

## December 2024

### Welcome

Thank you to readers for the positive feedback to the first edition of the Haydon Newsletter in October. We would like to wish all the Community an enjoyable festive season, Happy Christmas, and all the best for 2025! **THREE KEY MESSAGES** for you.

**Spread the word:** please tell everyone you know about the Newsletter. As a mainly online publication it does not go through residents letter boxes so people need to sign up

**Tell people how they can get a copy and sign up yourselves:**

- Via the village website: [www.haydon-bridge.co.uk](http://www.haydon-bridge.co.uk) Each new edition is also promoted via social media and there is a link on the Haydon Bridge Matters Facebook page
- Best of all, to get EVERY new edition automatically in your inbox please email us at [hbtrust@haydonbridge.onmicrosoft.com](mailto:hbtrust@haydonbridge.onmicrosoft.com). By doing so you are agreeing to us holding your email details
- A few paper copies are available at The Bridge (including accessible version)



**Give us feedback,** or if you provide a service or run a business in the parish but are not listed on the back page please email us with your details to [admin@haydon-bridge.co.uk](mailto:admin@haydon-bridge.co.uk)

### What's going on

#### Nights Out

December 12	Book Club	General Havelock 8.00pm
December 13	Amy Ridley Live Music	Haydonian Community Lounge and Bar 9.30pm
December 14	Craft Fair & coffee morning	Haydon Bridge Community Centre 10am - 2pm
December 14	The Bar Winter Olympics	Haydonian Community Lounge and Bar 7.30pm
December 15	Nurture Project Open Garden	Low Hall (near football ground) 12-3pm (no dogs; Under 16s with adults).
December 17	Charity Quiz 'Emmaus'	General Havelock 8.15pm
December 18	Film and Food 'The Thin Man'	General Havelock 7.15pm
December 19	Uketeers	General Havelock 7.00pm
December 20	Musicians	General Havelock 8.00pm
December 20	Quiz Night	Haydonian Community Lounge and Bar 8.30pm
December 21	Sophie Danielle Live Music	Haydonian Community Lounge and Bar 9.15pm
December 31	New Years Eve 'Fizz and Quiz'	General Havelock from 10.00pm
January 11	AGM	Haydonian Community Lounge and Bar 7.30pm

THE FUTURE OF THE CLUB IS AT RISK - MORE COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - COME AND GET INVOLVED - EMAIL [thehaydonian@btinternet.com](mailto:thehaydonian@btinternet.com)

Children and families are invited to a free screen showing of A Polar Express at Haydonian Community Lounge & Bar on Sunday 22nd December at 2pm. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Light refreshments. If you would like to attend, please phone 01434 684383 or email [thehaydonian@btinternet.com](mailto:thehaydonian@btinternet.com).

**Nature Club** = 7:15pm in the Methodist Church

New membership for 5 talks £15.00, guests/visitors £4.00. Refreshments available.

- 30<sup>th</sup> January 'Marine Life in Tenerife': Nicola Faulks
- 13<sup>th</sup> February 'Bats': Helen McDonald
- 27<sup>th</sup> February AGM (Members Only) followed by 'The Geology of the Canadian Rockies' David Hughes
- 13<sup>th</sup> March 'White Clawed Crayfish': Emily Johnston
- 27<sup>th</sup> March 'Red Squirrels': Abbie McQueen

#### Churches

Catholic Church	Sunday services at 9am	Sunday 22 December 6pm: Village Carol Service followed by refreshments. Donations to local Food Bank Christmas Eve 24 December 6pm: Christmas Vigil Mass (there is no mass on Christmas Day). Wednesday January 1: mass 11 am
Methodist Church	Sunday service at 10.30am – contact Kathleen Armstrong 07788 988162	Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> December 4.00 pm: Crib service. Donations to local Food Bank Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> December 10.30 am: Joint Service between St. Cuthbert's and Methodist Congregations.
St Cuthbert's Church	Sunday service at 11am	3rd Sunday of Advent 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec: Parish Eucharist 11am. Christmas Day 25 <sup>th</sup> December Parish Eucharist 10am Sunday after Christmas 29 <sup>th</sup> December Joint service at Haydon Bridge Methodist Church 10:30am From January the usual pattern of services resumes with Parish Eucharist at 11am each Sunday



## The Bridge Library and Community Hub

### SEASONS GREETINGS FROM THE BRIDGE VOLUNTEERS!

**CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES:**

Christmas time is underway at The Bridge. We have had successful Christmas card making sessions on Friday afternoons. We have been knitting! Come in and see our knitted Nativity scene, have a cuppa for £1 and browse too. We have been refurbishing The Bridge to create a friendlier brighter space. Let us know what else we can do.



