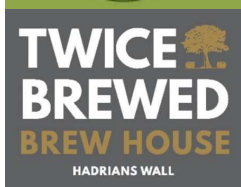
We have some fantastic entertainment lined up again this year, with performances from Jason Arnup, Amy Ridley, The Tyne Valley Big Band and Stratasphonic.



Supporting good causes has been our aim since we started organising the Festival 4 years ago. So far we've raised over £10,000 for charities and local good causes. Hopefully this year will help us add to that total and help the great charities below and local village groups.



We've confirmed our real ale suppliers, with a great selection from Allendale, High House Farm, Big Lamp and Twice Brewed Breweries. As usual we will also have various wines, and lager, cider etc available. Soft drinks also available



We hope to see you all at this year's Festival, it promises to be another fantastic day. Further information will appear on our website and Facebook page over the coming weeks.

See you there!!

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Editorial

Thanks to those that responded to my request in last month's edition of the Haydon News for feedback. Those that replied were positive about the changes we've made and also came up with a few new ideas, we'll hopefully implement in the future. If anyone has any further feedback or suggestions please get in touch.

You will hopefully have noticed, this month's edition has a donation envelope attached to the front. The cost of printing the Haydon News continues to increase, although our printers Robson Print do an amazing job of keeping costs down for us. Which is very much appreciated!! If you are in a position where you can donate to help us keep the Haydon News going, either via the donation envelope or directly to our bank (details below), we would be very grateful.

We're making further changes to the Haydon News over the next few months. The Haydon News usually goes to print shortly after the Parish Council meetings, which take place towards the end of each month. This results in the HN usually arriving with you all part way through the month, which can be an issue for some of the events advertised

Future editions of the Haydon News will now go to print around the 21st of each month, with the intention of distributing them before the start of the following month. The PC meeting notes will now be the official minutes of the meeting from the previous meeting.

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Please submit any articles for inclusion by 19th May.

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MEETING OF HAYDON PARISH COUNCIL AT 7PM ON 22ND OF MARCH 2018, AT HAYDON BRIDGE COMMUNITY CENTRE.

Present : Cllrs. I. Burrows, E. Charlton, E. Faulks (Chair), K. Richardson, D. Robson, A. Sharp, R. Snowdon, J. and L. Thompson; press and public; C. McGivern (mins.).

1. Public participation –

a) David Farrington, Heritage at Risk Surveyor North East, Planning Group, for Historic England – Mr Farrington explained that HE were working on a plan for the cluster of bastles at Chesterwood. He said that he and colleagues were doing research in order to produce a book on bastles, featuring Chesterwood. The Chair showed him a booklet that had already been created by Mr Telford. HE would like to feed this research into a community project. Two of the buildings have now been repaired, but those on the far north west corner of the green are on the register and in need of repair. HE are beginning to work on a repair programme and hope to get grant aid. He felt that this was an opportunity for the PC or DT to get involved. Cllr Charlton said that she was pleased to hear of this initiative as a number of the village walks go through Chesterwood. It would be useful to have a panel explaining the site. Mr Farrington said that it might be possible for HE to fund some community activity. As the next DT meeting is on the 22nd of May, Mr Farrington was asked to put something in writing, to be considered at the meeting. It was also suggested that a project could be advertised in the Haydon News or on the parish website.

b) Mrs Armstrong asked about the siting of a new grave. It was explained that there was no space left in the previous row, and the grave digger had moved onto the area to the left of the gate, as agreed by the Parish Council. The Clerk said that she was surprised that it had been possible to dig a grave given the terrible weather conditions. Michael Glenwright had also been unable to

get into the shed, and had had to leave soil piled on the grass. He intended to make good at the same time as digging the next grave. Branches had also fallen off some of the trees, brought down by the weight of the snow. Cllr Sharp said that Michael had reported to the Burial Committee at Haltwhistle, saying how sorry he was about the way he had had to leave Helen Easby's grave. Mrs Brown asked whether the footpaths in the cemetery would be restored this year. The PC plans to carry out the work in 2018.

3. Apologies - were received from Cllrs V. Fletcher and D. Thornhill.

5. Declarations of interest – none were received.

6. Minutes of previous meeting – were agreed & signed. Cllr Robson said that it had been Chris Robson, and not Chris Watson, who had joined him for the EA walk around to look at river levels.

7. Report from Northumberland County Council –

Cllr Sharp said that there would be a site meeting to discuss Ratcliffe Road parking at 10.30 on the 29th of March. NCC still does not feel that there is a problem with the junction with Church Street. Details of the 20 mph scheme around the Shaftoe School were circulated and agreed. The white lines and slow markings should also be freshened up. Cllr Robson wondered whether the problematic bend at North Bank could be included in the 20 mph scheme. Another suggestion was a warning that the bend was hazardous. The PC requested that the double yellow lines outside the cemetery be removed. The proposals to microsurface Ratcliffe Road will also be discussed at the planned site meeting. The lumps in the pavement on the new bridge have now been dealt with. Cllr Sharp said that NCC had now agreed that instead of patching potholes, a section of surface will be cut out and dealt with. It was agreed that after the High School consultation had ended the PC would consider a Neighbourhood Plan.

8. Highways – nothing to report.

9. Lighting – nothing to report.

10. Planning applications – none received.

11. Accounts – as in budget.

12. Correspondence –

a) Karbon Homes had replied to a request to deal with rats at Langley Gardens saying "These properties back onto the railway line so the odd rat is to be expected but they had mentioned activity in their loft. A pest control contractor has made 3 visits and there has been no activity between their second and third visit so they are happy that the rats have taken the bait and the poison will have taken effect. The tenants have also reported no activity so we are happy that the rats have moved on. The garden at No.55 is a cause for concern

and I will be writing to the tenants and asking them to address the condition of the rear garden.”

b) NCC had replied to a query about opening/cleaning of the public toilets saying that “Haydon Bridge toilets have, for quite a number of years, had electronic time locks, they are serviced by a mobile cleaner visiting once per day. If they aren't locked at night then this would suggest a problem with the lock system which we will investigate... Some facilities remain open 24hrs per day without any issues. The Parish are paying a contribution for the winter opening. The service standards continue at the same level as we would normally provide I have attached a general cleaning specification for info.”

c) NCC had replied to a request to move glass recycling bins to a location near the Kattan factory saying “The land inside the fence (2) is privately owned by Kattan Disposables and I have already asked for that spot during the period when I was trying to locate within the village. They unfortunately wouldn't entertain it. I have done a land search and The land at (3) is owned by Karbon Homes and this may prove more successful. I have spoken to Phipp Rutherford and he has asked me to send him some information for them to consider. I did this yesterday and will see what sort of response I get back.”

d) Karbon Homes had replied to a request to deal with a broken fence on the estate saying “I have taken a look at the fence and forwarded the issue/defect to our asset management team for them to consider replacement of the fence. Large parts of the fence are leaning so rather than patch it up I'm looking to see if it's feasible to replace it. This will be decided by our asset management department however. If the answer is no then we'll undertake remedial works.”

