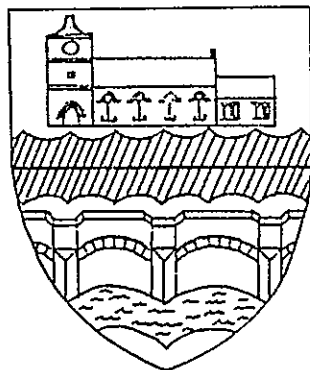


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Michael Jeffs on HB 339

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Dear Friends,

GUIDING is fun but it is hard work at times. It's also about enjoying being with young people and helping them to realise that there are many simple challenges that they can achieve, given time and help.

We ask the girls to make a promise that they will always try their hardest and do their best, while at the same time serving their God to the best of their ability. Helping other people is probably the easiest to achieve because it brings instant satisfaction; keeping the ten Guide Laws needs thinking about.

I like to think that all the 1st Haydon Bridge Girl Guides can be trusted, are polite and considerate, friendly, helpful and obedient when required to be so.

To me, it is a privilege to be a human being: respect for all other living things is an integral part of my very self. Likewise, Guides are asked to think deeply about everything around them.

Some laws need extra guidance from the youth leaders in charge. Taking care of your possessions often needs a good deal of prompting.

Perhaps the hardest law to keep is learning self-control in all we do - especially for the young who are so full of life and ready to challenge the world.

At present we run Guides with two Guiders but are hopeful that we shall soon have one younger Leader to help us. However, as our membership increases we will need an extra pair of helping hands in the form of a third Guider. We also need Helpers to test Guides for their Interest Badges.

Remember the motto: "Be Prepared" By asking for help now we are preparing for the future of our Company. If you can help, phone me on HB 535.

Best wishes,
Marion Howard

FRIENDS OF HAYDON BRIDGE

The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held on MONDAY 31st OCTOBER at 7.00 pm in the COMMUNITY CENTRE.

The main activity of the Friends is the publication and distribution of HAYDON NEWS (of which there are not fewer than ten issues per year) but the Committee also tries to promote and sponsor activities which will contribute to the life of the Village.

There are several vacancies on the Committee, and the present members would very much welcome an infusion of new ideas and younger blood into their number. The duties are not onerous - about eight short meetings a year plus whatever help you can give with the NEWS or any other project in hand.

If you feel you could spare some time to be a Committee member, please give your name to the Chairman, Jim Cape, HB 538 and come to the Meeting.

PARISH COUNCIL PICKINGS

- Meeting of 22 September 1988

Seven Councillors present

A fair amount about highways. The responses from higher up the chain of responsibility seem to be almost always negative. Nevertheless, a recent accident at the John Martin Street junction will result in re-assessment of the positioning of the road sign east of the village when the Police report is received. The County Council refused to consider extending the double yellow lines outside the Railway Hotel: the Parish Council will point out that they are only asking for those that were there to be re-instated.

The bridge needs quite extensive repairs. These were scheduled for July this year, but the money has suddenly vanished and nobody knows when it will be done. Meanwhile, the extra large loads groan on.

One slight ray of hope. The Department of Transport has admitted that there can be reasons for more extensive cutting of roadside verges: the Parish Council will continue its efforts to shew that the West End verge qualifies for special treatment.

The Parish Council also wondered about the parking in John Martin/Shaftoe Street. Ought there to be a formal lay-by in the old bridge approach? Comments to your Parish Councillor, please.

The message seems to be getting through to Tynedale District and the Water Authority that the village sewerage system is not satisfactory. The new pipe along the river bank is no improvement on the old one, and there are complaints of a foul smell. The Parish Council Chairman will bring the matter up again at the Water Consumers' Panel meeting.

Among other plans looked at were those for Dr High's surgery/health centre and the conversion of outbuildings to dwellings at The Crags and Hindshield. As a general principle, Cllr Loyd will endeavour to persuade the District Planning Committee that neighbours should be notified of applications likely to affect them adversely.

WHAT THE JUDGES SAID

Litter was all too prevalent in most parts of Haydon Bridge. Especially bad were the riverside, the Old Bridge, at the War Memorial, the footpaths and verges, the Cornhill estate, by the bus shelters, telephone kiosk and toilets.

However, the houses and gardens, especially the Housing Estate, the green at Hordley Acres all showed care, and were attractive. The churches and their grounds were all commended, as was the smart paintwork of the 'General Havelock'. All the publicly-owned buildings were in good condition, as were the industrial estate and the garages. The hanging baskets made a colourful display and considerably enhanced the village. The High School pupils responsible are to be congratulated.

THE FRIGHT

"Come on and get your breakfasts or you'll be late for Sunday School" called Mother, "and I want one of you to go to Joe's for a can of milk or there's no rice pudding for dinner."

