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With appologies to the editor for misleading his readers.

Having waxed lyrical over the delights of living in proximity to the South Tyne, the Village Bard decided that a visit should be paid to source of same, there to pay homage to the wondrous of nature.

The road maps do indeed show a thin blue wiggly line trailing beyond Garrigill, towards Cross Fell, but that hardly seemed a sufficiently detailed guide for such an important expedition. The village Bard's piggy bank was therefore given a good shake and out came the wherewithall to purchase a one inch map. Unfortunately in these enlightened (?) times it is necessary to make do with a 1: 50,000 map ( which, in case you don't have your pocket calculator handy is equivalent to about one and a quarter inches to the mile ) and furthermore it is necessary to purchase two maps because there is a change of sheet at a vital spot.

Having overcome these difficulties of computation and high finance, the Village Bard donned climbing boots and anorak, filled the car with petrol and a rucksack with waterproofs and on a bright sunny day ( yes honestly ) set forth on the sacred quest.

It was a delightful walk and will no doubt give rise to future poetic outpourings but for the present a very contrite Village Bard is to correct the records on the location of the source of the River South Tyne.

The newly purchased map showed the river starting beside the track, 4 miles south of Garrigill and not on Cross Fell more like at the foot of it. In the flesh this point proved to be an insignificant bed of reeds and marsh-grass. Not only had the Village Bard been mistaken about where the river rises as a point of pilgrimage the place left more than a little to be desired.

Fortunately a friendly cyclist resting by the roadside observed the village Bard's look of dismay and guessing the reason for it

produced his good old-fashioned two and a half inch map. This shows the precise source of the good river as being even further east, on Belbeaver Rigg, nearly 5 miles from the peak of Cross Fell. This information may have proved the Village Bard to have been even more wrong, but there was the compensation of finding a large, craggy, rockstrewn hole in the ground, ferns clinging to its sides and the sound running water echoing in the cavernous depths below. A most impressive place of birth of our river.

But remember, children : the South Tyne rises near Cross Fell., not on it.

VILLAGE BARD

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I have now received a answer to my letter to Mr Kenneth Clarke, the Parliamentary Secretary to the Department of Transport. Here it is in full. The reference to the Penguin Dictionary in paragraph 5 is to the definition of a By-Pasds i.e road built for fast traffic to pass by, and not through a town.

PAT. SHARP.

Dear Sirs,

CARLISLE TO SUNDERLAND TRUNK ROAD A69  
 HAYDON BRIDGE BYPASS.

1. Kenneth Clarke has asked me to thank you for your letter of 29th August 1980 and let you know you have this reply.
2. Following the Public Participation Exhibition in June and July 1978, it was hoped that a decision on the preferred route could be made and announced within a few months. The reference in the July copy of the Haydon News which you enclosed dates from this time. However, subsequent examination of the scheme alternatives has raised very difficult problems and it was this situation which the article in the Hexham Courant sought to describe.

3. Turning now to the specific questions which you have raised, the first refers to public participation. These results form but one factor, albeit an important one, amongst many which the Minister must consider before a decision can be reached. It is standard procedure, however, to publish details of the results of public participation along with information on other factors taken into account when the preferred route is announced. Publication of public participation results in advance of this time could be misleading the public rather than helpful.

4. It is recognised that adoption of the inner route shown at the exhibition would produce adverse effects for some local residents as compared with the present situation. On the other hand there would be a substantial improvement in conditions for many residents notably those living on the south side of the present trunk road, west of the Tyne Bridge. Considerations of this kind have been investigated in considerable detail and are being taken into account in order to reach a decision.

5. It is acceptable that the definition of bypass in the Penguin English Dictionary is as you have quoted. However, we are well aware that we are dealing with the lives of people and consider therefore that acceptance of a brief dictionary definition as deciding the boundaries of action in this case would be too constricting, unfair and might preclude any improvement in the situation for a long time to come. We are seeking to consider all reasonable alternatives in the context of gain or loss to all the many parties concerned and against a background of the need to justify any improvement in value for money terms.

