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Chairman's Letter

As you may have noticed, we have a new Editor for the Haydon News.

On behalf of the committee of the Friends of Haydon Bridge I should like to thank Mr. Martin Scudamore for the work he did during his time as Editor. I would also like to thank Miss Susan Beer for doing the typing while Mr. Scudamore was Editor and for the previous Editor. Both these jobs make considerable demands on the time of people who already do full time work. I would like to take this opportunity of thanking, once again, everyone who helps to get the Haydon News produced, distributed and delivered, and also the advertisers.

I am grateful to Mrs. Marion Howard for taking over the Editorship. Please give her your support by providing plenty of copy well within the deadline date.

Pat Sharp
(Chairman, Friends of
Haydon Bridge)

Parish Council Pickings

There were six Councillors present on 24th February, so no anxieties arose about the meeting's competence to do business.

All the Parishes along the railway line are joining in the chorus of disapproval at the axing of the "Ten-twenty-nine". It appears that the County is preparing to assume the conductor's baton.

British Telecom are to be awrned about one of their poles which leans across the road to Newbrough. Other complaints will draw attention to a pothole in the road outside Tofts Farm, and the long delay in restoring a street lamp outside Mrs. Porteous' house. The Council also felt that some routine cleaning of the street lamps would not be out of place.

Planning applications revealed the birth of a new enterprise in the village - reproducing audio cassettes. The Anchor has been told by Tynedale District to put its RAC sign in a different place: the general consensus was that it will now be sited where the minimum number of people can see it!

Amongst the incoming correspondence was a letter from Miss Igunda Chalker (no less) of the Department of Transport. This was about Dr. High's plea that stretches of the old A69 become public footpaths. She promised to bear the idea in mind. All those lumps of stone will have to stay until they are needed for repairs to bridges, but meanwhile the County has already tidied up the heap and made it possible for people to pass by on foot.

The Parish has been asked to think about where to put our rubbish when the local tip is full. If you happen to own a large hole in the ground this may be your chance to make a fortune. The Councillors would welcome any ideas or suggestions.

Tynedale District Council has now signed a 25 year lease with British Rail for the building to be used as the Library. Whether the Shaftoe Trust will be allowed to make the contribution it wants to is still not clear.

Archie Duncan has resigned from the Council on leaving the village. Everyone agreed that he had been a valued and conscientious councillor. The vacancy will be left open until the election on May 5th.

NOW: Do not miss this opportunity! Thursday 24th March is the day of the annual PARISH MEETING at which you are all supposed to come and get it off your chest(s). There will be notices posted in the village to remind you - don't let the chance to say your piece go by default.

The Saturday Morning Club.

It had just turned 12.30 on a wet miserable Saturday morning as I stepped out of the rain into the warmth of the Railway Hotel. The red floor covering was wet from the feet of members of the Saturday Morning Club that had gathered, as they usually do on a Saturday morning, to sort out the gossip and problems of the past week and to listen to the crack on "Wie's knockin' on wi wie." As I enjoyed my ale and a pork pie a fire glowed warm in the blackened grate at the end of the bar where the Club meet, the majority occupying the seats between the fire and the window. One studious looking fellow dressed in a County cap and Army battledress top with the clenched fist emblem and Green Howards emblazoned across the chest sat at the far corner of the bar absorbing the contents of the "Times" and "Guardian" papers and enjoying his ale - not, however, a member of the Saturday Morning Club but rather one of the "Old School, you know," ex-army Brigadier.

As I stood watching the rain run down the windows the side door opened and a voice from the window seat said, "He's heor. Nuw wu'll git the crack. ... Mornin' Ossie" said Sammy as he got up from his seat and dug deep into his pocket to pay for the half lager that Ossie usually drinks. "By - what's happened to thuw - had a win in the horses?" said Jean with a laugh as she passed Sammy his change. "Very kind of you Samuel," replied Ossie as he took the vacant seat especially left for him, for after all he is the President of the Saturday Morning Club and Sammy, being Vice - President, knew full well that it was the right and proper thing that only a gentleman should honour his President with the drink of his palate - his lager - the rest of the Club didn't matter, they were only the peasants.

