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COUNCIL MEETING 24.7.80.

In the public participation, several subjects were raised:-

NEEB are to be asked to restore the road to Brigwood from Ratcliffe Rd.

The clock in the Church Tower is riddled with woodworm - the Vicar is to investigate and take appropriate action.

When will work begin on clearing the Old Cemetery?. Apparently, the Man Power Services Commission has turned down the application for help so we are now back at square one.

Following a fire in the village an enquiry was made about the amount of money in the Fire Fund and its distribution. There is approximately £219 in the deposit account and anyone who suffers fire damage should approach the Trustees for help - Some of whom are Dr. High, Rev. Beniams and Mr. Waite.

The Pelican Crossing should be installed before School begins in September if all goes to schedule.

Following a request by Councillor Pumphrey to find out how many local people the Factories were employing, the Secretary reported that she thought 'about four'.

An estimate of £275 for cleaning the War Memorial has been received. It was decided to leave it as it is.

Following the complaint about the road behind Ratcliffe Road and Strother Close, Tynedale District Council may be able to put down something alongside the fences of Strother Close to help people to walk along in inclement weather but unless the residents of Ratcliffe Road who own half the road are prepared to pay for their half of the road to be brought up to standard, nothing long term can be done. Two or three letters have been sent to the Coop at Newcastle about the agreement with Tynedale District Council to maintain the stretch of road to the back of the Coop but there has been no reply.

The problem of untreated sewage discharging into the river after heavy rain because of a blockage in the public sewer has decided the authority to do remedial work which, it is hoped, will prevent further occurrences. A letter about the drainage problem in Belmont Gardens Dene was read out. It is now nearly three years since the Council was alerted to the problem. The Secretary is to write to the County Council and the matter is to be taken up with the Education Committee as it is sewage from the School and Sports Hall which is causing the problem.

Remedial work is to be done to the water pipe supplying Temple Houses and the ditches at the top of the North Bank.

It is hoped that the drainage channel along the pavement on the South Side of Ratcliffe Road will be cleared out, and that the double yellow lines from Ratcliffe Road round to the Railway Hotel will be painted again.

Aspring has appeared in the road to Haydon and will need attention. There will be less frequent road sweeping in future. The rubble deposited on the river bank had been dumped with the Authority of the Football Club. The stone wall between Hordley Acres and Greenwich Gardens was reported in poor condition and in need of repair.

One thing you learn, when you deliver the Haydon News is how awful some letter boxes are and why Postmen and Postwomen are such cheerful people. They have to have a sense of humour to go on shoving letters through boxes designed for anything but the easy passage of letters. Postmen need three hands, one to hold a bunch of letters, one to lift or push open the letter box and one to put the letter in the hole.

Some boxes are a pleasure to use. Langley Gardens letter boxes are large and new, there are some in Hordley Acres made of brass, many of them gleaming from years of polishing. One or two houses have no letter boxes at all, one or two have none in the front door and a detour has to be made to the 'Tradesman's Entrance.' and some of the older properties have decidedly grotty boxes. Some are so old and tiny that you have to laugh at them, frustrating as they are, some are stuffed with cloth or foam to keep the draft out (and the letters) others are at ground level so you have to grovel to make a delivery, ten there are the ones with the heavy curtains behind them which push the letters back at you. A few are really nasty; the vertical ones with strong springs. So far on my deliveries I have not been bitten by a dog but I have been snapped at by letter boxes.

P. SHARP.

#### COMMUNITY CENTRE.

We are very grateful to Mrs. J. Liddle and her band of helpers for raising £120 at a recent Coffee Evening. The effort was entirely Mrs. Liddle's idea and not the result of any prompting. The result exceeded all expectations and a gratifying reward for all those who contributed in kind or in labour, £100 went to the Community Association and £20 to the Day Centre.

The roof has now been repaired at a cost of £460. These repairs were by no means extensive so you see where the money goes.

Much to her regret, Mrs. D. Beniams has been forced to give up charge of the Playgroup at the end of the present session. I know she will miss the mornings with parents and children and all those who have been associated with the Playgroup will be sad to see her go. Many thanks to her for her work.

One approach to a possible successor has already been made, but the outcome is as yet uncertain. If any readers know of a possible candidate the writer would be glad to know of the same.

L.C. COOMBES.

