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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

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 Ward 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.