



THE HAYDON NEWS ON LINE



We know the nights are cutting in when the Haydon Bridge Nature Club Autumn and Winter talks are taking place (See page 10)
The Nature Club Summer walks are also popular and these members were photographed near Newbrough by Peter Ninnim

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

It's been quite a summer in Haydon Bridge, though the weather didn't manage to live up to expectations after the warmest, driest spring for years.

Work started on repairs to the old bridge after two years of delay and, at more or less the same time, the much longer delayed works to rectify the defects in the Community Centre got underway.

Both should be completed before Christmas.

On a considerably less positive note, HSBC gave the village notice that it's quitting as our local bank and closing the Church Street branch.

Not a surprise given that its services have been gradually withdrawn over recent years, but a bit of a smack in the face to be informed at the same time that opening hours at the Hexham branch are to be increased.

The usual end of summer events, the Duck Race, Fruit and Veg shows at the Railway Hotel and Haydonian Club were joined this year by 'Bridgestock', the community musical extravaganza at Shaftoe Green.

Thanks to the volunteers who organised these events. They helped make summer 2010 rather special.

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WELCOME TO THE PARISH OF HAYDON, NORTHUMBERLAND, ENGLAND



**BRIDGESTOCK IS A FAMILY MUSIC FESTIVAL HELD AT HAYDON BRIDGE
THIS YEAR'S EVENT WAS HELD AT 'SHAFTOE GREEN' ON SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 11th**

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PARISH COUNCIL NOTES from the meeting in September 2010

Public Participation.

A complaint was received that the waste bins at the cemetery are not being emptied on a regular basis. The cemetery groundsman is to be contacted re this issue.

A blocked drain at the entrance to the Station Car Park was brought to the Council's attention. Northern Rail, who manage the Car Park, are to be informed and requested to clear the drain.

Council Meeting.

8 councillors were present and the NCC councillor.

Northumberland County Council Report.

CLlr Sharp informed the meeting that repairs to Land Ends Road have now been completed in the West Land Ends area, and repairs to the road beyond West Land Ends up to the Castle Farm-Deanraw road had also been carried out.

The Peelwell - West Rattenraw lane is to be repaired following drainage works to reduce water flow from the fields on the north side of the lane.

In an email, received from the Planning Department, the Interim Development Officer explained the current position with regard to the provision of a hedge on the outside of the fence surrounding the Showfield development. The developer, Bellway, is stating that the company has met the requirements by providing a close boarded timber fence and this has been approved by the Planning Department. The office is to seek further advice on this issue and then get in touch with CLlr Sharp again. CLlr Sharp reminded the Council about the NCC proposed policy to stop the use of 'A' signs advertising businesses, usually situated on the pavements outside business premises. He felt that the Parish Council should oppose such moves as in rural areas people needed to make their businesses known to passers by to ensure profitability/survival. He also pointed out that anyone wanting to display a temporary advertising sign, e.g. for a school fair etc would, under the new policy, have to apply for a licence. After a discussion on the issue councillors agreed to oppose the proposals.

Highways.

The latest proposals for improving the appearance of Church Street corner between the Old Post Office and the

Railway Hotel are:

reduce the height of the retaining wall to the same height as the road:
face and top the wall with stone;
fix a two bar metal fence along the top of the wall.

The proposals for improving the appearance of the north end of the old bridge include making good the concrete retaining wall, facing it with stone and fixing new two bar metal fencing along the top. This work will not be carried out until all repairs to the old bridge are completed.

The Plankey Mill sign at Langley needs replacing.

Concern about the continued parking ban at Plankey Mill was expressed by several councillors. It was agreed that the council write to the owners of the land, The Catholic Trust, in an attempt to resolve the issue.

A councillor reminded the Council that it was expected to respond to a request for the Council's views on the success or otherwise of the Haydon Bridge Bypass scheme objectives, and for information about the Parish Council's 'wish list'. A councillor who has been dealing with bypass matters informed the meeting that this was to be dealt with at a later date.

The Council was asked for its views on the installation of a speed activated traffic sign on the western approach to the village. This issue was discussed before the summer break. Councillors agreed that it was needed and could be included in next year's funding.

The Council was informed that in a discussion with a NCC Highways Dept Officer earlier in the year, the possibility of removing all the directional signs from the end of John Martin Street was proposed. A councillor asked if the Council wished to pursue this proposal as the signs were now unnecessary and only served to increase the use of the road by through traffic. The councillor went on to suggest that if the directional signs were removed then a new sign, similar to those used at the entrance to business estates, indicating the facilities and businesses along Shaftoe Street and John Martin Street, would draw potential visitor users attention to this part of the village.

To be followed up.

Planning.

The Council considered the following applications:
Installation of an 0.8 metre antenna at Haydon Bridge Fire Station.
Addition of porch to south elevation and amended pedestrian access to zero carbon school building, Haydon Bridge High School.
Proposed single storey rear extension at 25, Church St.
Construction of steel agricultural building for storage of animal fodder at Low Hall Farmhouse.
No objections were raised to these applications.

The Council also considered two planning applications from HSBC for proposed combined telephone kiosk/ATM, one outside 9, Church St, and one outside 4-6, Ratcliffe Rd. It was considered that these were offered as alternative sites.

The Council opposed the proposed unit in Church St, but gave limited support to the one in Ratcliffe Road requesting changes to the appearance and finish of the unit, to ensure a better match with the conservation area.

A councillor queried whether or not the large building that has appeared at Northumbria Water's Sewage Treatment Works came to the Parish Council when planning permission was sought. Another councillor raised the same issue regarding a wind turbine that has been erected recently near Lowes Farm. Planning Dept to be consulted.

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JONATHAN MARTIN

1782 — 1838

(Part 2)

Jonathan Martin, an elder brother of the famed artist John Martin, was born at 'Highside' near Lowgate in 1782, to Fenwick and Isabella (nee Thompson).

The family moved to East Land Ends, Haydon Bridge in 1789.

In 1804, following his apprenticeship as a tanner, Jonathan left his native Northumberland for London, 'being intent on travelling to foreign countries'. Jonathan spent six years in the Royal and Merchant Navies, having been press-ganged to serve, before returning to Newcastle from where he gained employment at Norton in County Durham.

From an early age, Jonathan's life was consumed by a religious fervour born of his mother Isabella's obsessive teachings, and while at sea, having narrowly escaped serious injury and death during a series of remarkable escapades, his thanks were 'to the Lord's protecting care'.

It was at this point that I ended part 1 of my Jonathan Martin story, in the August issue of the Haydon News.

After Jonathan's time at sea, there followed a short spell of domesticity, before he set about to reform the Church of England on Wesleyan Methodist principles.

After leaving the navy, and after only a few months at Norton, Jonathan married one Martha Carter; in 1812. In 1814 they were blessed with a son whom Jonathan named Richard after his elder brother, from whom he had received 'great kindness and much good advice in his youth'.

(Richard Martin (1779-1837), was Fenwick and Isabella's second son. He was born at Ayr in Scotland but would have lived at 'Highside' and at 'East Land Ends' with Jonathan, until he started his working life as a rope maker.)

Both Jonathan's parents had died in 1813 and it is interesting that, on her death bed, Isabella said that she "Heard Heavenly music" and predicted that her family's fame would "spread throughout the world".

How prophetic was that!!

Soon after Isabella's death, she appeared to Jonathan in a dream and told him he

was to be hanged, and then she vanished out of his sight! This and other dreams he had around that time, made a strong impression on Jonathan and he vowed to attend the house of God and "read my Bible as well as I could, which, from the little heed taken of my education, was not very well".

Remember that Jonathan did not attend John Shaftoe's 'Free Haydon Bridge Grammar School', where his brother John was educated.

Jonathan's dreams are a feature of the published story of his life. (*The Life of Jonathan Martin - written by himself*) He experienced dreams indicating that all was not well in his relationship with the Lord but, on the other hand, there were dreams that consoled him and encouraged him in the belief that his cause was just. Jonathan's 'cause' was to bring the ways of the Methodists to the Established Church.

