

THIS ISSUE FREE.

SEPTEMBER 1979.

A CHALLENGE

The effect of industrial disputes on health and social services last winter were, perhaps less apparent in this region than in elsewhere, but it must be obvious to all that in the immediate future the Welfare State will not be the universal "sugar-daddy" it has tried to be over the last thirty years.

Financial stringency and the need to economise petrol will mean that local communities will have to look more to themselves for solutions to some aspects of medical care and, as medical techniques become more effective and a greater proportion of the population reaches old age, the social and medical problems of old age will increase.

In my practice, which is mostly Haydon Bridge residents but includes some patients from a seven mile radius, I have, approximately, 2450 persons. Of these 446 are over 65 years of age, 146 over 75 and 62 are over 80 years old.

118 people over 65 years old live alone (58 over 75 years and 24 of these are over 80) while of these 140 over 65 are handicapped in various ways so that they would be unable to manage by themselves and, of these 48 are over 75 years old and 40 are over 80.

Living alone, with a handicap that makes you dependant on the help of others can lead to depression, boredom and, sometimes a tendency to develop other illness or complaints that may not arise or be less intrusive and more easily borne, if there was more interest and activities to look forward to.

It was with these thoughts in mind that I have been trying recently to explore the possibility of a Social Day Centre, in the village.

To such a centre elderly and lonely people could come, or be brought, once a week for a social day out. A good midday meal would be provided and it is hoped that they would benefit from meeting others, that other villagers would 'drop-in' to meet them and that they would develop interests and activities of their own. Certain medical services such as chiropody and physiotherapy would be easier to 'lay-on' to such a centre than to individuals homes and, if the venture works well and there is sufficient demand, it could be extended to more days of the week.

As a result of a meeting that the Rev. Benjamins and I had recently with 'the powers that be', Age Concern and the Social Services Department are willing to help us start such a centre in the village.

The idea is that this will be a joint venture in which Age Concern and the Social Services Department will supply the cash and equipment necessary, to hire and furnish the Church Hall for use as a centre for about 20 old people, once a week probably on Thursdays, while the village will be expected to supply volunteer helpers to look after them and do the donkey work.

We shall need people, men or women, who would be prepared to devote one half day per month to helping although offers to give a full day's help, more frequently, would be welcome. Also volunteers who would be willing to bring people to the centre in their own cars will be necessary to minimise the strain on the ambulance services.

A meeting will be held on Wednesday 26th September in the Community Centre at 2.00pm. to explain details more fully,

answers questions and, it is hoped get an idea as to how large a band of helpers we can muster? Will you help?

Please make a note of the date;

WEDNESDAY 26th SEPTEMBER in the COMMUNITY CENTRE at 2.00 p.m.

R. HUGH,

THE NATURE CLUB.

You may not know that there is a flourishing natural history club in Haydon Bridge which goes by the name of the Nature Club. Flourishing though it may be, new members are always welcome and if you are new to Haydon Bridge or have an interest in these matters why not come along.

During Autumn and Winter the club meets fortnightly in the Community Centre on Thursdays at 7 p.m. and during Spring and Summer has field excursions on Thursday evenings, again fortnightly and sometimes weekly. The last field excursion of 1979 was held in September, rather later than usual, but because they are so popular, it was decided to have one last jaunt. These excursions never involve walking more than four miles, although from time to time there are disputes as to how long a mile really is. In most cases the distance is much less. We follow rights of way, or if there are none ask permission. This year there was a whole day excursion to the Beamish Valley. In other years to Upper Geadale, the Northumberland Coast, the Bass Rock to mention a few. The Autumn programme starts on Thursday 4th October at 7.15p.m. with a course of six fortnightly lectures on Upland Ecology by Dr. Anne Thorley of the W.E.A. This course is open to the public and not confined to members of the Nature Club. Perhaps you find the

title rather daunting but the subject is simply the natural history of our moors and hills of which we have an abundance. Of course much depends on the speaker.

After Christmas we arrange our own speakers over a wide range of topics and by the time these are over Spring is around again and the field meetings start. So if you have a taste for these meetings or want to explore the countryside why not join the Nature Club.

