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Although we have been trying to keep it quiet up until now, we think it is time to let you into a little secret.

There are going to be carryings-on in the village in early June.

Pillars of the community will be shedding their sheen of respectability. Some of them will even be getting wet. And the old argument about who is the strongest man in the village should be settled, for once and for all.

There is also going to be a dart match. Not just any old dart match - but the biggest and most public that the village has ever seen. It will be played between the north and the south on neutral ground - the old bridge. The stakes will be high, money will be changing hands, and quite a few old scores will be settled.

And if that isn't enough, there is also going to be a tug-o-war. Again, it will be played between teams from the north and south of the village, and if some of the participants turn up in wet suits and flippers, don't be surprised. For the rope will straddle the river Tyne itself, and the losers will slowly, inch-by-inch, be dragged into it.

It is all part of a carnival that is being arranged for Saturday, 5 June, when there will be games, entertainments and events to suit every taste. And all the proceeds - which we hope will be considerable - will be going to the Tynedale Disabled Sports Appeal, which is going to build a sports centre for the handicapped in Hexham.

The geography of the carnival is simple. It will be based on the natural dog-leg formed by the Anchor Hotel car park, the old bridge itself, the north side of the river bank, and the General Havelock patio.

Starting at three o'clock, the event will be opened by the Tyne Tees Television personality, Andy Craig.

During the afternoon there will be a canoeing event, a half-marathon from Haydon Bridge to Hexham Hospital and back, a fly-casting competition, and for those who remember how to throw them, quoits.

There will be other competitions as well, including a chance to win one of Billy Tait's much-prized paintings. And there will be music on the Havelock patio - including the Northumbrian pipes - and stalls, food, and more games in the Anchor car park.

The dart match itself - and many villagers have already been collared for sponsorship - will start at 5.30 pm. The whole carnival will finish with a disco in the community centre in the evening, assuming that there is anyone left with enough energy to put one foot in front of another.

So make sure you're there - with the family. If you are'nt you'll miss one of Haydon Bridge's greatest ever events.

The Organisers

Remarkable event - 16 April 1982

Three large mushrooms were growing at Mr Hubert Nixon's on this day - observed and recorded - a remarkable event for April.

Owld Tawny

Typist Wanted

A typist is needed to cut the stencils for the July issue of the Haydon News. The deadline is Friday 25 June, but there will probably be enough material to start typing at leisure from Monday 21 June. All eight stencils should be finished by Tuesday 29 June.

There is no payment but stencils and correcting fluid will be provided.

If you are interested please contact Susan Beer, 18 Smiths Terrace, HB 746, or the Editor.

'Lard'

The lump of Lard sat fatly, and gazed around the shelf -
He'd hoped to make a friend of Cheese, so thought he'd stir himself.
He waddled Cheesewards very slow in case he woke up Jam,
Who sleepily put her lid up, then shut it with a slam.
Cheese saw the Lard a-coming - he didn't like him much,
For Cheese was proudly Edam, which, as you know, is Dutch.
"Vat do you vant, you lump of Lard?" said Cheese, his hackles up.
"Hello, friend Edam," said the Lard, "I've come to cheer you up.
I thought you looked a little sad so will try to make you merry,
And if you like, will make you laugh with tales of Glacé Cherry!"
"I wasn't sad, I saw you come and do not like your face -
I wish that you would go away back to your rightful place."
"Oh, p-p-p-please yourself!" The lump of Lard went off in quite a stutter,
And sat upon his saucer in a corner by the butter.
The lump of Lard sat fatly, and gazed with weary eye -
He thought he'd cheer HIMSELF up, and have a chat with Pie.

Remarkable Events

10 February 1840

This being the day appointed for the celebration of the marriage of Her Majesty the Queen with Prince Albert Francis Augustus Charles Emmanuel of Saxe Coburg Gotha, business was entirely suspended in Newcastle, and every appearance of rejoicing was observed throughout the district.

Flags were hoisted from the Church steeples, and ships in the harbour had a most animated appearance. The corporate body met in the Guild Hall, and at one o'clock a company of the Newcastle Yeomanry, under Captain Loraine, took up their stations on the Sandhill. The bells of various churches rang merry peals, and the Castle guns fired a royal salute which was answered by a feu de joie from the Volunteer Corps, the whole concluded with three hearty cheers.

