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EDITORS LETTER

Dear Readers,

You will have noticed that my date for printing the May issue is the 12th May.

This month has been a busy month, during which time our printress Mrs. Joan Hawley has had a well earned holiday. At this point I would like to thank and congratulate Mrs. Hawley not only for printing all 750 copies, but also for stapling the sheets together. As the paper grows this work load increases, so please lend a thought for our printer, who gives her service free, as do Mr. Johnny Heslop and his band of willing helpers who distribute the finished paper.

Printing at this later date has provided me with the opportunity to include a list of new and older elected District and Parish Councillors. My best wishes are extended to them during their local government duties.

With summer just about to fall into our laps it is also pleasing to be able to include news about the Summer Village Fetes. There is something very humorous about events for a "TORCH" appeal being held mainly in the watery environment of the "RIVER". You would think that we have had enough water to last a lifetime without plodging around in the stuff. Still "CHARITY" begins at home and we are all very much at home in watery conditions.

St. John of Beverley have the best idea, they are holding their Fete on the side of a hill. They are not expecting to be washed out, because most of their water they receive will just run down the hill into my back garden!!

Many years ago a little boy who lives in the village said "the sun is trying very hard to peep out, but God has forgotten to open the curtains".

Cheerio until next month,

Marion Howard

PARISH COUNCIL PICKINGS 28th April 1983

7.30 pm Who was there? For the Council - Mr. Bates in the chair: the Clerk: Mr. Beniams, Mr. Drydoh, Mr. Rumney and Mr. Warale. For the others - your reporter and three other male persons. Apologies were heard from the absentee Councillors.

It appears that the responsible authority (District? County? Ministry? who knows?) has a routine for looking after street lamps: clean and inspect annually, replace elements ever other year. Presumably this is what actually happens. Even so the light by the Pelican crossing is out of action.

We have been criticised for our report last month on the rates on the vacant factory. Tynedale District has only agreed to freeze the rates for 82/83 which didnt (apparently) amount to £1,500. And about the washhouses - it seems that the Grainger Trust sold the land they stand on by mistake - or failed to realise that by selling the land it sold the buildings as well. Somehow, it is hoped that a working arrangement can be arrived at.

As to highways it was noted that Carts Bog bridge was supposed to be out of action from 20th April for 12 weeks (except for pedestrians). No activity there at all at the date of the meeting. Some misgivings were expressed about the mobile snack bar on the verge near Lipwood. East bound people are encouraged to park on the North side and cross a dangerous stretch of road.

Planning applications raised no controversy. As I understood it:-

1. Mr. Snowdon wants to build a sunlounge.
2. Mr. Wylie wants to build (convert?) a bungalow.
3. Mr. Taylor wants to replace the living quarters on the caravan site (not it is to be hoped, in the path of the bypass).
4. Mr. Moore wants to turn an ex-school hostel into an Old Peoples Home.

Even if this is not quite what was proposed, there were still no objections.

Some bills were submitted for approval. The Church clock loomed large - £35 for winding it, £11 for keeping it illuminated £66 for mending a broken segment (fortunately insured).

The Northumbrian Theatre Company asked for a renewal of their grant. £25 was authorised. (This is good news - the Friends are thinking of sponsoring a performance by the Company later in the year).

Finally, would the Parish Council like to organise a meeting where people could complain about low flying aircraft and a senior RAF officer would explain why it was all necessary? Publicity by courtesy of BBC North-East. It is my pleasure to report that the Parish Council said no, it would not organise such a meeting, but the Community Centre would be very willing to hire the main room out to anybody else who wanted to.

And that was the last decision of the current council, Mr. Bates put on record his thanks to his fellow Councillors for four years of conscientious duty done, and noted with regret that some former colleagues would not be seeking a further term of duty.

Will it all be different after the elections? WATH THIS SPACE!

