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Since this is the December issue of the Haydon News, it gives me great pleasure on behalf of the Friends of Haydon Bridge to wish you all a Merry Christmas. It seems a little early but never mind. Of course it is a luxury to be able to convey such a message to every household in the village or indeed any message. Infact there may be few villages where a News Sheet is circulated, free of charge, to every household once a month. Don't forget, any individual organisation or club may use the pages of the Haydon News to convey information or views and many have made use of it; various churches, the Parish Council, the Band, the Day Centre etc. The Editor, of course, has the right to reject and edit as he thinks fit. The first point I want to make is that there are organisations which do not take advantage of the pages of the Haydon News. There is no reason why they should if they don't want to but it is a good way to let people know what is going on.

The second point is that it cost money to buy paper and ink. I have mentioned before the marvellous support given to the Haydon News by the local traders for which thanks again.

We would naturally like to have more Members. Cne pound will buy you membership for 1981. If you don't want to join the Friends of Haydon Bridge we would be happy to accept a contribution towards the News Sheet. The Friends of Haydon Bridge are affiliated to the Community Association and every member must pay a subscription to the Community Association. Please use the form at the end of the paper.

#### P. Sharp

May I use the pages of your News Sheet to reply to Mrs D Thompson, on the subject of the old Haydon Bridge cemetery.

Mrs Thompson gives the impression that the cemetery is a veritable jungle with hardy weeds and bracken. I walked around it the other day and counted over twenty graves in well kept condition and at least twelve of these are in pristine order from one season to the next. I do not profess to be a botanist but I could find none of the bracken Mrs Thompson observed.

Mrs Thompson criticises Rev. Beniams for not spending public money on clearing the cemetery. Does she not read newspapers or listen to talk of cut backs in public spending on the television. The money is just not there to be spent. I agree that it would be nice if something could be done about the condition of the cemetery, but there is a saying that tactions speak louder than words" so could Mrs Thompson as one of the caring relatives she mentions not lead the way,

scythe in hand and clear her own relatives grave which is much easier to reach than some which are kept tidy.

Mrs J Brown Church Street Haydon Bridge

#### Haydon Bridge Football Club

Haydon Bridge has been able to boast a good Football Club over a period stretching back well into the last century. At one time the team was The Robins.

Prior to settling down at Low Hall Park the teams played on a number of fields such as The Showfield, Low Hall, Threepwood, Geeswood, Spa Well Field and Crossley Burn. Before becoming established in their own Club House the teams changed in several different centres including The Scotch Arms Hotel, The Anchor Hotel, The Haydonian W. M. Club, The Community Centre, The Church Hall and The Old Tennis Club pavilion. The present Committee members wish to express their appreciation of the valuable assistance provided by owners and tenants of the above named fields and premises. Many kind people have worked hard in providing a Football Club of which the district can be proud. In mentioning the names of a few who set up the Supporters Club we trust that the scores of others, who can identify themselves or their friends, with the growth of the Football Club, will accept our sincere thanks and appreciation. The examples we are proud to mention are Mr and Mrs John Heslop (Hordley Acre), Mrs G Weir, Mrs D Oliver Senior, Mrs W Brayson and the late Mrs H Brown.

Immediately before the last World War the Club played in the Ryton and West Tyne league and since the War in the Ryton and West Tyne league follwed by the Hexham and District League and since 1973 in the Hexham and North Tyne League. Some Honours gained are: - League Championships 1951, 53, 71, 72: League Cup Winners 71, 72, 75, 78 and 79: Clayton Challenge Cup Winners 32, 51, 54, 73, 74,75 and 79: Haltwhistle Cup 74. many other Honours prior to 1939 but the records are not readily to hand. The present ground, Low Hall Park, was purchased from Mr Joe Anderson of Low Hall Farm in 1971. It was levelled, partly drained and sown with the appropriate seeds mixture and first played on in the 73-74 season. major draining scheme was carried out by Club Members under the watchful eye of Mr Keith Dodd. The pavilion was built by the firm of builders Benson and Dixon Ltd. and used for the first time in the season 74-75. Funds were raised by the Supporters Club, by kind backers, from the proceeds of Field Days and from Grants received from the Department of Education and Science, Northumberland County Council, and Northumberland Playing Fields Association.

