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EDITORS LETTER

I have timed this letter to coincide with the end of the World Cup Series of Cricket Matches, and to be distributed as Wimbledon's tennis jamboree ends. This will enable you to get back to normal and read this issue with the enthusiasm it truly deserves.

The weather kept fine for all the Fund Raising Events held during June. Let us hope that we can look forward to similar good weather throughout July.

I noticed that there are notices in Hexham advertising Britain in Bloom. It is the time of the year when many villages are thinking of carrying off Trophies for Best Kept Village. You may ask yourselves, how can Haydon Bridge win this kind of honour? I would say with great difficulty when you consider the number of times different parts of Haydon Bridge have been dug up recently. We seem to have spent most this year with a road bridge heavily disguised as an obstacle course.

Nevertheless it would be nice to see less litter about the place. We can at the very least be the cleanest village even if others are conspiring to prevent us from being the tidiest.

Owld Tawny's back. He has puffed out his feathery chest, turned his head around several times to bring us a delightful story about a "hole". There can't be many owls who remember 1935.

Thank you for your support, enjoy your reading of this issue.

Marian Howard

Council Meeting 23 June 1983

Public participation.

The fourth Committee had discussed the possibility of an adventure playground in a plot of land that was available. There was plenty of demand for a play area by parents because children who played on grassy areas were always being chased and there was alleged to be at least one notice in the Langley Gardens area to the effect that it was not a play area. The chairman pointed out that the authorities were always worried about accidents and their liabilities and said that whilst he did not know that the Parish Council had powers to help he was sure they could have no objections and would give moral support. A request was made for a litter bin near the rose garden opposite the Community Centre.

Matters arising from Minutes

An enquiry made about the Freezer Van and the Mobile snack bar at Lipwood elicited the information that both had Hawkers Licences. The matter was to be taken up again to see if the fact that they took up regular pitches was contravening planning regulations.

A request was made about a new shed for the Cemetery of brick construction on a concrete base. Mr. Orde was asked to obtain plans and estimates.

Two offers had been received for the old grass cutter from the cemetery each for £60. It was decided to accept the offer that had been received first.

Sand and silt had been removed from the water tank above the cemetery and it was hoped that water would soon flow from the tap.

A discussion took place about the footpath and wicket gates from the Catholic Church gate to the top of the hill. The field boundary was hard to establish but enquiries were to go ahead.

Highways

Lorries were still parking on the approaches to the traffic lights in Ratcliffe Road. Although there were no zig-zag lines it was still an offence to park on the approach.

Traffic was overtaking in a frightening manner on the bridge. The matter had been raised many times before but nobody had come up with a solution. A letter would again be written to the Police for their suggestions for remedies. The question of the positioning of the speed restriction sign at the East end of the village was also discussed.

The sweeping of the streets did not seem to be taking place at fortnightly intervals. There was glass on the streets in Langley and Greenwich Gardens, a wall which had blown down in February was still lying there. It was pointed out that it was difficult to sweep Church Street because of cars. A letter would be written to Tynedale.

Planning applications

Four planning applications were passed round and approved.

Correspondence

A letter from a solicitor had been received requesting information about a ventilator pipe which was put in Church Street in 1923. The whereabouts of the pipe remains a mystery.

ON THE BEAT

I think by now that most people in the area will know me. For those who don't I'm Peter Clark, the village policeman and I reside in the Haydon Bridge Police House.

Whenever possible I stay in the village area but unfortunately there are times when my work takes me out of the village.

In the future I intend to be in the village a lot more. I shall be regularly having a walk around. If you see me please stop and have a chat.

If anyone has any problems where I might be able to help please get in touch.

I would like to finish by asking anyone that sees anything suspicious not to hesitate to contact the Police and whenever possible I shall attend personally.

P.L. Clark

HAYDON BRIDGE DAY CENTRE

The Day Centre is still going strong, and the members are very happy and look forward to their day at the centre. I am very pleased that the elections and Polling Days are over. We were turfed out of the Church Hall twice in five weeks. The members didn't mind because they got two outdoor excursions.

