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Corbridge Parish Council next meets on Wednesday September 25 in the Parish Hall, St Helen's Street, Corbridge at 7pm. (Note: There is no August meeting)

Council Notes

As this is the 50th edition of Corbridge Matters I thought it would be appropriate to celebrate some of the great things going on in our village.



A Midsummer's Evening In Corbridge was a fantastic event and feedback from attendees was simply excellent. Massive thanks to all of those who organised and helped out for all of their great work. The St Andrew's Church Flower Festival, Corbridge Festival and Tynedale Beer and Cider Festival were also all superb events and well attended by villagers and visitors alike. Again, congratulations to all involved.

Corbridge in Bloom has the village looking amazing as always in the summer months and we wish them well in the results of the recent Northumbria in Bloom judging. Apologies for not including every local event, but thanks and well done to all of the others.

Please continue to support all of our great businesses in the village as they help make it so special. And a big welcome to the several new businesses which have opened in Corbridge recently. We wish you lots of success in your ventures.

I hope all of our summer sporting clubs are enjoying success and as we approach autumn we wish all of the clubs well in the new seasons of autumn / winter / spring sports.

Enjoy the rest of the summer and I hope you can make it along to the Corbridge Family Fun Day at the cricket club on Sunday August 25 and the Corbridge Village Show at the Parish Hall on Saturday September 7.

Marc Horn (Parish Council Chairman)



We have managed to get resurfacing work done by Northumberland County Council on Aydon Road, Middle Street and the Stagshaw roundabout recently. There are still a few roads that need doing and I'll keep pushing for them. Do let me know if you see others that require attention.

Corbridge Middle School has consulted recently on its plans to build an artificial grass pitch on the school site, mainly paid for by the Milkwell development. It will not be popular with everybody but if it allows children at the school to do more physical activity and is a facility that can be used by sports clubs and other parts of the community then I welcome it. Work may have begun on the Milkwell development by the time you read this. The school, the Parish Council and I are all in regular contact with the developers to ensure safety is everyone's top concern. Miller has withdrawn its application to build a compound in the field opposite to the entrance to Cow Lane.

Well done to all involved in the very successful Midsummer Evening event and the Corbridge Music Festival at Tynedale Park. The Flower Festival in St. Andrew's Church was beautiful. It is wonderful having these events on our doorstep.

I have made a £2,000 councillor's contribution alongside Corbridge Parish Council to install a much needed water supply in the allotments adjacent to the car park on the south side of the bridge. I am sure we will see bigger and better produce in the village show this September.

Finally, those of you who walk along the flood embankment adjacent to the rugby club will be pleased to learn the Environment Agency has agreed to delay its first cut next year to allow the wild flowers to grow.

Nick Oliver (Northumberland County Councillor)
Don't hesitate to get in touch - or 07779 983742.

Corbridge Matters 50

What makes Corbridge special? It is an often asked question. And one worth repeating as Corbridge Matters reaches its 50th edition.

The usual answers include its position on the Tyne at a crossroads of north, south, east and west. Those Romans knew a thing or two about location, location, location. The original town they left behind just to the west is now an English Heritage jewel. With plenty of history to see in 21st century Corbridge. Not least St Andrew's Church, one of the oldest churches in England, and the oldest surviving bridge across the Tyne.

Thanks to the Village Trust and others, Corbridge retains its charm. Lost in other places through thoughtless modernisation. It is no accident that visitors often describe Middle Street as like a scene from a Charles Dickens' novel. Frontages, roof lines and windows are unchanged from a postcard view in 1900, almost 120 years ago.

Of course Corbridge has its problems. There are complaints about not enough parking. Hopefully a planned 48 extra spaces in the free car park on the south side of the bridge and other improvements in the village itself will help. There are also welcome plans to improve Market Place, which currently looks more like a car park than the cherished historic centre of Corbridge.

In a world where serious questions are being asked about the balance between car use and the environment, we are fortunate to have decent public transport links. Both bus and train. Although more frequent services to and from Corbridge on the Tyne Valley rail line would do no harm. Not forgetting the increasing numbers of cyclists, both resident and visiting, using their own pedal power. There was fierce local opposition to the new housing development between Cow Lane and Milkwell Lane. Despite that, Northumberland County Council granted planning permission. Having been among those in opposition, Corbridge Parish Council has subsequently adopted the only sensible position it can take: To ensure the

developers stick to every single condition imposed by the planners and to make the best of the new development both for existing Corbridge residents and those who will eventually call it their home.

New arrivals in Corbridge can make enormous contributions to our community. To take just three examples of many: David Crompton of Visit Corbridge, David Waugh, chairman of the Village Trust, and Maurice Hodgson, past chairman of our Parish Council. All three came here from elsewhere. And all three have worked tirelessly for Corbridge. As have a large number of people born and raised here.