#### COFFEE TIME.

Mr. and Mrs. Liddle, Roseville, Belmont would like to thank their friends, customers and neighbours for gifts, donations and practical help for their coffee evening held in the Community Centre last month. It was a very happy evening and £120 was raised which was given to the Community Centre and the Day Centre. They are being waged to give a repeat performance!

#### WOMENS INSTITUTE.

A well attended Meeting was Presided over by Mrs. Horne, The County Letter was discussed and Miss D. Lowdon gave her account of the London Meeting in lace of Mrs. Smith. Mrs. Crab from Ponteland gave a most humorous talk on her trip to America. She was thanked by Mrs. Ohlson. Mrs. Dodd also from Ponteland recited various poems.

Mrs. E. Routledge won the Competition for the prettiest compact. An Invitation to Haltwhistle W.I. was accepted. Hostess for the Evening were Mrs. Sinclair, Mrs. Spooner, Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. Reed.

Mrs. F.M. Turnbull.

HAYDON BRIDGE SILVER BAND

Readers of the 'Hexham Courant' will, by now, be aware that our Silver Band, which has given so much pleasure to us and the whole district for more than a century, is in mortal danger of extinction and, should this happen it will mean not only the loss of an institution and tradition of which we are all proud but a mark of shame to the Community that it should have allowed such a thing to happen without a fight.

It will mean a fight. Not only an initial effort but a sustained one, for years ahead, if the band is to be revitalised and sit soundly on a basis that will enable it to grow, out of new local talent, into a Band that will truly be THE HAYDON BRIDGE Band to give us and the district pleasure and pride, but which will help our young people, boys and girls, to develop a hobby which will give them great satisfaction, lasting friendships and a wider social life but also counter the depression and despair of poor employment prospects and may even lead to employment.

We, the Trustees, who are not playing members of the Band, although we work in the closest cooperation with them, have determined to make a fight for the survival of the Band by setting it on a sound financial basis which we believe has a chance of success.

Our efforts, of course, are entirely dependant on support from the Whole Haydon Bridge community but we have the belief and faith in the generosity of our people, who have proved themselves so in the past, that we can succeed and that our Band will not die through lack of finance.

A scheme for Patrons, people who will pledge to give £1 or over, every year, has been started and we hope that we can count on every household in the parish becoming Patrons. Patrons from outside the district, who may be individuals or groups, will also be welcome and a full list of Patrons will be published and they will be kept informed of progress.

Other schemes are being prepared and will need your support.

£1 is a Pound and times are hard and may well get worse.

But 2p a week, regularly saved is also £1 at the end of the year and 2p put by a child into a bedside Piggy Bank every week could make him or her a Patron of the Band by the year end - and possibly save him a trip to the Dentist if it would otherwise have gone on sweeties.

How often in the pub or in the shops do you find you have those stupid  $\frac{1}{2}$ p coins, and other 'brass' that just make a hole in your pocket? You may soon find 'Save the Band Boxes' in shops and pubs that will help to solve your problem.

We believe that 'a little and often', given regularly from everyone is not impossible to ask of the people of Haydon Bridge and we believe the effort will be worthwhile.

It MUST be worth a try!

- MRS. F. TURNBULL.
- MESSRS. J.C. HESLOP.
- R. HIGH
- N. KIRSOPP.
- E. WAITE.

TRUSTEES.

### Over 60's

Our outing to Redcar on 5th July went off very well, we were lucky with the weather. We stopped en route at Sedgefield for coffee but had difficulty in finding places open. We arrived at Redcar for Twelve o'clock when we had a very good lunch which had been ordered in advance at the Mayfair Restaurant. Redcar has a very good shopping centre, it also has a very good beach and Esplanard with lots of shelter and seats which were well used towards teatime. We arrived home about Nine o'clock tired but grateful for a dry and most enjoyable day.

At our monthly Meeting on 9th July, we were entertained by Haydon Bridge Girl Guides. The children are always good to watch, and will always be welcomed by the Over 60s Club.

The Bus to Tynemouth Priory to see Old Time Music Hall on 26th July had all tickets sold.

We ended our Monthly Meeting with a feast of Strawberries and cream which were supplied by our President Mr. E. Waite, which we thoroughly appreciated.

Our next Meeting on August 13th is a Pie and Pea Supper followed by a Mr. and Mrs. Session. It is an Open Night Tickets 4Op.

MARY PORTEOUS.