I should point out that there is a fee for the W.E.A. course, but if you are not interested in this topic, you would be just as welcome as a new member after Christmas.

L.C. COOMBES.

CONSPICUOUS BY THEIR ABSENCE.

The General is troopless
The Anchor is shipless
The Railway is trainless
A fine how d'ye do!

The Castle is guardless
The Maydon car-park less
One Bridge is wheel less
Oh what a to do!

The West end is crossing less
The Police House copper less
Soon the Carages petrol less
What can we do?

We can think of ourselves less
Give support to the Parish. Yes
Our Council is Power less
Without me and you!

UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

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30TH SEPTEMBER as follows:

MORNING at 10.00a.m.
Preacher, Mr. A. Duncan of
Haydon Bridge.

EVENING at 6.00p.m.
Preacher, Mr. H. Budden
of Westgate in Weardale.

SOLOIST AT EVENING SERVICE.
Mr. Arnold Grieve of Teesdale.

ALL ARE AND WILL BE WELCOME to
join us in our THANKSGIVING and
indeed in all our acts of
worship.

E. Farndale.

Congregationalism appears to have come to Haydon Bridge from Hexham early in the nineteenth century, and in 1816 a church was built, and its first minister was the Revd. J. Smith. This building after some years was found to be too small, and another was erected. The foundation stone of the present building was laid in 1863 by John Grey Esq. of Dilhon.

The church must have been making progress for efforts were made to expand, and causes were started at Housesteads, Page Croft Plunderheath, Altonside and Grindon; and Grindon lasted until 1922.

The Sunday School was built during the ministry of Revd. C. Sinclair (1932/47).

Dr. J.H. Jowett, the very well known Congregationalist, preached here in 1891.

The church has been served by several very faithful ministers, the last of these being Mr. F.E. Baldry who came in 1954 and remained until his death in 1966. Revd. H. Bunce "held the fort" from 1967 until 1970, during which time I gave Mr. Bunce any assistance possible.

At the present time, arrangements are well in hand for overhauling the organ together with other repairs necessary.

In the early 1970's the Congregational Church and the Presbyterian Church of England united under the new name of UNITED REFORMED CHURCH.

Our normal Sunday Acts of Worship are held each Sunday morning at 10.00a.m. as follows:

1st SUNDAY IN MONTH—HOLY COMMUNION—
OTHER SUNDAYS—MORNING WORSHIP.

For quite a number of years it has been the custom to hold our HARVEST THANKSGIVING SERVICES on the last Sunday in September and our Harvest services for this year are to be held on SUNDAY

NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE FRIENDS OF HAYDON BRIDGE.

The Annual General Meeting of The Friends of Haydon Bridge will be held in the Community Centre on Monday 1st October at 7.00p.m.

MEMBERS of the Friends of Haydon Bridge are entitled to attend and to vote at the meeting, the main purpose of which will be to elect a Committee and Officers for the coming year.

ENTERTAINMENT

AN ENTERTAINMENT ORGANISED BY THE FRIENDS OF HAYDON BRIDGE WILL BE HELD AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE ON FRIDAY EVENING THE 21st September at 7.00p.m.

THE MAIN ATTRACTION OF THE ENTERTAINMENT WILL BE FRANCIS TEMPLER AND HIS NORTHUMBRIAN PIPES.

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED AND ARE INCLUDED IN THE PRICE OF ONLY 25p.

REMEMBER THE DATE— 21st September.

HAYDON BRIDGE METHODIST CHURCH.

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- SEP. 9 10.45am Rev. H. Rushworth
Family Service
6.00pm Mr. A. Duncan
- 12 2.30pm Women's Own
- 16 10.45am Mr. T.G. Hindsley
6.00pm Rev. H. Rushworth
Church Meeting
- 23 10.45am Rev. H. Rushworth
Sacrament
6.00pm Windy Nook Young
People
- 26 2.30pm Women's Own
- 30 10.45am Mr. R. Clarence
6.00pm United Harvest
Service in United
Reformed Church
- OCT. 2 7.30pm Men's Meeting
- 6 Harvest Concert
Westerhope Party
- 7 10.45am Mr. P. Waugh
6.00pm Harvest Services
- 8 7.00pm Sale of Produce
- 10 2.30pm Women's Own
Anniversary

SPECIAL DATES TO REMEMBER:

- NOV. 4 Overseas Missions Sunday
7 7.15pm Musical Evening
by Hexham Corps of
Salvation Army.
11 Family Service
Remembrance Sunday
Film Service
12 Slide Show-Africa
Miss B. Harrison.
24 Gift Night and Concert.