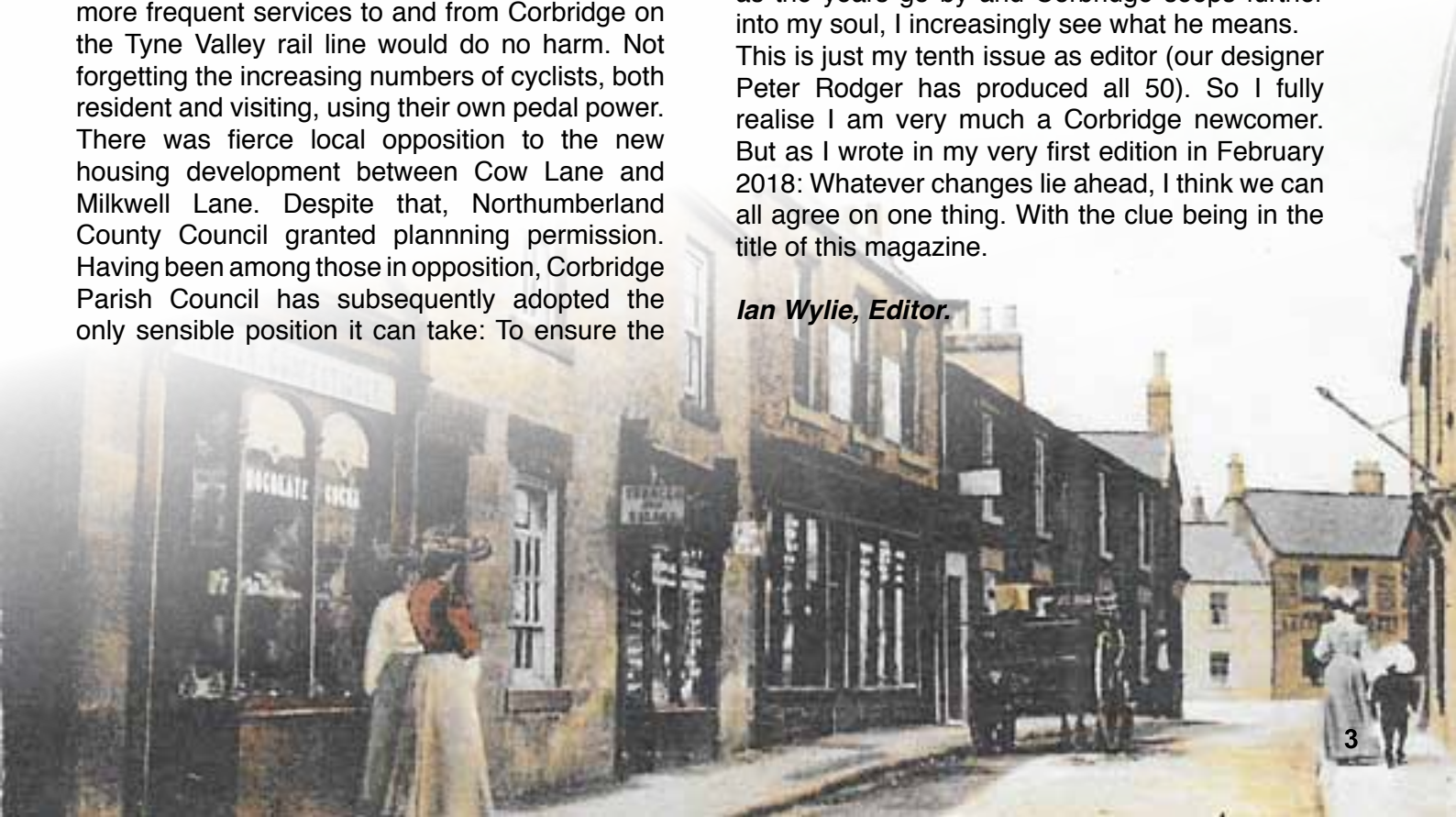
In the end, that is what makes Corbridge special to me. When I was looking to move back to my native North East from London some four years ago, my wife Diane and I explored just about every town, village and street in Northumberland. But in 18 months of intensive research we kept coming back to Corbridge. The final decision to move here was made after we saw just how many people in this vibrant local community volunteered to work for others with no thought of reward or recognition. That is truly special.

George Hall has lived in Corbridge for all of his 90 years and looks back on his life in this month's Corbridge Matters' interview. Many of you will know former village butcher George. Or know of him. His memory for people, places and events is still pin sharp. As are his stories of the past. While his love for Corbridge is clear.

When seeing others leave for holidays abroad, George often remarks, "Why do they want to leave Corbridge?" The answer may appear obvious. But as the years go by and Corbridge seeps further into my soul, I increasingly see what he means.

