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Parish Council Pickings 22 March 1984

The <u>Annual Parish Meeting</u> took up very little time. The attendance was 10 councillors, 1 Parish Clerk, 2 reporters and 1 member of the public. No matters were raised. On, therefore, to the Council Meeting.

The Bypass

Many residents of Ratcliffe Road have received letters informing them of their right to have noise insulation installed following completion of the new bridge works. The offer covers secondary glazing of the frontage windows and sound insulation to doors. There was some surprise that this offer should appear so long after the river bridge had been completed, but Cllr. Beniams was able to explain that the "new bridge works" are in fact the new railway crossing west of the village! The Parish Council recommends residents to take advantage of their rights, even though some people have dark suspicions that it is all a plot to inhibit people from complaining about the delay in building the bypass. Some councillors felt strongly that Haydon Bridge should be seen to be as active as Haltwhistle in pushing for an early decision on the date for starting work. Haydon Bridge at least has the time of the bypass settled - Haltwhistle's is still subject to argument. After a good deal of discussion it was agreed that a letter should be sent to the MEP, Dr. Adams, asking him to visit Haydon Bridge and see for himself.

Cleansing and Maintenance

The mechanical sweeper is now operated by the District Council, giving rise to the hope that management responsibility nearer to the site of operation will have a beneficial effect. Nevertheless, the litter around the Greenwich Gardens garages seems to be still there. Cllr. Beniams will pursue the mater. Tipping in Geeswood was also mentioned. The failure of illumination of the trunk road signs and the loss of the "Give way" sign at the John Martin Street junction were noted.

Planning Applications

There was a proposal to build three detached houses on land in Heugh House Lane, and an application to continue operation of a sawmill at West Mill Hills incorporating the use of a caravan as an office. No comments on these proposals.

The minutes of the $\underline{\text{Police Liaison Committee}}$ have been received. The nearest "local" member is probably Cllr. Mennim of Corbridge, if any matters need to be raised by Haydon Bridge residents.

British Rail have announced some minor changes to the timetable. Representations can be made but no modifications arising out of them can be effective before May 1985. Cllr. Beniams is on the Transport Users Consultative Committee, so he is the person to talk to if you have any views on the rail service. It was suggested that the through train at about 9.40 am might be persuaded to stop. If you would actually make use of this train if it did stop, strengthen Cllr. Beniams' case by letting him know.

The cemetery got very wet underfoot some weeks ago, but seems to have improved now: whether the cure is permanent is not clear.

Good progress is being made on $\underline{\text{the library}}$. A resident has donated a seat to the Parish and it is proposed to site it outside the library building.

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Haydon Bridge Bypass

At the Parish Council it seems to be taken for granted that everybody is in favour of the bypass. Obviously, most main road residents and people with young children or aged relatives will receive a great benefit. But diversion of all of the through traffic, especially if the village is to be sealed off like Bardon Mill and Greenhead, must have an effect on the economy of the village. Is there anybody who feels so strongly that the bypass will be a disadvantage that he is prepared to put his point of view in the Haydon News?

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Beginners Welcome

Shaftoe First School

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Dear Editor

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As a recent arrival in Haydon Bridge, I look forward to, and enjoy, my Haydon News. I have particularly enjoyed the writings of Owld Tawny so far. However, after reading with great interest hi4 "Dug out of the Dust" in Issue 51, March 1984, I felt decidedly squashed and unwelcome when I got to the PS. on page 8 about "white

I was born in the TOON but that was my misfortune, not my fault, as my mother happened to be there at the time. Fortunately, I achieved my ambition of eventually living in the country and have been lucky enough to have kindly neighbours who have taken my education in hand with regard to country matters, though I know I will never catch up on the lost years. I will be eternally grateful to these neighbours.

Perhaps Owld Tawny didn't mean to be hurtful and tactless. White Settlers aren't simply "found on committees", they have been either elected or co-opted; they don't just appear. Mainly, they are trying to be useful and to earn their place in village life, NOT trying to show the natives where they went wrong.

I am sadly disappointed to think Owld Tawny has such a parochial attitude. We have sufficient problems with Eastern bloc v. Western bloc, North V. South, without adding Town v. Country.

As a recent White Settler, my loyalty is now to the lovely village where I have CHOSEN to live, and while I am anxious to be helpful and do my bit, I wouldn't dream of trying to tell the long-standing inhabitants where they went wrong, mainly because I can't see that they HAVE gone wrong.

Owld Tawny should count himself fortunate that he has lived so long in such a beautiful place and try to be more tolerant of those who weren't lucky enough to be born and brought up here.

Times is hard, as they say, and we should all try to work together for the good of our village. I hope I haven't put my foot in it by saying "OUR VILLAGE". Perhaps I should have referred to "Owld Tawny's village".

