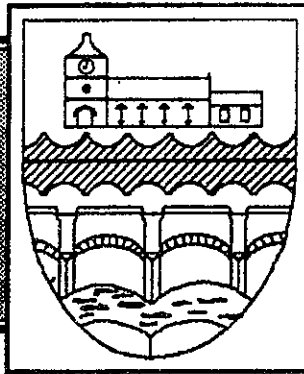


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Wednesday	11.30 - 1.30	-	7.30 - 12.00
Thursday	11.30 - 1.30	-	7.30 - 12.00
Friday	11.30 - 1.30	4.30 - 6.00	7.30 - 12.00
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BYPASS UPDATE**VISIT TO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT MINISTER, Mr CHRISTOPHER CHOPE MP.**

14th May 1991.

Reason for Visit

To present a case, based on need, for improvement and up-grading the A69.

This strategy had already been discussed by Northumbria and Cumbria County Councils at a joint meeting on 14 Jan 1991.

As the representative delegated from Tynedale, my main reason for being present was to support the joint initiative.

However, I was also there, and willing to take any opportunity given, to support the case for a bypass for Haydon Bridge. I also took with me a document supporting our case and the 1000 signatures collected between May 1st and May 12th 1991.

Pre-meeting: 13th May: House of Commons.

A pre-meeting was arranged to take place in a lobby room, so that the group strategy could be discussed. Those present were the MP for Carlisle, 4 representatives from Northumberland and 4 from Cumbria.

Meeting with Mr C. Chope MP: 14th May 1991.

Present the following:

Mr Amos MP, Mr McLean MP, Mr Martlew MP.

Mr Ian Swithenbank, Leader NCC, Mr Ray Gilchrist, Chair, Highways NCC, Mrs Marion Howard, Tynedale Council, Mr Basil Arthur, County Surveyor.

Presentation

Ian Swithenbank referred to the development of the Northern Development Corporation, and the effect

this has on the A69.

He highlighted a number of firms, including Nissan, who have component suppliers in West Cumbria. So the A69 not only has increased traffic because of increased services to industries, but also highlights the status of the road.

Ray Gilchrist A document had already been presented to the Department of Transport. He spoke briefly on the hard work that had gone into it. From the document he talked about the mixture of the traffic and the 30% of Heavy Goods Vehicles. Also how the present Motorway and Trunk Road links automatically provide a steadily increasing volume of traffic, and the link with other road improvements which will have a knock-on effect.

Marion Howard I had been given the brief which I carried out as follows:

I highlighted the growing importance of the A69 as a Euro-route, and how this has increased the percentage volume of Heavy Goods Vehicles. Also how important the A69 will become in 1992 throughout the North-east and Ireland.

My second point was the nature of the road as being the shortest East-West road and the fact that it is an all-weather route, never closed, always cleared quickly, during winter weather.

I also used Haydon Bridge and other single-carriageway stretches of A69 as examples of ongoing safety factors. How people become frustrated travelling behind convoys of Heavy Goods Vehicles, try to overtake, take risks, cause accidents.

Presenting the Petition

At this point I asked Mr Chope whether he was able to accept a document and petition from the village. (Apparently, protocol says an MP should do this). He said he was willing to take the document, so I handed it over. The best thing about it was, he read it and started to look at the petition.

At this point the business moved on and **Mr Basil Arthur** provided a summary on behalf of the County and Tynedale.

Highlighted the priorities that need to be part of a strategy:

- 1) There should be an overall strategy for the A69, so that its economic return is positive.
- 2) Priority should be given to bypasses for Haltwhistle and Haydon Bridge (Short Term).

- 3) Upgrading to dual Carriageway (Long Term)
- Cumbria made a similar presentation.

Minister's Reply.

We already have a massive roads programme, where do we get the money from?

From Regional DoT Representative.

We do not agree with your figures on traffic and accidents.

Big Step Forward

DoT agreed to meet Mr Basil Arthur to agree a statistical model on which to present co-ordinated traffic and accident figures.

Mr Amos made a very brief final statement hoping that the Minister would look at traffic flows, at COBRA (economic model) and consider the dualling of A69.

My Final Comment.

I believe that our way forward on bypass strategy for Haydon Bridge rests on a passing comment made

by Mr Chope.

Money can be found if the case is there, but we must recognise that most schemes are based on economic considerations. However, the Treasury will find funding for the DoT to proceed with construction if other factors such as strong environmental cases are proved. They may look favourably on such cases.

