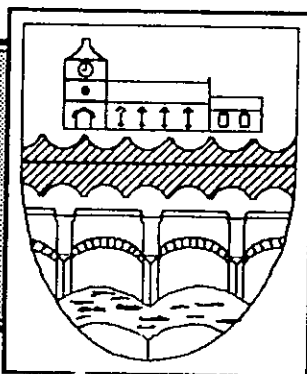


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EDITORIAL

The Parish of Haydon has been a hive of fund-raising activities in recent weeks. In particular, the need for a new floor in the Community Centre is attracting support from the whole community. The hard work that has gone on behind the scenes is acknowledged elsewhere in this issue of the Haydon News but special mention must be made of the initiative and dedication of Mary Douthwaite, of Iris Waugh, and of the Watson family.

There are also the regular activities of local church and other groups while the tributes to a former postman and to "Meals on Wheels" call to mind two of the many services which are in danger of being taken for granted just because they run smoothly and efficiently. Outside the parochial sphere support has been given to the Arthritis and Rheumatism Council throughout the past year and Christian Aid Week will no doubt receive due attention in May.

Taken all in all it is hardly surprising that so many people think themselves fortunate to reside in Haydon Bridge. However, nothing is ever perfect and there are two matters of ongoing concern. The first, the problem of fouled pavements, could be cured overnight by a little effort on the part of the few irresponsible dog owners in our midst. The second, the well-nigh continuous stream of heavy traffic thundering through the village, day and night, will take somewhat longer to eradicate. It is therefore good to learn of a group of public spirited individuals prepared to

co-ordinate local efforts to fight for the long awaited **BYPASS** to be built **SOON**. This group deserves the whole hearted support of the whole community.

Gina Richardson
Editor.

PARISH COUNCIL PICKINGS (Meeting of 28 March)

There were 9 Councillors present.

Much discussion took place concerning a by-pass for Haydon Bridge. A letter from Mr Amos MP stated that he was lobbying ministers at Westminster. County Councillors Swithenbank and Purdue stressed the need for dualling between Carlisle and Newcastle. Our County Councillor Purdue was present at this meeting. One or two Tynedale Councillors are to be part of a delegation to the Minister of Transport and Gordon Adam (Euro-MP) had written to Karel van Mierst stressing the need for this North link to the M6 and Stranraer which would help "develop" the Tyne Valley. Councillor L Philp has had made some badges stating the need for a by-pass. They will cost 20p. Buy one and wear it!

The Best Kept Village contest will be upon us soon and litter and clean frontages were discussed at length. Parked cars stop the road-sweeper from cleaning out the gutters. 16th April is the start of Environmental Week at the High School. Pupils are to be invited to paint the subway and the War Memorial area is to be spring cleaned by them too. The southern end of the old bridge is also in need of a spring clean!

Another delegation of County and District Councillors is to meet up with Post Office officials to discuss the loss of sorting facilities at Haydon Bridge, and the possible removal of "Crown" facilities at Hexham. Will all of our post go to Newcastle or Leeds to be sorted?

Remember 19th to 28th April is National Spring Cleaning Week - outside as well as inside.

Enid Garrow will be around the gardeners begging for plants and assistance in planting the baskets.

Back Ratcliffe Road and Back Church Street pot-holes had their usual airing and it was agreed to the matter of laying hogging on a private road.

E G

LETTERS

A thankyou.

I would like it to be put on record that I very much appreciate the efforts of the very kind people who take round Meals on Wheels.

P Uldall

A well-earned retirement.

Mr J D Tulip retired recently after 30 years with the Post Office.

David's career as a postman began at Bardon Mill where he spent over three years before moving to Haydon Bridge. He has worked from this Office since 1963. I feel that the many people whom David has met over the years will be pleased to learn that he is enjoying his early retirement.

A Petts

LETTERS (Contd)

The Arthritis and Rheumatism Council.

The Haydon Bridge Branch of the ARC has managed to send £440 to this charity for the year 1990.

We shall be repeating the Strawberry Teas on July 20th this year and also repeating the very successful Car Boot Sale in June. So please, when you are tidying up and find unwanted items of the kitchen, garden or ornamental variety, do remember us. Hold them in reserve and let me or a nearer committee member collect them.

Thankyou all very much for your support.

Hilary Rutherford
Appletreewick, Brigwood
Tel 684335

The fouling of pavements and footpaths.

I write with disgust at the amount of people who are still allowing their dogs to foul our village footpaths.

The worst places seem to be the old bridge, which most of the village children have to cross on their way to school and the path which goes around the school to the Nursery.

One morning as I walked to school a gentleman and his dog were crossing the bridge and the dog promptly did his business in the middle of our path. I was horrified to think that he was just going to walk off and leave the excrement there. Well, I could not restrain myself from asking him if he was going to clean up this mess! To my amazement he apologised and said he would remove it with a paper bag, and he did. So come on, dog

owners, not all guilty I admit, please do something to keep our Village and our shoes CLEAN.

