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Editor's Letter

Dear Friends

On Thursday evening I attended a retirement reception for a lady who had completed 32 years teaching in the same school. The occasion was one of the happiest I have been to in a long time. It was not just the food and wine, for both were excellent, but a sense of belonging which each person felt and enjoyed to the full.

I have had as one of my fellow teachers for the past year one Neil Blevins. To those of you who remember Neil when he lodged at Ridley Hall, he sends his best wishes.

How many of you collect antiques? (apart from Mr. Smith who appears to have been collecting a new son-in-law just recently). I ask this question because it has come to my notice that someone in the village has taken to collecting antique lavatory doors. If you have any of these items don't send them to me, but I will be willing to advertise these items for sale in this magazine.

I have decided to have a rest during August, and so the next issue will not appear until the end of September. We hope to make up a bumper issue - keep the articles coming.

Have a happy holiday.

Marion Howard

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"Village de Vacances"

On Saturday 18th June - very early - 41 pupils and 5 adults from Allendale middle School arrived home, tired but happy - after a highly successful holiday in Brittany. The journey was long but the weather was good and the crossings between Weymouth and Cherbourg very calm.

We stayed in a very well equipped "Village de Vacances" on the Breton coast near Carnac. The chalets were comfortable and the food good - French but not too much so. We drank our breakfast coffee out of "bols" and ate crusty French bread by the metre. The area itself had veverything.

We had the run of miles of safe clean beach where we bathed, played games or collected shells.

We visited Megalithic sites; the old market in Auray (and the new Hypermarket outside Auray).

We went to Vannes with its medieval streets of half-timbered houses and hundreds of sailing boats in the harbour.

We drove down the coast to Quiberon and another day to Quimper and the old walled town of Concarneau. We saw Breton costume - especially headdresses worn for everyday - in the village of Locronan. We went by boat to the beautiful Ile aux Moines.

We drank coffee basking in the sunshine at tables spilling onto the pavement.

Social events included a disco, a beach party and a visit to a creperie.

We would all have gladly stayed longer. A la prochaine!

Mrs E. Charlton Allendale Middle School

Coffee Evening

The Watson Family & friends will be holding a Coffee Evening and Cake Stall in the Community Centre on Saturday August 20th commencing at 6 pm. Admission 30p (this includes coffee and biscuits). There will be home-made cakes & preserves for sale. Proceeds will be in aid of the Community Centre Benefit Fund. All are welcome. Come and have an enjoyable evening.

Don't forget the Supper Dance in the Haydon Bridge High School on Friday September 9th. Dancing from 9 pm until 1 am. Dancing to Alex MacArthur & his Scottish Broadcasting Band. Supper at 10.30 pm. Tickets available at Watsons Garage or phone Haydon Bridge 214. Admission by ticket only at £2.50.

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The Great North Run 1983

I trained for two years (it is twenty one years since I. was made to do a cross-country at school); I wrote begging letters to scores of far-flung relations and friends asking for sponsorship; I risked every friendship I had loally by naking my friends feel they had no alternative but to support my lunatic enterprise; I even, ever so slightly, blackmailed my colleagues (the merest hint that their work would be relegated to the bottom of the heap prompted unprecedented flights of generosity). And if that wasn't enough... I get a phone call from the Editor demanding an ticle for the Haydon News!

As my running companion remarked as we stood halfway down the line of runners filling both carriageways of the central motorway at nine of clock in the morning, stretching away to the front and behind bright singlets shimmering like the heat haze beyond, the voice over the Tannoy telling us that some runners were already being treated for heat exhaustion, "This is a fine mess you've got me into".

What was it like. (Editor, authoritatively: "I want you to describe what it was like".) It's hard to say. I had two predominating thoughts: the heat (- I would never go outside by choice in that temperature, to run 13 miles seemed foolhardy and the large amount of sponsorship money which was dependent on my finishing.

Three weeks on, a few things stand out - the cheer that went up as the disabled entrants set off 10 minutes before the rest of us, the deafening noise under the bridges which actually hurt my eardrums, the crowds, the sight of so many people ahead and behind, and best of all the sight of the sea and knowing I was going to make it.

spite my running partner's constant urging for a sprint finish - he has enough competitive spirit for both of us and a few more besides - I insisted on crawling (figuratively, not literally) along the sea-front. I savoured every second and every inch of that last 1; miles. I looked at every face, at every house and lampost, at the road, the cliffs, the other runners. I wallowed, basked, drank it up. I'd done it.

And if I can get in next year, I'll be back there doing it all over again.

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The Haydon Bridge Marathon

The warm rays of the morning sun shone through the low windows of the Railway Hotel as the Landlord stood behind his bar, immaculate as ever, polishing glasses that glinted and gleamed as he deftly turned them with well manicured hands.