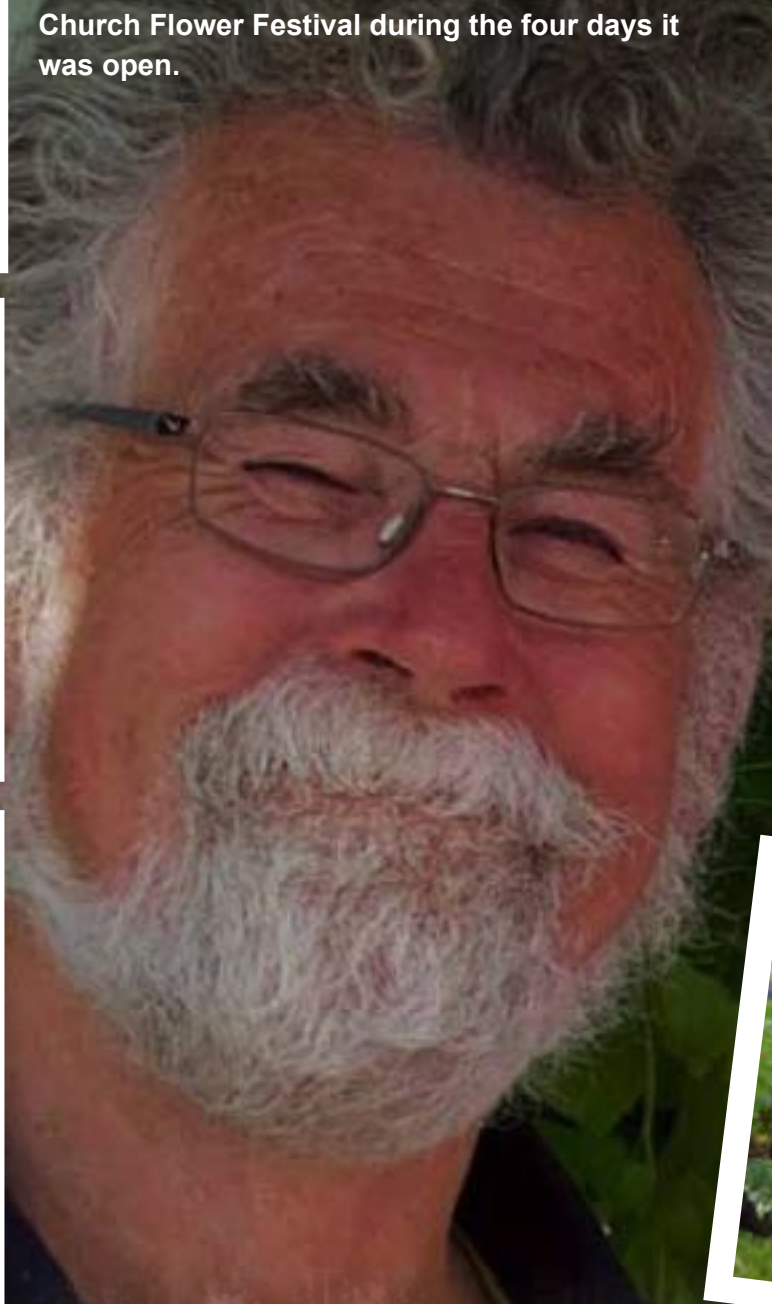
This is just my tenth issue as editor (our designer Peter Rodger has produced all 50). So I fully realise I am very much a Corbridge newcomer. But as I wrote in my very first edition in February 2018: Whatever changes lie ahead, I think we can all agree on one thing. With the clue being in the title of this magazine.

Ian Wylie, Editor.





Over 5300 people attended A Midsummer's Evening in Corbridge, the second highest figure since the event began in 2014. While over 4000 visitors were welcomed at the St Andrew's Church Flower Festival during the four days it was open.





NOTICE BOARD

Lunchtime Summer Music at St Andrew's Church: Fridays 12:30 to 1:15pm. Feel free to bring your lunch and eat it while you listen. Coffee and tea available: Aug 2: Organ Recital - John Ross. Aug 9: Piano Recital - Robert Laws. Aug 16: Organ and Vocal Music - John Ross and friends. Aug 23: Elvaston Wind Ensemble. Aug 30: Joint Organ Recital - John Ross and Marc Bryant. Sept 6: Piano Recital - Cristo Harijan. Sept 13: Organ Recital - Marc Bryant.

Northumberland Classic Vehicle Gathering: Sunday August 18 at Tynedale Park, Corbridge.

Corbridge Family Fun Day: Sunday August 25 at Corbridge Cricket Club. See poster.

Corbridge Village Show: Saturday September 7 at the Parish Hall. See middle page insert for more.

Corbridge Village Trust: Next talk at the Parish Hall is at 7:30pm on Thursday September 26 when John Mather will speak about 'The Carlisle to Newcastle Military Ro0Wl: Meets on the first Monday of every month, excluding Bank Holidays, at 2pm in the Parish Hall. New members welcome.