Haydon

Election Results 5th May 1983

Election of District Councillors

<u>Name</u>	<u>Votes</u>
Beniams Alec Charles	371
Brown Fred	205
Waite Edward	450

Election of Parish Councillors

✓ Bates Thomas Aydon	345
Beniams Alec Charles	376
✓ Brown Fred	283
Drydon William James	364
Garrow Indi	242
✓ Gilhespy Laura Anne	286
Philp Lesley Anne	250
Porteous Mary Elizabeth	265
Richardson John Parkin	235
✓ Tait William	329
✓ Templer Francis Russell	253
Waite Edward	444
✓ Wardle John Christopher	374

John Richardson expresses his grateful thanks to 233 of the 235 electors who voted for him. He knows who the other two are!

ENGLISH VILLAGE OR TOWN GOVERNMENT

(Parish or Town Councils)

What is a Parish?

There are two sorts of parishes whose boundaries do not always coincide. These are (i) the Ecclesiastical Parishes, centred on an Anglican church with a parochial church council chaired by the vicar or rector and (ii) the Civil Parishes, which are part of local administration: some of them are called Towns.

What is the Civil Parish?

A civil parish is an independent local democratic unit for villages, for the smaller towns and for the suburbs of the main urban areas. Each parish has a Parish (or Town) Meeting consisting of all its local government electors and most (where the electorate exceeds 200) have a Parish or Town Council. Over 12 million people live in such parishes.

What is the Parish (or Town) Council?

The council is a small local authority. Its councillors are elected for four years at a time in the same way as for other councils. The usual election years are 1983, 1987 etc. but some councils will have elections in 1982, 1986 etc. or 1984, 1988 etc. Bye-elections may be held to fill vacancies occurring between elections. The council is the corporation of its village or town. Each year the councillors choose a chairman from amongst their number: In Town Councils he is called Town Mayor.

What powers have Parish Councils to do things for their area?

Parish councils have more formal powers to do things than are often suspected. Nearly 2,000 light their streets. Many more provide allotments. Still more look after playing fields, village greens and other ways of getting exercise such as swimming pools. They have a hand in communications by maintaining or guarding such things as rights of way, bus shelters and public seats; a very important thing in which they are concerned is the provision of halls and meeting places.

How do they do it?

The parish council can do these things by actually providing them itself or by helping someone else (such as a volunteer or a charity) financially to do them. Parish councils thrive on volunteers.

What else do they do?

Plenty of things. Some provide village guides or leaflets to new-comers, or help with Meals on Wheels system, or a local bus service. They make village surveys. At least one runs a holiday hotel. Many provide car or cycle parks. Others provide public conveniences, litter bins and seats, and can prosecute noise makers or litter bugs. Many appoint charitable trustees, and school managers. Very often the cemetery is managed by the Parish Council. They have the power to improve the quality of village life by spending sums of money on things which in their opinion, are in the interests of the parish or its inhabitants, and many kinds of village enterprises are aided in this way.

How much do they cost?

Parish councils are the most unbureaucratic and the cheapest kind of local authority in existence. Their funds are a tiny part of the rates: they get no general government grant: so they have every incentive to keep expenditures low and economical.

WHAT ELSE IS IMPORTANT?

Parish councils have lately become more important because the district councils have become larger and more remote.

The Parish councillors know the village and can (and increasingly often do) represent its views to other authorities like the District Council, The County Council, Health Authorities, nationalised industries like British Rail, and to Ministries. They are entitled to be consulted on planning applications and are often consulted on such things as schools and roads. They put the parish's case at public inquiries.

Who controls the Parish Council?

You elect its members every four years and you are entitled to go to the annual parish meeting and say what you think. The accounts are strictly audited every year.

The Parish Reviews.

For the first time ever a nationwide review of parish boundaries is being conducted, by the district or borough council under the auspices of the Local Government Boundary Commission, in the years up to 1984. This should make parish and town boundaries correspond better to the social communities in which people live; it will be possible to create parish or town councils for such areas which never had them before.

How does one find out more?

The Parish councils' Meetings are open to the public, and an assembly of the Parish Meeting for all the parish electors has by law to be held every year in March, April or May

If you want to read about it quickly there is a very short booklet (price 45p) called the Constitution and Powers of Local Councils published by the National Association of Local Councils, 108 Great Russell Street, London, WC1B 3LD (publishers of this leaflet). In every count there is an Association of these councils, and they are united in the National Association. You can find out more from them simply by asking.

