

June 2025

Welcome

DON'T FORGET - The Haydon Hundred cyclo sportif and the Haydon Bridge Festival both take place this coming Saturday 7 June – see next page about how to enter/get tickets.

The Northumberland day Celebrations took place on Sunday 25 May and overcame the rain by re-locating from Strother Close Green to the Community Centre. A fun time was had by all and thanks to the GITS for organising the event.

Parish Council

We have a reshaped Haydon Parish Council following the May local elections. We would like to give a big thank you to Esmond Faulks (Chair for the last approximately 20 years), Jonathan Keyte, Jo Thompson and Dave Robson for their service to our community. We welcome new councillors Louise Alderson, Sue Jackson, Caitlin Kendall and Danielle Webster. David Thornhill is the new Parish Council Chair and a new Vice Chair will be appointed at the next meeting. See back page for full list of Parish Councillors.

We now have a new community website to go with the Haydon Newsletter – see more on page 2.

The next edition of the Haydon Newsletter will now be in September and we are moving to publishing on odd months of the year, with the following edition in November.

Spread the word: please tell everyone you know about the Newsletter

Sign up to receive each edition automatically just [follow this link](#) to our signup form

Large print copy: you can get a 14pt large print copy at The Bridge Library and Community Hub on Church Street

To make a donation: You can donate at The Bridge towards the Newsletter running costs

To give us feedback or have your business or service listed on the back page email us at: admin@haydon-bridge.co.uk



What's going on

Nights Out

Sat June 7	Singer Sophie Danielle	Haydonian Community Lounge and Bar 9pm
Thurs June 12	Bowls 'open club night' All welcome	Community Centre 7pm
Tues June 24	Charity quiz night - Ellies Ward	General Havelock 8.15pm
Thurs June 26	Bowls night - All welcome	Community Centre 7pm
Thurs June 26	Uketeers	General Havelock 7pm
Fri 27 June	Music with Meg	General Havelock 7.30pm
Thurs July 3	Film and food night - The line we crossed	General Havelock 7.15pm
Fri July 4	Live music - Jack Reed	General Havelock 9pm
Sat July 5	The Sub Limes (band)	Haydonian Community Lounge and Bar 9pm
Thur July 10 & 24	Bowls night - All welcome	Community Centre 7pm
Sat August 2	Singer Vicky Barber	Haydonian Community Lounge and Bar 9pm
Thu August 7 & 21 & Sept 4	Bowls night - All welcome	Community Centre 7pm
Sat Sept 6	Singer Jack Reed	Haydonian Community Lounge and Bar 9pm
Sat Sept 13	Leek Show	Haydonian Community Lounge and Bar 7.30pm
Sat Sept 13	Audio Jacks (band)	Haydonian Community Lounge and Bar 7.30pm

Daytime Events

Sat June 7	The Haydon Hundred Bike Event	8am onwards
Sat June 7	The Haydon Bridge Festival –Marquee at Football club	2 – 11pm

Churches

Catholic Church	Sunday services at 9am	- Sunday 22 June Strawberry Tea 2.30-4pm (Tickets: The Bridge or Claire's)
		- Sunday 22 June 4pm Taize Service in the Church (Taize is an ecumenical monastic community in France, dedicated to reconciliation)
Methodist Church	Sunday service at 10.30am	- Sunday 29 June 10.30am joint service with St Cuthbert's
		- Tuesdays 10-12 Meeting Place teas and coffee
		- Alternate Wednesday evenings 7pm informal worship/prayer
		- contact Rev Michael Holland (01434 683732) or Kathleen Armstrong (07788 988162)
St Cuthbert's Church	Sunday service at 11am	Look at noticeboard outside the church for upcoming services



More Events News

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 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>

The Bridge Library and Community Hub

Saturday Produce

Following the successful annual Plant Sale on Saturday 24 May, the Saturday Produce stall will be re-starting. Purchases of donated produce can be made each week from 9.30. Plants, veg, fruit etc are all welcome, this is a useful source of income supporting the running costs of the Bridge, please bring and buy! We are hopeful of having a bespoke outdoor produce display by the end of June, a demonstration of links between the Bridge and the Nurture Project. Spare produce from the Project will be sold here to supplement donations from the allotments and residents.

Other sales

We now have local honey for sale, in addition to preloved books, crafts and souvenirs

Summer Reading Challenge

It's free, it's fun and it keeps the children busy and entertained, sign up at the Bridge. Everyone can sign up for library membership online or at the Bridge, order books from any Northumberland library and have them sent to us for pick-up.

- By the time you read this article you will have missed the excitement of the annual Plant Sale and the Haydon Hundred, but it's not too early to start planning to take part next year.
- Is there any interest out there for a Daytime Book Club or a one-off session on arranging flowers for Xmas? If so let us know and we will help organise.
- We have a large collection of knitting needles available free. We also have yarn and volunteers who are happy to help new knitters (and crochet) on Tuesday afternoons, come along and see us.

