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## COUNCIL MEETING MARCH 26TH 1981

This was the Annual General Meeting of the parish. Present. 10 Councillors, The Clerk, 8 members of the Public.

The question of the library was raised and it was stated that suitable buildings were being sought.

The picnic area sign will be repaired and replaced but concern was voiced at the damage to the grass caused by cars, reporting to the police seemed to have no effect. The sea signs in the area are also damaged.

Two ladies of the village have donated seats, sites for these to be chosen by Council members.

The carriage - way by the Post Office was reported as being in need of repairs.

British Rail have instructed the Council to go ahead with the repairs at the level crossing.

The white railings at Hordley & Coes are to be repaired and the broken fence along the main road at Langley Gardens is causing concern it has been deliberately broken down and is used as a short cut to a pick up point on the main road. Young children could be in real danger as this gap is outside the 30 mph limit.

The pelican crossing switch on has been delayed because of some dispute over the connection. Hope was expressed that it would be used regularly at a cost of £5000.

The bus shelter has again been vandalized. The disappearance of a dust bin on Radcliffe Road was reported. It was last seen disappearing in the boot of a car.

Should the bins be padlocked? Replacements cost £56.  
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### NOT THE FIRST CUCKOO

March came not like a lion, more like a sea monster with all that rain.

"Just the lambing stroms", Miss Pickering assured us at the Dance Club on Monday evening, but we could think of no quotation from Country Lore to explain the substantial power of failures which had accompanied them on this occasion

Next day although it had stopped raining it was cold, dark miserable morning, as I scuttled along Church Street for the 7.23. Suddenly there was a short burst of very distinctive sound. A bit like the clank of an empty can but once heard never forgotten. I looked up and sure enough there was a skein of geese crossing Church Street. I know not if they were early or late or weather they were heading in a conventional direction. What I did observe was that they were having a formation problem.

There were 12 or 13 birds in the hand and leg of the "V". Their discipline was immaculate. Evenly spaced, they reacted quickly to "straighten the line" as each gust of wind shifted the leader up and down or sideways from his intended course. The problem was in the right hand leg. It had got off to a bad start by having 50% more individuals than on the other side and the outcome looked like a flightmaster's nightmare.

All would go well for a few moments. Then the chap at the back of the longer leg would glance sideways, realize he was getting left behind and so put a spurt of speed on. The message was passed to those ahead but since the leader had no intention of altering his speed the whole line had to close to shorter length. Then the more precocious near the front of his leg would glance sideways realize that their spacing did not match the other side and start to hang back to increase the gaps. This message was communicated back down the line which spread out accordingly and there they were exactly where they had started.

I watched for some minutes as they progressed steadily N.E. with the right hand leg continuously closing up and then spreading out again. How long had it been going on? Were there at sixes and sevens or was it a deliberate practice session? Whatever the reason they are still doing it as they disappeared into the mist and I boarded the train for Newcastle.

#### OPENCAST MINING

Opencast mining for coal was started in this country during the war, largely with American equipment. The seams that were worked lay close to the surface above and had survived exploitation by deep miners for a variety of reasons. The strata been partially extracted, leaving enough coal to make opencast mining practicable the area may have been small and cut off from deep-mining workings by faults, or it may have been unknown.

In the last thirty years the depths tackled by opencast have greatly increased. One site in Scotland went to over 800 feet.

The management of National Coal Board's Opencast mining is in the hands of its executive, which has five geographically based regions covering the whole country.

When the executive decides by examination or by geological plans, bore-hole information and mine plans that an area is worth mining sets about a careful survey by boring. There are 2 stages of this. First a general boundary is spread over a pattern of holes to establish existence, quality and boundaries with workable coal. Then, if the first is satisfactory, there follows a closely gridded pattern which forms the basis of the planning application and of the agreement with the contractor who tenders successfully on that information.

All actual production is done by contract (although) in some cases the board may own some of the machinery which is leased to the contractor. Under the supervision of the Executive and his staff.

