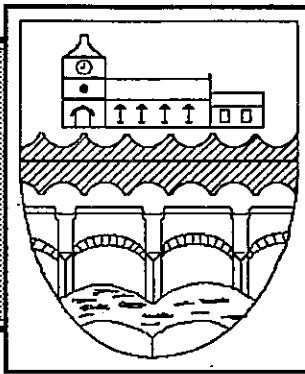


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## EDITORIAL

**Dear Friends,**

It is some time since I have contributed an editorial letter.

With holidays for most of us over, and thoughts of Hallowe'en and Christmas about to confront us, I would like to voice a concern.

As I travel home from the many meetings I attend, I am amazed at the number of young village children who are still wandering around the village after dark. We should all remember that the A69 is a busy Trunk Road, even during the evening and through the night. It would be so easy for a car to stop and pick up a young child and take them away. As we all know, the cars passing through this village do not keep to the speed limit for built-up areas, and a young person who is wearing dull - or bright - clothes could easily be knocked down and injured.

Our children are our most precious gift and our greatest source of joy and sorrow. We cannot wrap them up in cotton-wool, but we can take all possible precautions to keep them safe.

Autumn is certainly the "season of mists and mellow fruitfulness"! There seems to be a profusion of berries on the trees and

bushes this year. The leaves have changed colour suddenly and are beginning to fall to the ground. Some of the high winds we have had lately have quickly bared the branches of their leafy clothes and have taken on a wintry air.

With winter approaching, let us not forget to look after those around us who may need help in the months ahead. If you have any problems that I can help you resolve, please phone me, or call round to 10 Ratcliffe Road. Remember I am here to help you if I can. A note through my door may also help to bring your problem to my attention, which I hope I can deal with immediately and resolve within a few days.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Best wishes,  
MARION HOWARD

## HAYDON BRIDGE SCOUTS Uganda 1991

### FUND RAISING

After the marvellous response of the sponsored bike-ride, which took place earlier this year in February, the four Uganda Scouts have decided to take part in and

organise another sponsored event. This time the Scouts have decided to do a sponsored hike as an aid to raising funds for their expedition to Uganda in 1991. This sponsored hike will take place on October 20th, 21st and 22nd. It consists of 45 miles of rugged hiking in unpredicted weather conditions. The hike will take three days and will start at Vindolanda on the Roman Wall finishing at the end of the Roman Wall at Bowness on Solway.

The four Scouts will have to carry all the equipment they need for three days' hiking. They will walk about 15 miles a day, which will take them about 6 hours per day. Sponsor forms will be located all round Haydon Bridge. Any donations would be greatly appreciated. In aid of the four Uganda Scouts - Ian Bradley, Danial Clarke, Steven Hogg and Andrew Round.

## HAYDON BRIDGE W I

Haydon Bridge W I had 100% attendance at their September meeting; also present were members from Allendale and Langley W Is, together with other local guests, since it was an open meeting. The grand attraction was

a talk on Maling China, by ceramic historian Mr Steven Moore.

The appreciative audience were given a detailed evaluation of the items that members brought along, and included in his talk he gave a detailed history of the Maling family, who at one time lived at Haydon Bridge. He completed the evening with a slide show and answered questions from the audience.

Mr Moore was given a well-deserved round of applause, his knowledge and obvious love of his subject was enjoyed by everyone.

It is worth noting that Maling china is collected country-wide, such is its popularity, and as the factory ceased production in 1963, it will continue to be much sought after.

### **KEEPER OF THE HANGING BASKETS**

is about to collect them in, preserve what she can and compost the rest, BUT her ardour for the task has been dampened. On visiting a market garden near at hand it was to hear, not praise for her efforts, but the damning statement that the baskets in Haydon Bridge were awful. Mind you, she did not admit at the

time that she had planted them, but only to save embarrassment on the other side and not on hers. Not quite a case of listeners hearing no good of themselves, but close. However, good news. Dr High donated half a sack of daffodil bulbs and Mr E Waite £20 to purchase the same again. A notice in John Clarke's window would bring flocks of helpers to plant them, she thought. At 11 am on Saturday 15th September there she was digging and cursing the younger generation who were all missing from the scene - but the angels listened and along the road came Gordon Liddle and James Brown complete with spades and willing hearts. Thanks a lot. Still some to plant, though. How about some crocuses along Church Street?