St Andrew's Church Choir is looking for new members - Soprano, Alto, Tenor and Bass. A friendly and enthusiastic group of singers, we enjoy singing in our historic on Sunday mornings and our monthly choral evensong. We practise on Friday evenings followed by a social drink for some. Now in partnership with Corbridge Camerata, a teenage choir who sing at selected services. Interested? Contact Colin Williams (colin.williams46@outlook.com) or David Kennedy (dkennedy@corbridgechurch.org.uk)

Corbridge Table Tennis Club play at Corbridge Middle School every Tuesday during term time, 7pm to 9pm. All abilities are welcome. Everyone is friendly and it is a fun night plus a great way to get fit. All ages are welcome with the proviso that juniors (under 18) must be accompanied by a responsible adult. Please come along to any Tuesday session or for more details visit: <https://www.visitcorbridge.co.uk/business/active/corbridge-table-tennis-club/>

Corbridge Church Times

St Andrew's Church

Saturday August 3: 10am Ecumenical Prayer Group in the Methodist New Room

Sunday August 4: 9:30am Parish Communion / 6pm Holy Communion

Sunday August 11: 9:30am Parish Communion / 6pm Evening Prayer

Sunday August 18: 9:30am Parish Communion / 6pm Evening Prayer

Sunday August 25: 9:30am Parish Communion
4pm All Age Worship
6pm Evening Prayer

Corbridge Methodist Church

Saturday August 3: 10am Ecumenical Prayer Group in the Methodist New Room

Every week 10.45am: Sunday Service

Second Wednesday of every month 2.30pm: Forum with speaker

Corbridge Pentecostal Church

Meets 11am on Sundays at Corbridge Parish Hall and 8pm on Mondays at Corbridge Methodist Church. All welcome.

FAMILY FUN DAY!

SUNDAY 25th AUGUST

CORBRIDGE CRICKET CLUB

12.30 PM TIL LATE

Knockout cricket competition for the Corbridge Charity Shield - village quoits competition - mini-cricket and tug of war - face painting and tombola - children's stalls and tuckshop - bouncy castle - children's crafts and games - afternoon tea - BBQ from 5pm - live music til late - full bar.

7pm presentation of Charity Shield to winning team!

In aid of:
Charlotte Straker Project
Corbridge Youth Initiative
Corbridge Cricket Club

FREE ENTRY!

Corbridge Tennis Club

Corbridge Community Tennis Club grew as a project involving a couple of Corbridge Parish councillors and a number of tennis interested residents back in 2009-10. That led to the courts being completed in 2012 with the help of Sport England, Northumberland County Council, Northumberland LTA, Tynedale Rotary Club, The Community Foundation, Suez and local benefactors.

A temporary clubhouse was established in a small caravan and enough players were available to enter several teams in the Dunlop Northumberland and Durham Tennis Leagues. A coach was engaged and coaching classes started for all age groups along with social tennis for all abilities.

Sadly one of the main initiators Nick Lever of the project died suddenly in 2013 before the Club was fully established. A couple of years later with help we were able to make all three courts floodlit.

In 2015 we suffered a major setback with Storm Desmond. Our clubhouse (caravan) was found on the way to Riding Mill, the floodlighting was badly damaged, some of the netting was down and the courts were deep in sludge. However, where there was a will, there was a way and with support from Tynedale Rotary, the club was back up and running very shortly. Over the subsequent years our teams have progressed up the league and membership has consolidated.

The club was named NLTA Club of the year for 2016 and at the Sport Tynedale Awards it won Club of The Year' along with the coveted John Mennim Tynedale Trophy'.

For the 2019 season we have established a new coaching team led by Tom Geary. Relationships with local schools have been established and a thriving junior tennis coaching session takes

place every Saturday morning with Laura Featherstone between 9:30 and 12:30 - new recruits are welcome.

For older players there are Cardio (fitness tennis) sessions and Rusties' tennis for those who have not played for a while. And there are social tennis sessions at other times with all welcome. Check out our website details below.

Corbridge Tennis Club is keen to emphasise that we are a community tennis club open to all, irrespective of age and ability. Our youngest member is aged three and we have several members well over 70. We hold social events including quiz nights and a Wimbledon Finals Day lunch which are popular and also bring in much needed revenue towards our new clubhouse appeal.

We plan to build our own clubhouse and hope to have it completed for season 2020. This will be located near the current temporary caravan. Facilities will include a changing room, toilets, kitchen and meeting room along with a balcony so members and guests can watch the action on court. We are naturally looking for funds and appealing to anyone who is interested in supporting us.

If you are interested in starting to play tennis, a returning player, or an established player of any level we offer probably the best value tennis in the region and new members are welcome. Prices are from £120 per year for adult membership or £200 for two adults and up to four children.

Should you be interested in becoming a member, getting some coaching or helping us with our appeal, please contact club secretary Mike Pottage: secretary@corbridgetennis.co.uk, or have a look at our website <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/ctc> or google Corbridge Tennis.

Corbridge Tennis Club

Coach Laura Featherstone with some of the Saturday morning Corbridge juniors.



interview George Hall



George Hall talks to Ian Wylie about a lifetime in Corbridge.

"Life in Corbridge is as good as you'll get anywhere," says George Hall, aged 90, who can still remember when it was a small village.

"My first memories of Corbridge? There were no cars. Aside from the doctor's and the Straker-Smiths at Stagshaw. There was boating on the Tyne with pleasure boats on a landing. A shilling an hour. No more than five in a boat. We also used to go swimming in the river. Then in the winter there would be sledging down Hill Street and Well Bank.

