

### **EDITORIAL**

the local and national scene with which I could inflame the one month space does require some measure of compromise. populace by penning a few choice sound bites... Oh - the Our Community Centre has a very large array of solar panels temptation!

candidate. Never believe the propaganda. Always check inde-time, as are batteries. It makes so much sense. pendent sources for genuine information. Above all - THINK! Is it my imagination or is the gravel island downstream from edition to all who are continuing to propel The Haydon News will be before further excavation will be needed? with all manner of help, contributions, deliveries etc. It's a

In last month's Historical Notes Dennis related the tale of The TO CONTACT THE HAYDON NEWS IN FUTURE OR FOR CONTRIBUTIONS AND Lands End Bogle. This fascinated me because my father, a reclusive peasant farmer from North Devon - in retrospect he probably had what we would now call PTSD from his war time experiences, had told me of a very ancient and puissant shade that was seized of the land upon which his farm stood. He related to me how the shade's presence was most powerfully felt in the lowest corner of the orchard and how he would converse with it. The shade had expressed gratitude to my father for his diligent stewardship of the land. How separated we become from the spirits of place when distracted by the tawdry mirages that materialism offers.

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I apologise for the microscopic size of the font on the "What's Back in the hot seat for the Christmas edition and so much on On" pages in this edition but getting two month's stuff into a and generates a great deal of power. Plans are afoot to install I will limit myself to saying that if you can vote you really battery storage to gather the daytime power to be used at must! Get registered to vote and do your democratic duty - night when the hall's usage is greatest. The centre could end but please think very carefully indeed about your choice of up with a cash surplus. Solar power is getting cheaper all the

My thanks I add to those of Dennis Telford in last month's the old bridge gradually wearing away? I wonder how long it

# A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL OUR READERS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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# What's on in December 2019

To include or amend your activity/event on this page, please e-mail editor@haydon-news.co.uk . Please note: some activities are term time only. Please check with the organisers, or on Haydon Bridge Matters Facebook page.

# **Sunday 1st December**

- 09.30 Parish Eucharist with Storybook Church All Hallows' Henshaw
- 10.00 Morning Worship Methodist Church Mark Knowles (No 6pm Service)
- 10.30 West Tyne Junior Rugby Club @ Haydon Bridge High School Field
- 11.00 Parish Eucharist, St Cuthbert's Haydon Bridge
- 16.00 Join with Carols/ Lighting of Village Christmas tree lights. Old Bridge.
- 17.00 Quoits practice @General Havelock
- 20.00 Bingo @ Haydonian Social Club

(now Haydonian Community Lounge & Bar)

20.00 - Buskers' Night @ Anchor Hotel

# **Monday 2nd December**

- 09.15 Playgroup @ Community Centre
- 10.00 Yoga @ Community Centre
- 12.30 Sure Start Children's Activity Class
  @ Community Centre
- 15.15 Youth Dance @ Community Centre
- 18.00 Beavers @ St John's Catholic Church Hall
- 19.00 Zumba @ Community Centre
- 19.30 Sequence Dance Club

@ Haydonian Community Lounge and Bar

19.30 - Book group

@ Haydonian Community Lounge and Bar

#### **Tuesday 3rd December**

- 10.00 Coffee for all @ Methodist Chapel
- 10.30 'Fresh 'N' Thyme' @ Church Street
- 13.00 Art Club @ Community Centre
- 18.00 Cubs @ St John's Catholic Church Hall
- 18.00 Judo @ Haydon Bridge High School (Jnrs)
- 19.00 Judo @ Haydon Bridge High School (Snrs)
- 20.00 Circuits @ Community Centre

# Wednesday 4th December

- 18.00 Scouts @ St John's Catholic Church Hall
- 20.30 Bingo @ Haydonian Community Lounge and Bar

# Thursday 5th December

- 10.00 Coffee for all @ Methodist Chapel
- 19.15 Nature Club @ Methodist Chapel
- 19.30 Bowls Club @ Community Centre

### Friday 6th December

- 09.15 Playgroup @ Community Centre
- 09.45 Keep fit @ Community Centre
- 12.00 Lunch Club @ Community Centre
- 19.30 Shaftoe Singers @ Methodist Chapel

### **Saturday 7th December**

- 10.00 Coffee morning @ Community Centre
- 2 to 3.30 METHODIST CHURCH CHRISTMAS FAIR (stalls, teas and a visit from SANTA)
- 19.30 Christmas Family Prize Bingo
  - @ Haydonian Community Lounge and Bar

### **Sunday 8th December**

- 09.30 Parish Eucharist, All Hallows' Henshaw
- 10.00 Morning Worship Methodist Church

Supt Paul Dunstan

(including Collection of Toys for Hexham Salvation Army Envoy Eunice Blakey to receive the gifts)

- 10.30 West Tyne Junior Rugby Club
  - @ Haydon Bridge High School Field
- 11.00 Parish Eucharist with Storybook Church St Cuthbert's Haydon Bridge
- 13.00 Henshaw Messy Church Christmas Party Bardon Mill Village Hall
- 15.00 Quoits practice @ General Havelock
- 18.00 Evening Worship Methodist Church Rev. Alan Dawson
- 18.30 AGM @ Haydonian Community Lounge and Bar (All welcome Free)
- 20.00 Bingo @ Haydonian Community Lounge and Bar

### **Monday 9th December**

- 09.15 Playgroup @ Community Centre
- 10,00 Yoga @ Community Centre
- 12.30 Sure Start Children's Activity Class

@ Community Centre

- 15.15 Youth Dance @ Community Centre
- 18.00 Beavers @ St John's Catholic Church Hall
- 19.00 Zumba @ Community Centre
- 19.30 Sequence Dance Club
  - @ Haydonian Community Lounge and Bar

# **Tuesday 10th December**

- 10.00 Coffee for all @ Methodist Chapel
- 10.30 'Fresh 'N' Thyme' @ Church Street
- 12.30 Barber Bus @ Church Street
- 13.00 Card Craft Club @ Community Centre
- 18.00 Cubs @ St John's Catholic Church Hall
- 18.00 Judo @ Haydon Bridge High School (Jnrs.)
- 19.00 Judo @ Haydon Bridge High School (Snrs)
- 20.00 Circuits @ Community Centre
- 20.15 Quiz Night @ General Havelock

## Wednesday 11th December

- 18.00 Scouts @ St John's Catholic Church Hall
- 20.30 Bingo @ Haydonian Community Lounge and Bar

# **Thursday 12th December**

- 10.00 Coffee for all @ Methodist Chapel.
  - Police Surgery at the Methodist Church
- 19.30 Bowls Club @ Community Centre

### Friday 13th December

- 09.15 Playgroup @ Community Centre
- 09.45 Keep fit @ Community Centre
- 12.00 Lunch Club @ Community Centre
- 19.00 Pie Night @ General Havelock
- 19.30 Shaftoe Singers
  - @ Methodist Chapel

### Saturday 14th December

- 10.00 Coffee morning @ Community Centre
- 3.00 Puppet Show at the Methodist Church plus light refreshments

### **Sunday 15th December**

09.30 - Parish Eucharist, St Cuthbert's Beltingham

10.00 - Morning Worship Methodist Church Rev. J. Macadam 10.30 - West Tyne Junior Rugby Club @ Haydon Bridge High School Field 14.30 - God's Tent pitched at Moralee Farm 15.00 - Quoits practice @ General Havelock

