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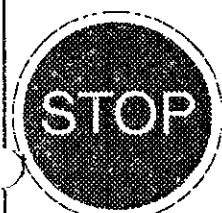
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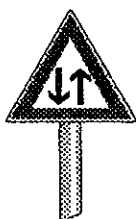
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EDITORIAL

On the 17th May I was sitting in my front room reading a 200 page European Commission Document titled 'Northern Uplands Objective 5B Programme', it discusses how the Commission have allocated some £83 million over the period 1994 - 199 to be spent for the benefit of improving the lot of the 374,000 of us who live here. The 2200 folk in Haydon are considered to live in the 'Uplands', the Village is about 66 metres (216 feet) above sea level and my house is 155m (508ft). That raises the interesting question of why is the river not drained completely if it is 216ft above the North Sea? I know that if I toss a bucket of water down my drive it runs down Heugh House Lane thence down the North Bank - if I threw enough buckets of water I reckon I could flood the village yet still remain dry up here. Anyway that has nothing to do with what I was going to say.

Out the front I noticed a car had stopped there. Usually it's someone pushing something through the letter box so I returned to Objective 5B.

The door bell rang and stood there was a lady with a lovely smile on her face. At first I thought it may have been the girl who tied the string in last month's anecdote coming to reap revenge but thank goodness the caller was much younger. Over her shoulder I then saw hubby at the steering wheel of the car and smiled back at her. She explained that she enjoyed the Haydon News and had just popped up to tell me so, a very nice gesture indeed thanks very much.

There were no less than 12 correct crossword entries.

*T.Alexander, *D.Corbett, *K.Heslop
*P.Irving *B&R Shout J. Heslop
M.Hindle Mrs Jackson M.Moore
M.Nagel M.Robson E.Rumney

* Two correct entries to date. The remaining seven people are now on the first rung of eligibility for the special competition later in the year. Readers are reminded that there are six crosswords (inclusive of this month's) before the end of the year so if you wish to compete in the special competition sharpen your pencil and get cracking to complete five entries.

On the 19th May 12 entries were put into the hat and two winners drawn with as much aplomb as last month but this time by Daisy Ford witnessed by her mum and grandparents.

Mitch

VILLAGE APPRAISAL MEETING 17th May 1995

The meeting was chaired by Bill and Marion Howard with the support of Kate Duckham and Keda Norman of the Community Council for Northumberland. There were 11 members of the public present:

Despite a disappointing attendance the meeting turned out to be a full one lasting some two hours. I initially thought that it was rather incongruous to see that the 'Management Group' discussing the future of Haydon Bridge consisted of two Merseysiders, a Scottish lass and an Irish lady. However Michael Rumney and Eileen Charlton together with Enid Garrow volunteered to help with the 'Appraisal'.

It was reported that quite a number of responses had been received from the clubs and organisations, these will all be collated and issued soon.

As the 'Appraisal' is now starting to incur costs these must now be identified and sources found to fund it. The Community Council will look at possible sources viz:
Community Funding; Rural Action; Rural Project Aid.

Those present were formed into groups and asked to fill in blank sheets of paper giving their ideas on:-

- (a) Places to be landscaped
- (b) Areas for rebuilding
- (c) Recreational Areas
- (d) Riverside
- (e) Play Areas

These ideas were discussed in open forum. I have refrained from giving the fragmented details here. Once collated they will no doubt be issued in a tidy form.

The 'Management Group' intended meeting the Village Business people on May 22nd.

Before the meeting ended Dr High outlined his long held views on the urgent need for sheltered housing near the village centre for the use of elderly and handicapped people. He believes that with the ongoing drain on Social Services they will be unable to provide the service required in the coming years. He questioned where could funding be found to establish such facilities?

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 6 July 1995 at 7pm in the Community Centre. You are all invited to attend

SBM

HAYDON BRIDGE - VILLAGE TRAIL

The Friends of Haydon Bridge would like to compliment the High School and the pupils involved in producing this excellent booklet.

The booklet is available free in the Newsagents and contains nine excellent drawings of the various village buildings together with much useful historical information.

SHAFTOE EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

The Governors will meet on 13 July 1995

Applications for grants to promote the education of individual residents of the Parish, or that of residents generally, should be delivered to the Clerk at the Office on Shaftoe Terrace by Saturday 1 July 1995.

J P Richardson
Clerk to the Governors



LANGLEY W.I.

Members were especially grateful to the Editor of the Hexham Courant, Mr R. Turnbull, who came to the rescue when their original speaker cancelled at short notice. His talk on the intricate business of publishing a local weekly newspaper was entertaining and informative and one of the surprising facts to emerge was that all readers letters are published.

To assist in the planning of the 60th Birthday Party in October, Mr Turnbull offered to place copies of the Hexham Courant from 1935 at the institutes disposal - an offer gratefully taken up by members.

Mrs M. Hindle presented a report on the spring Council Meeting at Newcastle at which a talk on the widespread availability and abuse of drugs in the country had had a sobering effect.

M. Nagel

Friendship increases in visiting friends, but visiting them seldom.

