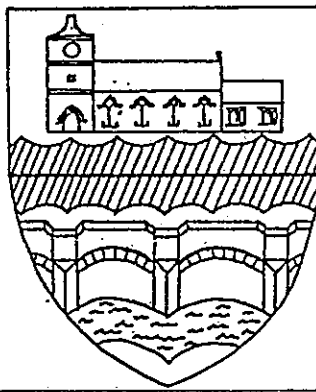


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Fri	11.30-1.30	4.30-6.00	7.30-12.00
Sat	11.30-1.30	--	7.30-12.00
Sun		CLOSED ALL DAY	

December 1987

Dear Friends,

Christmas is the time to celebrate the Birthday of a very Special Baby. When any new baby is born it is a time of great excitement.

To celebrate each Birthday we send greetings cards and good wishes. For the baby whose Birthday we celebrate on 25th December we share our joy with family and friends alike. We give and receive presents and enjoy Christmas parties; above all we share our love and joy with others.

The nights may be long and dark but Christmas reminds us of a light which came into the world to lift some of the darkness and replace it with love and peace of mind.

In a mainly Christian community we too easily forget the people of the world who celebrate their beliefs in many different forms. In the long run it is all about caring and sharing.

So whoever you are and whatever God you seek strength from, remember the good things we share.

It is a great pleasure to be able to wish everyone in the Parish and Ward of Haydon Bridge -

a HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND PEACE IN THE NEW YEAR.

Marion Howard

Please have all articles and information to me by January 1st for the next issue of HAYDON NEWS.

The Church of England Children's Society boxes raised £271.82, an increase of £21 on last year's total. Many thanks to all who contributed to this worthy cause.

Anyone interested in having a 'home' collection box please contact the undersigned

M L Curry

Tel: Haydon Bridge 238

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The recent Poppy Appeal in Haydon Bridge resulted in a total of £443.31. This is an excellent collection for which the Royal British Legion will be very grateful.

I should like to thank everyone who helped to achieve this amount.

Audrey Carey Hon Organiser

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The subscriptions to the British Red Cross Society, Northumbria Branch, amounted to £276.40

Mrs Nicholl would like to thank all those who subscribed so generously.

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MEMORIES II

As we wandered up John Martin Street away from Pandon and turned at the Anchor corner to cross the bridge, I remember having to quicken my pace to a trot to keep up with Mother as she struggled to hold on to the pram as we descended towards the sharp bend that turned left into Radcliffe Road. I thought, "what a long way this is" as my little legs with feet in clogs ached from trying to keep up with the pram as well as the difficulty of hanging on to Mother's dress (for I had the fear of getting lost).

Suddenly I stumbled as I gazed up towards the War Memorial set between two lime trees at the end of the bridge.... "Was that a real soldier?" Oh, he was big! "Is that rifle and bayonet real?" I thought as Mother dragged me along past the monument on the rough road. I knew the monument had been erected in 1922 because Dad spoke of it - "and he should know, because he had been a soldier in "C" Company of the 4th Battalion of the Northumberland Fusiliers in the 1914-18 War and his number was 1317 and he was wounded twice at the Battle of the Somme, so he should know" I thought - "Yes, he did know, did my Dad, because he was still a soldier in the Territorials now and was guard of honour at the grand unveiling of the newly erected statue at the public ceremony". I stumbled many times from looking back at that statue as we made up Radcliffe Road to the archway where the horse and cart stood, now empty of the last load of furniture.

The archway leading to our new house was a delight in my young mind. It was long and very high (at least, it appeared to be, but when I look at it now it is just a short passage-way). I could imagine it to be anything from a secret passage leading off into the unknown, or to anything I wanted it to be. I soon found that if I put one foot on a rough stone on one wall and the other foot on the opposite wall I could straddle my way up the cobblestone walls to the ceiling. I soon found that the passage was good for whistling and singing; the science of sounds, acoustics, made my whistling and singing sound fantastic. Many a rainy day as I stood singing I imagined I was vocalist to Henry Hall and his Orchestra way back in those mellow classical years.... "Better here than down Pandon" I thought - "No passage down there".

The house we moved to was slightly larger than the one we had left, with a living-room to the right as you enter through the one and only door. A large black-leaded cast iron fireplace with set-pot and oven dominated the scene with a pantry cupboard on the right. The living-room ceiling had old-time hooks for hanging hams or home-cured bacon, but most folk used them to hang the wet washing to dry if the weather was bad. (No washing machines in those days) A cupboard under the stairs was used to store bags of potatoes and the flour bin, and the family used to get washed there in an enamel bowl. I remember that ours was white with a green rim to it that Mam bought at the Store across the bridge from old Melvin. (He was manager at the Co-Op). The water we washed in was heated from the coal fire in the set-pot and what a grand smell that heated rainwater had as you lifted the lid off the pot to reach in with "the quart". No wonder us bairns had good complexions; the quality and texture of the skin from washing in rainwater that was stored in the barrel at the down spout gave a totally different and fresh look to young and old alike.