I liked going to Joe's farm: helping in the harvest in summer or feeding the cows and calves when they were 'in-by' for the winter. But I liked most of all the freshness of the whitewashed dairy and the "cooler" resembling an upended radiator, where the milk passed over through stainless steel filter units to the churns below. "How much today?," asks Joe. "Mam says she wants a full can 'cos it's for the rice puddin'." "Right-o. By, you're looking very smart the day" says Joe, "are ye off to the Sunda School?" "Aye" says I. "Well, watch where you're gannin across that field; diven't git your shoes dorty. So long."

This was the very early part of the war and we lived right out in the country. From our kitchen window we could see the little chapel perched on the hillside on the other side of the valley. Below the chapel, and literally built into the hillside, was the caretaker's house and, approached by either a steep twisting path from the road at the bottom of the hill, or from a set of stone steps from the road above that weaved its way through the dales - a veritable lifeline to the farms and hamlets scattered along its route.

"Howay Army! Aa'll race ye to the Post Office" I shouted, as I set off at a run to the spot where other children from the outlying areas would meet up before walking the last three hundred yards or so to the Chapel at a pace more befitting a Sunday morning.

Maurice, who was the caretaker's son, would be there to collect two buckets of spring water that gushed forth from a cast iron pipe beside the road, before cascading down to a brook that flowed under a bridge. Their house, like so many others, did not enjoy the luxury of piped water. He had with him a light wooden frame, just like a picture-frame, with triangular pieces in each corner to keep it rigid. This was placed between the handles of the buckets, so that when he stepped in to pick up the buckets they were easy to handle and kept any water that slopped over the sides from ending up in his shoes. He also knew that by collecting it at that time he had plenty helpers to carry said water a few yards at a time.

Apart from Mop, there was Rose and Dot, Eric, Cyril, Joe, Army, me and Sid. Sid!!, he was the one with the bike - a real one with sit-up-and-beg handlebars, lights, a leather saddle and brakes. Aye, real brakes! As he pedalled past the group he whisked Rosie's beret off her head and shot away, laughing. "Aw, come on Sid, gi's me hat back" shouted Rosie, as Sid turned to make the return journey. With head down and legs going like pistons, coat-tails fluttering in the slipstream, and held aloft in his right hand Rose's hat (like some pennant on the lance of a knight on a charger) he came towards us. Rose went to catch her hat, but caught insted the strap of his gas mask, causing Sid to go into a wobble. As Sid frantically tried to correct the path of his bike, and still clutching Rose's hat, he applied the left hand brake lever, realising too late that this operated the front wheel system. We watched in horror as Sid left the saddle, sbt over the handlebars and landed across the parapet of the bridge, saved (from

following his specs and Rose's hat that fell some twenty feet into the brook below) I'll swear, by the skin of his teeth.

Mop, standing within his square frame, back slightly bent and hands on knees, was transfixed. Grabbing a leg and Cyril and Eric pulling on his jacket and the seat of his pants, we soon had Sid back on his feet, shaken but none the worse - Sid's main worry being what his Dad would say about his specs and buckled front wheel of his bike.

Sunday School was short that day for our prayers had truly been answered long before we got there, but the memory of that 'fright' of near disaster is with me to stay.

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BEST KEPT VILLAGE

Many thanks to the few who helped beautify Haydon Bridge. David Black and his pupils have been thanked already but there is no doubt that the hanging baskets have been quite beautiful to look at. Next year, David will not be able to help out, so why don't those gardeners, whose well-stocked plots have been chosen for special praise, save a few plants for the baskets? One little box of plants put aside won't break the bank but it would save on the rates. Raymond McVey and his band have worked hard while some young men who have time on their hands did give some help with grass clearing.

When I read in the Journal (August 20th) that Murton Village is the best in England, I was glad for them but sad for us - "Every one of the 80 households participated!" While cutting the grass around the library frontage, a man approached. I thought that he had come to help but he was only changing his library book. He remarked that surely this was the 'Council's job! It is - we all know that, but a little help is needed all round when we are so short of cash.

One thing we can all do - NO, two things:

- 1) Take your crisp bags, cigarette packets etc home:
- 2) Train your dog to pooch on its own patch.

Let's make this 'dump' a Daffodil Delight next Spring!

Enid Garrow

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THANK YOU

I would like to thank the Haydon Bridge Football Club for organizing a fund on my behalf.

