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Editor's Letter

Dear Readers

This Newsletter should be in your homes by 17th March. Since our last issue was printed well into February, we are now running later each month and to keep the paper on a four-weekly basis, the next issue and all future issues will be printed in the middle of each month.

Advertisers will still have the same number of issues corresponding to their requirements.

We are holding a fund raising event on 18th April next in the Community Centre and your support as always would be very much appreciated,

Thank you to the Ladminton Club who have kindly agreed to us using the Community Centre on that day.

The next issue will be published in the middle of April, hopefully one full week before Easter. Flease let me have your contributions etc by Tuesday, 3rd April 1934.

Best Wishes
Marian Howard.

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At the meeting on 23rd February, seven Councillors were present, as was also County Councillor Derwent Gibson. Two apologies. No public participation.

Mr. Gibson was there to tell the Council about proposals for improving the Allendale junction at Watson's Garage. As the estimated cost of improvement is less than fl million; funds are available! (Civil servants, it seems, now only recognise sums of money which have at least seven figures!) So the wheels will grind, and within also, it seems, doing something about the dip. (Not, it is to be hoped, felling eastern end of the by-pass will start (if it ever does) - some yards further west than originally planned.

The question of the Langley phone box was also well ventilated. Everybody has written to everybody and the box will be replaced where it was before somebody got at it with a power saw. If it takes in as little money as British Telecom says, it can't be worth breaking into again.

There is to be a meeting at Allendale to discuss "minor amendments" to the new bus timetables. Cllr. Gibson feared that this might be a softening up exercise for still more cuts in the service. The parish council's view was that the bus service, for those who needed it was scanty enough already, but equally, from the bus company's point of view, so were the passengers. Mr. Gibson was asked on behalf of the Parish to fend off the idea of more cuts at the meeting, since none of the Parish Councillors who might otherwise have attended could get to the meeting owing to the poor bus service

It was reported that Tynedale DC is worried about Sports Hall finance and has asked for an urgent meeting with the County Council.

Do you want to hang a flower basket outside your premises? Apparently, if you have a hook, Tynedale will provide the basket, but please contact the Parish Clerk for the full story.

British Telecom have decided to remove their vans from the North Bank by making a car park just above the telephone exchange. No comment from the Council on this planning application.

Shrubs in Langley Gardens need shaping up and weeding - would the High School Task Force like to send out a posse? And anxiety was expressed about all the holes in the fence facing the main road. Repair is a District Council responsibility (but you can't blame them if they get discouraged).

Thursday 22 March 1984

The ANNUAL PARISH MEETING takes places on this day at 7.30 pm in the Community Centre. You don't have to have a grievance to air in order to come. You might just like to meet your Parish Councillors, and possibly even thank them for the time they put in on your behalf.

Teenagers Bored to Tears

A letter was put through my letter-box signed "Bored to Tears - a sick Teenager" complaining that there was nothing for people under 18 to do in Haydon Bridge but "watch telly or wander the streets getting up to no good". There followed a suggestion that something should be done such as a pool-room or an over 15's disco.

The first problem is that the letter was anonymous and apart from the fact that the Editor of the Haydon News does not normally publish anonymous letters, nobody is going to do anything for an unidentified person. The second problem is that since I

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have just given up the Chairmanship and committee membership of the Friends of Haydon Bridge in order to give myself more time, I am not looking for more spare time work.

However if the letter writer will identify himself or herself to me I may be able to give a limited amount of help or advice. In the meantime would anyone who knows of facilities or activities in the village please give the details to me or the Editor and this can be put in the next Haydon News. I am sure there are facilities but clearly all the teenagers do not know about them.

If anyone is willing to organise activities for 15 to 18 year olds, will they also please get in touch.