By now most of the members had arrived and the crack was well under way along with the two dominos boards going. Landlord came waffling in, in his spotless white shirt and blue wool waistcoat, and threw another bucket of coals on the fire ... his motto "Keep them warm, they'll stay longer; get them hot, they'll sup stronger," and with a broad grin he shuffled off again as he heard the bill bell ring.

"Howay then, what's the crack?" said one of the members, dribbling his beer down the front of his Littlewoods shirt in anticipation, "Howay, git on wi..." "Had yer beesht - Nuw, as I was saying," said the President as all ears became attuned to what he was going to say, "Ah, ah, ah, ah" - for by the chuckle in his voice this had to be hot line stuff. For a

nomer - Oassie kept them in suspense while he took a long sip from his glass. "Howay, git on with it, man," spluttered John Haytor as he put his pint down, for after all he had been appointed head reporter to the Club, alongside Charles Thompson, both bringing in news of the week for Club members to digest over their pints. Now being the introvert and non-gregarious type that I am, I kept my distance but still could not help overhearing what was being said. At that moment the bar door opened and in swept Cliffie, with a blast of rain. Now Cliffie, being an old established member of the Club takes no active part, apart from digesting well the information gleaned and explaining to the two reporters the big words used by the President, for after all Cliffie is a scholar, a learned man and a gentleman - a person with whom a most sensible conversation can be had.

By now the gem that the President had told was drowned in cries of "Gae away, Haddaway - is that reet?" "Sheee - Ah wad niver athoovt it," when one of the members blurted out "HEOR, HEV YER HORD ABCOT BUTCHER - he's givin' away free rum on a Saturday morning." "Wie says that?" chirped up Sammy. One of the reporters pointed his finger up towards the ceiling of the bar. "Wheey, hor upstairs?" said he, "She peeps fra ahint the cortins and sees some prominent people stannin' about the shop drinking rum - while Butcher just stands there wid a broad grin on his face as his woman appears from behind the new wine bar with a wiggle of her hips and a tray of well-filled glasses. It's said he's ganna open a wine bar in the spring," said reporter Haytor.

Of course as I listened I knew this to be true, for butcher is opening a wine cellar (complete wi Blue Leet) where one can sit to rest one's weary feet while shopping and enjoy a glass of wine of one's choice, along with a Continental pastry or a piece of French bread and Dutch cheese from a brand new range from his ever-extending delicatessen, cold cooked meats, hors d'oeuvres, etc.

By now the bar was beginning to fill up and the smell of bar meals began to drift in from the kitchen as a party of people unknown to the Saturday Morning Club and one of our local postmen sat down to well-filled plates of roast beef and two veg. at a giveaway price.

The Saturday Morning Club had settled down to more serious matters however - that of dominoes, watched by "Porsy" from his seat by the fire. Through the smoke I could just make out little Dennis from the Emerald Isle playing the game with Sammy the Vice-President. Sammy was telling Dennis about his Army days in 1942 when he was being drilled in marching tactics by a big Irish sergeant who explained the order to halt: "'When I says HALT, yor brings the foot that's on the ground to the side of the foot that's in the air and yer remains motionless'. That's what he said," says Sammy, in all seriousness. "Is dat so - is dat so," says Dennis just as the Landlady makes her appearance and shouts, "Come on, you lovely people - LET'S HAVE YOUR GLASSES OFF."

And as I stood in Butcher's enjoying a large glass of rum while womenfolk bought good cuts of beef for the weekend, I watched the members of the Saturday Morning Club scuttling out of both doors and vanishing in the wet of the afternoon.

Owld Tawny

PRESS RELEASE

"Did you know that by the year 2,000 one in five of the population of this country will be aged 70 or over".