NEXT ISSUE OF HAYDON NEWS

JULY 1995

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POST OFFICE

BY 20 JUNE PLEASE

Readers Letters and Viewpoints - collated by the Editor

ALL OUR YESTERDAYS

I recently had the pleasure of visiting Haydon Bridge after I left after being evacuated there during the war.

I was a private evacuee luckily, and didn't have to undergo the trauma of trains and labels and the cattle-market choosing we see on the TV Documentaries. On the other hand I wasn't too pleased to be uprooted and go with my mother to some place in the sticks.

First stop was Brokenheugh Farm where we had some distant relatives. First shock was having to walk into the village to the Shaftoe Trust School, complete with gas-mask and sandwiches. In deference to my little legs we moved into the village, to 27, Ratcliffe Road, now a rose garden. I was pretty soon integrated into village life and roamed the streets (as we could do then), played cowboys and Indians in Geeswood, collected sticks to sell in order to go to the cinema in the village hall, and generally made a nuisance of ourselves at the railway station, collecting train names and being chased by Jimmy Pewse the porter.

After a brief return to South Shields, we returned to live at 2, Whittis Hill, (now Whittis Road, I see) and thence to 12, Smiths Terrace where we witnessed the change from dry lavatories to flush toilets (though still outside). Meanwhile, on the academic front, Peggy Usher came fresh from college and proceeded to cram us for the 11+ exam. I must record my undying gratitude to her - without her efforts I would never have got to South Shields High School. I left to go there in September 1944, leaving all my mates behind to go and make new friends, but I have never forgotten Haydon Bridge. When I returned [May '95], I found some still there, some scattered to the four winds, and of course, some passed away. Such is life.

I found the village much the same - pity about the Bridge !! - and the folk as friendly as ever - long may it be so.

Jim Rhind
Suffolk

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Beyond his wildest dreams is what a proud Doctor High thinks of the achievements of his own four children as all of them have risen to the top of their professions. He believes that a major factor was the part played by their attendance, when in their late teens, on an **Outward Bound Course** which seemed to give them that self confidence and realisation that if they tried hard enough and persisted long enough then 'the world was theirs' and 'the sky's the limit'. In Haydon Bridge we have a rarely used **Outward Bound Fund** which exists to help young people to go on such courses. If you have a 16 - 20 year old son or daughter who is uncertain about their future prospects, consider an **Outward Bound Course**. What they get out of such a course is dependent upon what is put into it. But what have you to lose?

OUTWARD BOUND COURSES
For information contact
Dr Ford or Dr Henderson
at the Health Centre
or
Sue Self 684503 - Dr High 684470

Nightmares of Triffids looking over the fence into the old peoples bungalows in Greenwich Gardens was a summer possibility. Well not Triffids really but four foot tall thistles as they threaten to encroach the West end shrub border, together with all the other weeds. Following receipt of a letter from Joan Veasey, a resident in the bungalows, pointing out the overgrown state of the border, I telephoned Eileen Charlton who has the burdensome and voluntary task of organising (and participating in) not only this shrubbery but the cemetery and east end heather bed maintenance. Eileen had already started on the work and has since written in (see page 4).

No maintenance problems for Tony Petts in the Post Office who informs us that the results of the second CUSTOMER FIRST SURVEY are available from the Post Office in a leaflet. This shows that 96% of us are satisfied with the service Tony and his staff provide. He is delighted with this result and on behalf of Margaret, Samantha and Rene he thanks all customers for their continued support. This rating is an improvement on the previous 95% rating and compares favourably with a national average of 88% - well done.

Maintenance of the A69 eastern approach to the village is causing Dr High and the Bypass Committee to get so vexed that they have written respectively to the Courant and Haydon News, their letters are shown on pages 4 and 7. Can I suggest that nothing more than routine maintenance and strengthening of a worn out road and compliance with current regulations on road verges is all that is happening. I understand that the the funding for road maintenance is from a totally different budget to that for our proposed bypass so that the £400,000 or so being currently spent has no bearing on the £ millions required for the bypass. Pages 7 and 8 contain recent correspondence on the bypass.

As for Dr High's suspicions that the 'Stazi types' in the Department of Transport are withholding information this is without foundation. The designated route for the bypass is protected by a TRR1 undertaking which prevents any development which could jeopardise the building of the bypass. Despite recent comments to the contrary, emanating from Tynedale District Council, this undertaking has not been changed. It is the Minister who decides on policies and funding, I believe that it is to him and other elected representatives to whom we should be directing continuous pressure.

Both the Parish Council letter (P8) and the Bypass Group letter (P7) sadly contain erroneous statements which both addressees will have noted. This is not the fault of the individual writers who, I presume, based their words on what had been presented to the Parish Council meeting on 27 April. I was at that meeting and can well understand them concluding that the erroneous information given was factual.

On Saturday 20th May a letter from The By-Pass Group popped through my letter box urging me to write to John Davison of the Department of Transport.

Too often the strong silent man is silent only because he does not know what to say and is only reputed to be strong only because he has remained silent

Winston Churchill June 1924

First thing on Monday 22nd I rang John, who was, by then, becoming inundated with your letters. He confirmed that the TRR1 undertaking was still in force and was at a loss in understanding how anything to the contrary could be implied by others. See you next month.

