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FRIENDS OF HAYDON BRIDGE

Annual General Meeting 31st October 1988

The Chairman (Jim Cape) reported as follows:

During the past year The Friends had continued to fulfill the requirements of the Constitution. Committee Meetings had been held and the Haydon News published regularly.

Efforts to improve the litter problem in the village had been made and the co-operation of the Headmaster of the High School and of the local resident policeman had been sought.

During the year the village had once more been given a resident policeman.

Haydon Bridge had been entered for the 'Best Kept Village' competition and much work had been done in terms of general cleaning up and the provision of hanging baskets.

The printing team had now developed considerable expertise, and this, together with the overhaul of the printing machine, had resulted in excellent copies being produced with considerably less affort.

Finances are reasonably healthy and funds produced from advertising and subscriptions were adequate to meet expenses. The collecting boxes placed in each of the two newsagents provided a useful supplement to income.

I would like to thank members of the Committee for their support during the past year, in particular Marion Howard (Editor), John Richardson and Pat Sharp (Printers) and Leslie Carey (Treasurer). Also all those who assisted in the delivery of the Haydon News.

<u>Committee</u> Several long-serving members have retired and the Committee is very much under strength. Some ideas for improving the situation are being pursued, but a few volunteers would be very welcome.

HAYDON NEWS

The next issue will be our Christmas number, due out in mid-December. Special seasonal advertisements can be included at a reasonable rate per page or half-page. These and all other copy for that issue should be in the editor's hands by NOVEMBER 18th.

TOYS TO SELL?

Do you have any good-quality toys you wish to sell? Playgroup are having an 'As-new Toy Sale' on Friday 18th November (see page 6)

Bring your toys along, 5 to 6 pm Friday 18th November or contact L B Murray on HB 759. Playgroup will take 10% of any sold and return any unsold items.

STRAYED

If you have lost a large trotoiseshell tom cat wearing a red collar and a bell, ring HB 787 for information as to his whereabouts.

PARISH COUNCIL PECKINGS

(Meeting of 27 October 88)

10 Councillors present

Last month I was able to tell you that the money for maintenance of the A69 bridge had suddenly vanished. This month, it's something else's turn. The improvement of the 'Watson's Garage' Alston road junction - which originally was going to be finished by now - won't be done this year, or next year, and only 'might be' in 1989/90. So go on driving carefully.

The new level crossing gates are also fading away into the future - we now hear that it could be two years before they are actually installed. It's hard to know whether to be pleased or sorry. When they do come, it will be complete with flashing lights and electronic 'yodel' signal (Don't tell your Swiss friends!).

However, the double yellow lines outside the Railway Hotel should be repainted in our lifetime.

One significant planning application: The Department of the Environment (which owns the site) has asked for permission for residential development on the land in Strother Close now occupied by the MAFF food storage depot. At present, this is only an 'outline' application for change of use; there are no specific plans to build anything in particular. Some Parish Councillors thought that the site ought to be allocated to old people's accommodation, and it was agreed to pass on this feeling to Tynedale. Another possibility is light industrial development, creating a few more local jobs.

And then there is the Sports Hall.....

The access lighting and the car parking area have been improved: the Motivator has been doing all she can: but - where is the participating public? The Parish Council contribution to the cost of employing the Motivator is a big bite out of its income; it won't go on coughing up next year if there aren't enough local people taking advantage of the facilities. Another case of 'use it or lose it'.

Meanwhile, a Councillor resident in Hordley Acres has had another present of coal intended for the same-numbered house in Strother Close! An even stronger plea will be made to Tynedale to ask them to sort out the lunatic street-name signs on the Estate.

THE HAYDON BRIDGE LEEK SHOW was held in the Haydon Hotel on October 1st, being in its thirtieth year. This year the Pot Leeks were won by Joseph Brown (better known as Josie) and the Trench Leeks winner was Maurice Brown. The Rose Bowl kindly given by Betty Cousins four years ago for the flower competition, was won by Edna Rummey.

