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MAY, 1979.

Council Elections

Looking Back

As you know the Friends of Haydon Bridge wants to encourage the people of the Parish to take a part in the affairs of the locality. One way that you can do this is to vote in the forthcoming Parish Council Elections to be held on the 24th May.

The following people are seeking election to the Haydon Parish Council:

- Thomas Aydon Bates.
- Alec Charles Beniams.
- Benson Brown.
- Christopher Bulmar.
- William James Drydon.
- Archibald Duncan.\*
- Keith Lees.\*
- Mary Elizabeth Porteous.
- Jonathan Moberly Pumphrey.\*
- John Joseph Rumney.
- John Patrick Sharp.\*
- William Tait.
- Edward Waite.
- John Christopher Wardle.\*

On Tuesday 1st May the Friends of Haydon Bridge organised their first social evening. Mr. Watson very kindly volunteered to show his excellent slides of Old Haydon Bridge with a few modern ones included to bring the visual history up to date.

A fascinating series of photographs on display were generously loaned by Mr. Buist.

Mrs. Heslop with a team of helpers provided some delicious home made refreshments and a cup of tea all round.

A raffle of a bottle of sherry was won by Mr. John Chapman. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves and so we aim to provide similar events on a regular basis in the future, with proceeds going towards the production of further news letters.

Many thanks for support to our audience and to all those who made the evening such a success.

\*Members of The Friends of Haydon Trees Bridge.

At a Parish Council Meeting a couple

of months ago, when the planting of four trees in the village was discussed, Mr. Waite said that he would provide the trees and suggested that the Friends of Haydon Bridge might look for a suitable site and make a recommendation as to the sort of trees to be planted.

As a result, four Flowering Cherries have been provided at Mr. Waite's expense and planted in the grass in front of the Fire Station. One of the members of the Friends made the recommendation on the site and type of trees and has undertaken to try and look after them to the best of his ability.

We think that the trees will look fine and give much pleasure when they mature and hope that this might be the start of a scheme for more planting.

#### Hexham Methodist Circuit Festival of Music and Arts 1979.

For this year's Festival every member of Haydon Bridge Methodist Sunday School over the age of seven entered at least one individual class. Indeed from twenty five children we entered over two hundred and fifty classes.

In the Craft Section the Activities covered sewing, painting, model making, egg decorating, cookery and many more.

There were opportunities in the Performance classes to play an instrument, sing or recite. Points were awarded for every entry, not simply for prizewinners so every child contributed to our overall success.

The Sunday School Teachers would like to thank them publicly for their efforts.

In the Group Activities we entered a singing choir and a choral speaking choir, a vocal group and three teams in the Bible quiz.

For many weeks prior to the Festival the children had to work hard and give up their free time for rehearsals, but we hope they feel, as we do, that they benefitted from participating and competing; and that areas of new interest have been opened to them.

Finally may we thank all the parents who helped and encouraged the children to partake, and were so generous in giving their time to ferry them to and from Hexham during Festival Week. We were most grateful.

We look forward to next year with enthusiasm and hope for even greater success.

M. Hindle.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

Sir,

I am writing to you in order to express my thanks to all those people who voted for me in the recent District Council Election.

My immediate reaction on hearing that I had failed to gain a seat on the District Council was one of sorrow, obviously, but particularly of regret that I had failed despite all the long and arduous hours spent canvassing by my friends and supporters.

However, in retrospect, I feel a great deal has been gained. We have established that our present District Councillors do not have the FULL support of this community, in that John Chapman and myself polled over four hundred and over five hundred votes respectively in a large poll. But for the General Election coinciding with the District Council Elections, one wonders if the results might have been somewhat different. Another thing that has been clearly established is that, while Mr. Chapman and I were not standing as "Friends of Haydon Bridge", the fact that we are members of this association means a great deal to us and

clearly the electorate cannot be unhappy with the part that the "Friends" are taking in the community.

I wish our elected District Councillors good fortune during their next term of office - obviously with the proviso that they perform their duties to the best advantage for the people of Haydon Bridge - and would remind them that I intend to stand again for this office at the next possible opportunity.

Willie Cruddas.  
Nichols Court,  
Haydon Bridge.