Mitch

PARISH COUNCIL PICKINGS 25th May 1995

Mr T.A BATES the retiring chairman of the Parish Council called for nominations for the new Chairman. Cllr Loyd was nominated and elected unopposed. Cllr E. Garrow was nominated and elected unopposed as Vice-Chairman.

In a reply to a letter from the Parish Council, concerning the footpath on the north side of the river, the Rivers Authority has said that the flood damage is not their responsibility but that of the landowners. The Council agreed to pursue the matter further on the grounds that the N.R.A. is responsible for flood prevention and since the damage is from flooding they have failed in their responsibility.

The Tynedale District Plan has been criticised for designating too many new houses for Haydon Bridge. This is Northumberland County Council's view and the allocation of sites and the number of houses on each site is to be reviewed. It has been confirmed that the line of the by-pass is secure although it is still being stated that there will be no by-pass within the next ten years. The Minister will make any decisions about when a by-pass can be started. Cllr M. Howard suggested further writing to MP's, Ministers and whoever has influence to point out the lack of a by-pass will cause a reduction in house numbers and a poorer infrastructure, less viable shops, traffic and noise pollution etc.

The County Council is to repair the old bridge where it is worn out and will repaint the cracks.

Feasibility of public toilets on the north side of the river was discussed. The cost is believed to be in excess of £6500.

Mrs Banks, the caterer at the High School will serve lunch to anyone who cares to come between 11:50 am to 12:30 pm, the average price is £1.47. This lunch is available on any day of the week in term-time.

WEN

HOW YOU VOTED TYNEDALE DISTRICT ELECTIONS MAY 4th 1995			
		1995	(1991)
M. Howard	- Lab.	488	(537)
W. Howard	- Lab.	446	(423)
T. Stephenson	- Con.	306	-
M. Loyd	- Con.	-	(379)
S. Kyre	- Ind	-	(273)

MARION and BILL HOWARD

wish to thank everyone
for their support
during the

DISTRICT COUNCIL
ELECTIONS
MAY 1995

POLITICAL CLOUT

After a fight had broken out in the Indian Parliament an 'Untouchable' MP was punched on the nose!

THOMAS STEPHENSON

wishes to thank everyone
who supported him
during the

DISTRICT COUNCIL
ELECTIONS
MAY 1995

WHAT IS YOUR OPINION OF THE LATEST SET OF ROADWORKS ON THE EASTERN APPROACH TO OUR VILLAGE ?

Sixteen week of convoy traffic caused by the lights and the spending of half a million pounds just to enhance the approach to the village, would this money be better spent towards a by-pass.

Do you know that the present roadworks are to be followed by the digging up of our main street, yet again, to repair a cundy, these repairs will go on continuously unless the 14,000 vehicles a day using the A69 are diverted around Haydon Bridge on a purpose built by-pass.

The present roadworks will last over three holiday weekends; yes the lights were removed for the weekend but they were back on Tuesday morning with traffic held up for five miles in both directions. Were you held up in that snarl up? Then get mad and do something; don't grumble to your spouse or the man next door, write all your pent up feelings on paper and send them to Brian Mawhinney MP, Minister of Transport and send a copy to Steven Norris MP, Minister for Roads at the Houses of Parliament, London.

Eileen Charlton
The By-Pass Committee

This article arrived too late for an already over-full May issue. Mitch

VILLAGE ENHANCEMENTS

Lots of you have commented on the heather-bed and how good it looks, Raymond and Pat must have felt great satisfaction standing back and inspecting it after they finished weeding. The shrubbery at the west-end is our major conquest this year, it was left for two reasons; firstly the team had over-stretched themselves; secondly the shrubs were best left undisturbed, the weeds helping to protect them. Anyone who has passed recently will see that as the weeds are removed the shrubs can be seen in their full glory. This type of bed takes a while to establish but we assure you that it will equal the heather-bed in time. The cemetery frontage is also becoming more manageable, the trees will take several years to develop, but the grassed area is being tamed.

The last issue of the Haydon News asked 'does no-one care?', to this I must say 'yes they do', it has taken the efforts of 38 people to achieve the progress we have.

Everyone has their own particular field - as people do - all they do is voluntary people cannot be pressurised into anything or the spirit of the project is lost.

Lots of people throughout the village quietly take care of an area near to them, they are appreciated.

We have a sixteen year old eagerly waiting for us to finish weeding the shrub bed so he can dig us a trench, he volunteered his services. This trench will be lined with plastic and tree trunks to form a sturdy edge to the shrubbery.

Everyone's appreciation of the schemes so far are in themselves appreciated.

Currently needed - Any surplus bulbs and honeysuckle saplings.

Eileen Charlton

Just a minor comment - The reader who asked the question 'does no-one care?' was not, I am confident, directing it at those altruistically involved to date but more at those who have not been assisting.

Mitch

It is better to be stung by a nettle than pricked by a rose

'They say that hard work never hurt anybody, I say why take the chance.'