6. Finally, on your last point, there is no suggestion that economic factors are more important than the quality of life. However, there can be no attempt made to improve the quality of life without taking the economics of the situation into account. At the end of the day economic facts of life which must dictate the rate of improvement in

the quality of life.

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Yours faithfully,

R. F. WESTON

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PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 28th SEPTEMBER.

17 members of the public present.

The Temple Houses Saga continues, Questions were raised concerning the type of bollards erected, flooding of the houses since the raising of ground on the river side and the no access of essential services including the ambulance owing to the narrow entrance of the lane. The

Chairman said this was a private matter.

Residents near the site of the Pelican Crossing asked if they would qualify for grants re double glazing re down - rating of their property owing to the additional noise of heavy vehicles stopping and starting.

After complaints of an adequate waste bin on Church Street the Council agreed a new one would be provided. Concern was again raised about the number of accidents at the East end of the Village ( 9 to date) The Highways Department cannot agree to move the 30 mile limit sign but the sign at the West end will be moved as soon as the bridge is completed.

The road behind Church Street is to be repaired if the residents with back frontages are prepared to pay 20 % of the cost. The CoOp have agreed to pay 30 % and the Council 50%.

The remaining land of the station yard has been rejected as suitable for Old People's Houses and is in the process of being sold.

In the future the streets are to be swept once a fortnight on Fridays. No decision taken about cleaning of the War Memorial; More information.

The broken water pipe in the cemetery is to be repaired.

The Chairman gave an assurance that when a decision had been made about the Bypass the public would have a chance to object if necessary.

The residents in Strother's Close ~~who had trouble~~ with heating boilers are to be given £12 per house towards re-decoration.

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NATURE CLUB.

The Haydon Bridge Nature Club is to resume its meetings in October. The Autumn season, presented with the help of the Worker's Educational Association, is to consist of a series of six talks by Dr. Angus Lunn on "The Natural History of Tynedale" in which the west-Northumberland landscape will be discussed with reference to geology, to land use history and the conservation issues. In the Spring of 1981 we are to have six meetings devoted to a variety of subjects ranging from castles to birds and lake dwelling creatures.

The Autumn dates are 9 and 16 October.

13 and 20 November

11 and 18 December

at the Community Centre at 7.15pm.

Further information may be obtained from the Chairman of the Club, Mr M. Suckling, The Rambler, Bridgwood ( Tel. 340 ) or its Treasurer Dr. J. Knight, Ashmount, Belmont Gardens ( Tel. 295 )

Smokey Days.

One year ago I came to stay, in a smokeless zone HIP HIP HOORAY. Every day with windows wide, lots of fresh air for my lungs inside. But alas there came the day, when I opened my window to hear the birds say: No longer open your windows wide for all you will get is soot and smoke inside. Now woe is me for through closed windows I see, thick black smoke from a red chimney. Never again to open my windows wide, and have lots of fresh air for my lungs inside.

J.E. Senior,

Langley Gardens.

Day Centre.

The day centre had a very good day on Thursday September 25th., they entertained 20 members from the Amble Day Centre, this centre is run by Mrs McKay who used to work and live in this village. They were booked in at the Railway Hotel for lunch, the old people enjoyed it very much. They then came to the Day Centre for the afternoon and had there tea. Thanks to all the people who helped to make it a good day, and for providing a very nice tea.

There will be a meeting of the ladies on the rota of helpers on Monday October 20 th at 10-30, in the communitty centre. This is for the purpose of making a new rota, as we have lost a lot of helpers. Anyone who is interested will be very welcome. If any of the ladies on the rota , but are unable to attend the meeting and wish to remain on the rota, please let me know. We would also welcome any gentlemen who would like to help with the setting out of the room.

Mary Porteous.

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Over Sixtes

We had a very good meeting in September, the entertainment was provided by our own members and was enjoyed by all. We are holding an Autumn Fair on Saturday October 18th, which will consist of all the usuall stalls .Posters will be out shortly giving more details, PLEASE HELP.

