

### THE DAYCENTRE

The Day Centre may have opened before you read this, if not, it is going to open on 31st January. All those who offered help will be given a chance to do so. Helpers for the first two weeks have been arranged and those for the following weeks will appear on a printed roster so that they will know well in advance when their duty falls which should not be more than once in six weeks. Duty will be either morning or afternoon, never both. Mornings from 9.30-12.45 and afternoons from 12.45-3.45.

I will post some of the rosters but Mr. John Clarke has kindly agreed to have a supply available in his shop where they may be obtained. In drawing up the roster I have taken in to account people's wishes as to times and Thursdays when they are free. Those who have offered transport I have left off the roster and will be asking them to do this service only.

The centre will be open to any visitor who wishes to come in for a chat even though they are not concerned in the daily running. We hope people will. In the last news letter I stated that the

### BILL TAIT'S FILM 'THE WOOD'

The showing of 'The Wood' at the Methodist Church Hall in December was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone who came along, in fact the hall was packed. The film was entrancing as are all Bill Tait's films.

Our thanks to Bill Tait and everyone who helped with refreshments and the Bring and Buy. The money taken will go towards the production of the Haydon News.

Shaftoe Trust was going to purchase the chairs. To this I should have added the fact that the chairs will remain the property of the Trust while on loan to the day centre.

L. C. COOMBES

### THE COMMUNITY CENTRE

Our very warm thanks are due to Mrs. Harry Watson who raised £103 by the sale of Xmas cards and to Sadie Pickering and her associates who raised over £170 by whist drives. The former sum has gone into the general funds, the latter has been used for the purchase of new curtains throughout the community centre. These ladies were not asked to do this; the initiative and inspiration was entirely theirs.

Money is always in short supply and one money-consuming item looming up in the not too distant future is either repairs or more extensive renovation to the community centre roof. The building is over 100 years old and as far as I know still has its original slate roof. Nothing lasts for ever. The committee has asked a contractor to provide a report which we hope to consider at our next meeting, if he can get around to it. At the time of writing there isn't much time left before that meeting.

Early in November I sent letters, at some cost in shoe leather, postage and typing, to those Friends of Haydon Bridge who were not members of the Community Association and by the rules should be. To make it easier for them I told them exactly what their subscription should be. Apart from a few honourable exceptions the response has been nil. Perhaps I should have enclosed a S.A.E. That subscription was for 1979. Subscriptions are now due for 1980.

The Friends will have to do better than this. Other sections of the Community Association do.

PARISH COUNCIL - NOVEMBER NOTES

Public Session

Mrs. Todd raised the question of School Buses in Church Street wondering if some buses were not using the High School bus park but loading and unloading in Church Street. The situation was very bad on 21st November with vehicles parking on both sides of the road. Mr. Bates said he would follow the matter.

Road to Station Yard Cottages

There was to be a meeting on 23rd November between representatives of the Grainger Trustees, the factory building contractors, solicitors and residents. The road was still in a very unsatisfactory condition.

Subway The Council had been advised that action over the fouling of the footpath in the subway was a matter for the police rather than the Health Department.

Glass The District Council says that neither they nor the County Council have any plans to collect or salvage waste glass. A waste paper scheme had been tried but the Tynedale/County area was too widespread to make any similar schemes worthwhile. This information was a reply to a Parish Councillor's suggestion that it might be a good idea to salvage glass.

Cut in Rail Service Councillor Beniams will be representing Tynedale at a meeting between the County Council and British Rail. He said he will resist any suggestion by British Rail to reduce the train service in any form on the Tyne Valley line.

'OPERATION DRAKE'

A slide show and talk by Christopher Richardson of Stamford Young Farmers' Club.

WEDNESDAY 6TH FEBRUARY - 7.30 p.m. in the Methodist Church Hall.

Sponsorship was offered to one

member of a Young Farmers' Club in the United Kingdom and Chris took part in the stage of Operation Drake sailing around New Guinea and the Fiji Islands.

A.I.S.O.

Bring and Buy Sale, Wednesday 6th February at 7.30 p.m. in the Methodist Church Hall.

LETTERS SECTION

I should like to say 'Thank You' to all the Friends of Haydon Bridge for the welcome offered to us by Mr. Pumphrey on their behalf.

I understand the opposition to the erection of the factories in the Station Yard and regret that some people are still 'suffering' from their existence. However, since they do now exist, it is obviously in everyone's interest that they succeed, and we shall do our best to that end. Perhaps we can already claim one achievement since I understand from the Editor's note that this excellent publication owes its conception to the concern aroused by the factories being built. May I wish all your readers a prosperous New Year.

J. L. A. Fenton, Managing Director Highmark Engineering Ltd.

May we say thank you to all the people of Haydon Bridge and colleagues at Tynedale District Council who sponsored us on our cycle rides to raise money for the British Heart Foundation.