St Adam is the
Patron Saint of Gardeners



THE BANKSIDE HANDICAP

A Race for Fillies

I had just finished reading my copy of the February 1995 issue of the Haydon News and was deeply absorbed in meditation over the masterful way its contents had been presented to us when I suddenly became aware of another 'aad gadgy' slaving his pint at the end of the bar. "Oh yes", I forgot to mention that I had left the warmth of my log fire to wander over to one of the cosiest pubs in the Village. It also had a nice warm fire heaped high with glowing coals, the sort of place that once you have had your first bottle of 'broon' you very soon have a second and then become very reluctant to leave.

"Aye" as I was saying, I began to focus my attention on this 'aad gadgy' and thought to myself "By lad thows fast comin ti bits." There he stood, bent at the knees, one leg crossed over the other with trouser bottoms concertinaed around his ankles, belly resting on the bar, 'howkin his sneck' quite oblivious to all going on around him.

There wasn't much left of his pride and joy that was once his crowning glory, his fine head of ginger hair that turned the knees of the local girls to water as he dashed down the pitch in a debonair manner from one set of stumps to the other upping the score for Haydon Bridge against Newton. "Oh aye" the tab was still between his fingers as it always was.

You see I went to school with this old lad well over 60 years ago and we used to knock around together." Mind you he wis aal reet; but a beggar for the wimmen, there was nowt safe." I am sure a glass eye winked at me from one of the two fox masks that hang above the arch as he bade us all a very good evening as he stepped into the chill of the February evening.

Memories have a strange way of creeping back into the mind especially after a broon or two and a cosy corner to myself was all that was needed to set me meditating about S.G.Brown's writings; about the long gone Haydon Bridge Flower Show.....I remember it was show night, the first one after the Hitler war, that this 'aad gadgy' and me wandered up to the Show Field where Walter Murphy's Hoppins were in full cry amid a blaze of flashing lights and the 'Chattanooga Choo Choo' belting out of a speaker from a Glen Miller record.

We were just finishing a packet of fish and chips apiece from Simpsons Chip Shop when he said " Aal see thuw later son, aa hev a date wid a bit a stuff from outside the Village " - " In fact if things wark oot reet aal enter fur the Bankside Handicap." - " See you then, " said I, and wandered off to 'bool a penny'.

Now this old mate of mine used to be quite athletic in his day. An all round sportsman you might say. In fact he had won one of the events in the foot handicap earlier in the afternoon. He was quite good looking and muscular to go with it, but not very tall, in fact none of us were having been born in The Depression we got nowt much too eat resulting in us all being short about the backside.

As I wandered around the side shows I became aware of a female shrieking with glee. There she was hanging on for dear life to the 'Shuggyboat' rope with one hand whilst attempting to retain her modesty with the other. No matter how she tried she could not hide her stocking tops, bare thighs and cami knickers from the lad's eyes, then in the prime of his youth beautiful ginger hair blowing from the speed he had the 'Shuggy' going at.

Try as he may he could not get the 'Shuggyboat' any higher, but he certainly did impress the lass with his stamina and strength - that is until the inevitable happened. Well it was a hot day and he'd had a big portion of fish and chips with nice greasy batter all washed down with three pints of 'broon' - 'Shuggies' aren't called boats for nothing. Following this lapse from grace he looked into the bilge of the 'Shuggy' and saw her previously dainty white shoes 'plodgin' in the mess. He never did enter the Bankside Handicap that evening !

Nevertheless all being said and done it was always a popular event at the Flower Show over the years and many a lass from neighbouring parts in the 1920's, 30's, 40's and 50's made a mad dash for the last bus or train with a glazed and contented look in her eyes.

In fact so contented that many returned to live in Haydon Bridge at a later date..... but that's another story.



Gerry Attric

'Tll wager you that in 10 years it will be fashionable again to be a virgin'

Barbara Cartland - June 1976

Escape

*Mirrored in froth
I dream into the glass
While my fingers encircle its coldness
and gently caress my salvation
the drink weakens my resolve*

*I succumb to the dark side
lonely and trapped in my liquid prison
where demons are demons
and the future is always
plan B*

*I stare out of my window
and laugh today
into tomorrow
a colourless world stripped of purpose
leaving no time for reconstruction*

*I see a futureless vision in cinemascop
a time of destruction
today I drink
tomorrow I drink
thinking time is scattered on my bedsheets*

*I am young
racing on the dark side.*

Sylvia

IT HAPPENED IN JUNE

First TV Licence cost £2 in 1946

First Premium Bond draw in 1957

Coronation of Queen in 1953

The Factory Act - 1844
Restricted female workers to a 12 hour day; children between the ages of 8 and 13 years were limited to six and a half hours.

Ball point pen invented in 1944

Prince Philip born in 1921

Editors ex wife born in 19**

Jayne Mansfield died in 1967

'My Grannie took up walking 6 miles a day when she was 60. She'll be 90 next week and we don't know where the hell she is.'

Love thy Neighbour - Regularly

'Children have never been good at listening to their elders, but they have never failed to imitate them'

'Live as long as you may, the first 20 years are the longest half of your life.'

