

## A GRAIN OF MUSTARD SEED

Two hundred years ago, Robert Raikes, a Christian newspaper publisher in Gloucester, was appalled and depressed on seeing the way that poor children were living in his native city. He felt moved to do something for their welfare. Lacking confidence in his own ability, but strong in the faith that God had called him, he contacted Thomas Stock, a local headmaster. Together they set up a school which was held each Sunday.

Now, instead of playing in the streets, undisciplined and unsupervised, the children were able to learn to read and write and hear the Bible stories. The first school was soon so full that others had to be opened; and through his newspaper columns Robert Raikes was able to spread the idea even further afield, until it grew into the National Institution we have today.

To celebrate this bicentenary the Birmingham Council of Christian Education commissioned Roger Jones to write a musical cantata about the life of Robert Raikes, which could be adapted and performed by Churches and Sunday Schools throughout the land.

So was born 'A Grain of Mustard Seed' which Haydon Bridge Methodist Sunday School performed at their Anniversary Services on May 11th.

Mr. M. Rowaith acted as co-ordinator and Musical Director. Mrs. E. Liddel was the accompanist. The leading role of Robert Raikes was played by Mr. C. Todd; and Mr. D. Telford took the part of Thomas Stock; Miss E. Harrison and Mrs. C. Todd were the schoolteachers. The poor children of Gloucester were represented 'en masse' by the Sunday School children, who dressed in their raggiest clothers, mimed dramatic excerpts between the narration, read by Charles Mason. The older Sunday School Scholars, teachers and helpers, formed the choir.

Thanks must go to all these people and the parents of the children for their backing and enthusiasm.

It was a most rewarding experience for those who took part, especially when we heard that the Musical was being performed on that very day by churches in Exeter, Coventry, York, Birmingham, Ipswich, Bury, London and Gloucester, as well as Haydon Bridge. We hope it proved as entertaining and challenging to our audiences.

Mrs. Hindle

## THANKS FOR THE CONCERT

On behalf of Haydon Bridge Junior Footballers I wish to thank the members of the public who so kindly supported us at the concert on May 13th. It was a very successful evening and we made a profit of £200 towards the expense of punning the 2 teams next season.

Newbrough are the only village Concert Party in the area and anyone who attended must agree the performance was first-class and the costumes which were made by the members and friends were proof of the enthusiasm with which they approach this hobby.

J. C. Heslop

## ST. CUTHBERT'S PARISH CHURCH, HAYDON BRIDGE.

Annual Gift Day and Garden Party  
SATURDAY 21ST JUNE, 1980

Garden Fete, Vicarage Grounds  
from 2.30 P.M.

## THE BY-PASS IS COMING

In the White Paper 'Policy for Roads' published on Thursday, 5th June, 1980, it is stated that it is planned to start on Haydon

Bridge by-pass from 1984 onwards.

#### PARISH COUNCIL - APRIL NOTES

The meeting got off to a lively start with residents from Temple Houses expressing concern at the proposal by the Football Club to erect bollards at the end of the lane. It was felt that this would create unnecessary hazards to vehicles having to reverse out onto the main road, and could be a danger in the event of some emergency such as fire. This view was not unanimous and there was spirited discussion on this and allied topics. Mr. Bates, the Chairman, pointed out that this was not a matter on which the Parish Council could get involved. He stressed that it was a private matter and that the status of Temple Houses will only be settled in a court of law. The Council eventually agreed to support a suggestion that the Football Club be asked to set the bollards in such a way as to allow turning space at the bottom of Temple Houses for use by vehicles in Temple Houses Lane.

Tynedale District Council has had no word about the proposed route of the by-pass.

Seven new seats have now been sited around the village. There is one spare one still to site, and the Chairman asked for suggestions by the next meeting. Thermal underwear is recommended as the seats are made of metal!

The definitive footpaths map was discussed and it was agreed that Temple Houses should be suggested for inclusion on the draft. Any objectors should make their opinions known once the draft has been published.

It is hoped to provide a waste bin on the road from Langley, where the roads to Haydon Bridge and Hexham fork. Although this is not a recognised lay-by it is used as such and a waste bin is necessary.

#### PARISH COUNCIL - MAY, 1980

Mr. Bates was re-elected Chairman and Mr. Dryden Vice-Chairman.

#### Footpaths

Mrs. Charlton gave precise and

and detailed information regarding local public rights of way. She indicated where paths were dangerous or obstructed and suggested where one or two link sections might be included on the definitive map.

Footpath applications had started to be made regarding Temple Houses and a public right of way. The question of bollards at the north end of Temple Houses was again discussed on similar lines to the discussion of the April meeting.

Details for the diversion of the footpath from the football field to the riverside route were to be published by the County department. The Parish Council had no objections.

#### Transport

Mr. Geoffrey Rippon M.P. had been asked to take up the question of the Haydon Bridge by-pass. Nothing had been heard since the exhibition staged in June 1978.

Comment was made on the recent changes to the British Rail timetable. Several villagers had made comments to Councillors. The situation now is:-

- 10.29 to Hexham - LOST
- 11.19 from Newcastle and Hexham to all stations west - LOST
- 13.19 from Newcastle to Blaydon - NO LONGER STOPS BLAYDON TO CORBRIDGE
- 16.31 from Newcastle to Carlisle - LOST

#### Correspondence

A request had been received from Mrs. C. Bradley for a public seat on the green at Chesterwood. This led to discussion generally about public seats and it was eventually decided to provide a simple bench seat. There was also to be a new public seat by the river.