13. Parish projects –

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

b) **Flooding** – Cllr Robson asked for contact details for John Wardle, who had offered to provide large stones for the picnic area. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact Northumbrian Water to ask when their work at the riverside would be completed, so that they could reinstate the ground.

c) Robbie Hutchinson of Rural Property Services had requested a meeting with the Chair. He is the agent for the Langley Estate and asked whether the PC would be willing to swap the piece of land they planned to use for green burials, for a similar piece of **land to the west of the cemetery**. It was agreed that the PC was not willing to do this. Outline planning permission has been sought for more development behind the cemetery.

d) Ann Rook of Tynedale Lions had contacted the Clerk to express concern that the panel for the riverside

had not yet been completed. The Clerk had raised this with Marcus Byron who promised to prioritise this work.

e) NCC had contacted the Clerk to say that the planning application ref 16/01330/FUL for Bellway Development of 75 houses at 'Land West Of The Showfield Haydon Bridge' was now almost complete. The planning permission (for the Showfield latest phase) included a **S106 agreement** requiring the payment of £11,000 towards the maintenance of the play area. This play area was provided as part of the 1st phase of the development which was approved in 2008. The Clerk had provide a copy of the transfer document for this play area.

f) Mr Kaye had contacted the Clerk to say that his family would like to install a **memorial seat at the cemetery**. The Clerk will ring him to suggest a meeting to agree the location of the seat.

g) It was agreed that the Clerk would order a delivery of **play bark for the Shaftoe Green** site, and seek quotations for soft surface for the toddler's play area.

h) Actions from PC surgery – the footpath alongside Mr Jeffs house, to the riverside It was agreed that the best way forward would be to request a public footpath at this location. A public footpath should also be requested from the tunnel top to Limestone. Cllr Sharp promised to find out why NCC had moved to a “preferred bidder” for the fire station, and what exactly this meant, for the next meeting.

Next Meeting—Thursday 26th April, 7.30pm at Langley Village Hall.

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HOME FRONT : 1939 - 1945

I continue my look at Haydon Parish events at home,
in July and September 1944

Church Funds: At the end of July and the beginning of August 1944, £215 was raised for two Haydon Bridge church funds.

A garden fete at St Cuthbert's Vicarage (*adjacent to the church in those days.*) raised £135; and £80 was raised at a garden party, towards the alteration fund for the Central Methodist Church on Ratcliffe Road.

Within a year - June 3rd 1945 - the Central Methodists had joined with the Primitive Methodists in their renamed 'Elmfield Chapel', on Church Street, and their former chapel was renamed the 'Wesleyan Hall'. The hall then became the venue for a newly formed church youth club and, eventually (1965), the Haydon Bridge Community Centre.

Robert Murphy: The funeral took place on Saturday, 2nd September 1944 of Robert Murphy of Innerhaugh House, Haydon Bridge. Sixty five year old Robert, was one of the first to work at Whitechapel Colliery, opened in 1917, and was still in employment there when the pit closed in June 1935. Robert continued his working life as an employee of Hexham Rural District Council and five of his fellow council workmen carried the coffin at his funeral: F. Brown, R. Wylie, H. Thompson, J. Nevin and J. Graham.

Seeing the Light: From the weekend of September 16th 1944, 'black out' regulations, in operation during the war, were relaxed and the Home Guard was informed. The new regulations were described in the Hexham Courant as a 'dim out', as they allowed 'a chink of light without prosecution'. Although the Second World War didn't end officially until 1945, the Courant confidently described the relaxation as amounting to: 'The first payment of a victory dividend.'

Bound Over: When a tweed skirt valued at eight guineas was ordered from her tailor, by Mrs Carrick of 'Foxton', Haydon Bridge, and had not been delivered on August 12th as she had expected, even though the postman William Brayson had received a signed receipt from a resident in the house, suspicion fell upon the Carricks' domestic servant. The domestic help denied having taken the skirt, although it had been despatched by registered post and part of her duties at 'Foxton' was to receive the mail from the postman.

At Hexham court sessions in September 1944, the twenty four year old servant, from Shankend, Bardon Mill, was found guilty of the theft and was bound over for two years in her own and mother's surety of £2.

New Houses: At their September 1944 meeting, Hexham Rural District Council reported on plans to build four new houses at Haydon Bridge in the first two years after the war. Haydon Parish Council chairman, G. Lee Wanless, informed the RDC that Haydon Bridge residents were 'indignant' that only four houses had been allocated to them. Councillor Wanless pointed out that in one case, a male resident of the village had waited forty years for a suitable house that had modern sanitation and the resident had become a pensioner in the process. Councillor Wanless said that many others had waited

thirty years for a house and fifty houses were required to meet the village needs.

The Haydon parish council agreed to submit a claim for twenty houses to be built at Haydon Bridge in the first two years after the war.

Haydon Hero: In November 1944, Haydon Bridge residents were informed that one of their own, Private Sam Gilchrist had helped the Reverend William Smith, a Chaplain to his division, bring back wounded men who were pinned down by the German's machine gun fire.

Apparently, the company of Cameron Highlanders were lying in an exposed field swept by German bullets and a Military Observer reported that the rescue had been: 'A pretty difficult job.'

Probation: At their sitting in November 1944, the Hexham magistrates placed an eleven year old Haydon Bridge boy on probation following the theft of a watch and cigarettes from a caravan at Haydon Bridge.

The boy told P. C. Scott that he knew where the key to the caravan was hidden and he went in, smoked the cigarettes and took the watch, but broke it up and threw it away.

House Sale: After an opening bid of £700, a stone built block of property, being numbers - east to west - 12a, 12, 14 and 16, Ratcliffe Road, Haydon Bridge (comprising three self contained houses of four, five and six rooms and a house and shop) were sold for £995 at the Royal Hotel, Hexham in November 1944.

The shop in question will be recalled by older residents as being Mr and Mrs George Laverick's small green grocers; later converted to a house in which Septimus (Sep) and Iris Waugh lived. All that remains of the original shop today, is the ornate wooden surround bordering the house door. - See page 7

This 'Home Front' note provides me with an opportunity to recall a story often repeated in the General Havelock in my earlier days. George Laverick's house and shop was directly opposite the Havelock public house, in an ideal location for a fellow who loved his ale. Geordie, I'm told, would spend most of his free time in our popular hostelry and enjoyed more than his fair share of the host's strongest beer. So much so, that when it came to his meal times Geordie was always determined to sup just one or two more pints - 'for the road' - before being ready to return home in response to Mrs Laverick's, by now irate, calls that echoed across the street.

I am reliably informed, that Geordie Laverick's departure from the General Havelock was a nightly event of great amusement - an event not to be missed by General Havelock regulars - as Mrs Laverick collared George and dragged him into the house before clashing their door onto Ratcliffe Road. We are not privy to what went on - or didn't go on - behind closed doors in the Laverick household after this nightly occurrence, but I have been assured by those who were there, that George Laverick always returned to his favourite watering hole the next day, none the worse for wear.