THIS IS WHERE LOCAL DEMOCRACY BEGINS.

LETTER TO EDITOR

Dear Mrs. Howard,

We write to correct an error in your issue of the 'Haydon News' received on the 7th April 1983, that may lead to some misunderstanding.

Our factory, which is the other half of the unoccupied unit in the Station Yard pays £1,641.50 per year rates and we have had no relief from this since the day we moved in, nor has any assistance been offered to us to ensure our continued occupation.

We understand that any concession that may be made will be an inducement to a prospective tenant only and we feel that if it does prove to be successful means of attracting a tenant then an interesting situation will arise, with them then paying rates at a different rate to us for an identical premises!

Yours sincerely,

J.L.A. FLINTON
Managing Director,
Highmark Engineering Limited.

PRINTER'S DEVIL (or THE GUNGE GREMLINS)

It was most unfortunate that the Beast (printing machine) decided to have a fit of hysterics just as the new Editor took over and I really can't allow her to take the blame upon herself.

It's a poor workman who blames her tools, but there are technical difficulties at times. In the March issue you can see the results of the animosity of inanimate objects.

The Beast normally behaves very well, purring away and churning out the pages cheerfully. In February we had a new kind of paper, which eventually turned out to be the culprit. The Beast got slower and slower and eventually had to be turned by hand. With 750 x 10 sides to print, that's a lot of cranking. Took

me back to my war-time spells on an old fashioned farm where they made their (illegal) butter by hand churning.

Reports were made and the Expert called with his gear to diagnose. Whereupon the Beast simpered and behaved perfectly, only to revert to former bad behaviour after the Expert had departed.

However, I can be just as crafty as the Beast, so I typed a dummy stencil before getting down to the April print. Sure enough, the Beast was just waiting to get me on my own again to start being peevish and spitting ink up the wall.

Well, I pulled his plug and took his front off. What a heap of gunge and clotted ink was there - you couldn't really blame the poor thing. I think he is better now, but he certainly didn't care for that thick paper which shed bits of fibre in his guts.

There are other technical hitches which can occur, such as getting a bubble in the ink tube, so that you suddenly get 50 blank or faint pages coming out. Doesn't matter if it's the first side, but if you are printing a second side, you have to put those pages through again, or you've lost two sides of a page.

After all the printing is done, the pages are laid out in heaps, in the correct order and all the right way up. Then you start picking up a page from each heap in turn - taking a quick look at the underside as you go, to make sure both sides have printed. As each ten pages is collated, the staple goes in the corner. Of course, the stapler can jar and sometimes does.

Worst problem is the back and front page which are the bread and butter which help pay for your News. These have to go on a special heat-stencil, which is very fragile. If it slips it's impossible to straighten it in the middle of a run, as you can with the middle pages, as it will split. This can be very worrying as the advertisers have usually paid for six months, so 4,500 copies have to be made with this delicate stencil. This is the reason why sometimes the advert pages may not be straight towards the end of a run.

I hope I'm not boring you. I thought it would be a good idea to let you know some of what is involved in producing the News.

I wonder if it would be useful to publish the actual costs of the paper, stencils etc. The News is really very good value and depends a lot on voluntary labour.

I must back up the Editor's plea for contributors. Having run different types of Newsletter myself, and still being involved in writing a weekly column for a Dog Newspaper, I know how difficult it can be to find enough material to fill the pages. Most people have at least one good article in them, so don't be shy, get it written. If you don't feel you're up to great novelist standards, don't worry, the Editor is used to sorting out spelling or grammar. I have a regular contributor to my column who is dyslexic, but just leaves it to me to sort out her very valuable writing. It's your interesting personal news which helps and if you don't feel you can put it in the right words, just write it as you would tell it to a friend, it will come over that way.

Joan Hawley

EARLY WARNING

Ramble with the Shaftoe Trust First School PTA. No this is not an invitation to attend a committee meeting but an opportunity to stretch your legs after the winter. On Saturday May 14th an afternoon ramble is organised for parents, children and friends with spooter questionnaires for the observant followed by a picnic in the school garden. Nothing too strenuous and fun for all we hope. Make it a date.

