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Allendale Middle School Parents

Does your child's teacher like disco dancing or listening to Wagner? Does he enjoy his job, or is it just his monthly salary cheque that makes him put up with your awkward child from 9 am to 3.15 pm? Have you wondered if he is satisfied that all his years spent at college to become a teacher were worth it? Have you thought that some parents in this village don't even know what their child's teacher looks like! I actually know of a father who doesn't know where his child's school is ...

Now that our children are bussed 7 miles away and we no longer go to collect them at the school gate (where an informal 'Parents Association' exists) we, as parents, are not meeting each other as regularly, which means that we are missing the opportunity of asking direct questions like why John William has a black-eye, or has Peter's lost duffle coat turned up yet?

I have met most of the teachers at the middle school, as recently my daughter began to attend the school, and I was recently nominated as a parent governor representative. Funnily enough the teachers don't know many of us either. I'm not suggesting that they want to know whether we like collecting pictures of the queen, growing leeks or have a passion for the opera; but if they get to know us a little more, it would likely follow that they would know a little more about what makes our children tick.

There are plans to help solve the problems caused by lack of communication because of the distance between us and the school and the "Chinese Whisper" type stories we hear about what goes on ...

On Monday 18 October a meeting was held at Allendale to see what support there would be for the idea of starting a PTA. Only one other Haydon Bridge parent attended. However a suggested constitution was drawn up by Mr Laffey, and if I may quote one of the most relevant paragraphs:

'The objects of the Association are to advance the education of the pupils of the School by providing and assisting in the provision of facilities for education at the School (not normally provided by the Local Education Authority) and as an ancillary thereto and in furtherance of this object the association may:

- a) foster more extended relationships between the staff, parents and others associated with the School; and
- b) engage in activities which support the School and advance the education of the pupils attending it.'

Surely such a constitution must be beneficial. We have been rather spoilt in Haydon Bridge so far having the enthusiasm of Mr Hogg from the First School improving everyones' relationships with the School. Let's carry it on ... and give our children's teachers the help and support they deserve.

Chris Elliott

Church Disco 12 November

Once again I take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped to make a success of this event.

In particular I would like to thank John and Viy for the use of the Anchor, also Alan and Don who provided the music (helped by Dennis), also David who did the posters.

A special thank you to Mr Hall, also Mrs Bottomley and Mr and Mrs Dennis Bradley for their help during the evening.

Finally I would like to thank all those who so kindly donated the prizes for the raffle which was won by the following:

1st prize	bowl of fruit	Cynthia Bradley
2nd prize	towels	John Hawkshaw
3rd prize	biscuits	E Oliver
4th prize	sherry	D Robson
5th prize	chocolates	J Milburn

The total amount raised was £122.00, less expenses : final total £97.00.

Jean Oliver

Haydon Bridge Methodist Church

You are cordially invited to the following services and meetings:

December 8	2.30 pm	Women's Own - Mrs Bell (Melkridge)
	12	10.45 am Rev A Wignall - Toy Service
		6 pm Rev A Beniams - United Service in Methodist Church
	14	7.30 pm Men's Fellowship - Christmas dinner
	19	10.45 am Mr J B Robinson
		6 pm Rev A Wignall - Annual Carol Service
	22	2.30 pm Women's Own - Christmas Party

DURING CHRISTMAS WEEK YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN THE CAROL SINGERS AROUND THE VILLAGE

	24	11.30 pm	Christmas Eve Service in Methodist Church
	26	9.30 am	Please note the time! - Rev A Wignall
		6 pm	United Service at West End Church, Hexham

Dear Editor

Three months ago I was given a moped, with instructions to keep it well-maintained and to learn my Highway Code inside out. After the first three months of being a road-user I can say that I'm definitely disillusioned and quite upset with a very large majority of motorists, both car-owners

and those with larger vehicles. I tend to dress in very bright colours ("see and be seen") and to make all my intended moves on the road excessively clear. I have been told by several people that I am a thoughtful and sensible driver - one of which persons almost ran me over when he came too quickly out of his drive gates without even looking to see if any other traffic was on the road.