Brought up as a member of the Church of England, Jonathan was torn between church and chapel, but once satisfied that Methodism was genuine and in his mind, principled, the remainder of his life was fashioned by a determination to 'warn the people of the lukewarm state of the Established Church'. He spoke against the clergy who, "were in the habit of going to balls, plays, races, card games and parties" and taking part in "other sources of amusement and sinful practices and setting a most pernicious example to their flocks".

I wonder what the Methodists did in their spare time?

Jonathan's catalogue of public utterances and interference with church services was clearly of concern to the local clergy at Norton, and later Whitby and Bishop Auckland where he found employment, and his public actions even alarmed his Wesleyan Methodist friends. Jonathan doesn't seem to have had much support at home either. His wife also recalled a dream - or a nightmare maybe - when a chained monster had said to her, "If thou lettest thy husband attend the Methodists, thou shalt have a hell upon earth whilst thou livest". Jonathan pointed out that it was the devil that had spoken to her, but Martha is known to have said she was so offended by his joining the Methodists that she disowned him as a husband and never once relented for

the rest of her life.

It was not until seven years after leaving the sea, however, that Jonathan's notoriety began to be of general concern. One Sunday in 1818, when Jonathan attempted to interrupt a church service, he was 'dragged through the congregation by a constable'. On another occasion he was 'pulled out of the church and arrested as a vagabond'.

The clergy had finally had enough of Jonathan Martin's warnings. Were they too close for comfort perhaps?

By this time, it appears that Jonathan's four year old son Richard was himself experiencing the prophetic dreams that had troubled his father since childhood. It is recorded that little Richard awoke in great distress crying, "Oh Mamma, the watchman has taken my Daddy". The next morning the watchman did indeed arrive and Jonathan was taken before the Magistrate at Norton. He was acquitted, however, on the strength of a statement from his employer testifying that he had been a faithful employee for seven months, and that of a neighbour, a woman who, when asked if she was not afraid of him, said: "I durst sleep with him all night and not be a pin the worse".

A narrow escape, but Jonathan was not to be a free man for long and from this time, there commenced a series of trials and tribulations that shaped this son of Tynedale's remaining years.

Or, in Jonathan's own words:

"About this time I had a forewarning of the persecution which I was afterwards to suffer."

Jonathan certainly never pretended to be anything other than he was, and in spite of the "forewarning" he continued his crusade.

"I plainly saw that I was to suffer persecution for conscience sake. I, however determined with God's assistance to persevere, assured that my Redeemer, whose cause I was engaged in, would bring me triumphant out of the hands of my enemies."

Mmm!

Jonathan proceeded to write several letters and addressed them to different people on the subject and pasted them on church doors.

"I was desirous of warning the Church of England of their dangerous state, by reason of their lack of discipline and the

scandalous lives of the members, as well as some of the clergy.”

But things were about to get a whole lot worse for Jonathan in 1818.

On hearing that Dr. Edward Legge, the Bishop of Oxford, was to hold a Confirmation at Stockton on behalf of the Bishop of Durham, Jonathan, having heard that Dr. Legge was a good man, decided to be confirmed himself. Wishing to make certain, however, that the Bishop was truly a good man, and as an eminent Christian did not fear death, Jonathan decided to test his faith by pretending to shoot at him with a pistol he had acquired from his eldest brother William in Newcastle.

Oh dear!

In the event, when questioned by his wife Martha as to why he needed a pistol and he replying, “I got it to shoot the Bishop”, she removed the pistol during the night. When it could not be found in the morning, Jonathan took its disappearance as a sign that he should drop the matter.

Jonathan attended the confirmation at Stockton and the service passed off without any interruption; although he did express astonishment at the “wonderful size of the Bishop” and said, “Surely he hath drunk a great deal of wine for his stomach’s sake, for I never saw such a corpulent man before”.

Following Dr. Legge’s appearance at Stockton, ‘some officious person’ told Mr. Anstey, the Clergyman of Norton, of the incident with the gun. It is no surprise perhaps, that the vicar was alarmed and a Vestry meeting was called at which he made a complaint. Jonathan was summoned to answer for his actions, and his previous ‘interferences with the church’ were also laid out before him. It probably did not help Jonathan’s case that when he was asked whether he had intended to shoot the Bishop, he replied: “I did not mean to injure the man, although I consider they all deserve shooting, being blind leaders of the blind, consequently both must fall into the ditch.”

It might occur to readers that a Vestry meeting, making a judgement on his future, was hardly the place for Jonathan to express such opinions against the leaders of the church, and yet it does not surprise me. In my research into the life of Jonathan Martin, I have never come across a hint of betrayal of his beliefs, designed to save his own skin.

The next day, Jonathan was taken into

custody, brought in front of the magistrates at Stockton and ‘examined very harshly’.

When asked whether he would have shot the Bishop, Jonathan replied: “It depended on circumstances. I would ask him some questions out of the Creed and if he did not answer me satisfactorily, as to his conversion, and the evidence of the Spirit, he must be branded a deceiver of the people.”

Jonathan Martin, formerly of Haydon Bridge, was thereafter sentenced by the magistrates, “to be confined in a mad-house for life”, and was removed to the lunatic asylum at West Auckland.

Jonathan later described the pistol, “for which I was imprisoned for life”. “(It) was an old broken barrelled one, tied together by a string. It would have made my readers laugh to see it, and if I had dared to fire it, it would have blown my hand off, but it was never my intention.”

In the early days of his imprisonment, Jonathan was treated with ‘great kindness’ by Mr. Smith, the keeper of the Asylum, who ‘perceived none of those symptoms of lunacy which he would naturally expect in a person placed under his care’.

Jonathan however, as a man of prayer sharing a small room with four others in the institution, was mocked for praying and he experienced ‘severe trials’ at night that made his life miserable.

The torments that Jonathan suffered at West Auckland, and dealt with by having ‘God at his side’, included, ‘the cold and the hunger’; ‘the disorderly conduct and filthy behaviour of those with whom (he) shared a room’ and ‘the abuse by his fellow prisoners’, one of whom used to ‘pull him out of bed by the legs when he was inclined to sleep’ and ‘often threw the contents of the chamber utensil about him in bed’.

Eventually, Jonathan was also to suffer ill treatment at the hands of Smith the keeper, during his drunken rages, and Jonathan’s friends at Norton were able to obtain an order from the magistrate for his removal from West Auckland to the Asylum at Gateshead.

For twelve months after his transfer to Gateshead, Jonathan was ‘comparatively happy... although still in confinement’, and the keeper, Mr. Nicholson, supported Jonathan and commended him for his conduct.

Eleven years later, at Jonathan’s trial following the fire at York Minster, Nicholson intimated in evidence that under his care, Jonathan was composed and tranquil, “he conversed very naturally” and his conduct gave no idea that he was a proper person to be confined in a lunatic asylum. When at Gateshead, Nicholson had twice requested the parish officers to take Jonathan away and pointed out that: “Nothing in his manner or conduct induced the belief he was deranged.”

Jonathan’s good behaviour at Gateshead resulted in a freedom to wander in the gardens of the Asylum, and he was trusted with a key to the door in the outside wall.

One day in June 1819, when the keeper was away, Jonathan decided that a twenty mile walk to Hexham, followed by a fifty mile walk from there to Norton, ‘to see his friends’, would convince his friends that he was not considered mad by the keeper and was unjustly placed under his care. He also believed that a return to Gateshead of his own free will, would convince the keeper of his good intentions. Sadly for Jonathan, the authorities did not treat his unauthorised absence from the Asylum with such understanding, and they concluded that he was only fit for his old quarters at Gateshead and that it would be, ‘for life’.

By this time the Asylum had a new owner and keeper, a Mr. Orton whose wife was particularly unpleasant, and on his return to Gateshead, Jonathan was treated in a manner very different to previously.

Jonathan describes his predicament:

“I was put in irons riveted on by a blacksmith, as if they were to remain on for life; and, to add to my misfortune, I was chained on the bed along with another unhappy man who had the itch. I was soon infected, and my suffering between that and the heat of the weather, in so small a room, and its filthy state, with vermin, was truly great..... I had the additional grief that my poor boy (Richard) was turned away from the door, (by Mrs. Orton) because I took pleasure from his visits. These were severe trials of faith, and patient resignation to the will of God.”