"Even in the late sixties and early seventies Corbridge was still a sleepy village. But by the 1980s it turned into a vibrant small town."

Born in September 1928, George represents the sixth generation of the Halls in Corbridge since the family came here from the North Tyne. His great grandfather John Hall owned The Angel Inn while John's eldest son was the landlord of The Blue Bell and part of the digging team that discovered The Corbridge Lion at the Roman Town.

George's father John Donald Hall was employed as an errand boy by Corbridge butcher Henry Richley in the corner of Market Place that later became Barclays Bank. You can see the cart his father used outside the Richley Butcher's shop in a 1910 postcard, shown on page 10.

George's father spent two years away, with the British Army in Syria, returning to Corbridge in 1919. "My father was very bright. If he was going to do anything, he did it. Especially when he came back from serving in Syria. He had seen life from the other side. Life was cheap there. He was a very strong-willed man. Disciplined."

A year later his father bought his own shop in Hill Street, having won £3,400 on the horses. Serving behind his counter for almost 40 years in the shop which to this day still bears his name: John D. Hall Family Butcher. He also met and married Elizabeth and they had four children. All living together in the cottage next to the shop.

George was the youngest. Born at his grandmother's house: 34 Union Street in Shieldfield, Newcastle. He recalls his early life in Hill Street: "It was like all the cottages in Corbridge. Small, warm and six of us lived in it. My father built a bathroom and bedroom on the back. I remember all of the bricks in the yard. That would be about my first memory.

"My mother had four children but she still skinned the rabbits. They would be hanging outside the shop on a rail. My father used to take all of the rabbits from all of the farms, the houses, the estates. That's how he met my mother. My grandfather had a game shop in the market at Newcastle and my mother worked in the shop."

Sunday school was at the Parish Hall. "You put your ha'penny in the collection and qualified to

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go on the Sunday school trip, which was a great occasion. The whole of Corbridge closed down and we travelled on a special train at the station which took us straight through to Whitley Bay."

He attended the now demolished Infants' School in St Wilfred's Road. Moving at the age of seven to the Church of England School at Appletree Lane which closed in the late 1960s. "I left school at 14. That's all the education I got."

By that time George had already followed in his father's footsteps and worked as an errand boy. "When I was 10 my father discovered I could ride a bike. So I had to get up in the mornings before school and take orders out to Beaufront Castle, Styford Hall, Stagshaw House - he supplied all the big houses.

"I'd come back and skin rabbits. I could make sausage when I was 11. I used to pull a drawer out in the shop and stand on it so I could reach to put the sausage through the machines. I always say I left school with two A-levels: One for skinning rabbits and one for making sausage."

tragedy struck the Hall family.

His elder brother Donald was killed while serving as an RAF gunner. "They had been on a reconnaissance flight and were in a wounded plane trying to get home. The crew had to bale out over Sheffield. Donald was unlucky. He landed in a quarry and broke his neck. Three weeks from his 19th birthday. It was awful."

Corbridge was a garrison town during the war. "We had the Berkshires, the Royal Artillery, the Royal Medical Corps. We used to get on well with the soldiers. Families would have them over for Sunday lunch. They were billeted in the old drill hall where the social club is now. We would watch the adjutant's parade on a Saturday morning in Market Place. Not a car in sight. They would bring the whole company up to attention and inspect it."

George recalls how the soldiers made preparations to destroy the bridge over the Tyne with dynamite in the event of a German invasion.

One day a young officer placed a 25-pound artillery gun between The Angel and the bridge to test defences should the enemy come over the river from the south. "He used a blank round and shouted 'Fire!' And all of the windows at The Angel came out, including the frames. He left a cheque to pay for the repairs."

The Army also built a temporary holding camp for Italian prisoners of war on land adjacent to Aydon Road where the allotments are today. An area surrounded by barbed wire with one entrance gate. But it

was never used.

Did people feel safe in Corbridge during the war? "When the Germans took Paris it was a lunchtime just waiting to go into class. One of the lads had heard the news on the radio. The schoolmaster told us how far away it was. And he said it was very worrying. So that was the first time we really felt it."

In 1940 the rowing boats were taken from the Tyne at Corbridge. Those idyllic pre-war summers now just a memory. "I don't know if they were ever used but they were taken away to tie behind the



Young George did not enjoy being in class. "I found it hard. But my elder brother Donald was clever. My father would work the scales in the shop and say, 'Two pound 10 ounces, four and fourpence ha'penny' and Donald would record that in the book. He could do the books when he was 12."

George turned 11 just over three weeks after Britain declared war on Germany in 1939. His older sisters Margaret and Mary worked in Corbridge during World War Two. Then, in 1943,

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schooners evacuating allied troops from Dunkirk. We never saw the boats back in Corbridge.

