

September 2025

Welcome

Haydon Parish is alive and well – see all the events in the ‘What’s Going on’ section.

And in the middle pages – put the date in your diary for The Bridge Open Day on 4 October; go and visit the 24-27 September Photo Exhibition at St Cuthbert’s; find out more about what the Langley WI have to offer; come and buy from or donate to the Produce Stall at The Bridge; read what the Parish Council are doing for our community; catch up on the Bridging People through Nature initiative and the recent Nurture Project Open Day; and read the weather and local archive reports.

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What’s going on

Nights Out

Sat Sept 6	Singer Jack Reed	Haydonian Community Lounge & Bar 9pm
Sat Sept 13	Leek Show	Haydonian Community Lounge & Bar 7.30pm
Sat Sept 13	Audio Jacks Live Band	Haydonian Community Lounge & Bar 9pm
Thurs Sept 18	Uketeers	General Havelock 7pm
Fri Sept 19	Charity Quiz LifeCycle	Haydonian Community Lounge & Bar 8.30pm
Thurs 25 Sept	Film & Food Night The Ballad of Wallace Island	General Havelock 7.30pm
Fri Sep 26	Friday Night Bingo	Haydonian Community Lounge & Bar 7.45pm
Fri 26 Sept	Music with Meg	General Havelock 7.30pm
Tues Sept 30	Charity Quiz Night Macmillan Cancer Support	General Havelock 8.15pm
Sat Oct 4	Singer Spike from Quireboys	Haydonian Community Lounge & Bar 9pm
Mon 6 Oct	Buskers Night	General Havelock 7pm
Sat Oct 11	Stratosphonic	Haydonian Community Lounge & Bar 9pm
Sat October 11	Hexham Brass Band Concert/Supper	Methodist Church 7.00pm
Fri Oct 17	Charity Quiz Holly’s Hope	Haydonian Community Lounge & Bar 8.30pm
Thurs Oct 23	Uketeers	General Havelock 7pm
Tues Oct 28	Charity Quiz Night British Heart Foundation	General Havelock 8.15pm
Thurs Oct 30	Film & Food Night	General Havelock 7.30pm
Fri Oct 31	Music with Meg	General Havelock 7.30pm
Tues 4 Nov	Quiz Night/Pie and Peas Supper	Methodist Church 7.00pm
Fri 7 Nov	Churches Together Beetle Drive	Methodist Church 6.00pm

Weekly Events

Thursdays	HB Carpet Bowls Club: Club Nights – everyone welcome	Community Centre 7pm
Sundays	Bingo	Haydonian Community Lounge & Bar 7.45pm

24th - 27th September - Photo Exhibition at St Cuthbert’s

An exhibition of old photographs celebrating different aspects of the community, culminating on the Saturday 27th with refreshments, raffle and cake stall. **Exhibition Opening Times:** Wednesday 10am-3pm; Thursday 5pm-8pm; Friday 10am-3pm Saturday 10am-1pm with refreshments, raffle and stalls. All Welcome!

Churches

Catholic Church	Sunday services at 9am, except:	Sunday 7 September 12 noon when St John of Beverley is hosting an outdoor (weather permitting) mass in the church grounds to mark the Season of Creation as part of the parish Live Simply commitment to Care for the Earth and Live Sustainably.
Methodist Church	Sunday services at 10:30am	- Sunday 12 October 10.30am Harvest service (donations to food bank)
		- Sunday 30 November 10.30am joint service with St Cuthbert’s
		- Tuesdays 10-12 Meeting Place teas and coffee
		- Alternate Wednesday evenings 7pm informal worship/prayer
St Cuthbert’s Church	Sunday service at 11am	- Sun Sept 14 11am Storybook Church (2nd Sunday each month)
		- Sun Oct 12 11am Harvest Festival (donations to foodbank)

Look at noticeboard outside the church for upcoming services



The Bridge Library and Community Hub

Produce Stall: If you haven't already discovered it our new permanent Produce Stall is up and running. It is earning us funds to keep the lights on in the Bridge, so come along and see what is on offer – or look it up on Facebook! We are very happy to accept donations of produce too – just leave them at the stall (with a note to say what they are if not obvious) and our volunteers will price them to sell. Many thanks if you are donating or buying, it makes a big difference to us.