Shirley Phillips
for and on behalf of the PTA
Shaftoe Trust School

Editor's Note

Letters and all other items intended for publication must be accompanied by a name and address. An item already received, bearing only the initials of the author, is being held over awaiting the necessary information.

**COMMUNITY CENTRE
FLOOR FUND Progress
Report****Carpet Bowls Coffee
Evening, Saturday March
2nd.**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who donated bottles, prizes and cakes and all who gave their support to make this a successful evening. A grand total of £350 was raised. Well done everyone in Haydon Bridge.

Winners of the first three raffle prizes were:

Whisky: S Pickering

Hamper: I Tait

Whisky: I Cunningham

Remaining prizewinners, in order, were:

M Oliver, F Watson, M Mahoney, I Tait, unclaimed, F Parker, M Curry, E Sams, M Ferguson, S Borthwick, R Leader, E Benson, M Ferguson, M Rumney, R Wallace.

Thankyou

M Douthwaite.

Watson Family Dance**Saturday, March 9th**

The sum of £401.10 was raised for the New Floor Fund.

H Watson.

**Dance Club Coffee Evening
Saturday March 16th**

On behalf of the Dance Club I would like to thank all the kind people who gave us so much help and support in this event.

Our grateful thanks to Gail Annan, who generously donated the dressed doll, which raised £54 and was won by Gladys Robertson. Thanks must also go to all Club members who gave their willing help.

The grand total raised was £420.23, a marvellous effort.

Thankyou.

I Waugh

AT THE TIME OF GOING TO PRESS, MARCH 20th, THE OVERALL TOTAL IN THE FUND, INCLUDING THE ABOVE ITEMS, WAS ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED POUNDS.

HEALTH CENTRE NEWS

We now have a suggestion box in the Health Centre porch. Patient participation in the local practice is now absolutely vital as new services are offered and new problems tackled. Please drop us a note of your concerns or recommendations - you don't have to give your name if you don't want to. Always feel free to raise points through the suggestion box or directly with the staff or partners.

In the next quarter we shall be producing a new Practice Booklet and will put in it all the up to date information about the practice. Your views about the contents or appearance of the Booklet will be most helpful - drop us a line in the suggestion box! We think that delays in getting an appointment at

the practice are shorter than average. One of the things we aim to offer from the start of the "Medical New Year" - April 1st! - is same day appointments if the request is received up to half an hour before closing time.

Childrens's clinics are in April on the 18th and in May on the 2nd and 16th.

A Well Man Clinic is now in full swing to match the Well Woman Clinic which has been going for years. All are welcome - please ask for a clinic appointment.

The out-of-hours emergency system still foxes some people. This practice uses the Ambulance Control Centre to take messages and forward them to the doctor by radio. This means that the doctor can be contacted instantly anywhere, don't be alarmed by the Tyneside number - both doctors live in the village.
Steven Ford

NOTICES

RETIREMENT of Joint Secretary of Haydon Bridge Community Association.

Mr L C Coombes has announced his retirement as one of two Honorary Secretaries of the Association. We thank him for his sterling work over twenty-five years. The Association needs a replacement. In recent years Mr Coombes has been in charge of letting rooms in the Centre, membership, licences for meetings which are open to the general public and the regulations concerning them. (Miss M Sharples is the Hon. Sec. for minutes and some of the matters arising from them).

The Council of the Association hopes that a volunteer will be found to replace Mr

Coombes. Will anybody who is willing to consider taking over these duties please contact Mr Rowarth (Chairman) of Miss Sharples (Meetings Secretary)?

SHAFTOE CHORALE

The new term starts on Friday, April 12th. Rehearsals are under way on a major work, "Olivet to Calvary" as well as a range of songs. New members are welcome in all lines but we are particularly anxious to attract more TENORS and BASSES.

Further details from the Choirmaster, or any member of the Shaftoe Chorale, or just come along to the Community Centre at 7.30 pm on Fridays.

Alan Armstrong
Choirmaster
c/o The High School.

COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This will take place on Monday, May 20th 1991 at 7.15 pm in the Community Centre.

All members are urged to attend and take part in the election of Officers and Members of Council for the coming year.

M Sharples
Meetings Secretary.

PUBLIC MEETING

Do you agree that Haydon Bridge needs a bypass?

If you do, come to our Public Meeting, Wednesday, May 1st, at 7.30 pm in the Community Centre. Show your feelings by being present.

We hope to form an action group to fight for a Bypass NOW

Eileen Charlton
27 Greenwich Gardens.