Twelve months passed by after Jonathan returned to Gateshead before he was once again allowed to work in the garden, although still fettered. Jonathan yearned for an even greater freedom however; the open spaces of the

Tyne valley.

“One morning, in the same month in which I got clear last year, I was at work in the most elevated part of the garden, where I could behold the delightful prospect that opens to the view westward along the Tyne. As I viewed again the road on which I travelled before to see my friends, I had inward assurance given me that I should soon follow the same road again to the confusion and astonishment of my enemies.

This set me contriving on how it could be effected (and) observing a small piece of freestone, I recollected that freestone would reduce iron by rubbing. I put it in my pocket, resolving to grind off the heads of the rivets (of my fetters).”

After constant rubbing of the rivets, the freestone lubricated by the water brought to wash out his room, Jonathan found to his great joy that the fetter was so weakened he was able to break it against the corner of the fender. This he did and, to avoid discovery, he tied the broken fetter round his leg with a piece of string and covered it with his trousers. Jonathan was prepared to carry out an escape to freedom, even though he had been able to remove only one of his two shackles.

Later that night, after he heard the keeper Orton locking the doors, Jonathan climbed above the ceiling of a closet in the corner of his room, and through a hole he had made earlier in the tiled roof. He took off his boots so he could get a better footing on the tiles and dropped over the eaves onto the garden wall where, from a shed, he climbed down to the ground and left Gateshead Asylum for what turned out to be eight years of freedom.

Jonathan’s hopes were to see his friends again and with this in mind walked the twenty miles to Codlaw Hill, north east of Acomb, where he woke Edward Kell, a distant relative on his mother’s side whom he had visited twelve months earlier, during his first unauthorised walk from the Asylum.



In June 1820, Jonathan escaped to Codlaw Hill. This is Codlaw Hill in June 2010



Jonathan Martin's Providential Escape from the Asylum House

Jonathan’s escape is commemorated in the second edition of his life with an engraving by his brother William.

Jonathan was shown great kindness by Edward Kell, who immediately brought a chisel and hammer and removed the remaining fetter from his leg; then they prayed together, ‘in thanks to the Almighty for (his) deliverance’.

Jonathan remained at Codlaw Hill for two weeks where, it being hay harvest, he, ‘found much good in rambling through the fields and woods and breathing (his) native air’.

Once he had regained his strength, Jonathan left the Kell household and made the sixteen mile walk to his uncle’s house, five miles north west of Haydon Bridge, intending to help him with the hay on the two large farms he worked.

As far as I am aware, there is no official record of where these farms were. However, thanks to research by Mildred Robson, a three times great granddaughter of John Thompson, the brother of Jonathan’s mother Isabella and therefore Jonathan’s uncle, we know that John farmed at ‘Causeway House’ near Vindolanda and had seven children born there between 1792 and 1807. It seems then, that



Jonathan’s uncle farmed at Causeway House. This is Causeway House in August 2010

Jonathan immortalised his escape from Gateshead Asylum with the following lines.

Again the devil thought to shut me in,
But with a sandy stone, I cut my iron chain;
With locks and bolts and bars of every kind,
Fain would the devil had me all my life confined.
But by the help of God, by faith and prayer,
The devil loosed his hold, and I did break his snare.

Through the lofty garret I thrust and tore my way,
Through dust and laths and tiles into the open day.

But yet more dangers still beset me round,
Till, by God’s help, I landed on the ground.
Then, with a thankful heart, I praised the God I found,
And cried, “Sleep on, ye sleepers, sleep both safe and sound,
Till I escape from your enchanted ground.”

These three long years now almost gone and past,
My God has saved me from your hands at last;
Therefore to Him I will give all the praise,
And thank and bless His Holy Name always.

there is every chance that ‘Causeway House’ was the next stop on Jonathan’s escape route.

Jonathan’s plans were in disarray the day after his arrival at ‘Causeway House’ however, when the keeper of the Asylum and the constable arrived at his uncle’s farm searching for him. While Jonathan remained in a wood beyond the farm, a cousin informed the keeper that he had been there a few hours earlier but had then gone down to Haydon Bridge to a meeting place for worship.

It was time to move on again and at eight o’clock in the evening, while his pursuers were at Haydon Bridge searching for him, his uncle provided dry clothes and money so that he could travel to another uncle in Glasgow. Reaching his uncle’s Glasgow home, Jonathan was once again ‘received with great kindness’ and was provided with a suit of clothes.

Jonathan’s next stop in his attempts to avoid capture was Edinburgh, before returning to Northumberland and Wallsend. Once refreshed at his brother William’s house, and ‘being for ever on the move’, he appears to have walked first to Norton and then Bishop Auckland, before returning on horseback to Codlaw Hill, where he recounted his adventures on the road to Edward Kell; to which Kell replied.

“Well you shall remain with me, till some place of rest is found for you, and my servants shall give you warning of any approach to the house, where there are plenty of arms for the protection of my property; and you must take to let in no intruders, as no one has a right to enter my house. You must on no

account go to your uncle's (at Causeway House), as they are looking for you there, but here you are safe."

After three weeks, Jonathan 'began to feel uneasy at being so troublesome to (his) friend' and Kell offered him money for his expenses so that he could go to London and seek the care of his brother John.

Sixteen year old John Martin had boarded a Newcastle trader for the capital in September 1806, two years after the family left Haydon Bridge. John was well known in London in 1820, having had his paintings hung in the British Institution and the Royal Academy since 1814. In February 1821 however, the Haydonian became the most popular artist of his day when his 'Belshazzar's Feast' was hung in the British Institution. It is recorded that the public's excitement was so great that the picture had to be railed round and the exhibition was kept open for an extra three weeks.

Had Jonathan continued his journey and sought the care of his brother John, who had expressed concern at Jonathan's 'eccentric behaviour', I might not be writing this story today. In the event, his most infamous deed was still to be done. But not until he had worked as a journeyman tanner at Darlington, Boroughbridge, Hull, back once again to Norton where he worked for his previous employer Mr. Page, and then again to Darlington.

It was while working at Boroughbridge, on September 8th 1820 that Jonathan received a letter informing him of his wife Martha's death; and that his house had been plundered of goods and money to the amount of twenty four pounds.

Jonathan probably remained at Darlington until 1827, during which time he had his son Richard living with him, and he wrote and had published the first edition of his autobiography, in 1825, which details his life until 1823.

When at Darlington, Jonathan seems to have continued his work as a tanner, toured the local villages selling his life story and, significantly, taken on a new zest for preaching, 'from a stool in the open air and (arousing) such disturbances that the villagers asked the managers of the circuit to get him removed from the neighbourhood'.

I will follow Jonathan Martin's next move, a fateful journey to York and its Minster, in Part 3.

'JOHN MARTIN CIRCLE'

Our world famous painter lives on in our parish; through the inspiration of his paintings, the activities of the John Martin Heritage Group, the building at East Land Ends in which he was born in 1789, the anecdotes handed down by his contemporaries at the Free Haydon Bridge Grammar School, various biographies and autobiographies, the World of John Martin web site and, in The Haydon News, we continue to pass on our ever increasing knowledge of the great man.

Perhaps most of all however, the reality of John Martin and the Martin family's Haydon Bridge connection is brought to life by those members of the family who visit Haydon Parish to trace the early years of their ancestors. With each descendant's visit we are able to extend our knowledge of the Martin family tree.

This was the case on Sunday August 1st when sisters Annie and Janet Simpson, John Martin's 3x great granddaughters, joined Henry Swaddle and myself on a most enjoyable tour of some of the places in the locality which were very much a part of the first fourteen years of John's life. We introduced Annie and Janet to the place of John's birth at East Land Ends; Haydon Old Church and St Cuthbert's where he attended his first formal religious services; Langley Castle where he played among the ruined stones and completed an early drawing of his grandmother Ann's cat; and Shaftoe Trust School which was the Haydon Bridge Free Grammar School when John received his education there.



The interpretive panels on our John Martin Heritage Trail provide an excellent introduction to our famous artist and, for those unable to follow the walking trail, it is worth noting that five of the six panels can easily be accessed from the road.