I live in dread of travelling down Beaumont Street in Hexham, where cars more often than not park with their backs to the road and where drivers think that other road-users will automatically stop when a large rear-end pokes its way out from a line of other cars. The by-pass between Haydon Bridge and Hexham is an absolute death-trap for small two-wheeled vehicles. Large lorries tearing past with inches to spare - and I reckon some of them travel at speeds up to 60 mph - could easily lead to fatal accidents. Cars and Landrovers with trailers (and there are quite a few of those on local roads) rarely seem to watch their back-ends after overtaking and many times I have almost been viciously thumped by a swinging trailer or horse-box. I have also suffered the idiot who gets a kick from driving behind me with a couple of feet to spare, then hooting his horn for no obvious reason when there is ample room to pass me. You can't tell me these people have actually passed a driving-test???

The most pleasant, considerate and courteous drivers are, in my opinion, the tough lads with their great big black noisy machines, who have never failed to be courteous on the road to me, who slow down so I'm not bowled over as they pass and who are the most helpful young people in the world when I have an occasional breakdown. They don't make rude gestures or swear or try to play silly and dangerous tricks.

Please, everybody, watch out for us little two-wheelers and spare us a thought - you might be sparing our lives!

DM

1982 Poppy Appeal - Haydon Bridge and Langley area

I should like to thank, on behalf of the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal, everyone who gave so generously to the Appeal this year. I should also like to thank the helpers who so cheerfully collected the donations which resulted in another record year. The result was made up as follows:

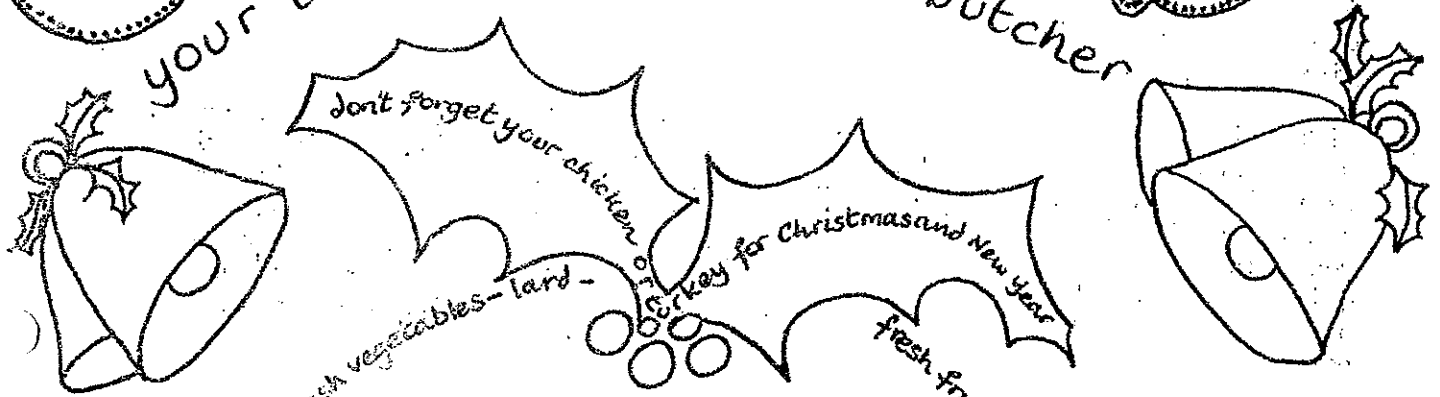
Collecting boxes	£245.10
Collection from Remembrance Day United Service	£ 66.20
Wreath - donated by members of the Parish Council	£ 8.00
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Total sent to Appeal	£319.30
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Thank you all very much for your continued support of the Poppy Appeal.

M S Bradley
Hon Organiser of the
Haydon Bridge Poppy Appeal

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Don't forget your chicken or turkey for Christmas and New Year

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tea - instant coffee - tinned milk, fruit & vegetables - bread - galettes - pies - pasties - rolls - frozen foods - yoghurt - cream - milk - fruit juices - biscuits - cakes

Pat and Neville wish all their customers
a very Merry Christmas and a
Prosperous & Happy New Year

Some easy sweets for children to make for Christmas.

You may like to buy some of the tiny paper cases if you want to give the finished sweets as presents.

Coconut Ice

1 small tin condensed milk
9 ozs icing sugar
6 ozs coconut
pink edible colouring

Sift icing sugar into large bowl. Pour in milk, mix well, then add coconut. When mixture comes together remove from bowl and knead well. Sprinkle with extra icing sugar if needed. Halve the mixture, shaping one piece into a square about 1/2 inch deep. Sprinkle a few drops of colouring onto the remaining block and work in until the colour is an even pink. This takes quite a while. Then shape the same as the white piece, place on top and press firmly. Allow to dry for several hours before cutting into small portions.