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		
			01434 688658

New Community Website to go with the Haydon Newsletter
We now have a new community website – www.haydon-bridge.co.uk - to go alongside this bi-monthly Haydon Newsletter. We are going to put a flyer through the letter box of every home in the Parish so there is no excuse not knowing what's going on in our community.





Local Archive

A Tale of Three Shops

Shaftoe Street, Ratcliffe Road and Church Street were once busy shopping streets with some businesses lasting for generations. In 1861 William Todd was the first grocer at No 4 Shaftoe Street and the shop was always run by the Todd family. 'Bobby' Todd took over in 1932 and retired in 1978 ending 120 years of trading.

There has been a newsagent at No 11 Church Street for more than 100 years. E Walton opened the original shop, followed by Robert Brogdon from around 1902. His family, including the Hardings, ran it until 1974. John and Maureen Clarke then took over for 33 years until it became Claire's Newsagents in 2008 run by Claire Marshall. In 2023 Ram Rasu became the owner and renamed it as Claire's Convenience.

ND Pringle started a chemist at 10 Ratcliffe Road in 1905. Around 1920 it was bought and renamed Bell and Riddle's and then Haydon Bridge Drug Stores. It later moved to No 6 Church Street, run by Reynoldson's and then Bowman's. In 2008 it moved across the road to the Haydon Bridge Pharmacy shop.

This brief overview is based on Dennis Telford's Historical Notes of Haydon Bridge originally published in the Haydon News. Articles about shops are in the editions of November 2003, November 2009, March 2008 and May - June 2019. You can read these online at <https://haydon-bridge.co.uk/news/the-haydon-news-back-issues/>



Community Action

What's going on at The Nurture Project

<h3>Nature Explorers Stay & Play</h3> <p>Join our Forest School Leaders, Laura and Cheryl at our Nature Explorers session for under 6's and their families (older siblings welcome), to explore the community garden and enjoy outdoor play. Engage in a range of activities; sensory play, nature crafts, nature discovery, stories and songs, developing fine & gross motor skills, language & communication and more!</p> <p>Tuesday Mornings 10am-12.00 https://bookwhen.com/thenurtureprojectcic</p>	<h3>Nurture Community Garden</h3> <p>Open times may vary, please check our Facebook page for updates</p> <p>Come and join us in the garden to connect with nature, yourself, and each other... enjoy learning about gardening, composting, herbal remedies and more!</p> <p>We are open most weeks during term time: Monday: 3-6pm, Wed 3-4.30pm, Thurs 12.30-4pm Second Sunday of each month 1-4pm</p> <p>Toilet on site, bring your own refreshments. (Under 16's must be accompanied by an adult) No Dogs. No Smoking / Vaping on site.</p> <p>Pedestrian access & entrance via Temple Lane, Haydon Bridge Car parking available @ HB Football Club: NE476AE</p>	<h3>Nurture Forest School</h3> <p>Our Educational sessions run term time: Mon/Tue/Wed/Fri: 9.30am - 2.30pm</p> <p>Following the Forest School ethos, we offer child centred experiential learning opportunities delivered by highly qualified & experienced practitioners to reactively meet the holistic development needs of each individual.</p> <p>Home Education, EOTAS, Alternative Provision, 1-2-1 Specialist Provisions, School Placements, Group sessions & bespoke packages available: www.thenurtureprojectcic.co.uk lydia@thenurtureprojectcic.co.uk</p>
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The Weather from John Harrison

Most recently May was the sixth consecutive month with below-average rainfall, of which April was the driest, accumulating only 6.0 mm over thirty days. The 13th of April was the fifteenth day in a sequence with no recorded rainfall and most water courses ran dry. Only 6 mm fell in ten days (the total for the whole month). May received 38.0 mm of rain and the daytime air temperature was 2.5 degC above average. Records for May indicate that for the first three weeks there was little change in the pattern of dry weather. The River South Tyne ran very low while there was little water to encourage seedling germination or fish movements. High pressure has been dominating the weather patterns and cyclonic progression eastwards has been effectively blocked ("blocking high"). Fortunately, at this time of year there is some water in ground water storage and there are a few small ponds, such as that in Elrington.

In summary the weather headline is that over the months January to May 2025 Haydon Bridge has received only 43 % of the usual rainfall. Daytime maximum temperatures have been more than 2 DegC above normal while nocturnal temperatures have fallen to frost levels in both April and May under clear night skies.