On May 9th we had a tour of the Kielder water, starting off at 11:30 with lunch at the Railway Hotel then the bus picked us up at 1 o'clock and away we went, not a very bright day but it kept dry. It was quite a nice run around the country lanes arriving at Kielder about 3 o'clock. We enjoyed it very much and for all it is so near to home one of us had seen the finished project. We arrived at the Information Centre and had a nice cup of tea. After that a journey back through Bellingham and Wark and on to Haydon Bridge, Thanks to my three transport drivers who were waiting to take the members home.

On June 9th once again to the Railway Hotel for lunch and then boarded a bus and down to South Shields, the weather was a lot kinder this time, we were able to get out of the bus and sit on the sea front, also managed a paddle in the sea. We had tea at Frankies and then home. Two great days for the members, but a nasty big hole in our funds. The members paid for most of their meals but the buses are a big item.

I would like to thank Mrs. Saunders for two very good meals at the Railway Hotel.

We are going to have an open day on August 18th. There will be coffee in the morning and teas in the afternoon with a cake stall, also a stall of goods made by members and helpers. We would be very grateful for any gifts also any balls of wool you don't want.

In September we hope to run a coffee evening to make some money for Christmas. If there is anyone who would like to help the Centre with transport or time in the morning or afternoon my phone number is 404

THE HOLE TRUTH

It had been a long hot summer with the river running at low summer level beneath the arches of the bridge as children bathed, splashed and played in the warm Tyne below the bridge in the morning sunlight of a balmy August day. The year was 1935 and the village had got over the big event of the Silver Jubilee of King George V where celebrations lasting several days and marking May 6th, of the accession of the King to the throne ended as darkness fell with a big Bonfire on the riverside opposite Tot Barrons field where Martins Close now stands. And now all was quiet again apart from an extremely large hole being dug at the northern end of the bridge which no-one seemed to know much about and causing traffic problems for Joe Irwin and Doodle as they desperately steered their wide eyed horses and carts loaded with coal between the yawning cavity and bridge wall. In the warm pool below the waterfall at the bridge Hilda Holliday and Trudy Hudson screamed with sheer delight as they were pursued in under water games by Sid and Tot - and although Sid was only 9 years old and Tot 10 years they knew the score (they've pursued ever since) while I in all innocence watched and tried in vain to catch minnows with a net set in a cane handle bought from Granny Irwin's corner shop where on a summer day the nets hung on horse tethering rings set into the wall on either side of the half stable type door that Granny Irwin was at that moment leaning over and watching the hole being dug ever deeper while Phyllis Patterson attended to the draperies and haberdashery in the musty smelling shop behind. The smell of fresh baked bread was drifting along Church Street from Vickers bakery as Stigum looked out from the doorway of his cycle repair shop wiping oily hands and with a woodbine in his mouth shouted across to Tom Clemitson who stood wrapped in his leather apron and talking to Miss McDougal of the "Supply Stores" about the hole - "It'll niver git done afore the "flood show" said he as he dumped the woodbine with a fine nip between finger and thumb. For this was the next great and main event of the Village - "THE FLOWER SHOW" held in early September when train loads of people from "DOON THE TOON" and west from Cumberland descend upon the village - embarking in their hundreds on Haydon Bridge railway station under the watchful eyes of porters (Howey) Tommy Waugh and Long Billy Wren and heading for the nearest local for a pint and a pie before the show opened its gates at 2 p.m. (for sad to say there was never a beer tent on the show field for them "BROON ALE SUPPIN TOONY'S FRA GEOR. IELAND) for Haydon Show was world renowned for the quality of its produce and skill of its gardeners and hardly needed a beer tent to attract crowds to the show - for after all Haydon Bridge was not large in that far off day, yet it was proud of its 5 well-attended pubs.