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gathered cuffs, frilled neckline with ribbon trim £15 ono

Both garments have been cleaned - see Mandy, papershop if interested.

1 Piano - walnut veneered - phone Haydon Bridge 360

HAYDON BRIDGE NATURE CLUB

SUMMER AND AUTUMN PROGRAMME 1983

Wednesday	April	27		W. Tait
Thursday	May	5	Plankey Mill, Staward	L.C. Coombes
Wednesday	"	11		W. Tait
Thursday	"	19	Vindolanda, Henshaw	L.C. Coombes
Thursday	June	2	Parkburnfoot, Bellister	L.C. Coombes
Wednesday	"	8		W. Tait
Thursday	"	16	Thornbrough Scar	D.V. Orton
Wednesday	"	22		W. Tait
Saturday	"	25	Basdale, Cumbria	
Thursday	"	30	Steelrigg, Hotbank	L.C. Coombes
Wednesday	July	6		W. Tait
Thursday	"	14	South Tyne, Bardon Mill	L.C. Coombes
Wednesday	"	20		W. Tait
Saturday	"	23	Coastal Walk, Longhoughton, Craster, Newton	
Thursday	"	28	Walltown, Thirlwall	L.C. Coombes
Wednesday	August	3		W. Tait
Thursday	"	11	Hareshaw Lynn	L.C. Coombes
Wednesday	"	17		W. Tait
Thursday	"	25	Dipton Wood, Queens Cave	L.C. Coombes
Thursday	October	6	W.E.A. Course)
Thursday	"	20	Haydon Bridge Community Centre) Dr. D.A. Robson
Thursday	November	3	at 7.15 p.m.) Geology
Thursday	November	17)
Thursday	December	1	") Ian Bainbridge
Thursday	"	15) Flowering plants

1984

Thursday January 5 A.G.M.

All evening walks will depart Church Street, Haydon Bridge at 6.30 p.m. PROMPT

The venues for those walks led by Mr. W. Tait are dependant on the progress of the season and will be announced nearer the time of the walk .

The two Saturday excursions will be by bus leaving Church Street, Haydon Bridge at 8.30 a.m. (Pick up in Hexham by arrangement). Each excursion is designed to cater equally for the energetic and the less so.

Reservations please to the Treasurer.

The walks on May 19, June 2, June 30, July 28 follow closely those described in the Guide "Walks in the Hadrians Wall Area".

New members always welcome:

WEST TYNEDALE ROUND TABLE

ALLENDALE MAY FAIR '83

ON SATURDAY 28th MAY (10.00 a.m. - 5.00 P.m.)

ADMISSION FREE

STALLS, SIDESHOWS - EXHIBITIONS - DISPLAYS - COMPETITIONS - REFRESHMENTS

RAFFLE TICKETS 10p EACH SUPER PRIZES PROGRAMMES 20p EACH

OPEN ALL HOURS but not with a st..a..mm..er.

Pop in and see Poppi because she is open Monday - Saturday.

Poppi and Janice will make you most welcome especially on Thursday afternoon and Saturday afternoon.

OF TIMES PAST AND PRESENT

It was Wednesday 23rd March and it had rained solid from first light. That evening we had been invited to a coffee evening in aid of the "World Wild Life" fund at the home of John, Meggie and Francis Dodd of Harlow Field House, Langley. As we drove past Langley chapel the rain stopped and the evening began to clear.

Lights from cottage windows flickered on the black hill sides away towards Thorngrifton and Barcombe as we stopped the car in the blackness of the night at Harlowfield and found our way through the white gate and up the path towards the front door. "Come on in", said Meggie with a welcome in her voice as we apologised for the "clarts" we trod in on our feet - "Howts, never mind that", said Meggie - "away in and get your coffee", she said as we were shown into the warm living room where stood a strong table that groaned under the weight of farm house baking that only a farmers wife and daughter could do - in the old Northumbrian way - full of good stuff.