11.00 - Parish Eucharist, St Cuthbert's Haydon Bridge

17.00 - Bardon Mill Community Carol Service All Hallows' Henshaw

18.00 - Communion Worship Methodist Church Rev. Jenny Porter-Pryde

20.00 - Bingo @ Haydonian Community Lounge and Bar

Monday 16th December

09.15 - Playgroup @ Community Centre

10.00 - Yoga @ Community Centre

12.30 - Sure Start Children's Activity Class @ Community Centre

15.15 - Youth Dance @ Community Centre

18.00 - Beavers @ St John's Catholic Church Hall

19.00 - Zumba @ Community Centre

19.30 - Sequence Dance Club

@ Haydonian Community Lounge and Bar

**Tuesday 17th December** 

10.00 - Coffee for all @ Methodist Chapel

10.30 - 'Fresh' N' Thyme' @ Church Street

12.00 - Pensioner's Christmas Lunch @ General Havelock (booking essential)

13.00 - Art Club @ Community Centre

14.00 - 'Sing-a-long' with Father Christmas

@ General Havelock (no booking necessary)

18.00 - Cubs @ St John's Catholic Church Hall

18.00 - Judo @ Haydon Bridge High School (Jnrs)

19.00 - Judo @ Haydon Bridge High School (Snrs)

19.15 - Film and Food Night @ General Havelock

20.00 - Circuits @ Community Centre

Wednesday 18th December

18.00 - Scouts @ St John's Catholic Church Hall

20.30 - Bingo @ Haydonian Community Lounge and Bar

**Thursday 19th December** 

Coffees for all at the Methodist Church

19.30 - Bowls Club @ Community Centre

19.30 - Parish Council @ Community Centre

Friday 20th December

09.15 - Playgroup @ Community Centre

09.45 - Keep fit @ Community Centre

12.00 - Lunch Club @ Community Centre

19.30 - Shaftoe Singers @ Methodist Chapel

Saturday 21st December

10.00 - Coffee morning @ Community Centre

13.30 - Children's Christmas Party

@ Haydonian Community Lounge and Bar

20.00 - Bar Olympics/Pool/Darts/Dominoes/Quoits @ Haydonian Community Lounge and Bar

**Sunday 22nd December** 

09.30 - Parish Eucharist, All Hallows' Henshaw

10.00 - Morning Worship Methodist Church Bob McAlpin

18.00 - UNITED VILLAGE CAROL SERVICE Methodist Church **Deacon Anne Taylor** 

10.30 - West Tyne Junior Rugby

@ Haydon Bridge High School Field

11.00 - Parish Eucharist, St Cuthbert's Haydon Bridge

15.00 - Quoits practice @ General Havelock

20.00 - Bingo with wine and chocolates

@ Haydonian Community Lounge and Bar

**Monday 23rd December** 

09.15 - Playgroup @ Community Centre

10.00 - Yoga @ Community Centre

12.30 - Sure Start Children's Activity Class

@ Community Centre

15.15 - Youth Dance @ Community Centre

19.00 - Zumba @ Community Centre

19.30 - Sequence Dance Club

@ Haydonian Community Lounge and Bar

**Tuesday 24th December Christmas Eve** 

10.30 - 'Fresh'N' Thyme' @ Church Street

13.00 - Card Craft Club @ Community Centre

16.00 - Crib Service St. Cuthberts

18.00 - Bardon Mill Crib Service, All Hallows' Henhsaw

21.00 - Mass at St. John's

23.30 - Midnight Mass St. Cuthberts

Wednesday 25th December Christmas Day

09.30 - Parish Eucharist, St Cuthbert's Beltingham

10.00 - Mass at St. Mary's (not St. Johns)

10.00 - Local Arrangement Service

@ the Methodist Church (with the Bell Family)

11.00 - Parish Eucharist, St Cuthbert's Haydon Bridge Haydonian Community Lounge and Bar open Lunchtime and Evening

**Thursday 26th December** 

Friday 27th December

15.00 - Readings and Carols for Christmas St Cuthbert's Beltingham

20.30 - Sam Shield and Band plus bingo

@ Haydonian Community Lounge and Bar

Saturday 28th December

10.00 - Coffee morning @ Community Centre

20.00 - Live music @ General Havelock

**Sunday 29th December** 

09.30 - Mattins, All Hallows' Henshaw

10.00 - Communion Worship Methodist Church Rev. David Goodall

No 6pm service @ Methodist Church

11.00 - BCP Communion, St Cuthbert's Haydon Bridge

15.00 - Quoits practice @ General Havelock

20.00 - Bingo @ Haydonian Community Lounge and Bar

**Monday 30th December** 

**Tuesday 31st December** 

19.30 - Family Prize Bingo and Fun Night

@ Haydonian Community Lounge and Bar

22.00 - Quiz @ General Havelock (free)

23.30 - Procession and New Year's Eve firework display

@ Church Street and Old Bridge

Wednesday 1st January

20.30 - Bingo plus cash added

@ Haydonian Community Lounge and Bar

**Thursday 2nd January** 

Friday 3rd January

**Saturday 4th January** 10.00 - Coffee morning @ Community Centre

**Sunday 5th January** 

09.30 - Parish Eucharist with Storybook Church All Hallows' Henshaw 10.00 - Covenant & new members service Methodist Church Deacon Anne Taylor/Rev. Tony Buglass 10.30 - West Tyne Junior Rugby @ Haydon Bridge High School Field 11.00 - Parish Eucharist, St Cuthbert's Haydon Bridge 15.00 - Join with Epiphany Service at Haydon Old Church No 6pm service @ Methodist Church 15.00 - Quoits practice @ General Havelock 20.00 - Buskers' Night @ Anchor Hotel 20.00 - Bingo @ Haydonian Community Lounge and Bar **Monday 6th January** 09.15 - Playgroup @ Community Centre 10,00 - Yoga @ Community Centre 12.30 - Sure Start Children's Activity Class @ Community Centre 15.15 - Youth Dance @ Community Centre 18.00 - Beavers @ St John's Catholic Church Hall 19.00 - Zumba @ Community Centre 19.30 - Book group @ Haydonian Community Lounge and Bar 19.30 - Sequence Dance Club @ Haydonian Community Lounge and Bar **Tuesday 7th January** 10.00 - Coffee for all @ Methodist Chapel 10.30 - 'Fresh 'N' Thyme' @ Church Street 13.00 - Art Club @ Community Centre 18.00 - Cubs @ St John's Catholic Church Hall 18.00 - Judo @ Haydon Bridge High School (Jnrs) 19.00 - Judo @ Haydon Bridge High School (Snrs) 20.00 - Circuits @ Community Centre

# Wednesday 8th January

18.00 - Scouts @ St John's Catholic Church Hall

15.30 - Messy Church at the Methodist Church

20.30 - Bingo @ Haydonian Community Lounge and Bar

### **Thursday 9th January**

10.00 - Coffee for all @ Methodist Chapel

19.15 - Nature Club @ Methodist Chapel

19.30 - Bowls Club @ Community Centre

### Friday 10th January

09.15 - Playgroup @ Community Centre

09.45 - Keep fit @ Community Centre

12.00 - Lunch Club @ Community Centre

19.00 - Pie Night @ General Havelock

19.30 - Shaftoe Singers @ Methodist Chapel

# Saturday 11th January

10.00 - Coffee morning @ Community Centre

## **Sunday 12th January**

09.30 - Parish Eucharist, All Hallows' Henshaw

10.00 - Methodist Church. Norman Fullard

10.30 - West Tyne Junior Rugby

@ Haydon Bridge High School Field

11.00 - Parish Eucharist with Storybook Church St Cuthbert's Haydon Bridge

15.00 - Quoits practice @ General Havelock

18.00 - Methodist Church. Rev. Alan Dawson

20.00 - Bingo @ Haydonian Community Lounge and Bar

# Monday 13th January

09.15 - Playgroup @ Community Centre

10.00 - Yoga @ Community Centre

12.30 - Sure Start Children's Activity Class

@ Community Centre

15.15 - Youth Dance @ Community Centre

18.00 - Beavers @ St John's Catholic Church Hall

19.00 - Zumba @ Community Centre

19.30 - Sequence Dance Club

@ Haydonian Community Lounge and Bar

### **Tuesday 14th January**

10.00 - Coffee for all @ Methodist Chapel

10.30 - 'Fresh 'N' Thyme' @ Church Street

12.30 - Barber Bus @ Church Street

13.00 - Card Craft Club @ Community Centre

18.00 - Cubs @ St John's Catholic Church Hall

18.00 - Judo @ Haydon Bridge High School (Jnrs.)