Between the two stages of exploration, agreement on working has to be obtained from the landlord. This can be difficult: sometimes the board has to buy the land. Sometimes it is rented.

There are not many cases when the Board has a smooth ride in obtaining Planning Permission. It is clearly more difficult where the site is close to houses or in areas of unspoilt country. It is easier in areas where there has already been mining subsidence. Opencast working can restore such areas and turn badly drained land, covered with ponds perhaps, back to agriculture. Often the operation can include the removal of spoil heaps and other industrial debris as well. It seems strange to some people how subsidence can be made up with put material being brought into make up for the coal removed. But rock can never be replaced as solidly as nature laid it down. In normal circumstances, that is where the ration of overburden to coal is not less than 12 to 1, the land, after restoration and final settlement will be rather higher than it was originally.

Once the site is approved by the Panning Authority and an authorization to work has been granted by the Secretary of State for Energy and the contract is let, the top soil is carefully stripped off and put in along heap. Next the sub-soil is stripped and put in another heap. Then the contractor makes his first (box) cut and the shale and rock from this is put in a long heap beyond the far side (last side to be worked) of the site, just as one does when digging a garden. Drag lines remove the rock after blasting and when the coal at the bottom is exposed it is removed by diggers. The next next strip of rock is then back-filled into the cut where the coal has been removed. This process, which is obviously more complicated than that described moves across the whole of the site until at the end, the original heap of rock is filled into the last cut.

The sub-soil and the top-soil will have been gradually replaced as the work moves across the site. After the whole area is covered it is seeded and probably grazed for four years so until the ground has settled. Then it is drained, fenced and returned to normal agriculture.

In some cases restored sites are put to other uses, housing near W Wallsend for instance and a golf course for Bedlington that was designed before restoration began.

Because of the noise of heavy machinery, the dust and the ugly appearance of the heaps of spoil, opencasting is not a popular activity. Unfortunately it cannot be fitted into existing industrial site nor can it be concentrated at one point of production, like a pit which works under many square miles of open country. On the other hand it's effects are also temporary and the area which has suffered will be returned certainly no worse than before, given time for trees and hedges to grow. It also does have a problem, it also produces very much more cheaply than deep mining can produce. In last year the Executive made a great profit of £109m, which reduced, at least to some extent the amount by which the Board would have to raise the price of coal, which in it's turn affects the cost of Electricity and other things.

Some may say that it is wise policy to leave opencast sites for exploitation in times of emergency. A non-nuclear war may come and then we shall wish we had more reserves left. There is something to be said for that, but on the other hand, the industry that works the sites, the contractors, cannot be conjured up in a crisis if they are not kept in being. The organisation and the plant needed to produce 13 million tons of coal a year cannot be put into cold storage.

"But not near me" is the cry so often heard - the same cry that is also raised against power stations, airfields, sites for the disposal of nuclear waste or even homes for the mentally handicapped. It is a very natural cry, but unless we are honestly prepared to do without power and all the structure of modern life that depends on it, we must surely ask ourselves whether we are being reasonable or selfish.

### HAYDON BRIDGE WI

Members at Haydon Bridge celebrated their 57th birthday party. Mrs Horne the President cut the cake which was made and iced by Mrs Betty Glover. Miss D Lord won the silver cup for gaining the most points during the year. A competition for a Posy of Spring Flowers was won by Mrs Joyce Thompson. The raffle was won by Mrs C Black. An outing was arranged to Culsean Castle. The party ended with an excellent entertainment from the Singing Waiters from Haltwhile.

J TURNBULE

### MENS FELLOWSHIP

The fellowship has now completed yet another year, of interesting talks. Slide and stick shows, and on March 10th we were entertained by the Reverend Peter Wright, with an all encounter with music in Jamacia. This was accompanied with the amusing accounts of life out there.

Our final programme on March 24th, was a slide show by Mr Davis Corbridge, on a trip to Sri Lanka. Mr Davis has just returned from Thailand, and has promised to return when he has completed the slides.

The A. G. M. will be held on Tuesday April 7th in the Methodist Church Hall at 7.30 p.m.