### HAYDON BRIDGE DAY CENTRE.

As Mr. Duncan said in last Month's News Letter, the Centre has now been going for six months and we are hoping to be able to take in more members in the near future. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has worked with me in helping to make it a success. Sincere thanks to all the transport drivers, whom without them we could not run the Centre. Also the ladies who come each week to help and supply a nice home made tea for the members, and by these ladies doing this we have been able to accumulate a small fund which we are using to hire a bus to take the members away for an outing.

Age Concern Northumberland, are holding a Craft Competition and Exhibition on 31st July at Pegswood Miners Hall. I asked my members if they would do something for the show and was amazed at the result, they have brought me some beautiful work, and we are going to see it on exhibition. We will leave the Church Hall at 1 p.m. and arrive back out 6 p.m.

On August the 21st we are holding an Open Day at the Centre which will include a Coffee Morning, Jumble Sale, Stalls, Sale of goods made by members and afternoon tea, and I hope you will see the members at their work.

I would like to say thank you to Mrs. Liddle for her donation of Twenty Pounds and also Mrs. Doreen Miller for £3.55. Many thanks also to Mr. Mrs. Waite for Strawberries which we enjoyed very much.

Mary Porteous.

### CANCER RELIEF.

Volunteers needed for house to house collections in and around Haydon Bridge. Will anyone who can spare an hour or so on any day from Monday 11th to Friday 15th August please get in touch with Mrs. L. Hering, (Allerwash Hall south) Newbrough 652.

Thank you.

SENIOR CITIZENS HOLIDAYS.

I have a few spare places if any Senior Citizen is interested in a Holiday for 1981. We are going to the Isle of Wight on JUNE 3rd 1981. The Holiday for two weeks costs £120.00 which includes your fare from Haydon Bridge to Sandown, plus two weeks full board. If you need to be on the lower floor £4 per week extra or a single room £7. per week extra. For further information contact: Mrs. M. Porteous, 6 Langley Gardens, Haydon Bridge. Telephone 404.

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I must complete the booking by the end of August 1980, and a deposit of £15 for each person is required.

The Methodist Church invites you to the following Services at 10.45 a.m. and 6 p.m.

- August 3rd. Mr. P. Bell.
- Mr. K. Lowdon.
- August 10th Rev. H. Rushworth (Sacrament)
- Mr. A. Duncan.
- August 17th. Mr. J. Tipping.
- Rev. K. Beardsley B.A. B.D.,
- August 24th. Rev. J. Cox
- Members Service.
- August 31st. Mr. Graham Wilson.
- Rev. H. Rushworth (Sacrament)
- Sept. 7th. Rev. G. Forster.
- Circuit Service at 6.30 p.m. at Trinity Church, Hexham.  
          (Transport available.)

All Ladies are cordially invited to the Methodist Women's Own held fortnightly on Wednesdays at 2.30 p.m. on the following dates:-

- August 6th. Trip to Morecambe.
- August 30th. Coffee Morning ( 10a.m. - 11.30 a.m.)
- Sept. 3rd. Rev. H. Rushworth.

The Sunday School is on holiday in August but re-commences on 7th September at 10.45 a.m. If your children are not already attending a Sunday School we should love to invite them to join us and also their Mams and Dads at our Monthly Family Services.

In these days of noise and speed, we all need God's help to encourage us day by day. Our young people are coming up against many temptations today and we, as Sunday School Teachers would like to do what we can to help them in the Battle of Life.

VILLAGE VERSE COMPETITION.

We would like to include in the Haydon News, a verse of peice of prose about each of our schools.

Come along children, sharpen those pencils. There will be a £1 book token for the writer of the best entry from each of the three schools - Shaftoe Trust, Allendale and the High School, Entries will be judged by the Friends of Haydon Bridge Committee. Closing date is Friday 12th September. Write our your verse of prose, add your name and age and address and school and send or give it to the Editor:- Mr. Keith Lees, 1 Langley Gardens, Haydon Bridge. The Editors decision is final.

DEADLINE FOR SEPTEMBER EDITION IS SEPTEMBER 1st.

TRUSTEES: Mrs. F. Turnbull.  
Mr. N. Kirsopp.  
Mr. J.C. Heslop.  
Mr. E. Waite.  
Dr. R. High.

HAYDON BRIDGE SILVER BAND - A PATRON?

The village of Haydon Bridge, and the surrounding area, has the unique registered charity of the Silver Band in their midst whose objects are to play music and provide a training ground for anyone in the area who is interested.

This is particularly encouraging for young people. The band is centred in the Community Centre and carries a tradition back to 1870 or so.

