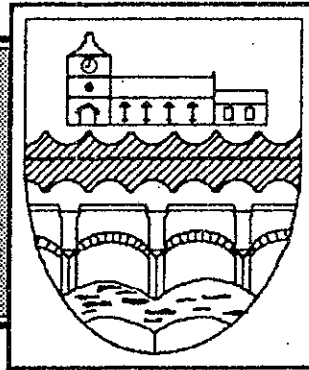


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EDITORIAL**The long haul**

In the main hall of the Community Centre the concrete foundation has now to "dry out" before the batons and strip floor can be laid down. At present it is not possible to estimate how long the drying-out process will take.

An interim bill of £5287.50 has been paid using the Parish Council Grant, money from the Bowls Club Floor Fund and from Community Association funds. While grants have been promised from Tynedale District Council and Northumberland County Council, it must be understood that these can form only a percentage of the final total cost of the project. The Community Association is committed to finding a certain percentage of the total cost itself.

It has been an inspiration to the whole Village that the Bowls Club Floor Fund has been able to activate the money-raising potential of so many different local organisations and generate the interest of so many individuals in the repair and rehabilitation of the Community Centre. The thanks of everyone who uses the Centre or who might use it in the future are due to all who have helped in this magnificent effort.

Nevertheless, the battle is not yet completely won and everyone is urged to **continue their support** of the project by taking part in the associated ongoing fund raising activities.

Last Post

We regret the passing of the Village Postal Sorting facilities and deplore the appearance of the drunken monstrosity which has been placed on the pavement to receive our outgoing mail.

However it's an ill wind that blows nobody any good and we admire the new window and look forward to making our purchases in the newly enlarged shop. May the business prosper and continue to serve us for many years to come.

Gina Richardson
Editor

NOTICES**Friends of Haydon Bridge**

The Annual General Meeting of the Friends of Haydon Bridge will be held on **Monday 24 November at 7.30pm** in the Community Centre. New members always welcome.

Enid Garrow
Secretary

Wanted

St Cuthbert's Church Catering Group requires fruit dishes "Mountain Wood Selection" which could be bought from the Co-op when they had a special promotion.

Have you any to spare?
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Enid Garrow
Secretary

Art Classes at Haydon Bridge High School

Evening Classes are available in **Life drawing and relief print making** at the High School.

Life drawing, an ongoing course on Thursdays, 7-9pm. Beginners welcome.

Printmaking, 5 meetings from 4 November, on Mondays, 7-9pm. Lino and woodcut prints. A chance to make your own limited edition Xmas cards.

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By-Pass Action Group

An action day is planned for **Saturday 9 November 10.00am to 4.00pm**.

The intention is to maintain a continuous stream of hand held protest notices being carried along both sides of Ratcliffe Road, along the south side of the New Bridge and from south to north of the Old Bridge.

Please look out for the appeals for help with this activity. The support of individuals and local organisations is vital to the success of this event. Thankyou.

Eileen Charlton
Chairman

PARISH COUNCIL PICKINGS

The September meeting began with Public Participation concerning the pathway behind Rock Springs being overgrown. In the absence of a "lollipop lady" to enable safe crossing of the A69, children now go to school along the riverside as far as the Anchor Hotel. This matter is to be reported to Tynedale District Council.

Ms Poole spoke about her involvement with the Sports facilities at the High School. There had been a very good response to the "School of Sport" week and she has promised to provide a full report on the work and activities taking place at both schools in the Village. She was particularly enthusiastic about the Pre-School PE and soft play activities with more strenuous activities for the "Mams".

More discussion took place about the overloading of the sewage system. The River Board now know where the sewers ARE - a comforting thought! You will have read in the Courant that the Parish Council is to be billed for Election Expenses at £120 even though there may be no election in the Parish. Following an "alert" from the Friends of Haydon Bridge the County Council surveyors are to be contacted about Heugh House Lane and the Factory Corner where road verges are churned up by heavy lorries.

Replacing the lights at Greenwich Gardens engendered discussion too as some Councillors recalled that the residents

were relieved when the lights went out! Children no longer congregated there and peace reigned.