Annie and Janet Simpson are picture at the East Land Ends cottage information panel, during their visit.

How many readers recognised the Shaftoe Trust pupils in David Brown's 1953 school photograph, published in the August issue of The Haydon News? Thanks to Haydon News readers Mrs. Mary Moore and Gordon Brown, we can add the names of Ken Charlton and Alan Foster to the photograph.



Back Row (left to right): James Skeen. Gordon Brown. Malcolm Lowes. Robert Pyle. Alan Foster. David Marshall. Mr. James (Jimmy) Nicholson.

Second Row: Norman Benson. Derek Wood. Tot Moore. Danny Brown. David Jeans. John Bell.

Third Row: David Brown. Joe Worthington. Ken Charlton. Allen Bates. Ken Churchill. Robin Skeen. Ivor Hamilton.

Front Row: Edward Turnbull. Colin Irwin. Leslie Hill.



Haydon Bridge resident Billy Douglas checks out some of the vegetable entries in the 'Railway' show.

It was sunshine and showers on Saturday August 28th for the **Railway Hotel's 5th Annual Show** of vegetables, jams and chutneys, bakery and floral displays.

Sue, at the Railway Hotel, thanks everyone who participated in this year's event, including: the show committee and judges, sponsors of the raffle, staff, family and customers.

The entries were judged by Vin Thompson, Jean Oliver and Mary Douthwaite again this year.

Prize winners in the various sections of the show were:

Heaviest Onion: Michael Smith.

Two Dressed Onions:

1 Maurice Robson. 2 Jack Brown. 3 Alan Barker.

Trio of Vegetables:

1 Michael Smith. 2 Gordon Brown. 3 Joseph Brown.

Four Tomatoes:

1 Joseph Brown. 2 Gary Cunningham. 3 Brian Burrows.

Six Cherry Tomatoes:

1 Michael Smith. 2 Paul Brown. 3 Max Brown.

Blanched Leeks:

1 James Brown. 2 Brian Burrows. 3 Gary Cunningham.

Chutneys:

1 Jack Brown. 2 Katy Brown. 3 Joyce brown.

Jams:

1 Joyce Brown. 2 Jack Brown. 3 Shirley Nixon.

Home Baking:

Sweet:

1 Jack brown. 2 Denise Evans. 3 Jack Brown.

Savoury:

1 Joyce brown. 2 Jack Brown. 3 David Sutton.

Flowers:

Baskets:

1 Lynn Corbett. 2 Ros Corbett. 3 Trevor Corbett.

Vase:

1 John Rix. 2 Kahthy Whitley. 3 Brian Burrows.

Children's Prize Winners:

Annie Scanlan, Robbie and Henry Burrows.

Andrew Milburn provided the evening's entertainment for the enthusiastic patrons of a packed Railway Hotel, and £66 was donated to the Great North Air Ambulance.



Secretary Paul Carruthers is seen here with a fine display of vegetables at the Haydonian Club Show.

The Annual Haydonian Social Club Show on Saturday September 11th was well supported as usual, and £495 was paid out in prizes. The auction raised £107.95 for the Great North Air Ambulance.

Haydonian Social Club Show winners

Vegetable Section:

Intermediate Leeks: 1 Michael Smith. 2 Ronnie Youngman.

2x Parsnips; 2x Long & Stumpy Carrots: 1 Brian Burrows.

3x Onions: 1 Michael Smith. 2 Brian Burrows. 3 Billy Carruthers.

1x Cauliflower: 1 Brian Burrows.

1x Cabbage: 1 Billy Carruthers. 2 Cliff Eales. 3 Michael Smith.

Collection of Veg.: 1 Michael Dickinson. 2 Brian Burrows.

3x Beetroot: 1 Brian Burrows. 2 Billy Carruthers. 3 M. Dickinson.

2x Cucumbers: 1 Brian Burrows. 2 M. Dickinson. 3 Michael Smith.

6x Tomatoes: 1 Brian Burrows. 2&3 Michael Dickinson.

Heaviest Onion: Michael Smith.

Flower Section:

Vase of Spray Chrysanthemums: 1&2 Michael Dickinson.

Vase of Three Dahlia Blooms: 1 Brian Burrows.

3x Pom-Pom Dahlia Blooms: Brian Burrows. 2&3 Michael Dickinson.

3x Gladiolas: 1 Michael Dickinson.

Vase of Mixed Flowers: 1 Michael Dickinson. 2 Brian Burrows.

Industrial Section:

7x Cheese Scones: 1 Ann Dickinson. 2 David Sutton.

7x Fruit Scones: 1 Cheryl Carruthers. 2 David Sutton.

7x ginger Snaps: 1 Christopher Irwin. 2 David Sutton.

7x Short Bread Biscuits: 1 David Sutton. 2 Christopher Irwin.

1x Glazed Apple Pie: 1 Cheryl Carruthers.

Ginger Bread Cake: 1 Christopher Irwin. 2 David Sutton.

7x Fairy Cakes: 1 Ann Dickinson. 2 Christopher Irwin.

Chocolate Cake: 1 David Sutton. 2 C. Irwin. 3 Ann Dickinson

Decorated Cake: 1 Ann Dickinson. 2 Christopher Irwin.

Novelty Cake: 1 Christopher Irwin. 2 Ann Dickinson. 3 C. Carruthers.

Children's section:

Decorated Paper Plate: 1 Robbie and Henry Burrows.

Ply Doh Model: 1 Freddie Carruthers.

Miniature Garden: 1 Katie Carruthers.

Funniest Mis-shaped Fruit/Vegetable: 1 Henry Burrows.

2 Abbie Oldham. 3 Anna Oldham.

HAYDONIAN SOCIAL CLUB LEEK SHOW

Pot Leeks: 1 Gary Cunningham. 2 Peter Telfer. 3 Mick Smith.

Trench Leeks: 1 Gary Cunningham. 2 Brian Burrows. 3 Mick Smith.

Elvis was in the building, for the fantastic evening entertainment.

Mike Memphis will be back next year!!

Don't forget the Children's Halloween Party, on Saturday October 30th 1.00pm to 4.00pm.

A shared interest in genealogy, military and social history resulted in a couple who have lived in Haydon Bridge for 20 years, accountants Pam and Ken Linge, being the driving force behind a unique project based in Northern France.

We will let Pam and Ken explain.....

In 2001 we were able to visit some of the **World War 1 battlefields of the Western Front** situated in Belgium and Northern France. In part this was a general trip, to satisfy a long-held wish, but there was added personal interest as Pam has two family members who died during the war, whilst a grandfather served in the Grenadier Guards, losing a leg as a result of the fighting on the Somme in 1916. As a result of her genealogical research, Pam identified that one relative is buried in Corbie on the Somme and the other has no known grave and is commemorated on a memorial in Belgium.

Given the personal connections these were the two key places that had to be visited during the trip. However, the size of the area and the number of different sites that could be visited meant that the trip needed some other structure so we could get the greatest benefit from what might have been our one and only visit.

We therefore decided to research the names on the **Haydon Bridge War Memorial**. Having identified where they were buried or commemorated then we would aim to visit as many of these locations as possible in the time we had available.

Information on each British and Commonwealth soldier who died is held on a national database which lists when they died and where they are buried. After some work it was possible to identify the record for each of Haydon Bridge's 58 names and this information

became the basis on which we planned our itinerary.

Apart from the two sites which had personal importance the most moving experience of the trip was the visit to the **Thiepval Memorial** which commemorates over 72,000 men lost during the Battle of the Somme, five of whom are from Haydon Bridge. What makes it more poignant is that none of the men commemorated on this memorial has a known grave, collectively they are the **"Missing of the Somme."**

These men were killed during the fighting and their bodies were either never found or else the bodies were recovered but without any means of identification. To us this place, more than any other we visited during that or subsequent trips, brings together the overall scale of the war whilst highlighting the enormity of the individual personal loss.

This initial trip turned out to be the start of a long-term involvement with the area. In the following years we made more trips to the battlefields and each time we were drawn to Thiepval.

In 2003 it was announced that a new Visitor Centre would be opened near to the Thiepval Memorial and we asked the organiser what information would be included about the individual men.