In these inflationary times it is becoming increasingly difficult to finance the activities in spite of running occasional raffles and appeals. Most of the instruments are very old (some pre. 1920) and such items as music, uniforms and running costs take out all current income.

To this end, why not become a patron of the band - your annual contribution will be paid into a replacement instrument and development fund - and you will be surely pleased at helping to maintain the continuing existence of one of the few remaining village bands.

We, the trustees of the band, are preparing a PATRONS list and will circularise all patrons at least once a year with a full report and 'newsy' letter concerning your village band.

Please complete the form below, and return your contributions.

To. THE TRUSTEES, HAYDON BRIDGE SILVER BAND  
c/o HIGHFIELD, HAYDON BRIDGE.

Name.....

Address.....

.....

.....

I wish to become a PATRON and enclose my annual donation of  
£1, £2, £3, £4, £5 or £ .

Signed.....



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BY-PASS.

You may have read a report about the by-pass in the Courant in which the Parliamentary Secretary to the Department of Transport, Mr. Kenneth Clarke, is reported to have said, "The route which represents by far the best value for money in economic terms would also involve the demolition of some 13 properties and create a nuisance for a substantial proportion of the town....."

This route is the one which will run from the Bridge and to the North of Ratcliffe Road. It is not a by-pass. To a large number of people the route will be worse than the present one, to the village as a whole the route will be as bad or worse than the present one, probably worse since the volume and speed of traffic will increase.

It seems to me, and I hope I am wrong, that if we are not watchful, we are going to be lumbered with the route which "represents the best value for money". Without, I might add, regard to the quality of life in the village. All the signs are there.

I do not want to raise again the once vexed question of the factories except to remind you that those who objected to the site of the factories acted when it was too late to have the decision reversed. It will cost 10p to write to Kenneth Clarke whose address is, Department of Transport, 2 Marsham Street, London S.W.1. Why not drop him a line.

I sent a copy of the last but one Haydon News to the controller of the Department of the Environment inviting him to respond to my comments about the Public Consultation Exercise that they organised about the by-pass. I have had no reply.

PAT SHARP.

ROLL UP.

Oh listen to our Silver Band  
The musics heard throughout Tyneland.  
A Coronation, a Jubilee  
A summer fund-raising Strawberry tea.  
A Village Fete a Country Fair  
The Silver Band is always there.  
A rousing march a Remembrance hymn  
A joyous carol by torchlight dim.  
The Band is loved wherever it goes  
The work involved not everyone knows,  
Instruments, Uniforms, Music, Tuition,  
Rehearsals to bring it all to fruition.  
FUNDS are needed and BANDSMEN new  
Haydonians the future depends on you.

The village Bard.

It was on May 28th 1930, that the village band known to have existed since 1860 under various titles was renamed the Haydon Bridge Silver Band, so of course we should make every effort this Golden Jubilee Year to support present members and encourage new ones.

Public appeal always brings financial support, but surely manpower must be first priority. The appeal for Patrons before assurance of new members seems to be putting the cart before the horse. It would seem from the area of appeal large sums of money could be raised so let us hope that an enthusiastic group of new members are recruited.

In the past funds have been raised in the village for various projects yet we are a village without playgrounds for our children, tennis courts, bowling greens and swimming pool.

There is an Outward Bound Fund, but how many of our young people have come forward to enjoy this, certainly not one each year.

With the strength of the Insurance around one would hardly think we needed a Disaster Fund, but there lies about £219. In the past everyone has rallied at times of hardship so why such a fund?

This appeal is different. The Band is part of our village, has existed for over 120 years and must continue to give pleasure to young and old.

We welcome the promise of a full report and newsy letter to all patrons, but is a published list of patrons really necessary?

E.I. Heslop.

10 Stanley Square,  
Carshalton,  
SURREY.

Dear Sir,

I have just read the long and explanatory letter in the 'Courant' concerning the Band, and must admit I am somewhat saddened by the existing state of affairs. As a Haydonian, exiled to London over 55 years ago, but a past member of the Band 60 years ago, I have always followed its progress with interest.

This band must not die, it is part of our heritage. The lack of finance is no surprise, but the lack of players amazes me - Why? - as there is renewed interest in Brass with the younger generation. I can assure you that down in these parts it is very pleasing to see the number of teenagers that are entering and, indeed, forming new Bands. However, in response to your appeal, I enclose £5 as a donation, and promise, God willing, to make this an Annual Donation.