Some £18,000 was raised and spent in providing the Ground and the Pavilion Some four years ago land adjacent to the Club's premises was purchased from Tilcon Ltd. This area is being developed by Club Members in order to prôvide a second pitch and a car park.

In recent years two young players, George Hope and Shaun Elliot, have left to play first class football for Newcastle United and Sunderland respectively. The present Committee members wish to pay tribute to the many excellent players, born and bred in the Parish, who have brought honours and respect to Haydon Bridge.

Today we have four teams using our facilities: The Senior XI, The Colts, The Juniors and the Anchor Hotel XI. It takes a big sum of money to keep afloat and we are indebted to all who assist financially or by actually working to help the Club. We mention but a few; Ladies who wash strips, the groundsman who refuses to accept payment, the producer of pantomimes, makers of tea on Match days, Committee members and others who turn up to watch the teams in action. A special word for Mr J C Heslop and his helpers who run the Juniors and the Colts who are now standing at the top of their respective leagues. Pop Robson, Ritchie Pitt and Shaun Elliot give the players the benefit of first class coaching and splendid example. We can't allow this opportunity to go by without mentioning two men in-The late Bob Harding and Dennis Oliver Junior have given thousands of hours in helping and guiding the Club to its many successes. Please excuse ommissions. This short article, in response to an invitation from the Editor of the Haydon News, merely skims the surface. take many pages to do justice to those who have supported Haydon Bridge Football Club throughout the years.

Open Meetings are held in the W M Club on the first Monday in each month commencing at 7.45 pm. Persons wishing to approach the Football Club on any subject are asked to contact the Secretary who will include the subject on an agenda and if necessary invite representatives to attend a meeting.

Club Officers: - President, Edward Waite; Vice President, John C Heslop Chairman: - Dennis Oliver; Vice Chairman, John Porteous; Treasurer, Drew Brown; Team Managers, J Worthington and R Hope; Groundsman, David Kirsop; Hon. Secretary, Alan Donnelly - 16 Springfield Terrace, Hexham.

A Donnelly - Secretary E Waite - President On behalf of the Committee

#### Festive Days

Christmas time is here once more, hang the holly on the door.

Open up your heavy heart and let your worries all depart.

Greet your neighbour with a smile and maybe linger for a while.

And after all the celebrations be not led into temptations.

Let love and peace together unite and help mankind to set things right.

Merry Christmas to all

G Senior

#### Bureaucratic Davs

In the twilight of our years, we have our hopes we have our fears.

We think of all the many ways, of filling up our retirement days.

Until along come the powers that be, who have delved into bureaucracy.

Oh no! You can't do that there 'ere, it's not allowed by law I fear.

So sad to say we must obey, and try to find another way.

How to fill our leisure hours, and satisfy the ruling powers.

J Nixon

Langley Gardens

### "THE CANDLE CONTEST" IN SUPPORT OF THE DAY-CENTRE

Have you had a guess at how many hours the candle will burn? The candle is in the window of the Wool Shop in Church Street and at the time of going to press was well into its 50th hour, with quite a long way to go yet. This is a harmless bit of fun which hopefully won't break the bank and is in a very good cause. Each guess costs 5p and you never know you might win one third of the proceeds - the other two thirds will be given to the Day Centre. Each evening a "bulletin" is posted in the window and you can see precisely how long the candle has been burning. There is no limit to the number of guesses and you can have more attempts if your guess is overtaken!

#### Havdon Bridge W I

An interesting talk on Hospital Management was given at Haydon Bridge, by Mr Barnham who was thanked by Mrs Heather Smith.

Mrs Ojlson gave the delegates Report on the Council Meeting. A competition for a pretty cruet set was won by Miss Doris Lowdon. The harvest stall raised £10 for cancer research. The social half hour was card bingo. Hostesses for the evening were Mrs Edna Clarke, Mrs M Clarke, Mrs E Burrows and Miss E Foster.

F M Turnbull
21 Ratcliffe Road
Haydon Bridge

#### Council Meeting

It was stated that a drainage improvement, which is to be under taken soon, will solve the problem of the fatiling away of the road at the top of the North Bank and Heugh Lane British no bysh

NEEB have taken away the mechanism of the church clock for repair. Until it is replaced the light will be left on continuously. The lighting is on the public supply system.

Two of the abandoned cars have been removed from Belmont Gardens.

It was reported that flagstones are uneven in Church Street and have caused someone to fall. This will be investigated.

