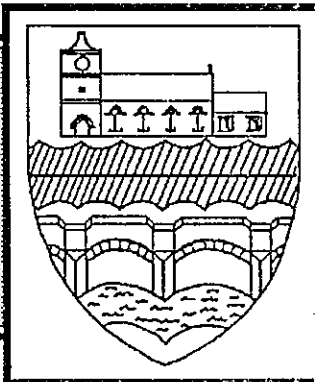


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EDITORIAL

Dear Friends,

The following information is an extract from the Local Council Review, Spring 1990. I feel many of you will be interested to see how other areas of the country cope with the perennial problem of dogs fouling amenity areas and playing fields.

"The parish of Hythe and Dibden is located between Southampton Water and the New Forest.

Byelaws: the first course of action

The Council agreed that it would endeavour to introduce byelaws to try to combat the apparently growing problems and the ever-increasing complaints. That was the easy part. Next came the work to persuade the Home Office that byelaws were needed and that there were sufficient alternative areas, within reasonable distance, that dog-owners could use to exercise their pets.

Numerous proposals were produced and plans made showing the areas to be restricted and the alternative areas where dogs could be exercised. A submission was made to the Home Office which was subsequently agreed, and the Council was able to proceed with the byelaw-making procedure.

Then came the suggestion that dog-owners were just as much a part of the public as other residents and that they had as much right to use public amenity areas as anyone else.

Alternative facilities

The immediate answer was to treat everyone the same. Just as facilities are provided for sportsmen or children and for passive recreation, so facilities should be provided for dog-owners to exercise their pets. The only way to do this was considered to be by introducing dog walks wherever possible in the amenity areas.

The dog walks were not to be considered as dog lavatories because it was felt that dog owners should be responsible enough to train their dogs to defecate in their own gardens. However, it was also recognised that dogs will have "accidents", and so fouling was not completely prohibited.

So it was back to the drawing-board to see if it was possible to identify dog walks on the open spaces. The answer came up that, if the perimeter of some areas were left uncut to a width of about two to three metres, a path could be cut through, which would enable dog-owners to walk their pets.

There would of course have to be proper signs. Most of the open spaces were in need of new identification sign boards, and the opportunity was taken to design new boards which also referred to the dog walks.

Success

Although the dog walks have only been in operation for a short while (about six months), we are greatly encouraged by their success. It is reckoned that there is about an 80 per cent positive response from dog-owners, and we have received letters and comments of congratulations, not only from sportsmen and other users of our areas but also from dog-owners."

This idea is not new to our Parish, although we had thought to identify no-go areas for dogs. To my way of thinking we could perhaps look at this scheme in relationship to Haydon Bridge, and circulate future information in the Haydon News.

I shall also be mentioning this at Full Council with reference to a scheme that Prudhoe are trying to introduce.

Perhaps in future we can look forward to open spaces that are for the use and pleasure of all the public and use them in

such a way that others are not inconvenienced.

Byelaws operate for the benefit of all, and co-operation from all sections of a community should be aimed for.

Best wishes,
Marion Howard

1991 Census

The 1991 Census will take place on Sunday 21 April. New questions will ask the term-time address of students and children not at home during term, because annual population estimates are made on this basis; long-term illness; central heating and ethnic origins. Postcodes will be recorded.

The preliminary counts are expected to be published by 1 July 1991 and the main results for Local Authorities by May 1992. All main results should be available by December 1993. No information on identifiable households will be released from the census to community charge registration officers.

In replying to Parliamentary comment, the Minister noted that, where there was a discrepancy between a published census area total and poll tax registrations, a registration officer might do a re-

check on residents in the area.

The forms will be available in Welsh and enumerators will be bilingual in areas with significant numbers of Welsh speakers.

FLOWER FESTIVAL

Our own W.I. Flower Festival at Ridley Hall, Bardon Mill will take place on **24th to 27th August**. Over 50 members are involved in arranging flowers, please come and support them. Bring all the family and friends to see our flowers in this beautiful part of the County. There will be a special preview on the evening of **24th August**, 7.0 pm - 10.0 pm with wine and light buffet. Tickets at £5 - family and friends welcome. The Flower Festival will be open to the public 10.0 am - 6.0 pm on Saturday and Sunday and 10.0 am - 5.0 pm on Monday with last entry half an hour before closing. Entrance fee £2.50 payable at the door, Applications for preview tickets to Cresswell House by **13th July** enclosing a stamped addressed envelope and cheque payable to Northumberland Federation of Women's Institutes.