By the way, the cost of planting a hanging basket at the nursery is about £4 and we have twenty-four.....

### **RESULTS OF THE BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION**

The general appearance of Haydon Bridge was good in spite of the busy main road. Very good general care and maintenance was noted, with some exceptions. For instance, one bench opposite the Methodist Church had no seat, another near Hordley Acres had no back; the toilets were dark and uninviting and needed paint and sweeping. A great many litter bins were available, but in spite of this odd corners had considerable litter - especially near the main bridge where the notice board is in poor condition, at the football ground, by the Community Centre, in the bus shelters, telephone box, flowerbeds in the public gardens and on some of the footpaths. The private gardens were all excellent, and the road verges exceptionally tidy and well mown, apart from the stretch between the station and the church which was overgrown and littered. One empty shop, with out-of-date posters, contrasted with the good standard of the others nearby. The garages and hotels were all excellent.

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**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of members of the Friends of Haydon Bridge will be held in the Community Centre on Monday 15 October 1990 at 7.30 pm. If you are interested in the things that the 'Friends' were formed to do, namely -

- to support the Parish Council and to make sure that its work is made known to the inhabitants;
- to strengthen the sense of community within the Parish and to locate the skills and expertise available in it and use them for the benefit of all -
- why not come along and hear a report on what has been achieved in the past year?
- New Committee members are always to be welcomed.
- The duties are not onerous, and the present members are not immortal!

gether", taken doctor's tablets but you are still not 100%.....?

A meeting, possibly in November, will include members from the Fairington Centre who may be able to help you with your problem. Detail;s will be publicised later. WATCH OUT!

The OCTOBER HEALTH EDUCATION MEETING will be held on Wednesday evening, 24th October at 7.0 pm in the Health Centre, when the subject of BREAST SCREENING will be introduced by Mr Paul Murphy, Senior Surgical Registrar at the Freeman Hospital.

This subject should be of interest to all women, especially if there is a history of breast cancer in any close relative. We believe that the prospect of curing this disease is greatly increased by the use of modern screening techniques, which are now available in this region. Questions about any other breast condition could also be raised at this meeting.

Admission is, of course, free but limited to thirty, so we would ask you to obtain a ticket, or notify us by phone that you would like to come to the meeting beforehand. Book early to avoid disappointment!

**HEALTH EDUCATION MEETINGS**

We have had five very successful and interesting evening meetings at the Health Centre when the following subjects have been presented and discussed in some detail:

- 1) ECZEMA
- 2) ASTHMA
- 3) CERVICAL CYTOLOGY
- 4) HORMONE REPLACEMENT THERAPY
- 5) THE WORK OF A CHIROPRACTOR

Future meetings during September to December will include a talk about BLOOD PRESSURE, CORONARIES, CHOLESTEROL AND STROKES which will be opened by Dr Alan Wright, Consultant Physician at Hexham General Hospital, when

opportunity will be given to anyone worried about these conditions to come for guidance or ask questions. (This meeting actually took place on 26 September)

Do you ever feel depressed? more irritable than you should be? afraid to go out to the shops or to meet people? never feel really well, but the doctor says "all the tests are normal"? always having rows with your husband/wife? know that you are drinking and smoking too much, or know someone who is, are worried about them and don't know what to do about it? There could be someone from the FAIRINGTON CENTRE at Hexham Hospital who could help. You have tried "pulling yourself to-

Future subjects planned are TRANSPLANT SURGERY, THE BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE - (what bloody use is it anyway?), WHAT ABOUT AIDS?, TAKE CARE OF YOUR FEET, THE HAZARDS OF ADOLESCENCE (Drugs, unemployment etc), DEPRESSION, ANXIETY AND STRESS, WEIGHT PROBLEMS - too much, too little?; more details will be given nearer the time. The feedback we have had from previous meetings encourages us to believe that people have found these occasions interesting and helpful.