We were not surprised to hear that there were no plans to do anything in

this regard, so we offered to undertake the task of collecting pictures and information. These are held in a database which is installed on computers at the Visitor Centre. We also created a panel of 600 faces which forms the centrepiece of the exhibition. Since then we have continued to co-ordinate the database project and we recently passed the 10% mark so there is much to keep us busy.

In recognition of the significance of the project to the Somme area, the museum, The Historial de la Grande Guerre in Péronne, asked us to put together an exhibition which will run for six months in late 2012. This will be the major exhibition that year and will combine the celebrations of the 20th anniversary of the Historial's opening and the 80th anniversary of the opening of the Thiepval Memorial.

Although this is our first experience of creating an exhibition, we have already decided on the content which will tell the story of a number of men from the over 12,000 who went missing on 1st July 1916, and then the story of a man who went missing on each of the 140 days that the Battle of the Somme lasted. The personal stories we have selected illustrate all aspects of the society of the day as well as the impact the war had on the families at home. We are currently liaising with the relatives of some of the men selected so that the exhibition can include a number of personal objects in addition to the general theme of continued remembrance.

The exhibition is entitled **"Missing but not forgotten."**

We have learned a number of new skills to date and there will be more to learn in the months before the exhibition starts, but we are up for the challenge and will ensure that the men's stories are presented with the respect and dignity that they deserve.

The November issue of The Haydon News will include an article by Pam and Ken providing a short background to the men, and woman, commemorated on the Haydon Bridge War Memorial.

In subsequent issues, their individual stories will be told in a little more detail.

HAYDON BRIDGE CRICKET CLUB ANNUAL DUCK RACE



Brigwood resident Alan Ord is seen feeding the ducks before the race. A race in which numbers are painted onto the bottoms of the ducks and they are encouraged to float down-stream from Kate's Hole (or is it Kids' Hole?) to the old bridge. Whether 'race' is an appropriate description for this year's event is questionable, as the east wind held the ducks back on a slow moving current. The repairs to our old bridge closed the usual viewing point this year but the 'race' was certainly well

supported financially and Jim Wood, the owner of the winning duck, received a prize of £200. The committee of the Cricket Club thank everyone involved and expect to see the ducks back on the river again next year.

Shaftoe Trust First School

BRIDGESTOCK

Many thanks to everyone who organised this great event. We thoroughly enjoyed being part of the day's proceedings; serving drinks, chatting to people and listening to the music. It was a lovely family day!

DOG DIRT

Could we please take this opportunity to remind people who walk their dogs on the top field above school that children regularly use this area for outdoor education. Staff now have to check the area thoroughly before taking children out. Dog waste can cause blindness if children accidentally rub their eyes after getting it on the hands.

PLEASE KEEP DOGS ON LEADERS AND PICK UP ANY DIRT!

DATES FOR DIARIES

Thursday 19th October 2.00pm : Harvest Festival.

Monday 15th November : World War 2 day.

Tuesday 19th November : Open Day.

Friday 10th December 3.30pm - 5.00pm : Christmas Fair.

Monday 13th December 2.00pm : Christmas Production and Tea for Senior Citizens.

News from Haydon Bridge Health Centre

Dear Readers,

You are probably expecting an article from Dr Paul Wyatt, who normally regales us with sensible health advice and the odd joke or two. Sadly, I am neither a doctor nor a good joke teller but, nevertheless, it is a pleasure to be writing this article for you all. **Please allow me to introduce myself: I'm Martin Bell, the Practice Manager.** I've been in post for approximately 18 months now, so I am beginning to recognise faces around the village even if I have not mastered your names yet.

A lot has happened within the life of the surgery over recent months. Our extension has been completed, we have a new automated patient check in facility, and we've re-vamped the practice brochure (look out for this and an accompanying newsletter dropping through doors shortly).

It is coming towards that time of year again when we offer the **flu vaccination** to those who are in one of the designated 'at risk' groups.

Visit our website - www.haydonbridgesurgery.co.uk - for more information on these 'at risk' groups. In the meantime, the dates of the **flu vaccination sessions** are:

FRIDAY 15th OCTOBER 2010

AT THE HAYDON BRIDGE METHODIST CHAPEL, 8:30am to 4:00pm.

If you are unable to attend the above session, further open sessions will be held in the surgery between **2:00pm and 5:30pm** on the following days:

THURSDAY 21st OCTOBER 2010

TUESDAY 09th NOVEMBER 2010

THURSDAY 18th NOVEMBER 2010

And finally, for those of you hoping to read Dr Paul's wise counsel, here are two snippets from him to leave you with:

A study from Scotland has shown that **those who brush their teeth twice a day have only about 2/3 of the risk of developing a stroke or heart attack of those who brush their teeth less than once a day.** This intriguing study tried to compensate for things like smoking. It looks likely that chronic oral inflammation makes inflammation and disease in the arteries around peoples hearts more likely..... **Brushing your teeth protects more than just your teeth!**

Another new piece of science, this time from Bristol, shows that taking a course of antibiotics on one occasion makes you about twice as likely to have bacteria resistant to that antibiotic for at least a year.....What does this mean? It is another piece of information that **unnecessary use of antibiotics can harm the person taking them.** It means that if you take antibiotics when you don't need them (for a sore throat caused by a virus for example) you are likely to be less easily helped by antibiotics if you are unlucky enough to need them (for pneumonia for example).

BRIDGESTOCK

Supported by funds remaining from the Bypass Committee's events, Haydon Bridge's family music festival got off to a good start at Shaftoe Green on Saturday September 11th. We hope that 'Bridgestock' can become an annual village event.

Congratulations to everyone involved.

HAYDON BRIDGE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Haydon Bridge WI will be hosting an evening of Jewellery Craft on Tuesday October 19th from 7.30pm at the Haydonian Social Club. Lesley Holburn will be showing and selling her designs of very affordable jewellery.

Members and guests, along with anyone else who may be interested in seeing or buying Lesley's work would be most welcome. A light supper plus raffle is included in the entry fee of £1.

November 16th is the AGM. This will also be at the Haydonian Social Club whilst the Community Centre is being refurbished.

Karen Lumsden

HAYDON BRIDGE NATURE CLUB

WINTER PROGRAMME 2010 / 11

14th October: Michael Carrier.
'A Lifetime of Birds.'

28th October: Ray Stephenson.
'A Visit to Murcia.'

11th November: Margaret Jacot.
'Highlights of Libya.'

**Talks are at 7.15pm in
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every other Thursday**

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Non-members £2 each meeting**

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**For further information please contact:
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**Or Programme Secretaries:
Emmi Althaus: Tel: 01434 606173
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COVER PHOTOGRAPH



Standing (left to right):
Graham Fraser,
Janet Fraser,
Emmi Althaus,
Vera Rutherford,
Cynthia Bradley,
Dave Rutherford,

Anne Carter, Peter Parker, Bennie Parker.
Front: Christine Swaddle, Brenda Ninnim,
Barbara Wardle.

The 'mail bag' published this month is interesting in that two of our correspondents are connected, by their requests, through the Lowes family; a third seeks information regarding the Thompson and Kell families, who figure prominently in Jonathan Martin's story. (See page 4) and all three are connected through their Ridley ancestors.

Garforth.

Dear Editors,

Thank you for your recent articles on Haydon Old Church in the Haydon Bridge News. They were interesting and informative. (HN Dec. 2009 - April 2010) I have been to the Old Church, a few years ago, but that was before I realised how big a part it had to play in my family history. I didn't go inside but hopefully I will, before long.

I also look forward with anticipation to your future article on Jane Todd, as I believe she is a distant relation of mine. I say believe because at the moment I haven't been able to tie down a solid connection.

In your April 2010 article you referred to memorials for Jane (Todd) and Jane Routledge. The references were next to each other on page 4.

Jane Routledge was Jane Todd's aunt and in his will, Nicholas Todd left his sister, Jane Routledge widow of 'Croft House', Haydon Bridge, an annuity of £100 per annum for life.

I also believe that Jane (Todd) was the 3 x great granddaughter of William Lowes of Ridley Hall; the County Keeper and well known bad egg of the early 1700's.