Around the Bridge building: We are currently trying to develop more pleasant surroundings to encourage people to sit and rest a while or just enjoy walking past. To this end we would be grateful if dog owners would discourage their pets from using the planted areas. We have poo bags – provided free by the county council – available for you to pick up inside the building.

Book club: Is there any interest in a Daytime Book Club? If 'yes' tell us and we will help organise.

Open Day – Saturday 4 October:

Following the success of last year's Open Day in raising awareness of what the Bridge does and could offer, we are holding another event on Saturday 4 October from 9.30 to 12.30. Amongst other things there will be access to our local photo archives, local crafts and pre-loved books for sale, 2 sessions of storytime for children at 10 and 11am, apple pressing – bring your own fruit and jars. More news nearer the date, keep an eye out around the village news sites.

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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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

The Weather from John Harrison

"High Summer" (that's July and August) 2025 brought a continuation of the spells of hot weather across Western Europe as a result of further atmospheric 'blocking' although the pressure was never exceptionally high. During July the airflow changed towards easterly by the 9th and by the 11th the temperature had reached 29.5 °C. The weather was oppressively heavy at times and widespread thunderstorms reached Northumberland by the 21st. During this 'heatwave' between the 8th and 23rd the average daytime maximum temperature was 23.1 °C. For the remainder of July the airflow moved around to a cooler and damper westerly direction. Into August, relief from the heat was brief as pressure remained low for a few days and there was fresh westerly breeze in which Storm Floris brought blustery showers on 4th, which left a carpet of windfalls. As the pressure began to rise steadily after the 9th the UK came under the influence of a broad area of very hot tropical air which resulted in many daytime temperature records being broken.

On the 13th the temperature in Haydon Bridge generally exceeded 31 °C. The heat lingered for several days up to the 17th before returning on the 23rd for a final week of warmth accompanied by a fresher breeze and intermittent light rain as complex cyclonic weather patterns dominated the weather chart. Nationally, the summer has been one of records, high temperatures and low rainfall. The weather has affected the farming and gardening year and as I write, most of the local streams are running low or are completely dry. The question, which I don't have the space here to address, is whether hot and dry summers are to be expected as climates change.

Langley on Tyne WI

Ladies, are you the kind of person who likes meeting people, loves learning something new and takes an interest in the world around you? Then why not join an inspiring and fun-loving group of like-minded women near you? This year we have decorated stained glass, learned about rescuing hedgehogs, had a visit from Todburn Soaps, visited the lambing shed, eaten out for Italian and visited a heritage centre. We meet at Langley Village Hall on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 19:30 and always end by sharing a pretty tasty supper.

Langley on Tyne WI will be 90 years old this October, and you'd be welcome to join our celebration on the 11th when we have a visiting musician/singer for our party. We are always keen to welcome new members.

- You don't need to be a jam maker, or a baker
- You are unlikely to be asked to participate in a calendar shoot
- You will meet great people and can participate in wider WI events in Northumberland and beyond if you wish.

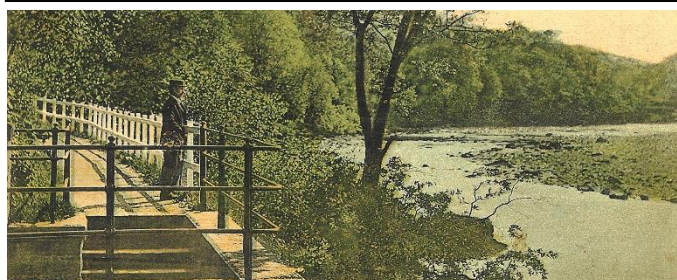
"Where women thrive, community grows and friendship flourishes". If you would like to learn more, give one of us a call or send us an email:

President: Diana Bell 01434 688055 Secretary: Cathie Burke 07986005956 Email: langleyontynewi@gmail.com

Local Archive

A Nice Day Out

Haydon Bridge has long been a tourist destination. In the later 19th and early 20th centuries one of the main attractions was the Haydon Spa also known as the Spa Well - a natural sulphur spring about a mile east of the village on the south side of the river. In 1863 the Haydon Bridge Picnic Committee put up a small basin to collect water from the Well and a stone lintel was put up inscribed with the date – 8 June 1863.