I can only wish you and your team every success in your efforts, and trust you receive ample support from the Parishioners.

Yours very sincerely,

Bobbie Davidson.

2 Alexandra Terrace,  
Hexham.

Dear Sir,

Herewith a donation to your funds.

John (our son) was in the band in the days of his youth and developed his love for music with the help and encouragement of Lance and Harry.

Hope you do well with your appeal.

Yours sincerely,

J. Chamberlain.

SILVER BAND.

As reported in the Courant and last issue of the Haydon News, our Band is in danger of extinction and only a radical redevelopment programme can save it.

This will be costly and needs a major effort by EVERYONE in the Community. The main means by which we hope to provide the Band with a regular and adequate income is by PATRONS and, at the moment, we have received offers from about 100 persons which would provide an income of about £200 per annum.

Unless we get a great deal more it is highly probable that the Band will die so we are attaching a form to this issue of the Haydon News and if you want more or think you know of someone who might become a patron, please ask one of the Trustees for a form and let us have it back. The need is URGENT so please DO it NOW!

You may wonder what would happen to your contributions if our efforts fail to save the Band.

Being a Registered Charity, the way funds are used and disposed of is very carefully scrutinized and controlled by the Charity Commissioners and, if the Band did 'fold up' they would ensure that funds held by the Band were used for charitable purposes for the community of Haydon Bridge.

At a later date, if we get enough Patrons to make it worthwhile, we shall be asking patrons to consider making their contributions under a Deed of Covenant. This involves us in a good deal of extra work but will mean that for every Patron who pays Income Tax we can reclaim from the Inland Revenue about 30p for every £1 you contribute at no extra cost to you, but, to make this worthwhile, we must have more Patrons, SO PLEASE, fill that form in now.

Thank you,

The Trustees of Haydon Bridge Silver Band.

Comrade Vladimir?

'Yes, Comrade Vlotski?'

'What is this place called?'

'Haydon Bridge, Comrade Vlotski!'

'Why are all the schools flattened and in ruins?'

'Because Comrade, before we arrived, the British RAF had many flying exercises in this area in which many noisy jet planes flew over the village at what seemed to be an excessively low altitude!'

'I see, Comrade Vladimir?'

'Yes, Comrade Vlotski?'

'Why are all the local people DEAF?'

'Same reason Comrade!'

'Ah, and does it always rain here?'

'Yes Comrade. But not enough to flood away all the old junk and rubbish in the river.'

'HM. The people must have liked living this way because they did nothing about it?'

'Yes Comrade.'

'Lets go back home!'

'Yes Comrade!'

J.P.

#### HAYDON BRIDGE FIRE BRIGADE.

Haydon Bridge Fire Brigade is staffed entirely by volunteers. There is a sub Officer who is in charge (with two black bands round his yellow helmet) two leading firemen (one black band round the helmet) who take charge in the absence of the Sub Officer, and eight firemen. Five of these men are on call 24 hours a day, and six because they work away from Haydon Bridge, are on call 12 hours a day.

A telephone request for the fire service from a member of the public is automatically put through to Brigade Headquarters at Morpeth. If the fire is in the vicinity of Haydon Bridge the Telephonist activates the radio alerters which are carried at all times by the firemen. They then get along to the Fire Station as fast as possible, and the first one in uses the direct line telephone to Morpeth HQ to find out where the fire is. The fire engine must be manned by at least four men and not more than six. As soon as the crew are in the cab a call using the radio in the fire engine is put through to Morpeth HQ to notify the time of departure. The length of time between the radio alerters being activated and time of departure from the station is extremely impressive - this month the longest time was three minutes.

When the engine arrives at the scene of the fire, another call is put through on the radio to Morpeth HQ giving an assessment of the situation and whether further assistance is required.

Further calls are also made when the fire has been dealt with and when the engine has returned to base.

Having dealt with the practical side of the incident, there is then the inevitable paper work to keep a detailed record of each call out.

Being the nearest Brigade to Hexham, Haydon Bridge Fire Brigade is frequently called out to stand by at Hexham Fire Station if their crews are out on call, leaving the station unmanned. Although the Haydon Bridge men are only volunteer part-timers - at Hexham there is a full time paid crew as well as volunteers - they have to be as knowledgeable as possible as they never know when they will have to deal with a major incident on their own. To keep up to scratch, training sessions are held every Monday night from seven till nine, at the Fire Station.