Neddy Dochary or Darty as the locals called him shuffled out from under Parkers arch in his gleaming white sandshoes that glared in the morning sun as Stigum commented on the "brightness and whiteness" of the store whitewash that Melvin sold as both stood gazing into the depth of the hole - "oiy oiy can't see them getting dat hole filled in before the Flower Show begorra" said Neddy as Bungy Jack slid out from the modern gents toilet at the end of the bridge, tripped and nearly fell into the depths of the abyss as he looked down to fasten his buttons - (no zips in 1935) and the usual gathering of men on the reading room corner agreed that time was running short - "Its possible on Show day that folk cud walk the bit on either side of the hole" said Laverick - "aye, but wat about the Band?" said Stigum who by now had lit another woodbine and alongside Neddy Darty had wandered with oily rag in hand to investigate the hole with the crowd outside the Reading room.

Of Course Stigum was right, for by the time the Haydon Bridge Silver Band had assembled in the Station Yard to lead the fancy dress parade to the showfield and set off at a stirring march the Bank, the fancy dress parade, and the 1st Haydon Bridge Boy Scouts led by Robert Campbell would be marching proudly along Church Street oblivious to all and everything - intoxicated by the marches that would give way to "The Teddy Bears Picnic" before dividing to left and right to avoid the hole ----- "BUT" said Stigum - "WHAT ABOUT CHIPS?" ----- "hi that big drum?" ----- "he'll niver see that big hole fra ahint that greet drum - doon he'll gan - lost for ivor". And so it was

decided upon to do something about this great gaping obstruction that could deter the events of the day. Well, Melvin being the store manager and an important person in the village agreed to have a word with Wanless the Magistrate and Captain Allen, both prominent gentlemen of the upper class who lived up the bank - well, after all if they lived up there they were bound to be top people and must have power. So the following day the top people, Reverend Salbury the vicar along with the local Parish Council met to decide upon what to do about the Hole, for nothing had to disrupt the grandest event of the year - THE FLOWER SHOW - Well, they looked and gazed and prodded with their silver topped sticks and flicked loose stones with well polished boots into the depths of the abyss while Laverick, Stigum, Bunay Jack and others on the Reading Room corner looked on in admiration of our village elders. Soon it was concluded to be too late at this late date to fill in the hole before show day and that the only wise and safe course to take would be to remove the hole to the tip for the weekend then return it for to work upon on the Monday morning. And so on the Friday morning before the Show day a Traction Engine belonging to Hunters of Hexham arrived in much splendour in Church Street driven by Jack Storey and Andra Young. After Andra got steam up to its maximum the heavy lifting gear was attached to engine winch and hole and the struggle began with the engine shuddering, hissing and steaming as inch by inch the huge hole was lifted onto the back of one of Henry Watsons grey wagons in readiness for transportation to the tip - a very delicate task indeed while all the village gazed on in wonderment. Very soon the wagon was underway, creaking and groaning down to the springs under the weight as it turned beyond the railway crossing and began to amble towards the tip and leaving the roadway leading onto the bridge safe secure and stable in readiness for the big day. By now the wagon driven by Joe, er Joe, Joe whatisname - I forget? was building up and increasing speed as it made its approach to Springfield bank in hopes of making it to the top without having to change gear - BUT the inevitable happened - the vast size and weight of the hole was too great for the wagon, and as it nigh shuddered to a stop half way up the bank the hole crashed to the ground from off the wagon as Joe desperately tried to change gear but missed - and as the wagon began to run out of control backwards down Springfield bank it shot into that great vast hole ----- and Joe and the wagon have never been seen since.

True, ask Stigum.

Owld Bwny

BRITISH RED CROSS SOCIETY

Use to house collection - May 2nd to 7th 1983

The amount collected during this week in Haydon Bridge was £138.77. My grateful thanks to all who walked miles to collect this amount and to all those who contributed so generously.

Hilda I. Foster.

TORCH APPEAL

Dear Friends,

May we - the Committee of the Haydon Torch Appeal - through the columns of the "Haydon News" express our warmest thanks to all who contributed to the stalls on Saturday June 14th in aid of "Torch".

It is virtually impossible to thank everyone individually but there are a few names that come to mind that we would like to give a special mention.

To Lady Elliott who opened the day for us with a very nice speech and the time honoured cutting the tape!

To the show Queen Miss Christine Welch and her attendant Miss Sally Thompson who made such a pretty picture in their beautiful dresses and cheerful smiles adding a touch of nostalgia of the 50's.

