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Dear Friends

This month has gone quickly as is usual these days. Soon many of us will be looking forward to our Summer Holidays. However the weather during May does not encourage us to hope for lazy, hazy

As I write this letter I am hopeful that this issue will be in your homes by June Ist or June 2ndI985.

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#### BRITISH RED CROSS

The amount collected during the week 5th - IIth May 1985 was £178,61p This was an increase of £36. 40p on last years total. Many thanks to all those who spent so much time walking from house to house and to all those who contributed so generously.

Hilda I Foster.

### THE SHAFTOE EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

The Shaftoe Trust, as it is usually referred to in the Village, is three hundred years old. The Revd John Shaftoe, of Nether Vicar of Nether Warden, signed the Deed which founded it in June 1685.

To commemerate the occasion, there is to be a service of thanksgiving in the Parish Church at 3.00 pm on Sunday I6 June at which anybody who wishes to attend will be very welcome. No doubt there is a considerable number of Haydon Bridge residents who have benefitted from the Trust's activity in the past, and will be glad of this opportunity to register their appreciation.

The Governors have published an interesting booklet about the Trust and its history. Copies can be bought at John Clark's Newsagents and W&M Marsh.

#### RUBBISH

On Thursday the streets were cleaned, on Friday there was litter again. It is odd that whenever you discuss the matter everyone agrees that it is "disgusting" and a "disgrace". You never come across people who actually like our streets to be littered with sweet papers, old newspapers, cigarette packets, empty cansette. Someone must put them there, presumably there are people who don't care whether Haydon Bridge and the surrounding countryside look unpleasant.

It is not a question of the streets not being cleaned often enough; if the rubbish was not put there it would not have to be removed. It is no hardship to take bits of paper and empty packets home, particularly as they are lighter when the contents have been consumed then they were when they were full and it is easy enough to put an empty can in a litter bin. The litter is not confined to the streets; if you go for a walk in our delightful countryside you will find no shortage of litter on roadside, riverbank and woodland path.

We have the disadvantage of having a main road through the village but that is by no means the worst spot for rubbish, passing motorists cannot throw litter as far as the bushes outside the Library; it also has to be said that some of the litter is created by some of the pupils from the High School after their daily visits to the sweet counters so it would be good if the school could perhaps carry out an anti-litter project.

What we need is for everyone in Haydon Bridge to resolve not to drop any litter anywhere and perhaps to pick a little of it up some times.

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#### THE ARTHRITIS & RHEUMATISM COUNCIL

THE Haydon Bridge Branch of the Arthritis and Rheumatism Council for Research are having a Barbecue at the Riverbank Picnic Area on Sat 8th June at 7.30pm.

We look forward to an evening by the river-tempted by the smell of outdoor cooking- and entetained by the 'WINDY MILLS! group who will provide music (and directions!) for Barn and Square dancing,

Do come and give your support for this badly needed research so that on the last Saturday of National Arthritis Week we may raise a considerable sum of money for this Charity.

I would like to thank the committee members of this Branch for their hard work and co-operation over the last ten years.

M.D.Beniams (Hon Sec)
N.B. This event will be held in the Community Centre if it rains.

#### CONGRATULATIONS

#### TO ROBERT FORD

Robert has just had a painting accepted by the Royal Academy, but it will not be hung. This is a great achievement. There are thousands of paintings sent to the academy each year, very few are accepted and even less hung for the annual exhibition.

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## PARISH COUNCIL PICKINGS

This report covers the meetings held in both April and May. The main subjects discussed at the two meetings were not all that different, there were fourteen attendances by councillors out of a possible twenty two over the two meetings.

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Mr Bates was re-elected chairman and Mr Drydon, Vice-Chairman.
New Trusters for the Shaftoe Trust are to be Mr Drydon and Mr Bates.
(re-elected) and Mrs Gilhespy and Mrs Philp replacing Mr Tait and
Revr A Beniams. Mr Drydon and Mr Wardle were re-appointed as Governors
of the Shaftoe Trust First School.

A member of the public made an ernest plea for the provision of Street Lighting for the houses in the Railway Yard. The Council was hesitant about it, fearing similar requests from all sorts of dark places in the parish, but finally agreed to find out what would be involved in the way of cost. The Railway Yard also attracted interest as the potential site for a Health Centre. It appears that Haydon Bridge lost its place in the queue some years ago, allowing itself to be outmandevred by Allendale. As a result, the Haydon Bridge Health Centre is now at best only a twinkle in the Area Health Authoritys eye. Nevertheless, the Parish Council thought it was worthwhile to suggest to the Health Authority that there could be a vacant site in the Yard, if English Industrial Estate were willing to cooperate.

Tyndale District Council has formulated two schemes for the Ratcliffe Road back lane. One costs £I3,200 and would create something like a reasonable roadway. Another, much less costly, would provide only a footpath for the council houses residents, which, if either, will actually get approved, remains to be seen.

The by-pass question seems, to your reporter at least, to have degenerated into a competition to see how much paper can be dumped on the Transport Ministers desk. Tyndale District Council seems to be willing to help (?) by preparing a separate report about <u>OUR</u> by-pass, as well as saying that if Haltwistle goes ahead then Haydon Bridge cannot logically be left out.

Part of the Newbrough Road is collapsing, and it was remarked that large lorries and buses seem regularly to ignore the weight restriction. It was agreed that the Police should be asked to keep an eye on things.

The Parish Council has been informed, (as occupier), that the War Memorial has become a listed building, so also has Haydon Spa, but the Council reckoned it didn't belong to them.

Something is to be done about the broken seats on the North Bank, and at the far end of Heugh House Lane.

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