#### Other Matters

The Council was to write to Tynedale requesting the provision of old people's bungalows on land remaining in the station yard.

METHODIST CHURCH (HAYDON BRIDGE)

Sunday Services - 10.45 a.m. and 6.0 p.m.

Women's Own - Alternative Wednesdays  
2.30 p.m.

JUNE

25th Womens's Own - Mrs. Milner  
(Wylam)

28th  
29th (Mr. A. G. Bell  
(Mr. A. Duncan

JULY

6th (Mr. T. G. Hindsley  
(Rev. H. Rushworth (Sacrament)

9th Women's Own - Rev. H. Rushworth

12th Summer Gift Sale - 2.30 p.m.  
in the Community Centre.  
Opener: Miss Joyce Robinson  
(Haltwhistle)

13th (Rev. H. Rushworth (Family Service)  
(Mr. John Scott

20th (Rev. Ivor Haywood (Farewell Ser.)  
(Mr. Brian Ridley

23rd Women's Own - Mrs. Philps

27th (Miss N. Garbutt  
(Rev. H. Rushworth

AUGUST

3rd (Mr. P. Bell  
(Mr. K. Lowdon

6th Women's Own Trip to Morecambe

10th (Rev. H. Rushworth (Sacrament)  
(Mr. A. Duncan

17th (Mr. R. H. Tipping  
(Rev. K. Beardsley, B.A., B.D.

24th (Rev. J. Cox  
(Members Service

30th Women's Own - Coffee Morning  
(10.00 a.m. - 11.30 a.m.)

31st (Mr. G. Wilson  
(Rev. H. Rushworth (Sacrament)

SEPTEMBER

3rd Women's Own - Rev. H. Rushworth  
(Rev. G. Forster, B.A.

7th (United Circuit Service - Trinity  
Church, Hexham - 6.30 p.m.

14th (Rev. H. Rushworth (Family Ser.)  
(Mr. E. Farndale

17th Women's Own - Mr. Kendall  
(Stocksfield)

SEPTEMBER cont...

21st (Rev. A. Glynn Lister  
(Mr. David Payne

(Mr. J. H. Bainbridge  
28th (United Reformed Church -  
(Harvest Festival

LETTERS

Dear Sir,

What friendly and helpful people live in Haydon Bridge!

The Anchor Garage cheerfully repaired our aged car on Easter Saturday. The grocer saved us with milk from the second delivery even though we were complete strangers. The butcher served us with attention even though he was about to lock up for the weekend. To complete the picture most people we passed in the street spoke to us and those who peeped in the pram admired the baby. Thankyou, Haydon Bridge, we hope to return one day.

Happy Visitors

Dear Sir,

In reply to some comments made in your last edition I would first of all like to reply to two of them.

First of all regarding notices in windows - 95% of our notices are either Post Office notices for public information or notices displayed free of charge for local functions.

Next, regarding the unloading of vehicles outside the store for other shops. If the person means the very odd time we receive deliveries, surely the person who wrote this can see a two foot concrete barrier which makes it impossible for any vehicle to unload directly outside the P.O. door.

Next, while being a horse lover myself, I think certain people who cross over the bridge should not use the footpath outside the P.O. as it could be dangerous for old people and children. Surely it is just as easy to ride or lead a horse around the outside of the barrier.

cont...

Finally on a much lighter note, I would like a compliment made to Mr. G. Brown of Alexandra Terrace. On his own initiative he cleared all the mud, etc. from the path leading to the tunnel, borrowed grit and cut-off branches to make it a decent place to walk along. He even told me if suitable material was tipped conveniently he would also fill in the pot holes along the wider part of the road leading to the tunnel which is used by vehicles. Considering the amount of suitable material which has been removed from the bridge over the past few years could have been utilised for this purpose and also other lanes which are in need of repair instead of tipping this ideal material on the Council tip.

R. K. Gilhespy, Post Office

#### Our Grocers

At V.G. you will find the shelves  
Bursting with good thing to eat.  
The only problem is to find  
A place to put your feet.

The Co-op on the other hand  
Has room enough for dance and  
band,  
Posters to tell you this week's  
price,  
Car-park at rear is rather nice.

Alliance comes between the two  
With just nice room for me and you.  
Tins and packages small and large  
And Maurice's wisecracks free of  
charge.

And should you find despite all these  
When Sunday comes you're short of  
cheese

Then paper shop or petrol station  
Will fill the gap and save your  
bacon.

#### NEW EDITOR AND CHAIRMAN.

Since the Friends of Haydon Bridge was started, the Editor of the Haydon News has been Mr. Peter Bradley. Modest though it is, production of the Haydon News, even when everything goes smoothly, is a taxing business and things seldom go smoothly. Peter has been assisted by his wife Ruth, who frequently did the typing. The Chairman and committee, no doubt all the members and everyone who reads the News Letter have reason to be grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Bradley for their hard work. However, they decided that pressure of work prevented them from carrying on the production and they gave notice of this sometime ago.

Mr. Keith Lees who has been Chairman during this year offered to take over the Editorship provided someone else took over the Chair. The Committee persuaded me to take this post by a well known technique: by telling me (a) how wonderful I would be at it (which I did not and do not believe) and (b) that nobody else would do it.

Mr. Lees is going to try and produce a Haydon News once a month, mainly so that organisations, groups and clubs can insert up to date announcements. May I ask you all to send your contributions for the next Haydon News to Mr. Lees at 1 Langley Gardens by July 1st. Everyone in the village is welcome to contribute.

Thank you,

PAT SHARP.