At half past four a public dinner was held in the Central Exchange, at which 241 gentlemen sat down to a most sumptuous entertainment. The Mayor, John Carr Esq was in the chair. Numerous dinner parties were held in the various inns, and in the evening, by order of the Mayor, there was a grand display of fireworks on the parade ground.

At night a fancy dress ball was held in the Assembly Rooms, and a very brilliant gathering took place. At all the towns and villages in the district, similar rejoicings took place, and the poor were everywhere most plentifully

provided for. Upon the greatest Roman work in Britain, Sewingshields Craggs, near Haydon Bridge, and one of the wildest spots in the scenery of Northumberland, a bonfire was lighted, and cast its ruddy glare over a vast expanse of country.

And a most remarkable event - 31 March 1982

Whilst standing on my own and quietly enjoying a glass of ale in one of our local taverns, I could not help but overhear Sammy Smith, a well-known and respected gentleman in our midst, engaged in a deep sensible conversation with a couple of local peasants. By what I could gather, a Thursday evening is Sammy's bath night and being a well-known and well-loved musician and a master of the trumpet, he would proceed to play the instrument whilst taking his bath. "Rubbish" exploded one of the peasants. "A greet big liy" said the other. But Sammy, being the gentleman that he is, insisted in no uncertain manner that he was speaking the truth and not a load of idle verbosity. "My lips speak truth" said he "Ask wor lass ... ask the neighbours" he insisted.

I quietly sipped my ale as I listened and began to wonder into what field of music Sammy would venture whilst lying soaking in a steaming bath and smelling of Radox. Unfortunately I was not in his company and it would have been rude to ask. "Er ... could it be Handel's Water Music?" I thought, just as a local postman suggested that it could be "I'm forever blowing bubbles". Yes, that could be it. Why didn't I think of that. After all, it's marvellous what one can do with a wind instrument in the bath.

And overheard in the same tavern

A certain lady still has her khaki knickers from her ATS days. And what's more, she still wears them in the winter and the elastic is as good and strong at waist and knee as on the day of issue. A really remarkable event.

Owld Tawny

The Methodist Church gives you a warm welcome to the following meetings and services

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| 2 May | 10.45 am | Mr J H Bainbridge |
| | 6.00 pm | Rev A Wignall (United Service) |
| 8 May | 7.30 pm | Sunday School Anniversary Weekend
'Saints Alive' - a musical by Roger Jones |
| 9 May | 10.45 am | Repeat performances of 'Saints Alive' |
| | and | |
| | 6.00 pm | |
| 12 May | 2.30 pm | Women's Own - Rev P Wright |
| 16 May | 10.45 am | Rev A Wignall |
| | 6.00 pm | Miss K Metcalfe |
| 23 May | 10.45 am | Rev A Wignall (Sacrament) |
| | 6.00 pm | Mr Ridley Reay |
| 26 May | 2.30 pm | Women's Own - Mr K Lowdon |

29 May 10.00 am Women's Own Coffee Morning
to
11.30 am

30 May 10.45 am Rev J Cox
6.00 pm Mrs Joyce Short

"Whew! That's the dishes done." "Eh?" "I said, I'll be glad to get my feet up after doing that lot. Your mother's going to eat us out of house and home, judging by all those dishes!" "What's that, pet?" "I wish you'd get your head out of that paper. PAGE THREE, INDEED! Give it here. It'll do to light the fire in the morning. I'm going to get my knitting out, and we'll have a nice quiet night for a change, with the kids at Jean's till Monday." "Did you say something, pet?" "Oh, go back to sleep. I'll wake you when I make a cup of tea later."

(Later) "ZZZZzzzzz huh?" "Pot of tea for you, Billy love, and some of those nice biscuits I hid from your mother, else she'd have eaten the lot." "I wish you'd stop picking on my mother. There's nothing wrong with her." "Suppose not, nothing getting her teeth filed down wouldn't put right!" "I give up. For heaven's sake, stop going on about my mother and put the telly on. I've been looking forward to this match all week. If our team gets this one, the sky's the limit and they'll be able to afford that new forward. They might even see Wembley in a couple of years!"