In 'A History of Northumberland', a pedigree of the Lowes' family, of Ridley Hall, states that Lowes' daughter Susan married John Maughan. I believe this to be John Maughan of Whinnetley.

Jane came through that union and their eldest son Nicholas.

If my research is right, I come down through their eldest daughter Susannah.

This is another interesting story, as Susannah married a Philip Gibson of 'West Boat'. After Philip's death she married John Ridley of 'Parkend'. I don't know whether John knew his bride was a Lowes - from the family that bought Ridley Hall after it was taken from the Ridley family!

(In 1653 according to my records. Ed.)

Regards,
John Hall.

New Zealand.

Dear Editors,

Having read your articles on Ridley Hall and the Ridley - Lowes connections, (Haydon News On Line April 2002) it occurs to me that you and your readers might be interested in my genealogy research.

My 4 x great grandparents were George Lowes of Shawes and Ann (nee Lowes) of Allensgreen - daughter of John Lowes and Jane Parker. It is the Allensgreen Lowes family who could be related to the Ridley Hall Lowes; probably about 1620-1670.

My 2 x great grandparents were John and Ann (nee Patterson) Lowes; a saddler, of market Place Haltwhistle. Their son emigrated to New Zealand in 1864.

I have proof of **the Lowes family** through William Lowes, Baliff of Ridley and Thorngraston etc., died 1735, by his father's will of 1709 John Lowes of Whitshields, at a guess born about 1640, with land at Allensgreen, Beltingham and Grandys Know. Of course no mention of who the wives are; the children are William, Susan and George.

Also, letters of administration for: John Lowes 1627 of Haltwhistle, John Lowes 1674 of Beltingham, and Nicholas Lowes 1661 of Ridley. Executors: John Lowes, Mathew Ridley, William Lowes, and John Ridley.

I have the Lowes family back to circa 1645 at Shawes; all connected by wills up to 1842 when the line was left a daughter Ann in her own right who married Christopher Harrison Mallabar.

I have archival material in which **the Ridley family** starts with:

Nicholas, son and heir, who died without issue about 1672 or thereabouts.

Brother John Ridley deceased, Mary his wife and son Mathew Ridley living at Toe (Tow) House. Mary died soon after Nicholas.

Eldest daughter Ann Ridley, married John Lowes, and son John Lowes who live at Farrow Shields.

My question is:

Do you or your readers know anything about these Ridleys, which may then give me a lead as to who and where the Lowes fit in for the area of Beltingham

by marriage details. I would suspect that the Ridleys would be likely to be attached to the Willimoteswick family in some way.

Many thanks,
Bill Lowes.

A telephone call received from Peter Kell who, like Bill Lowes, lives in New Zealand and reads The Haydon News On Line, introduced an interesting enquiry that may well provide further background information relevant to the Haydon Bridge Martin family and the Jonathan Martin story.

I am searching my family history and my ancestors have a connection with the Haydon Parish. Does my research interest you?

My ancestor John Kell was from Elrington and left there to farm at Campbelltown in Scotland, around 1775. John Kell went to Scotland with a Richard Thompson. John Kell and Richard Thompson are recorded in the Duke of Argyll's List of Inhabitants in 1792. John is seventy years of age. There are also references to Robert and Mary Thompson

My questions are:

Was there a marriage between the Kell and Thompson families?
Who were Robert and Mary Thompson and how were they connected to the Kell family?

Thank you,
Peter Kell.

In answer to Peter's first question.

Yes! Your research is of interest. And here is the reason why.

The Kell family were well known 18th century Haydon Bridge residents, with farming connections to Elrington, Chesterwood, Mill Hills and Wharmley.

And:

Richard Thompson and his wife Ann (nee Ridley), farmed at East Land Ends and their daughter, Isabella, was the wife of Fenwick Martin and mother to the remarkable Martin children.

It is a known fact that Richard Thompson left Haydon Bridge about 1776, when he went to Scotland in response to the Duke of Argyll's appeal to English farmers to teach husbandry to the Highlanders.

(Fenwick and Isabella followed later

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and their son Richard and daughter Ann were born there.)

That John Kell of Elrington went with Richard to Scotland is news to me however, but this information, provided by our New Zealand telephone contact Peter Kell, may go some way to solving a puzzle in the Martin story.

Readers of Jonathan Martin's escapades, in my Historical Notes, (See page 4) will be aware that Jonathan's friend and support, to whom he turned in time of need, was **Edward Kell** of Codlaw Hill.

'A distant relative on my mother's side.' According to Jonathan.

As far as I am aware, there is no common knowledge as to how this relationship came about.

Maybe now we can help Peter Kell piece together this branch of his family tree, and at the same time add to our own knowledge of the Martin - Kell relationship.

As pointed out by Bill Lowes, our earlier correspondent.

"This genealogy leads one down all sorts of paths!"

York.
May 17th 2010.

Dear Editors,

I am in the process of researching my family history and whilst in Haydon Bridge last Tuesday I was speaking to a lovely lady called 'Josie Hutton'. Mrs Hutton kindly lent me The Haydon News where I was, of course, able to acquire your email address. She said you may be able to help me.

My family origins are from Haydon Bridge and my 3 times great granddad was married in St Cuthbert's Church in 1804. He fathered four children and the one I am most interested in is Ralph

Glenwright born 1807 and baptised in St Cuthbert's in 1808. Ralph married a Bridget Ritson at St Mary the Virgin Church in Stamfordham in 1835 and they both lived at that time in Moor Houses.

Now to the point in question. I am unable to find Bridget Ritson's birthplace and I hope one of your readers may be able to help me on this matter.

Incidentally, my relatives ended up in Sunderland after leaving Haydon Bridge and Ralph Glenwright died there in 1851, but Bridgett went back to Hexham where she died in 1852.

With regards,
Mrs Glyn Pentek.

If anyone can help with Mrs Pentek's query regarding the Glenwright / Ritson families, or can provide further information on the Ridley, Lowes, Thompson and Kell families, please contact the editors.

Thank you.

Ratcliffe Road,
Haydon Bridge.
August 2010

Dear Editors,

I have just read there is to be an exhibition at the Newcastle Art Gallery. They are looking for support for the 'John Martin Circle'.

Does the Parish Council think it would be appropriate to make a donation on behalf of the villagers, and also for the Shaftoe Trust First School and the Art Department at the High School Sports College to get involved?

If this is already being done, I just thought it would be awful to miss this opportunity to celebrate possibly the greatest talent ever to come from Haydon Bridge.

Yours sincerely,
I. Robley.

We wholeheartedly agree with our correspondent and look forward to the parish's support for events associated with the John Martin exhibition in 2011.

LITTLE BADGERS CHILDCARE DAY NURSERY



The nursery children are seen here relaxing, after an all-day 'sponsored bounce' raised £132 in support of Haydon Bridge resident Susan Stephenson's walk into the Grand Canyon next April, on behalf of the Marie Curie Hospice in Newcastle

HAYDON BRIDGE BOWLS CLUB

On behalf of Haydon Bridge Bowls Club, I would like to thank Dennis, David, Barry, Derek and John for helping Billy to remove the carpets etc., from the Community Centre. This was necessary due to the repairs being done to the Community Centre and the help they gave us was very much appreciated.

Thank you.
Jean Oliver.

HAYDON OLD CHURCH : NEW GATES REQUIRED

In 1956, Major Seth Smith of Chesterwood was guaranteed a place in the history of Haydon Old Church, by providing new oak gates for the entrance to the church yard.

After 54 years, the gates are reaching the end of their useful days. Another opportunity perhaps for a 2010/11 benefactor(s) to write their own name(s) into Haydon Bridge's church history.

Individuals / businesses willing to offer financial support, can obtain further information from the editors: Tel: 01434 684636



A VIEW FROM UP THERE

I don't know how many of you watched the European Games this summer but I never cease to wonder at how anybody can jump unassisted over something as high as themselves – the men's European high jump record currently stands at 2.42 metres. But wait a moment - I have it on good authority that the world high jump record really belongs here in Haydon Bridge. A jump height of 14 ft 5 inches was recorded here in our village – that's 4.39 metres in European money. So why isn't this in the record books? Unfortunately it gets a red flag on two counts – firstly it was bull-assisted and secondly the guy never came down on the other side !!