In the friendly atmosphere of faces we knew we drank our coffee and explored the well stocked table of good food and delicacies and as much as you could eat for only 50p per person.

A stall in the corner of the room beside the organ and run by Mrs. Brown of Moss House contained home made cakes, marmalade, etc. and was soon sold out as people joined the evening.

I was enjoying a ham sandwich when came a knock on the door and in walked Arthur Dodd from Hill Top - "hello there" - "hello there" - "hello Poppi" said Arthur as he took the bite of his choice from the table, his coffee and made for the sitting room where we followed on for by now the living room was full.

A warm fire glowed red in the grate this March night, and although the curlew was back on the hill a seat by the fire was most welcome away from the cold outside. The warmth reflected from the well varnished low beamed ceiling as shadows danced from ceiling to walls where hung pictures of working horses on the farm and of happy days gone by. As I looked around there were one or two faces I had not known until that night, and others I had known for years - Billy Davidson of the 'Vause', John Dodd and Arthur Dodd: the crack was good and here was a setting out of the far distant past when country folk got together around a fire and told many a good story.

Arthur Dodd! - now here is a fellow that can tell a good story, and he had the room in silence as he told a good tale about "Billy the Pheasant" that he had tamed (much to the enjoyment of my wife who still talks about that story and the pleasure of that evening) and then John Dodd and Billy Davidson got on about country folk long dead with stories of men and their horses and the long hours they worked. Country characters, they said - yet here in this room I thought were characters themselves, and as I was listening and thinking this someone said, "Heor - is that right that Gracie Wilkinson is dead?" "Aye, she is," replied Billy Davidson. "Oh, I'm so sorry," said John, "By, now there was a character," said he, as I remembered her.

The first I can ever remember of Gracie Wilkinson was when my grandfather took me to see the Meet of the "Haydon" in the grounds of Brokenheugh Hall (The Shooting Box) when Maitland lived there. Dainty sandwiches and whisky were being passed around when I, as a wide-eyed small boy, noticed the tall elegant figure of a woman with hair as black as the raven and dressed in a well-cut, close fitting ladies riding habit sitting side-saddle on a big mare. I thought she had only one leg, for all I could see was one highly polished riding boot protruding from under a long black skirt with the foot in the stirrup.

In her everyday life Gracie could be found pottering around her smallholding, feeding hens or attending to cows in the small byre next to the red hay shed (what a grand smell that byre had). In summer months she could be seen along the verges of the country lanes cutting grass for hay to feed her stock during winter. She loved the meadow behind her house, for here she found delight in the abundance of wild flowers that grow there in summer. But what Gracie will be remembered for most of all was her donkeys, and I am sure the small children of the village will be wondering in their little minds as to where she has gone when they no longer see her with a donkey, complete with battered and patched old collar yoked into the flat cart with fragments of straw and tied up to a street sign, electric pole or lime tree in Church Street, and watching her go shopping as 'Toby' sets his long ears for home with Gracie sitting on the cart with her wellington-clad legs dangling over the side. And so that was Gracie as many will remember her, quiet, plain dressing country character that I loved to spend a while talking to - a character that broke her first donkey herself.

The hour was late and we thanked John, Meggie and Francis for their hospitality. As we left, the crack in the sitting room was still good - that of foxes. Well, all I can say here is that Arthur Dodd of Hilltop is the best mimic of a fox that I have ever heard; he can imitate the cry of both dog and vixen - and my advice to all who read this is that if ever you are in the Carts Bog Inn on a winter's night and you hear the scream of a vixen in the Blak Cleugh ... before rushing outside to have a better listen, direct your eyes towards the darkened corner of the domino table and there you will see Arthur leaning back in his seat with his arms folded across his chest and a broad grin on his face.

Owld Tawny

TORCH APPEAL - Gala Day

Roll up - Roll up - Roll up!

Stalls will be set up on the old bridge and a Tug-O-War will be held in the river. To keep everyone interested, a darts challenge match will take place between teams from the North and South side of the river.

One way or another it will be a truly exciting day, there are some people who are willing to float down the river on decorated rafts.