"There's something I forgot to tell you, love. Your mother ..."
"I told you to keep quiet about her! Turn the TV on, will you?" "But love ..."
"Don't BUT LOVE me! I'll do it myself." "But your mother ..."
"HEY!! The telly's gone funny!" "I was trying to tell you ..."
"There's no picture and the voices sound like Donald Duck. What a time for it to go off ..."
"... your mother bumped into it with her shopping-cart just before you came home and it made a popping noise and rattled a bit ..."
"!!!!!!"

Council meeting 22 April 1982

There was no public participation.

Highways

A letter from the Chief Superintendent of the Police in reply to the letter sent by the Council regarding the number of accidents on the A69 was read out. He felt that most of them occurred because motorists took chances. He was referring the letter to his head office where the suggestions it contained would be looked into and a reply sent at a later date.

The pelican crossing is now working properly.

The odd bits of fencing to the west of the village will be removed.

Temporary improvements are to be made to the A69 by the bridge until permanent repairs can be done.

A letter from Mr Rippon, our MP, in response to one from the Council asking for his opinion on heavier lorries managed to convey absolutely no information at all. A further letter is to be sent to him.

The road outside Watson's Garage was reported in need of attention after it was dug up by the GPO and re-laid. Tynedale District Council is to be notified.

Litter

It was reported that to economise, the County Council have removed some of the litter bins on the A69, thus saving the expense of emptying them. However, litter is now lying where the bins were. There is no money to spare to put up notices to ask motorists not to leave litter but to take it away with them. However, the gangs of men who have been busy effecting repairs caused by the frost damage will now be diverted to litter clearance.

Concern was expressed at the amount of litter being blown about from the tip. Apparently, one man is employed to work here and at Frankham tip and so inevitably rubbish is left lying for some time at one or other tip to be blown around.

Illegal tipping was discussed as some unsightly heaps had been reported by a member of the public. The owners of the sites will be approached to find out whether in fact they are illegal.

Langley Gardens

A survey of remedial work required to the water pipes of some of the houses as a result of frost damage will be made by the Housing Officer.

Mr Bates expressed great concern at the apparent inability of NEEB and the Housing Department to get together over the malfunctioning of a meter in at least one household, resulting in inflated bills. Meanwhile, the tenant continues to have to pay them.

Grants

A donation of £25 has been made to the Northumberland Theatre Company.

Opencast coal mining

Copies of the consultation document on the ten year plan review have been received. Comments are required by early June.

"You ready yet, pet?" "Won't be a minute, Billy - just putting some perfume on. Put the lights out, will you? I'll be down in a tick."
"WHAT'S THAT YOU'RE WEARING??" "Well, love, it was in that sale at Hexham and I thought it was just right for the firm's 'do' and it was ever so cheap and such a nice colour and ... " "YOU CAN'T GO OUT LIKE THAT ... !"
"What's the matter with it? It's a nice fit and ... " "IT'S GOT A HOLE IN THE MIDDLE AND A SPLIT RIGHT UP THE ... " "Oh, don't be so stuffy. That's fashionable these days." "Can't you wear a vest under it?" "A VEST?? How old do you think I am?" "You're 39." "I'm NOT 39, I'm 32!"
"Aye, and the rest!" "What was that? Anyway, if we don't get a move on we'll be late." "You can only go in that ... that ... THING ... if you keep out of sight and don't talk to anybody that looks important. And DON'T talk to the manager's wife. She'll be horrified if she sees that dress and I might not get the foreman's job." "You wern't so particular when we got married ... "

(Later) "Isn't this grand, pet? Look at all the food and the champagne - d'you reckon it's the real stuff?" "It's bound to be - and look at the women - I see what you mean about my dress, it is a bit way-out, isn't it?" "Look out, pet, here comes the manager's wife - she's heading this way! Try to hide behind that plant ... " "Good EVENING, it's William and Sheila, isn't it? I'm SO pleased you could come. What a NAICE place this is, don't you think? My DEAH GEL, what ARE you doing behind that palm tree? Come out where we can all SEE you. OH MY, what a BOOTIFUL gown you have on! You MUST let me know the name of the little woman who ran it up for you. I MUST have one for our cruise next month. My sister will be LIVID if I get one! Absolutely GREEN with envy. You ARE the lucky one, William darling - such a clever little wife you have. Wait till I tell my husband about you, you lovely people. See you later - have a spiffing time!"

"If you smirk once more, pet, I'm going to do something drastic with that palmtree."