It was Saturday morning again and the gentlemen of the Club were already coming into the clean, fresh smelling bar and occupying the seats in the window next to the fire place. Ossie had taken up his usual seat, the most prominent one and Sammy had done the honourable thing once again - that of buying Ossie his half-lager, for after all, Ossie is still president of the Club and as long as he remains in that position it is only the right and proper thing for Sammy to do, he being vice-president. Michael Pigg walked through the open door, said "Good corning" to everyone, ordered his ale then took the corner seat looking the picture of contentment as he lit his pipe and sat back in anticipation of the events to be discussed by the Club, for much had to be said about the forth-coming event: thatof the Haydon Bridge Marathon mentioned in last month's Haydon News - when challenged to a race to the Spa Well, 'Wor Percy' said "No thanks, Ass mare fu the lang distance stuff" - and so it has been arranged by the Saturday Morning Club between Wor Percy and Little Lenny ... a long distance race from the Railway Hotel to the Carts Boo Inn, Langley. Ned Davidson had been asked to attend the Saturday Morning Club as a guest, and as he wandered into the bar he lowered his head to gaze over the top of his spectacles, momentarily looked around to locate where the Club sat, at the same time blowing the ash ash from off the Woodbine that dangled between his lips.

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"Ower heor, Ned", shouted Ossie as he reached into his pocket and pulled out a neat wallet from which he produced a clean, well-pressed one pound note and, passing it to Sammy the vice-President, asked him to get Ned's favourite tipple - a bottle of Mackays.

"By, thus's spendin weel the morn", laughed Jean as she passed the guest of honour's drink and the President's change back over the bar to Sammy before they all settled down to talk about the Marathon — for Ned, being an old established member of the Haydon Bridge Silver Band, had been invited to the Club to be told that the forthcoming event between Wor Percy and Lenny would be sponsored and all monies go to aid the Silver Band.

By now the place was beginning to fill up - the Brigadier leaned against the bar in silence, deeply absorbing the contents of 'The Times', while at the far end of the bar Phillip Hubbuck guifawed and laughed as he turned to Page Three of 'The Sun' and shouted, "How, How, Charver, leuk at the B...s on hor", as he spluttered and coughed on his pint.

Through the open door of the bar the Church clock could be heard to strike noon and still Cliffie had not arrived for the morning session.

"I'm afraid we'll have to commence without him" said the President now in a refined voice, for with all members here bar one the whole job had to be conducted in a proper manner.

"He wunnit be comin" said Charles Thompson, the news reporter to the Club. "Why not?" said the President.

"Well ... he's started employment with Tynedale District Cooncil as a bin man - and he's findin it hard, wat wi the het wither an havin been a man o' leisure fer a lang time - he's not used tid, the hivy bins hess him tired, clapped - nacked - he's fast asleep in bed" said Charles.

"Oh well" replied Ossie, "If he's a refuse collecting consultant he's a man under pressure ... Ah, ah, ah, ha, ha - ha, ha, ha ... (pressure of the bins on his shoulder)", laughed Ossie as every member drew closer to hear what expert advice the President might give in words of wisdom as to the abilities, possibilities, the highest attainable time or any unlikely thing that may mar this worthy event. So in all seriousness the members of the Club solemnly and gravely settled into the subject of the Marathon and would leave the more spicy news, local gossip and those who go out for walks with the intention of peeping upon others to be talked and laughed about later.

Above the clicking of dominoes at the next table the President was heard to say that. Percy would win the race with ease as he was a steady plodder. "Ah've watched him cum oot the pub and set off at a steady trot, swinging fra side ta side like a pendulum as he gallops for yem and niver oot o' breeth", said Ossie, mare fu the lang distance stuff.

"Aye. But ... little Lenny, niver under-estimate him" said Sammy the vice-President. Members of the Club agreed in unison. For unknown to many, Lenny trains at night when he thinks no-one can see him as he flashes across the new bridge like a hare - the little legs going like Catherine Wheels on Guy Fawkes night - before stopping at his caravan.

"Aye, but little does he kna Aa've watched him puffing for wind ootside his 'von'; said reporter Thompson, as he'd peeped from behind a bush down the waterside in a check of the contestants. "He's not a stayer" said he, "Wor Percy's boond to win".

Well, after much talking and debating the qualities of the likes and dislikes of the contestants it was decided that a silver cup would be of very little use to either man as they would have to keep it polished anyway, so all were in agreement that a large barrel of ale along with plates lader with sadwiches and pies be set up on a table in the car park of the Carts Bog Inn, arrangements to be made between landlord Wright of the Carts Bog and landlord Saunders of the Railway Hotel.