Pat Sharp

Haydon Bridge Cricket Club Fixto	ures 1984
21 April Wark (A) 28 April Stamfordham (H) 5 May Bardon Mill (H) 12 May Allendale (A) 19 May Newton (H) 26 May Haltwhistle (A) 2 June Bellingham (H) 9 June Stocksfield (A) 16 June Newbrough (H) 23 June Humshaugh (A) 30 June Wylam (H) 7 July Wark (H) 14 July Stamfordham (A) 21 July Bardon Mill (A) 28 July Allendale (H) 4 August Newton (A)	Ares 1984 2nd XI Wark (H) Stamfordham (A) Post Office (A) Allendale (H) Newton (A) Haltwhistle (H) Matfen (A) Bellingham (H) Stocksfield (A) Newbrough (H) West Wylam (A) Wark (A) Stamfordham (H) Post Office (H) Allendale (A) Newton (H) Haltwhistle (A) Matfen (H) Bellingham (A) Stocksfield (H) Wylam (A) Humshaugh (H)

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19	June	Haltwhistle (A)
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	June	Allendale (A)
3	July	Humshaugh (A)
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The HAYDON BRIDGE BRANCH of the ARTHRITIS AND RHEUMATISM COUNCIL FOR RESEARCH is having two functions to raise funds for the A.R.C. These will be a Jumble Sale in the Community Centre at 6 pm on Friday 30th March (admission 5p), and a Coffee Evening, again in the Community Centre at 7 pm on Wednesday 4th April, when Mr. Ken Coates will give a slide show — there will also be a Tombola stall at this event (admission 50p). Do come and bring your friends.

M.D. Beniams Hon. Sec.

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Hexham Conservative Association - Haydon Bridge/Langley Branch

Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 20th March at 8 pm in the Haydon Bridge Community Centre. Everybody Welcome.

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Haydon Bridge Silver Band

ANY PERSON interested in joining the Silver Band - please come to the Community Centre any Sunday at 5.45 pm.

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Poem

I am standing on a ledge of the crag. There is no colour today. Everything merely a shape in grey.

The sky joins the landline in smothering grey And leaves moist grey mist, Wind-swirled
In the rocky hollows.

It is late afternoon.

I should not be here in the cold

That makes my eyes spring involuntary icy tears
Which blur the pale expanse before me

And dull the edges of the horizon.

But I am here.

And the savage wind catches at my very breath

And throws a lonely crow up and over the damp cliff.

There are sheep somewhere near

For I hear an occasional bleat.

But the sheep will also be damp and grey.

I came here, like a paper hero,
To search for solace in bleakest solitude
But have lost the reason for need of solace
In awareness of the dismal cold.
"Blow, Blow, Thou Winter Wind..."
I shall have eclairs for tea today
And probably shan't come here again.

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The 1984 brochure of a charity which organises holidays for single parents and their families is available from: Gingerbread Holidays, Lloyds Bank Chambers, Camborne, Cornwall TR14 8JT.

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Dug out of the Dust

Haydon Bridge in 1876 was described by one writer as "standing at the foot of lofty hills, which tower away northward and is bound on the south by the hills of Hamilton. To the east and west is the flat and fertile vale through which the Tyne runs. From Bush Fell a splendid view may be obtained of the Village, fully realizing the apostrophe of the poet Akenside:

O! ye dales of Tyne and ancient woodlands, Where, oft as the giant flood obliquely strides, and his banks open, and his lawns extend, stops short the pleased traveller to view.

A scene of unrivalled beauty and peacefulness, with its fine woodland and pastoral scenery, and the towering grandeur of the hills, at the foot of which the Tyne meadows and woodfringed banks, a beauty greatly enhanced when the soft golden beams of a sunset lie over the scene."

So is described for us a Haydon Bridge of long ago, of 108 years - yet that view from Bush Fell is still one of the finest to be seen as one sweeps over the hill from Lowgate. It was said "that there was little or no interest for the antiquarian or the pleasure seeker for it was just a quiet agricultural village with no fairs or weekly market to vary the monotonous details of daily life and none of those elements of outward life to disturb the normal quietude that broods over it."

Quiet the village and district would be, but when one looks into its history of everyday life one finds that many people died in tragic circumstances - more so than today. More died from falling off horses (possibly because most people rode horses then) and more people drowned in the river in those far off days. Let me take you back in time and listen to these happenings that would be talked about on the bridge end and all the pubs and places wherever people met in that year of 1876.