*Xmas Card Workshop*

**NEW YEAR, NEW IDEAS** - start something interesting. The Bridge can be hired and the Community Centre has larger spaces for your new group or class.

*Gifts for Sale at The Bridge*

**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
- Childrens 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

**PAYING OUR WAY:** our fundraising helps to pay for the running costs of The Bridge:

- Annual Christmas Hamper raffle is now on – tickets from the Bridge are £1 per strip – winner drawn on 16 December (see photo)
- We have unique local craft gifts, calendars and books for sale – prices from £1.50 (see photo)



**ADVERTISE YOUR VILLAGE EVENT** – put the event in our Events Diary and we will try our best to publicise it in the Courant, The Haydon Newsletter, the village website and via social media

### Opening hours

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

**CHRISTMAS CLOSING-** our last session is Saturday 21 December to 12.30pm (the darkest day!) and we re-open on Friday 3 January at 3pm

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### AUTUMN WEATHER

As Autumn got under way, Haydon Bridge had recently emerged from a disappointing summer which had left fruit unripened, and a foreboding that all was not well as far as long-term trends in our climate were concerned. The approaching cooler half-year would perhaps answer some of our questions.

October lacked any lengthy spells of persistently poor weather, the first signs of which were the arrival of the first of the winter’s cyclonic storms (Ashley 20th) and the first air frost. Rainfall in Haydon Bridge came in two wet spells, but nearer to home, a year’s average rainfall falling in a matter of hours in eastern Spain brought severe floods and a heavy death toll, which was a recurrent theme during autumn. Although the general view of the scientific community was that such weather was symptomatic of a warmed climate with more energetic weather systems, a group of climatologists were suggesting that the weather trend will change to global cooling by the end of 2025.

November was a typical autumnal month containing a mixture of weather from warm to cold, calm to windy and dry to wet, but the dominant descriptor for much of the time was “dull”. An extensive anticyclone lay over much of the UK until the middle of the month bringing a cover of low stratus cloud, occasional drizzle, slack winds and temperatures well above the long-term average. As pressure began to fall from the west from the 15th a vigorous northerly polar airflow began to develop and the daytime maximum temperature fell from 10.0+ degC to -0.5 deg C on the 20th. Not surprisingly, when precipitation arrived in Storm ‘Bert’ there was an increased likelihood of snow falling. Much of the UK awoke to heavy snowfall with large wet flakes and widespread disruption on the 23rd. However, as the storm progressed eastwards it brought in much warmer air and a remarkably rapid thaw. The daytime maximum temperature on the 22nd was only 4.5 degC but rose to 14.5 degC by the 23rd. The rapid rate of snowmelt resulted in inevitable flooding, more than half of the monthly precipitation total having fallen in 48 hrs (23/24<sup>th</sup>). The combination of frost, wind and snow saw off the last of the autumn leaves. On a more positive note, analysis of winter weather patterns in previous years suggests that a short spell of cold weather in November is usually followed by winters slightly warmer than usual.

*John Harrison, Plunderheath Weather Station, Haydon Bridge*



## Local Archive

The first Show of the Haydon Bridge Floral and Horticultural Society was held in 1841 at the Black Bull Inn on Ratcliffe Road. It moved the following year to the Anchor Inn Yard and became an annual event held, from 1847, on the first Saturday in September. In 1875 it moved to what is still known today as the Showfield. This was the Show's heyday when it was a major event in the north of England. In 1882 railway officials estimated that 5,000 visitors had travelled by train to Haydon Bridge to attend the Show. No Show was held during the two World Wars and so the centenary Show took place in 1950, when a Show Queen was chosen for the first time. The last Show took place in 1959. A much smaller indoor show was revived between 1968 and 1980.



This brief summary of the Haydon Bridge Show is drawn from Dennis Telford's Historical Notes of Haydon Bridge originally published in the Haydon News. There are articles about the Show in the editions of February to December 2012. You can read these online at [The Haydon News - Post 2010 Archive Issues](#)



## Community Action - Profiling Two Community Groups

**Fancy a game of bowls?** Founded in 1986, Haydon Bridge Carpet Bowls Club has been offering bowling opportunities for people in the village for almost 40 years. We play matches against other clubs across the Tyne Valley and host regular 'club nights' where our members can practice and socialise with a cup of tea and light refreshments. The bowls club is always on the lookout for new members to come and join us. It's open to people of all ages and abilities. You might be an experienced player, but if not we are very willing to provide basic coaching and encouragement - for individuals, couples and families. For more information, email [joseph.tulip123@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:joseph.tulip123@yahoo.co.uk)

### 1<sup>st</sup> Haydon Bridge Scouts

1<sup>st</sup> Haydon Bridge Scout Group exists to deliver skills for life and everyday adventure to the young people in our area. We provide a wide range of activities to suit all personalities from physical to creative and have four age range based groups, Squirrel Scouts who are 4-6, Beaver Scouts who are 6-8, Cub Scouts who are 8-10.5 and Scouts who are 10.5 to 14 – SEE BACK PAGE FOR MEETING TIMES AND DATES. In the past year as well as our regular meetings which are held in St John's church hall we have been surfing, down a lead mine, sailed an ocean going racing yacht, been canoeing, met birds of prey and weird creatures, been clay pigeon shooting and been entertained by a magician, as well as doing loads of outdoor camping, hiking, wild swimming, campfires and games.