Quick Quiz

1 Name Barbara Cartland's last book

2 Name any book by Barbara Cartland

Haydon Bridge BY-PASS recent correspondence

HAYDON NEWS 3rd MAY 1995

Parish Council Pickings

Most important was the question of the Tynedale District Plan and the status of the Haydon Bridge by-pass within it. A senior Department of Transport official has said there was no chance that the money will be voted during the life of the plan - i.e. before 2006. If the by-pass line is included there may be claims for a 'planning blight': if it is left out it will be claimed that local demand for it has fizzled out

HEXHAM COURANT 5th MAY 1995

Parish Council concerned

Last weeks announcement that plans for a Haydon Bridge bypass road has been put on hold until at least 2006 has caused concern among Parish Councillors.

At last Thursday's Haydon Parish Council meeting [27th April 1995], Coun Mrs Marion Howard called for the proposed bypass to be given a higher priority.

It was agreed that the council write to Hexham MP Peter Atkinson, Northumberland County Council and the Department of Transport to express its concern about the road plans being put on ice.

Coun Mrs Howard said that the DoT's announcement had left the village in a state of limbo as, she said, it was not feasible for housing developments earmarked for the village to proceed, without planners first knowing when, or even whether, the bypass would be built.

HEXHAM COURANT 12th MAY 1995

What is going on? Why can no-one find out why hundreds of thousands of pounds are being spent on widening the approach road of the A69 right up to the 30 mph speed limit one the east end of Haydon Bridge?

Is it a choice to encourage motorists and lorry drivers to approach the village at maximum speed or to prepare the ground for a cheap alternative to a bypass for Haydon Bridge by driving through the centre of a village, as was suggested as the cheapest alternative to a bypass when the issue was first put to the public 15 to 20 years ago?

The answer lies with the Department of Transport, but they decree that the answer is 'classified information' which means that we (the DoT) are not going to tell you, or your parish or district councillors, or your Member of Parliament, so there!

Is this democracy, which I thought had something to do with Government of the people, for the people, by the people Or was that never part of the English/British concept of democracy which has more to do with a Stazi type 'Big Brother knows best and we just need your money' philosophy?

What is being planned for Haydon Bridge and why cannot we be told?

R.High

18 May (approx) by the BY-PASS GROUP.

SUPPORT HAYDON BRIDGE'S NEED FOR A BY-PASS

Did you see the report in the Hexham Courant about our By-pass?
Did it make you mad?

For those who missed it: The Department of Transport is refusing to allow the Designated Route for our By-pass to be shown in the Tynedale District Local Plan. This is a ten year plan currently being drawn up for the development of this district. Anything not included on The Plan will not be attempted in the next ten years.

They say that they do not foresee Haydon Bridge getting a by-pass during that time. But its omission from the Plan means that even if in the meanwhile Government policies change, we could not get a by-pass because it is not on the Plan.

WE MUST NOT LET THIS HAPPEN. Please help to fight this. Write to: John Davison, Department of Transport, Wellbar House, Gallowgate, Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 4TD. Tel: 0191 201 3300

19th May

HAVE YOU POSTED IT ?

You should have received your letter from the By-Pass Group, if you haven't we apologise for missing you, just give me a ring on 684505 and we will get one to you. [Part of letter shown above. Editor}

Our letter explains the importance of getting our By-pass route included in the Tynedale District Local Plan.

If you get inflamed at the prospect of not getting a By-pass for at least ten years you could also vent your feelings by writing to :-

Dr B. Mawhinney MP
Minister of Transport
Houses of Parliament
London W1

and

Mr S. Norris MP
Minister for Roads
Houses of Parliament
London W1

We sent out 850 letters, if John Davison receives them all - can he ignore them? So if you haven't done it already:

DO IT NOW

Thanks

Eileen Charlton for the By-Pass Group

Haydon Bridge BY-PASS recent correspondence

15th MAY 1995. HAYDON PARISH COUNCIL TO : MR MAWHINNEY MP
 cc Chairman of Highways Committee NCC, Mr Andrew Johnson GONE, Mr P. Atkinson MP

HAYDON BRIDGE BYPASS - A69 TRUNK ROAD

Tynedale District Council is at present preparing the Tynedale Draft Local Plan and the Planning Officers have been told that there will not be a requirement to build the bypass within the life of the Local Plan i.e., until after 2006. The Government Office for the North East is not willing to designate the line of the bypass so that it can be included in the Local Plan.

This has implications for the Local Plan and the new housing envisaged within the environs of the bypass. Haydon Parish Council would be grateful for your help in allowing the line of the proposed bypass to be included in the Tynedale Local Plan thus helping the Planning Department to form a realistic strategy for the future of Haydon Bridge over the next decade.

C.M. Swaddle

23rd MAY. LETTER TO THOMAS STEPHENSON FROM PETER ATKINSON MP

Thank you for your enquiry about the latest position concerning a bypass for Haydon Bridge.

I had talks with the Roads Minister, Mr John Watts, on 26 April to press the case for a bypass to be included in the national roads programme. I emphasised the environmental problems caused to the people of Haydon Bridge by heavy through traffic and by further vehicle congestion when there were road works. I also pointed out that with bypasses for Haltwhistle and Warwick Bridge now included in the roads programme, Haydon Bridge remains the one place on the whole length of the A69 without a foreseeable solution to its traffic problems.