Sir,

A few years ago when Haydon Bridge had a Church Magazine I wrote to the Editor with a suggestion as to what I thought could have been done to brighten the village.

That was, to have the school children tidy up the wall of the Station and plant flowers, trees etc., also to have window boxes and hanging baskets in the streets.

Now, Mr. Waite wants to know what to do with some trees. Why not put them on the green in Strother Close with a few seats

for pensioners and young mothers That's What Rivers Are For  
to sit out in the sun.

That at least would ease "I hear the Parish Council is going  
the minds of those pensioners li to put a notice up about a picnic  
ving there to have some peace area."  
from footballers on Sundays and "What picnic area? The whole country  
other days. I have heard how side is one vast picnic area."  
worried they are about the danger "Well I think it is the bit on the  
to there gardens and windows. river bank that gets packed with  
cars and people and dogs on the  
few really fine days we have in  
the summer."

Also, why does the Council "Seems hardly worth putting a  
not do something about a path notice up. Can't people find  
between Strother Close and the their own spots or is the council  
Back Lane? The Tenants could trying to steer them away from  
use this for loading, access other places? Is there some  
and as a short cut to the shops. positive advantage in putting up  
a notice?"

People can hardly walk down "I don't know. Personally I am  
the Back Lane for the traffic not too keen on tourists. I  
and pot-holes. would just as soon they emptied  
their ashtrays somewhere else."  
Hoping for some development. "That's because you are an old  
killjoy. I bet if you were  
making money out of them you  
would change your mind."  
"Maybe. Perhaps the council wish  
to cater for the desire of the  
average human being to be surrounded  
by his fellows."  
"Mild agoraphobia."  
"En?"  
"Morbid fear of open spaces. Your  
average townie now, he likes to  
be within hearing distance of a  
transistor radio, bouncing distance

A Resident.  
Haydon Bridge.

### Karate

On Wednesday 23rd May a new  
Karate Club will be formed in  
Haydon Bridge. Anyone, of any  
age or sex is welcome to join.  
Just bring jeans and a tee shirt.  
The lessons will start at 7-30pm  
in the Church of England Church  
Hall and will finish at 9-30pm.

Haydon Bridge Women's Institute  
Meetings are held in the Commu-  
nity Centre on the 2nd Monday in  
each month (not August). New  
members welcome.

of a ball, sniffing distance of a dog, yelling distance of children and peeping distance of at least one couple rolling in the grass."

"Not to mention exhaust fumes." "Very reassuring. A bit of litter too. The tripper loves carrying tins, cartons, bottles and bags when they are full and heavy but hates carrying them back when they are empty and light. Funny."

"A phenomenon." "Assuredly." "First fine day the notice will be in the river after closing time." "Wouldn't be surprised. That's what rivers are for; throwing things into."

"My observations have led me to that conclusion."

Library

You can borrow cassettes and records from Hexham Library. It costs £3.50 a year or £1.15 a quarter to join. You can borrow either two records, two cassettes or one of each as often as you like. There is a simple form to complete giving the details of your equipment. If you want to borrow records please bring in your needle for inspection on your first visit.

There is a wide range of music to suit most tastes. Hexham Library is open: Mon, Tues, Weds, Fri 10.00 - 8.00 Sat, 9.30 - 12.30 Closed all day Thursday.

Main Road Traffic

A large area of plaster fell from the ceiling in Mr. and Mrs. Willoughby's shop in Ratcliffe Road on Saturday morning 12th May. "I blame the traffic," said Mr. Willoughby "It seems to have been particularly bad last week. Our bedroom is at the back of the house and the vibration is terrible."

Nobody in Ratcliffe Road is a stranger to noise, vibration and cracking ceilings. Perhaps it is time everybody living on the main road got together.

If anyone is interested in this idea would they drop a note with their name and address through Pat Sharp's door at No: 7.

Mist in May and heat in June Bring all things into tune.

Fast runs the ant as the mercury rises!

Methodist Church Haydon Bridge.

Divine Service 10.45am , 6.00pm.

MAY 20 Rev. P. Hutchings.

(Industrial Chaplain)

Mr. P. Waugh. Crawcrook.

27 Miss H. Armstrong.

Miss n. Garbutt.

JUNE 3 Mr. A. Common.

