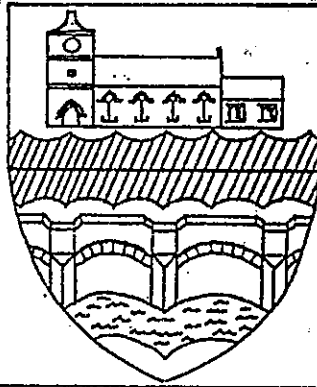


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Fri	11.30-1.30	4.30-6.00	7.30-12.00
Sat	11.30-1.30	- -	7.30-12.00
Sun	- -	- -	- -

CLOSED ALL DAY

Wet fish: Friday 9.00-2.00

OCTOBER 1987

Dear Friends,

I am greatly disturbed by the rise in thefts in the village. Once again I have written to the Police Superintendent at Hexham requesting information concerning the Police House and the lack of a resident police officer and I am hopeful of a reply very soon.

In the meantime, who ever you are, take care when you go out, be on your guard. When you are at home, safeguard yourself and your property by locking your doors and checking who to answer the door to.

This is particularly important to those living alone, especially senoir citizens. The problem is that most people have grown up in this village when it was safe to keep their doors unlocked.

Remeber we have a Trunk Road running through our village and it is easy for opportunist thieves to come in quickly and depart with equal haste. This is were Neirbourhood Watch should be helping you. Neirbourhood Watch is not for spying on your friends and neirbours but for keeping a watch for the unusual visitors on foot or in cars.

Be alert, be aware and save our friends from the trauma of being the victims of crime.

Marion Howard

PARISH COUNCIL PICKINGS

24 September 1987

Nine Councillors Present. Two Apologies

Childrens Play Area - Draft proposals have been received from Tynedale District Council (see item in this issue)

Squash Courts - Concern was expressed at the under use of the facilities at Haydon Bridge.

State of Public Footpath - Peelwell to School. This footpath, paticularly at the Peelwell end is becoming hazardous.

Lightind in Village - There is general dissatisfaction at the inadequate lighting in the village. Tynedale District Council is to be asked to examine the situation and advise in improvements.

Litter - The Headmaster of the High School is to be approached to enlist his aid in reducing the litter problem in the village.

Elfield Methodist Church, Haydon-Bridge.

Donation to the Organ Fund.

The whole Church is greatly indebted to Mr Harry Watson and Family who donated the profits of their most recent dance (£300) to our Chapel to pay for the repair and tuning of the Organ. It was a most generous gesture for which we are truly grateful.

Our Printing Machine

As an artist I suppose I have more than my fair share of ideas. As an unknown and unsuccessful (in financial terms) artist I have to conclude that I have an equally fair share of not very good ideas. When, on a visit to a printer, I learnt that he had an old small offset printing machine for sale I thought it might be a good idea if the Friends of Haydon Bridge bought it. There have been times in the intervening months when I wished I had kept my idea to myself. However, I didn't and three of the committee members went to see the machine working satisfactorily and it was eventually decided that we should acquire it.

The offset printing system, for those who are interested, is based on the method of printing known as lithography. Those who are not interested should skip this paragraph. The unlikely story about the invention of lithography goes something like this: one day a printer sat on a flat wet stone on which someone had been drawing with a wax crayon; someone had also spilt some printing ink on the stone. When the printer got up, which he probably did fairly soon, the image of the drawing had been transferred to the seat of his pants. The reason this happened is because oil and water don't mix; the printing ink, being oleaginous, stuck to the wax drawing but not to the wet stone, the water stayed on the stone but not on the wax drawing. The inked drawing was therefore transferred to the rear end of the printer. The image was of course a mirror image of the drawing which was all right for the printer who could only see it through a mirror unless he took his trousers off. Artists still use lithographic stones but commercial printers want to print without the need to reverse the image before printing so the offset process was devised. This is done by transferring the ink from the original image (the master), usually on a paper or zinc plate wrapped round a roller, onto another roller (the blanket), from there the image is printed the right way round onto the paper, or trousers if you get them caught in the machine. All this is irrelevant except in so far as it indicates that the process is a delicate one.