Upstairs the house had only two bedrooms, no bathrooms or flush toilet. Most homes in Haydon Bridge in those distant days had no water in their houses, let alone a bathroom or flush toilet. In fact, the first flush toilets to come to Haydon Bridge were in the railway cottages in the Station Yard where

one member of the family would say "I'm just going down the back", for that is where the row of outside flush toilets stood, or maybe still stand to this day, and they were so great a novelty when the L.N.E.R. company installed them that on Sunday evenings after church or chapel the Spa-well walk was abandoned for a while and the riverside by way of the gasworks and subway was the in thing amongst the sedately calm and serene ladies of the village, while the sober serious gentlemen would just happen to be talking by the wall at the end of the Vicarage garden hoping to hear a chain being pulled in one or other of this wonderful new invention that had arrived in Haydon Bridge - "The Flush Toilet".

Far was the sound of a chain being pulled and the rushing of water into a porcelain pot for most homes in Haydon Bridge: the rest of us had to be content with a "netty" at the bottom of the garden or across the yard. At our new house in Radcliffe Road we had a beautiful two-holer that was shared by four families, attached to a large ashpit where rats scavenged amongst household waste that had been deposited there along with ashes from the fire - (no dustbins in those days). I was now of an age when I could loosen my own buttons and could climb up onto the netty by myself. I remember the smell of disinfectant as I lifted the lid from the chosen hole that I was going to sit on; the round lid had a brass knob to lift with. The seat itself was scrubbed white, but the immediate area where one sat was polished with the continuous action between backside and wood. The netty walls were distempered with a red that rubbed off onto your clothes as you either reached for the square pieces of "The North Mail" so lovingly cut, trimmed and neatly threaded onto a string that hung on a hook behind the door, (this was difficult for me to reach, for being so little it often resulting in me falling off the netty seat onto the cold flagged floor), or as you struggled to fasten up your trousers again before leaving. The bolt that fastened the door was always a problem in my mind - "No bother to Mam or Dad" I thought, for they were big, grown-up people - but to me that stiff, rusted old bolt that locked the door presented a problem in my young mind - once engaged, it was difficult to withdraw; some days it was more difficult than others, so I developed a terror of being locked in the netty.

So what I planned seemed good. I would loosen my trouser buttons from my braces, and then with my short trousers dangling around my ankles I would take a firm grip of the edge of the netty seat and stretch my little legs and ankles as far as they would go until the tips of my toes just touched the door, hoping that would keep anyone in desperate need out until I was finished. But, do you know?, it didn't work out the way I had planned it.... One day while I sat in meditation and listening to the rats rummaging amongst household waste and ash in the ashpit, I was caught unawares as the door was suddenly thrust open and in came the little old lady from the front street. Her eyesight was not the best, and in the dim light of the netty all was black from coming in from the bright sun of midday. I sat silent on the left hole of the two-holer and wide-eyed as she hiked up her long black dress from the rear then proceeded to pull down a pair of the biggest windjammers I have ever seen (from then till now) and placed her thin lily-white bum on the other hole. She departed without a sound or knowing that I sat terrified and silent on the other hole and wondering what that intermittent hissing sound was. I sat for ages before I dare come out of that netty after what I had just seen in case she should be about in the garden. As I peeped through a crack in the netty door to see if she was there I remember thinking "Why did she need to wear such a huge pair of white flannel bloomers to cover such a thin little bum?".

(to be continued)

Gerry Atric

PARISH COUNCIL PICKINGS

26 November 1987

10 Councillors present: 1 Apology.

Signs and Signals

The Highways Department has promised to paint some zig-zags at the approaches to the Radcliffe Road pelican crossing. Although this must be of some help to those who want to cross the road, one Councillor was not convinced that the lights allowed sufficient time for the less agile residents to get across safely. The Parish Council agreed to have the timing checked.

The lack of footpaths on the East Lands End road has persuaded the County that a warning sign is needed. Expect to see a "Man-and-child" there soon.

Complaints continue about the road sign on the Church Street island which cuts off any view westwards if you are in a high vehicle. The County has already said that they can't change it, but the Parish Council decided to ask them to think again.

Efforts are being made to get the Strother Close/Langley Gardens lighting improved. The main reason for the County's reluctance to think about this question is lack of money. Our District Councillors are going to make an effort to get a bigger allocation for next year.