Dr. Livingstone

In the last edition of the Haydon News, mention was made of a teenager who posted a letter to the Editor saying that he "was bored to tears ... "and that there was nothing for people under eighteen to do in Haydon Bridge! I must confess that I have on us, the older generation.

The Generation Gap is a subject over which there has been much controversy over the past years. What exactly is it? Does such a phenomenon exist? If it does, can it be narrowed or even closed? Many questions like these are asked by old and young alike.

The fact is that the Generation Gap does exist. We cannot see it, feel it or photograph it but it is there - an indivisible barrier between young and old, an ever widening chasm. It is not created by age differences, but by the difference in attitudes, beliefs and lifestyles.

On the one hand we have the younger generation, very often described as being reblious, mixed up, lazy or crazy, and nothing short of juvenile delinquents. On the other hand we have the older generation, the mature, responsible and civilised people. But are they? Do both sets of words describe each other clearly? They certainly do not. Many teenagers are very mature andresponsible people, if and when given a chance. Many adults are not.

Parents, teachers and clergy condemn our teenagers today, their music, fashions, pastimes, discos, etc. Teenagers realise that their parents are concerned about them and are trying to protect them from the nasty side of life. However, parents should not try to live their children's lives. They must (ie. the children) be given freedom, and "trust" is the keyword. If they abuse the freedom given to them they must face the consequences. Our young people are subjected to many pressures today. They have their doubts, worries and problems like everyone else. Studies, exams and hard earned results, there are no jobs for them. The environment they live in leads to tension, stress and depression.

What is the answer? I suggest two, one for the older generation and secondly, some advice for the younger generation. Both will bring about great results if tried.

- 1. With a little more of our time given to teenagers, we older people could eliminate many of the problems which divide the old and the young. Communication is the keyword. Can teenagers turn to parents, teachers and clergy today when in trouble or worried about something? I am sorry to have to say that many do not. Why? There is no communication. A little thought, perhaps close it for ever.
- 2. Secondly, I would like to remind our young people today of the words of Pope John Paul to the young people of Ireland, when he visited that country three years ago. The same words could be equally applied to young people here in
- "My dear young people, do not close your eyes to the moral sickness that stalks our society today. How many young people have already warped their consciences and have substituted the joy of life with drugs, sex, alchohol, vandalism and to say, "something that you will find only in Christ, for He alone is the call of Jesus it will not be possible to realize the fullness of your own will your life be meaningful and worthwhile".

I thank God for the many teenagers I have met and got to know since my coming to Haydon Bridge and Haltwhistle. A very large number attend church regularly on Sundays. During the Sundays of Lent, a number have been coming along to my Presbytery in the evenings to pray, discuss religious topics, or just for a chat over a cup of tea. At present nearly twenty young people are being prepared dfor the Sacrament of Confirmation, when in July at Haydon Bridge they will declare publicly in the presence of the bishop and full congregation that they will follow Christ and His teachings. On 13th April thirteen of our teenagers are going away for a weekend Retreat to our Diocesan. Youth Centre at Seaham Harbour. These young people are not bored. They are getting a tremendous lot out of life. Why? Simply because they have an aim in life, they have accepted a great challenge, the greatest challenge, to follow a man called Jesus, a man who died nearly two thousand years ago but is still with us, because He rose from the dead on Easter Sunday. "I," He said, "am the way, the truth and the life ... I have come to give you life and give it to the full".

To all you teenagers who are bored with life, I suggest that you take up that challenge. Why not join us on Sunday evenings at the Presbytery on North Bank at 6.00 pm? If you want to know more about this man Jesus, do come along. All denominatins welcome.

Like Pope John Paul, I too believe in youth with all my heart, and with all the strength of my conviction.

Today's youth --- tomorrow's citizens.

Wishing old and young a very happy and holy Easter, T. Power. (St. John's RC Church)

Hol Week Services at St. John's R.C. Church, North Bank, Haydon Bridge

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Ester Message

"Yen Jesus came to Golgotha they hanged Him on a tree ..."

"Yen Jesus came to Haydon Bridge they simply passed lim by. They never hurt a hair o Him, they only let Him die."

Thoes of Studdert Kennedy, down-to-earth padre of the First World War. Religion is a right for women and cranks. Real men don't go to durch, only to get married and fr a funeral service. You know the saying about only going to church on wheels!

We have we got ourselves into this way of thinking?

She Christ a bit effeminate, a milksop? Is that why le died, because He couldn't land up for Himself? Or wouldn't? Not the kind of gader for real people, not the lind of God that impresses you? Was He God anyway?