19.00 - Judo @ Haydon Bridge High School (Snrs)

20.00 - Circuits @ Community Centre

## Wednesday 15th January

18.00 - Scouts @ St John's Catholic Church Hall

20.30 - Bingo @ Haydonian Community Lounge and Bar

### Thursday 16th January

10.00 - Coffee for all @ Methodist Chapel

19.30 - Bowls Club @ Community Centre

# Friday 17th January

09.15 - Playgroup @ Community Centre

09.45 - Keep fit @ Community Centre

12.00 - Lunch Club @ Community Centre

19.30 - Shaftoe Singers @ Methodist Chapel

# Saturday 18th January

10.00 - Coffee morning @ Community Centre

# **Sunday 19th January**

09.30 - Parish Eucharist, St Cuthbert's Beltingham

10.00 - Methodist Church. Local Arrangement Service

10.30 - West Tyne Junior Rugby

@ Haydon Bridge High School Field

11.00 - Parish Eucharist, St Cuthbert's Haydon Bridge

15.00 - God's Tent venue pitched at Staward Manor

15.00 - Quoits practice @ General Havelock

18.00 - Methodist Church. Communion Service

Rev. Jenny Porter-pryde

20.00 - Bingo @ Haydonian Community Lounge and Bar

### **Monday 20th January**

09.15 - Playgroup @ Community Centre

10.00 - Yoga @ Community Centre

12.30 - Sure Start Children's Activity Class

@ Community Centre

15.15 - Youth Dance @ Community Centre

18.00 - Beavers @ St John's Catholic Church Hall

19.00 - Zumba @ Community Centre

19.30 - Sequence Dance Club

@ Haydonian Community Lounge and Bar

# **Tuesday 21st January**

10.00 - Coffee for all @ Methodist Chapel

10.30 - 'Fresh 'N' Thyme' @ Church Street

13.00 - Art Club @ Community Centre

18.00 - Cubs @ St John's Catholic Church Hall

18.00 - Judo @ Haydon Bridge High School (Jnrs.)

19.00 - Judo @ Haydon Bridge High School (Snrs)

20.00 - Circuits @ Community Centre

20.15 - Quiz @ General Havelock

# Wednesday 22nd January

18.00 - Scouts @ St John's Catholic Church Hall

20.30 - Bingo @ Haydonian Community Lounge and Bar

# **Thursday 23rd January**

10.00 - Coffee for all @ Methodist Chapel

19.15 - Nature Club @ Methodist Chapel

19.30 - Bowls Club @ Community Centre

19.30 - Parish Council meeting @ Community Centre

## Friday 24th January

09.15 - Playgroup @ Community Centre

09.45 - Keep fit @ Community Centre

12.00 - Lunch Club @ Community Centre

19.30 - Shaftoe Singers @ Methodist Chapel

### Saturday 25th January

10.00 - Coffee morning @ Community Centre

20.00 - Live music @ General Havelock

### **Sunday 26th January**

08.30 - BCP Communion, All Hallows' Henshaw

10.00 - Christingle Celebration Service St Cuthbert's Haydon Bridge

10.00 - Methodist Church Readers Service Vicky Herod

10.30 - West Tyne Junior Rugby

@ Haydon Bridge High School Field

15.00 - Quoits practice @ General Havelock

20.00 - Bingo @ Haydonian Community Lounge and Bar EVENING SERVICE FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY @ ST. JOHN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH (time tba)

No 6pm service at the Methodist Church

## **Monday 27th January**

09.15 - Playgroup @ Community Centre

10.00 - Yoga @ Community Centre

12.30 - Sure Start Children's Activity Class

@ Community Centre

15.15 - Youth Dance @ Community Centre

18.00 - Beavers @ St John's Catholic Church Hall

19.00 - Zumba @ Community Centre

19.30 - Sequence Dance Club

@ Haydonian Community Lounge and Bar

## **Tuesday 28th January**

10.00 - Coffee for all @ Methodist Chapel

10.30 - 'Fresh 'N' Thyme' @ Church Street

12.30 - Barber Bus @ Church Street

13.00 - Card Craft Club @ Community Centre

18.00 - Cubs @ St John's Catholic Church Hall

18.00 - Judo @ Haydon Bridge High School (Jnrs.)

19.00 - Judo @ Haydon Bridge High School (Snrs)

19.15 - Film and Food night @ General Havelock

20.00 - Circuits @ Community Centre

### Wednesday 29th January

18.00 - Scouts @ St John's Catholic Church Hall

20.30 - Bingo @ Haydonian Community Lounge and Bar

### **Thursday 30th January**

10.00 - Coffee for all @ Methodist Chapel

19.30 - Bowl's Club @ Community Centre

19.30 - Ukuteers @ General Havelock

## Friday 31st January

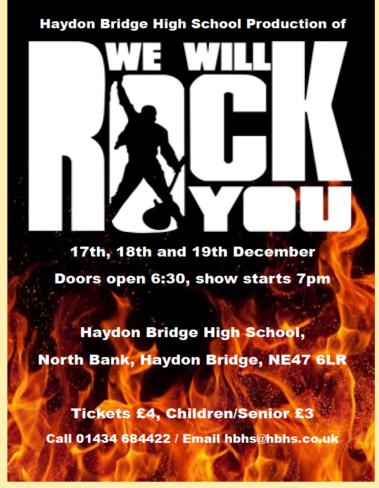
09.15 - Playgroup @ Community Centre

09.45 - Keep fit @ Community Centre

12.00 - Lunch Club @ Community Centre

19.30 - Shaftoe Singers @ Methodist Chapel





From the chair of the executive committee of the 1 Haydon Scout Group. We have 3 sections Beavers, Cubs and Scouts. Each section meets every week in term time at the Catholic Church Hall on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday consecutively. The Group Scout Leader has written an article which we hope will be on interest to the residents of Haydon Bridge.

If you require any further information please contact me by email or on 01434 688 905 or 07478649733 Marco Giuliani

### The 1 Haydon Scout Group.

"I used to be in the Scouts, I really enjoyed every minute of it!" A misty look comes over another parent's face as they look fondly back down the years to their own time in the Scouting movement. "We used to do all sorts, having fires, night hikes, camping, it was great fun."

I am a bit red in the face and out of breath, but still buzzing from the raucous game of Kingball just ended with a dozen Scouts, one of whom belongs to this Dad, as I corner him after the meeting to try and get him to volunteer to help out next week.