Mr Watts said he was very sympathetic to Haydon Bridge's case, but because of heavy demand for road development nationwide and limited public funds, it was not possible to make further commitments to the A69 for the time being. However, Government policy favouring improvement of existing systems, rather than creating brand new ones, would work in Haydon Bridge's favour when funding became available.

You will be interested to learn that the Minister will be meeting with local authority highways representatives later this year to examine the results of a review they are carrying out into the regions road needs, with regard to both the economy and environment. The A69 will be one of the roads covered by the review.

For your information, I enclose details from the Highways Agency on the annual average daily traffic flow in Haydon Bridge (I was told last week that the comparable figures for 1994 were virtually the same). You will also see the Agency's comments on speculation over whether closures of the A66 cause significant increases of traffic on the A69.

Regarding your query about the routing of a bypass for Haydon Bridge, I understand Tynedale Council has details of the designated line of the proposed road and will be including this in the Local Plan to safeguard the land required. I suggest that if you need further information about this, including implications for other kinds of development, you should get in touch with Mrs Helen Winter, at Tynedale District Planning Department.

I also enclose a copy of a letter I have received from Haydon Parish Council which appears to have gone somewhat astray on fact.

Peter Atkinson

6th DEC. 1994 FROM HIGHWAYS AGENCY TO CONS. OFFICE IN HEXHAM

Thank you for your letter dated 25 November 1994 concerning traffic flows on the TR A69 at Haydon Bridge.

In 1993 the annual average daily traffic (AADT) was 9500 vehicles, of which 18.6% was HGV's. Current forecasts for year 2008 predict that the traffic flow will lie in the range 12,200-14,00 vehicles (AADT) depending upon the growth of the economy over the next 15 years.

Traffic information available in 1978, when a public exhibition was held to display alternative lines for a bypass of Haydon Bridge, gave the daily flow as 7,100 vehicles per day of which 24% were HGV's.

The attached schedule details the numbers of occasions since January 1993 that the TR A66 has been closed. A comprehensive list of occasions prior to this is not readily available.

It would be difficult to predict which alternative route across the Pennines traffic would take; or indeed whether the trip would continue under the circumstances. The occasions the A66 was closed were in the winter months when traffic flows are, overall, less than in summer months. In particular winter storm conditions would reduce traffic flows on all roads and it would be very difficult to determine if additional traffic had been transferred onto the A69.

D.C. Ward Highways Agency

CLOSURES OF A66 IN 1993/94

04/01	10	Hours	HGV/High Sided
09/01	3½	Hours	HGV/High Sided
10/01	4½	Hours	HGV/High Sided
16/01	10	Hours	HGV/High Sided
21/01	17	Hours	All Traffic
26/01	02	Hours	All Traffic
05/02	04	Hours	All Traffic
06/02	5½	Hours	All Traffic
01/03	10½	Hours	All Traffic
29/11	04	Hours	All Traffic
14/12	08	Hours	All Traffic
02/01	6½	Hours	All Traffic
04/01	04	Hours	All Traffic
27/01	03	Hours	All Traffic
03/02	2½	Hours	All Traffic
04/09	4½	Hours	All Traffic

Attachment to letter left.

Mothers' Union

Wednesday 28th June
7.30 p.m. in the Church Hall

Children's Society

Again many thanks for your support during the house to house collections on behalf of the above society. Thank you also to all the collectors.

The total sum raised was
£212.93p

M. Curry.

Cake Stall

A cake stall in Hexham Market, manned by some ladies from the Church, raised £352.68p towards our new kneelers. Only £50 was needed for the kneelers - so the remainder will go towards the upkeep of the Church. Thank you to all who baked and helped in any way

M. Price

SERVICES AT BELTINGHAM AND HENSHAW

4th June - Pentecost
10.15 am United Service at
Henshaw Methodist Chapel
6 pm Holy Communion at
Henshaw

11th June - Trinity
9 am Holy Communion at
Beltingham
6 pm Evensong at Beltingham

18th June - Pentecost 2
10 am Matins at Henshaw

25th June - Pentecost 3
10 am Holy Communion at
Beltingham

2nd July - Pentecost 4
10 am Holy Communion at
Henshaw

SERVICES AT THE PARISH CHURCH

4th June - Pentecost
8 am Holy Communion
10.30 am Worship for All
6 pm Unity Service at Methodist
Chapel

11th June - Trinity
10.30 am Parish Eucharist

18th June - Pentecost 2
8 am Holy Communion
10.30 am Eucharist

25th June - Pentecost 3
10.30 am Parish Eucharist
3 pm Evensong at Haydon Old
Church

2nd July - Pentecost 4
8 am Holy Communion
10.30 am Worship for All
6 pm United Service at United
Reform Church

HAYDON BRIDGE METHODIST CHAPEL SERVICES FOR JUNE

June 4th

10.30 am Morning Service led by
Mrs Lesley Marsh
6.00 pm Evening Service led by
Rev. David Perkins

June 11th

10.30 am Morning Service led by
Rev. B. Cooke
6.00 pm Evening Reader Service

June 18th - Chapel Anniversary
10.30 am Morning Service led by
Rev. David Perkins
6.00 pm Evening Celebration
Service

Monday - June 19th
7.30 pm - Church Annual
General Meeting

June 25th

10.30 am Morning service led by
Mr. G. Wilson
6.00 pm Evening Service led by
Mr. B. Robson

Saturday 1st July
2 pm
Annual Garden Fete

EVERY FRIDAY

at the Methodist Chapel
6.30 - 7.30 Youth club for under
10's
7.45 - 8.45 Study Club for 11+

INFORMATION

Vicar: Rev. Keith Fletcher
Tel: 684307
Asst. Priest: Rev. Gerry Price
Tel: 609861

Both priests use answering machines when they are not in their office - simply leave your name and telephone number and they will get back to you. Please note that Gerry Price is on duty Sat to Tue inclusive and is NOT normally available Wed to Fri inclusive.