The Carts Bog, where the Marathon is to end, would prove to be the most exciting, for large crowds will gather there to watch Wor Percy or Lenny gallop towards the prize (the barrel), and so things could get rather out of hand, but not overlooking this fact also it was agreed upon to contact Allan White, "the Marshall" of Langley to keep law and order along with his Deputies, Big Stephen, and the Whitfield strong man, Allen Harris.

Marathon is to take place at 1 pm on September 32nd from outside the Railway Hotel by a shot from the revolver of the Haydon Bridge Sheriff, Tex Adrink, and so the Saturday Morning Club agreed in unison on all these matters.

The low bar was now full of smole and Percy and Lenny eyed each other up with caution as they partook of their daily rejuvenator. Suddenly a deathlike silence crept over the bar and all set trembling as they directed their collective gaze towards the door leading into the dining room where a form had suddenly appeared, stood in silence for a while then shouted "COME ON, YOU LOVELY PEOPLE - LET'S HAVE YOUR GLASSES OFF - NOW".

And so once again the Saturday Morning Club broke up and scuttled out both front and side doors at such great speed that one would think they were <u>all</u> entering the

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A place to park

Would the people who helped to repair the Community Centre car park please accept the grateful thanks of the Watson family and friends for their effort and hard work. We think all who use the car park will be delighted with the results of your combined efforts.

St. John's Catholic Church, North Bank, Haydon Bridge

On behalf of the Roman Catholics of Haydon Bridge Parish and the Parish of Haltwhistle, which I also serve, I wish to extend my very sincere thanks to the very large number of people who contributed so generously to our Garden Fete, held on the last Sunday of June. I was simply staggered at the amount of money raised on one afternoon - £1400. We would not have reached this large sum of money were it not for the great generosity of our many non-Catholic friends. Many thanks indeed.

I take this opportunity to thank all of you for the very warm welcome you have given to me since my arrival in the village last Christmas. I have made many new friends already, particularly among the non-Catholic population. As time goes by I hope to visit all of you.

I am extremely happy to be given such a lovely appointment by my bishop. I love your little village and the beautiful countryside. I cover a verl large area: Gilsland, Haltwhistle, Slaggyford, Allenheads, Allendale, Catton, Fourstones and all the surrounding villages. It is agreat joy for me to visit my scattered flock. At times, I imagine that I am just back home in the county of Kilkenny, Southern Ireland, where I come from. Northumberland is just as beautiful as Ireland!

Finally, I wish to let you know that I look upon my vocation as a calling to help enyone, irrespective of creed, even those who have no faith. You will be most welcome at our Services (Haydon Bridge, Sundays 9.30 am, and Haltwhistle at 11 am). If you are worried or troubled about anything, or just wish to have a little chat, then do not hesitate in coming along. I live at the Presbytery on Worth Road. My telephone number of Haydon Bridge 265.

May the blessing of God be upon you all.

Thomas Power (Rev.)

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In Memorian

I am sure that many male customers of the "Carts" will join with me in mourning the passing of an old friend. I refer of course to the sudden and trgic demise of the gents' outside toilet - gone without trace, never to be seen again.

This famous and ancient building, which to my personal knowledge stood there harmlessly for 200 years, has fallen victim to the demolition hammer, making . way for space to park one more car.

Oh, Death where is thy sting?

As my friend Bill Tait remarked - where else in the whole of Northumbria could a man stand and do what he had to do with a canopy of stars above his head and the sound of curlew and redshank in his ears?

What the landlord doesn't realise (poor misguided soul, he tries hard) is that he has cut short the promising literary career of a certain Owld Tawny, for it was from these hallowed walls that he got most inspiration. Owld Tawny could often be seen on a fine summer's night perched on a block of wood in the corner, peering over the wall at the birds and wildlife in abundance outside.

You will notice that I refer to the pub as the 'Carts' . I mean, what else can it be called now that the most outstinding architectural feature has gond?

(Signed) Timber rr

PS. It has been suggested that a write be held. All interested please contact Albert Stalke.

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Dool Titles

"Success" by Anna C. Ball
"Explosion" by Dinah Might
"Crossword" by Ivor Clew
"At the Butcher's" by Lena Leet
"The Great Histake" by Ivor Rubber

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Donling Derby

Despite an evercast norming the sun broke through the clouds to provide a norm afternoon for the Haydon Bridge Football Club's Donley Derby. An estimated 1,000 people supported what is becoming one of the biggest events in the Haydon Bridge calendar. On behalf of the Football Club I would like to thank all those who helped in the setting up of the stalls and marquees, the actual running of the events and the clearing up afterwards; without their help the whole event would be impossible. We now look forward to a new football season and hope we can rely on your continued support.