LETTERS

Dear Marion,
The HEALTH CENTRE EQUIPMENT FUND has received £175.00 from friends and relatives of the late Septimus Waugh, for so many years Postman to the area, who passed away peacefully after an illness borne stoically by that widely respected, always courteous, gentleman.

We would like to extend our sympathy to Mrs Iris Waugh and thank her, and all who contributed to this tribute to "Sep" for this typically Haydon Bridge generosity to our funds.

THE HEALTH CENTRE STAFF

Dear Editor,

As a contribution to the elevation of Haydon Bridge in the BEST KEPT VILLAGE stakes, I would like to contribute ONE of the cast iron litter bins, of the sort I have erected at the Health Centre, to be installed in Church Street. I would like similar ones to be installed at frequent (50 yards or so) intervals along Church Street and at other sites around the village where litter is at present scattered around, with a few of the square cast iron plant containers at other suitable sites.

Perhaps this could be an

objective for some of the many community-orientated organisations we have in the village.

It will, however, not be enough to install these litter bins; it will be up to **everyone** to use them **and to admonish anyone** who drops litter carelessly.

Inevitably there will be some 'couldn't-care-less' louts who will in the early stages treat our streets and pavements as sewers, and we will have to clear up after them. In particular, I would like the High School to detail one FORM every day to clear up the litter left on North Bank, around the bus stop and station ground and on Church Street, until this blemish on our village is eliminated. It is no use for the School authorities to put the blame for this litter on traders who sell sweets and drinks to children as they come out of school. It is the children who carelessly drop the wrappers and cans who are the culprits and they should be made responsible for clearing up their mess.

I believe it is up to the School authorities to teach their pupils that dropping litter is an anti-social act, and that applies to litter dropped in the school - classrooms and grounds - as well as that they foul our village

with; and if they have to be 'kept-in' after school hours to learn the lesson, so be it!

Yours sincerely,
R High.

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AT THE HEALTH CENTRE

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CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

House-to-house collections raised £169.35p. Many thanks to all who contributed.

M L Curry

FUNDING THE PARISH P A R I S H COUNCIL CHURCH PICKINGS

At intervals in the life of every Parish Church it becomes necessary for us to look ahead and take stock of our policy, objectives and priorities for the foreseeable future. Our own Parochial Church Council have been engaged in such a review and one outcome of this is its decision to undertake a Parish Covenant Programme in September and October this year to provide for the future work and mission of St Cuthbert's as well as to ensure that necessary repairs and maintenance of our church are not neglected.

Details of the Programme are available from the vicar.

The production staff of Haydon News (there are two of us!) offer their apologies to LIVING SOUND for failing to include their telephone numbers in the advertisement in the last issue.

Meeting of 24 May
Only 5 Councillors present

If the two previous meetings have been meaty, this one was bordering on the vegetarian!

With only five councillors present, there were only just enough to deal with the re-election of Mr T A Bates as Chairman and Mr W J Drydon as Vice-Chairman. A minimum of four votes is needed, and of course the people involved don't vote for themselves.

A representative of the committee of the Friends of Haydon Bridge took the opportunity to hand Mr Bates a cheque in response to the appeal for funds to rehang the Legion banners in the church.

However, there doesn't seem to be any money available for the much-needed improvement of the Alston road junction

at "Watson's Garage". Why this project keeps losing its priority is a mystery.

Attention was drawn to the hedge-cutting practice of the County (District?) Council, Where the growth is near a road-sign, the cutter is withdrawn so as not to cause damage to itself or the sign, leaving the sign obscured by uncut growth. Not very helpful.

There was a fair crop of (non-contentious) planning applications. New houses at Heugh House Lane and North Bank, extensions at Nilston Rigg and Heugh House Lane, and to West End joinery, and a Calor Gas tank in John Martin Street. No decision seems to have been made yet about the Lipwood farm building.

And that was about it.

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