Fruit and nut clusters.

2 ozs cooking chocolate
4 ozs nuts and raisins
sweet cases

Break chocolate into small pieces, place in bowl and stand the bowl in a larger bowl of very hot water (get a grown-up to help with this part). When the chocolate has melted mix in the nuts and raisins and place a teaspoonful into paper cases.

These two sweets look nice arranged in a shallow box and covered with cling film to give as Christmas presents.

Please ...

It's very dark and very cold as I lie huddled up against a cold wet stone wall. I'm only small and I need lots of love. My soft white fluffy coat doesn't keep the warm in out here.

Oh! What was that noise? I'm really scared now. It's getting darker and darker and I'm cold. I wish my mummy was here. Now my stomach is making gurgling noises. Oh, I am hungry.

Brrrrr, it's cold and that white rain that falls so soft and covers everything is very wet and I'm getting colder. I'm really missing my lovely warm bed and that red animal in the big room that puts out lots of warmth.

It's getting windy now and my ears are aching. My nose is so cold. I will have to crawl closer to the wall and hope my mummy finds me soon.

Please come and get me. I promise I won't chew your slippers anymore.

Please take me home. I promise not to leave puddles around the house.

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Please come and take me home. I promise not to be naughty and I will try not to grow too big.

Please hurry. It's very frightening out in the cold dark, all alone.

Please!

Footnote

Please remember to think long and hard before buying a pet for Christmas. Children soon tire of them and then they become PESTS not PETS.

A Christmas Memory

It was December 1944 - we were stationed near Eindhoven in Holland.

Just before Christmas Lance Corporal George Wilson and I were detailed to proceed to an advance ration point about 10 or more miles away - somewhere to the west of the River Maas. Our job was to guard the ration point in preparation for a 'push'.

We arrived at our destination which seemed to have been some kind of mill. There we were to guard boxes of "14 men Compo Packs" - each pack containing a mixture of tinned food etc to feed 14 men for one day.

We had not been there long before we heard loud bangs at intervals, and they seemed to be quite near to us. We soon discovered there were some artillery in the vicinity and one of their 25 pounder field guns was located just down the street, and was probably shelling the Germans on the other side of the river. The Germans were replying, but their shells seemed to be going over the top of us, which was just as well for George and me. We soon decided to build a shelter with the ration boxes, then, after having 'brewed-up', we began to settle down for the night. ~~It was Christmas Eve!~~

Christmas Day arrived and it turned out to be a nasty, raw, foggy day - like one of those 'dark days before Christmas' - I guess we were thinking of 'Home, Sweet Home'. We often did that, but more especially at Christmas - probably wondering how much longer "this lot" was going to last. The Germans, most likely, had similar thoughts!

I don't think we were expecting turkey and plum pudding for lunch, but we would not be short of food - with all those 'Compo-Packs'. One box could keep two of us going for a week.

As George and I were consoling ourselves about past Christmases we had a really pleasant surprise. Instead of Santa Claus calling to see us, it was a kind chap bringing us an invitation to have our Christmas dinner with the artillery down the road. They must have had pity on us. We were feeling a bit isolated - wondering if our own unit would remember our plight, so the RA's invitation cheered us up a lot.

As it is almost 40 years ago, I have rather hazy memories of it all now - but I can see it in my mind's eye - a building like a granary - we seemed to go upstairs to it - and it had been decorated for Christmas - I think I remember one or two children running about. Maybe a family had been caught up in the war. I don't remember seeing many RA gunners - they may have had their meal before we arrived - or they could have been on 'stand-by'. Anyway we were very grateful to be asked to take part in their Christmas

'festivities'. It was a kind thought!

The fog was pretty thick now, and men were walking about in it like ghosts. I noticed a number of figures appearing out of the mist in single file, and was relieved to see that they were wearing taim o'shanter. They were 'Jocks' - maybe returning from a 'recce' down by the river - I thought "By gum, they could have been Jerries."

Well George and I returned to our post at the mill and were trying to make the best of it when about 3 o'clock in the afternoon who should arrive but a driver and truck from our own RASC company - with our Christmas dinner. So they had not forgotten us after all!

You might be wondering about the 'big push' which was supposed to be taking place. Well, that did not come off - we were recalled to the company soon after Christmas. There were nasty rumours that Tiger Tanks had been seen coming down the road towards our positions - we did not linger to check the rumours.