On December 21, 1826, a man named William Brown was found drowned near Pennywell, Haydon Bridge. His head was scarcely covered with water. It was supposed he had been stunned by the fall. Deceased was 74 years old. (NB. There's one for you where is the Penny Well?)

November 27, 1829 - on this evening there was found drowned Mary, wife of William Urwin, boot and shoemaker, Haydon Bridge, The deceased was found underneath the bridge; she had gone out of her house and is supposed to have walked over the quay wall, the night being very dark. It was near to the tanyard, and was a very dangerous place at the time. Deceased was 76 years of age. (NB. Where is the

February 1, 1839 - a Melancholy case of drowning occurred today at Haydon Bridge. The river Tyne being frozen over, several boys were sliding upon ice when the ice broke, one George Spark fell in. Another boy, named Robert Wood, observed the Perilous situation of his companion, went to his assistance; and in endeavouring to save the life of Spark, the ice gave way with him, when he too disappeared underneath. His body was recovered shortly after. Spark was saved.

July 17, 1840 a Melancholy case of drowning occurred in the river Tyne at Haydon Bridge. It appears that a boy named John Cant, 9 years of age, was returning from school (his parents living at the north side of the village), when he went home by drowned.

July 4, 1842 - a boy named John Davidson, son of Mr. Ralph Davidson, Builder, Haydon Bridge, was drowned this afternoon about four o'clock in the river while returning from church.

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July 13, 1848 - a young man named Thomas Dixon, a tailor, belonging to Newcastle, was drowned this morning about six o'clock in the river at Haydon Bridge.

November 14, 1852 a young man named John Thompson, son of George Thompson, ostler at the Anchor Irin, Haydon Bridger was lost this evening in the river Wansbeck, near Morpeth, and was found at North Seaton on March 2, 1853, having been in the water

February 21, 1850 - died at East Land Ends, Haydon Bridge, Mr. Matthew Henderson

aged 45 years, whose death was occasioned by a fall from his horse.

December 15, 1852 - George Cowing of High Morley was drowned off his horse as he was crossing the river near the Water House. His body was found at the Alders shortly after, but life was quite extinct. Deceased was 23 years of age. (NB. Where was the Water House and the Alders?)

April 28, 1858 — a man named Anthony Allen was accidentally killed today by a cart passing over him. Deceased was a cartman in the employment of Mr. J. Dinning,

December 28, 1853 - Mr. John Drayden of Matfen Burn Foot was found dead this morning on Black Bull Bank, Hexham. It is supposed his death was caused by a fall from his horse. Deceased was 24 years of age and was the son of Mr. John Drayden, Dean Raw, Haydon Bridge. (Now you know how 'Bull Bank' got its name - from the pub

How did those accidents happen? Young men who would be able and capable of handling horses, for that was the main mode of transport. At the inquests - "It is supposed that death was caused by a fall from his horse"? As for drownings - bridges were far apart and to save time and distance people on foot or horseback used fords; if the river had risen then drownings would happen. But as for children playing by the river this always presented a problem, as it does today in 1984.

No wonder then that the graveyard attached to the church in the village and consecrated July 10, 1796 was made good use of - for during the 75 years of its use nearly 3,000 interments took place from within the Parish. Next time you are waiting your turn outside the two top supermarkets in Church Street, just gaze back towards the churchyard and think - who would have thought so many people lay over

The natives will know where the Tanyard, Pennywell, Water House and the Alders, etc, are to be found, but Haydon Bridge, like so many other villages in North and South Tyne, is being taken over by "the white settlers", people from the TOON and distant parts - you can recognise them, they can frequently be found on various committees of various organisations ir the village trying to civilise the natives, to show them where they went wrong in running village affairs! So next time one of them asks you where "Pandon" is, be a good native and tell your brother "white settler" that "It's the path that gans doon to the river" but the right and correct name for the lane is TEMPLE HOUSES. . 3.34

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Fish and Chips

Life style is moving away from the old days when fish and chip shops up and down the country only served in the evenings. The modern trend is now to include tea-time frying sessions to cater for folks returning from work, and children from school. Our local "chippy" is catching on to te idea, and from week commencing 2nd April will be extending their frying times to include three tea-time sessions. be frying every Thursday evening. See advertising page for details. They will also