As you can tell, there is rarely a dull moment at the meetings. We are fortunate in having Public Participation at the beginning of each meeting - do come if you have any matter which you wish to raise. Not every Council encourages the public to participate!

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HEALTH CENTRE NEWS

Given the rate at which local people are giving up smoking, Haydon Bridge might become the first non-smoking village in Europe! The Health Centre team is very keen to help people who are trying to give up tobacco, please ask if you want to talk about stopping smoking.

The Breast Screening sessions start soon, the Health Centre staff will be pleased to answer questions as necessary. There is a big poster on the notice-board too.

Should women examine their breasts? The general view is that routine monthly checks have not shown the expected benefits but women should remain alert to changes in their breasts detected whilst bathing, for example.

In recent months an increasing number of men have attended surgery with lumps in or on a testicle. Men are, if anything, windier than women about intimate health problems, yet current

evidence suggests that regular testicular examination may show benefits in preventing serious disease. There are leaflets at the Health Centre on the subject.

For the current year the practice has a drugs budget of £102,000, at the present rate of use the final sum spent will be £105,000. Yet we prescribe fewer and cheaper items than average already.

Mrs Jean Boyd has specially requested that the sum raised as donations to the Equipment Fund in memory of Dennis should be published. The final amount was £311.00.

We would like to extend our thanks to the relatives of Mrs Bowman and Mr Robson for their donations too.

Kids clinics: Nov 7th & 21st
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BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION

Synopsis of the first round Judges' report on Haydon Bridge

Haydon Bridge is handicapped by being divided by the busy main road, and the results of efforts to overcome this difficulty and to maintain a high standard of care are uneven. There are examples of exceptional care - for instance the provision of a great many litter bins. Most of these were well used except along the main road, at the old bridge, in the underpass and in the stream near the football ground. The two school sites were excellent and the private houses and gardens were extremely well tended. These balance out to some extent the lack of care of the Community Centre, too much litter in a few places (mentioned above), lack of attention to public seats and the neglected bridge and station bus shelters. Attention was also needed at the Church Hall (painting), the Pavilion (painting), benches at the War Memorial (overgrown) and the Railway Hotel (painting). The stream by the football ground was overgrown, as was the verge between the Station and the Church. Plans to provide hanging baskets in the main street had not materialised when the judges visited, nor was the Competition poster seen.

Note from the assistant to the Keeper of the Baskets: if the baskets had been hung out early and got frost-bitten presumably that would have been wrong too!

PAT GOES TO SEATTLE

Seattle

The second installment of the diary of my visit to see my daughter Helen:

Helen lives in a brick built apartment block. The apartment has two rooms, a kitchen and bathroom. From the window on a clear day you can see Mount Rainier, a snow-capped mountain about 100 miles away.

Two blocks down is Broadway, a long street lined with shops, markets and eating places; colourful and busy. Most shops stay open on Sundays and the QFC (Quality Food Centre) supermarket is open 24 hours. You can get nearly anything along Broadway. There are banks, a post office, Kinkos Copying Centre, the Cowchips Cookie Shop, bars etc. but no liquor store. The supermarkets sell beers and wine but if you want spirits you have to go to a liquor store. Broadway and most of the streets are cluttered with street furniture and are lively rather than attractive. It is not until you get to the centre of Seattle - down town - that it becomes attractive and spacious.

The walk down town - down hill because Seattle is hilly - gets more interesting as you go and takes about half an hour. At one point you cross a bridge over a busy four lane highway with the skyscrapers in the background. The traffic sounds like waves continually washing up a shingle beach. The skyscrapers are sometimes clearly defined,

sometimes the tops are shrouded in mist. Until you get to the posh shopping centre there is no restriction on what people erect in the way of advertising and it is as big and brash as you like.

When you get down town the streets and pavements are wide. The street lamps are cast iron with three glass balls and the buildings are tall and grand and there is plenty of open space. Everything looks expensive and lots of it probably is. There is a superb book shop and some private galleries. There is a shopping precinct with classy shops and boutiques and a number of large department stores, delis, cafes and Starbucks Coffee Shops which seem to be all over the place.