The decision to purchase the machine was taken based on the expectation that it could print better copy than the old stencil duplicator we were using and that it would be more versatile, allowing us to use copies of drawings etc. Three or four of us would learn to use the machine after instruction from the printer who sold us it and with the help of the instruction book.

The machine was purchased and duly installed in an upstairs room in the Community Centre. Then the gravy hit the fan and continued to hit it for a long time. In spite of two visits from the printer to help us and one visit from me to the printer to get instruction, could we get the machine to deliver decent copies or even to deliver copies at all? In addition to this we were warned by one of our committee members that one of the fluids used constituted a fire risk and should only be used in a well ventilated room. Indeed quite a niff was finding its way down the stairs in the Community Centre so the machine was moved to an unused room in the Shaftoe First School.

The machine had a way of eating paper instead of delivering beautifully printed copies. The paper wrapped itself round the ink rollers and gradually returned to pulp. The only thing to do then was to dismantle and clean the rollers, a foul job which left my hands impregnated with printing ink for about a week. Apart from that we managed to blacken the blanket or master or both, and the machine delivered, when it delivered, printed matter varying in

quality from unusable to almost tolerable. We were consuming paper and masters at an appalling rate. We found that if we used bone dry paper (I actually cooked some in the oven) it worked slightly better.

In the middle of all this one of us broke one of the parts. Guess who. Yes, the ideas man. The new part had to be ordered from Germany and cost a lot of money. By this time one or two committee members, though they did not openly say so, seemed to be hinting that the machine was a mistake. Those of us who had been operating the monster somehow managed to keep faith with it. My own faith was tempered with that stupidity which makes us artists persevere on the theory that if someone else can do something so can we. Empiricism? Pragmatism? To cut a long story short it was decided to have the machine overhauled. Again it cost a lot of money. It was revealed that the machine required quite a lot of adjustment and on top of this we had not been operating the machine quite as we should.

Readers, if we still have any, will have noticed a marked improvement in the printing in the previous issue and, hopefully, in this one. It is not perfect but with careful handling the machine produces, quickly, good clean copy with very little waste of paper. It is hoped that it will continue to do so and that those contributors who may have been put off by the quality of printing will start sending stuff in to the Editor again. It should be possible to print pen and ink drawings, preferably without large areas of solid black. Any artists in the village? Who, me? I'm keeping my ideas to myself.

Pat Sharp

'WEDNESDAY CLUB' for WIDOWED PEOPLE

Commencing at 8pm on Wednesday, 28 October next at 64 Langley Gardens, Hayden Bridge.

Please join us and be a founder member of the new club - a warm welcome awaits you.

The aim of the group is to promote caring friendship.

Membership is free.

Sylvia Hajda

NATIONAL CHILDREN'S HOME

On behalf of the National Children's Home I wish to thank everyone who gave so generously in the house to house collection held from 21 Sept to 3 October. Thanks also to the helpers who so willingly gave of their time to help with the collection. The amount forwarded to the Home from the Hayden Bridge People was £231.03, an increase of £37.15 on last years total. It is through this help and support given to them that they are able to continue in their work of child and community care.

Thanking you all once again

Sally Todd (Hon Secretary)

WANTED

Cheap 2 1/4 square (6 x 6) slide projector. Please contact Pat Sharp - H B 411

MEMORIES

Once upon a time, it was a very, very long time ago that I was born down Pandon in Haydon Bridge. Pandon is where Gladys of the chemist lives, but not the same house. I first saw the light of day streaming through the small frost griped window panes of the cottage at the top of the lane nearest to Lowhall Farm and as I peeped at the red evening sky I remember feeling very cold, for it was a late November afternoon.

From the very start of my life I was blessed with a good memory, in fact my earliest memory was that of hearing old Doctor Routledges feet shuffling across the bare lino and down the stairs after he had delivered me. As he creaked open the front door to let himself out I could plainly hear the cows bellowing in the byre at the farm, as they waited to be milked. Mind you it was 'nt until I was about a year old that I knew what that sound was, when my mam pointed out to me what a moo-cow was - then I remembered 'Ah! that was what that sound was' said I, as I lay red, wet and fresh from the womb.