We were able to send off a total of £71.80 to the local office in Newcastle, and in his letter of acknowledgement Mr. Norman Bell, the Regional Organiser, wished to assure all sponsors that the money you gave would be used to encourage and finance research into the causes, prevention, and treatment of diseases of the heart, with particular reference to our own Research Centre in the North.

Our heartfelt thanks to you all.

Paul & Elizabeth Bennett, 9 Langley Gdns

Are you being Served?

The Co-op, Saturday morning. There is a queue from the check-out to the Wall by the bacon counter, the other check out is not tended. Three shop assistants (?) are engaged in conversation in the far corner of the store, the manager (?) walks past them into the back shop without a word. Meanwhile the shoppers wait and the lady at the check-out struggles on alone.

Every day, large vans are parked, half on the pavement and half on the double yellow lines in front of the Co-op. Both practices are probably illegal and certainly dangerous. Is there not a park behind the store for unloading goods? The matter has been raised by the Parish Council but unless some action is taken the practice will continue and there will be a nasty accident one day.

Take a look at the Co-op windows; they are an eyesore.

The old Co-op may have been small but it looked like a village shop and was run like one.

Dissatisfied Customer

Proposed Library in Church Street

The Friends of Haydon Bridge have offered practical help to make the proposed library habitable.

Volunteers are required to help to remove shelves, prepare the walls for decorating, lay floor covering and paint the exterior.

Will anyone who is willing to help please put a note through my door.

Pat Sharp, 7 Ratcliffe Road

Trees and Shrubs

First the good news: A large number of trees and a vast quantity and variety of shrubs, including rose bushes, have been planted round the factory site.

The bad news is that the road

beside the factory site leading to the houses has still not been repaired.

HAYDON BRIDGE METHODIST CHURCH

February and March 1980

Feb.

3rd	10.45 a.m.	Miss N. Garbutt
	6.00 p.m.	Rev H. Rushworth (Sacrament)
5th	7.30 p.m.	Men's Fellowship
6th	2.30 p.m.	Women's Own
10th	10.45 a.m.	Rev H. Rushworth (Family Service)
	6.00 p.m.	Mr. N. Fullard
17th	10.45 a.m.	Mr. A.G. Bell
	6.00 p.m.	Rev A.G. Lister
19th	7.30 p.m.	Men's Fellowship
20th	2.30 p.m.	Women's Own
24th	10.45 a.m.	Rev E. Wright B.D.
	6.00 p.m.	Reader's Service

Mar.

2nd	10.45 a.m.	Mrs. Swann
	6.00 p.m.	Mr. A. Duncan
4th	7.30 p.m.	Men's Fellowship
5th	2.30 p.m.	Women's Own
8th	7.15 p.m.	Concert by Aydon Singers. (Corbridge)
9th	10.45 a.m.	Rev H. Rushworth (Family Service)
	6.00 p.m.	Mr. G. Smillie (Chapel Anniversary)
16th	10.45 a.m.	Mr. T.G. Hindsley BA
	6.00 p.m.	Rev H. Rushworth (Sacrament)
18th	7.30 p.m.	Men's Fellowship
19th	2.30 p.m.	Women's Own
23rd	10.45 a.m.	Mr. A.C. Wainwright
	6.00 p.m.	Mr. V. Smith (Haltwhistle)
29th	10.00 am -	Coffee Morning
	11.30 am	(Women's Own)
30th	10.45 a.m.	Mr. P. Eavis MA, LLB
	6.00 p.m.	Rev K Beardsley BA, BD (United Service)

MOBILE LIBRARY

The mobile library calls at Haydon Bridge on alternate Thursdays.

- 10.15 - 12.15 Anchor Car Park
- 1.30 - 4.30 By the Parish Church
- 5.05 - 7.30 Greenwich Gdns, garages

free of charge. It costs 12p to take out each cassette. You can borrow two at any one time and keep them for one month. You will be asked to fill in a simple registration card which asks for the make of cassette recorder you have, so check up before you leave home!

Cassettes are now available for loan from the mobile library. There is a small selection on the van, but reservations may be made.

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THE NEXT EDITION OF HAYDON NEWS WILL BE PRINTED AT THE END OF MARCH. COULD WE PLEASE HAVE ITEMS FOR INCLUSION BY 15TH MARCH. DALE COTTAGE, NORTH BANK

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FRIENDS OF HAYDON BRIDGE MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

TO:

MR. L. CAREY, TREASURER, PARK COTTAGE, CHESTERWOOD, HAYDON BRIDGE

- I/WE WISH TO (i) BECOME/A/MEMBER/S
- (ii) RENEW MY/OUR MEMBERSHIP

OF THE FRIENDS OF HAYDON BRIDGE AND ENCLOSE £ ..... SUBSCRIPTION.  
(£1.00 per member per annum)

NAME/S .....

ADDRESS .....

SIGNED .....

DATE .....

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Parish Council Meeting

20th                      1979.