We hope th at you will be able to
join us in these meetings.

Traffic and Fuel.

"There seems to be as much traffic
passing through the village as
ever inspite of the petrol crisis."

"With unabated speed. Sometimes
with tragic results."
"Of course if you allow heavy
traffic through the village and
along roads which sometimes
hardly allow two large vehicles
to pass without touching, there
are bound to be accidents."
"I noticed that one of the vehicl
-es involved in the recent fatal
accident at Bardon Mill was
carrying steel goods."

"Well?"

"Well quite a number of years
ago a lorry went through the wall
of the house that used to be the
old reading rooms at the corner of
Church Street. Remember?"

"Yes, I think I do."

"It was carrying steel plates
and a few years later another
vehicle hit the railings at the
corner of the old and new bridges
and scattered some huge steel
billets on to the road."

"Are you saying that lorries
carrying steel goods are more
likely to crash than others?"

"Not on that evidence. Only
someone with experience in road
haulage could comment usefully on
that but steel is heavy and the
load has a low centre of gravity.
A lorry loaded with steel must
take some stopping."

"There may be something in what
you say. Someone should do a
survey."

"Did you see that a motoring
organisation did a survey to see
how expensive petrol had to be
before people gave up their cars."

"Yes the last thing they will
give up is their silly car."

"Here, I thought you ran a car."

"Yes but it is not a very silly
one."

"Have bought your petrol in the
village for years. Good idea.
Perhaps if all the residents of
Haydon Bridge supported the local
garages then we would not get our
petrol supplies cut off"

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HISTORY SOMETIMES REPEATS ITSELF.

You remember the factory fracas of last year and the passions aroused in a normally tranquil population. The last occasion for a similar outburst was 1876 when Victorian Haydonians rose in angry protest at the threat to their precious school which John Shaftoe had left them two centuries before.

Stirred on by the Education Act 1870, the trustees of the charity were anxious to put their own house in order, to make, so they said, their school efficient with a certificated master and mistress.

The trouble was that the head - master, the Rev. W.L. Pendered didn't see it that way. Neither he nor any head before him had concerned themselves with the overall conduct and control of the school, bestowing their talents only on a handful of classical scholars. For this he received £340 p.a. The trustees did all they could to persuade him to change his mind, even to allowing him to retain his ancient fifteen room house behind the school, together with his classical scholars and pay him £150 p.a. But no, he wasn't going to make way for another.

Now there was in Northumberland at this time a committee of land-owners and clergy calling themselves the Middle Class School Committee who cast covetous eyes on the Shaftoe Charity as the financial backer for one of their middle class schools.

At first the trustees were interested in the idea and with the aid of the Endowed Schools Commission a draft scheme was prepared. The Commission proposed a High School (cost £7500), with boarders, a grammar school curriculum and fat fees. But to their dismay the

trustees found themselves in a minority on the governing body, the control of their funds and their Mousen estate largely in other hands, and the elementary school neglected. Not surprisingly their initial interest quickly turned to downright opposition.

As a lay head was proposed the clerical head liked the scheme even less and was particularly bitter. He wrote ... "without a shadow of imputation on my character or efficiency, my appointment is cancelled, my office destroyed and my income diminished by £190 in order that an experiment be made in the education of the middle classes most certainly never contemplated by the Founder" and later, "it seems ludicrous that well to do farmers who, as in this neighbourhood can keep a subscription pack of hounds should be deemed fit recipients for a charity plainly intended for the poor." In any case he added, the area was not suitable for such a school; it was a "low neighbourhood" full of miners.