Haydon Bridge in yon far off day was a very quiet place, there was no heavy traffic and no one owned a car because we were all poor, at least most families were for it was just after the 1914-18 War. The only sound to disturb the village was that of the trains across the river on the L.N.E.R. line. I remember well the families that lived down Pandon all those years ago. They were 'the Thompson's' on top some 'The Clocky's', Tommy, Doreen, Boxer and older ones that are beyond my ken. Archey and Barbara Dixon (Wheest Arch) and Miss Milwood the post lady. The Jacksons who had two daughters, Jean and Ada lived at the bottom of the lane nearest the river and on Sundays after everyone had been to Church or Chapel, I remember being pushed in my pram to the Spa Well with my Mother and Dad, alongside baby Ada in her lovely big navy blue pram. I think she used to fancy me because she used to wink at me from under the canopy of her pram and I used to wink back - I wonder where she is now? As I mentioed earlier most people in Haydon Bridge went to Church or Chapel on Sundays and they were all well attended. But on nice warm Summer evenings, after Church or Chapel it was quite common to observe the exit from the village of sedately staid, middle aged and old ladies who had got beyond the excitable and beyond being unruffled by passion as they took their evening stroll to partake of the medicinal healing waters of the Haydon Spa. Men and Women all dressed up in their Sunday best, - long dark dresses and men in their tight fitting trousers, buttoned up jacket, stiff shirt collar and highly polished black boots and all smelling of moth balls. And as you wandered back to the village you would meet others just setting off towards the Spa Well - it all depended how long winded the Minister was in whatever denomination one attended, as to when the service ended.

From that bedroom window where I was born the view looked out across the Langley Burn as it neared the end of its journey to the Tyne. No Martins close stood there then, only a field with cows grazing, the field belonged to Tot Barron. Long Gardens belonging to houses in John Martin Street beyond The 'Blue House' stetched down to the river, with pig stys and hen huts and runs at the bottom, and beyond the old stone bridge stood the house where we were next going to live for a rent of 2/6d per week.

I was about three years old when a local cart-man arrived down the

UPGRADING AND IMPROVEMENT TO PRIORITY
PLAYGROUNDS IN TYNE DALE

1. Langley Gardens, Haydon Bridge - DRAFT PROPOSALS

a) Clearance of existing site

The present slide and all equipment in the small fenced area should be removed from site. The fence should also be removed and the remaining surface top dressed and sown with grass.

b) New developments

The large grassed area will incorporate a toddler site and a site for older children. The toddler site will be surrounded by small logs and barked throughout. A small wooden fence should be erected alongside the lay-by area so that children do not run directly onto the road.

c) Equipment - Playdale - Log Construction

The toddler site will include a Mini Playframe, Balance Beam and Stepping Stones.

The site for older children will include a Playframe (with Totem Poles), plus the following elements of the Tarzan Trail : Balance Beam, Chain Walk, Balance Walk, Balance Beam, Log Walk, Swinging Steps, Ladder Walk and Burma Bridge.

All the equipment for older children will be installed initially onto the grassed area, however, bark surfacing will have to be laid underneath the higher pieces of equipment within the next two years.

The main features of the Playdale Lakeland Log designs are their safety and durability. All timbers are drilled, countersunk and sanded smooth before pressure impregnation with wood preservative.

The Tarzan Trail is designed to capture the imagination of the boisterous older age groups. The elements will be installed in a circular pattern and can be completed in succession, providing a stimulating challenge.

General Sewage Agency/Tynedale and

Outflow of Raw Sewage into the River South Tyne

The following information is a preliminary report which will be presented to the Parish Council when more information has been forwarded to me by both the Engineering Officer and Environmental Health Officer of Tynedale District Council.

It is suspected that as the holding tank at the Sewage Plant has a limited capacity, and since the pipes taking effluent from the village to the tank do not have a very steep flowing gradient, once the tank is filled the back-up of effluent is dealt with by the overflow system, releasing sewage into the river. The reason for this happening frequently could be a broken pipe between the village and the sewage tank. It is possible to investigate this with TV cameras and this possibility is to be looked at by Tynedale District Council, who will report back to me on all future findings.