We need to present a strong case, and with Eileen Charlton leading the Action Group, we shall get there.

Best Wishes,

Marion Howard.

THANKYOUS

Christian Aid

I would like to say a very sincere thankyou to everyone who came along to support the Coffee Evening on May 1st. To those who very kindly brought cakes and other goods for the bring and buy stall and to those who gave donations of money.

I wish to say a special thankyou to all the helpers who worked so hard behind the scenes, keeping things moving. I hope you all managed to get a cup of something and although we were a bit crowded you enjoyed your time with us.

Through your generosity and help I was able to pass on to the Christian Aid treasurer £147.00

Thanking you all once again.

Sally Todd

Church Street.

Janet Robinson would like to thank relatives, good neighbours and her many friends for flowers, kind enquiries and visits while she was in hospital.

I am pleased to say that I am back in residence. Thank you all. Janet.

Children's Society

The house-to-house collections raised the sum of £212.80, an increase of £43.45 on last year's total.

Many thanks to all who gave and those who collected. Collectors are always needed: if you can spare time to do this worth-while job please contact me.

M Curry

Tel: 684238

Watson's Dance

The proceeds of the dance held on May 18th in aid of the Community Centre Floor Fund, were £350.00. I would like to thank all who helped in any way, either in the organisation or in the support of this event.

H Watson.

MEALS ON WHEELS

Meals on Wheels are provided on Tuesdays and Thursdays and at present there are nine recipients but the number can vary from time to time. The meals are cooked by the canteen staff at the First School. At present there are thirteen helpers who take the meals round, working in pairs. All of them have been doing this job for years and of course over the years we have lost helpers for quite understandable reasons. While there is no danger of the service folding we could really do with more helpers. The more there are the less often the duty comes round (at present about every six weeks). So if you can find time, whether you have a car or not, please contact me (684416). The present volunteers are all women, there is no reason why some should not be men.

Mrs M Nicholl of High Lipwood, with her own team of helpers, has in the past

been responsible for the cooking and distribution of meals during the school holidays - otherwise there would have been no meals during these periods. Mrs Nicholl will be giving up this work at the end of July. I am sure that all concerned are very grateful to Mrs Nicholl for the many years that she has done this job. A replacement is now urgently required. If you are interested please get in touch with me (684416) of Mrs Nicholl (684205).

L C Coombes.

SERVICES AT THE PARISH CHURCH

Services during July are as follows:

The MAIN act of worship each week is at 10 am every Sunday and is usually the Parish Eucharist. On Sunday 21st July we are having a FAMILY SERVICE. The SUNDAY SCHOOL meets at 10 am in the Church Hall every Sunday.

A quiet service of HOLY COMMUNION without hymns or sermon is held on the first and third Sundays i.e. 7th and 21st July and 8th Aug. at 8 am. This service follows the Prayer Book of 1662 and lasts approximately 30 minutes.

UNITED SERVICES are at 6 pm on 7th July at the Methodist Church and on 4th August in the Parish Church.

Evening Prayer is held at the OLD CHURCH at 3 pm on 14th July (old service) and at the Parish Church at 6 pm on 28th July (new service)

HOLY BAPTISM is by arrangement with the Vicar and normally takes place during one of the above services.

Keith Fletcher
Vicar.

PARISH COUNCIL PICKINGS

Meeting of 23rd May 1991

All the newly-elected Councillors were present, and Mr Bates and Mr Drydon were unanimously appointed to resume office as Chairman and Vice-Chairman respectively.

Mrs Gilhespy became a trustee of the "Storrit" fund in place of Mrs Porteous: this legacy is to be used to pay a very small pension to two "poor spinsters".

After a good deal of discussion as to whether sufficient effort had been put in to drag the pool of possible candidates, the Council decided that there had been time enough since the election to identify any willing persons for co-option. Only two people had emerged a positively interested, Mrs Joan Flanagan and Mrs Eileen Charlton, and they were accordingly co-opted as members of the Parish Council.

Cllr Bill Howard has been appointed to the Tynedale Planning Committee. Among his immediate concerns will be the the question of the tipping of rubble (and some other materials) on the southern river bank. The application to build houses on the South Tyne Garage site has been approved. The Parish Council came out against any further expansion of the caravan site and the District Council disapproved of a proposal to build a house behind St John's Church.

The battle of the postal services has been lost. From 4 August the sorting places at Wark Bellingham and Haydon Bridge will be transferred to Hexham.