To the Band who once again gave a rendition of music to suit both young and old that was enjoyed by all.

To St. Johns Ambulance and the SCs who attend "just in case".

The Womens Institute - the Day Centre - Mr. J.H. Nixon, Mr. W. Tait and Mr. C. Humble and helpers.

Mr. and Mrs. Bennett who went around the hills and dales of Alston on a sponsored cycle ride and the "girls" who once again did a sponsored run.

To all those who gave cash donations.

To Mr. Roy Thompson for Haydon Bridge Football Club who came down stream on a raft in difficult water to declare that it really was unsafe for others to follow suit, and to the scouts who indeed built the rafts and were "prepared" to sail them.

And lastly but by no means least to a friend that I was talking to several months ago who gave me that extra push and a "paper" incentive for me to collect my colleagues together and give it a "go". I refer to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Waite.

Thank you all.

Having had a very tiring day there was still one duty to perform and that was to get a wheelbarrow to collect from an alcove on the bridge two concrete blocks weighing approx. 3/4 to 1 cwt each. However when I arrived they had been lifted over the parapet and dropped onto the weir below where I found it impossible to recover them. So it only remains for me to say that whoever was responsible I hope they never need the facilities that we endeavoured to help - that is "TORCH".

Having expressed those feelings it now gives us great pleasure to reveal to you that a grand total of £450 was raised and will be handed over in the near future.

Thank you all once again - R. McVay for the Committee.

OVER SIXTIES

We have quite a good over sixties club going in the village and would like to welcome some new members. We meet on the second Wednesday in the month in the Community Centre.

On June 11th we had an outing to Melrose, leaving in rain but it turned out a very good day with a complete tour of the Kielder Dam which everyone enjoyed very much arriving home at 9 o'clock.

On July 2nd we are going to Harrogate and hope for another fine day, if you are a senior citizen and interested please come along.

Mary Porteous.

HAYDON BRIDGE METHODIST CHURCH

Tuesday 19th July at 7.30pm.

Follow-up Service for "HELPING YOURSELF TO HEALTH"

To be conducted by Rev. A. Ignall

-----ALL ARE WELCOME-----

ST JOHN OF BEVERLY - GARDEN FETE

Results of Spinne Draw -

Ticket No	2284	---	£10	Ticket No	1321	----	£20
	2306	---	£10		270	----	£5
	66	---	£5		2405	----	£5
	592	---	£5		2003	----	£2
	843	---	£2		79	----	£2
	1930	---	£2		750	----	£2

See also Page 10

Biege Ticket No 36 ----- Basket of groceries - claimed by

THE HAYDON BRIDGE MARATHON?

Walking around the Post Office corner one day just this week I met up with wor Percy Having not much to do I challenged him to a race to the "Spa well" and back but his wuick retort was "no thanks aas mare fu the lang distance stuff".

HAYDON BRIDGE METHODIST CHURCH

You are cordially invited to the following services and meetings.

- July 3 - 10.45 am Mr. I Dinnis
6 pm Rev. A. Wignall
United serivce in Parish Church
- 9 2.30 pm Summer gift sale in Community Centre to be opened by
Mr. Archie Duncan (Eaglescliffe)
- 10 10.45 am Rev. A. Wignall (Family service)
6 pm Mr. John Scott Stocksfield
- 13 2.30 pm Womens work Missionary meeting - speaker Mrs. S. Bell
Hexham.
- 17 10.45 am Mr. K. Lowdon
6 pm Rev. A. Beniams
- 24 10.45 am Rev. G. Forster
6 pm Mr. A.G. Bell
- 27 2.30 pm Womens Own Rev. J. Cox
- 30 40 am to 11.30 am Womens Own coffee morning
- 31 10.45 am Mr. P. Lavis
6 pm Rev. A. Wignall (Sacrament)
- Aug 7 10.45 am Miss M. Armstrong
6 pm Rev. A. Wignall United service in Parish Church

FRIENDS OF HAYDON BRIDGE COFFEE MORNING

The Friends of Haydon Bridge wihs to thank all those who supported their fund raising event on Saturday 11th June.