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I would like to tell you a little story, two weeks ago my door bell rang, on answering I found three little girls standing there, one little girl with long blond hair, held out her hand to me with some money in it. She said 'this is for the old people', I counted 67 pence. They had held a jumble sale in their garage. I was very pleased with this effort, as small things lead to bigger things .

I now try to help the older people, but when I first started in this village it was the children, we used to go to the coast, and the swimming baths. Thank you Stephine Alder and your friends, keep up the good work.

Mary Portoues.

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Reply to visitors.

Though no lover of litter, low flying aircraft or wet summers myself, 'J.P.' is surley unfortunate in choosing 'Comrades Vladimir and Vlotski' as critics of our village. No doubt many villagers in Afganistan would be only to pleased if all Comerades and Big Brothers would go back home in THEIR LOW FLYING AIRCRAFT.

To sunny Siberia ? R.H.

Mens Fellowship.

Methodist Church Hall, programme for October and November.

October 7th at 7-30 pm.

Opening meeting for the season will be conducted by Rev. H. Rusworth followed by a business meeting. Suggestions and new ideas welcome.

October 21st. at 7-30 pm.

Mr Ralph Currey will provide the entertainment with a colourfull selection of slides including Holiday Scenes.

November 4th. at 7-30 pm.

Mr L.C. Coombes has some new slides and these are of Old Haydon Bridge, produced by a new process taken old snaps. Should be interesting. I should like to take this oppotuity of thanking all those who have contributed to the sucess of this movement in the past, and to the Editor or Editors Of the Haydon Mews for so much help bringing the Fellowship to the forefront of Village Life.

Dont forget Tuesday October 7th, at 7-30pm. Men from all denominations are welcome.

A. Duncan, Secry.

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HAYDON CEMETREY.

For some time now I have been dismayed and disheartened by the unkempt state of the old cemetery. Graves and headstones which were once placed by caring relatives in expectation that they would remain a tribute to the dead, are at present half buried beneath the most luxurious crop of hardy weeds and bracken. I have raised the matter at Parish Council Meetings, only to be informed by Coun The Rev A. Bennians, that money was to be spent on the living and not on the deceased. I do not accept this! Public money is being spent on the clearance of other cemeterys in the village, and I am not convinced that nothing can be done to remedy the situation. As a matter of respect we owe those who fought for their country in two world wars, and indeed those who lived out their lives in Haydon Bridge the duty of keeping their burial place tidy. The British Legion Ask's that the war graves in the old cemetery be attended to. Those buried in the old cemetery are not without relatives left in the village today, and I am of the opinion that the old cemetry could be roughly and rapidly cleared. I call for some debate on this front, preferably some action.

Mrs. D. Thompson, Temple House, Haydon Bridge.

HAYDON BRIDGE METHODIST CHURCH.

October 8th. Sunday school and helpers giving 'A Grain of Mustard Seed' at Trinity Church Hexham, leaving Haydon Bridge 6-15 pm.

October 12th. 10-45am. Rev. H. rushworth.

6-0pm. United Harvest at Parish Church.

October 15th. 2-30pm. Womens Own Anniverary, speaker Mrs. Wharton (Alston)

7-00pm. Coffee and biscuits in Methodists Hall, goods on sale from The Third World. Proceeds in aid of Tear Fund.

October 17th. 7-30pm. House Fellowship at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Colin

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October 19th. 10-45am. Rev. Glynn Lister.  
6-00pm. Mr. B. Elstob.

October 26th. 10-45am. Rev H. Rushworth (Sacraments).  
6-00pm. United Service at the United Reform Church.

October 29th. 2-30pm. Womens Own Annual General Meeting, Rev. Rushworth

November 2nd. 10-45am. Mr A. Dickenson.  
6-00pm. Rev. H. Rushworth, (Annual Church Meeting)

FRIENDS OF HAYDON BRIDGE.

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday October 20th., at 7-30 pm in the Community Centre. All members are urged to attend.

Mr W. Tait will be showing his ever popular film 'The Riverside' in the Methodist Hall on Wed. October 22nd. commencing 7-30pm. ADMISSION /) PENCE (members 15pence) including light refreshments and bring and buy stall.

Langley Village Hall

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