However, Haydon Bridge did have the distinction of holding a real record. At the end of the 19th Century the lowest recorded night-time air temperature in England was registered here in Haydon Bridge with -23.3 degC observed on January 21st 1881 – it was the coldest place in England. At the moment I have no idea as to exactly where this temperature was recorded – if you can help I'd be more than grateful. I also have no idea how long we had this dubious distinction – the record lowest air temperature is now -26.1 degC which was registered in Shropshire in January 1982 – I guess that many of us can remember that winter. I was living in a Scottish glen at the time and the water pipes froze in the ground at a depth of nearly two feet.

Extreme environmental events are, of course, a characteristic of the planet on which we live but we are fortunate here in the UK that these are not as violent or as damaging as in many other places. In living memory we can recall the appalling effects of storms, earthquakes, and floods, and some of you have perhaps made your own contribution towards helping the people of Pakistan deal with the recent devastating floods. The problem with our humanitarian response to the sufferings of our fellow human beings is that our support is often short-term while it may take the victims years, if not decades, to recover from the events that have overwhelmed their lives. You may remember the tsunami that devastated the coasts around the Indian Ocean in December 2004. I have been closely involved with the Durham-based 'Project Sri Lanka' which is still working to bring life back to the communities along the south coast of Sri Lanka. Details from me if you are interested.

Back to the mundane, the weather over the last couple of months has broken a few short-term records – measured only in decades – the rainfall over July and August, which was very showery in nature, was roughly 50% above the long-term average. Given the dry Spring and early Summer this has had very little impact on soil and ground water and many water courses are still running very low. Silly Burn across the road from the cottage almost disappeared at one stage. Rainfall was not, however, the record breaker – the temperatures this summer have been well below average – the coldest August for more than 20 years. A common marker for summer warmth is the number of days with a temperature at 20 degC or more – in July there were only 9 here at Plunderheath and in August only 4. One of the main reasons for the low temperatures has been the wind direction which was from between North-West and North-East on 21 days between mid-July and the end of August – that's nearly half the days. Clear night skies also brought occasional ground frosts in the already cold air.

“Global Warming, Global Warming, where art thou?” – and that's another story !!!

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

Month	Average Maximum Temperature (Daytime) Deg C	Highest Temperature DegC	Average Minimum Temperature (Night-time) Deg C	Lowest Temperature DegC	Rainfall mm
July	18.8	22.7	9.9	2.2	82.4
August	17.9	23.1	9.0	3.6	79.4

And finally **Gladys Friday** tells me of a friend of hers who went down to Somerset for a short break recently and found himself one night in a local pub. In came this big guy, apparently called Ham, who was the local trouble maker. After he had been there an hour or so Ham became involved, as always, in an argument and suddenly there was a dull thud as Ham kned this other guy in the thigh, dropping him to the floor. Apparently this was a regular occurrence – Ham would use his knee as a weapon on men and women alike. Absolutely outraged at this behaviour my friend had a word with the landlord who shrugged his shoulders and explained that he was aware of the problem but that there was nothing he could do – “It's like this”, he said, “when Ham knees ya, y' tend to forget”.

John Harrison



BRIDGE REPAIRS PROGRESS REPORT.

As our pictures show, work continues on the decking above the two northern arches of the old bridge. The lower picture shows the bridge with the parapets removed prior to the removal of the failed concrete decking.

Due to the age of the bridge, the concrete was removed by hydro-demolition, as the use of pneumatic drills would affect the integrity of the whole structure.

The removal of the concrete decking was completed in the week of Sept 20th-24th. During this period the equipment required to pump the high pressure water jets for the hydro-demolition, and then filter the water before returning it to the river, was parked at the end of the 'new bridge'. Traffic lights were used to regulate the flow of traffic past the parked vehicles/equipment.

The next task will be to reconstruct the deck areas removed. There will then be a time gap before the parapets can be rebuilt as the concrete has to be well cured beforehand. The exposed surface will then be waterproofed and the Northumbrian Water mains reinstated and the bridge surface repaired.

At some time during the works, steps will be taken to remove/trim/kill the variety of vegetation which is currently growing on the cutwaters and abutment, as this is accessible from the scaffolding. It will not be possible to undertake a full de-vegetation of the structure due the high costs of scaffolding/access equipment that would be required. It is hoped that the work will be completed by the end of November.

On a sour note: the works site has been broken into on a number of occasions, with substantial damage done to the perimeter fences, and on one occasion, at least one stone from the parapet thrown into the river and smashed. Such behaviour increases costs (paid for by the council tax payers) and puts youngsters lives at risk if they can venture onto the site through damaged fencing. The perpetrators should take note of the advert to the left. They could, perhaps, make use of the service offered!!

MP

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★ *email: mcsand@talktalk.net* ★



Parish Council Notes (cont'd).

Correspondence.

The NCC West area Committee is to meet on Tuesday 12th Sept, 6.00pm at St Joseph's RC School in Hexham
The public are welcome to attend.

A letter was received from HSBC explaining the reasons behind the decision to close the Church St branch.

A request was made by the PC for someone to talk to the Council about the County's approach to allocating rented accommodation, the 'Homefinder' scheme. No one was available.

Annual review received from North Pennines AONB.

North/d National Park Southern Area Business Plan 2010-2013 received.

Letter received regarding the transfer of play areas to the Parish Council. A councillor informed the meeting that at present a legal agreement is being prepared for the transfer of play area responsibilities.

Parish Projects.

The Development Trust is holding a meeting on Wednesday 29th Sept for people involved in local businesses, tourism and services 7.00pm-9.00pm at the Methodist Church Hall.

The John Martin Heritage Project initial planning is continuing. There will be a full report in next month's Haydon News.

The Council suggested that the price for a drink of coffee at The Bridge be reduced to about £1, from the current price of £1.75 which councillors considered too expensive. It was felt that this would encourage more people to use the facility.

AoB

Nominations were invited for a new Council representative to the Board of Shaftoe Trust.

A councillor expressed disappointment with the lack of improvements made to the Spa Well path by the Work in the Community Group. While they have undertaken litter picking and general maintenance, few of the improvements to the path and entrance area by the A69 have been carried out. A request was made for the PC to allocate money each year for improvements to the path. It was suggested that the Development Trust could also seek a grant for some of this work.

Next meeting; Oct 28th, Langley Village Hall at 7.30pm



COMMUNITY CENTRE REPAIRS UNDERWAY

Work started on August 16th on the long awaited repairs to the Community Centre. The remedial work will rectify three main causes of water ingress into the building; the insufficient capacity in the drainage system; insufficient capacity in the parapet gutter; and defective cavity closure. New finishes to the building fabric will be supplied following the remedial works. Floors and plaster work have been striped out in those areas affected by water ingress and by the end of the first week in September a channel had

been dug, stretching from the rear doors to the front doors, for the new drainage. (See picture above)

Scaffolding has been erected to the west side of the building and repair works on the gutter and cavity closure have commenced. At the time of writing 90% of the new drainage had been completed and cavity trays are being fitted to prevent water getting into the wall and ceiling cavity spaces above the corridor. New flooring work will have begun by the end of September. There have been a few unexpected hitches but good progress has been maintained.

MP

VILLAGE BANK TO CLOSE

The closure of the Church Street branch of the HSBC Bank was announced in August.

It will be remembered by many as a branch of the Midland Bank prior to that company being taken over by HSBC.

At one time open five days a week, the number of days open each week has, over recent years, been reduced, as have the number of hours open each day. Now the bank is open for two hours on two days each week. There has also been a reduction in the services available.

HSBC gave the reason for the closure as a decline in the number of people using the bank.

Planning permission is being sought by HSBC for a combined telephone kiosk and ATM to be situated either on Church Street or Ratcliffe Road.

HSBC is to open its Hexham branch on Saturday mornings to improve the availability of its services to its customers.

MP



CHURCH PAGE

CLERGY MESSAGE

From

Leo Pyle

“The ears of the deaf shall be unsealed and the tongues of the dumb shall be loosed.” So all will be well, our deafness unsealed, our dumbness loosed. Communication is being restored and community is now a real possibility. “He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.” The Ephphatha man is here.