"Oh sorry mate, I work shifts and the other young one has steel pan practice that night, plus Wednesday is the only night Jane can get to Tesco in the car."

It is a very familiar conversation, but if he is incorrect in thinking Scouts could do more and be more back in the day than now; he is dead right about the shape and pace of the modern world which leaves families with little time for themselves.

I had only been involved with 1st Haydon Bridge Scout Group for a short time when, preparing for a camp, one of our established leaders took me along to the disused farm building where we are kindly allowed to store our camping equipment, accumulated over generations of Scouting in the village. Amongst the piles of Niger tents and Calor gas lanterns he showed me a board that the Scouts used to take away on each annual camp, adding the location and date of that camp to the board as the years went by. It was a wonderful piece of local history, beginning around the 1940s and naming places like the Norfolk Broads, Snowdonia, Dilston and many places in the Lakes and Scotland. It spoke of a golden age of Scouting, all of those hundreds of Scouts and leaders enjoying simple everyday adventure based on travel and outdoor fun. While I would not say there were ghosts, there were definitely spirits contained in that totem. It caused me to realise my place in a long chain and reflect that while some things change, as I was discussing with that father at the end of our meeting, some things very much remain the same.

Girls and boys desire to experience all that life has to offer, explore, take on challenges, socialise, learn about the world, meet new people, learn about themselves, have everyday adventure. There is no question about the continuing value of Scouting to kids, the challenge is how to give them the opportunity in a world of split shifts and zero hour contracts.

I think Scouting would surprise you, it would be disingenuous to say there was no commitment but if you want to get your handicap below 10, get to the regional final of the giant leek competition, or be the first person to Zorb across the English Channel you also need to make a commitment to that hobby. Scouting is incredibly flexible ranging from just a couple of hours each week to cover the meeting and a bit of prep to (happily!) consuming every spare moment you have, like me!

I have had some fantastic experiences already in my time with the Scouts that money cannot buy and while they may seem mundane adventures compared with Bear Grylls they make great memories. Being taught how to ring the bells in Hexham Abbey, canoeing on the Tyne on perfect summer evenings, telling campfire stories to 30 teenagers in the evening round a warm fire, going to a silent disco, pointing out the first satellite they have seen to a seven year old Beaver Scout, making steam boats, making clouds in a jar, panning for gold, wild swimming, fighting off invasive species on the river bank, sailing an ocean going racing yacht

off the South Coast, going behind the scenes with Network Rail at Haydon Bridge signal box, seeing a kingfisher and a beautiful snowy white wild barn owl fly right past my head and having a young person come over at the end of a night and say genuine thanks and how much they just enjoyed the activity we did.

As we approach this next general election and politicians are falling over themselves to promise the world it is easy to get a false impression of how much they can really do for us or affect our lives. I believe the truth is more like that no one is coming to help us and if we want to get something done we need to get on and do it ourselves. Scouting has given me a perfect outlet for this feeling and as well as finally getting me out of the pub most days, it gives me more satisfaction and feelings of self-worth than my regular day job.

After several years of fantastic service our current Scout leader is having to step down at Christmas due to other commitments. We have an excellent venue with a large grass space outside, lots of equipment due to the legacy of Scouting in Haydon Bridge, some great Assistant Scout leaders (who also sadly can't fit the weekly leader role into their schedule), are financially stable thanks to the support of our excellent parents and a great back stage group of volunteers who take care of all the admin allowing our leaders to get on with the fun stuff. But most of all we have a group of young people who are looking for an enthusiastic, dynamic mentor and leader to take their group forward. You don't need any previous experience, can be any age over 18, have an empathy with young people and be ready to have the time of your life! Can you be the next leader to be adding dates and place names to that annual camp board and take your place in the long line of men and women from our community who have made 1st Haydon Bridge Scout Group one of the best in the country? Everyday adventure awaits!

For more, no obligation, information please contact Rob on:



# **WEST TYNE JUNIORS**

We played host to our first Under 7s, home fixture on Sun, 3rd Nov, welcoming teams from Whitley Bay Rockets and Ponteland. Despite the miserable rainy weather, all players took part in a few games of touch Rugby throughout the morning. Our older players continued with honing their contact rugby skills with Coach Stef before everyone adjourned to the Clubhouse for hot refreshments.



Our next home fixture is on Sun, 1st Dec, against Novos, RFC, from Newcastle; Please come up and support our rugby kids and join us in the clubhouse afterwards.

We train every Sunday at 10.30am, at the playing fields at Haydon Bridge High School, for ages 4 - 12yrs, and all abilities are welcome

For further details please call: Brian 07885992185 Lorna 07747842364 David 07810336537 or check out our Facebook Page: West Tynedale Junior Rugby Club

# The Haydon Churches project.

Over the last few years we have been working at St Cuthbert's to develop a vision for the revitalisation of the Haydon Churches. The Haydon Churches are how we are describing the Grade II\* listed St Cuthbert's Parish Church and the Grade I listed Haydon Old Church which both stand as a lasting and visible testimony to the stories of life and faith which have marked the life of West Tynedale for centuries. After the successful submission of an "Expression of Interest" to the National Lottery Heritage Fund we are very excited to be working with a professional consultant to develop this project for a full funding bid.

The Haydon Churches Project will preserve, protect and renew the heritage of these buildings, drawing them into the heart of the community they serve and act as a resource for learning, exploration and self-discovery for visitors, pilgrims, and residents.

The project focuses on four overlapping stories told by the heritage of St Cuthbert's and the Old Church and reflected in the landscapes of Tynedale, the North Pennines and the Roman Wall.

- Faith on the Frontier: exploring the ongoing links of our churches to the Roman settlers of this area in our buildings and landscape
- Community on the Crossroads: telling the story of Haydon Bridge as a hub of movement and transport and place of welcome for centuries, beginning with the story of the Community of St Cuthbert
- Life and Learning: placing St Cuthbert's in the wider story of the legacy of the Rev'd John Shaftoe and the ongoing work of the Shaftoe Trust in supporting the education of the children of Haydon Bridge.
- Lead and Light: establishing the importance of the local lead mining and smelting industry on the development and use of stained glass in churches like St Cuthbert's.

In these overlapping stories we hope to:

- tell the ongoing stories of life and faith
- provide opportunities to explore this through walking guides, children's activity plans, and accessible routes
- preserve, renew, and restore the heritage of the Haydon Churches
- engage with volunteers, partner organisations, and the wider community.

We are still in the very early stages of this bid process, but plan to submit our formal Phase One bid to the National Lottery Heritage Fund by the spring. If we are successful with this (and we hope we will be!) there will then be an extensive series of meetings, workshops, and consultations to allow everyone who would like to to be involved in the ongoing development of your churches.

In the meantime if you would like any more information on these plans or would like to be involved more please feel free to contact the Vicar on revbenjamincarter@gmail.com or on 01434 688196.



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# MEETING OF HAYDON PARISH COUNCIL AT HAYDON BRIDGE COMMUNITY CENTRE AT 7.30PM ON THURSDAY 24TH OF OCTOBER 2019.

**Present**: J. Bates, I. Burrows, E. Charlton, E. Faulks (Chair), A. Kirsopp, K. Richardson, A. Sharp, J. Thompson and D. Thornhill; Members of the public, C. McGivern (mins.).

Public participation — Vicky Lott said that she, like other residents who live on North Bank, had received a letter about parking on the road. She wondered whether a piece of land to the right as you turn off North Bank toward Peelwell could be used for this purpose. She suggested that webbing could be used to stop the ground getting too muddy. This was thought to be a good idea and ClIr Sharp will investigate who owns the land.