At the heart of what we do is friendships, good citizenry and above all having fun! So if you know girls or boys between 4 and 14 who might like to come along and see what is happening then drop Rob a line via Facebook or email [robert.copley@northumberlandscouts.org.uk](mailto:robert.copley@northumberlandscouts.org.uk)

Thanks to everyone in the village who said nice things in regard to Remembrance Sunday. Everyone's comments were passed on to the

young people which pleased them and they will all get a Remembrance Day badge for their uniform.

Our new Squirrel Scout section has been a fantastic success and is just coming to the end of its first term. So far the children have encountered Claire's cool creatures, made wood fired pizzas, built dens, made bird feeders and met local super heroes, all in their first 3 months! If you know

someone aged 4-6 who likes having fun and learning new things then get in touch. We are especially keen to get more girls involved and as well as the first term being free we also have an

Assistance fund to make sure finances are not a barrier to young people accessing scouting.





**Businesses and services**

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**Eden Complementary & Beauty Therapies**  
 07557 977307

**Bingo**  
**Haydonian Social Club**

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 07711 033590  
[brianhoward7561@aol.com](mailto:brianhoward7561@aol.com)  
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 Chris Sim 01434 684704 07916 334154

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 Brian Ray 07854 043082, Ken Eales 07793 655925

**George Gamble** 01434 688804 07710 193144

**Langley Furniture Works** 01434 688977  
<http://langleyfurnitureworks.co.uk/>

**Haydonian Renovation Services**  
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<http://www.anchorhotelhaydonbridge.com/>

**Carts Bog Inn** 01434 684338  
<http://www.cartsbog.co.uk/>

**General Havelock Inn** 01434 684376  
[generalhavelock@aol.com](mailto:generalhavelock@aol.com)

**Haydonian Community Lounge & Bar**  
 01434 684383

**Langley Castle Hotel** 01434 688888  
<https://www.langleycastle.co.uk/en/>

**Oddfellows Coffee** 07904 411054  
[oddfellowscffee@yahoo.com](mailto:oddfellowscffee@yahoo.com)

**Railway Hotel** 01434 684254  
<https://railway-hotel-bar.business.site/>

**Haydon Bridge Fish & Chip Shop** 01434 684289

**Garages/Motor Repairs**  
**Anchor Garage** 01434 684345 07903 049147

**Gas (Calor, Propane, Butane)**

**Poplars Caravan Park Haydon Bridge**  
 (delivery if required) 01434 684427

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 07889 261360  
[dbrburgess@yahoo.com](mailto:dbrburgess@yahoo.com)

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**Residential Care Home**  
**Haydon View** 01434 684465

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**Safe and Secure 24** 01434 688423  
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**Haydon Bridge Pharmacy** 01434 684354  
<http://www.haydonbridgepharmacy.co.uk/>

**Taxis**  
**Haydon Taxis** 01434 671197  
**Langley Taxis** 01434 684658

**Travel Counsellor**  
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**Paul Brown** 01434 684890 07821 828495  
[paulbrown-tiling@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:paulbrown-tiling@tiscali.co.uk)

**Watch Repairs**  
**Mr George's Museum of Time** 01434 688055  
<http://timeforgeorge.co.uk/>

**Yoga**  
**Gill Valentine**  
<https://gillvalentine.co.uk/>



**Haydon Parish Council**

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 Haydon Bridge High School 01434 684422 [hbhs@hbhs.co.uk](mailto:hbhs@hbhs.co.uk)

**Local Groups meeting at the Haydon Bridge Community Centre:** Valerie Bell 07809 609166

Craft class – 1pm. Alternative Tuesdays. Jackie Reed. Tel: 07506 731312

Yoga – Tuesdays 7.15pm and Qi Gong Thursdays 9:30am. Gill Valentine 07711 110850

Bowls Club – Thursdays 7.30pm. Joseph Tulip. Tel: 07534 214365

Keep fit – Fridays 9.45am. Carole Price. Tel: 07939 202930

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

**Ist Haydon Bridge Scout Group:** [Robert.copley@northumberlandscouts.org.uk](mailto: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.