"Newcastle was bombed heavily but the nearest they came to Corbridge was Nafferton Farm between Newton and Horsley. A German bomber pilot ditched his bombs there on the way home from Glasgow. There were two bomb craters in a field there for years.

"We had lots of evacuees in Corbridge. We had the morning at school and they had the afternoon. The schoolmaster had gone to the war so we had retired teachers who came back to teach us."

During the war part of Stagshaw House was turned into a maternity home. "The matron used to come down on a motorbike to get her meat. She was a character. When rationing came in the meat allowance was fairly generous. But as the

to do his National Service. "I went in to the Royal Artillery on the seventh of February 1947. The biggest storm we've ever had. I had six weeks at Fenham Barracks. Hard baked snow on the square all the time.

"Then I had about eight months in England - Oswestry and Woolwich. And then overseas to Lüneburg, where Montgomery took the German surrender and the treaty was signed. I saw the property that Himmler was in when they got him." It was in Germany that George guarded the likes of captured German commanders Erich von Manstein and Field Marshal Gerd von Rundstedt. "We did that for about a month. Two hours on and four off."

George came out of the Army in January 1949

and eventually went back to work with his father in the shop, also learning the craft of buying 'beasts' at Hexham Mart. Becoming one of the most respected buyers there. "I was never intelligent in an academic way. But I will say I got a lot of bargains at the Mart."

He met Edith, the woman who was to become his wife, at The Orchard Tea Rooms and Dance Hall in Corbridge which once stood in an area behind what is today The Dyvels Inn and was then The Station Hotel.

"I was just out of the Army aged 21. Edith was 18 months older than me and a pharmacist with Boots

in Newcastle. She was staying in Corbridge with a friend of the family. I asked Edith for a dance, took her home and that was it. It was the best find of my life. Because she was a treasure."

After 'courting' for six years George proposed to Edith in a train compartment as they travelled back from visiting one of his sisters in Scarborough and the couple married on St Patrick's Day 1956. The Halls also had a butcher's shop in Riding Mill in those days. "I was still in the shop at a quarter to 12 before early closing on a Saturday. The last customer came in and I said, 'I'm in a hurry. I'm getting married at three o'clock.' And she said, 'Today?!'"

Fortunately he got to the Dinnington church on time to marry the love of his life. Then it was on to a reception at The Border Minstrel at Gosforth



war went on meat was in short supply and it got really bad. There were queues of people outside the shop. They would queue for a quarter of suet. The worst thing was the shortage of food. Towards the end of the war people went hungry.

"When the war ended there were big celebrations in Corbridge. Dancing in Market Place and they had a piano outside The Wheatsheaf."

George, aged 14, had left school in 1942 and gone straight to work in the shop. He had longer term thoughts about becoming a farmer but decided to stay working in Hill Street after the death of his older brother the following year. It was, he says, simply the natural thing to do.

Having reached the age of 18, George qualified

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Park Racecourse before a train to Carlisle and onward to their honeymoon in Keswick. "But I was back in the shop on the Thursday morning." Edith gave up her job after the wedding and looked after the books and other admin in the shop. "She did everything. Edith just had the touch with everything she did. She was a good looking girl. Talented. Very intelligent. While I had left school with no qualifications. She put up with the shop, living in Hill Street, all of that."

The couple had two daughters: Eileen, who is headteacher at Beaufront First School, and Vivienne, who has owned The White Monk in Blanchland for the last decade. Both still live in Corbridge.

He took over the Corbridge and Riding Mill shops in 1959. "That's when my father retired. He walked out and never came into the shop again. We had a good relationship and he loved the shop. But dealing with the rationing during the war and afterwards had worn him out. He'd simply had enough."

George closed the Riding Mill branch to concentrate on Corbridge which he spent a lot of money on developing. "The business grew. My father had three sides of beef and seven sheep a week. I finished up with eight sides of beef and 20 sheep. A lot of meat was sold."

Away from work, golf has played an important part in his life. "I started playing golf in 1938 when I was ten. All the golfers were getting new

steel shafts and we got all the old hickory clubs. I played at Corbridge in 1938 and I was there right until it closed in 1954. Then we went to Hexham Golf Club."

The nine hole Corbridge golf club was along Deadridge Lane. Today's A69 goes through the middle of what were some of the holes. When the club closed George bought a bungalow by the course and some land. Living there with Edith and their family for many years.

George retired in 1990 at the age of 62 having built John D. Hall into one of the strongest businesses in the village. "I had some very good knowledgeable men working for me over the years. I appreciated the staff a great deal and I hope they appreciated me."

He still leases the Hill Street property and retains a keen interest in the quality of meat it offers customers both in Corbridge and beyond. "Apart from working hard, things went the right way for us. I couldn't have done it anywhere else but in Corbridge."

Edith died in November 2017 at the age of 90. A Service of Thanksgiving for her life at St Andrew's Church was packed with family and friends, making clear just how treasured she was. Today George talks about how lucky he was to have met Edith on that fateful evening. "To think, that night, I might not have gone to that dance. It made my life."