The Rev. George Cruddas, vicar of Warden, did a quick calculation and reckoned that the loss of the ecclesiastical services of the head would cost him £80 p.a. He too rose in protest, but found it convenient to forget the fact that John Shaftoe never intended to relieve the vicar of Warden of the financial obligation of finding a chaplain.

The general public soon got wind of the scheme and what do you think they did? Held a public meeting of course, in fact two. At the first they listened patiently while the original foundation deed was read out, compared it

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with the new proposals, and came to the conclusion that the new scheme would "deprive us and our children's children of their birthright for ever." At the second meeting, two months later they had mustered a petition of protest containing 495 signatures and determined to petition Parliament. This they did; the trustees had already done so, the head also had a go. If the vicar of Warden ever considered doing so he must have changed his mind.

Mr. John Tucker, a sharp Chancery Lane advocate, pleaded the cause of the public, but all his lawyer's cunning failed to win the day. Nevertheless the scheme came to nothing for the trustees held the trump card - the money, and they were unwilling to part with it.

I reckon that another century from now there should be another dust up. We'll all be dust by then.

L.C. Coombes.

COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION.

Thanks are due once again to all those organisations who provided stalls raffles etc. and gave donations at the sale on May 31st. when £195.57 was raised, and to Mr. Dawson for the supply of bedding plants.

I would particularly like to thank Mr. H. Watson who has welded innumerable chairs, and is still doing so, completely without charge and Mr. P Brown who cleared a nasty blockage in the drains at the Community Centre, again refusing remuneration. Such practical help saves £'s.

L.C. Coombes, Hon. Sec.

British Red Cross Society.

The annual House to House collection in May raised £92.50 an increase of £8.17 on last year's collection. Thank you all collectors and contributors.

Hilda J. Foster.

Acknowledgement and Thanks:-

Messrs J. Wardle, A. Duncan, and J. Pumphrey wish to thank all those voters in the Parish of Haydon

who gave them their votes at the election on May 24th.

HAYDON BRIDGE METHODIST CHURCH.

I am happy to be asked to write on behalf of the Methodist Church. We have been very glad to see the number of young people and their parents attending the Family Service on the second Sunday of each month at 10.45am. I am sure that many people today are feeling the need for help and guidance in the way they live. We are all a bit tired of the continual emphasis on money that we hear every day. Surely as Jesus said there is more to life than eating and drinking and thinking about houses and clothes. Every church exists to remind us that we need these things, but they only last for a time, we need satisfaction for the eternal and this we only find in God.

We are into the holiday season now, if you are going away may it be a time of renewal. Everybody needs a time of change now and again otherwise life gets a bit dull and stale. There are so many good people and so many beautiful things in the world, let's spend a bit of time thinking about those instead of concentrating on the selfish and the ugly and the greedy.

We miss the month of August for the Family Service, The next one will be in September on the 9th. If you do not attend any other church or feel like coming you will be most welcome.

With best wishes,
H. RUSHWORTH.

HELP

Would anyone be willing to give me a lift into Newcastle each morning to arrive 9-9.30 from September onwards? I would be pleased to share travelling expenses. If so please phone Mrs. Heslop H.B. 429.

PARISH COUNCIL NOTES 31st MAY.

Mr. Bates was re elected Chairman.
Mr. Drydon was re elected Vice Chairman.

The Council were concerned about the gaps in the fence between the A.69 and Langley Gardens. They would approach the County Council to ensure it was made childproof.

The Ministry of Transport would also be approached to see if it were possible to provide double glazing to houses facing the new railway bridge road alignment.

The lack of a village policeman and problems of lorry parking were also discussed along with the problems of transport of school children between Haydon Bridge and Allendale particularly in the winter months.

Councillor Waite reported that Tynedale would equal whatever the Parish Council would give towards a minibus for the Scouts up to a maximum of £500. A grant was also available from the Ministry of Agriculture towards work to stop flooding in Belmont.

It was agreed to delete the words lighting and non lighting from rating documents as it now had only historical bearing. The rates used to be less in non lighting areas.

June 28th Meeting.