(See also 'The Bus Trip' on page 8)

Home Support: Haydon Parish residents continued with their support for the war effort. In November 1944 whist and beetle drives, bring and buy sales, dances and concerts were held throughout the month, each event was to provide financial help for the Local Soldiers' Gift Fund, the POW Gift Fund and the Welcome Home Fund.

A Whist Drive for the Congregational Church Soldiers' Fund, organised by Mrs Joseph Brown, with T. Marshall and M. Smith as MCs and Mrs Sillitoe of Linton House presenting the prizes, raised £21-4s-6d for the Congregational fund.

Songs of praise?: An event described to all as 'A Novel Radio Entertainment', took place at the Haydon Bridge Central Methodist Church (*Today's Community Centre*) to end the month of November 1944.

The vestry was set up as the studio and the programme was relayed to the main body of the church. Those taking part included: Mr and Mrs W.G. Thompson, Mr and Mrs Johnnie Bates, Mr and Mrs Eddie Dinning, Mr Stan Armstrong, and Mrs Peter Spooner. **And, a bevy of 1940s beauties:** Ann Walker, Audrey Thompson, Maureen Armstrong, Eileen Cooper, Mary Stokoe, Gladys Veitch, Marjorie Sutcliffe and Heather Campbell.

Mr R. Walker, the head of Shaftoe Trust School, presided and £18 was collected for the Central Methodist Church Soldiers' Comfort Fund.

Maybe Eileen can tell us a little more about what went on in the Central Methodist Church that night?

December 1944 in Haydon Parish seems to have been a special time of goodwill to all those serving in the forces.

On almost every day or evening during the month, an event of one sort or another was recorded in the Hexham Courant as having taken place to raise funds for the Haydon Bridge and Parish Local Soldiers' Gift Fund. These events included:

- A bring and buy sale that preceded the regular weekly whist drive in the parish (£17-7shillings).
- A whist drive at Park Cottage (£15).
- A Saturday parish whist drive (£30).
- A whist and beetle drive held by Mr and Mrs George Stokoe of Ratcliffe Road (£14-3shillings).
- A beetle drive and table tennis tournament with Matt Smith and T. Marshall as MCs, where Naval Signalman Nevin Kirsopp and Leading Air Craftsman Jack Heslop, presented whist and beetle prizes to Mrs Tulip, Mrs D. Robinson, Mrs Tait, Miss Christine Brown and Mrs Taberham, and prizes to table tennis winner Miss N. Brown and runner up, Mr Albert Rodgers. (£13)

Home Guard: Home Guard duties had been relaxed from September 16th 1944, and to celebrate, a 'Stand Down Dance' was held in December, by 'E Company of the 4th Battalion'.

Lieutenant E. Harrison, officer commanding the Company, and W. Watson, were MCs for the event and a £6-13s-3d share of the local Home Guard's surplus funds was given to the Local Soldiers' Gift Fund.

Christmas Dinner: To end the year (1944), the Methodist congregation of the Elmfield Chapel provided a five course Christmas dinner for the elderly and lonely folk of Haydon Bridge and district.

Mr and Mrs Laverick's house and grocery shop were in this property - number 14 Ratcliffe Road.

(See page 6 'House Sale', page 8 'The Bus Trip', and below)



JOHN ATKINSON

An interesting Haydon Bridge artefact inscribed to 'John and Margery Atkinson 1678' was, until 1973, a lintel over the back (north) door of number 14 Ratcliffe Road.

After the lintel was removed from the door opening, it was preserved in the rear garden wall. (See photograph below.)



John Atkinson, to whom the lintel is inscribed, was one of the trustees appointed to carry out the provisions of John Shaftoe's charity foundation deed dated June 17th 1685, which included the building of a 'free grammar school-house' and an 'English school' in Haydon Bridge - these were the forerunners of today's Shaftoe Trust School.

Our local historical interest is that the stone lintel's location places John Atkinson's home here, or hereabouts, fronting onto what was Haydon Bridge's Main Street in 1678.

The Reverend John Shaftoe was Vicar of Warden for more than 50 years until his death and during his lifetime, Haydon Bridge was a chapelry within Warden Parish. John Atkinson was Shaftoe's faithful servant and clerk. In addition to his role as trustee of his master's school foundation deed, he was willed £400 in John Shaftoe's will of 1693.

It seems that John Atkinson did not survive John Shaftoe for long, as the Haydon Bridge registers include the following death notice for 1696:

John Atkinson of Haydon Bridge dyed upon ye fifth day of April about two or three in ye afternoon (being Palm Sunday) and was buried upon Tewdsday ye seaventh instant Anno Domi 1696.

John Atkinson's wife Margery had died three years earlier, on Sunday, January 9th 1693.

THE BUS TRIP

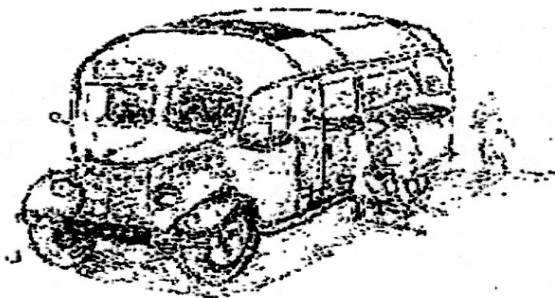
Day trips of yesteryear, to Whitley Bay from Haydon Bridge, were an absolute joy. Whether a Sunday School trip or a specially organised village excursion, the atmosphere on Church Street as the buses filled to capacity with their local trippers, was 'electric'.

It might surprise many of today's generation, that a thirty five mile journey and a few hours at an east coast seaside resort could generate such excitement; but remember, very few locals owned a car in those days, and many knew what *real* poverty was and a single day at the seaside was, for lots of Haydonians, the nearest they got to a summer holiday.

My recollections this month of George Laverick and his wife (*See page 6*) reminded me of an early trip to Whitley Bay that has been written into Haydon Bridge folk lore.

First recalled in print by Bill Tait, the story was published in the Haydon News twenty years ago. This parochial tale is one of my favourites, and that's my excuse for rewriting an updated version of the recollections of our erstwhile story teller Bill Tait, in these Historical Notes.

Bill's original text is available on our web site: www.haydon-news.co.uk/backnumbers (May 1998)



The 'bus trip' was shortly after the end of the Hitler war and was organised by Mrs Peggy Hudson. If you wanted to go, then you put your name on a list in Harding's paper shop and pay your six shillings. The buses would leave Church Street at 9.00am 'PROMPT'.

When the big day arrived and two buses that belonged to Mr Charlton of Newbrough stood on Church Street, they were filled to capacity, so popular were the day trips. It seemed that everyone wanted to go to Whitley Bay!

Charlton's buses rumbled on to the east, through Hexham, Corbridge; Horsley, Heddon, Throckley, and Denton Burn; before dodging the trams and trolley buses on Newcastle's Westgate Road and then on to the Coast Road.