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The following information appeared in the February/March issue of the "Northumberland Community News". Mr. C. Coombes kindly passed the news sheet on to me. Perhaps among the many enthusiastic groups in our village there is one that may take up the challenge of "VILLAGE VENTURES 1983-85":

Community Council of Northumberland - VILLAGE VENTURES 1983-85 (Sponsored by Shell UK Ltd and the Development Corporation)

The Village Ventures Scheme is intended to encourage rural people to look at their community, see What could be done to improve it and organise a means of doing this themselves.

Village Ventures in Northumberland is being sponsored by Shell UK Ltd, with a matching contribution from the Development Commission. There is £1,200 to be spent on Village Ventures. This money will be used to make grants to projects in their early stages. The grants may be small, but we hope they will help to start projects off. Not all Village Ventures will need money and the grants will be awarded on the basis of the potential of a project and its financial requirements.

Projects can be on a small or large scale, short or long term, in a village or a whole parish. We hope the scheme will help to publicise good ideas so that more peopl will realise how much more they can do by taking the initiative.

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Some examples may set you thinking:
a voluntary driver scheme
creation of a playing field
removal of eyesores
planting trees
footpath mapping
a local history study
renovating the village hall
starting a playgroup
gardening for the elderly
producing a tourist leaflet.

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Social Cathering

Haydon Bridge United Reformed Thurch was the venue for a most successful Social Evening on Thursday 16 February. We were joined by many friends from the other churches in the village (many thanks to the Seal Club who came "en bloc" and helped to swell our throng).

We started the evening with a few words from our minister, Rev. W. Arthur, who then introduced Hexham District W.I. Choir, who entertained ius with a varied programme of songs and readings, they were ably followed by Fiona Stewart on the accordion who soon had the audience's feet tapping with her lively performance. Lyn Murray rounded off the musical part of the evening with a medley of songs, accompanying herself on the guitar.

Then, to a beautiful supper provided by the ladies of the church, which put the finishing touches to a lovely erening. Many thanks to everyone who made it possible.

What is our Greatest Need?

"'Perhaps this is England's greatest need today — acband of men and women whose patriotism goes so deep that it leads them to pray, to criticize, to agonize; to bear their witness, in season and out of season, to the truth of God as it has been revealed to them in Christ.'

So said Dr. Donal Coggan, Archbishop of Canterbury, as he concluded his first presidential address to the General Synod at Church House, Westminster, in February 1975. If that was true then, surely it is just as true today. Some would disagree strongly, advocating that only a miraculous economic recovery is the genuine answer to the pressing problems that confront our nation today. Others would suggest a series of political upheavals and social reform to be the basic solution. But how many would fervently maintain that Britain's greatest need today is not economic, or political, nor even social, but spiritual?

I believe that God is searching earnestly today for an ever-increasing army of Christian men and women who will give themselves to praying unceasingly for a Godsent spiritual awakening - for we cannot go forward without prayer.

England needs our prayers, your prayers. Will you become involved in prayer for Mission England? May God's glory fill this land, with thousands becoming Christians, and being integrated into the Church."

Dr. Billy Graham has been invitied to this country and will be conducting an Evangelistic Mission (D.V.) at Roker Park, Sunderland from May 26th to June 2nd. Buses will be leaving Haydon Bridge at 5.30 pm from Church Street on Tuesday 29th May and Thursday 31st May.

Haydon Bridge Methodist Church

A warm welcome awaits you at the following services and meetings:

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7-3-	6 7 10 11	6 pm 6.15 pm 2.30 pm 7.15 pm 10.45 am	Rev. A. Wignall (United Service in Parish Church) Men's Fellowship (visit to Post Office at Newcastle) Women's Own - Father Powers Chapel Anniversary (Concert by Scots Gap Male Voice Choir) Rev. A. Wignall (Family Service)
	18	6 pm 10.45 am	Rev. M.M. Adams, BA Dr. Paul Severs
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	· :	6 pm	Mr. J. Green
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