Day Centre

If anyone knows of a housebound person who would benefit from a day at the Centre, we have three vacancies and would be very pleased to see them - male or female. Please contact me.

We had a very special day yesterday. As you know, we have been saving up for a wheelchair. Our own members contributed over £70 and help from other organisations brought the total to £186. Then we got a lovely surprise with a gift cheque of £150 from Catherine Cookson which meant that we could buy the chair immediately.

The chair arrived yesterday and we are all very pleased with it. It can be used as an ordinary chair or opens out to a full recliner. Our grateful thanks to everyone who has helped us to get it. We still have a little money left in the fund and will keep adding on to it for anything else we need.

Does anyone need a knitted dishcloth or a covered coat hanger? We seem to be stockpiling them at the moment. Dishcloths are 40p each; coat hangers 25p each. Why not have a walk to the Centre and see what we have?

Mary Porteous
HB 404

Over 60s

The Over 60s Club held their annual general meeting on 14 April 1982.

Mr E Waite was re-elected President and Chairman, Mrs M Porteous Honorary Secretary and Mr A Duncan Treasurer, with a committee of ten.

Arrangements were finalised for the summer outing to Redcar in June. After the meeting we had an interesting hour with two people from the Department of Social Security who enlightened us a little about the system.

Mary Porteous

Sponsored Knit

The sponsored knit proved to be a great success and I would like to thank all the helpers, knitters and sponsors for making it such a good effort.

Our final total is £137.60 for Chapel funds.

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Community Hall Appeal Auction

In order to lend financial support to the appeal to raise funds for the Community Hall central heating system, which was effectively destroyed by the severe winter, the Friends of Haydon Bridge will be holding a PUBLIC AUCTION on Saturday 22 May at 10.30 am. The auction will be conducted by Mr Francis Templer FSVA of Chesterwood.

Donations of furniture, bric-a-brac, Victoriana, brass, tools etc are urgently required to aid this appeal. This will be a serious auction - not a jumble sale - and the collection point for the event will be the Community Hall itself from 10 am on Friday 21 May. Viewing will be from 5 pm until 7 pm on that day and immediately prior to the auction, from 9.30 am.

We hope that this will be a great success, and with your support it will be. If you are setting up home or extending the garden or just wanting that extra something for the house, come along! And bring your purses!

If you have any queries, please contact me at 1 Nichols Court (off Ratcliffe Road) or ring Haydon Bridge 546 (home), Hexham 602337 (work).

Put the date in your diary now - SATURDAY 22 MAY.

Willie Cruddas

For Sale

One 'Erika' portable typewriter. Excellent condition. £35 ono.

Contact K Hope, 38 Strother Close, Haydon Bridge.

Hunger Lunch

Haydon Bridge Methodist Church members wish to thank everyone who contributed in any way to the hunger lunch held in March.

The sum of £52.50 was raised and sent to the special Central Church Fund to be used for aid in Poland. A letter of appreciation has been received.

West Tynedale Round Table

The newly formed West Tynedale Round Table would welcome anyone in Haydon Bridge who would be interested in becoming a member. The Table meets on the first and third Mondays each month at the Hare and Hounds Inn at Allendale. Supper is provided each night at a reasonable cost and meetings leading up to the Table's formation have proved to be enjoyable social events.

If anyone is interested in becoming a member would they please contact the editor.

If you are a married lady who likes a challenge ... then read on

As part of the carryings on mentioned in the first article (page 2) there will be a sponsored run from Hexham General Hospital to Haydon Bridge. If you are female, married and willing to train seriously between now and 5 June, then call in for more details at the Haydon Hair Salon. You will not only be getting really fit yourself but be helping towards the new disabled sports hall at Hexham.

DEADLINE

Unfortunately it will not be possible to issue a JUNE edition of the Haydon News, although we will be back in production for the JULY issue.

We are sorry about this and would like, in particular, to apologise to the people who advertise in the Haydon News and ask them to bear with us. They will of course get their full six months advertising.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank all those who contribute to the Haydon News - either by sending in articles for printing or by helping in the production and delivery. Although we didn't intend it, they will - for the first time since the Haydon News began - be able to take an unexpected but well-earned rest.

This means that the deadline will be Friday 25 June 1982. All contributions should be sent as soon as possible and not later than that date to Martin Scudamore at The Anchor Garage (tel 345)

or

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