Mrs Armstrong asked if it was possible to get something done about leaves on the pavements on Church Street and North Bank.

Mrs Brown asked if planned work at the cemetery North side was going ahead, as she wondered if the work could be put out to tender. It was confirmed that the work had started and Mr Macdonald was carrying it out. Mrs Brown also asked why full size graves could not be put in this area, but she was informed that David Smith had measured depths in this part of the cemetery, and there was not sufficient depth for full burials.

**Apologies** – were received from Cllrs. Howard, Keyte and Snowdon.

**Minutes of previous meeting** – having been circulated the minutes of the last meeting were agreed and signed.

**Declarations of interest** – Cllr Bates declared an interest in the planning application for East Lands Ends Farm.

## Report from Northumberland County Council -

Cllr Sharp said that the consultation on granite strips to slow traffic at the Showfield had been carried out. Of those who responded 7 people were in favour and 2 against. People suggested having them closer to the play area. It had also been suggested that road humps might be preferable at this location. It was agreed that road humps would be a better option. Cllr Kirsopp asked why there were no 20 mph signs on the road at the Snowfield, and Cllr Sharp confirmed that this would be done. The Ratcliffe Road project requires another safety audit and will then proceed, after any issues that arise have been addressed. Drains at Strother Close have been looked at again. They are now better, but not completely sorted. A camera survey of drains at Martin's Close has been done and further work is needed. There is still flooding on John Martin Street where the drain is not working. Also behind the Methodist Church problems with drains continue. Flood Warden Craig Tulip had drawn up a full list and this had been passed to Cllr Sharp to deal with. Drainage work at New Alston has been completed, although there was concern that the water pipe is still not large enough. A kerb stone at Whittis Crescent has now been looked at and will be repaired. The hedge here has been cut. Cllr Sharp was disappointed that the bus stop signs at Innerhaugh had not yet been sorted out, but they will be done. A proposed new street light between the Haydonian Club and the Showfield was discussed. Cllr Sharp is willing to fund this, and the Clerk is waiting to hear from the Council

Officer concerned. Cllr Bates had looked at the lights in this area and wondered whether trees simply needed to be cut back around an existing light. It was agreed that Parish Cllrs would visit the site before taking further action. The removal of a wall behind the garages at Greenwich Gardens was discussed. When questioned about the fact that the flood report had not yet been received NCC had said that the planning condition was that it should be completed "before the houses are lived in". The PC wondered whether they would be prepared to knock down new houses if it proved that they would exacerbate flooding issues. Cllr Charlton said that every stage in the process local residents had been told that the wall would be retained. It was agreed that the PC would write to Karbon Homes to ask for assistance in addressing the concerns of residents. This will be copied to NCC

The problem of insufficient time at normal PC meetings to discuss planning applications fully was discussed. It was agreed that the Clerk would leave new plans at the library and if Cllrs felt that they needed additional time to look at them fully, then they would hold a separate meeting to allow this.

### Highways -

- a) A request for a new bin outside the Co-op was discussed. The Clerk said that this would cost around £350.00 plus installation costs. It was agreed that the Clerk would request a quotation for installing a new bin from NCC, and for moving the existing bin to the war memorial, and removing the old bins at the war memorial.
- b) The seats in front of the Community Centre were discussed. Neither of them are under shelter. It was felt that they should not be moved as they would block the windows. The Clerk said that the bus had recently been 30 minutes late, and this is a long time for people to stand if it is raining and they are trying to keep dry. It was agreed that Cllrs would look at this.
- c) Mr Hines has started work on the steps at Shaftoe Green. Unfortunately some of the wood for this job had been stolen.
- d) The Clerk said that Cllr Snowdon had reported little progress regarding the noisy road surface on the A69. He noted that in the planning application for East Land Ends spoke of the need to address noise from the same road. Cllr Thornhill said that the bodies concerned were not consistent. There is a new road surface near Corbridge which is the quieter smooth surface. Cllr Charlton wondered how long the contract Roadlink held had to run. Cllr Bates asked if it was possible to see what specifications were put on this contract. Cllr Sharp will try to see if he can get hold of the contract.

**Lighting** – nothing to report.

# Planning applications -

19/04170/FUL – Proposed rear extension to provide more bedroom space; existing loft refurbishment at 8 John Martin Street. No objections.

19/03810/CCD - Construction of new track and widening of access onto highway at Land Strip between Waite Farm House and West Rattenraw Haydon Bridge No objections.

## Accounts as in budget.

### Correspondence -

a) A request had been received for a memorial bench to be

sited on the riverside. A spot near the interpretive sign on the riverbank between the old bridge and the General Havelock was discussed. It was noted that the grass would need to be cut in this area.

# Parish projects -

Shaftoe Green – Cllr Faulks said that the annual play inspection had been carried out of all play areas. The latest report said that the life expectancy of the equipment at Shaftoe Green was 2020. He proposed that someone from the firm who manufacture the equipment come out to the site to advise.

Showfield play area – Cllr Faulks said that someone had dug into the soft pour play surface and this damaged had now been repaired. This had cost the PC £1500.00. A sign has now been put up to ask people not to allow their children to do this.

Development Trust – Cllr Charlton said that the DT oversees the children's club, run in the school holidays. There had been successful Friday sessions over the summer. There had been visits from the Police, Blood Bikes, a fruit and veg show and a food event. It had been a constructive 6 weeks. It is hoped to run this club again. Numbers of entrants for the Haydon Hundred had remained high and this event brings in a large chunk of money for the library. Neighbourhood plan – A meeting had been held in the past week. The planning consultant that the Committee had appointed seems to be very good. At a successful meeting lists of things to do had been made and two new volunteers had come forward.

Trees for schools – The saplings will be delivered in November to Mr Robson. Cllr Faulks will take responsibility for the project and Cllr Richardson will liaise with the school over tree planting. It was agreed to plant them on the edge of Shaftoe Green and Cllr Bates will seek permission for this.

### Any other business -

- a) Cllr Burrows reported a broken fence behind the Community Centre, and the Clerk will report this to Karbon Homes.
- b) Cllr. Thompson had spoken to Anna Coulson in the art department at the High School. She is very keen for the children to be involved in a project to improve the appearance of the old antique shop. Mr Harrison is also supportive of the project. It was agreed that the PC would provide £50.00 for art materials.
- c) Cllr Thompson said that hanging baskets had been beautiful, and lasted very well. Cllrs Kirsopp, Howard and Thompson will store the empty baskets over the winter and are happy to organize them again next year. The flower filled wellies around the village had been much admired too. Cllr Charlton said that the basket hooks at the cemetery meant that they were too high to water. It was agreed that they would have planters instead next year.
- d) Christmas trees & lights Cllr Thompson said that the committee had met in the last week. A lot of the lights need to be replaced, as do all of the boxes for the trees and transformers. This will be looked at during the PC budget meeting. The Clerk will check that the trees and lights can be covered by the PC insurance.
- e) Blue plaque for John Martin Someone had asked whether a blue plaque could be put up for John Martin, as it had been for Philip Larkin. The Clerk will look at the information needed to do this.

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# Ho ho holiday season at the Lunch Club

We are delighted to announce that children from Shaftoe School will be joining us at 11.30 on 13<sup>th</sup> December to sing the season. We are also hopeful that we will be able to screen their short film, "Bridge, Pigs and Kids", commemorating more than 320 years of the school in Haydon Bridge. This free performance (all welcome) will be followed by the regular lunch club offer of Soup, Sandwich and Sweet for £5.

