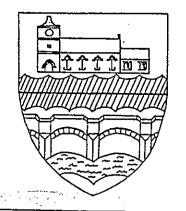
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# Best Kept Village Competition

The last issue of the Haydon News passed on the news that the Parish Council had decided to enter the Best Kept village Competition.

I thought you may like to re-read the judges comments as stated after the 1976 competition results had been announced.

Once the judges remarks had been read there was much debate and outraged comment made in future editions of the Haydon Herald. Especially as the same November issue also printed the judges remarks about the Winning Entry Allendale.

## Haydon Bridge

The judges were sympathetic to the problems caused by the extensive amount of through traffic. There were many good features in the village.

The United Reform Church was tidy though its hedge needed cutting and the Methodist Church was reasonably well maintained. St. Cuthberts Church was described as being in quite sparkling condition though one of its two notice boards was indifferently well maintained. The pavillion on the playing field is in good condition and the green spaces are well maintained. The allotments north of the railway line are well tended, the police station is to be commended and the fire station is in excellent condition. The village hall seems to be well looked after and the bus shelter is reasonably free of litter and evidence of vandalism. The playground was neat and tidy.

The judges felt that there were some small points which if attended to could lead to the village doing better in next year's competition. Litter seems to be a problem in the village as it was in evidence around the memorial, on the playing fields, and on the verges. Not many litter bins were in evidence and it was felt that if more of these were provided, particularly in front of shops which sold ice creams and sweets, the litter position might be improved. A number of newly planted trees seem to have died and need replacement. Finally, the shops in the village were described by the judges as having a rather dilapidated appearance and contributed less to the attractiveness of the village than they do amongst Haydon Bridge's competitors. If some of them could be persuaded to paint their premises this would improve the appearance of the main streets of the village.

# Allendale Town

There is a very untidy and litter-strewn bonfire site on the green adjacent to local authority housing by Allenfields.

There are two ways to treat churchyards. You can either let them become completely overgrown and thus a romantic wilderness or you can trim them perfectly so that the gravestones stand in a sea of green. This church tries something of each, keeping the part closest to the church trimmed and letting the rest go to hell, if that is the correct phrase. Since the church is in no way redundant the whole of its surrounds should be looked after. In the lavatories the men's we is less than inviting.

Notice Boards. The Methodists should rpaint theirs, the Northumberland County Council library service notice on the board of the

Primitive Methodist Church is very tatty. The board at the Anglican church also looks worn.

Against this there is clear evidence of community effort to keep the village tidy. I liked especially the flower beds beside the steps opposite the Hare and Hounds. A big effort had been made with many gardens. the village is something of a shopping centre and the shops are all unobtrusive in their advertising. The amount of litter was remarkably small considering that this is a main road village and one that attracts visitors. On the housing estates there was hardly any.

In the following I will make a direct quote from the judges letter.

We ask the judges to be as constructive as possible and hope that you will find their comments useful.

Some villages have been successful in using the judges remarks to persuade both individuals and organisations to clear up eyesores or other features which have attracted adverse comment.'

Now my comments.

If we try hard , it is possible to overcome the litter problem. We can check for dead trees and areas of obvious untidiness.

I personally think that comments made about the shops were not necessary . Now more than ever our shopping areas have only one really bad feature, LITTER.

Perhaps there are still people in the village willing to jion Mrs E garrow and myself so that we can present a much improved village environment for the judges to assess. Let us think positive.

I leave you with a sobering fact. You have read the two reports: Haydon Bridge and Allendale Town. Allendale Town won in 1976, and yet our report is in many ways not alot different to theirs.

Best wishes
Marion Howard.

# COMMUNITY PAGE

## CARPET BOWLS

A Bowls Club has been formed and has got off to a good start. Meetings are on Thursday evenings in the Community Centre. Every fortnight at the moment, (next session June 23rd), but it will be weekly from September. If you are interested in playing, contact Mrs Makepeace (Ratcliffe Road) or Mrs M Heslop (John Martin Street) or Mrs Young (Church Street).