Volunteers were required for tidying rural footpaths, lopping branches etc. The Council discussed the appointment of a part time worker from April to September each year to improve the look of the village and its surroundings. As the amount of work appeared to be small it was decided to ask for volunteers. As the result of an inspection by a committee chaired by Councillor Drydon places that required immediate work were Spa Well, the footpaths to Peelwell and the rosebeds in Radcliffe Road. Anybody willing to help should contact his or her nearest Parish Councillor.

Mr. and Mrs. Todd pointed out the dangers of children playing in the river below the subway steps.

It was suggested that a notice board might help. The Council would inform the authorities concerned.

The heating system in the houses in Langley Gardens was again raised. Some senior citizens preferred electric to open fires as the latter involved carrying fuel and ashes that they would find it difficult to manage. It was stated that no resident would be compelled to change.

Councillor Wardle asked if it were possible to have a sign erected leading to Plunder Heath.

STROTHER CLOSE GREEN.

Dear Sir,

This is not a private estate so every child has a right to play on it if they wish. Why put a green on an estate this size to remain empty?

The picture I have of "a resident" is one who was never allowed to play with other children when young, never had children or if so were angels. As for putting seats on the green for young mothers, what do we do with the children who want to play, send them home to do the work we should be doing or have a game of football?

Please don't condemn our children. We are glad they are healthy and fit and can play. I would rather my child played on the green than on the road, and I know many more in agreement.

"Another Resident"

EDITOR'S NOTE.

This is the fourth edition of Haydon News and I would like to thank all who have contributed articles, diary notes and sent letters. The next edition will be printed in mid September and then bi-monthly. At present the cost of paper and printing ink is born by the funds raised by Social events and by membership subs of the Friends of Haydon Bridge.

Please start writing NOW and let us have your contributions by the 8th. September. - Dale Cottage, North Bank, Haydon Bridge.

HAYDON BRIDGE METHODIST CHURCH.

JULY 22 10.45 am. Mr. J. Bainbridge
6.00pm. Mr. G. Wilson

29 10.45am. Rev. T. Blakey.
6.00pm. Mr. R. Hunter.

AUG 1 Women's Own Outing.

5 10.45 Rev. K. Beardsley.

12 10.45 Readers Service
6.00 Rev. H. Rushworth
(Sacrament)

15 2.30pm. Women's Own
Rev. K. Beardsley.

19 10.45am. Mr. P. Bell.
6.00pm. Mr. D. Payne.

26 10.45am. Mr. T. Willis
6.00pm. Mr. G.S. Dodds.

29 2.30pm. Women's Own
Mrs. Joynt.

SEPT 2 10.45am. Mr. N. Fullard.
6.00pm. United Circuit
Service at Trinity Ch.
Hexham.

FRIENDS OF HAYDON BRIDGE

WHO ARE THEY?

A group, within the Community Association of Haydon Bridge, of people who live in the Parish of Haydon.

WHAT DO THEY DO?

1. Produce a free newsletter and deliver a copy to each household within the parish.
2. Organise social occasions for the whole family.

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3. Attend the Parish Council Meetings.

4. We have ~~five~~ members on the committee of the Community Association; have undertaken to care for four trees planted outside the Fire Station.

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST TO JOIN?

£1 a year, payable to the Treasurer, Mr. L. Carey, Park Cottage, Chesterwood.

We are a newly formed group with a lot of ideas - we need active interest from the people of the parish and funds to put our ideas into practice.

WEEDS?

Certain weeds are believed to have curative properties when brewed up as a tea, and sweetened with honey and flavoured with lemon or Marmite.

Chickweed is supposed to be able to cure such diverse complaints as stomach upset, carbuncles and constipation.

The stinging nettle contains a lot of iron and vitamin C. Young nettle tops can be cooked in butter and served up as a vegetable.

The stems of horsetails were used by housewives for scouring churns and pans and by cabinet makers as fine sandpaper like buffers.

VOLUNTEERS.

REMEMBER YOUR NEAREST PARISH COUNCILLOR IS WAITING TO HEAR FROM YOU IF YOU ARE PREPARED TO HELP TIDY UP THE RURAL FOOTPATHS AND OTHER PARTS OF THE PARISH.