All the lavatories (rest rooms or bathrooms as they are referred to) in restaurants, department stores and public places are spotless and sweet smelling with hot and cold running water and facilities for drying your hands. What a joy compared to this country where you never know what sort of horror you are going to be faced with. Another thing is that it is not possible to walk the length of a main street, say Broadway, without being asked for money. There seem to be quite a few vagrants around: they don't pester you, they stand or sit around holding up a paper cup and ask for small change. As far as I can remember none of them were Chinese, I suppose that says something. "Have a nice day" they say, even when you don't give them anything.

When you get to the water front (Puget Sound) the character changes again, lots of small shops. Then you get to the Pike Place Market, a long covered market with the usual mixture of stalls. What is unusual is the fish stalls. All sorts of sea food mostly packed in ice. Lots of salmon, red snapper, monk fish laid out with their huge mouths wide open, the odd shark, squid, lobsters - live and dead - scallops, crab, mussels, clams, oysters and some revolting things I have not seen before. If you want a fish the men in the front of the stalls fling it to the men behind the stalls.

Helen drove us one day to the fishing terminal, slightly out of town. There is a huge fishing fleet, mostly fairly small trawlers. Seattle must supply a huge area with fish and shellfish. We bought some salmon which is cheap and plentiful there but coarser than the British variety.

Also on the waterfront is a superb aquarium, very extensive and comprehensive, probably the best thing to visit in Seattle. Attached to the aquarium is an omnidrome, a cinema with a huge domed screen where we saw a film about the ocean and one about the eruption of Mount St Helen in 1981, which devastated a huge area and covered an even larger area with dust.
(to be continued)

Pat Sharp

**REMEMBER BY-PASS
ACTION DAY SATURDAY
9 NOVEMBER 10am-4pm**

70-80 YEARS AGO

My friend Jane (nee Sutherland) lives in Sidmouth and her older sister Enid lives quite near. I was aware that Jane's parents had lived in Haydon Bridge in the past and that Jack, Hilda, Enid and Olive had attended Shaftoe Trust School. I sent Jane a book about the Trust and the School knowing that she and her sister would be interested. In return I received letters relating some of the memories of Enid and Jack. Jack Sutherland was an engineer and although retired he still enjoys his workshop and lathe. I regret that Hilda died some years ago. She became matron of a nursing home near Harrogate. Jean Bottomley met up with her when her husband was ill. Small world!

Enid Garrow

**Jack Sutherland remembers Shaftoe Trust School
Sept 1913-April 1922**

The infant teachers were referred to, by us, as Miss Minnie and Miss Lizzie. Miss Lizzie was engaged to Mat Southern and after he was killed came to school each day with a very red face. Miss Clemiston taught me in Standard IV. She lived between the Supply Stores and the Reading Room where her father had a saddlery business.

Miss Hetherington (Mop) taught me in Standard V. She had a habit of closing the pupils up for some lessons when she would sit on a desk with her legs over the back of the seat in front of her. What a horrible sight. Her legs were never

together and her knickers---! Miss Cowle taught me in Standard II, a chap called Rutherford in Standard VI and VII and Mr Ridley (Fiddler Bob) did most of the teaching in Ex VII. I cannot remember who took Standards I and III at that time I was only in I for 6 months.

During May in my early years some of the older boys did not return after lunch but would congregate in the field above the playing field chanting, "It's Royal Oak Day, if you don't give us holiday we'll all run away". Of course it didn't do them any good as Ridley went into the teacher's room and could see who it was out of the window. A careful note was made by him and each offender was sent for and given four of the best on each hand next morning. This only happened twice whilst I was at school. It was said that the boys put cardboard in their trousers but Fiddler Bob always went for the hands.

Michael Pigg, who lived at Chesterwood, occasionally came to school on a donkey. He left it in the school field all day. The teacher Rutherford had black hair and he brushed it straight back. He grew a moustache eventually and it was ginger. It looked most strange. I never really knew Cloag (Gloag?) as he came just before I left. A lad called Ewart Waite attended the school for a few months before I left and I thought he was the E Waite who became Headmaster, but Alan Moffat told me it was his brother.
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