Drs High and Ford

## Parish Council Pickings

Meeting of 27 Sept 90

Six Councillors present and one member of the public.

Three apologies for absence.

This being the first meeting after the summer break, it was perhaps not surprising that most of the business related to 'matters arising' from past meetings.

Norham won the Best-kept Village competition, but the judges commended the other entrants for their efforts.

We are all aware that the village scores a lot of 'own goals' in this game: litter, broken seats, small neglected areas etc. A new Litter Act comes into force in the near future, placing much heavier responsibilities on the Local Councils for keeping the place tidy. For this reason, it was decided to hold in abeyance the purchase of a new bin to be funded jointly by Dr High and the Friends of Haydon Bridge until it is seen how the new regime works out. One thing we shall not get is a local skip: the County Council has ruled it out, even though the District supported our request. As for the derelict seats, some enquiries will be made to find out the cost of an 'indestructible' pattern: meanwhile, if you see anybody wrecking one of the wooden ones, please tell the Police.

On amenity matters, there was considerable disappointment that Royal Mail will not put an extra pillar-box in the Greenwich Gardens area. They say nothing has changed which would warrant it, but it is still a long way to the Post Office for the elderly.

There has been a noticeable improvement in the roadside verge at the West End. Cllr Mrs Garrow intends to plant bulbs there - (any volunteers to

## TO BED

Regard me not with eyes half open

Calm nor startle at the sight:

Should my snoring thee awaken

Cups of tea shall calm thy fright.

Fear not if you hear my footsteps

Treading on the landing floor;

Worry not about the neighbours

If I slam the bathroom door.

When the darkness is retreating

Thoughts of breakfast fill thy head:

After thou hast lit the fire,

Bring mine up to me in bed.

## OUR VILLAGE

Our village has never possessed a resident squire. Our Landlord, of all but a handful of the parish's 20,000 acres, was none other than the Lords of the Admiralty. What more impressive connexion with the seat of power could a parish have? How their Lordships came to own extensive estates in distant Northumberland is a matter of history and one man's misfortune. That man was James Radcliffe, third Earl of Derwentwa-

ter, who took up arms in the Jacobite cause in 1715. The rebellion failed miserably. Found guilty of treason, the unhappy earl was executed, his estates forfeited and the rents applied to the building and future maintenance of the Royal Hospital for Seamen at Greenwich. From that time on and for the next 150 years the Hospital managed their farms as a good landlord should, sympathetically, responsive to changing times and needs, but never oppressively. Perhaps for this reason a spirit of sturdy independence prevailed, a sort of do-it-yourself attitude to the needs of village life. So that with the coming of the Parish Councils Act in 1894, the newly-founded Parish Council seized the opportunity with a democratic fervour which no parish council has since equalled.

They set to work to provide allotments, raised subscriptions for new seats, improved the lighting, but being careful to have the lights switched off on moonlit nights. Made requests for new letter boxes, gave names to the village streets (all four of them) planted trees and found time to reprimand the village postmistress for disrespectful remarks she was

alleged to have made concerning certain members of the Council and their efforts to improve the postal service.

Admirable though these projects were, none was so near to their collective heart as the provision of a Fire Brigade. Progress was slow. Despite the delays and disappointments, the flames of their enthusiasm were never extinguished, although achievement long eluded them. A recommendation to purchase a second hand apparatus for £85 was turned down at the annual parish meeting, forcing the council to be content with a fire extinguisher and a hose. With true northern canniness they refused to pay the account for the hose until it was tested. Tested it was and found satisfactory. A start had been made.