Signs for Whitley Bay now! And the passengers from Haydon Bridge are brimming with anticipation.

Pulling into Whitley Bay, the air was bracing and the sea looked a brilliant azure, as everyone alighted and were

given instructions as to the time the coaches would depart in the evening for Haydon Bridge. The trippers were warned: "**Anyone not here on time ... will be left behind!**" Everyone was so happy to be at Whitley Bay again. The youngsters made a dash for the Punch and Judy show, the ice cream sandwich and cornet sellers, and the shuggy boats and donkeys on the beach, while older folk hired deck chairs and unfolded them on the sand to face the sea. The sands at Whitley Bay were soon to be thronged with visitors, men folk in their braces; jackets and waist coats discarded, and their grey flannels rolled up tightly to the knee; while the ladies, displaying just a hint of immodesty, folded their dresses up neatly just below the thigh. Fathers and Mothers relaxed in the summer sun, as the children built their sand castles and filled deep holes dug in the sand, from buckets full of the North Sea.

After a dinner of home made egg and tomato sandwiches, or a plate of fish and chips with bread and butter and a pot of tea for 1/6d in a café on the promenade, it was time for the delights of the Spanish City: rolling their pennies, screaming with laughter in the hall of mirrors, screaming with fright on the ghost train, sliding from a great height on a carpet into a huge wooden bowl below and shrieking with terror on the big dipper, where the young maidens from Haydon Bridge, hair blowing in the wind, clung on to the speeding cars for dear life with one hand and struggled to protect their modesty with the other.

Such wonderful memories of a Whitley Bay trip, never to be forgotten by those lucky enough to be there.

Not all the men-folk on the Haydon Bridge bus trip went to Whitley Bay for sea and sand, however; and those young fellows could be found for much of the day at the bar of the Rex Hotel and similar establishments.

As the daylight began to fade and families settled down in their buses ready for the return journey, a few stragglers from those ale houses brought up the rear, staggering along the promenade. Always willing to help a fellow boozier in distress, it was clear to those from the 'Rex' who met our Haydon Bridge greengrocer Geordie Laverick - described by those who saw him on Whitley Bay prom as being, "mortal" - that he needed help to get to the bus. (George and his wife owned a green grocer's shop on Ratcliffe Road, opposite the General Havelock, and he, being a member of the Ancient Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes, loved his beer. - See also page 6)

It was like the blind the blind but, eventually, as the first bus had already left, George was carried onto the second bus and room was made for him on a seat at the back where he slept soundly, snoring away, oblivious to the raucous singing and high spirits that filled the air on the journey home.

As everyone stepped off the buses into the darkness of Church Street, old Geordie Laverick still snored on in his

drunken stupor, so it was agreed by all that the youngster, Jerry Attrick, be put in charge to see him safely home.

After negotiating the post office corner with a little difficulty, and then past Bell and Riddle's chemist shop on Ratcliffe Road, Jerry and the comatose Geordie arrived puffing and panting outside Mrs Laverick's shop. As there wasn't a light on at any of the windows, Jerry began knocking on the door, and continued to knock with one hand, doing his best to keep Geordie steady with the other.

Still no answer! In his frustration, Jerry's knocking grew louder and louder until a light came on two doors up the street, at number 18 Ratcliffe Road, where the face of Mrs Humble appeared at an open window. ... She said:

"You're wasting your time bonny lad! Your not gonna get an

answer there tonight. Mr and Mrs Laverick left Haydon Bridge this morning on the half past eight train for a week's holiday in Whitley Bay. They'll not be back till Saturday."

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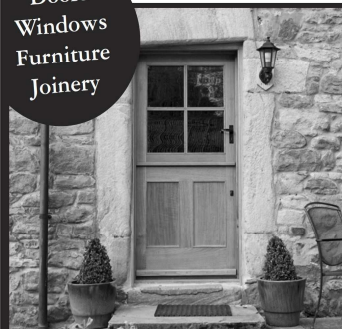
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NORTHUMBERLAND DAY

NORTHUMBERLAND DAY is fast approaching. On Sunday 27th May, Church St will be closed between 1.30pm-4.30pm for a Community Picnic and Fair (a letter will go out to affected residents soon to kindly ask them to move their cars for a few hours).

This was a very enjoyable and successful day last year; so much so that Haydon Bridge won an award for Best Community Involvement. The judges were very impressed by the vibrant atmosphere and happy community spirit. Wouldn't it be great to do it again?

There'll be tables and chairs out on the street, so you can sit and enjoy the afternoon with friends, family and neighbours listening to the live music. Bring your own food or buy some from the stallholders. There'll be lots of stalls including a tombola, beauty products, craft, food, hot drinks, ice cream and lots more.

Help is needed on the day. We need:

A team of people to get tables and chairs from the Community Centre and the Methodist Church to Church St.....and back again.

A couple of people to organise children's activities. There's a giant parachute available.

Someone to organise a tug of war. This was great fun last year.

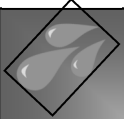
People to tidy up afterwards.

The more people that help, the easier it'll be. Let's make this a real community day.

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I have come across an unexpected effect of introducing the new 'paper' money. While some churches have been in the habit of using buckets to take the collection during their services in expectation of generous giving, it would appear that many churches are now having to employ deeper collecting plates in order to stop the new £5 and £10 from springing back out again !!! Which reminds me of a local vicar anxious to increase the church collection by writing the following in the weekly church notices "I've upped my standing order to the church, now up yours"

Joking aside, the spring weather this year has been no joke. As I write this report in early April there is still snow on the higher ground, the temperatures are well below average and the water table is almost at the ground surface. It has not been a particularly happy season for farmers so far, and it will be a while before the growing season picks up speed. 'On average' daytime temperatures in April reflect the increasing strength of solar heating of the ground surface, while night temperatures can be suppressed by occasional late frosts. April is, on average, not only the driest month of the year but has the smallest year-on-year variation. This year demonstrates very clearly the negligible value of 'averages' in our British climate. The 'averages' which the Met Office refer to are derived from 30 years of records for temperature, which increases to 35 years for rainfall.

March was cold and rather wet. The month started in the grip of very cold polar continental air from Siberia. Eighteen centimetres of snow lay at Plunderheath on the 1st and lingered to the 6th in a cold easterly breeze, which caused drifting. As the temperature began to rise very slowly, and the wind slackened, the drifting eased. Milder air over a cold ground surface resulted in poor visibility and fog, which was accompanied by heavy sleet on the 4th. By the 7th, a change in wind direction heralded the arrival of slightly milder weather from the west. Although the weather remained murky, there were some lengthy sunny spells and the daytime temperature exceeded 9.0 deg C on the 11th and 13th.