Hall Bookings - Mrs Marshall
Tel: 684454

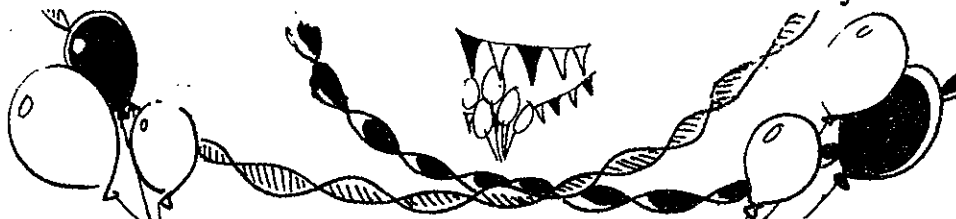
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St. Cuthbert's Church - Summer Fete & Gift Day



St. Cuthbert's Annual Fete and Gift Day will be held on **Saturday 10th June 1995**. The fete, as usual, will take place in the Church Hall and grounds and will be opened at 2.15 pm by Mrs Audrey Cox. Teas will be served throughout the afternoon. Stalls will include Cakes - Plants - Produce - Books - Tombola - Raffle. Children's attractions will be Pony Rides - Bouncy Castle - Children's Tombola - Bran Tub. Hot dogs and Ice Cream will be on sale. Contributions towards the stalls may be handed to Andy Shield or to the vicarage.

The Parish Church needs the support of the whole of Haydon Bridge if we are to continue to maintain our Church building. Our Summer Fete and Gift Day is therefore of great financial importance to us and we will be grateful for your support. The vicar will be available in the Church Porch from 10 am to 12 noon to receive Gift Day contributions or they may be handed to him during the course of the Fete. Do come along to the Fete and enjoy the afternoon.

PILGRIMAGE

On Saturday June 17th Newcastle Diocese is organising a Pilgrimage to Hexham Abbey. People from all over Northumberland and North Tyneside will be travelling to Hexham to join in a Eucharist at 11.30 am which will be held in the Abbey Grounds. The preacher will be The Right Revd. Michael Turnbull (Bishop of Durham). It is expected that there will be many hundreds of people attending the Eucharist and some will stay in Hexham for the afternoon and attend Choral Evensong in the Abbey at 4pm. Anyone can attend, but if you wish to join in fully service booklets should be booked in advance (£1). To reserve a booklet see the vicar.

James Cunningham Charity No. 247600

The Trustees of James Cunningham Charity HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that they have passed a Resolution under the provisions of the Charities Act 1993 for the following purpose:-
Authorising the expenditure of the Charity capital as income.

Any interested person wishing to make representations regarding this said Resolution may do so, quoting the Registered reference number above, by 26th June 1995, by writing to the Charity Commissioners for England and Wales at : Graeme House
Derby Square
Liverpool L2 7SB

K. Fletcher: Trustee

THANKS AGAIN

Thanks are due again to Mr. & Mrs Harry Watson and friends for the splendid dance at the High school on Saturday 13th May. £552.30p was raised for Church Funds. The vicar and churchwardens very much appreciate this much needed help towards the maintenance of our Parish Church.

K.F.

WHITSUNTIDE

Sunday 4th June is Pentecost, popularly known as Whitsun, the day when the Church remembers the Holy Spirit descending upon the Apostles. Pentecost (meaning 50 days) falls fifty days after Easter and is the Greek name for the Jewish "Feast of Weeks" (50 days after Passover) celebrating the first of the Harvest. It was on this Feast Day that the Apostles began to preach that Jesus was the Messiah and had risen from the dead. The Church has kept the Feast from earliest times ranking it as second only to Easter. Officially "Pentecost" is the name of the Feast except in the Book of Common Prayer which chose to use the Popular name (nickname) Whitsun. "Whitsun" derives from the custom of using this festival for Baptisms and Confirmations. Originally these took place at Easter but eventually a second day was needed to cope with numbers. Although the colours of the altar hangings etc are red on this day, it came to be known as White Sunday (Whitsun) because of the colour of the Baptismal robes. Pentecost or Whitsun has sometimes been thought of as the Church's Birthday. It certainly was the beginning of the Church's Mission of preaching about Jesus Christ, risen from the dead.

HEALTH CENTRE NEWS

WOT'S THIS LUMP/SWELLING/MARK DOCTOR?