This statement is part of a press release issued by the Northumberland Theatre Company. Shaun Prendergast realizing that this is a problem that won't go away, has written "A Fine and Private Place". This play takes a serious, but entertaining look at the deal our old folk get in commercially run homes.

This countywide Company, born to serve the small communities will be visiting us in the near future.

NORTHUMBRELAND THEATRE COMPANY - ALNWICK

HAYDON BRIDGE W.I.

Mrs. Anne Burrows, President welcomed Hexham W.I. members as guests to our February meeting.

Excellent slides illustrated "Western Highlands" by Mr. C. Coombes. He was thanked by Mrs. J. Morris.

Miss L. Telford was elected delegate for the Spring Council meeting.

Competition "Holiday snapshot" was won by Miss E. Shout, Mrs. J. Thompson, Miss D. Todd.

Raffle prizes won by Miss E. Shout, Mrs. E. Routledge, Mrs. V. Reed and two Hexham members.

Mrs. Stewart organised a musical guessing game, which ended the evening.

DO YOU LIKE TO DANCE?

SATURDAY 2nd APRIL 1983 - A dance will be held in the Community Centre. Music by Tommy Edmondson and his Band.

Tickets available from H. & N. Watson - Price £2 (Tel. Haydon Bridge 214)

Dancing from 8 p.m. until Midnight. Proceeds in aid of the Community Centre Fund.

WANTED

Ladies or Gents cycle FRAME, with pedals chain and a rear wheel. Don't worry about handbars, seat, front wheel or tyres, they are not essential.

I asked myself as Editor of this magazine, who could possibly find a use for a bicycle frame as described above.

MR. R. McVAY and MR. DRYDEN SMITH are willing to collect anything that resembles a cycle frame, and will use them as a GALA DAY GIMMICK.

"What Gala Day" why the one to be held on "JUNE 3rd".

Any offer of help or suggestions for this event (please keep the suggestions reasonably lean) will be very welcome.

SO REMEMBER

CYCLE FRAME - HELP - SUGGESTIONS

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HAYDON BRIDGE METHODIST CHURCH

You are cordially invited to the following services and meetings:-

- March 3 - 7.30 pm - Lenten Study Group
6 - 10.45 am - Mr. Graham Wilson
- 6 pm - United Service in the Parish Church Rev. G. Forster
8 - 7.30 pm - Men's Fellowship - Rev. G. Forster
9 - 2.30 pm - Womens Own - Rev. A. Wignall.
10 - 7.30 pm - Lenten Study Group
12 - 7.15 pm - Chapel Anniversary Concert by "The Northern Lights"
Supper to follow
13 - 10.45 am - Mr. P. Davis - Family service
- 6 pm - Rev. J. Platts, MA.B.D. (Newcastle)
17 - 7.30 pm - Lenten Study Group
20 - 10.45 am - Miss N. Garbutt
- 6 pm - Rev. A. Beniams (United Service)
22 - 7.30 pm - Men's Fellowship - Annual General Meeting
23 - 2.30 pm - Womens Own - Mr. W. Pickering (Slide Show)
24 - 7.30 pm - Lenten Study Group
27 - 10.45 am - Rev. R. Wylie B.D.
- 6 pm - Mr. A. Duncan
31 - 7.30 pm - Lenten Study Group

APRIL 1st GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE IN METHODIST CHURCH 2 P.M.

Dear Editor,

In last month's Haydon News you were kind enough to print a paragraph on Haydon Bridge Nature Club. There is one error in particular I would like to point out. You say the Club explores the countryside "avoiding hills". Nothing could be further from the truth. We avoid BULLS not HILLS, an entirely different matter. In fact we revel in hills.

Having just finished reading a biography of William Wordsworth I find myself spontaneously breaking into verse. I think you will be forced to agree that this verse rivals the lilting metrical cadences of the celebrated William McGonagall, and is at least equal to the outpourings of that excruciating versifier who contributes to the Hexham Courant under the name of Stan Pearson. This odious ode I simply entitled "Hills" (NB not BULLS this time).