Leek soup was served to all present on the Monday night along with the presentation of the Cups to the winners.

Many thanks to Betty and Maurice of the Haydon Hotel for their support and hospitality from

The Leek Club

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THE SURGERY, NORTH BANK, HAYDON BRIDGE, NORTHUMBERLAND, NE47 6HG.

Plans for a Haydon Bridge Health Centre are now at a stage when building will soon start, indeed by the time you read this, work may already have begun, and when it does it will be necessary to vacate the present surgery accommodation so that building can proceed as quickly as possible. Until the work is finished, hopefully, by April next year, the surgeries will be held in my house at the same times and requests for appointments, visits or repeat prescriptions should be made as before, by telephone to Haydon Bridge 216 or by calling at the surgery reception desk which will be in my kitchen. Entrance to the temporary 'surgery' will be by the door to my house on North Bank, just by the turn-in to the High School - NOT THROUGH MY GARDEN, please; the waiting room will be in my lounge and consultations will be conducted in my sun-lounge and, possibly in one other downstairs room which will also be used by our District Nurse, Sister Cousins.

I am confident that these rooms will be used with the same respect you would when entering a friend's house and toilet facilities will be available off my kitchen.

The Headmaster of Haydon Bridge High School, Mr. David Thompson, has kindly and generously agreed that the School Car Park may be used, ENTIRELY AT YOUR OWN RISK, from 9.00.a.m. until 3.30.p.m. and from 4.30.p.m. until 7.00.p.m., by patients visiting the 'surgery' by car, and not on the North Bank outside my house. Please park so as not to obstruct entrance and exit from the school or the car park, preferably in that part of the car park nearest the North Bank Road. Cars must NOT be parked in front of the school building itself or on the school tennis courts.

Working in these makeshift premises will not be easy for us and I realise that walking further 'up the bank' may be difficult for some patients. However I feel sure that with patience and tolerant understanding on both sides we will get through this transitional period without too much difficulty. It will help if surgery visits are kept to a minimum, and if you have real difficulty in 'making the grade' or gradient, to the temporary surgery, let us know and we will, if necessary, visit you at home.

Per ardua ad astrum.

R. HIGH

THE BONESHAKER

"What are you two doing in there when I've told you not to?", called Mother. "Your father will play war; you know he doesn't like you going amongst his tools, so come on out and go out and play".

The cottage we lived in was really a semi, but the one next door - a one-up and one-down - had been unoccupied for years, so Dad got permission to put a doorway through between the entrance halls, and this made a fine storehouse and upstairs a workshop. Dad's workshop. A place where he cobbled our shoes, put new irons on our clogs and, when as sometimes happened, the wooden sole split he would carefully extract the brass-coloured tacks that with the aid of a narrow strip of leather would secure the soles to the uppers. It was also his barber's shop, where using scissors, comb and a pair of hand shears, he gave a very reasonable 'short back and sides'.

Our excursion into that hallowed domain was to look for 'bits' to fettle our "boneshaker". We didn't have a proper bike, but we had many hours of fun with that old heap of scrap.

There was a disused quarry about a mile away out on the fell top and it was there we found our pride and joy. "How could anybody throw that away?", I asked Army. "Ah divent kna.... but it's wors noo", says he, as he finally disentangled it from a mass of branches of the young silver birch that grew in profusion, only to fall backward on to some old wire netting discarded from some farmer's fence. "Are ye all reet?", I asked. "Ah'm O K" says Army, "but it's a good job it wasn't barb wire, eh?". "Gi's a hand over these rocks, then it's wors". "Wey! wat di ye think" asked Army (when we had it out on to the quarry top and pointing homewards) "It's a pity it hessn't a chine".

In reality, as I recall, all it consisted of was a frame, handlebars, pedals, no chain, two wheels (no tyres), the back one almost devoid of spokes, and a piece of tubular steel in the shape of a number 7 that had at one time accommodated the saddle. We found an old hessian sack, some string, and with these we formed quite an adequate seat.