On 20<sup>th</sup> December we will be offering a festive buffet for the usual charge. The normal starting time of 12 noon will apply, please get your Xmas jumpers on and join us!

Lunch Club will be closed on 27<sup>th</sup> December to give us all a chance

Seasons greetings to everyone celebrating the Winter Solstice, Christmas, the New Year and anything else you choose. See you on 3<sup>rd</sup> January in 2020!

### The Children's Society.

It's time for the House Boxes to be collected in and donations counted up. Last year £268.56 was given to The Children's Society.

I can call at your home or you can bring your box to church or leave with Margaret Marshall.

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New Years Eve Fireworks

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There will be a torchlight procession prior to the fireworks display led by a Northumbrian piper – down John Martin St. (path) and over the new bridge. A limited number of flaming torches will be available. Any children joining the procession MUST have a responsible adult with them.

With ever rising costs to put on an event like this, we are always conscious that each year could be the last; so, if it is the last, let's make it one to remember!!

I'm going to repeat the info I wrote last month about the volunteers needed.

We need people who can stand by the barriers on either side of the old bridge from 3pm, whilst the fireworks company sets up the display, to explain to people that it's not possible to cross the bridge and direct them over the new bridge. From 11.30pm we also need people to be by the barriers at each side of the new bridge, to divert any traffic that tries to cross it. Each stint is for 1.5 hours and you'll be in pairs.

We need 4 people for each stint at 6pm-7.30pm, 7.30pm-9pm, 9pm-10.30pm, 10.30pm- finish plus another 4 people 11.30pm-00-30am.

Let us know ASAP so you get the time slot that suits you.

No-one is allowed over the bridge until the firework company have cleaned up and left

We do a collection before and after the display, so we'd like some bucket shakers as well.

If you can help, please contact me. My phone and email are below or tell one of the Get It Together Society members. We need your name and phone number (preferably a mobile) so you can be contacted, if necessary, whilst you're outside.

### WATCH OUT FOR POSTERS NEARER THE TIME

The next Get It Together Society meeting (AGM) is on Monday 25th Nov at 8pm in the General Havelock. It's very informal and we're always keen to welcome new members and new ideas for community events.

If you want any further information just have a word with one of us.

My number is 01434 684061

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Best wishes for a Merry Christmas & a Very Happy New Year Pauline and the Get It Together Society

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December 10th

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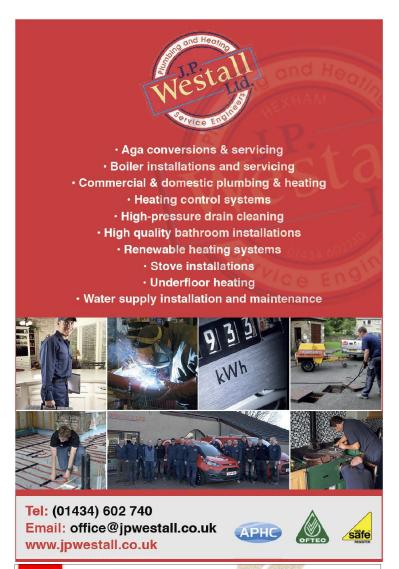
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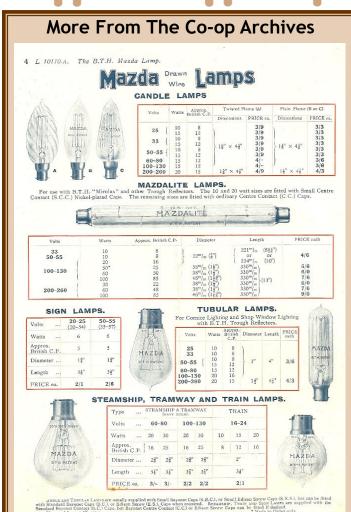
For the five Thursdays from the 7th November until 5th December the Bookworm Club members will be brought to The Bridge at 3.30pm by the school staff and picked up at 4.30pm by their parents/carers.

The Bridge Library has a wide selection of children's books to suit all ages, from board books right up to four shelves of teenage fiction. It's always a delight to see the children's excitement and interest in the books when they visit us at The Bridge.

Please note that the library is now on winter hours and no longer open to the public at this time.



The Challenge, this year, is inspired by the book "Pugs of the Frozen North". It starts on Monday 2nd December and finishes on Monday 13 January 2020. To join in, children need to read three books of their own choice over the period. Children, come and get your Reading records and activity sheets from the Bridge library. There will be a certificate for those who complete the Challenge.



Yet another box of interesting memorabilia unearthed in the old Co-op, (the ex Antique Shop in Shaftoe Street), has been given to us for sorting and cataloguing. The light bulbs in this Mazda Lamp Catalogue, dating from September 1914, don't look too dissimilar to today's even if they're not energy efficient. The variety of bulbs and range of different brands on sale and available to order from the Co-op in those days makes the internet look not quite so marvellous these days!

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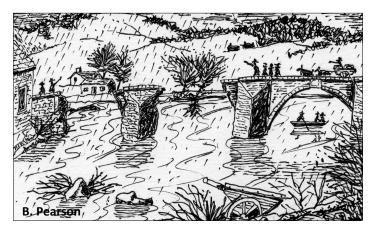
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### **LOOKING BACK**

My last column of Historical Notes 'Looking Back' at some of the more significant and interesting dates in our chapelry's and parish's history, was in the issue of The Haydon News of June 2019. I left you that month with a reminder of an event on **November 17th 1771** when the River Tyne flooded the whole village and destroyed our stone bridge.

That infamous flood brought down every bridge on the river except Corbridge, and the destruction in our village was illustrated for me in an earlier Haydon News (November 2011) and my History of Langley Barony, by our late and respected, Brian Pearson. This 1771 inundation was greater than anything seen on the River Tyne before or since and at Haydon Bridge, men on both sides of the river, almost up to their necks in flood water, carried women and children on their backs to safety above the water line at John Shaftoe's School on the South Side and Broomlee on the North Side.



1771 December 19th: Gentlemen and Clergy of the county met at the Golden Lion at Hexham to open books for charity subscriptions, to procure speedy relief for the men and families who had been reduced to extreme poverty and distress due to the destructive inundation. More than twenty six Haydonians shared £72 . 2s . 3d in damages from these charitable subscriptions. There had been no loss of life at Haydon Bridge, nevertheless: the blacksmith lost his bellows; the cartwright his spokes; the weaver his bobbins; the malster his barley; the farmer his cattle, sheep and hay; and, maybe worst of all for some, Innkeepers William Corbett and Edward Bell got water in their barrels of ale! (Could their customers tell the difference? I wonder!)

**1772 September:** Building work started on the south arches of the bridge at Haydon Bridge. The contract for £1,300 was awarded to Thomas Laybourn and Joseph Nicholson of Stanhope.

**1772 September 26th:** The temporary timbers forming the centre frame of the new bridge at Haydon Bridge were swept away in another flood, together with all the boxes, materials and tools of the workmen. The ferry boat at Haydon Bridge was also swept away. (*Probably from its crossing between the Tanyard and the North Side.*)

**1773** August **21st:** The centres were struck from the two new arches at Haydon Bridge. The arches of 78 feet and 69

feet were thought to be two of the finest and largest arches that had been built on any part of the River Tyne.

**1774 January 11th:** It was certified on this day that the building work on the bridge at Haydon Bridge had been satisfactorily completed following the 1771 flood and the contractors were paid.