Rev. H. Rushworth.

(Sacrament)

10 Rev. H. Rushworth.

(Family Service)

Mr. D. Payne.

17 Rev. I. Haywood.

Readers Service.

24 Mr. M. Steel. Sheffield.

Rev. K.D. Beardsley BA.BD.

Methodist Women's Own 2. 30 pm.

MAY 23 Rev. G. Lister.

JUNE 6 Women's Work Missionary Meeting.

Speaker: Mrs. E. Wright.

JULY 14 SUMMER GIFT SALE 2.30pm

IN THE COMMUNITY CENTRE.

The Community Association

I suppose there are many people in Haydon Bridge who have little idea of the aim and purpose of a Community Association and in particular our own.

Formerly the "Haydon Herald" provided a means of disseminating news and information. Since the

Haydon Herald fell a victim to inflation and a dearth of contributors, no such means now exists. My purpose therefore to a summary of what the Community Association is about.

The present Community Centre was opened in 1967 after eight years of hard endeavour. It is a curious fact that a village the size of Haydon Bridge never had, until then, a place of public assembly; a village hall if you like, although the parish records show that the need for one was recognised at least two generations earlier. The first thing to remember is that the Community Centre is not privately owned. The title to the property is vested in the Official Custodian of Charities, so that it is communal property for this and future generations. Governed by an approved constitution, its principle aims I would say are as follows.

1. To bring people and organisations together democratically and on a non-sectarian basis for the benefit of all.
2. To arrange social, recreational and educational activities to suit the needs and tastes of everyone who cares to join.
3. To consider the amenities and services needed by the people of the neighbourhood and to act on their behalf.

4. To foster the spirit of friendliness and cooperation in the neighbourhood.

Membership of the Association consists of:

1. INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP That is for a very modest annual subscription you become a recognised member and in so doing add your support.

2. GROUP MEMBERSHIP Is of two kinds a) Organisations such as the Over 60's or W.I or any other local organisation. Members of such organisations are not necessarily members of the Community Association. Each organisation pays an annual affiliation fee and a letting fee when they use the hall.

b) Sections. Sections are groups of subscribing members who come together to follow a common interest or activity e.g. the Nature Club.

All users under these categories have a right to be represented on the management committee.

The building is over a century old and upkeep is expensive. Fuel costs are high. A new boiler has recently been installed, which when paid for will cost £800+. So money looms large and comes from several sources; from individual subscriptions and affiliation fees, from letting charges, from

events organised by the C.A. and from coffee mornings. Both the L.E.A. and the Parish Council make valuable contributions.

The Community Centre is at present used by, on a regular basis the Over 60's, the W.I., the Band, two badminton clubs (one a private club, the other a section), the Nature Club, when they are not tramping around the countryside, the Play Group, the Friends of Haydon Bridge, a dance club and the Parish Council. By the football and cricket clubs from time to time, for sales, exhibitions and anything else which may come along.

Even less widely known is the fact that the meals on wheels service is one of the activities of the C.A. Not all the voluntary helpers are members of the C.A. but the C.A. is responsible for organising the service and dealing with the administrative side. Similarly the Play Group was the creation of the association and both are well within the aims of the association.

Certainly in the eleven years or so since its opening the Community Centre has proved its worth. Maybe there are other fields of endeavour in which it could prove useful. Personally

I would like to see a great increase in individual membership, not because of the financial gain, which would undoubtedly be helpful but more for the confidence and strength which would result from widely based support. If you are thinking that this is a way of asking for new members you are perfectly right. So why not?

L.C. Coombes.

Hon. Sec.,

4, Belmont.

Notes from Parish Council Meeting  
April 1979:

village Police Constable.

The Council have been informed that a Police Constable will soon be designated to the village although none had yet volunteered.

Picnic Area.

Two signs a) Picnic Area and b) No Over Night Parking, are to be positioned on the pole already located at the river picnic site.

Boiler Grant.

The Tynedale District Council Grant Aid Sub Committee have awarded a maximum grant towards the cost of the new central heating boiler at the Community Centre. The £508 grant is 49% of the total cost.

St. Cuthbert's Churchyard.

Haydon Parish Council have been asked to contribute 75% of the costs to renovate this site.