The Germans had broken through in the American sector. You may have read or seen "The Battle of the Bulge". Anyway George and I were well fortified - we had had two Christmas dinners in one day!

Haydon Bridge High School Concert

Some readers may remember the previous concert given by the High School. It was organised by Mr A Armstrong (head of music) with the help of sixth formers. Its varied programme delighted the large audience it attracted from the village.

If you missed that one, don't worry because you can come along on MONDAY 13 DECEMBER at 7.30 pm and enjoy the Christmas kaleidoscope. This promises to be another great evening of entertainment catering for all tastes.

The programme includes classical, jazz, brass band, folk, accordion solo and the school choir.

Admission is : 50p for adults

25p for OAPs and children.

Tickets from school pupils or at the door.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Mark Wallace

Upper Sixth

When reading the Haydon News, I have noticed that a number of organisations have donated to the Community Centre and have been acknowledged through your paper. What about those organisations who have donated smaller amounts such as the RAOB, Haydon Spa Lodge who donated £25 in March this year and have had no acknowledgement of any description at all, or receipt?

D Smith

Lodge Secretary

Council meeting 25 November

There was no public participation.

A letter thanking the Council for the wreath for the Poppy Appeal was read out. The new litter bin in Martins Close should be in place soon. The suggestion by the Committee of the Round Table to erect a Christmas tree with lights in Church Street was warmly received. It is understood that a carol service will be held around the tree on TUESDAY 21 DECEMBER. Work on the library in the station yard will start at the end of February.

Highways

Tynedale District Council are to recommend a continuous white line on the A69 at East Wharmley Farm. It was reported that part of the Allerwash Road was deteriorating badly and that the fencing was in urgent need of attention. Large lorries were reported to be using this road. Mr H Nixon has had the hedge cut back between his property and the tip as it was becoming a hazard to motorists.

Lighting

Following the report of an elderly person falling in the dark on her way to the mobile library in the evening, a letter is to be sent to Hexham Library asking that in future the library parks between 4 and 1 Langley Gardens which is well lit. The date for this change will be displayed on the van.

Sports Hall

The Environmental Services Officer is to survey the use of the sports halls here and at Prudhoe, and make recommendations for further usage in a report.

Transport

A letter was read out from British Railways designed to allay unfounded fears of closure of the Newcastle/Carlisle line. Details of the changes in January are not yet available. Anyone with comments/complaints please contact Rev Beniams as soon as possible.

The Public Transport Plan for 1983-84 has been received. Comments on it are required by 21 December. There is however very little relevant to this area.

Money matters

Mr Orde was paid £155.50 for grass cutting, and the Community Association £12 for hall hire. NEEB will in future be submitting one annual account for lighting the church clock, reducing their administration costs and in consequence reducing the tariff. Payments for the library are to be spread over the next two financial years. The rate for next year will be 2p.

Community volunteers

One volunteer had already come forward from the village. After much discussion it was agreed to invite someone who was involved in the project to come and speak at an open meeting so that those interested could learn more about what was involved.

Factory

It has been suggested that the empty factory be used as a temporary snooker hall for use by the unemployed. If a viable enterprise could be worked out, those involved were advised to contact the English Industrial Estates.

Next meeting : 23 December

"RING-RING ... RING-RING ... RING-RING!"

"Hello, this is the office of the British Prime Minister."

"Hello, Prime Minister. This is the President speaking; I think you know of which illustrious country. I'm calling you to let you know that because of what you did the other day, when you managed to annoy all the politicians in my country, and when you insulted us so deeply, our only course of action will be to completely annihilate your homeland. We intend to drop lots of bombs on you, send many rockets over and then send a massive force of fighting men across with heavy artillery and we intend to capture any people left and send them all to work in the uranium mines, as slaves. Then we are going to burn your country to the bare soil and cement over the lot of it and build a nice big runway on it for our intercontinental ballistic missile operators' holiday jets. After we've done all this, which shouldn't take longer than a couple of weeks, we shall continue to improve the world by fighting and beating anybody else who gets in our way in our plan for world supremacy. So what do you think of it so far?"

"This is a recorded message. Please leave your name and number when you hear the bleep - you may speak now."

H A P P Y C H R I S T M A S

The deadline for the January issue is Friday 17 December. Please note that this is one week before the usual deadline - the Council notes will be included in the next issue. Please get your contributions in early so that everyone involved with the production of the News can get their last minute Christmas activities done too!

Please send your contributions to:

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or Lintley, Belmont Gardens (tel 587)

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