Don't forget GALA DAY 4th JUNE 1983

The Gala will have its own GALA QUEEN. The queen was picked by Lady Elliott at the village disco held Saturday 7th May in the Community Centre. The Queen, MISS CHRISTINE WELSH, will be attended by MISS SALLY THOMPSON.

Unfortunately MISS MICHELLE GRAHAM, who was Lady Elliott's first choice, was unable to attend the Gala Day on 4th June so MISS CHRISTINE WELSH was elected to take her place,

The Committee wish to thank all who supported the Coffee Evening and Cake Stall held on May 7th 1983.

Dryden Smith.

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The Friends of Haydon Bridge are holding a COFFEE MORNING and Bumper Produce and Bargain Sale
at

10.30 am on SATURDAY 11th JUNE. Admission 20p.
Proceeds in aid of Community Association Funds. PLEASE GIVE US YOUR SUPPORT. We need your help to make this a huge success.

Contributions wanted: Home-made goodies
Tombola prizes - big or small
Garden produce and plants
Bargains for Bargain Stall (no clothes).

The Community Hall will be open from 6.00 to 8.00 pm on Friday evening 10th June to receive contributions.

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GARDEN FETE

St. John of Beverly
North Bank

SUNDAY 26th JUNE at 2 pm

Usual stalls; cakes; groceries; Tombola; White Elephant; Soft Goods.
Introducing a GRAND AUCTION SALE plus teas and refreshments. Haydon Bridge Silver Band.

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RHEUMATISM AND ARTHRITIS COUNCIL FOR RESEARCH

Mrs. Beniams wishes to thank all those who supported recent fund raising events. The film show and talk, together with the Jumble Sale raised £180.

Already many people in the village and friends of SUSAN BEER have pledged money in excess of £100 as sponsorship on JUNE 19th 1983 when she will be competing in the GREAT NORTH RUN. All proceeds from this 13 mile half marathon venture will be donated to the RHEUMATISM AND ARTHRITIS COUNCIL FOR RESEARCH. Both Susan Beer and Mrs. Beniams will be pleased to accept other sponsorship or donations before or after the run.

TYNEDALE DISTRICT COUNCIL - HAYDON BRIDGE SPORTS HALL

The Sports Hall is situated in the grounds of Haydon Bridge County High School. The Sports Complex has been jointly provided and is available for school and community use.

The Sports Hall is approximately 36m x 17.5m and can accommodate numerous sporting and social activities. For instance the hall is laid out to take four badminton courts, one court for basketball, volleyball, netball, five-a-side football, tennis, hockey and cricket. Other sports can also be played like fencing, judo, karate, table-tennis, gymnastics, trampolining, bowls, archery, keep-fit, etc. The hall can also be used for social purposes like dances, exhibitions, theatre, etc. Ancillary facilities include store-rooms, spectator gallery, two changing rooms, two staff changing rooms, a handicapped person's toilet and a cleaners room. The whole complex is linked to the Squash Courts by means of a double door which is situated inside the common entrance.

Opening times: Haydon Bridge High School use the hall during the day up to 6.00 pm. The County Adult Association administer use between Monday and Thursday evenings. Tynedale District Council has the Sports Hall available for hire at the following times:-

Fridays	6.00 pm - 10.00 pm
Saturdays	1.00 pm - 10.00 pm
Sundays	9.00 am - 10.00 pm
School holidays	9.00 am - 10.00 pm

Users: The Hall may be hired only to bonafide organisations for sporting, social, cultural and commercial activities.

<u>Charges:</u>	a) Week-days and evenings	£5.75 per hour or part of (+ VAT)
	Week-ends	£5.75 per hour or part of (+VAT)
	b) Commercial	£34.50 per hour or part of

Booking Conditions:

- a) The Hall and ancillary facilities may be hired by bonafide organisations who complete the necessary application form and return it to the Recreation Officer at least two weeks before they wish to use the Hall.
- b) Bookings will only be accepted during the times stated above, and which Tynedale District Council is responsible for, and where there is a free period.
- c) Booking preference will be given to regular users and organisations based in Tynedale.
- d) Regular booking will be taken in advance, but will not exceed 26 weeks in duration.
- e) Advance one-off booking will be taken for up to 26 weeks, but may be negotiated for a period in excess of this.
- f) Any over-run on either side of the booking period will be charged at the hourly rate.
- g) Payment of booking must accompany the booking form. Any organisation not complying with this will have deemed not to have booked. Advance regular booking can be paid for in installments. This would be negotiable with the Recreation Officer.
- h) Any advance bookings not taken up may be charged at the full rate at the discretion of the Treasurer. Refunds may also be made at the discretion of the Treasurer.

i) Any dispute arising out of bookings may be referred to the Management Committee.

j) All organisations hiring the Hall will do so at the discretion of the Recreation Officer.

Caretaking: The Caretakers are employed by Northumberland County Council and will be responsible for opening and closing the Sports Hall at the appropriate times. The Caretakers will report damage. Any reports of this nature by organisations should be made to the Caretakers.

Equipment: All organisations using the Hall will be responsible for providing their own equipment. Some fixed equipment will be provided and some pooled equipment. Any queries on this should be addressed to the Recreation Officer.

Lounge and Gallery: The spectator gallery and lounge will be available for use by organisations hiring the Hall. The organisation will, however, be responsible for the conduct of all people using the gallery when they are hiring the Hall.

Storage: A limited amount of storage is available for organisations using the Hall. Any enquiries should be addressed to the Recreation Officer.

Parking: The bus park is available for parking and some limited parking is also available behind the school.

Conditions of Use:

- a) At all times appropriate sports clothing must be worn.
- b) Organisations hiring the hall will only be allowed to use the hall for the purposes stated on the booking form.
- c) Users of the building should conduct themselves in a proper manner at all times on all school property, so as not to cause a nuisance to other users, school pupils and staff or to damage property.
- d) Any damage caused to the building or its contents whilst the hirer is using the premises will be attributable to the hirer. In signing the hire form the hirer will undertake to make good all costs arising out of damage caused during the hire period.
- e) Any failure to adhere to these conditions might lead to a ban.
- f) The conditions of use will be subject to amendment and no notice will have to be given by Tynedale and Council. All questions of interpretation will be in the first instance at the discretion of Tynedale District Council and/or the Management Committee.

Any problems, questions or complaints should be addressed to:

Mr. R. Mercer
Recreation Officer
Tynedale District Council
Prospect House
HEXHAM
Northumberland, NE46 1XE.

Telephone: Hexham 604011 Extension 251

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CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

Please give generously during Christian Aid Week. Envelopes will be distributed during the week 16th-21st May. Please look at the Methodist Events Calendar for other associated events.

HAYDON BRIDGE METHODIST CHURCH.

You are cordially invited to the following services and meetings:

- May 15 10.45 am Mr. J H Bainbridge
- 6 pm United Service - Rev A Beniams
- 18 2.30 pm Women's Own - Members Day
- 22 10.45 am Mr J F Hutchinson
- 6 pm Rev A Wignall (Sacrament)
- 29 10.45 am Rev A. Wignall (Sacrament)
- 6 pm Mr N Fullard
- June 1 Women's Own Trip
- 5 10.45 am Miss M Armstrong
- 6 pm Rev A Wignall (United Service) - Parish Church
- 12 10.45 am Rev A Wignall (Family Service)
- 6 pm Mr R Wilkinson
- 15 2.30 pm Women's Own - Mrs Doris Buckingham

THANK YOU

It is a man's kindly acts that are remembered of him in the years after his life. For Pam and myself it is the kindness and concern of friends, neighbours and customers that we shall remember each day as we watch Scott growing up.

Thank you,
from John, Pam and Scott Porteous.

The Parish Council Meeting will be held on 27th May 1983. We hope to have issue No. 44 typed, printed and in your homes by 3rd June 1983. If you have any events likely to take place between 3rd June and 8th July, please let me have details of these by Friday 28th May 1983. This is also the very flexible date for other literary contributions.

All events that may occur after the next issue is distributed, will be printed automatically.

Telephone contributions will be accepted, and all requests for anonymity will be complied with in confidence.

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