Special thankyous are extended to Miss Foster and Mrs. Heslop. With their help we where able to raise a total of £70 which has been donated to the Community Association. P. Sharpe.

LETTER FROM AMERICA

I have come to Haydon Bridge School from Hudson, Wisconsin USA. I am here to learn about your schools and see how they compare toschools in America. I am a teacher of children between the ages of six and seven.

I have not found a big differnece from your schools to mine in America. School subjects are about the same that the childrer do each day. The terminology is sometimes different. I did'nt know what a lorry was - we call them trucks. On the car we have a hood and a trunk, you have a bonnet and a boot.

Sometimes the spelling of words are not the same. We spell color like this, you spell it colour. I sometimes have trouble understanding what people are saying this differs from the different dialects.

Haydon Bridge has such a unique community setting. I have been so impressed with the children's enthusiasm for learning about people and other places in the world.

Mr. Hogg and the staff here at Haydon Bridge school have made me feel very much at home these past three weeks.

I feel very fortunate to have been a small part of your school and community. Thank you what will always be a lasting happy memory of my visit to Haydon Bridge.

Sincerely, Helen Badzinski.

LAST POST

If you have received any letters recently, and wonder what to do with your used postage stamps, why not pop into the Post Office and donate your stamps to charity.

ST. CUTHBERT'S PARISH CHURCH GIFT DAY AND GARDEN FETE

I wish to extend my appreciation and thanks on behalf of St. Cuthberts Parish to all those who contributed in anyway towards the success of the Gift Day and Garden Fete.

From the gifts donated in envelopes we raised £480 and the afternoon garden fete brought in a further £352 so a grand total of £832 was received ^{with} thanks.

A. Beniams.

HAYDON BRIDGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

- President Mr. E. Waite
- Chariman Mr. J.B. Bowes
- Vice Chairman Mr. L. Carey
- Hon. Secretary (Minutes) Miss R. Robinson, The Red House, North Bank - Tel 469
- Hon. Secretary (Bookings and membership) Mr. L.C. Combes, 4 Belmont - Te. 416
- Hon Treasurer Mr. G. Johnson, 2 Belmont Gardens
- Caretaker Mr. P. Brown, Church Street - Te. 774

Committee

- (a) Officers and one member from each affiliated organisation.
- (b) Such number of representatives of full members to be elected from among and by themselves at the AGM as is equal to the number of committee members appointed from affiliated bodies.
- (c) Two representatives of Junior members (under 18 years on the day on which our AGM is held)
- (d) such persons employed by the Association (at the discretion of the Committee)

Over a period of some 2½ years the Community Association was faced with having to meet heavy bills as under:-

- (a) Repairs to south gable end to boiler house £1,600
- (b) Renewing of heating system and oil tank £3,400
- (c) Internal decoration £1,200

The Committee pays tribute to all members affiliated bodies, individuals and clubs and associations not attached to the Community Association who helped in raising these large sums. Grants were received from the Shefote Foundation, Tynedale District Council and Northumberland County Council.

The Watson family and friends raise considerable sums in helping to defray the above costs.

The Community Association has been compelled to increase its charges but great care has been taken to avoid hardship to any affiliated section.

Charges:-

Each club or association will affiliate to the Community Association by paying an annual fee of £10.

Charges for use by affiliated bodies

Up to 1 hour £1.75
Up to 2 hours £3.50
Up to 3 hours £4.50
Up to 4 hours £5.25

The above charges will apply to the main hall and kitchen/or of the committee room and kitchen.

