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Parish Council
INFORMATION

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Corbridge Parish Council next meets on
Wednesday October 23 and November 27 in
the Parish Hall, St Helen's Street, Corbridge at
7pm.

Council Notes

As the nights draw in I hope you had a fantastic summer, enjoying all of the events the village has staged. A big thank you to all of those who organised this year's Village Show, another great success. And looking forward, the Christmas In Corbridge event is on Monday Dec 2.

The biggest change to our village for some time is occurring as the Milkwell / Cow Lane housing has been started by Miller Homes. The access road is well under way and will be in use before too long and then construction of the houses themselves will begin. We know this development will have an impact on a large proportion of the village and therefore if you have anything you wish to ask or issues to raise please get in touch with me, our Councillor Nick Oliver and Northumberland County Council.

It is imperative that we get formal feedback on any problems or issues if there is any as hearsay cannot be acted upon. With the start of the development our very own Parish Council flagship community housing will be built by Miller and we look forward to these homes becoming available. Again please contact me or Nick Oliver for further information.



Two of our biggest challenges continue: Speeding and litter. We have received the second set of speed statistics from the speed warning signs and unfortunately it seems that driving significantly over the speed limit is still something a significant number of drivers are willing to do within the 30mph zone of our village. This is very disappointing and I hope the next set of statistics shows improved driving behaviour.

In response to the last set of results we have again approached Northumbria Police to ask for tough enforcement. In regards to litter I am still aghast at some of the items that appear on our streets (McDonald's packaging is always a surprise given there isn't one anywhere near!).

I hope you enjoy the colours of autumn and hope to see you at future Parish Council meetings or other events in the village.

Marc Horn (Parish Council Chairman)



I hope you have had an enjoyable summer. The Cow Lane / Milkwell development is commencing as I write this. I am in regular contact with the developers and the council planning department so please contact me if you have any concerns. I'm afraid I can't stop the development going ahead as permission was granted years ago but I will raise any issues. Term has started and so we are keeping a close eye on safety around Corbridge Middle School.

Further works have been carried out by NCC Highways in Corbridge - Roman Way and Glebelands pavements have been resurfaced. We'll be submitting our aspirations for further works in next year's Local Transport Plan shortly.

We will be progressing with the Corbridge Neighbourhood Plan this autumn so if you would like to contribute then please contact me.

Planning permission has been granted for a footbridge over the Devil's Water at Dilston and that is due to be installed in October. This will enable another wonderful countryside walk route identified and promoted by Corbridge Heritage Trails so congratulations to David Waugh and everybody else involved.

Congratulations to all involved in the Corbridge Village Show last month (September) which goes from strength to strength each year.

I am on the Queen Elizabeth High School steering group and can report that the ambitious plans are well progressed for building the new school. The contractor has been selected and planning permission will be submitted soon. Students from QEHS have performed very well in A levels, vocational qualifications and GCSEs this summer and I wish them all the best with their next steps. There are three excellent schools in this ward: Beaufront and Corbridge First Schools and Corbridge Middle.

Nick Oliver (Northumberland County Councillor)

Don't hesitate to get in touch - nick.oliver24@outlook.com or 07779 983742.



The very well attended Corbridge Family Fun Day 2019 lived up to its name under a blazing sun at the cricket club. With almost £3,500 raised for the Corbridge Youth Initiative, Charlotte Straker and the club. The latter beat the village cricket team in the final to win the Corbridge Charity Shield.





The Hadrian's Wall Community Archaeology Project (WallCAP), based at Newcastle University and funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund, is a three year project enabling local volunteers to work alongside professional archaeologists to undertake important research and conservation work at various places throughout the Hadrian's Wall World Heritage Site.

In August our attention was focused on the Corchester Lane playing field in Corbridge, where 70 volunteers undertook an evaluation of a small part of the wider Roman Town. The archaeological importance of Corbridge, as the most northern town in the entire Roman Empire, is well attested, and it is known that extensive archaeological remains lie buried in several fields surrounding the visible ruins within the popular English Heritage site.