He is proud of his daughters and five grandchildren - Jamie, Rachel, Simon, Philippa and Chloe. While recognising it is the end of a long era for his family. "Now the Halls are all gone, having had two daughters. But I'm lucky because I've got two lovely daughters who live in Corbridge and five grandchildren, who I see quite a lot of and who are very kind to me."

What are the greatest changes he has seen in a Corbridge lifetime? "The cars. There were hardly any when I was six but eventually they came in quick. When I was young not a lot of people had telephones. Our phone number at the shop was 5. My father didn't want to use it as he didn't like paying the bill. The bookmaker was Corbridge 84. And losing the boating green and the golf course."

"I have no objections to the way Corbridge has turned because there's a lot of nice people come in. And there's a lot of people doing things for Corbridge."

He celebrates his 91st birthday next month (September) with his love of Corbridge as strong as it ever was. As the interview comes to a close, I ask him how he reflects back on his life here?

"I couldn't have done it without Edith. We had a lovely life together," replies George. "And given the choice, I'd live it all again. I would."





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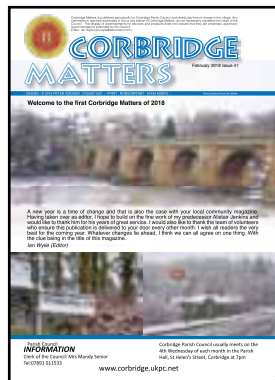
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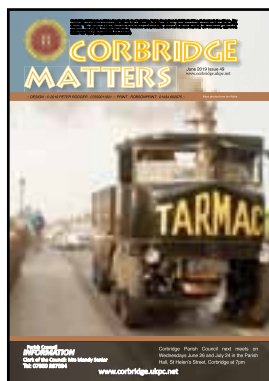
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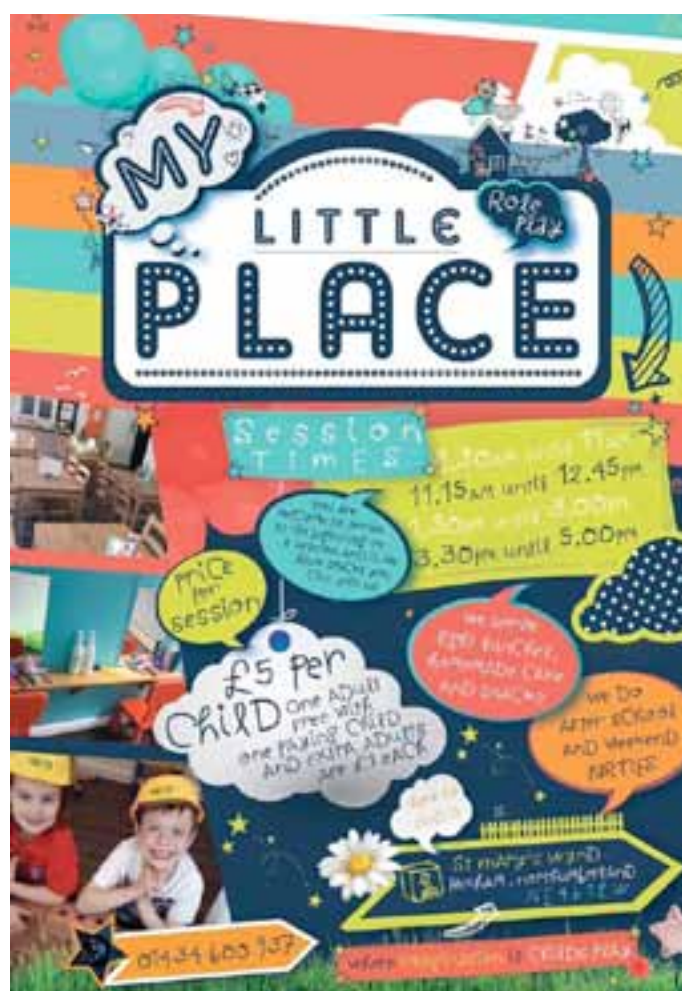
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Bestselling author of ONE DAY **David Nicholls** joins us at The Biscuit Factory in Newcastle on Friday August 16 to talk about his new novel SWEET SORROW and a summer that changed everything.

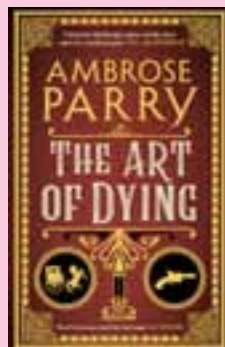
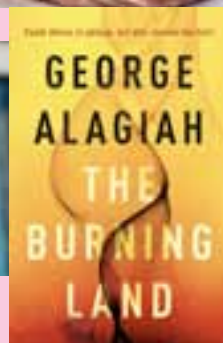
BBC newsreader and journalist **George Alagiah** has written his debut political thriller set in South Africa: THE BURNING LAND. And we are genuinely thrilled he will also be at The Biscuit Factory on Monday August 26.