The Fire Station itself is immaculate with everything clean and tidy. There is an Office, a lecture room, small kitchen, showers etc., as well as the tower - half of which is for drying hoses, the other half for practising on. Even the lawns outside are regularly mowed and plants tended along the borders.

The Brigade has just acquired a new Engine - drivers of which must hold HGV licenses. It has the usual siren, four flashing lights a search light, and carries 400 gallons of water. It has a pump fixed to the machine and one which can be transported to a source of water where the fire engine cannot get to and carries 20 gallons of foam for use with oil fires. There are two sets of breathing apparatus and a resuscitation kit. The ladder on the top extends to 45 ft (the height of the tower at the station)

If any of the Firemen are hurt or become ill the Fire Services National Benevolent Fund helps out the the appropriate care for the fireman and his family. The Haydon Bridge Brigade holds occasional fund raising activities and sends donations to the fund.

Recent incidents - all involving cars.

31/7	at 00.02	a car stolen and set fire to - turn out time 3 mins
	at 21.29	a car on fire - turn out time 3 mins.
2/8	at 15.05	a car on fire - turn out time 2 mins.
13/8	at 17.17	stand by duty at Hexham - turn out time 2 mins.
16/8	at 23.14	stand by duty at Hexham - turn out time 3 mins.
17/8	at 09.00	stand by duty at Hexham - turn out time 3 mins.

Whilst on standby duty at Hexham on 16<sup>th</sup> August, the crew thought they heard a car being started and stolen - they informed the Police and the theives were apprehended at Whittle Dene!

(Grateful thanks to Sub Officer Alan Ord who gave up his time to provide a most interesting and informative guided tour of the Fire Station.)

OUR RIVER.

The South Tyne rises on Cross Fell, past Garrigill, out Alston way, (The place that proudly quotes its altitude on market day).

And as it travels to the sea by Villages and Towns

In common with the rest of us it has its ups and downs.

At times a raging torrent pours under the bridges old and new, Then branches and tree trunks bang and crash in fury to be through.

As storms abate the level falls and once again all is serene,

The wide expanse from bank to bank a really peaceful scene.

When lower still the water runs it leaves us with a chattering stream

The wagtails dart amongst the stones and sunlit ripples gleam.

We come and go across the bridge and pause to look come rain or shine

And high or low or smooth or rough say 'This is OUR south Tyne'.

The Village Bard.

You will have noticed that many local traders have supported the Haydon News by buying space on the pages, in fact nearly everyone who was asked agreed without hesitation. This means that the material costs of producing the News is now virtually paid for by local traders. We would like them to know that they have put new heart into those who produce and assist with the Haydon News. We hope that you will further encourage us by written contributions. Of course we can thank the Local Traders by supporting them,

Pat Sharp.

### Pointe Claire - Northumberland Exchange.

About thirty years ago a Geordie named Mr. Nicholson emigrated to Pointe Claire which is a suburb of Montreal in Canada. However, he always kept his connections with the Northumberland area, and 13 years ago, when he was appointed City Manager for Pointe Claire, set up an exchange visit with students from Pointe Claire and Northumberland. The exchange has continued with Canadians visiting England one year and then the English visiting Canada the next.

Each year there are 18 students and 2 leaders from each county involved. Last year it was the turn of the English families to host the Canadians. So on the 21st July this summer the English party left for Canada when the Canadian families were going to return the compliment by hosting somebody from England, for their three weeks stay. Although the exchange is available to anyone from any school in Northumberland the party of 20 included 12 students and one leader from Haydon Bridge High School. They were Liza Scudamore, Gillian Armstrong, Dawn Wylie, Judith Renwick, Anne Carruthers, Christine Weatherson, Mrs. Viv Dryden, David Tait, George Brogdon, Allistair Weir, Malcolm Thorburn, Nicholas Cooper and David Telford.

There was a very warm welcome waiting for us at Mirabel Airport in Montreal, not only from our hosts, but also the weather, because even though it was 9 p.m. it was 80°. After saying hello to everybody we all went to our respective houses in enormous American style cars, of which each family has two or three.

At 9.30 the next morning everybody met and a bus took us to Lac Adair a small lake in the Laurentian Mountains, where we were all to spend the next three days. We slept in log cabins on the lakeside and as the lake was surrounded by forests we were told we may be lucky (if that is the correct word) enough to see a Grisley Bear. This wasn't to be though, and the next three days were spent peacefully swimming and canoeing in the lake.