Plans

No objections have been raised to new houses proposed to be built at Grindon Farm and in Heugh House Lane. On the other hand, Slaley Parish Council is hopping mad about 65 new houses at Slaley Hall and asked for moral support from Haydon in their opposition to them. However, Haydon didn't think it could make much difference, and felt it was none of their business anyway.

Money

Minimum expenditure by the Parish Council for 1988/89 is estimated at approximately £3,100. The rate precept was set at 2 pence - which will bring in £3,360 - thus preserving the balance expected at the end of this year to cover the unexpected.

Amenity

Councillor Mrs Garrow is looking after the hanging baskets for the winter. If you can offer space to park a perennial or could help with re-stocking them for next year, please let her know (Tel: 324)

Friends of the Old Church would like some signposts to help visitors to find it. The Tourist Board will be approached for help.

Mrs Boakes, Secretary of the Parochial Church Council, will welcome suggestions for discouraging the pigeons which roost on the church roof and tower.

The next meeting is on 17th December (if you were thinking of attending)

CHESS

Why not come along to the HAYDON HOTEL for a game of chess?

Not only would you enjoy a good game of chess, but you would meet some interesting characters. Talk to Jim Dixon about his world tours, or listen to his theory on how to rid this world of the AIDS virus. Learn the flank opening, and how to castle without moving your hut, from Herbie Greener. Talk to Arthur Fulton about low handicap golf or David Tulip about high handicap golf. Talk to Charlie Cooper about fishing and what he sees down the riverside, which is more interesting. Listen to the high jinks that Roger Boakes gets up to as a student. Watch Richard Wallace eat a packet of crisps, a bag of nuts and drink a glass of lemonade in ten seconds flat without getting drunk. Meet the groupies who hang around on our chess nights, who think that a flash of stocking or a tight-fitting sweater will put us off our game. Some hope!

We solve most gardening problems that arise, and all medical problems except the ones that don't arise.

Fees: Adults £2 per annum. OAP and pupils free

We meet at the Haydon Hotel every Wednesday night at 7.30 pm.
Females most welcome.

Small Pawn

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FROM THE SECRETARY OF HAYDON BRIDGE FOOTBALL CLUB

In recent years, appeals have been made by the committee of Haydon Bridge Football Club expressing their concern at the alarming number of dog owners allowing their pets to foul the football ground. The vast majority of owners responded to these appeals and keep their dogs under control. However, it has been brought to the attention of the committee that certain owners are persisting in allowing their dogs to foul the football field, thus creating a dangerous health hazard. A FINAL APPEAL is made therefore to these thoughtless owners to keep their animals under control.

If this appeal is ignored and the owners concerned continue to act totally without consideration the committee will be reluctantly forced to take legal steps in order to safeguard the wellbeing of the players and groundstaff.

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HAYDON BRIDGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

The Hall of the Centre is now available for bookings on three Wednesdays out of four in each month, and on Friday evenings.

Club Secretaries or organisations who wish to book should contact

Mr A C Coombes 4 Belmont Haydon Bridge

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RANGER GUIDES AT ALLENDALE

Anyone interested in joining Ranger Guides at Allendale please phone

KEEPING WARM THIS WINTER

Bill Howard

With the arrival of Winter it may be apt to say a few words about keeping warm and the cost of heating. In the space available it is only possible to give a general outline of what can be done and what assistance is and may be available.

Firstly it is no good spending money on heating a house if large amounts of that heat are lost through the roof and windows. For instance you can lose up to a quarter of your heat through an uninsulated loft. If your loft is not insulated or the insulation is one inch or less deep, you can get a grant from Tynedale District Council. Water heating costs can be cut by a half if your hot water tank is fitted with a jacket. Draughts come in through doors, windows and even through the floors. Wherever you can feel the cold coming in you can be sure that the heat is getting out. Specially designed draught excluders can be fitted to doors and windows, or a traditional sausage type excluder can also be used at the bottom of a draughty door. Curtains (lined if possible) should be drawn over doors and windows at night and an inexpensive form of double glazing can be made by stretching plastic sheeting between the window frames.

REMEMBER - NEVER BLOCK OR COVER AIR VENTS OR AIR BRICKS - AS ALL ROOMS NEED VENTILATION TO PREVENT CONDENSATION

If you are on a Supplementary Pension or Housing Benefit Supplement and you have savings of less than £500, you may be able to get a grant to help with the costs of draught-proofing and fitting a hot water tank jacket.

As a person gets older their body may need some extra help to keep you warm. Exercise will help your circulation and eating and drinking can also help to keep you warm. Start the day with a warming breakfast made with hot milk and always have one hot meal each day. It is important to have plenty of hot drinks between meals and a warm nightcap before going to bed. Duvets, under-blankets, hot water bottles and electric blankets all help to keep you warm in bed. Always remember to switch off your electric blanket before you get into bed, unless it is a special over-blanket.