HILLS

We go up them and down them
but rarely around them,
Decide if they are Silurian or merely Devonian,
Sort out the carboniferous from those argentiferous,
Examine them botanically; quite matter of factually,
We stand and stare at the birds of the air,
While mammalian antics give us ecstasies,
The hills we adore; bulls only gore.

L.C. COOMBES

Easter falls this year at the beginning of April. Its timing depends on the full moon of the Spring Equinox (March 21).

The name Easter is said to be derived from Eostre, the northern goddess of the Spring. The Venerable Bede says she was worshipped by the pagan Anglo-Saxons.

Many elements from pagan spring celebrations have been used as part of the Christian Easter. Throughout Europe and America "Pace" (Easter) eggs are decorated, hung up exchanged as gifts or used in games.

Eggs symbolise rebirth, the return of Spring in pagan times, or the Resurrection for Christians. The Jews have eggs at the Passover Feast, observed in memory of the coming out of Egypt, once again a new beginning.

In some countries bonfires are lit. In Mexico processions and dances fill the three days and nights before Easter Sunday.

One old legend tells that coloured eggs (these days chocolate eggs) are the gift of the Rabbit on Easter Eve. This is why decorated cards are often sent showing an Easter Bunny.

The solemn joy of Easter's message is symbolised by the Easter Lily. Its tall slender green stalk is the symbol of the re-awakening of spring, and the pure white of the lily's blossoms bear a message of peace.

RECIPE

BAKED BANANAS

450 g. Bananas
2 tablespoonsful of brown sugar
 $\frac{1}{2}$ litre of orange juice (fresh, tinned or frozen)

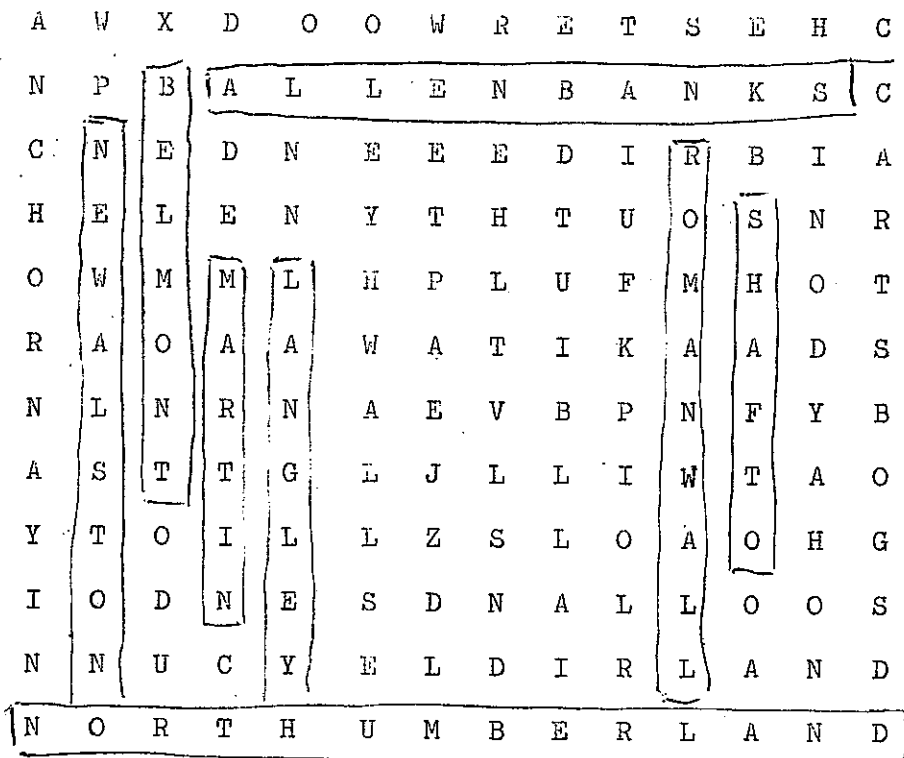
1. Turn the oven on at 375° F. Gas Mark 5.
2. Peel the bananas and slice in half lengthways.
3. Put them in a baking tin or an ovenproof dish
4. Sprinkle the brown sugar over the bananas.
5. Bake in the oven for half an hour.