Disco £8.00
Dance Club £8.00
Dance £20.00

Other bodies or individuals by application to Mr. L.C. Coombes

Coffee Mornings

Community Centre coffee mornings to continue as before

Community Centre annual fete to be discontinued

Sections affiliated

(a) Over 60's club £3.50 (Committee £1.75)
(b) Silver band £3.50
(c) Play group By special arrangement
(Parents must be members of the Association)
(d) WI £3.50 (Committee £1.75)
(e) Nature Club £3.50
(f) Badminton 1 Up to £5.25
(g) Badminton 2 Up to £5.25.
(h) Friends of H.B. £1.75
(i) Dance Club £8
(j) Disco £8

These charges have been kept as low as possible and will be reviewed at the AGM in May 1984

The estimated running costs 1983-84 £3,800.00

Money raised by special efforts to be used

(a) to meet any shortfall
(b) To make improvements
(c) to create a credit balance

Those who wish to support the Village Community Association kindly take out membership by approaching Mr. L.C. Coombes, 4 Belmont.

Single person - £1 per annum
Married couple £1.50 per annum
Family - £2 per annum

We are indebted to the members who have supported the Community Association over a period of time.

If you wish to join one or more of the affiliated associations apply to:-

Over 60's club Mrs. M. Porteous Tel HB 404
Silver Band Mr. P. Brown Tel. HB774
Play Group Mrs. T. Dodgson, 1 Shaftoe Street
WI Mrs. P. Stewart, 26 Strother Close Tel HB 350
Nature Club - Mr. J. Brogdon, Vine House, Catton
Badminton 1 - Mrs. J. Brown, Dilash, John Martin Street.
Badminton 2 Mrs. J. Urwin, 32 Ratcliffe Road
Friends of Haydon Bridge - Colonel Pumphrey, Chesterwood Grange.
Dance Club - Mr. L. Hannent, 9 Priestlands Drive, Hexham Tel 605563

E. Waite - on behalf of the Committee.

TASK FORCE 27.6.83

It has always been Haydon Bridge High School - Task Force - policy to spend money within Tynedale which has been raised in our district. In line with this policy we gave £1,000 to the TORCH appeal in 1982 and a similar amount the previous year. Our fund raising went so well in these years that we have enough left over to give substantial donations to various organisations for the elderly in the school catchment area. We have tried to support such groups for several years and the seven we started with in the late 70's has now risen to thirteen. Clearly, as the number of groups continues to rise, the amount of cash must fall or we must raise more to maintain support at the same level. As we would be unhappy to allow our support to diminish we have decided to make these donations our major concern this year and even hope to give a little more.

The day of sponsored events, traditionally held on the last day before half term, was Friday 27th May this year and though wet was again very enjoyable. About 200 pupils went on a 16 mile sponsored walk, nearly 40 cycled from Haydon Bridge to Bellingham and back while 25 swam at Haltwhistle baths.

The function of the Task Force has changed over the years from a group mainly involved in practical help in the village to one giving financial help on a broader base. Although the cash is clearly welcomed by groups finding it hard to survive in this time of recession, the change has not helped the process of social education amongst the pupils. I would very much like to revive this aspect of our work in the coming months and so if any elderly or disabled person would like help with their garden or just someone to visit them regularly and perhaps run the odd message then they should contact me at school or send a message by any member of staff or pupil and I will make the necessary arrangements. Task Force has a good tradition in the district and in the school which, with continued help will live on for many years to come.

F.D. Robertson.

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR NEXT ISSUE

Please have all contributions to me by Friday 22nd July. This is the first time I have requested such an early date, but it will help me to fit my family commitments in with editing the next issue.

If you have any events likely to take place between August 6th and September 17th please include these in the next issue.

I will hope to have issue 46 printed and in your homes by August 6th 1983.

Marion Howard, 2 Alexandra Terrace, Haydon Bridge - Tel HB 360

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ST JOHN OF EVERLEY GARDEN FETE ----- SPINNER DRAW

Continued from page 6:

Beige ticket : Basket of groceries - Claimed by Simms, 2 Alexandra
No836 Terrace, Haydon Bridge.

Blue ticket : Fruit - Claimed by Hugh Davies, Haydon Bridge Silver
No891 Band

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HAYDON BRIDGE FOOTBALL CLUB

DONKEY DERBY

ON

SUNDAY, 10TH JULY, 1983

2 P.M.

AT

LOW HALL PARK

TUG OF WAR : WRESTLING : KUNG-FU : SIDESHOWS

STRAWBERRIES : SOFT DRINKS : CAKES

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