Hoy Thompson

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September	4	10.45 am 6 pu	Mr. Hutchinson Circuit Service at Trinity Church (Heldam). Welcome to Rev. M. Adams
	7.	2.30 pm	Women's Own - Rev. A. Wignall
	11	10.45 an 6 pn	Dr. Severs (Family Service) Mr. H. Henderson

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1st Haydon Bridge Brownies

On Saturday July and we had a sponsored walk in aid of Brownie funds. Fortunately it was a lovely morning as 16 Brownies, 2 helpers and ourselves the leaders set off along the Land Ends road with Plankey Mill in our sights. The journey there all ays seems much shorter than the one home, with everyone full of enthusiasm and the prospect of a picnic and games when we reached Plankey. It was 9.45 am when we set off from Shaftoe Trust School and 11.30 when we reached Plankey. Quite an achievement for 7-10 year olds. By this time everyone was hungry and ready for their picnic lunch of sandwiches, crisps and pop, etc. After everyone's lunch had settled we enjoyed some games, and before we began our walk back everyone had an ice lolly.

It was a lovely walk back through the woods with the wild pansies and rhododendrons in full bloom. Somehou we missed the lily pond but we still came out of the woods at the right spot and ended on horley Banks. We rested on the roadside for a while as by this time it was very warm.

The walk up Morley Banks and down to Spence's farm and home seemed endless to sixteen tired Brownies. To keep them going we had a sing-song. The last ones arrived back at the school by 4 o'clock.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who contributed to this event. Over-2100 was raised and this money will enable us to buy the necessities to keep us going during the next year.

We would also like to thank our two helpers, Gillian Armstrong and Heather Young, for giving up their Saturday to help with the children.

Ano her thank you to Joanne Telford and Caroline Hason who have been our unit helpers during the last few years. Joanne is about to pursue here coreer in London and Caroline is going to University - they will be a great miss as they have come regularly and are founder members of the pack. We wish them every success and happiness for the future.

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> Larion Howard 2 Alexandra Terrace Haydon Bridge. (Tel. HB. 360)

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HAS ANYONE LOST A CAT?

As we have a blank page this month! I am taking the liberty of making use of it. At about 11pm on Tuesday 2md August, a small black tom arrived on my step. Although totally black, He has an Oriental look about him and is probably crossed Siamese. He is about 5 months old and housetrained. He doesn't have fleas, ear mites or any obvious pussycat problems, is very affectionate and keeps himself scrupulously clean. Unfortunately, my own cat won't accept him and while my dogs would love him, they'd prefer him with green peas and mint sauce. So he needs a loving home.

Please contact Joan Hawley, Heugh Lane Cottage, Tel. HB 477.

Parish Council Pickings

Attendance was pretty good for a fine summer evening - 8 out of 11. There were also three members of the public present.

Road safety figured again. The Police are running a radar speed trap on the entrance to the village for a month: the public participants raised the matters of inconsiderate driving in the back lane, and of the desirability of repainting the centre line round Peelwell corner, warning signs there having been refused by the County Surveyor.

The Surveyor asked for comments on a proposal to make permanent the temporary 1-ton weight restriction on the Honeycrook Burn bridge in Joicey Lane. The Parish Council itself had nothing to say, but it is possible that the restriction may inconvenience those who farm the surrounding land.

The District Planning Department is investigating the legitimacy of the mobile snack bar and the van selling frozen foods. Meanwhile a planning application has gone forward for the addition of a study and WC at Riverview, Land Ends. The applicant is the Diocese of Newcastle, and the Vicar expects to move into this house in September as his new, and more manageable, Vicarage. The present one will presumably be up for sale.

Attention was drawn to various delapidations to street and roadsign lighting

Councillors heard that Mr Birley had complained to the Minister of Transport about the lack of a planned date for the bypasses here and at Haltwhistle. It was agreed that the Parish Council should do its bit by voicing its own dissatisfaction at the delay.

The Council agreed to make the usual annual contribution to the Community Associations in the village and at Langley.

The County Council has obtained possession of the building which is to house the library. The cost of conversion has gone up to £7950 (possibly because the roof is in poorer condition than was thought) and the Parish seems to be expected to cover the increase. Meanwhile, work is in progress.

Complaint was made about the amount of mess and litter in Church Street. The main problem seems to be the inbuilt reluctance of many of the High School pupils to make use of the facilities provided. And when the sweeper comes, parked cars prevent it doing its job properly. The Council decided to ask the Headmaster to exhort his pupils to behave more responsibly in this respect.

Comments were then considered on the policies underlying the Tynedale Local Plan 1982/91. The intention that the population of the village should be maintained provoked a discussion on the shortage of private housing in general, and of cheaper private housing for young families in particular. Two new housing sites are envisaged - extension of Langley Gardens, and, after the bypass, Inner Haugh (or is it Heugh?)

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