Baked bananas are very good served with cream or the top of the milk.

I am sure that all those who read last month's Haydon News, will join with me and say thank you to Misses Bonicelli for their beautifully written work.

M.J. Howard.

QUIZ WORD



There are 18 words associated with Haydon Bridge and the surrounding area hidden in this word puzzle. Try and find them, the answers will be in the next issue of the Haydon News.

THE EDITORS LETTER

I would like to share with you the memory of another village, similar in size to Haydon Bridge and at this time of year cocooned in a white shroud of snow from December well into April.

Inzing lies some 17 miles west of Innsbruck in the Austrian Tirol. The people are friendly and like us enjoy celebrating births, birthdays and weddings. Above all they love the season called "Fashing".

In Austria as in many other Catholic countries of Europe this period between Christmas and Shrove Tuesday is given over to carnival, masquerades and processions. We celebrated in style. After starting at 6 p.m. on a Friday evening, perhaps enjoying a quick sleep sometime on Saturday morning; then continuing the revelries over into Sunday and early Monday morning.

During the three months between January and March, we hired costumes for carnival parties, huddled together around bonfires and joined torch light processions. These always broke up into small groups who travelled from house to house.

The biggest and grandest party was held on the evening of Shrove Tuesday. The atmosphere was similar to New Year's Eve. There was a sense of waiting as if time was about to stand still. There was music, dancing, and an awareness of love and joy, which instantly disappeared when Fashing ended.

At 11.50 p.m. as if by magic the band stopped playing, and we all walked silently into the village church. The single bell tolled until Midnight. Sleepy children who had been woken from their slumbers, each carried a candle down to the altar rail and knelt in neat white rows as if at their first communion.

They contrasted so vividly with their parents, brothers, sisters and aunts who like myself wore the feathers of some exotic bird called masquerade.

As the priest moved among the assembled congregation, I like my friends received the blessing and an ashen cross on my forehead. This act was alien to me and caused me some embarrassment, but at the same time it gave me a sense of being, these people had included me in a special part of their lives, the celebration of the beginning of Lent, and the start of their Easter celebrations.

Marion Howard.

The deadline for the April Issue is Friday 25th March. All contributions should be sent as soon as possible and not later than that date to:-

Marion Howard, 2 Alexandra Terrace, Haydon Bridge. Tel. H.B. 360

Dates to Remember in March

- Friday March 4th -A film show by Mr. W. Tait
"The Wood"
To be held in the Haydon Bridge Community Centre commencing 7.0 pm. Admission 50p (Children 25p). Followed by Tea and Biscuits. Proceeds in aid of the Community Centre Funds
- Tuesday March 8th -Shaftoe Trust First School invite you to their
"Spring Fair"
at 7.0 pm.
- Thursday March 10th -Allendale County Middle School
"Auction"
To be held in aid of PTA funds.
- Wednesday March 16th -"Wine and Cheese"
at Shaftoe Trust First School. Tickets £1.00, inclusive of 1 glass of wine, cheese Buffet. Why not come along at 7.0 pm - Mr. W. Tait is giving an illustrated talk.
- Saturday March 26th -Haydon Bridge County High School - Parent-Teachers Association.
Come and join us in the School Hall at 2.0 pm for our
"Spring Fair"
Stalls to please everyone, bring granny and the kids. All money raised will be used in refurbishing school buildings.

THE ARTHRITIS AND RHEUMATISM COUNCIL are holding a fund raising event in March. Please look in your local shop windows for details of date and time of this event.

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