# FRIENDS OF THE OLD CHURCH

Many thanks to everyone who supported the Coffee Evening on 10th May held by the Friends of Haydon Old Church. The evening raised £91 and the money will be used for maintenance work on the Old Church.

The Friends of the Old Church exist to raise money, promote interest, and to support the Parochial Church Council in the care of this ancient building. Anyone interested in joining should contact the Vicar. There is an annual minimum subscription of  $\mathfrak{L}1$ .

There will be a further foray against the grass in th Old Churchyard on Saturday 18 June starting at 10 am. Everyone welcome - bring any suitable equipment you have, but don't let the lack of tools put you off!

On Sunday 26 June at 3 pm there will be a musical afternoon at the Old Church. John Thomas and Layton Ring wii be providing the music. Refreshments will be served and a collection made. All proceeds towards the restoration and care of the Old Church. Come and spend the afternoon in idyllic surroundings.

## CHURCH OF ENGLAND CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

House to House Collections: On behalf of the children helped by the Society each year we thank all givers and collectors for their kind co-operation. The total raised was £159.94p

M L Curry Organiser

# HAYDON BRIDGE BRANCH - A.R.C.

On April 23, Betty and Maurice Cousin of the Haydon Hotel offered a musical entertainment to benefit Arthritis Research. Singing along with Johnny Handle on the accordion and Chuck Fleming on the fiddle, customers enjoyed a merry Geordie evening, raising £89.26p for the Charity. Our grateful thanks to all.

Forthcoming Event: On Saturday July 2nd teas will be served (hopefully in the riverside garden) at Hilary Rutherford's of Appletreewick, Brigwood.

Watch for our posters.

## ST CUTHBERT'S CHURCH

Many thanks to everyone who helped us to collect a set of Co-op dinner plates for our Church Hall. Your help and donations are much appreciated.

GIFT DAY and GARDEN FETE on Saturday June 11th from 2.15. All are welcome.

# TELETHON

Thank you to the people of Haydon Bridge for their generosity. We collected £192.20 for Telethon.

Yours gratefully,

Simon Boyd

Barry Hope

## CHRISTIAN AID

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£683.17

Many thanks to all those who have contributed in any way over the past few weeks.

Reminder:

Coffee Evening at Mrs Clarke's (Derwent Cottage) at 6.30 pm on 29 June

## 19 SHAFTOE TERRACE

The closing date for applications from people who wish to be considered for residence in 19 Shaftoe Terrace is 30 June. Application forms can be obtained from Mrs M Wilkinson, West House, Shaftoe Terrace, or from the Clerk to the Trustees by telephoning HB 298.

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# PARISH COUNCIL PICKINGS

Meeting 26 May 1988

9 Councillors present.

The level crossing closure has been rescheduled for the weekend of 9/10 July

A resident enquired whose responsibility it is to remove a redundant Bus Stop sign which restricts entry to his premises. Even if it were clear whose land it is on, the answer will, it seems, be hard to find - and probably even more difficult to enforce. On the other hand, where the Bus Stop really is needed - westbound opposite the Community Centre - there are usually parked cars obstructing the kerb. There doesn't seem to be much of an answer to this either.

There is, however, some sort of an answer to the question why the riverside litter-bins are not emptied as often as might be desirable: the drivers have been warned not to go anywhere where the vehicles might be at risk of damage.

A third new house is planned for Heugh House Lane. The Council maintained its objection to further development at Rocksprings, although a revised plan has been submitted.

Finally, a thank-you to the volunteers who cleared the litter around Hordley Acres.

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# HAYDON NEWS

All information for each issue of the News should be given or sent to Marion Howard at 10 Ratcliffe Road or on HB 535 by the 18th day of each month. We thank you in advance for your co-operation with this cut-off date.

It is some time since the village Organisations have contributed. It would be a pleasure to start printing information from the W.I. Youth Organisations, Over-60s and those with literary talents yet undiscovered. Come on, try your hand, get into print.

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