The milder weather brought about a general thaw but by the 14th the wind had returned to the east bringing further snow late on the 16th. Conditions were bitterly cold and by the 18th snow was lying to a depth of four centimetres. Relatively low relative humidity meant that the snow was powdery, and drifted easily in the strong breeze. A ridge of high pressure lay over the UK from the 19th which resulted in a typical springtime pattern of warmer days and night frost. This brought the daffodils into bloom, a welcome sign of spring. Unsettled and relatively mild and wet weather moved in from the west from the 24th which persisted until the last two days of

the month when cold continental air made, yet again, an unwelcome return.

Month	Mar
Average Maximum Temperature (Daytime) deg C	6.2
Relative to long-term average degC	-*2.5
Average Minimum Temperature (Night-time) deg C	0.6
Relative to long-term average degC	-2.0
Rainfall (mm)	82.7
Percentage of long-term average	128

Gladys is a very active member of the local health trust in her home town and as part of her duties, she undertakes to make regular visits to local hospitals and clinics. On one such visit she was being given a guided tour around one of the wards in a local hospital. She noted that there was no sign of injury or illness among the patients. The only common factor was that they were all Scottish. As she approached the first patient he leaned forward and said "*Fair fa your honest sonsie face, Great chieftan o the puddin race*" Confused, Gladys moved on to the next patient who uttered "*Some hae meat and canna eat, and some wad eat that want it*". Moving on, the next patient was already on his feet and uttered "*Wee sleekit, cowerin, timrous beastie O what a panic in thy breastie*". By now very confused, Gladys asked her guide if this was a ward for mentally disturbed patients, only to be told that it was in fact the serious Burns unit".

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Nature Notes.—Sunday April 8th 2018

Have just put away the bird feeders which hang outside the kitchen window. Over the past few months we have been able to enjoy the sight of a number of exotic visitors including:- greater spotted woodpecker (very keen on peanuts) :- nuthatch (likes to eat upside down!) :- goldfinch, siskin, long tailed tit and redpoll

(latter infrequent). In addition we have had the regulars- great tit, blue tit and coal tit, together with dozens of house sparrows, which this year have suddenly got the hang of clinging onto the feeders. (We don't mind feeding the sparrows, but frankly, would prefer to see the more colourful birds!) Over the winter we have also seen quite a lot



of Mr. and Mrs. bullfinch- not on the bird feeders but in a damson tree eating the fruit buds! Damson in distress?

Today, as I was out walking with my dog past the lime kiln wood, there was a low murmuring of "Chack,

chack, chack" coming from the top of the trees. Then small groups of fieldfares started to drift down towards Tony's Patch. As I approached that wood the "chack, chack, chack" became positively deafening. There were



clearly hundreds of fieldfares gathering with a view to returning to their breeding grounds in Northern Scandinavia and Russia. Quite a long way for a thrush to fly!



In recent years it has become quite a rare thing to see a rabbit when out for a walk. This morning was no exception. There was a time-not long ago

when the countryside seemed to be overrun with rabbits, which were public enemy number one. We even had to put chicken wire all round our garden to prevent rabbits getting in and eating the plants. Now that problem has disappeared and in a funny way I feel some

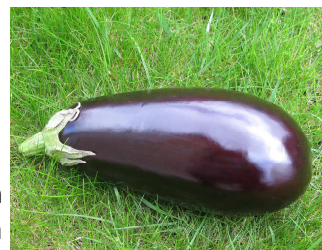
regret in not seeing those rabbits around any more.

When the dog and I returned home from our walk, my wife said that she had just seen a bird creeping up a tree at the bottom of the drive looking like a feathered mouse. She identified it as a tree creeper - rarely seen and supposedly susceptible to cold winters. So three cheers that it had survived.

The gathering of the field fares hopefully means that warmer weather is on its way. Let's hope so.— **Rumpole**

Me and my greenhouse

Eggplant



This vegetable can be grown in the garden when we have a good summer but it is ideal for growing in the greenhouse. I notice now most seed packets have Aubergine on them which is our English alternative name for the eggplant. It is an attractive exotic vegetable which originated from North India it can now be seen growing in most warm climates round the world and is quite often seen in vegetable shops and markets. (you will know them when you see them as you will want to touch them to see if they are real thing). Its egg shape and smooth dark purple skin with a whitish centre is the type we generally grow.

There are many different forms and coloured varieties. Sizes vary, some are the size of an egg but most are about 6in by 3in. and not only purple as some are green, yellow, white and nearly black. The flowers of the eggplant are deep blue which is a contrast to the yellow of the tomato flowers. A lot of gardeners don't know that you can overwinter them so as to produce the next years crop if the greenhouse is frost free all year.

It may help to soak the seeds in water before sowing 'could' assist germination, I just sow seed as I do for tomatoes with very little compost covering them. They can be grown on outside but I would recommend the greenhouse in our part of the country. They will require staking to support the plants

as the fruits are quite a weight. When harvesting the fruits cut them off rather than pulling them off as they are easy damaged. The fruits keep for several days but harvesting them as you require them means they are so full of flavour. (they are so very good in shepherds pie). There is not a section in the village show for them but maybe next year. - **Peter**

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The Haydon Hundred Sat 9th June 2018

This is another event that is at the forefront in raising funds towards the running of The Bridge, so please support us by entering. If you would like to participate, now is the time to start training and register at:-

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Remember, there are three rides of varying length and difficulty, so don't be put off.



Volunteers are still required to prepare for the event and also on the day, putting up signage the day before, 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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Look out for the Saturday morning produce stall starting sometime in May, depending on the weather. Our herb garden will also be showing signs of life soon, although with the winter we've just experienced, it may be some time before we can pick them. The fruit bushes look promising too, as they're all back in leaf.

27th MAY 2018

NORTHUMBERLAND DAY

Bunting is getting ever longer in The Bridge, with the help of a very welcome volunteer. Fortunately, bloody fingers match the colour scheme perfectly!

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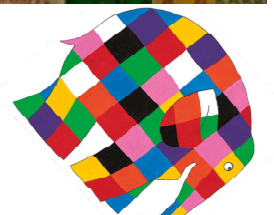
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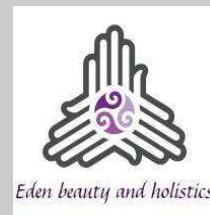
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What's on in Haydon Bridge?