The County have made a representation to the Department of the Environment regarding the lack of money for gritting roads.

The question of the promised Pelican Crossing has been taken up with the Controller.

Payment of £170 for grass cutting and grave levelling was approved. Alga a grant of £25 to the Citizens Advice Bureau.

An application for financial support for the Friends of Haydon Bridge towards the publication of the Haydon News was discussed and sympathetically received. Information regarding their financial position was to be asked for and the matter deferred to the next meeting.

If anyone can provide an old type bayonet it will be possible to repair; the War Memorial.

Lindau T

An estimate of £300 for clearing the War Memorial has been received from a firm who detailed what appears to be a satisfactory method. It was agreed the firm be asked to demonstrate the efficiency of their method on a part of the plaque at the back of the War Memorial.

Vandals have been using the church clock to practice sharp shooting. The police have been informed and will investigate.

Two two representatives from the people active in welfare, to attend the Coffee and Social Evening at the Moot Hall, Hexham were drawn from "the hat" and were Mrs Porteous and Mr Coombes.

A Christmas tree was promised for the Day Centre Christmas Party.

#### British Red Cross

The Annual Subscriptions for the Haydon Bridge district amounted to a record sum of £90.00.

### 1980 Poppy Appeal in Haydon Bridge and Langley

The total of £247.08 was made up as follows:-

House to house collection £199.08
United Service of Remembrance collection £41.80
Parish Council wreath £ 6.20

£247.08

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As Hon Organiser for the appeal in Haycon Bridge I should be grateful for the opportunity to thank all those who worked so hard to achieve this magnificent amount and to thank all those who gave so generously.

> Thank you Yours sincerely Peggy Bradley

#### Havdon Bridge Methodist Church 1980

December	2nd	7.30 pm	Mens' Fellowship - Mr R Curry
December	7th	10.45 am 6.00 pm	Mr A G Bell United Service in Parish Church
December	10th	2.30 pm	Women's Own Christmas Party
December	14th	10.45 am 6.00 pm	Family Toy Service Rev Eric Wright
December	16th	7.30 pm	Mens' Fellowship Christmas Supper
December	21st	10.45 am 6.00 pm	Rev Peter Wright Rev H Rushworth (United Carol Service)
Pecember	24th	4.00 pm	The Christmas Story by the Sunday School
December	28th .**	10.45 am 6.00 pm	Rev K Beardsley Mr C F Dodds

#### United Reformed Church

December 13th Concert by Mr Arnold Grieve's Quartet Party

(Further particulars later)

#### St. Cuthbert's Church

1st and 3rd Sundays	10.00 am Holy Communion 6.00 pm Evensong
2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays	8.00 am Holy Communion 10.00 am Matins
December 7th	Combined Service at 6.00 pm
December 3rd	Rev R Cook Haltwhistle at 2.30 pm

#### Church Hall

#### Whist Drives

December	2nd	7.30 pm	Bardon Mill Youth Club
December	9th	7.30 pm	Football Club
December	16th	7.30 pm	Church Tea Hostesses.

#### LANGLEY METHODIST CHURCH

Annual Silver Tree and Concert -Saturday 13th December 7.30 pm

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#### LANGLEY VILLAGE HALL

Prize Whist Drive 20th December 7.30 pm Prompt

Admission 40p Food Hampers to be Raffled

#### Men's Fellowship

The two November Meetings have been well attended, although we missed our friends from Allendale at the first Meeting, when we had a re-visit from Mr L C Coombes. The subject was Haydon Bridge in the early 18th Century. Mr Coombes has obviously devoted much of his time to the history of the Parish, and without going into detail, I can say it was quite the most interesting evening we have spent, and I am sure many others in the village would be interested.

The Rev G Ambler visited us, and talked about his life in Ghana, where he spent 4 years. An interesting talk, including comments on some West Indian Cricketer of "Test Fame".

Rev Ambler is a newcomer to Allendale, and has promised to make a return visit early next year.

Our closing meetings for 1980 are as follows:-

December 2nd Mr R Curry A slide show of holiday snaps

December 16th This is our Christmas Supper Night, details will be given out at the meeting on December 2nd.

To the Editor and his staff "A Thank You", with Best Wishes for Christmas and New Year from the Men's Christian Fellowship.