Royal Mail says the service will be improved through tighter management, and there is no need to worry about parcels and registered mail causing a problem if you are out. We shall have to wait and see.

Tynedale has decided to improve the lights in Strother Close. Money has been allocated for a 3-year programme, but it doesn't start until next April.

Finally there was a vote of thanks to the High School pupils for their work in clearing and painting the underpass. The odd thing was that none of those actually involved lives in the village!

J P R

TYNEDALE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Dear Friends,
Bill and myself wish to thank you for your votes on May 2nd.

It is important that you realise that we will share responsibility for looking after your interests. However, we shall each be concentrating on specific areas within council business.

Bill will be looking after Environmental and Public Health, as he is on the ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE, and leisure and tourism problems as he is on LEISURE AND TOURISM COMMITTEE. This time we are also lucky that Bill will be on PLANNING as well.

I will still be dealing with housing through the HOUSING SERVICES COMMITTEE and also take on board problems arising on Community Charge (remember, this will be in place until 1993) and other

problems relating to overall policy affecting your lives. This means I am on POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE.

Finally, I am also on the Management Board which looks after the interests of the Council's Direct Labour Force, and submissions for tenders on behalf of the Council.

For the first time in a long period of time we are able to offer you a service which covers all aspects of your life. The responsibility is a large one, we will carry out that responsibility to the best of our ability, cheerfully and as efficiently as the system allows. If the system interferes with that efficiency, we will try to change that system.

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Marion and Bill Howard.

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Prevention of disease starts in childhood. We are considering sessions for children, entering their teens, to discuss "How to be healthy and stay that way" The views of parents about this proposal are welcomed. If this scheme is put into operation then invitations will be sent to the children themselves. This is something which they should feel in charge of, interested in and for which THEY take responsibility.

A worrying statistic was mentioned on TV - each week in the UK 170 girls under the age of consent (16) become pregnant. Many other girls and women become pregnant unintentionally too.

We take these problems seriously and give the FULL RANGE of FAMILY PLANNING advice and materials to women, men or couples. We encourage young people to talk to their parents but, in accordance with the law, will keep confidential all discussions.

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Children's clinics:

June 20th

July 4th and 18th

Aug 1st and 15th. SF.

1906 Part 5

In that long gone year of 1906 Haydon Bridge was a quiet little village with a number of big houses and moneyed people living Up-the-Bank and at Brigwood. There was nothing much to disturb local life, no noise apart from the railway and the foundry that belonged to Messrs Benson. It was known as 'Haydon Bridge Iron Co' and was situated next to the Methodist Chapel. A one John Hamilton was manager in 1906 and he lived at South View, Up-the-Bank.

At night as I lay snug in my bed in the Railway Hotel I would listen to the striking of the church clock above the low murmurings of voices in the bar below, before fading off into the glorious sleep of contented youth, with the soothing sound of the river flowing beneath the bridge and the craking of corn-crakes in the Tofts fields.

To us youths of Haydon Bridge in 1906, Up-the-Bank was Holy ground, most sacred and untouchable. There resided the toffs of the village and once across those railway gates one had to behave in a proper manner, and be polite to every lady and gentleman you met, saying "Good day, Sir (or Madam)", raising your scruffy little cap as you stepped off the pavement onto the dusty road to let them pass - more so for me, being young Dickinson of the Railway Hotel where a

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number of the gentry frequented the Snug, each with his lady (or someone else's) on a certain evening of the week. (Oh yes, it went on in that far gone year also). I had no time to look at the "Big Houses" Up-the-Bank when I was on holiday 2 years ago, but no doubt they will still be as nice and fine as ever. Let me tell you about them.

Linton House was a magnificent stone house with large lawns and a flagpole, a one Mrs Walton lived there. From the beautiful entrance hall the oak staircase turned toward the first landing at a beautiful stained-glass window, with the names of her sons in each corner. I remember a Michael Walton, a son who always kicked my backside when he came past a real bully. (Whatever happened to him, I wonder?)

Further up the Bank on the right stood Selwood House, another classical dwelling. That was owned by a one Mr Joseph Lawson, companion to Mr Carrick. The two gentlemen were much respected in Haydon Bridge at the time and stood out above every other man on occasions when they stood in the low Snug room at the Hotel, dressed in all their finery - highly polished boots, silk toppers, high collar and bow with a gold watch chain and silver-topped ebony cane gleaming in the low light of the gas lamps bracketed from the walls. (More to come)

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