The question of heating varies a great deal depending on the size of your house, what you can afford and what you already have available. Perhaps I could say something about extra heating in bedrooms and other places where this is required for short periods only. Electric fires give you instant heat but they are expensive to use for long periods of time. Some examples of the cost of various types are:

Convactor heater (2 kW) - $\frac{1}{2}$ hour warmth uses - 1 Unit
InfraRed heater (1 kW) - 1 hour warmth uses - 1 Unit
Oil-filled radiator

(500 Watts) 2 hours warmth uses - 1 Unit
Radiant Heater (3kW) - 20 mins warmth uses - 1 Unit

(A Unit of electricity at the present time costs 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ p at the normal rate)

Plug-in electric fires must not be used in bathrooms. Properly installed wall heaters or combined ceiling light/heat units should be used.

For those who may need help with heating bills, this may be available if you are:

- * Getting Supplementary Benefit or
- * Getting Housing Benefit Supplement with your Housing Benefit

You must be able to answer yes to at least one of the following questions:

1. Are you or is anyone you claim for aged 65 or over?
2. Do you claim for a child of less than 5 years old?
3. Is your house hard to heat. For example its old, has big

4. Are you, or is anyone you claim for, seriously ill or housebound?
5. Does anyone in your house need extra warmth because of ill-health, such as bronchitis, rheumatism, arthritis or anaemia?
6. Do you or someone you claim for get an Attendance Allowance or Mobility Allowance?

* In some cases you may get extra money if your income is just above the Supplementary Benefit level.

Enquire or get someone else to enquire at your Social Security Office.
REMEMBER - If in doubt - CLAIM

In a period of very cold weather Senior Citizens may be able to claim an Exceptionally Severe Weather Payment, if you receive a Supplementary Pension and have savings of less than £500 or less.

The North Eastern Electricity Board has agreed not to cut off anyone they know to be a pensioner between 1 October & 31 March. If you are threatened with disconnection, contact your local Electricity office immediately and let them know you are a senior citizen. Always get advice as soon as you can.

SOME USEFUL ADDRESSES

<u>Insulation Grants</u>	-	Tynedale District Council Prospect House Hexham 604011
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<u>Advice & Assistance with Heating & Insulation</u>	-	Keep Northumberland Warm 6 Gilesgate Hexham 602636
<u>Advice on Suitability of Electric Heaters</u>	-	NEEB Service Hexham 603678

NORTHUMBERLAND WILDLIFE TRUST

Congratulations to three village children who walked off with the main trophies in the NWT Schools Nature Competition.

Gillian Wardle of East Haydon Farm won the Hird Trophy for the best project:

Matthew Bennett of Langley Gardens won the James Alder Trophy for the best illustrated project:

Ian Bradley of John Martin Street won the Dick Kirkup Prize for the best project on riverside trees.

Well done!

FRESH OVEN-READY TURKEYS are available still from Jack Hindle.

Please ring Haydon Bridge 275 to order your turkey for delivery prior to Christmas.

SERVICES AT THE PARISH CHURCH - December 1987

Sunday 6 December (Advent 2)	8.00 am 10.00 am 6.00 pm	Holy Communion Family Eucharist United Service at the Roman Catholic Church
Sunday 13 December (Advent 3)	10.30 am 3.00 pm	Parish Eucharist and Sunday School Evensong
Sunday 20 December (Advent 4)	8.00 am 10.00 am 6.00 pm	Holy Communion Parish Eucharist and Sunday School United Carol Service at the Methodist Church
Monday 21 December	2.00 pm	Shaftoe Trust First School Chrastangle Service
Thursday 24 December (Christmas Eve)	4.00 pm 11.30 pm	Children's Crib Service First Eucharist of Christmas
Friday 25 December	10.00 am	Family Eucharist for Christmas Day
Saturday 26 December (St Stephen)	8.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 27 December (Christmas 1)	10.00 am 6.00 pm	Parish Eucharist and Sunday School Nine Lessons and Carols
Monday 28 December (Holy Innocents)	8.00 am	Holy Communion
Tuesday 27 December (St John Evangelist)	8.00 am	Holy Communion

FRIENDS OF THE OLD CHURCH

At the last meeting of the Friends of the Old Church it was agreed that there should be a subscription of £1 to become a Friend of the Old Church. Friends will automatically receive copies of the minutes of the meetings.

All donations to the Old Church are recorded separately and only used for the maintenance of the Old Church.

If you would like to become a friend please fill in the form below.

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