St Cuthbert's Church - Women's Fellowship, Wednesday 3rd December at 2.30 pm - Rev R Cook Haltwhistle

#### 1896

In November 1896 Haydon Parish Council in naming streets in the village decided to call the road leading to the Roman Wall, Roman Street, and the main road leading west Ratcliffe Road after the Derwentwater family. The Council also decided that Shaftoe Street, Shaftoe Court and Shaftoe Terrace should be named after the Rev John Shaftoe who they felt had left a magnificent charity to the district.

#### 1881

Haydon Bridge formed its first Football Club. The resolution to form a Club had been made at a meeting when Mr Waugh, who was appointed Secretary, stated that the billage already had a Cricket Club and a Football Club seemed to be the only thing required to give the youth of the village a healthy recreation throughout the season. The newly formed Club held its first practice in a field loaned by the Landlord of the Anchor Inn. As the reporter stated in the evening "There being a full moon the sky cloudless the ball was sent rolling and a good number took part in the game". The next day the Club received their first challenge for an intervillage match from Allenheads but on accepting and checking on their opponent's discovered their rivals only played rugby.

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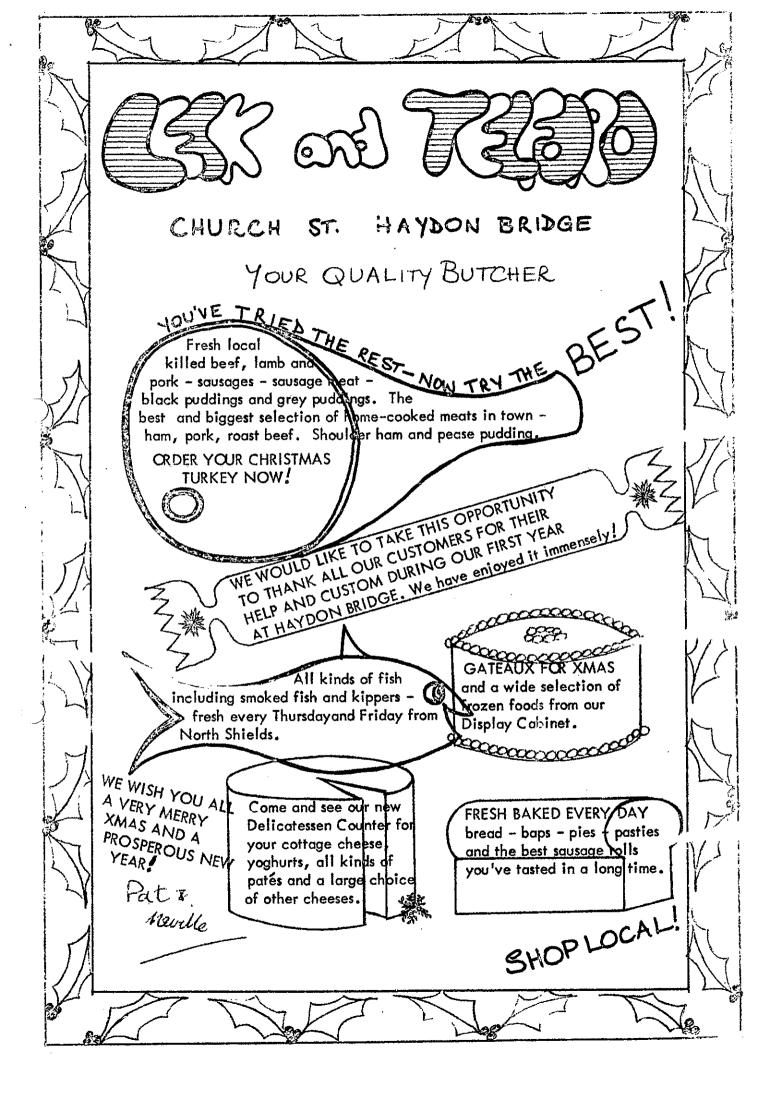
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#### Letter from the Editor

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking all the people connected with the production and distribution of the Haydon News. There is alot of work and time involved in the preparation of the Newsletter. I would also like to thank all those who have contributed with articles etc without which there would be no newsletter.

A special thanks for the support received from the local business persons by their advertising in the news. I look forward to receiving the same help and co-operation in 1981 as I received this year, and I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year. Thanking you once again.

The Editor

The Deadline for the next issue is Sunday 30th December