

April 2025

Welcome

In this edition we are celebrating the official opening of The Nurture Project's Sensory Garden and new building, the Nurture Hive. We are also looking forward to celebrating **Northumberland Day**, and some of us are thinking about practicing for our annual parish biking event, **The Haydon Hundred**. Local entries are particularly welcome, including on electric bikes.. and you can then go onto relax and dance at the brilliant **Haydon Bridge Festival**...

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What's going on

Nights Out

Fri April 11	Churches Together Beetle Drive.. Proceeds for Christian Aid.	Methodist Church 6-8pm
Sat April 12	Singer Kev Roberts	Haydonian Community Lounge and Bar 9pm
Sun April 13	Buskers Night	General Havelock 7pm
Thurs April 17	Uketeers	General Havelock 7pm
Fri April 18	Charity Quiz	Haydonian Community Lounge and Bar 8.30pm
Sat April 19	Hardwicke Circus music	Haydonian Community Lounge and Bar 9pm
Thurs April 24	Film and Food night	General Havelock - 7.30 supper/8pm film
Fri April 25	Music with Meg and friends	General Havelock 7.30
Tues April 29	Pub Quiz - raising funds for Cancer	General Havelock - 8.15pm
Sat May 3	Newcastle City Temple Band and Songsters and Supper	Methodist Church 7pm
Sun May 4	Buskers Night - come and join in or listen	General Havelock 7pm
Thurs May 15	Bowls 'open club night'. All welcome	Community Centre 7pm
Fri May 16	Charity Quiz in aid of Daft as a Brush	Haydonian Community Lounge and Bar 8.30pm
Sat May 17	Singer Shaun Fenwick	Haydonian Community Lounge and Bar 9pm
Thurs May 29	Bowls 'open club night' All welcome	Community Centre 7pm
Tue June	Quiz Night & Pie & Pea Supper with John Harrison -	Methodist Church 7pm proceeds to Christian Aid
Sat June 7	Singer Sophie Danielle	Haydonian Community Lounge and Bar 9pm
Thurs June 12	Bowls 'open club night' All welcome	Community Centre 7pm

Churches

Good Friday 18th April 11 am from the Memorial to the Old Bridge - Walk of Witness - Readings and Hymns for Good Friday - led by Rev. Michael Holland and Fr. Ollie Dempsey - all welcome to join us

Catholic Church Sunday services at 9am

Methodist Church Sunday service at 10.30am Contact Rev Michael Holland (01434 683732)

St Cuthbert's Church Weekday morning prayer - Thursday 17th April Liturgy of Maundy Thursday (the Eucharist, stripping the altar & watch)

8:30am - Good Friday 18th April 10.15 service

Sunday service at 11am - Saturday 19th April 10am Easter Garden making for children and families

Look at noticeboard - Easter Sunday 20th April - 1100 Parish Eucharist (followed by egg hunt)

outside the church for - Sun 1st June 0930 Induction at St Michael's Warden Induction and Installation of The Rev

upcoming services Ollie Dempsey as Rector of the benefice of Haydon Bridge, Warden with Newbrough, and St John Lee

Daytime Events

Mon April 28	Storytelling for pre-schoolers	Bridge Library and Hub 10am
Sat May 24	Annual Plant Sale, raising funds for village gardening in public spaces	Bridge Library and Hub
Sun May 25	Northumberland Day Celebration	The Green at Strother Close 2-5pm- further info later
Mon May 26	Storytelling for pre-schoolers	Bridge Library and Hub 10am
Sat June 7	The Haydon Hundred Bike Event	8am onwards
Sat June 7	The Haydon Bridge Festival - Marquee at Football club	2 - 11pm



More Events News

Northumberland Day Celebration 25th May 2-5pm The Green, Strother Close

This event is organised by the Get it Together Society with plans including live music, hot food, ice cream, children's games, raffle, tombola and stalls - £5 for sellers, free for local groups and charities – tables provided – enquire to Pauline Wallis on facebook or pjwallis58@gmail.com The GITS will be raising funds for this year's New Year Firework display – so please come and give generously.