DECEMBER

Public Participation

Mrs. Heslop asked if something could be done to 'lighten the darkness of the people on the hill' and was supported in her comments concerning the lack of street lighting for residents of the Shaftoe Trust owned houses by Mrs. Porteous. The Chairman, Mr. Bates, endeavoured to 'short circuit the discussion' by stating that it was a matter for the charity concerned and not, at the present time, a matter for the Parish Council to discuss (this latter statement arising out of a ten minute discussion on the subject.....).

School Buses Complaint

Mr. Bowes has said that he will look into the matter.

Planning Permission.

1. Carts Bog Inn - garage area to be changed into a Lounge car area.
2. Proposal for a football pitch and two car parks at Waterside, Low Hall, Haydon Bridge to the north and east of the present pitch.

This plan stimulated considerable debate with particular reference to vehicle and pedestrian access; resiting of the footpath; the stone wall; public/private roads.

It was eventually decided, due to the foresight of Mr. Pumphrey to defer making a decision until it was known exactly where the footpath was to be located.

Kissing Wicket Approved

Approval was given to the request by Mr. MacDonald,

National Park Officer, to erect a kissing wicket downstream of the Anchor Hotel.

East End of Station Yard.

Some initial confusion as to exactly which area was under discussion as only two Councillors had viewed the site since being requested to do so by the Chairman at the last meeting of the Parish Council.

The views of the Parish Council have been invited from Tynedale District Council: whether or not to retain land owned by T.D.C. not currently in plan, i.e East End of the Station Yard.

Mr. Duncan and Mr. Pumphrey suggested that if the land were to be retained it should be for old peoples houses (about 4) in consideration of how far out of the village such land would be in the future.

Gift.

Mr. Tait has made a gift of three seats for the parish. A decision regarding siting will be made in the Spring.

Parish Council Notes

24th January 1980.

Public Session.

Mrs. D. Thompson complained that there was no light in the phone box at the bridge end and that this aggravated the situation whereby strangers could not easily locate the phone box in its "sunken" position and found it necessary to request the use of private phones.

School Buses in Church Street.

There were still complaints that buses were picking up the High School pupils in Church Street, as reported before Christmas, and that as a result the school would be contacted again. Councillor Bates undertook this task.

Traffic Noise

The "trough" in the A69 west of the

village near the 30m.p.h sign was still causing excessive noise when vehicles passed over disturbing residents especially at night. Councillor Beniams repeated the statement made at the November meeting that the 30m.p.h sign would be moved nearer the new railway bridge and that the road would be resurfaced as part of the roadworks now taking place. (When?)

Football Field and Footpath.

Councillor Bates was not very satisfied with the way the Planning Dept., Planning Officer and Planning Committee at Tynedale District Council had dealt with the planning application for a football pitch and two car parks at Low Hall. Two councillors had seen the original plan and said that any comments regarding the application should be deferred until the December Parish Council Meeting. At the December meeting it was decided to defer any decision until it was known the location of the resited footpath.

Since then, however, Tynedale have passed the application. Councillor Bates said that Parish Councils were not treated seriously over such matters.

The District Planning Officer had said that applicants could not be kept waiting for ever, the football pitch and car parks were a Tynedale planning matter and the footpath a County Council matter. Councillor Bates said that, "It is a cart before the horse situation to approve the planning application and so then decide the resiting of the footpath." The procedure followed over the matter, however, was within the law.

Councillor Pumphrey wanted an assurance that the footpath matter could be discussed at a future Parish Council Meeting. This was given by the Chairman.

Station Yard Land.

Councillor Beniams said that the Tynedale Housing Services Committee had decided, before hearing from the Parish Council, that the 0.578 acre of land at the east of the Station Yard be sold. As a result of the Parish Council's recommendation that the land should be used for

old peoples bungalows there was to be another meeting at Tynedale to discuss the situation.

Station Yard Road.

Councillor Beniams said that the Grainger Trustees have accepted overall responsibility for the land and that the factory building contractors would construct a new surface.

Those Little Green Men.....

Dear Puzzled,

After reading your article in November's issue, on your meeting with the little green men, I must confess to being as curious as you are puzzled about it all.

Perhaps on eating your third crushed tomato sandwich you were suffering from the effects of indigestion?

Or maybe your little green men were rabbits- after all- it did happen to someone else, called Alice - although her rabbit was white not green.

There again have you considered it being such a lovely day that the heat of the sun had given you sun-stroke and you were seeing things?

Of course it is by no means unusual to see things that aren't there-but to converse with them?

I would venture to suggest to you sir, (you must be a gentleman, a lady would not have crushed her sandwiches so badly) that you need some professional advice. I am sure that Dr. High would be most helpful and quite used to eccentric people claiming to have seen unusual happenings in and around Haydon Bridge.

Why are you telling us?

Obviously you need to be reassured that what you have seen is quite acceptable and normal.

Alas! How can anyone tell you this? The only advice I can offer you is to avoid tomato sandwiches.

By the way-have you heard this one?

When I was going down the stair I met a man, who wasn't there.

He wasn't there again today, Oh, how I wish He'd go away!

Yours, Curious.