However, the nature of buried deposits in this playing field was not previously known. The purpose of our work was relatively small scale: to assess the general nature of archaeological deposits here rather than to attempt the detailed investigation of individual features or buildings.

Earlier in the year WallCAP volunteers undertook a geophysical survey of the field, from which it was clear that buried features did survive beneath the turf here. However, the date of these was not known. We know the field was a school playing field during much of the 20th century and it was possible that some of the features could have related to this, or indeed to other periods during the 15 centuries since the demise of the Roman Town.

We also know from previous work that the line of Dere Street - the main Roman road from York up into Scotland - passes immediately west of the playing field. In the 1930s, when the field belonged to the adjacent Corchester School, schoolboys undertook excavations in this field, finding many Roman objects. But unfortunately the locations of their trenches and descriptions of what they found are not recorded in any detail.

We opened one large trench and two small ones. All carefully located to investigate features identified by the geophysics. In all three trenches the first six inches of soil below the turf was ploughsoil, churned up by the plough in medieval and post-medieval times. Hundreds of artefacts were recovered from this soil. Most of these were of post-medieval date, including lots of pottery, an Italian coin dated 1893, and a school 'vice-captain' badge of mid 20th century date! However, mixed in within these later finds were occasional objects of Roman date, including several sherds of pottery.

Despite the weather (we were informed by a local resident that this was the wettest August fortnight here in living memory), the volunteers made good progress removing the ploughsoil from all three trenches and we soon realised that undisturbed Roman deposits lay immediately beneath it, just a few inches below the turf.

In the large trench, towards the south-west corner of the field, we encountered what appears to be a well-made Roman road running east-west. To the north and south of this various features were investigated and all contained Roman finds, with nothing of later date. Hundreds of sherds of Roman pottery of various forms were found, including fragments of amphorae, mortaria, everyday 'black burnished ware', and more upmarket Samian ware (one sherd of which was stamped with the name of its maker, SECVNDINI, known to have operated in the south of France in about 100 AD).

Although it wasn't immediately clear exactly what the various features represented in terms of Roman activity, the sheer quantity of pottery demonstrates this was a busy part of the town. Several samples were taken and these will now be analysed in the laboratory in the hope they will cast some light on what was going on here in Roman times.





Can You Dig It? Archaeology at Corbridge 2019



In Trench 3 near the centre of the field we uncovered a small part of a stone-walled Roman building with a clay floor displaying evidence of a hearth or kiln. A great deal of Roman pottery was recovered from the floor. Unfortunately, thanks to the splendid August weather, the trench became flooded and it was impossible to investigate these remains any further.

No structural features were encountered in Trench 2, located towards the north-west corner of the field, before it too was flooded and had to be abandoned. However, some sherds of Roman pottery were found, suggesting activity of some kind took place here in Roman times, evidence of which probably survives at greater depth.

Despite the weather, the volunteers had an enjoyable time and made several significant discoveries. Clearly, a great deal of intact and largely undisturbed Roman stratigraphy survives beneath the turf here, even if the topmost few inches have been churned up by ploughing. There is certainly much scope for further investigation and, while WallCAP also has to complete much important work at a range of other sites, serious thought will be given to a possible return to Corbridge next summer.

Work will now concentrate on the analysis of all of the finds and samples after which a report will be written and made available on the project website. There will be a public presentation of the results at Corbridge Parish Hall at some point over the winter. This will be well advertised and open to all. So if you would like to learn more about Corbridge's unique and very important Roman heritage, please do come and join us!

Paul Frodsham (WallCAP Community Archaeologist)

Further information about WallCAP, including details of how you can sign up as a volunteer, are available on the project website: <https://wallcap.ncl.ac.uk/>



NOTICE BOARD

Corbridge WI: Meets on the first Monday of every month, excluding Bank Holidays, at 2pm in the Parish Hall. New members welcome.