The Haydon Bridge Festival – 7th June 2-11pm

Featuring local bands, food vendors, face painter and Bubble Whisperer Please support this committee's last year of organising the festival. Over the last 10 years the Festival has raised over £30,000 for local charities and causes. Tickets available soon on our website, £15 with a glass and 2 tokens for the bar, U18 free and must be accompanied by an adult. Tickets also on the day but with no tokens.

The Haydon Hundred – 7th June 8am

Once again hundreds of cyclists descend on the village to ride the scenic routes of the Haydon Hundred Cyclo Sportive. With three routes to choose from on quiet roads, entrants can enjoy spectacular views of the high Pennines. The toughest circuit, the 140km Sky rider, uses 5 of the 6 highest roads in England, and is not for the fainthearted. Find out more on the Haydon Hundred website:

<https://www.haydonhundred.co.uk>

Pilates with Val

New class in Haydon Bridge Community Centre, Wednesdays 10.30-11.30 starting 2 April 2025. £12 single class; £60 for block of 6. Beginner friendly, all you need is a mat! Call or text for more details on 07586 022840/ or email valravelle@live.co.uk Or book classes online at valravelle.com

The Bridge Library and Community Hub

Every June the Haydon Hundred cycle event raises a great amount to keep our services at the Bridge going. **Can you help?** there are various jobs to do over the length of the day (Saturday 7 June) from 7am to 4pm. Contact the Bridge to make a difference.

- **Catch up with a copper:** Our neighbourhood police officer, Stephanie Callf, held her first 'Catch Up with a Copper' session at The Bridge in February this year. She told us that it had been a very successful event where local people could talk to her directly about issues that are important to them. We are expecting these sessions to happen regularly, so watch out for news here in the Haydon Newsletter; in Haydon Bridge Matters on Facebook and in the Village Notes in the Courant.
- On Saturday 24 May we will be holding the **annual Plant Sale** on the patio at The Bridge in support of Village Gardening in public spaces. Look out for further details for donations and times on the day. **Seed Swap** – We have a Seed Swap box in the entrance to the Bridge, bring any spare seeds you have and take any that you fancy. We have labels to help you identify what and how.
- Come and see our fantastic **new mural** on the wall by the children's area. The flowers change as the weeks go on. Enjoy a hot drink for £1 while you are here. For Easter and Spring, we have a selection of **knitted covers for crème eggs**, chocolate oranges etc for sale. Buy now to avoid disappointment!
- **Storytelling for pre-schoolers** is back on the last Monday of each month at 10am. Free session, all welcome.



DO YOU KNOW THAT THE BRIDGE OFFERS?

- With the Northumberland County Council Library Card, The Bridge provides a FULL PUBLIC LIBRARY SERVICE including book, audio and large print books, E books via Borrowbox and Pressreader for newspapers and magazines – ALL AT NO COST
- Children's library area with toys for younger children
- Tourist and visitor information, including walks and cycling leaflets
- Social activities such as knit and natter (Tuesday 1:30-3:30) and Lego on Fridays after school (3-6).
- Local archive (see next page)
- Coffee and warm hub
- Computer use
- Book and craft sales and display space for artists
- Office services
- Cycle hub
- Study space
- And more

Opening hours

Monday	9-12	Friday	3-6
Tuesday	1-4	Saturday	9.30-12.30
Wednesday	1-4		
Thursday	CLOSED		

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Closed: Good Friday (18 April) Easter Monday (21 April) and May Bank Holidays - 5 and 26 May.



Local Archive

Non-conformist chapels and churches.

The first official non-conformist meeting house in Haydon Bridge was registered in 1814 and gradually four chapels were built. An Independent Chapel was built in 1818 at the bottom of North Bank, now Garden House. By the 1850s there was a Wesleyan and a United Free Methodist Chapel on the south side of Ratcliffe Road and in 1863 a Primitive Methodist Chapel opened on Church Street. As congregations grew, bigger chapels were built. In 1863 the Congregational Church (later the United Reformed Church) was built, replacing the Independent Chapel across the road. A larger Wesleyan Chapel opened in 1874 on the north side of Ratcliffe road and the Primitive Methodist Chapel was extended in 1884. The Wesleyans and Primitive Methodists merged in the 1940s and the Wesleyan Chapel, now the Community Centre closed.

