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Editor's Letter

Dear Friends

I apologise for the late delivery of the last newsletter. Unfortunately the gunge gremlins got into the printing machine. This timet hey decided to throw ink at our printer and her household effects. Mrs Hawley deserves a medal for her efforts in coming to terms with this cantankerous machine.

November is an end of the year month, sandwiched between the month which ends with Halloween and the festive month of December. This could well be a good month to stop and take stock of our own lives and the world around us. Perhaps like the Greeks "love of wisdom"; better known to us as Philosophy, we may ask ourselves how life should be lived. Philosophy sets up systems to explain human thought. One of these systems teaches that nothing can be taken at face value and everything must be proved by observation and experiment. However the rival system sees philosophy as a tool for changing society, by allowing people to embrace every possible human experience.

Duringthe time which has passed between issue 47 and issue 48 I have managed many human experiences, some of which I could have done without. Many of my experiences have encompassed entities which I have taken at face value in the first instant, and at a later time I have had to question my face value deductions and form new opinions.

One of the most fundamental problems I have had to solve has been what my priorities are towards this newsletter. Since I am able to listen to comment in the village about the letters we print I am also able to improve the newsletter by taking advice from you the readers.

In future I will recognise a writer's wish to remain anonymous only if their name and address is enclosed with the letter. There is a serious side to this request - a very kind reader set a short quiz "Can You Remember?". Unfortunately this reader is so anonymous that I don't know the answers to print in this issue.

Let us hope that any other hiccups associated with the newsletter are easily resolved and that we get the gunge gremlin before he gets us.

Keep with us until December.

Marion Howard

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National Childrens Home

I would like to thank most sincerely the people of Haydon Bridge who gave so generously to the house-to-house collection in aid of the National Childrens Home, during the last fortnight in September, also to the helpers who so willingly gave of their time to distribute and collect the envelopes.

The result of this collection on behalf of the boys and girls was £162.14. This effort was greatly appreciated at the headquarters of the NCH.

Thanks to everyone.

Sarah A. Todd Local Honorary Secretary

Parish Council Pickings

Seven Councillors in attendance.

County Councillor D. Gibson wrote to say that he had attended a meeting with United Bus. As a result they have been persuaded to withdraw a rather smaller number of services than they had at first proposed. The Parish Council expressed its appreciation.

The traffic island at the entrance to Church Street came in for some criticism. Long vehicles have difficulty in turning in when approaching from the east: traffic coming out of Church Street to turn right cannot see what is coming because of the signs. While it was agreed that some sort of physical barrier to corner-cutting is needed, it was decided to send off a list of criticisms of the existing installation to the County Surveyor. Attention was also drawn to the poor state of the paving near "The Crags" in North Bank, and to the overgrown hedgerow in the neighbouring field.

It was also noted that some street lamps failed to come on at North Bank, while others in the village refused to go out.

Planning applications included one from Taits Transport in which they sought remission to do what they have been doing for some years, namely to make use of an doing for manoeuvring and parking vehicles. Apparently there has been some neighbourly objection to this practice, but Cllr. Tait argued (rather engagingly) that as his grandfather had used the field for grazing his draught horse, the land in question had always been used for the purposes of a haulage depot! The Council was assured that the objector's views would be considered by Tynedale Planning Committee and so decided to make no comment on the application.

Information was received on the make-up of the new Police Liaison Committee. The Parish is not directly represented, but will receive a copy of the Minutes of meetings.

Cllr. Waite drew attention to the excellent work done at Haydon Spa by the Shaftoe Young Farmers, and the Council gladly agreed to express their gratitude to those involved. Consideration will be given to means of making more use of the Spa, now that it is in good shape.

The Remembrance Service on November 13th will start at 10.45 am this year, a time convenient to all the participating Churches.

ext month we shall get a progress report on the Library from Clr. Waite.

Church of England Children's Society

The amount raised this year from the above boxes totalled £177.25. Many thanks to all box holders. May I take this opportunity of thanking Mrs Ohlsen for the work she has done as Secretary for the past seven years.

Mrs M. Curry (newly appointed Secretary)

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Scouts and Cubs Christmas Bazaar

Stalls * Games * Teas * Tombola

Community Centre on I2th November Opening at 2pm

Gifts towards - Cake stall - Christmas stall - Tombola - IOp Brand tub.

Nearly new games would be gratefully received. The Hall will be open
from IO am onwards on I2th November.

Joyce Brown

STATEMENT OF APOLOGY

In the issue of The Haydon News for September/October 1983 there appeared a letter on the subject of Community Rural Aid Limited. Our attention has been drawn to the fact that certain statements in that letter were untrue.

In particular neither of the two Directors of that Company, nor any other persons connected with it earns a salary of £20,000 per annum. None of them are provided with a Company car and none of them draws any expenses except those properly incurred on Company business. Further, jobs with that Company at Local Organiser level do not attract a salary of £9,000 per annum, are not part-time and are no sinecure.

Finally, the selection of persons for jobs with that Company is carried out in a wholly proper manner and not obtained by "a wangle" as was alleged.

The Editorial Staff of The Maydon News regret that these unfounded allegations were made and take this opportunity of apologising for them to Community Rural Aid Limited.

Shaftoe Young Farmers Club News

For the past four Sundays the club have been involved in a countryside project. This is a scheme which most clubs in the country have been involved in and can be anything from planting trees and bulbs, painting and decorating community centres or church halls to cleaning up a local beauty spot. Shaftoe club decided to do something which would be worthwhile in the Haydon Bridge areaa and chose to "clean up" Haydon Spa.