I will continue 'Looking Back' in a future Issue; in the meantime, I thought you might be interested to read a brief memoir of this eccentric Haydon Bridge resident of the C18th/C19th.

### **EDWARD COULSON**

My edited memoir of Edward, or Ned, Coulson was originally written by Joseph Ridley and published in 1843 in M.A. Richardson's 'Table Book of Remarkable Occurrences'.

Edward Coulson was the son of John and Susanna of Haydon Bridge and was born/baptised on April 28th 1754. The family lived in 'Broadstone'. (John Martin St., in 2019) Edward's father was a joiner and wheelwright and he also mended clocks and watches; his mother was a midwife. John, the father, seems himself to have been eccentric; for example, on one occasion having made a coffin for John Atchinson which did not please those who gave him the order: "Never mind" said John, "It's not fine enough for him, but it will do for me." John Coulson kept the coffin for the remainder of his life and, eventually, it served the purpose for which it was reserved, when he was buried in it at Haydon on March 17th 1784.

Susanna's funeral was also at Haydon, on July 15th 1799, and neither was it without issue. The spot where John, her husband, had been buried was covered with stones and, therefore, she wasn't laid immediately beside him, so displeasing Edward that he went no more to the church services from that day, and neither would he ever again pay his Church-dues when they were demanded. (I have been unable to find any sign of the Coulson graves at Haydon today - they will be there ... unmarked.)

Edward Coulson's infancy was marked by being five years old before he could speak, and it is said that other children called him "Dummy". His father, when working in a saw pit at the north end of the bridge one day, had Ned with him when he said to his father: "They call me dummy." His father was so astonished to hear him talk, that he ran home along Broadstone with great glee to inform his wife that their son could talk.

Edward (Ned) was 5 feet 10 inches in height, fairish in complexion, very bony and surprisingly strong, but, his chief peculiarity was his swiftness and he won several races at Haydon Bridge, Newcastle, Durham and other venues, with the greatest of ease.

(It is worth recalling here that Ned's brother William was also an excellent runner; 'Bill' lost his life in November 1787, when he was pursuing a beast that had broken loose and, in following it, he swam across the River Tyne and was drowned.)

Ned Coulson's occupation had been learned from his father. He made racks, reels and spinning wheels, and he ran about the country cleaning clocks. Ned was also a glazier and travelled much in the night, dragging a small cart after him in which he carried the materials and tools required for the multifarious jobs he undertook. Pulling his cart along the road made Ned a very peculiar sight, especially as his dress was not that of a labourer but more genteel and, although somewhat shabby, he wore ruffles. He also carried a staff of a peculiar sort; a kind of thick twisted thorn which made him very formidable and he occasionally had to use it during his nocturnal travels.

Ned had been known to frighten travellers deliberately by passing them and hiding himself, and then re-passing them, all in silence and then, at length, bidding them "Good night!", perhaps accompanied by a strange noise, not unlike the report of a pistol; a noise made by putting a finger in his mouth. He was often seen sitting in the Anchor Inn when travellers arrived wet with perspiration caused by the fright he had given them. Ned Coulson's remarkable agility, even though on some occasions it was mischievously employed, was always admired.

Edward Coulson was a fiddler, not a remarkable musician but he could boast a skill which was much less common; he could perform whilst he ran along the road, and even when playing the instrument with it behind his back. He also used various contortions of his body whilst playing and was often seen in the streets of Hexham standing at a public house door, with one leg suspended across the arm which held the fiddle. At other times, he could be seen running before a post-chaise as it passed through the main street from the west, fiddling all the way as he ran, occasionally even with his face towards the horses. It is said that once, in coming through Haughton Park, he was likely to be attacked by a bull, but Ned produced the fiddle which he generally carried with him, sounded the instrument and the bull scampered off. Our intrepid fiddler followed in quick style and ran the animal down.

Strength and agility seem to have been combined with courage, in Coulson's character. He frequently visited Haydon Church alone at midnight, rang the bell and made his way to the pulpit where he would light a candle and read a chapter from the Bible. On one occasion, a fellow named Forster was surprised to see the Haydon Church dimly lit up at night and, filled with a mixture of fear and curiosity, he and his party entered the church. They were astonished to find Ned, alone in the pulpit, clothed in a surplice and quietly reading aloud a chapter from the Bible by the light of two candles. It was known that when Ned had neighbours in his house at nights and when he thought they had stayed long enough, he would take the Bible and read: "Withdraw thy foot from thy neighbour's house lest he be weary of thee and so hate thee." - Proverbs xxv., 17.

Proof of Ned's fearlessness, is the knowledge that he frequently walked along the parapet of the bridge at

Haydon Bridge, with a load of two pecks of corn on his back. (around two gallons, or 20lbs equivalent)

Ned often travelled on foot to places at great distances from Haydon Bridge and his accomplishments were legendary.

One of Ned's well known feats was going fifty miles to Stanhope in Weardale, on an errand for Mrs. Tweddell of Threepwood Hall. It was a winter night with the roads almost impassable, however, off he went and travelled all night, returning to Threepwood the next morning. Mr. Tweddell was astonished when he found Ned at the Hall and asked him why he hadn't gone to Stanhope. "Oh," replied Ned, "I've been there and back again, and here's an answer to the message I took."

Another of his pedestrian feats occurred after he went to Harlow Hill to clean a clock and found after getting there, he had forgotten some of his work tools. He returned back home to seek them, went back and finished his job and returned the same night, having walked sixty five miles. Remarkably, he returned to Haydon Bridge in time to take a successful part in some athletic sports that evening, taking place on a green by the riverside at Haydon Bridge.

On another occasion, Ned was at Brampton races and after the sport, a blacksmith, William Rowell, asked him how he had enjoyed it. "Oh. None at all," said Ned, "I can run as fast as any of the horses." Ned had agreed to try his speed against a certain horse, in a one guinea match; the distance being from Brampton to Glenwhelt Public House. Ned and the horse kept pretty even until they reached the Denton toll bar where the gate was closed and the rider was obliged to draw his horse up. Ned, however, never halted, but leaped over the toll bar, astonishing the rider who went no further saying: "It must be the devil, as no man can keep pace with this horse." Ned returned to Brampton before the rider after completing the course and, as proof that he had done so, he got the landlord of the Glenwhelt public house to write a few lines to that effect.

Even as a young boy, Ned persisted in going to Hexham for the groceries required by his parents, and frequently ran to Hexham for items he could easily have bought in his home village of Haydon Bridge.

Ned sometimes extended his quite remarkable journeys beyond the border, running to Jedburgh and other towns in the south of Scotland. Returning home from one of his journeys, he found that the river at Haydon Bridge was in full flood and part of the bridge had been washed away so he couldn't get over it with his cart. Some workmen managed to drag it over, however, and Ned made his way through the deep water. It was following this incident that Ned took ill and moved to Bellingham to recuperate; and it was at Bellingham where he spent his final few weeks.

Edward Coulson was buried at Bellingham on December 27th 1807 aged 53 years. In feats of swiftness, strength and remarkable exploits there had/have been few, if any, who could compete with Haydon Bridge's Ned Coulson.

Happy New Year and Best Wishes to all our readers.

Dennis T.

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### A VIEW FROM UP THERE .....