Tuesday 01 May

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

Wednesday 02 May

10am Community Well Being @ Community Centre
6.30pm Art Group @ Community Centre
7pm Yoga @ Community Centre
8.30pm Bingo @ Haydonian Social Club

Thursday 03 May

10am Movement and relaxation @ Community Centre
10am Coffee for all @ Methodist Chapel
6.55pm Zumba/Zumba Step @ Social Club
7.30pm Carpet Bowls @ Community Centre

Friday 04 May

10am Keep Fit @ Community Centre
11.15am Chair Exercise & Lunch Club @ Community Centre

Saturday 05 May

10am Coffee Morning @ Community Centre
7.30pm Whapweasel @ Community Centre

Sunday 06 May

9.30am Parish Eucharist, St Cuthbert's Beltingham
9.30am Mass at St John of Beverley Church
10am Methodist Church, Morning Worship
Mark Knowles
10.30am West Tynedale Junior Rugby Training
Haydon Bridge High School
11am Parish Eucharist with Storybook Church
St Cuthbert's Haydon Bridge
11am Mass @ Haltwhistle
6pm Methodist Church, Evening Worship,
Rev. David Goodall
6.30pm Buskers Night @ Anchor Hotel
8pm Bingo @ Haydonian Social Club

Monday 07 May—Bank Holiday

Tuesday 08 May

9.30am Baby Clinic @ Health Centre
10am Craft Class @ Community Centre
10am Coffee for all @ Methodist Chapel
2pm Computer Club @ Catton Chapel
2pm Adult Mental Health @ Library
6.55pm Zumba/Zumba Step @ Social Club
7.30pm Carpet Bowls @ Alston

Wednesday 09 May

10am Community Well Being @ Community Centre
2pm Painting Group @ Community Centre
3.30pm Messy Church @ Methodist Church
7pm Yoga @ Community Centre
8pm Bingo @ Haydonian Social Club

Thursday 10 May

10am Movement and relaxation @ Community Centre
10am Coffee for all @ Methodist Chapel
6pm: Ascension Day Eucharist,
St Cuthbert's Beltingham
6.55pm Zumba/Zumba Step @ Social Club
7.30pm Carpet Bowls (away) @ Alston

Friday 11 May

10am Keep Fit @ Community Centre
11.15am Chair Exercise & Lunch Club @ Community Centre
7.30pm Shaftoe Singers @ Methodist Church Hall
7.30pm Woodies Pie and Mash Night @ General Havelock

Saturday 12 May

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 13 May

9.30 Parish Eucharist with Storybook Church
All Hallows' Henshaw
9.30am Mass at St John of Beverley Church
10am Methodist Church, Communion Worship,
Rev. Marie Beard
10.30am West Tynedale Junior Rugby Training
Haydon Bridge High School
11am Parish Eucharist, St Cuthbert's Haydon Bridge
11am Mass @ Haltwhistle
6pm Joint United Service, for Christian Aid
At St. Cuthberts Church
8pm Bingo @ Haydonian Social Club

Monday 14 May

9.15am Pre-School Playgroup @ Community Centre
10am Yoga @ Community Centre
7pm Zumba @ Community Centre

Tuesday 15 May

9.30am Baby Clinic @ Health Centre
10am Coffee for all @ Methodist Chapel
2pm Computer Club @ Catton Chapel
2pm Adult Mental Health @ Library
6.55pm Zumba/Zumba Step @ Social Club

Wednesday 16 May

10am Community Well Being @ Community Centre
6.30pm Art Group @ Community Centre
7pm Badminton @ Haydon Bridge High School
7pm Yoga @ Community Centre
8pm Bingo @ Haydonian Social Club

Thursday 17 May

10am Movement and relaxation @ Community Centre
10am Coffee for all @ Methodist Chapel
6.55pm Zumba/Zumba Step @ Social Club
7.30pm Carpet Bowls @ Community Centre

Friday 18 May

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 19 May

10am	Coffee Morning @ Community Centre
9.30am	Nature Club visit to Floors Castle

Sunday 20 May

9.30am	Parish Eucharist, St Cuthbert's Beltingham
9.30am	Mass at St John of Beverley Church
10am	Methodist Church, Morning Worship Deacon Anne Taylor
10.30am	West Tynedale Junior Rugby Training Haydon Bridge High School
11am	Mass @ Haltwhistle
11am	Parish Eucharist, St Cuthbert's Haydon Bridge
3pm	God's Tent
6pm	Methodist Church, Village Service for Pentecost Sandra Martin
8pm	Bingo @ Haydonian Social Club

Monday 21 May

9.15am	Pre-School Playgroup @ Community Centre
10am	Yoga @ Community Centre
7pm	Zumba @ Community Centre

Tuesday 22 May

9.30am	Baby Clinic @ Health Centre
10am	Coffee for all @ Methodist Chapel
10am	Craft Class @ Community Centre
2pm	Adult Mental Health @ Library
2pm	Computer Club @ Catton Chapel
6.55pm	Zumba/Zumba Step @ Social Club
8.15pm	Quiz Night @ General Havelock

Wednesday 23 May

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

Thursday 24 May

10am	Coffee for all @ Methodist Chapel
10am	Police Surgery @ Methodist Church
6.55pm	Zumba/Zumba Step @ Social Club
7.30pm	Carpet Bowls @ Community Centre
7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting

Friday 25 May

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 26 May

10am	Coffee Morning @ Community Centre
11am	Messy Church, All Hallows' Henshaw

8pm Live Music @ General Havelock

Sunday 27 May—Northumberland Day!!

8.30am	BCP Communion, All Hallows' Henshaw
9.30am	Mass at St John of Beverley Church
10am	Trinity Celebration Service, All Hallows' Henshaw
10am	Methodist Church, Morning Worship Rev. Gilbert Hall
10.30am	West Tynedale Junior Rugby Training Haydon Bridge High School
11am	Mass @ Haltwhistle
6pm	Methodist Church, Evening Worship Rev. Jenny Porterpryde

Monday 28 May—Bank Holiday

Tuesday 29 May

9.30am	Baby Clinic @ Health Centre
10am	Coffee for all @ Methodist Chapel
2pm	Computer Club @ Catton Chapel
6.55pm	Zumba/Zumba Step @ Social Club
7.15pm	Film & Food Night @ General Havelock

Wednesday 30 May

10am	Community Well Being @ Community Centre
2pm	Painting Group @ Community Centre
7pm	Yoga @ Community Centre
6.30pm	Art Group @ Community Centre
8.30pm	Bingo @ Haydonian Social Club

Thursday 31 May

10am	Coffee for all @ Methodist Chapel
6.55pm	Zumba/Zumba Step @ Social Club
7.30pm	Carpet Bowls @ Community Centre

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2nd June—Haydon Bridge Festival

9th June—Haydon 100

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CHURCHES WORKING TOGETHER CLERGY MESSAGE

From: Deacon Anne Taylor

This is rather a milestone year for me, not only is it my 10th year in ordained ministry but I will also turn 60 in the Autumn. Having completed 10 years, I am due a compulsory sabbatical of three months. To begin with I found this quite daunting in having to let go of everything and take a break. The idea is that you use the time out to reflect on your ministry so far and listen to the 'still small voice of God', then to discern where the future focus of your ministry might be.

It is also an opportunity to look at something you haven't had the time to pursue whilst in full-time ministry. I have decided to look at faith and art and how people express their faith through art. I have already been looking at the psalms as part of my devotions and drawing pictures alongside the text using a creative journaling book on the psalms. This gives plenty of space at the side of the text and if you use pencil crayons you can still read the psalm under the picture. I have always been open to the fact that God can speak through pictures as well as the word. I also want to look at different artists work which speaks to me. This maybe something you would like to try yourselves, either putting a picture to words of scripture or putting words of scripture to a picture or image. I am hoping to offer this when I return from my Sabbatical.