The Spa was very overgrown and neglected when the club began the project. The well was cleaned out and all stagnant water was drained into the river. The iron railings were repainted and the plaque above the well was restored. The seats were repaired as all the old wood was rotten. The footpath down to the well was very shut in and was wet and muddy. The path was widened and undergrowth cut back. New drains were put along the edge of the path and hoggin was laid on top. A new fence was made down the footpath using posts and rails which were kindly donated by Jacksons Saymills. Trees along the riverside were felled; this has opened it out and improved the view.

The club are to presented with a certificate for this project from Princess Anne at the county AGM in November.

Anyone interested in joining Shaftoe YFC should contact William Huddlestone, club chairman (tel. Alicardale 282) or Polly Armstrong, secretary (tel. Hexham 602730) or come along to our "New Members Wight" on November 21st 1983 (Monday) at 7.30 pm in the Church Hall, Haydon Bridge.

Polly Armstrong Secretary

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HAYDON BRIDGE METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. A. Wignall writes:

It not only rained all the time some 16 of us were in Bassenthwaite, it blew a gale, so none of us were tempted to leave our group study and prayers for long. A few folk went into Keswick on Saturday afternoon and two of us explored 4 nearby lakes in the car. There was some very practical teaching from Rev. Derek Cook on "getting alongside people". He used the symbol of a teacup, saucer and spoon at one session and we used the snooker table as our communion table with a cross above made of two billiard cues as the centrepiece for Sunday worship. We learned to share each other's experience and faith at a much deeper level and learned something of sharing in the life of Jesus Christ to the point of having something to share with prayerfully and perceptively the way our Church should be serving and witnessing to the people around us.

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Hexham and District Classical Guitar Society

This newly formed society meets, for the first time, on Tuesday November 8th, and fortnighty thereafter, at the Queens Hall, Hexham. For players it will provide a chance togain performance experience in a friendly, informal atmosphere, hear other guitarists, swap ideas and (with luck!) make new friends. For the non-playing enthusiast it provide a regular opportunity to hear a wide range of guitar playing, both by embers and guest recitalists. Although the main emphasis is on the classical guitar, all guitarists and styles will be welcome; it is also intended to feature classical guitar in ensemble with other instruments - flute, voice and string gartet, for example

There are many ways in which the Society could develop - arranging weekend Master-classes, beginners' workshops, concerts outside of Hexham etc - but obviously, all this depends upon the involvement and enthusiasm of the members.

Our first meeting includes a recital from Simon Cohen: full details of this and further programmes are available at the Oueens Hall and in local schools and libraries.

Membership is open to everyone for an annual fee of £5. Family membership is £7.50 and gives membership benefits to all the family - including Granny!

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NEW DATE FOR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

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7.0 pm

Community Centre

Haydon Bridge.

P. Sharp Chairman

Shaftoe Young Farmers

"MEW MEMBERS NIGHT"

November 21st (Monday) at 7.30 pm in the Church Hall,

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in the METHODIST SCHOOLROOM

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The Breakers' Club will be holding a Treasure munt on Bunday Mov. 13th, starting at 12 noon from the Anchor car park. Mon-members will be welcome. There will be prizes for the first three cars home, and a booby prize for thelast one. The entry fee is £1 per car, and poppies must be worn by competitors.

The Autumn Pair went well, making a profit of about £100 towards the Club Christmas party. Tany thanks to all those who helped us, especially the ladies who provided the food. I'm sorry there's not enough space to thank everyone individually. Tore news, including details of the Christmas party, in the next issue.

Jan Hawley.

Haydon Bridge Methodist Church

You are cordially invited to the following services and meeting:

- Nov 8 7.30 pm Men's Fellowship Mr. W. Douglas "Painting for Pleasure"
 - 13 10.45 am Remembrance Sunday. We shall assemble at the War Memorial at 10.45 am for the usual act of Remembrance, and then proceed into the Parish Church for a United Service and afterwards we shall serve teaoor coffee in the Methodist Schoolroom.

6 pm Mr. R. Milinson.

- 16 2.30 pm Women's Own Salvation Army Officer (Hexham)
- 18 7 pm Traid Craft Evening, with coffee
- 19 7.30 pm Instrumental Concert refreshments collection for Tear Fund
- 20 10.45 am Mrs McConway 6 pm Rev. A. Beniams
- 22 7.30 pm Men's Fellowship Mr. L.C. Coombes
- 26 7.15 pm "Gift Night" concert by the Aydon Singers. Gifts to be received by Mrs Doris Buckingham.
- 27 10.45 am Mr. I.S. Dinnis 6 pm Mr. Ewles
- 7.30 pm Fellowship Meeting at Mr & Mrs Mevin Kirsopp's, Rocksprings Crescent.
- 30 2.30 pm Women's Own Mrs Bell (Melkridge)
- Dec 4 10.45 am Rev. J. Cox 6 pm United Service in Parish Church - Rev. A. Wignall
 - 6 7.30 pm Men's Fellowship Christmas Supper
 - 7 2.30 pm Women's Own Christmas Party

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Tail Piece

Please will you have all your comments and literary contributions to me by <u>FRIDAY 25th NOVEMBER 1983</u>. This will enable us to have the next issue, No. 49, in your homes by Friday 8th December 1983.

This will be a special Christmas Issue. Please help me make it a success.

The Editor

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