At The Chapel in Corbridge we are very excited to host **Ambrose Parry** on Wednesday September 4. Under this pseudonym, Chris Brookmyre and Marisa Heatzman have penned vivid, gripping historical crime set in nineteenth century Edinburgh where "the only difference between medicine and poison is the dosage". This series already counts Ian Rankin, Val McDermid, Denise Mina and us among its fans, so one not to be missed.

Ahead of Corbridge's Food & Drink festival we have **Anna Hedworth** from The Cook House to celebrate her new book on Thursday September 12 - with tasters too! And at The Biscuit Factory on Tuesday September 17, Diana Henry is back to talk FROM OVEN TO TABLE - always delicious and a huge favourite.

And just confirmed for Thursday September 26 we are looking forward to welcoming **Eduardo Albert** and **Paul Gething**, the lead archaeologist at the renowned Bamburgh Castle dig to talk about WARRIOR. This is the story of a man whose bones were found in an Anglo-Saxon graveyard at Bamburgh at a violent time of religious fervour, scattered tribal expansion and bloodshed in medieval England. It truly promises to be a fascinating evening.

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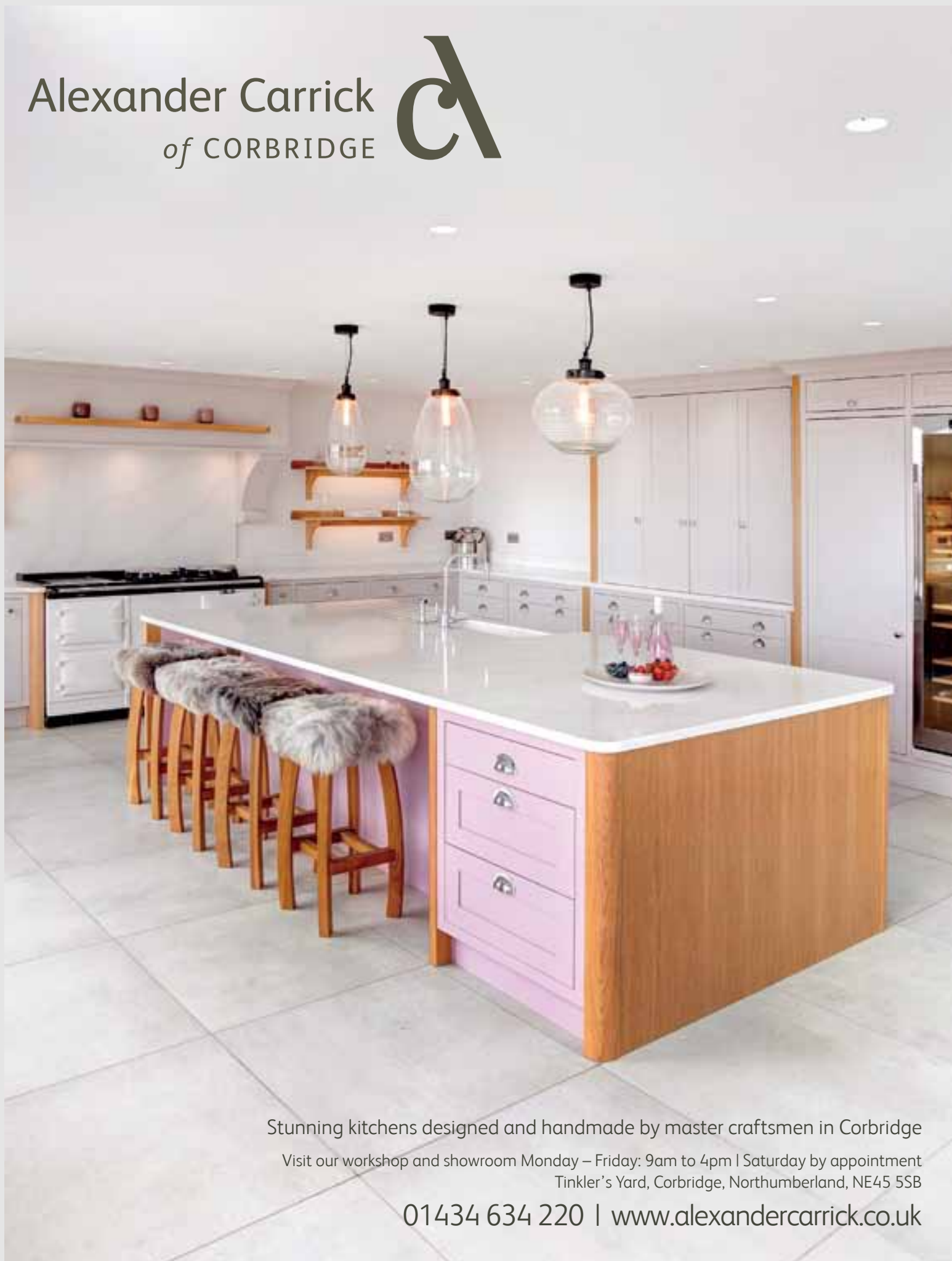
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