Any birthday with an '0' at the end of it seems to be significant and makes you question things, is it time for me to give up something or move onto something else?

I am re-assured by a Bible reading from Psalm 92 verse 14 which in the New International Version says '*they will still bear fruit in their old age, they will stay fresh and green*' The King James Version of the Bible reads '*They will still bring forth fruit in old age, they shall be fat and flourishing!*'

It is re-assuring to think that God can still use me in my more mature years, perhaps as well, as I have been re-invited to stay and work in the Tynedale Circuit for a further five years which I am delighted about.

What-ever stage we are at in our Christian journey, it is always good to stop, reflect and respond to what God is saying to you rather than pressing on regardless. We may be surprised with what God comes up with or just re-assured that God hasn't finished with us yet and that it doesn't matter whether you are 16 or 60!

Deacon Anne Taylor

Mass on weekdays (except Mondays) at 10.00am
either St John of Beverley or Haltwhistle

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Christian Aid Week

13th—19th May

Look out for your red envelope

United Service at St. Cuthbert's Church

6pm on 13th May



Easter Cross 2018 Methodist Church - lovingly created by Deacon Anne Taylor along with several Church members, this cross has been admired by many passers by

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Clergy who minister in Haydon Bridge

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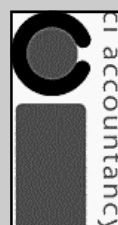
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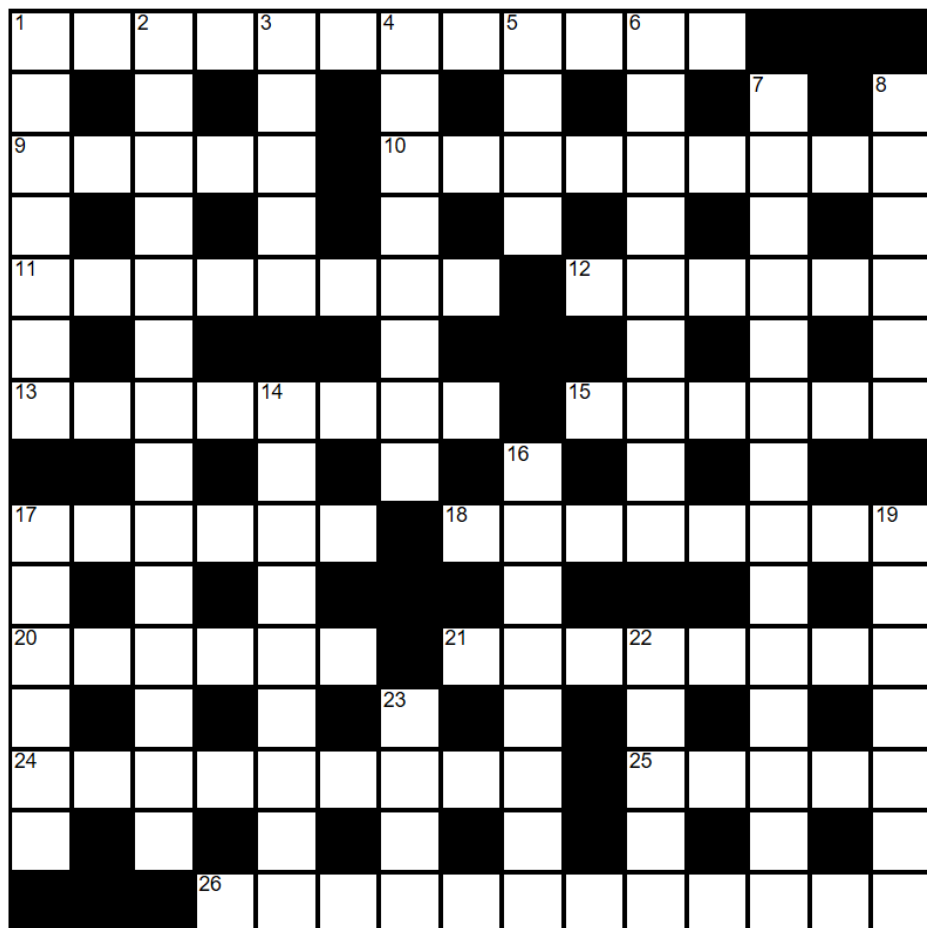
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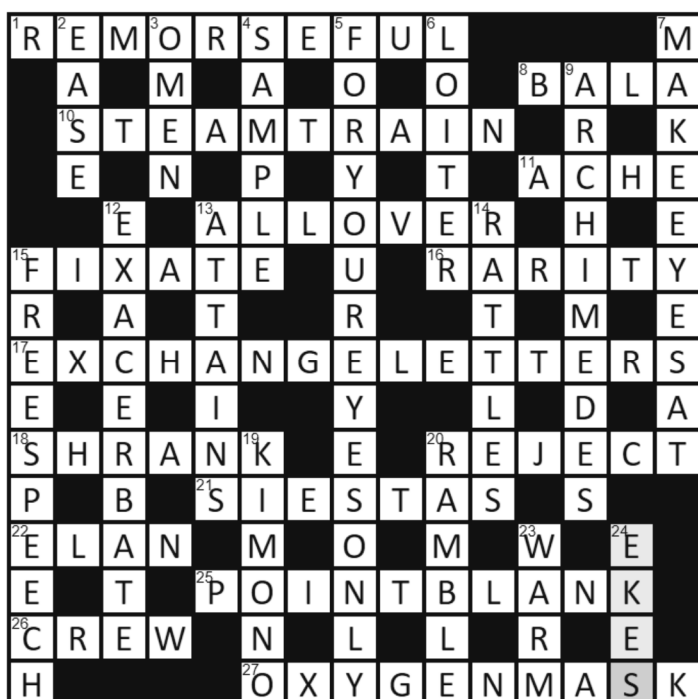
ACROSS

- 1 Recklessly, Amy reviled car on roundabout, losing king (5,3,4)
- 9 Reconciler ends up as leftover (5)
- 10 More confident, for sure. It may be possible, certainly! (9)
- 11 Endlessly amuse chin wag, all things considered (8)
- 12 Monkey blunder.... (6)
- 13gobsmacked after such nonsense but roared with laughter (8)
- 15 Dirty donkey lubricant (6)
- 17 Spirit of brother Murray? (6)
- 18 Fragrant herb death in seaweed (8)
- 20 Movement lost 1,000 but gained length, maybe calamine (6)
- 21 Defector refreshed by a tea stop (8)
- 24 American new deal or teddy? (9)
- 25 A short month and French players (5)
- 26 Ready with bear at the wholesaler (4,3,5)

DOWN

- 1 My dearest Grace – or do I mean Wendy? (7)
- 2 Gross part, one over ten, maybe (6,8)
- 3 Stand in visible when emu colours up (5)