The day after returning from Lac Adair we were on the move again, this time to Quebec City which is the heart of the French speaking area of Canada. We spent an enjoyable day there and after a three hour coach journey home I went swimming in the pool in the garden, and although it was 10 p.m. the temperature was still 80°.

On Sunday 27th July a trip to the Olympic Stadium in Montreal had been arranged. We saw a baseball game between the Montreal Expos and the Houston Astros. We, as Northumberland Exchange Students, were again welcomed to Canada by a message on the enormous Electronic Scoreboard which is only part of the very impressive stadium and sports complex.

After a few free days, during which I went to a Roller Skating Rink, a couple of party's and the pictures among other things, Wednesday 30th July was spent on a tour of Old Montreal and downtown Montreal with the rest of the party. The biggest difference between England and Canada was well illustrated in a Museum we visited. The furniture on display as antiques in the museum was very similar to furniture which is found today in many typical English Farmhouses, compared with this country everything in use in Canada is brand new.

That evening at 12.00 Malcolm, David, Viv and I left on a seven hour bus ride to New York City. Imagine the face of the American Customs Official on searching the luggage of four English tourists, dressed in shorts and T-shirts, and finding nothing but four cameras, a bag of fruit and a bag of biscuits. I dare say he thought we were all crackers. We stayed in New York until 10 p.m. and although I would not have missed the visit for the world, a day was long enough to spend in such a city, compared with which the local tip is classed as Paradise. During the day we managed to climb the Statue of Liberty The Empire State Building and the World Trade Centre as well as paying visits to Broadway, Times Square, Central Park, Wall Street, Lower Manhattan and 5th and 7th Avenues.

On Monday 4th August we rose early to leave on a bus for Toronto, we were to stay in Colleges for three nights. During our visit we were fortunate enough to be given a guided tour of a few vine yards fruit farms and an Andres Wine Factory. We also visited Niagra Falls A day wasn't enough to spend here but I did manage to, among other things, ride on a boat which sailed up the river and as close as was possible to the foot of the falls. The sight of the falls from below was unbelievable, not only the height and volume of the falls but also the many rainbows which were created by the spray and the bright sunshine.

While in Toronto, we were also lucky enough to climb (by a lift) to the top observation level of the worlds tallest free standing building, the CN Tower.

On Friday 8th August, we were again of on a coach trip, this time to Ottawa, Canada's capital, where it had been arranged for us to dine in the Parliamentary Cafeteria and meet the British Commissioner.

On returning that night, many of the party went to the Montreal Forum, seating 22,000 to see 'Journey' in a rock concert.

A farewell Bar-b-que was provided for the party and their families at the Pointe Claire Olympic Swimming Pool on Sunday 10th. All the English Students were presented with a Pointe Claire plate, just to round off the immense generosity and warmth which had been shown towards us by everyone we met throughout our 'holiday of a lifetime'.

We said our emotional goodbyes at Mirabel Airport at 10 p.m. the next day. Once we had boarded the plane the flight was enjoyed by everyone. However, when we got off the plane at Newcastle Airport we all got a shock by the weather, after all it was the first time it had been under 80 for over three weeks. I think the thermometer read about 55. Oh well, what do you expect from an English summer.

DAVID TELFORD.

(A very contented member of the party with many happy memories, How glad I am Mr. Nicholson emigrated 30 years ago.)

#### HAYDON BRIDGE OVER SIXTIES CLUB.

The August meeting was a great success. We had a Pie and Pea supper followed by a Mr. and Mrs. session. Couples taking part where Mr. and Mrs. Duncan, Mr. and Mrs. Curry and Mr. and Mrs. Thomson. They were all good sports and we had a good laugh with Mary Porteous trying to imitate Derek Batey and Margaret Jewitt acting as presenter. It was an Open Night and we welcome and thank all Non Members for supporting the Club.

Hon. Sec.  
Mary Porteous.

#### HAYDON BRIDGE DAY CENTRE.

We had our opening Day on Thursday August 21st and had a great day. It was marvellous to see all the people keep dropping in at different times of the day.

Day Centre/continued .....

I wish to take this opportunity to thank everyone, that helped in any way to make the day such a success. Also the children who moved all the tables and chairs at the end of the day. A big thank you to all the people who brought in all the goods to sell. We made £127.36p. This money will help to buy craft materials and go towards giving the members a Christmas Party. I would like to say thanks to Mrs. I. Cunningham and Mrs. Flo Acones for gifts for the raffle.

I would like to take this opportunity to ask the people of the village to drop in and see us any Thursday.