If the Man-power Services Commission agrees to a project using the Youth Employment Scheme this amount would be greatly reduced with the H.P.C contributing to materials and not labour costs.

Survey Completed.

A survey of the traffic using Back Church ST. was taken during the week commencing 19th March.

The total number of vehicles (both commercial and private) was 191.

Footpath Signs.

Fifty eight footpath signs are to be erected throughout the Parish of Haydon.

Ants.

Mrs. Porteous gave a vivid account of first hand experience of this unpleasant problem. In sympathy Mr Beniams explained that unfortunately parts of Haydon Bridge and other villages in the Tyne valley are badly affected by ants.

Station Yard.

It is understood that the Station Yard Factory area is to be landscaped with 200 bushes and 22 trees.

HAYDON BRIDGE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE  
NEXT MEETING: JUNE 14th at 7pm.  
COOKERY DEMONSTRATION.



Next Meeting.

A provisional date of 31st May was agreed although the newly elected Parish Council will have to confirm or change this date.

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1st Haydon Bridge Cub Pack.

The Cub Scouts had a pleasant evening's entertainment when they attended the Theatre Royal Newcastle for the 1979 Gang Show.

May we ask through this paper that if anyone has any knowledge of simple First Aid, Arts, Crafts or any other speciality suitable for 8 - 11 year olds and they can spare an hour on a Friday evening to contact me. Their help would be of great assistance when the boys are working for their badges.

Mrs. M. Wilkinson.

Cub Scout Leader.

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Tribute was paid to the late Lance Spooner on Sunday when Prudhoe and Wylam under 18 football teams met for the final of the Spooner Cup at Low Hall Park.

After a good game that went into extra time Prudhoe was presented with the Lance Spooner Cup by Mrs. Sophie Spooner.

Lance was a qualified referee and was keenly interested in

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football all his life. He worked many hours training, treating injuries and raising money which helped to purchase Low Hall Park. He was always ready to share his knowledge and encourage youngsters to partake in sport.

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Road Safety Competition.

Last month a County Road Safety Competition was held, organised by Miss V. Laidler, County Road Safety Officer. The competition involved making a frieze about the Green Cross Code, a model of the Green Cross Code Man or both of these.

Our Infant Classes were involved with the large frieze and the older children made a model Green Cross Code Man, larger than life-size, using wire mesh, papier mache and paint.

Out of the thirty seven entries our school won the First Prize of £50; Wylam First School were second winning £30 and Prudhoe Adderlane First School were third winning £20.

C. Smith. Headmaster.

Haydon Bridge First Sch.

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The Children Tell Their Story.

The Green Cross Code Man

The Green Cross Code Man is important because he teaches children how to cross over the road. A lot of cars, buses and lorries are always coming along the busy roads. We have all to learn and remember the Green Cross Code, we stand at the kerb, then look to the left, the right, and left again. If it is clear both ways we can cross over, but we have to listen and look all the way..

Our Green Cross Code Man was made at school by a lot of children. He stands over 6ft tall and looks so like the man seen on the road safety posters.

For the body we rolled chicken wire into a cylinder and bent it at the top. The arms and legs were "sewn" onto the body with wire. The body was then covered with papier mache. For the head we made a clay mould and covered it with layers of newspaper.

Fifteen children went to the presentation in a school bus.

When we got there we looked around a large room in which all the models and collages were displayed. Rachel Donnelly and David Nagle were chosen to accept the prize of fifty pounds.

One morning we came into school and found that the figure had gone flat and so we had to push his tummy out with a ruler.

It is a very busy picture.

It will help us to be careful.

Class 3 made lovely shops.

Class 2 made a beautiful double decker bus .

Class 1 Made lots of people.

The sky is made of 1,000 pieces of paper. We used 6 tubs of glue.

EDITOR'S NOTE:

Thanks to all those who have contributed to this issue. Could we please have items for the July issue by 1st July. To be sent to Dale Cottage, North Bank, H.B.

TO: MR. L. CAREY, TREASURER.

PARK COTTAGE, CHESTERWOOD.

I wish to become a member of the Friends of Haydon Bridge and enclose £1 (one pound) subscription.

NAME: -----

SIGNED: -----

ADDRESS: -----

DATE: -----