Please come, and why not bring a friend along.

I should like to send my thanks to Mr Keith Lees and his staff on the Haydon News for all the help during the winter, and wish The Friends of Haydon Bridge every success in the future.

### THE SHAFTOE TRUST PTA

The Shaftoe Trust Pta held a Wine and Cheese Party on April 1st 1981.

We would like to thank Mr B Tait who showed a Nature Film which was very much appreciated.

Further thanks to the ladies who presented an excellent cheese table and all the other helpers.

And last but not least, we would like to thank all parents and visitors who supported this first venture of The Shaftoe Trust PTA. We are hoping to hold a further event in June 1981 and details will be published in the Haydon News.

W. G. NAG'EL

## FOOTBALL

Congratulations to the Under 14 Football Team who on Sunday March 29th beat Hexham 2 - 0 to win the Presidents Cup.

The youngsters have obviously benefited from the coaching lessons every Wednesday evening for 2 winters in the Sports Hall. Most evenings they have been fortunate to have guidance of Bryan (Pop) Robson.

## HAYDON BRIDGE COLTS

The final for the President's Cup was played on Sunday 29th March at West Wylam.

It was an excellent game with two well matched teams.

HAYDON BRIDGE COLTS - HEXHAM BROADWAY

The score was 2 - 0 to Haydon Bridge

It would be a great advantage to the Lads if the next season there were more supporters than Joe Worthington and Tommy Clark.

WELL DONE LADS.

JEFF MARSHALL

## RECIPE

Have you ever been stuck for a tasty quick snack when company arrives just before you get the weekend shopping in, well, this should fill them up and it's so easy to make. The quantities for one person.

Fry up 4oz Lean Bacon until Crisp. Boil 2oz (Dry Weight) Vermicelli or pasta shells or macaroni or anything else in accordance with the instructions on the packet. Have ready two broken eggs in a cup, and 3oz of grated cheese.

Drain all the Bacon Fat out of the frying pan and put in the pasta, the cheese and egg on the top of the bacon on a medium heat. Stir until the cheese is all melted and the eggs are cooked. Eat immediately and stand by for cries of "more"

If you fancy a variation of this theme, try adding sliced tomatoes red kidney beans, or a few cooked peas to the mixture. It is absolutely delicious using Bacon Grill instead of fresh bacon.

## FRIENDS OF HAYDON BRIDGE

Coffee Evening  
To be held  
In the Church Hall

On April 27th

Bring and Buy Stalls.

Time 7.30

HAYDON BRIDGE METHODIST CHURCH

April 1 2.30 p.m. Womens Own - Rev J Cox  
5 10.45 p.m. Mr H Budden  
7 7.30 p.m. Mens Fellowship (Annual General Meeting)  
Palm Sunday 12 10.45 p.m. Family Service  
Rev H Rushworth  
6.00 p.m. Mr K Lowdon  
13 6.45 p.m. Concert of Festival Items  
And Exhibition of Arts And Crafts  
By Sunday School Children  
15 2.30 p.m. Womens Own - Slide Show  
By a few members  
Good Friday 7 2.00 p.m. United Service in Parish Church  
Easter Sunday 10.45 a.m. Miss M Armstrong  
Rev H Rushworth  
26 10.45 a.m. Rev P Wright  
6.00 p.m. Mr H Henderson  
29 3.30 p.m. Womens Own  
May 3 10.45 p.m. Mr J F Hutchinson  
Mr L Graham  
10 10.45 a.m. Rev H Rushworth  
(Family Service)  
6.00 p.m. Sunday School Anniversary  
(Jerusalem Joy)  
13 2.30 p.m. Womens Own  
Mr T G Hindsley  
(Music For Pleasure)

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Haydon Bridge.

Perhaps the disappearance of our bins has something to do with the popularity of DUSTY BIN on 3 2 1.

TEENAGE DISCO

Saturday April 25th, Community Centre, Haydon Bridge, Admission 50p. Dancing to Freight Express.

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Phone Haydon Bridge 507, or call 15 Langley Gardens.

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