This was in 1912. The simplicity of their equipment made frequent practices unnecessary. One yearly practice was deemed sufficient. For this the captain received 7s. 6d. and his men 2s. 6d. each. Early parish councils regarded any addition to the rates as little less than sinful. I suspect that "saving the rates", as they put it, was a powerful brake on practices. (To be continued) LC Coombes

## TO THE EDITOR OF HAYDON NEWS

I heard something drop in the letter-box and wondered, "Whose Jumble Sale is it this time?"

To my surprise and great joy there was instead a letter as follows:

"During May and June of this year we cycled from Land's End to John o'

Groats, a total distance of some 1100 miles. To give us an incentive we decided to raise funds for the Haydon Bridge Health Centre, collecting from the village and also work. We therefore have great pleasure in enclosing a cheque to the value of £440.00.

Yours sincerely,  
Liz and Mike Jukes,  
2 Douglas Gardens."

We are all, at the Health Centre, deeply moved by this and by all the other overwhelmingly generous contributions made to us to give us a Centre of which we are all very proud.

Thank you.

Drs High and Ford and all the Health Centre Staff.  
P.S. We hope you were not too "saddle-sore" but we cannot remember having any blistered bottoms at the surgery recently!

## FROM A GARDEN IN HERTFORDSHIRE

To say that this garden is full of Wild Life would be too simple a description, a Home for Eccentrics would be more apt.

Our rabbit does not crouch in the grass, bunny fashion, and nibble, like other people's rabbits. He is a sunbathing rabbit, and lies on his back with his eyes closed and his hands resting on his rotund little stomach, like a fat man on the beach, blissfully unaware of the plight of our thoroughly mixed-up owl who sleeps all night, hoots all day, and has succeeded in getting himself mobbed on the lawn as a result. Of course we do have hedgehogs who behave in a more or less traditional manner, and come with heavy breathing at dusk for their bread and milk, and we do wage the familiar battle with the squirrels for ownership of the bird-nut bag - this is not easy. We have high-jumping squirrels, elongating squirrels, belaying squirrels, and just plain thugs, and usually they win. When the supply runs out, small faces appear at the kitchen window registering pained surprise - but - they do have a rival one-man mafia, for we

also have a mouse, a veritable trapeze artist of a mouse who lives in the brickwork behind the window shutter, and performs miracles of elasticity between bricks and nut bag which it attacks from behind - this is unsporting but effective - it is getting very fat.

Earlier this year Phineas appeared at the bottom of the garden. Not a very handsome pheasant, he was scrawny, with depleted neck feathers, a shot-away tail and a deformed right foot. He was a depressing sight so of course we worried about him - who would want a husband with an air of dejection and a limp? Well, one morning Daisy arrived. She was thin, plain and FAITHFUL looking, and she peeped anxiously at him from behind a large garden pot. Phineas thought she was beautiful, and his courtship display was spectacular. He raised one wing high and dipped the other low until he presented a disc of colour - slowly he circled her, first one way and then the other, the light catching his iridescence like the setting sun.....and Daisy?

With the new-found confidence of the pursued, she, to demonstrate her indifference, turned her back on him and found

something of consuming interest under one wing. He persevered with growing impatience, and Daisy obviously decided not to push her luck, for she is still here, and over the weeks has been joined by May, Belle, Emma, Hannah, and recently, by Dolly.

Now Dolly is different.

Dolly is dusky - she is a striking coffee colour and has eyelashes. She has no intention of remaining number six wife if she can help it. At present the pecking-order is strict, and harshly maintained, and disciplinary measures from an exasperated cock-pheasant can disperse the quarrelsome lot into the coppice in a flurry of feathers and ruffled dignity, until one by one, six beaks, topped by six pairs of calculating eyes reappear to assess the situation.

We went a little broody at the thought of all those tiny pheasant feet pattering, and pattering and pattering..... but alas, we moved house before any events, and now own a garden on an exposed hill in Northumberland. We have exchanged sparrows for chaffinches, and starlings for lapwings, and we have another mouse. It's a start.

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