Several times every year people appear in the consulting room in a state of great apprehension because they have discovered some part of their anatomy which they had not previously noticed or known about or which seems to them to be not as it should be. People often, understandably with lumps, jump to the most gloomy conclusions first. The changes which go with the journey from child to adult are quite frequent causes for concern - in males and females.

In my experience the most common newly discovered lump is to be found just below the lowest point of the breast bone, where the ribs join in the front. The breast bone is divided into three parts - the top couple of inches is called the manubrium and you can feel the joint between it and the middle part (the sternum) as an horizontal ridge about where your chin touches your chest. Below the sternum, in the upside down "V" made by the joining ribs is a small triangular bone called the xiphoid process or xiphisternum, its about the size of the end part of your thumb. This is usually made of gristle 'til later in adult life, it can be tender if pressed on, damaging it in a fall can be very painful. Following injury or after the loss of much weight or with ageing, the xiphisternum can become more prominent, bony and easily noticed - hence the need for reassurance that nothing unpleasant is growing.

The second most common new lump is found when people peer too closely at their tongues in a mirror. If you go to a mirror, open your mouth to its greatest possible extent and stick your tongue out so far that it makes your throat ache and shine a light in you may see a row of lumps along the back of your tongue - about the size of small peas. These are supposed to be there, they are called vallate papillae.

Skulls are often thought to be nice smooth rounded things with no sticky-out bits but where the neck muscles join on at the back there can be prominent ridges which concern some people.

Both men and women - especially teenagers - can have lopsided breasts. Yes - I did say men. Very rarely a teenage man can be so distressed by a growing breast or breasts that it is necessary to do a mastectomy. Women who are still developing can be reassured about minor degrees of lopsidedness but if there is a great and embarrassing difference then help is available. Lumps in anyone's breast - male or female - must be seen immediately. NO DELAY AT ALL PLEASE! Stretch marks do not only occur in pregnant women but can often appear on hips, thighs, tummies and breasts at other times, especially during adolescence or with appreciable weight gain.

Another common skin lump is the keloid scar. Some people, especially Negroes, have a tendency to scar very prominently and the most trivial cut or puncture can turn into a large heaped up scar. As these tend to grow they are understandably alarming.

Lymph nodes (glands) are distributed all over the body and can swell, sometimes painfully, in response to infection or injury. Tonsil infection can lead to glands in the neck, injury or infection in the hand or arm can lead to glands in the armpit etc. etc. Swollen glands can have more serious meanings and we are always willing to see any lump anywhere. New lumps should be seen as soon as possible, unless there is an absolutely obvious cause in which case a day or two's delay to see if it resolves is OK.

Hands and feet, and occasionally other parts of the body, can develop marble sized and shaped swelling called ganglia. Usually they are near a joint, painless and can be wiggled about by a few millimetres. In the old days these were treated by hitting them with the family bible - before the days of pocket sized bibles. They are "blowouts" from the capsule around the joint and contain the lubricating gel which keeps joints on the move. Sometimes they will break under the pressure of a finger and it is a real "water into wine" moment - to continue the religious theme of this paragraph - to have a patient leave the surgery completely cured, simply by the laying on of a finger (a whole hand would be playing to the gallery!). The most desperate embarrassment, despair and fear for both sexes and all ages, can be caused by finding some change, apparent malfunction or previously unnoticed feature of the genitals. This can be a change in shape, development of lumps, lopsidedness, colour, extra bits, missing bits - No one should ever be afraid to seek an explanation for anything they are concerned about.

COLLAPSE, SHOCK, FAINTING and other fallings over.

Many people can give an example of a phrase which when used incorrectly by another, causes them to wince. For me its when news readers say that someone is in hospital after an accident (in which they have not received any or only trivial bodily injury) "being treated for shock". What they really mean is "being given a few quiet hours in hospital to get over a nasty experience". Shock has a very specific medical meaning - it is the state into which the body goes when the output of blood of the heart is suddenly and greatly reduced - after huge blood loss, severe heart attack or overwhelming infection for example.

For a variety of other reasons the output of the heart can fall suddenly and lead to near or complete loss of consciousness. This is the feeling of fainting - rising apprehension or fear, rapid heart beat, sweatiness, coldness, feeling of slipping away from the world, dimming vision and, after a few seconds, falling in a heap. Fainting is nature's way of making you lie down for a rest for a few moments - its taken billions of years for us to develop this protective response - lying down preserves the blood flow to the brain, our most sensitive organ. If someone faints in your presence PLEASE DO **NOT** TRY TO GET THEM TO SIT UP - IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THEY REMAIN FLAT ON THE FLOOR UNTIL THEY RECOVER ON THEIR OWN. If you know about the recovery position, put the victim in it and stay with them while sending someone else to get assistance.

"Collapsed" also has a specific meaning in medicine - it is the state of having gone into "shock" (see above). The word is more generally used to describe people who are less than their normal perky selves, feeling ill in any way which defies easy description or simply b*****d.

"Collapsed" is still a perfectly good word for someone who has fallen over without obvious cause and who is showing no sign of recovery. In summary, despite what I have written here, if there is a problem, don't worry about the right word to use. Keep the victim safe and get help, using whatever words come to mind.

CHIROPRACTIC is now available for some conditions or the NHS, through our Fundholding arrangements.