John Harrison

Winter is no longer on our doorstep but has arrived. The indicators are all there. For me it is the evening when the frost warning light first appears in my car - in my case the 21<sup>st</sup> October. Then on the 28<sup>th</sup> I recorded the first air frost here at Plunderheath – uncannily the same event occurred on October 29<sup>th</sup> in 2018. I wonder if we shall have a similar winter ?? On a couple of evenings last week we experienced a strong temperature inversion – it was 4.5 degC at Plunderheath but 0.5 degC along Station Road, one of the coldest locations around Haydon Bridge. The last of my tomatoes have been picked, my runner beans have now died, and my garden is covered in fallen leaves. Yes, winter is upon us. Anyone good at getting rid of moles ??

Although there were a few brighter spells October was a cold and rather dull and damp month. The month opened with floods after the heavy rain at the end of September. However, the clouds cleared away after early rain and the afternoon of the 1<sup>st</sup> was sunny. After this interlude, the wind remained in the east and the weather was cloudy and exceptionally dull, with substantial rain falling on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. Falling pressure on the 8<sup>th</sup> heralded the arrival of unsettled cyclonic weather which at least brought about occasional breaks in the cloud cover, and the rainfall became more showery. These showers were blustery at times in a freshening south-westerly breeze.

A weak ridge of high pressure between the 13<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> slackened the wind but frontal activity brought two spells of rain (16.5 mm) before providing the welcome gift of two fine sunny autumnal days on the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. Drab weather returned on the 19<sup>th</sup> with low cloud in cold polar air. The following days, although dry, were cold and dull, and temperatures approached freezing on many nights. By the 25<sup>th</sup> the daytime maximum temperature was struggling to reach 10 degC and ground frosts were a regular occurrence. As the temperature continued to fall the first air frost of the winter arrived on the 28<sup>th</sup>.

Final Reminder: If you would like to watch the weather as it happens and find out what's coming your way, then you may be interested in the following website ... <a href="www.netweather.tv/live-weather/radar">www.netweather.tv/live-weather/radar</a>. The site is easy to use, and the animation feature will show you how the weather is changing in your area.

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

Month	Average Maxi- mum Temper- ature (Daytime) deg C	Relative to long-term average degC	Average Mini- mum Temper- ature (Night-time) deg C	Relative to long-term average degC	Rainfall mm	Percentage of long-term average
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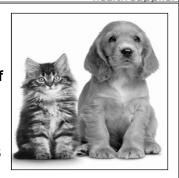
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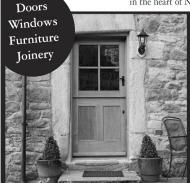
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# CHURCHES WORKING TOGETHER CLERGY MESSAGE

Letter from: Deacon Anne Dec/Jan2020

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned. Isaiah 9:2

As I write this in the middle of November at six am in the morning it is very dark and we still haven't got to the darkest or shortest day! We are still heading into the dark and also towards a general election. You could say we are in a dark place and in some respects very much in need of a guiding light, direction as to which way we should go. But this wonderful passage from Isaiah tells us that there is hope, there is light, there is joy, there is peace in the one who is to come!

v. 6 'For unto us a child is born, to us a son is given and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called **Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.** What a manifesto!

Each of the four names explain his regal attributes and sovereign character, what the Messiah, Jesus, the anointed one will bring.

Wonderful Counsellor points to the Messiah as king, who determines and carries out a programme of action and proposed plans. Wonder means 'a work of God' someone who will work wonders, marvellous things that have been planned long ago, who will cause all the world to marvel. Whose instruction is wonderful, his opinions are extraordinary, his recommendations are impressive, his conduct is phenomenal, he is the only one worth listening to!

**Mighty God** points to the divine power as a warrior, a fighter for what is true and right. **Everlasting Father.** He is an unending compassionate provider and protector enduring and everlasting.

**Prince of Peace.** His rule will bring wholeness and well being, safety and protection to individuals and society. Only God can be trusted to deliver justice and righteousness. Unlike some of those who will run for office we know that whatever he says is true and will be carried out.

v.7 Of the measure of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever.'

So, who will you choose?

Joshua 24: 15 says ... choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve... but as for me and my household we will serve the Lord!

# A Happy and Blessed Christmas and a peaceful New Year to you all!

# **Deacon Anne Taylor**

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Very shortly a Housing Needs Survey will come to your door. Your answers will be our evidence of how much housing is needed across the whole of Haydon parish to meet the needs of local people, and what type and tenure local people want and need. This will be a really important part of our new Neighbourhood Plan which, when it is a legal document, anyone wishing to build houses here will be expected to take account of. Further information will accompany the survey, please return the form to register your views and ideas, the more replies - the stronger the message. Thanks An increasing number of local people are getting involved in working on the plan, but we need more to help. Three pieces of work are about to start, on

- Outdoor green spaces (eg recreation, scenery, streets)
- Mobility and Transport (eg walking, cycling, bridleways, links)
- Community facilities and services (eg buildings, activities etc)

Each topic needs a small group to check what we already have, what we want to protect for the future, and where there are gaps we want to fill. This is your chance to influence life here for the next 10 years at least. Leave your contact details at the Bridge please, or come along to the next Plan meeting on Wednesday 18 December, 7.00 at the Bridge. See you there.

Carole Price Co-ordinator, Neighbourhood Plan

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### ACROSS

- 1. PLASTERCAST
- 10. OLIVE
- 11. BARCELONA
- 12. BIG CHEESE
- 13. SAHIB
- 14. TIRADE
- 16. PETRARCH
- 18. ASPIRANT
- 20. AFFORD
- 23. ILIAD
- 24. WRONG IDEA
- 26. URTICARIA
- 27. FRNIF
- 28. TEMPERATURE

### **DOWN**

- 2. LYING
- 3. SEETHED
- 4. EMBLEM
- 5. CORNERED6. SPENSER
- 7. COMBAT FATIGUE
- 8. LOTHARIO
- 9. CARBOHYDRATES
- 15. REPRINTS
- 17. SNOWDROP
- 19. RADICLE
- 21. FIGMENT
- 22. HOT AIR
- 25. DONOR

### **ACROSS**

- 1. Rumour that old president has a paper (4,9)
- 8. Animal runs after snake (4)
- 9. Speed dog maybe leads the field (4,6)
- 10. Distance finally motored? This'll tell you (8)
- 11. Several were aired outside (6)
- 13. Disorderly quins set an odd pleasantness (10)
- 16. Flirt disposing of Dracula's rage (4)
- 17. Miss the container (4)
- 18. Clue: alight after hesitation somewhere beyond the suburbs (10)
- 20. Fungus seen in tawdry rotisserie (3-3)
- 22. Such as the Iron Lady's reputation after jail (8)
- 24. Varied patrol I send endlessly as intervention (10)
- 26. Fall from the tops of doors right into pail (4)
- 27. Run tree saver drug around somewhere like Druridge Bay (6,7)

# DOWN

- 1. Leech or initiate gullible person (11)
- 2. Second last minute swotting? Hop it (5)
- 3. Sew decoratively after spot change in titch (9)
- 4. Lake Alfalfa (7)
- 5. American fuel on points or what it emits (5)
- 6. Valentino troubled by unusual story (9)
- 7. Garden tool left out of difficult situation (3)
- 12. Wall-building old European project? (5,6)
- 14. Insufficient practice (or a claim to the contrary) can make one tense (9)
- 15. Stalk prison rooms for versatile building blocks of life (4,5)
- 19. Neurons addled drug refuser (3-4)
- 21. Diminish candle (5)
- 23. Damaged drain at lowest point (5)
- 25. Sister at the onset is never under narcotic (3)



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Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> Cash Bingo + Wine & chocolates (Key Draw 9.45pm) Tickets on door 8.00pm

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