Businesses and Services

<p>Beauty Therapist Eden Complementary & Beauty Therapies 07557 977307</p> <p>Bingo Haydonian Social Club</p> <p>Building & Property Maintenance Brian Howard Properties 01434 688999 07711 033590 brianhoward7561@aol.com</p> <p>Conservatories Made Superior Chris Sim 01434 684704 07916 334154</p> <p>E & R builders Brian Ray 07854 043082, Ken Eales 07793 655925</p> <p>George Gamble 01434 688804 07710 193144</p> <p>Langley Furniture Works 01434 688977 http://langleyfurnitureworks.co.uk/</p> <p>Graeme Murphy Joinery 07985 482452</p> <p>M R Cook Construction 01434 688222 https://mrcookconstruction.com/</p> <p>RH Joinery Richard Hines 07999 787948</p> <p>Stephen Todd Joinery & Glazing 01434 688726 07736 671612</p> <p>Steven Elliott Stonemason 07921 726000 seoldnew@gmail.com</p> <p>Cashpoint Co-op Late Shop and Post Office 01434 684327</p> <p>Cleaning Sparkles Cleaning Charlotte Dunn 07817 807919 01434 688445 c.dunnhb@outlook.com</p> <p>Coach Tours and Hire Amble Coaches 07904 412378 https://amblecoaches.co.uk/</p>	<p>Coal Merchants Stephen Brooks (formerly W.G. Duffy) 01434 684348</p> <p>Confectionery The Petite Sweet Company 07939907360 www.thepetitesweetcompany.co.uk</p> <p>Electricians D & J Oliver Electrical 01434 688132 07730 533348</p> <p>Financial Services Foresters Financial 07341 962577</p> <p>Food & Drink Anchor Hotel 01434 688121 http://www.anchorhotelhaydonbridge.com/</p> <p>Carts Bog Inn 01434 684338 http://www.cartsbog.co.uk/</p> <p>General Havelock Inn 01434 684376 generalhavelock@aol.com</p> <p>Haydonian Community Lounge & Bar 01434 684383</p> <p>Langley Castle Hotel 01434 688888 https://www.langleycastle.co.uk/en/</p> <p>Oddfellows Coffee 07904 411054 oddfellowsoffee@yahoo.com</p> <p>Railway Hotel 01434 684254 Now open 11-midnight 7 days a week</p> <p>Haydon Bridge Fish & Chip Shop 01434 684289</p> <p>Garages/Motor Repairs Anchor Garage 01434 684345 07903 049147</p> <p>Gas (Calor, Propane, Butane) Poplars Caravan Park Haydon Bridge (delivery if required) 01434 684427</p> <p>Hairdresser Debs Mobile Hairdressing 01434 684890 07889 261360 dbrburgess@yahoo.com</p>	<p>The Barber Bus 07712 609057</p> <p>Homeopathy Patricia Haggie 01434 688687 pat_haggie@homeopathy-soh.org</p> <p>Home Care Helping Hands 0333 060 5211 http://www.helpinghands.co.uk/</p> <p>Locksmith Hexham Locksmith 07485 221076 http://hexhamlocksmith.co.uk/</p> <p>Milkman P & G Phillips melketer@btinternet.com</p> <p>Nursery Little Badgers Childcare Ofsted Registered Day Nursery 01434 684446</p> <p>Painters and Decorators P Coats 01434 688739 07940 429920</p> <p>Gary Cunningham 01434 684041</p> <p>Jamie Dunn 01434 688445 07584 192647 j.dunnhb@hotmail.co.uk</p> <p>Pilates Val Ravelle 07586 022840 valravelle.com</p> <p>Plumbers and Heating Engineers D C Oil Heating & Plumbing Services 07582 864066</p> <p>Haydon Plumbing and Heating Kevin Thompson 07904819998 haydonplumbing@hotmail.co.uk</p> <p>J.P. Westall Ltd 01434 602740 https://www.jpwestall.com/</p> <p>Post Office Co-op Late Shop and Post Office 01434 684327</p> <p>Residential Care Home Haydon View 01434 684465</p> <p>Security Safe and Secure 24 01434 688423</p>	<p>http://www.safeandsecure24.com/</p> <p>Septic Tank and Drain Jetting A Macdonald 01434 684491 07801 308006</p> <p>Shotton Waste Services 01434 681219</p> <p>Shops Claire's Convenience Store 01434 684303</p> <p>Co-op Late Shop and Post Office 01434 684327</p> <p>Haydon Bridge Pharmacy 01434 684354 http://www.haydonbridgepharmacy.co.uk/</p> <p>Taxis Haydon Taxis 01434 671197 Langley Taxis 01434 684658</p> <p>Travel Counsellor Janice Cumberland 07576 202402</p> <p>Tiling Paul Brown 01434 684890 07821 828495 paulbrown-tiling@tiscali.co.uk</p> <p>Watch Repairs Mr George's Museum of Time 01434 688055 http://timeforgeorge.co.uk/</p> <p>Yoga Gill Valentine https://gillvalentine.co.uk/</p>
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Haydon Parish Council

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Schools Shaftoe Trust Wise Academy 01434 684309 shaftoe@wiseacademies.co.uk
Haydon Bridge High School 01434 684422 hbhs@hbhs.co.uk

Local Groups meeting at the Haydon Bridge Community Centre: Valerie Bell 07809 609166
Yoga – Tuesdays 7.15pm and Qi Gong Thursdays 9:30am. Gill Valentine 07711 110850
Baby Yoga & Massage, Wednesday @ 9.30am. Susan Tel 07944572147
Pilates – Wednesday @ 10.30am. Val Ravelle Tel 07586 022840
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

Ist Haydon Bridge Scout Group: Robert.copley@northumberlandscoouts.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.