By the end of the next century only one chapel was still open. The United Reformed Church closed in the 1990s. The Methodist Chapel on Church Street remains active. The 1863 building was demolished in 1996 and rebuilt to provide more modern facilities. It re-opened in 1998 and continues to be a thriving Chapel and community facility. *This brief overview of the chapels is drawn from Dennis Telford's Historical Notes of Haydon Bridge originally published in the Haydon News. There are articles about the chapels in the editions of October 1999 - March 2000 and February - April 2021. You can read these online at www.haydonnews.co.uk/issues/archive.htm*



Community Action



On March 22nd, The Nurture Project CIC welcomed nearly 300 people to their Spring Celebration. Our wonderfully supportive County Councillor, Alan Sharp, officially opened 'The Nurture Hive'

community hub, The materials for building this were funded by Councillor Alan Sharp; Members Local Improvement Scheme, and NCC Community Chest Fund. Two local community heroes; Neil at Practical Services and Stephen at Hornby Home Improvements have astonishingly built The Nurture Hive COMPLETELY VOLUNTARILY! They provided countless hours of exceptional commitment and dedication of their time, skills, expertise and resources, to enrich the lives of all who attend! Representatives from Wooden Spoon Children's Charity of Rugby, including Rugby Football Union president Rob Udwin, were welcomed to unveil a plaque to mark the opening of the Nurture Sensory Garden, made possible by their generous funding via the Stay Strong Stu Foundation. Joined by members of The Parish Council, The Development Trust and the Shaftoe Charities, community

organisations whose support has been integral to securing funding, as well as the inspirational Nurture Project education staff team and our amazing Community Garden Volunteers, formalities were followed by a wonderful buffet. Many stayed on and were joined by our local community to enjoy a variety of activities, including making wildflower seed bombs, planting pea seeds, making medicinal herbal teas, facepainting, and snacks cooked on the fire. Thank you to all who bought raffle tickets, had your face painted or donated. £200 was raised towards the building of a deck area for pond dipping in our new pond.

Nurture Community Garden and Forest School – Public opening hours

Second Sunday of the month 1-4pm, and every week on Mondays 3-6pm, Wednesdays 3-4.30pm and Thursdays 12.30-4.30pm. All welcome to look around, chat, picnic, play, and help with gardening

CAN YOU HELP Save Haydon Bridge Red Squirrels?

The reformed Haydon Bridge Red Squirrel Group is looking for volunteers to help red squirrels return to Haydon Bridge. The main reason for their decline is grey squirrels out competing reds for food and carrying the squirrel pox virus, harmless to greys but lethal to reds. We are determined to reverse this, but we need your help. We need volunteers for all sorts of tasks including: reporting sightings, helping with record keeping, monitoring populations, hosting feeders and cameras, permitting grey squirrel trapping on your land, maintaining a trap in your garden in conjunction with a grey squirrel controller, being on call as a grey squirrel controller, website development, newsletter production, becoming a committee member, fundraising (e.g. running a stall), promotion, communications and education. We want to operate across the parishes of Haydon Bridge, Bardon Mill and Henshaw, as one of 30 squirrel groups across the North of England constituting Northern Red Squirrels. If you would like to volunteer or you are a landowner in the Haydon Bridge area interested in grey squirrel control on your land, contact haydonbridgersg@gmail.com

The Weather from John Harrison

Monthly rainfall totals for November 2024 to March 2025 were below average, causing below normal water courses and quite hard soil surfaces. Winter brought few of the usual signs of frost, snow and hail. The coldest night was between the 8th and 9th of February when the air temperature fell to -7.0 degC. Although there were 28 air frosts from November to March most were slight, an indicator of spring warmth is the flowering dates of common spring plants. This year the daffodils were in flower a full week later than in previous years.



Businesses and Services

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Hornby Collectors Assn – 10am 2nd Sundays bi monthly Grant Robinson 07311 605366

Ist Haydon Bridge Scout Group: Robert.copley@northumberlandscouts.org.uk
Meets at Catholic Church Hall, just off North Bank – Squirrels (4-6) Monday 4.45-5.45;
Beavers (6-8) Monday 6-7; Cubs (8-10.5) Tuesday 5-6; Scouts (10.5 to 14.5) Tuesday 6.30 to 8.30.