CRISIS IN AFRICA

Christian Aid 1991

Twenty million people in Africa are threatened by famine. Drought and civil war have uprooted millions, fuelling fears of a tragedy WORSE than that in Ethiopia in 1984/85. The aftermath of the Gulf War is jeopardising relief projects and foreign currency earnings.

Christian Aid is a development agency that does not support any political party - it works with ALL who share its concerns. Last year, of the £31 million raised -

81% funded projects helping people to help themselves, including supporting community work in deprived areas of the UK: 8% went on development education:

11% was spent on administration and fundraising.

Christian Aid has no overseas staff; projects are administered by partners, ensuring money is spent where most needed.

Christian Aid Week starts on 12th May with a service in the Methodist Chapel at 6.00 pm. This year's theme, "Do you believe in Life before Death? We do", re-iterates everyone's right to human dignity.

If you can spare a few hours during the week 13th-18th May, please phone Pat Hirst, 684474.

Thankyou.

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1906 (Part 4)

A tear ran down her flushed cheeks enhancing the beauty of her face, those hazel eyes said it all as they did all those years ago in 1922 when I left Haydon Bridge to go to live with relatives in Canada. It was a fine morning as we stood together talking in Church Street, fumbling for words I was, just like a young lad of 15 yrs falling in love for the first time, but this was my very own first love and here I was, weak at the knees and heart racing. That old magic called love creaked in my old bones as we planned to meet for supper that night. As she walked off along Church Street she kept looking back....."Oh! Why did I waste all those years?" I thought as I watched her glance back once more as she turned the Post Office corner. Post Office! - yes that's it, that's the shop we had both just come out of. At one time, way back in 1906, this very shop was the Post Office and Nicholas Beattie was sub-postmaster. On the floor, at the entrance to the shop the name "BEATTIE" was inlaid in a terrazzo paving, only the outline is left to be seen today. If you look on the upright of the left window you can clearly see where the old letter-box was situated and is now filled in with wood - who is the owner of this nice little village shop today? A one called Armstrong. The church clock struck 10 am as I turned into the newsagents for my morning paper. "What's this?" I said to myself as I gazed around thinking "here one could but anything from a "netty-roll" to a Swiss roll. According to

my mother's notes on 1906, this shop belonged to a one Robert Brogden, who had a daughter, I remember, called Molly. Yes: Robert Brogden, Stationer and Newsagent. Now the shopkeeper is a rather portly, dignified and pleasant little Yorkshireman.

How times have changed in Haydon Bridge since 1906 when the village was just a cluster of houses situated close to the river and the old stone bridge! Easily it lay, tucked in amongst green field and corn field, woodland and wild flowers, and yet the village had far more shops and trades to its service than today. The population in Haydon Bridge is greater now than in 1906. Today, Council houses and private building have greatly added to the place, yet in Church Street alone there are only four shops to serve the villagers, compared to eight in 1906. Let me tell you who they were, according to my mother's notes.

Haydon Bridge Supply Stores John Mulholland, Manager. Grocer; Wine and Spirit Merchant. (Now the Chemist's Shop).

John Drydon Bootmaker
Thomas Clemitson Ironmonger and Saddler. (Now a butcher's shop).

Robert Brogden Stationer and Newsagent.

Francis Robinson Graham Draper.

Isabella, Mary & Lydia Thompson (Misses) Grocers, Northside.

Holmes Millican Drapers.

Wm. Henry Irwin Fishing tackle dealer. (Now part of the Railway Hotel).

Frances Vickers Confectioner.

Robinson & Co Drapers.

If you arrived at Haydon

Bridge station for a holiday or short stay (remember, no buses in that far-off day) and you met our local policeman, George Elliot and enquired about apartments he would direct you either to Mrs Eligh Askew; Church Street, or Miss Mary Ann Bolain, Church Street. And if during your stay you were unfortunate enough to get toothache, you just popped round to the dentist, who was Peter Edward Fox. He had a room booked at 13 Church Street where he attended 1st and 3rd Monday of each month - so you arranged to have toothache on those dates OR SUFFERED. As I walked past No 13 I shuddered. I could still hear squeals, yells and screams coming from behind those four walls: by lad, was he rough! Bloodstains can still be seen penetrating the whitewashed ceiling of the room he rented. Fox was his name, and he had us all foxed into thinking he was a dentist. Many a pale face I've seen drinking whisky in the bar of the Railway after being in his chair and spitting blood and slavers into the metal spittoon that stood on the sawdust-strewn floor. Mother dreaded that dentist's arrival off the train as all dressed in black, he said "Good morning" to Mr Wood the Stationmaster. Even the blood drained from the Stationmaster's face every 1st and 3rd Monday as the carriage door opened and out stepped Fox the Dentist. (To be continued) More about the bike-ride next month. Our regrets that there is no space for the Parish Church service timetable this month.

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