APRIL'S ANSWERS



- 4 Tar pipe journalist took away (8)
- 5 Dove sounds the takeover (4)
- 6 Turned up nose about bridal clobber losing its gold (9)
- 7 Experience benevolent trader with a sense of optimism (4,4,6)
- 8 Starry learner driver behind car, a Vauxhall (6)
- 14 Galaxy rescued by Perseus (9)
- 16 Monk apparent when file met and decapitated Russian leader (8)
- 17 You may be batty in this tower (6)
- 19 Green effort without gravity – spaceship coming back to Earth (2-5)
- 22 Austere philosopher (5)
- 23 Gear engagement in Thames headwaters (4)

Haydonian Social Club

Family Prize Bingo

Saturday 14th April 2018—Eyes Down 7-30pm
(everyone welcome)

TEN YEARS OF PAINTING THE NORTH EAST

May's exhibition in Allendale's Forge gallery features a talented painter from Stanley in County Durham. After graduating with a degree in Fine Art from the University of Newcastle upon Tyne in 2003, Melanie Barrett went on to obtain a Masters in Painting from Wimbledon School of Art in 2004.

Having travelled and worked in some of the poorer but more colourful parts of the world, Melanie now focuses on interpreting the contrast between the North East's industrial past set against its natural beauty.

Back in 1997 Melanie travelled to Uganda as part of a youth mission team to set up a charity and build a classroom for an Independent Orphan School, based in Mityana. Being taught bricklaying and carpentry in order to complete the project, Melanie was drawn back to Mityana to teach English and Art at the school the following year. She explained: "My time there was amazing and I loved the country and the people so much I decided to return in the summer of 1998 to teach English and Art in the same school."

Melanie packed her bags again and travelled to Mexico in 2000 when the Mexico-based Armonia Charity made links with Newcastle to recruit volunteers to teach in their summer school. Set up for children from Mexico City's slums, who frequently suffer the deprivations of having at least one parent away working in the US, so keeping them busy in the summer school kept them out of trouble.

Melanie added: "It was a totally different culture.



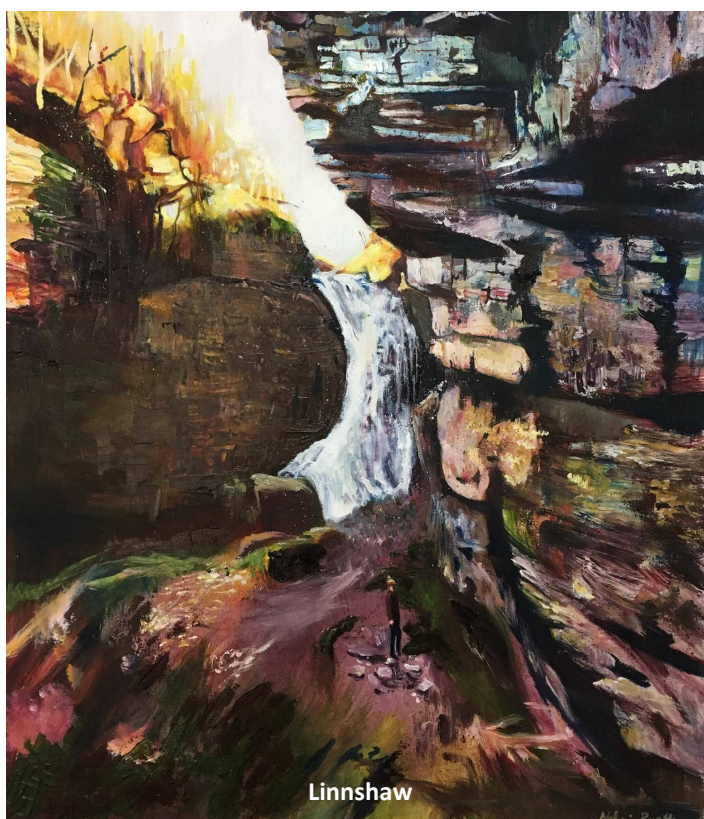
Snow on Pennines

Working with children of varying ages was challenging but the satisfaction was immense as they not only created their own art, but they curated their own art show at the end of the summer. Working with school children of differing ages, creating art and helping them curate their own show at the end of the summer was a very fulfilling experience."

Since coming home again, Melanie has exhibited in various venues in Newcastle, Hackney, Durham, Kings Cross, the Discerning Eye Exhibition 2003 and London Art Fair 2005.

Her exhibition will be open to the public from 1st May in the Forge Gallery, Market Square Allendale. NE47 9BD from 10am until 4pm. Admission is free. There is ample free parking and an all day Cafe on site.

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Season 2017/18 – May Update



We're getting towards the end of the season now and cup competitions are coming thick and fast. Over the last few weeks several teams have been in cup action

Under 7s



The team took part in a tournament as part of a fantastic charity event organised by Hexham FC, to raise money for the Tiny Lives charity. Playing matches against Corbridge, Stocksfield and 2 teams from Hexham, the Under 7s ran out winners, winning 3 matches and drawing 1.

Scoring 12 goals in the process. Fantastic achievement from a great bunch of players, 2 of which have now scored over 50 goals each this season!

Under 9's

The Under 9's took part in the annual Tynedale Mini Soccer League Cup at Prudhoe High School. The games took place on what was probably the warmest day of the year so far. The team were undefeated during the group stage of the tournament, progressing through to the final to meet Allendale Town FC. The final was end to end



with the players tiring after their efforts during the day, normal time and extra time were played but the sides couldn't be separated. The final went to penalties, superstar goalkeeper

Jake Tulip saved the all important penalty, allowing Haydon Bridge to win the tournament 5-4. A great effort, well done to all involved.

Under 15's

A great result for the U15's in their Semi Final of the League Shield against Walker Central Blues. 2 - 0 down at the break, quickly 3 down after the restart, it was looking like a cup exit was on the cards. However a never give up spirit from an outstanding group of players saw us claw back to 3 - 3 with goals from Aaron Hardy (2) and James Percival. We could have stolen it just before the end as

an effort from Jimmy P just cleared the bar. A nervy extra time followed with chances for both sides but it was to be penalties that decided this one. 5 brave soles put their names down to take a kick and it was 3 - 3 after the regulation 5. Matty Scott pulling off 2 great saves. So up stepped Walker for the first sudden death spot kick



Matty Scott Penalty Save

which was brilliantly saved by MOTM Scott. The next taker for the Bridge was decided by the guys in the centre of the park and up stepped Hal Hodgkinson who despatched with

power and went in off the underside of the bar!

Cue celebration from the lads and the large contingent of home supporters. Respect to a very good Walker side



who play attractive football and contributed to an excellent game. Also a big thank you to Davey Kirsop, Tony Jenkins and Colin Banks who produced a pitch that looked and played like a million dollars!

Under 16's

The Under 16s have also been in cup action, winning 1-0 in the final against Gateshead Redheugh. Fantastic achievement in what has been a challenging season!