M. Porteous.

P.S. Does anyone have a small wardrobe or cupboard they don't want for use in the Day Centre.

THE PLAYGROUP.

Following last months notice that Mrs. D. Beniams was giving up the Playgroup a successor has now been found in the person of Mrs. J. Hogg.

DAY CENTRE.

Would all volunteer helpers at the Day Centre who find that they are prevented from coming on their allotted day please either, provide a substitute, or, if that is not possible inform Mrs. Porteous or myself as early as possible.

L.C. COOMBES.  
H.B. 416.

MENS FELLOWSHIP 1980/81.

The opening Meeting of the Winter Session will be held in the Methodist Church Hall on October 7th at 7.30 p.m. We look forward to seeing all our old friends again, and invite anyone who is interested in fostering a spirit of goodwill in this area.

If you are interested in Film Show, Slide Shows, Lectures and discussions then we can assure you of an interesting Winter Season.

A. Duncan.  
Secretary.

ST. CUTHBERTS CHURCH.

The final total for the Gift Day and Garden Fete in aid of Church Funds was £985-83p. and the Church Wardens and Members of the P.C.C. wish to express their grateful thanks to all who contributed to this magnificent total.

W.L. Hall.  
Church Warden.

CHURCH HALL 13th September.

Coffee morning at 10 - 12 noon. in aid of Church Funds.

CHURCH HALL

Womens Fellowship Meeting at 2.30 p.m. 10th September.

Mr. Farndale - Speaker.

Womens Fellowship Meeting at 2.30p.m. 8th October.

Mrs. Tugwell - Film Show and talk.

Womens Fellowship Meeting at 2.30 p.m. 5th November.

Speaker Rev. R. Cook. Haltwhistle.

Coffee Morning - 8th November in aid of Church Funds. 10 - 12 noon.

HAYDON BRIDGE METHODIST CHURCH.

September 3rd. Womens Own - Rev. H. Rushworth.

" " 7th. (Rev. G. Forster - 10.45 am.m.

(Circuit Service - 6.30 p.m.

(Trinity Church - Hexham.



- September 14th. (Rev. H. Rushworth - 10.45 a.m.  
(Family Service - Sunday School Prize Giving.  
(Mr. A. Duncan 6 p.m.)
- September 17th Womens Own - Mr. Kendal (Stocksfield).
- September 21st (Rev. Glynn Lister - 10.45 a.m.  
(Mr. David Payne 6 p.m.)
- September 28th (Mr. J.H. Bainbridge 10.45 a.m.  
(United Harvest Service at United Reform Church 6 p.m.)
- October 1st. Womens Own - Miss V. Little.
- October 4th Harvest Festival Concert by Hadrian Singers 7 p.m.
- October 5th Harvest Services - 10.45 a.m. and 6 p.m. conducted  
by Mr. P. Waugh (Crawcrook.)
- October 6th Sale of Produce 7 p.m.

#### ANCHOR HOTEL LEEK CLUB.

The Anchor Hotel Leek Club Show is to be held on Saturday 13th September. Approximately £500 worth of prizes are to be won this year by members of the Leek Club.

There is also to be an Open Show for anyone who wishes to enter:-

1. The best Home made wine.
2. A flower arrangement.
3. The biggest Onion.
4. A section for kiddies 5 - 12 year old making a model from any vegetable.

After the judging by Mr. W. Dawson and Mr. Armstrong the show will be open to the public at approximately 12.30 Produce to be sold at 9.30 p.m. on Sunday.

On Monday 15th September there will be a Leek Supper at 7.30 p.m. when the presentation of the Cup will be held, and there is a Dance afterwards with the Rob Roy Trio. A late extension has been applied for.

#### DISCO.

A Teenage Disco will be held at the Community Centre on Saturday 27th September at 7.30 p.m. until 11.00 p.m. Admission 50p. Dancing to Freight Express. Everyone welcome. Soft drinks, crisps, etc., on sale. Some prizes of records could be given,

GARDENS ROTOVATED - phone Haydon Bridge 507 or call 15 Langley Gardens.

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#### VILLAGE VERSE COMPETITION.

Just a reminder to all the school children that the above competition closes on the 12th September. Now you are all back at school surely there is plenty to write about. Hurry up and get your entries in to 1 Langley Gardens, Haydon Bridge.

DEADLINE FOR THE OCTOBER EDITION OF NEWS LETTER IS 30th SEPTEMBER.
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