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never mind putting yourself out and getting there at 10 am or 6 pm or whenever there is a service. Well, of course, that is what Kennedy called his poem -INDIFFERENCE. And his last verse begins:

"Still Jesus cried 'Forgive them, for they know not what they do', And still it rained the wintry rain that drenched him thro and thro; The crowds went home and left the streets without a soul to see

And Jesus crouched against a wall and cried for Calvary."

Good Friday is all about what it cost God to redeem the world - what it is still costing. Why not come of the united service at the Parish Church on Good Friday at 2 pm? Yes, the Christians get together now and again!

Easter Sunday is a celebration of the fact that God has paid the price of our salvation. God has made death of no account to those dwho believe that in the life and death of Jesus Christ is the key to understanding what the world is all about. Make your Easter Communion, won't you.

And may God bless you with a living faith this Easter.

A. Wignall (Methodist Church)

Haydon Bridge Methodist Church

A warm welcome awaits you at the following services and meetings:

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·			A. Wignall							
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St. Cuthberts Parish Church - Easter Services the second second

GOOD FRIDAY April 20

2 pm United Service in Parish Church Preacher: Rev. A. Wignall

SASTER DAY APPLIESS

8 am Holy Communion 10 am Parish Eucharist 11 .30 am (at old Church) Holy Communion 6 pm Choral Evensong and Sermon

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Eastertide has always been the season, traditional in the Church of England, when those who have been confirmed are expected to attend their parish church. and receive their Easter Communion. This tradition and practice was presumably not only to enable members of the Church to reassert their allegiance to the Church of their birth and baptism, but also to confirm their belief in the Resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ and to claim their share in the life of Jesus available in the Church's fellowship of all believers.

Sadly this tradition of our Easter Communion has lost its appeal to all but the older generation of members: yet it is still a requirement of the Book of Common Prayer in the Rubric "And note, that every Parishoner shall communicate at the least three times in the year, of which Easter (is) to be one".

We ought not to regard our duty to God and our obligations to the Church as anything but a loving, willing response to the call of Jesus to a committed discipleship as his followers in the world today. But if the Rule of the Church helps to remind us of his call, when we tend to forget the implications of our Christian faith, then perhaps it serves us, and God's purpose for us, well enough, even today.

Sincerely yours, Alec Beniams, Vicar.

Haydon Bridge Silver Band

Any person interested in joining the Silver Band - please come to the Community Centre any Sunday at $5.45~\mathrm{pm}$.

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Peel Well "History in the Telling"

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How many people can remember Matthew Ridley, Gentleman Farmer of Peelwell? Farmer Ridley and the life he led at Peelwell were the subject of a talk given by authoress Nancy Ridley to the present day residents of this Well-known abode. Nancy Ridley remembers how Grandfather Ridley had all the houses' occupants up by 5 am. Of the two Aunts in their log dresses she can still recall their domineering manner, and how she was taken to tea. With the devilment that only the young can implement, she recalled the day that she locked one of the Aunts in a cupboard under the stairs and threw the key away into a field behind Peelwell.

"Is there a ghost in the house?" asked Nancy Ridley. When the answer was "No", she gave a chuckle and added, "You surprise me." Matthew was known to thump the floor with his stick, instantly causing the Aunts to come to his aid.

She noted that the missing mounting block, which often supported Matthew after a good day at the Mart, was no longer supportive.

Peelwell Farm supplied cattle for the Royal farms at Windsor. Matthew Ridley's Border Leicester sheep were famous. One ram sold for £100 at Kelso in about 1868.

Although Nancy Ridley had mixed memories of Peel Well and her grandfather, she has kept some items of personal interest, such as a plate from which crumpets were served with Matthew's tea, also a bone china moneybox in the shape of a cottage.

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If you want to read more, you will have to turn to "Northumbrian Heritage" by Nancy. Ridley.

The ladies of Peel Well have sent a letter to Mike. Being Mike Neville, he replied. He thanked them for their letter and included a photo of himself.

Arthritis and Rheumatism Council for Research A STATE OF THE STA

The amount raised in the Jumble Sale was £76. From the slide show we raised £117.

We wish to thank all those who helped to make our efforts so successful. ment makes

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D. Beniams

Church of England Children's Society

The amount raised at a Coffee Evening for the above Society was £88. Many thanks to helpers and those people who gave so generously. 100

M. Curry

Haydon Bridge Football Club

Plans are already being made for the annual Haydon Bridge Football Club Field Day. Due to the success last year of the industrial tent it has been decided to expand this side of the event and also to include a Flower and Vegetable Show. In order to dothis the date of the show has been put back to Sunday 2nd September. At going to press the final details and schedules have not been drawn up - but watch this space.

Roy Thompson, Secretary

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