Jesus, the one who opens ears and eyes and hearts and minds is with us, through us and in us, restoring all things. It is what we call “the Kingdom” and Jesus is the agent of our wellbeing. Jesus in fact, is our wellbeing in person.

In anticipation, Isaiah reads this cosmic unfolding optimistically and rightly so. “Courage!” he says, “Do not be afraid . . . your God is coming . . . he is coming to save you.” Then Isaiah moves into impossible imagery to convince us that all will be well.

*“ . . . water gushes in the desert,
streams in the wasteland
the scorched earth becomes a lake,
the parched land springs of water. ”*

How very contemporary- sounding in a world of global warming. But can we hear the message and believe, believe that all will be well? It takes a poor man. It takes a poor man to believe and hope because the poor man lets go. He lets God. There is nothing else to do. The poor man is heir to the Kingdom which God promises to all who love him. So we believe in God and we believe God loves us and there is no more to be said. All will be well.

“It is the Lord who keeps faith forever” even in our world, threatened and oppressed as it is,

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2010**



WHO AND WHERE

The names and phone numbers of the Clergy who minister in Haydon Bridge

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Rev Les Hann,
with the Methodist Congregation
Wesley Manse, Moor View, Haltwhistle
Tel. 01434 320051

Father Leo Pyle ,
with St John's Catholic Church
St John's Presbytery, North Bank
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physically and economically. The Lord is still our complete gratification and our liberation. Out of blindness and bondage emerges a new vision of love and security. We now look God ward and only God ward for our support and maintenance. And whereas all else will pass, even the very creation as we know it, “The Lord will reign forever.” So we now go into our listening mode. We listen to the Lord who when all is said and done, has the message of eternal life and indeed, is eternal life. “Rejoice then and hope for all things will be well and all things will be well and all manner of things will be well.”

Leo Pyle

**METHODIST CHURCH
SERVICES**

3rd October

10.00am Morning Worship
Maureen Chapman
6.00pm Evening Service
David Wilson

10th October

10.00am Family Harvest
Rev Les Hann
6.00pm United Service
Harvest Praise
Rev Les Hann

17th October

10.00am Morning Worship
Brenda Mearns
6.00pm Evening Worship
Rev Marian Olsen

24th October

10.00am Morning Worship
Rev Sarah Charlton
6.00pm Evening Service
David Stabler

31st October

10.00am Communion Service
Rev Les Hann
6.00pm Evening Service
Brenda Mearns

7th November

10.00am Morning Worship
Ian Warburton
6.00pm Evening Worship
Ann Worthy

**BELTINGHAM/HENSHAW
CHURCH SERVICES**

3rd October

Henshaw
9.30am BCP Communion
and Baptism

10th October

*10.30am Joint Service at
Haydon Bridge*

17th October

Henshaw
9.30am BCP Communion

24th October

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Service

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7th November

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Service

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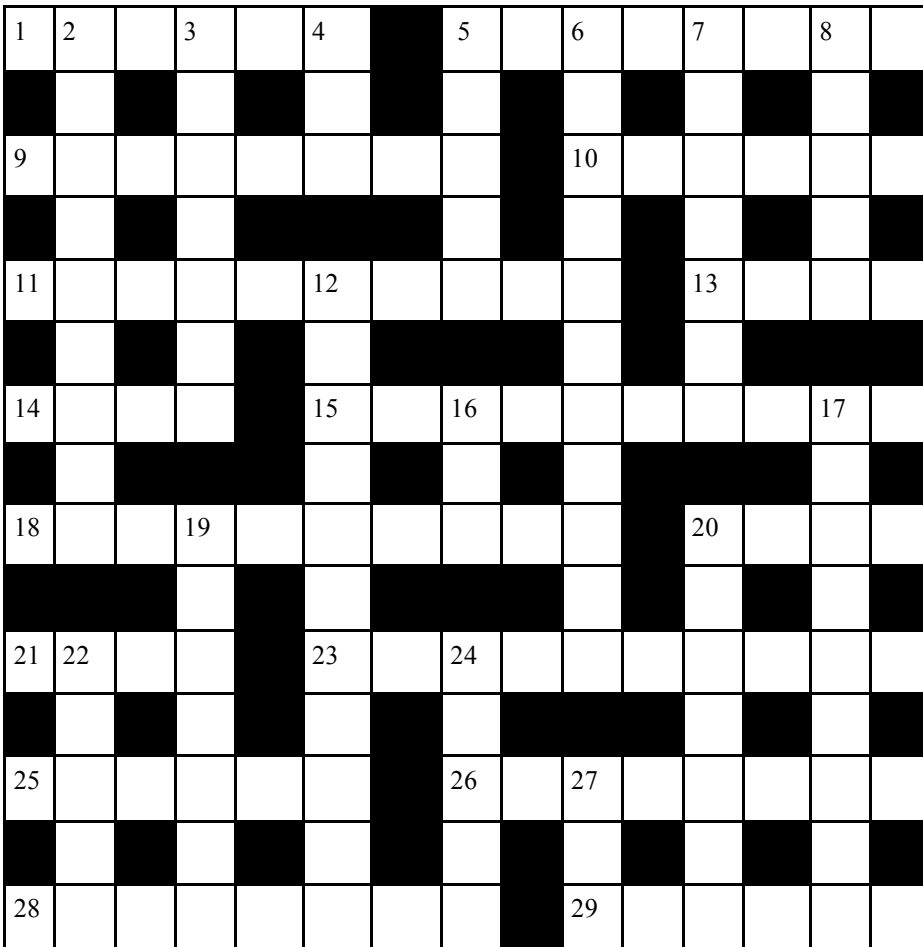
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ACROSS

1. What our neighbours in the South call our neighbours in the North.(6)
5. Having arrived, ogle dromedary driver.(8)
9. Taking for granted, Jennet bend Chinese dynasty.(8)
10. Advance payment, sanction lease. (6)
11. Blue cord English draw together. (10)
13. I owe volunteers small amount.(4)
14. Blow up explosive. (4)
15. Brush part of leg supporting head. (10)
18. Standard information technology promises to be deeply criminal.(10)
20. Try to please neutral.(4)
21. Lead emblem.(4)
23. American dividing line.(5,5)
25. Wrench and get right into country. (6)
26. Methodically shape accessory.(8)
28. Inflames bouquets.(8)
29. Backward part of poem.(6)

SOLUTIONS TO AUGUST'S CROSSWORD. (55)

Across

1. English River
9. Confidant
10. Photo
11. Tees
12. Chartreuse
14. Pilchard
15. Gentle
17. Granta
19. Fraction
22. Agoraphobe
23. Drum
26. Tread
27. Means test
28. Cross examine

Down

1. Epcot
2. Genteel
3. Isis
4. Heathers
5. Intern
6. Experience
7. Coquet
8. Foreseen
13. Whiteadder
14. Pageants
16. Cribbage
18. Avocet
20. Israeli
21. Thames
24. Metre
25. Asia

DOWN

2. Spread or lubricate euphorbiaceous extract.(6,3)
3. Bitter cry causes Bermuda buttercup to flourish.(7)
4. Jewish name part of feline.(3)
5. Alma can go crazy.(5)
6. Acquire stoneworker to become leading light in the brotherhood. (6-5)
7. Blush if beaten unsalted and dried swimmer.(7)
8. English discharge affair.(5)
12. Angry men rate best discounts.(11)

16. A kiss between two ducks. Very tasty.(3)
17. All-singing stars. The Americas and beyond?(3,6)
19. Clothes get old? Rubbish!(7)
20. Vessel at sea. I get far.(7)
22. Exploit fashionable way to score easy goal.(3,2)
24. Separates angry fists.(5)
27. Drowned valley in area of Adriatic. (3)

NUMBER OF ENTRIES
11 (7 correct)

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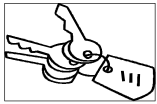
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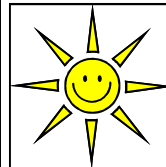
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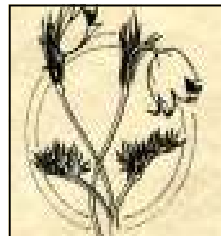
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