A sincere thanks to the lads, Ernie Edwards, Alan Borthwick, Charlie Cooper, Ian Charlton, Geoff Oldham, David Kirsopp, Roy Thompson, Davey Alder, Chris Coombes and their back-up team, Alan Douthwaite and Ernie Marshall on their successful challenge of the rough, tough and blistering Lyke Wake Walk. Also Davey Edwards for his completion of the Great North Run and Josey Brown and family for the barbecue held at his home, which was enjoyed by all.

I would like to express my gratitude to all those who sponsored or

donated money to the above events, which is greatly appreciated and to all friends and villagers for their best wishes and encouraging support.

A big thank-you to one and all.

Joe Worthington
(better known as JOE BASS)

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TALE OF A TANK

Now that the price of oil has sagged a good bit since 1981, you can quite enjoy the central heating. But don't imagine that all your problems have been washed away. What happens when the 600 gallon storage tank springs a leak?

Well, first of all there is a terrible smell of paraffin in the garden. Second, the builder's merchant delivers a brand new tank just when and where you don't want it. Third, thank goodness, there are some willing people who demount the old tank and install the new one, using muscle-power only.

Now, the tanks won't go through the door to the garage, which is the only way out to the road, so both of them have to go via the next-door field, and over the garden wall. So the leaky one ends up in the field. Of course, it can't stay there indefinitely, so it is lifted on the hay-bale spike of the farm tractor and deposited on the roadside verge, from where it can easily be lifted and taken away.

That's what you think....

Yellow Pages. "No thanks" "Not interested" "Yes, we'll pick it up next time we are passing!" Six weeks elapse. "When are you coming?" "We picked it up last week" "No you didn't, I can still see it from my bedroom window" "I wonder where this one came from then" "Would you put me back on your list" "OK."

Knock on the door. "I'm from the County Council, I've had a complaint about the tank on the roadside: I'm trying to find out who owns it" "I do" "Oh!.....I must ask you to have it taken away" "Nothing I'd like better" "Well, if we hadn't been able to find out who it belonged to, we could have asked Tynedale to take it away as rubbish." "I asked Tynedale, but they said it was too big for them. I'm waiting for a scrap merchant to collect it: if you've got a complaint, perhaps you'd give him a ring and chivvy him up" "Could do."

Four more weeks. "Hallo, scrap merchant; when are you coming for my tank?" "Chap from the County Council rang up and said they were going to deal with it" "Are you sure that's what he said?" "Well anyway, we're not interested, we've still got the other one."

£5 for petrol is offered to any public-spirited owner of a pick-up truck who will lift it from just north of the New Alston cross-road and dump it at Frankham before somebody runs into it.

John Richardson
Cubstocks

SERVICES AND EVENTS AT THE PARISH CHURCH

Oct 2	19th after Pentecost	8.00 am	Holy Communion
		10.00 am	Family Eucharist
		6.00 pm	Unites Service at Methodist Ch.
	2.30 pm		Meeting of Friends of The Old Church in the Hall
8	Saturday		
	At the Methodist Church		An ecumenical day - 'Beginning to pray together' from 10.00am to 5.00 pm.
			People are welcome for all or part of the day
9	20th after Pentecost	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist & Sunday School
		3.00 pm	Evensong at the Old Church
16	Harvest Thanksgiving	8.00 am	Holy Communion
		10.00 am	Parish Eucharist & Sunday School
		6.00 pm	Harvest Evensong
18	Tuesday St LUKE	9.30 am	Holy Communion
19	Wednesday	7.30 pm	Mothers' Union
20	Thursday	7.30 pm	Harvest Supper
23	9th before Christmas	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist & Sunday School
		3.00 pm	Harvest Evensong at Old Church
28	Friday St SIMON & St JUDE	9.30 am	Holy Communion
30	8th before Christmas	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist (1662) & Sunday School
Nov 1	Tuesday ALL SAINTS DAY	9.30 am	Holy Communion
6	7th before Christmas	8.00 am	Holy Communion
		10.00 am	Family Eucharist
		6.00 pm	United Service at R. Catholic Church
13	REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY	8.00 am	Holy Communion of 6th before
		10.00 am	Remembrance Service at Christmas
			the Parish Church (United)
			Wreath laying at the War Memorial 10.55 to 11.10 am
16	Wednesday	7.30 pm	Mothers' Union

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MOTHERS' UNION

A branch of the Mothers' Union was re-formed in April 1988 with 26 members

We meet in St Cuthbert's Church Hall on the fourth Wednesday in the month and anyone who has been baptised in Christ is most welcome to attend.

On April 27th when we held the Inaugural Service our church was full of visitors from Haltwhistle, Hexham, Bardon Mill and Newcastle. We had such a happy, friendly time. The singing was so uplifting, and what a supper we had!

Remember, there is no need for anyone to be lonely in our village; come and join us.

Enid Garrow
Electoral Member

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