A recent problem at Belmont caused by heavy rainwater flowing into domestic sewage systems may well be traced to the main sewer system down the North Bank. To relieve this problem the District Council Engineer's Dept may well require to use TV cameras, followed by clearance using powerful jets.

It is encouraging to see that Northumbrian Water Authority have allocated £124,000 to Tynedale District Council for sewer maintenance in the 1987/88 Budget and that the Brigwood scheme costed at £11,000 in September is included in the approved capital expenditure.

Lighting

Lighting in Haydon Bridge is the responsibility of Northumberland County Council. As there have been many complaints about all the lighting in and around the village, I have written to Northumberland County Council requesting a full survey of all the lighting in Haydon Bridge.

A major area of poor lighting are the housing estates and I have asked the Housing Officer at Tynedale to persue this problem with the County Council. I hope this two-pronged attack will bring results.

Haydon Bridge Sports Hall

The Sports Hall has had a few ups and downs this year. The Easter School of Sport was very successful and provided a gross income of over £100, which the County has used to increase the sports equipment stocks at the Sports Hall.

Squash coaching sessions which took place at Easter were a success with the under-14 age group, but less so with the older children. A First School recreation session for Haydon Bridge, Henshaw, Allendale and Newbrough included table tennis, trampolining, gymnastics, cricket practice and archery. Around 60 children attended these sessions each week.

The 1987 Haydon Bridge School of Sport was held between the 3 & 7 August and the more popular activities continued from 10 to 14 August. The less popular activities of basket ball and karate were not offered this year. Attendances for this M.S.C. funded Tynedale Recreation Scheme were disappointing this year, 192 as opposed to 288 in 1986. However, there were increased attendances for both squash and badminton. Unfortunately the event was run simultaneously with Wentworths Summer Holiday Programme.

When the Report on the Haydon Bridge Sports Hall was preseted to the Recreation and Amenities Committee it was suggested that the special problems of this complex could be better managed on site by the County Council. The Committee involvød has requested that Cllr Loyd should compile a Report, with suggestions for improving the existing situation.

Halfwhistle now have their own squash courts and this inevitably takes some of the players away from Haydon Bridge. The proposals to extend Wentworth and provide squash courts could once again eat away the numbers using our own facilities. The present situation could have been settled if earlier suggested solutions put forward by Cllr E. Waite before his retirement, had been adopted. One of these was to provide a receptionist to take booking, from a known base at known times of the day and this idea was restated by me at the Parish Council meeting of 24 September last.

Please let me have all information for the November issue by 30 October. Similarly can you please let me have your literary masterpieces of Christmas memories, together with reports and Christmas adverts by 20 November. This way we will hopefully bring out a Christmas Issue by 10 December.

Haydon bridge sports hall



ACTIVITIES AVAILABLE FROM MONDAY, 14th SEPTEMBER 1987

<u>Monday</u>	9.00 - 10.30	Badminton and Table-tennis
	11.00 - 12.00	Weight-training and Fitness Room (Open to all - from 12th October)
	4.30 - 5.30	Soft Play

<u>Tuesday</u>	11.00 - 12.00	Weight-training and Fitness Room (Unemployed - from 13th October)
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<u>Wednesday</u>	10.30 - 12.00	Golf and Badminton
	2.00 - 4.00	Ladies Recreational Cycling (Own cycle required)

<u>Thursday</u>	9.30 - 10.30	Weight-training and Fitness Room (Ladies group - from 15th October)
	2.30 - 4.00	Football (Unemployed)
	5.30 - 6.30	General Activities for Children
	7.00 - 8.00	Archery (Open to all)

<u>Charges:</u>	50p per session (Adults)
	25p " " (Children/Unemployed)

Haydon Bridge Sports Hall is available to groups on Friday evenings (£7.50 per hour), Saturdays 10 a.m. - 10 p.m. at £9.35 per hour, and on Sundays from 10 a.m. - 10 p.m. at £11.25 per hour. Badminton courts are available at weekends, bookings permitting, at £2 per hour. If you wish to make a booking, please phone Haydon Bridge, 456 or 422.

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