There were plenty fields around our house, but one in particular had a nice slope that came right down to the big ash tree that grew at the top of our garden, where from a sturdy bough hung our swing. I would sit on the swing, gently rocking back and forth, as Army pushed "the boney" up the field, and watch as, with a 'whoop' he'd hurtle towards me, an ever-increasing shower of sparks bouncing from the front end as he applied his clog-iron to the tyreless front wheel in an effort to stop ... only slowing him sufficiently for him to jump off into the soft earth.

Then, one day, the inevitable happened. The back wheel collapsed, snapping part of the flange where the spindle went in, leaving a short but sharp piece of metal. We stripped out the remaining spokes from the wheel and gave the rim to our sister to use as a hoop before we sadly pushed "old boney" to the top of the garden, propped it against the fence, and left it.

Some weeks later Mother wanted me to go to the shop, an errand usually done by Army because it was some distance, but he was ill so off I went. The route to the shop went close to the quarry, so on my return journey I looked in and - joy of joys! - there was a wheel! Not wanting Wother to know I'd called at the quarry, I hid the wheel and hurried home to tell army. He only had a cold so the next night, he said, we would go and get it. "lat about the brocken bit?", I asked. "We'll tie it up with a bit of string", cays army, running up the garden to collect "old boney". There was no collecting wheel and taking it to bike, but take bile to wheel.

We tied a length of string to the back frame and off Army went with me in close pursuit shouting "Can Ah push, 'cos after all I found the wheel?". "No", says Army and pushed faster and faster, but he had the weight of "odd beney" and I caught him up, standing on the piece of string that trailed behind. The sudden jerk caused the rear end to lift up and as I went forward the sharp spike went into my leg just below the knee-cap. Venting an ear-pieceing scream, Army dropped "old boney" and seeing the blood, ren home for Dad.

As luck would have it, a lady (Miss T) who lived down from 19, was out for her evening walk, and had popped in to see Mother for a cup of tea. Now, in her younger days she had had nursing experience, and I was soon lying on the sofa being tended by the said Miss T, who said that in her opinion the wound would need professional treatment. Army was despatched to Annie's at the Post Office to ring for the doctor and when he arrived he commended Miss T but told Dad that I should go straight to hospital.

They laid me down on the back seat of the doctor's car and off we went. I can't remember much about the journey but one thing I do recall is when we were going <u>down</u> the Paise Dykes the doctor remarked to Dad "what do you think of that, Bill? we're going almost a mile a minute". Just think; 55 mph - but it was down hill!

I was still in hospital a week later when it was my birthday two days after the start of the War. Each anniversary a painful reminder of my altercativith "old boney", the BONESHAKER.

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	27	Advent Sunday	9.30 am	Holy Communion United at Roman Catholic Church Evensong
	30	Wednesday ST ANDREW	9.30 am	Holy Communion
Dec	4	2nd in Advent		Holy Communion Family Eucharist United Evensong at Parish Church
	1 1	3rd in Advent	10.00 am 6.00 pm	Parish Ducharist & Sunday School Evening Prayer said without Sermon
	18	4th in Advent	10.00 am	Holy Communion Parush Eucharist & Sunday School Carol Service at Methodist Church

RATIONAL CHILDREN'S HOME

On behalf of the National Children's Nome I wish to thank everyone who gave so generously to the house-to-house collection half from Deptember 19th to October 1st. Also the helpers who so willingly gave of their time to assist with the collecting.

The amount forwarded to the Home from the Haydon Bridge people was £226. [9. It is through this help and support given to the that they are able to continue in their work of child and community care.

Thanking you all once again,

Jelly Todd Hon Becretary

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GREAT NORTH RUN

Simon and Martin Scudemore and Steven Brown generously raised over £100 for the Shaftoe School association on the Great Morth Run this year. This money will be used for the benefit of children at the Shaftoe Trust First School.

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