By the 1890s however the site was almost inaccessible after a landslip. In 1897 as part of the village's celebrations of Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee the Parish Council decided to restore and improve the Spa Well as a permanent memorial to honour the Queen's reign. In 1898 a footpath was laid and railed off from the main road to the Well and a substantial stone structure built, with a cemented square and a metal paling. The original 1863 plaque was relocated here and a new granite plaque added. There are many postcards in the [Bridge digital archive](#) showing the renovated Spa Well. Today the Spa Well is again largely inaccessible due to flooding and erosion.

This brief overview of the Spa Well is based on Dennis Telford's Historical Notes of Haydon Bridge originally published in the Haydon News. There is article about this in the edition of July 2001. You can read this online at:

<https://haydon-bridge.co.uk/news/the-haydon-news-back-issues/>

Community Action

Summer Open Day at The Nurture Community Garden

Thank you to everyone who came to our Open day on August 10th. As well as relaxing and playing in the Garden, people tried a range of activities including willow weaving, nature observing and drawing, herbal walk and tea making, cooking on the fire, sound bathing in the yurt, and sowing seed for winter salad. Special thanks go to our amazing volunteers who made the event possible, from the organising to the delicious refreshments, donating raffle prizes and running stalls.

Bridging People through Nature

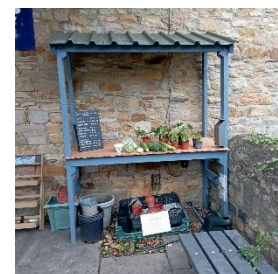
Thanks to a generous grant of £30,000 from the Royal Countryside Fund, The Nurture Project CIC is working with other groups and individuals in our community to develop a range of projects.

Generous and skilled volunteers built our new Bridge Plant and Produce Stall at the Bridge Hub by the level crossing on Church Street. Gardeners - please plant a little extra and add plants and surplus produce to the stall. Donations help to fund The Bridge Hub, including the volunteer run library. Thanks to The Hub volunteers who run the stall.

The Bee Friendly Walk

Dixon has made and installed the most beautiful plant troughs on the road bridge to start the creation of our Bee Friendly Walk, which will take in the bridges and John Martin Street. Thank you Dixon!

Look out for bench seats and planters coming soon on the old bridge and bus stop coming into the village from the east.



Parish Council Update August 2025

Brian Howard has been elected as Vice Chair. Some recent activities:

- As part of work to make it safer for road users and residents, road markings have been improved in the Showfield, John Martin Street and Ratcliffe road, including the doming of the roundabout, with better signage in Temple Houses and to the Football Club.
- A number of drains have been unblocked on Ratcliffe road and Church Street.
- The bus shelter at the east end of the village has been repaired and repainted. We have written to Stagecoach and Joe Morris MP to ask for the bus service to be improved.

- The riverside picnic area has been smartened up, the vandalised BBQ has been repaired, and the bin area has been paved

Ongoing works:

- The PC are looking at installing a bus shelter opposite Innerhaugh Mews and the bus shelter is being repaired at Langley.
- Waste bins have been replaced on Shaftoe Green. 1 of the bins on Shaftoe Green is going to be replaced, as well as the bin next to the gate into the estate B6319
- Trees in the church yard and blocking the street lights in the Showfields will be pruned

Further details and contact information are at:

<https://haydon-bridge.co.uk/about/haydon-parish-council/>



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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

Friday Lunch, 12 noon at the Community Centre. Carole Price 07939202930

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.