Corbridge Village Trust: Next talk at the Parish Hall is at 7:30pm on Thursday October 24 when Ian Wylie presents: 'The Life of Wylie: From Fleet Street to Main Street.' Non members welcome: £2 on the door. Followed on Thursday November 28 by Peter Brennan on 'Newcastle City Hall'.

Corbridge Gardening Society: Next talk at the Parish Hall is at 7:30pm on Thursday October 17 when Heather Russell presents: 'My dream garden (Perennials and grasses).' Followed on Thursday November 21 by Robert Jamieson: 'Plant hunting from Howick Hall.'

Christmas In Corbridge: Monday December 2 from 4pm.

St Andrew's Church Christmas Tree Festival: Friday November 30 to Tuesday Dec 3 inclusive. Open late on Monday for the Christmas In Corbridge event.

Corbridge Church Times

St Andrew's Church

Saturday October 5: 10am Ecumenical Prayer Group in the Methodist New Room

Sunday October 6: 10am Parish Communion / 6pm Holy Communion (with hymns)

Sunday October 13: 10am Parish Communion celebrating the 1,343rd birthday of St Andrew's Church and the first anniversary of David Kennedy's Induction / 3pm Messy Church / 6pm Evening Prayer

Sunday October 20: 10am Parish Communion / 6pm Choral Evensong

Sunday October 27: 10am Parish Communion / 4pm All Age Worship / 6pm Evening Prayer (Said)

Corbridge Methodist Church

Saturday October 5: 10am Ecumenical Prayer Group in the Methodist New Room

Sunday Service: 10:45am every week

Coffee Morning: Every Tuesday from 10am to 11:30am

Forum with speaker: 2:30pm on the second Wednesday of every month.

Corbridge Pentecostal Church

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

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St Andrew's Church Organ Restoration Appeal

For many people in our community, the organ is central to what St Andrew's Church in Corbridge offers at special services, weddings, funerals, christenings, carol services, school services, Remembrance Sunday, recitals and concerts. But large instruments like the St Andrew's organ are complex and over time need complete refurbishment and cleaning.

Our wonderful church organ was installed in 1925 by the organ builders Hill, Norman & Beard. It underwent its last major refit in 1979. Now, 40 years on, it might look fine from the outside but it needs major work. Much of the present electronics reflect the technology of the 1970s and just think how things have progressed since then!

Organs are sensitive to the fluctuating temperatures of churches and pipes and fittings become clogged up by dust and dirt. While like all machines over time, parts - including significant leather fittings - wear out and need to be renewed.

Major restoration also provides an opportunity for enhancement and we have a chance to improve the instrument so as better to facilitate its role in services, recitals and other musical events.

We have undertaken a tendering process and have concluded the restoration will cost in the region of £100,000. This is a very large sum to raise and we would be delighted to receive the support and help of our community here in Corbridge.

Every home in the parish will soon receive a brochure about the organ restoration scheme. We are planning to hold a Gift Weekend on October 19 and 20 when individual donations may be brought to church. We have appointed a fund raising committee to seek grant aid and organise other fund raising events. We also hope village organisations and groups will help us and are keen to hear of creative suggestions and ideas to assist us.

Our consultant, the renowned organist Paul Hale, writes, "The organ at St Andrew's is a fine example of the solidly excellent work being carried out by Norman & Beard during the 1920s. It is clear to me that this organ fits the church, is well made and deserving of many years further service. It represents the most significant item in the church - a generous gift from the past, of great use in the present and future. Something of which St Andrew's can be proud. Believe, me, I do not write this about every organ I survey!"

We hope to carry out the work in early 2020. Would you be willing to help us? We would be delighted for any support to maintain this part of our village heritage. You can help by responding to the Gift Weekend or helping with fund raising events.

Look out for the brochure when it drops through your letter box and please read it carefully. We hope this will catch everyone's imagination and keep the music playing at the heart of our village. Once the restoration is complete we look forward to a great celebration for all who have contributed to the restoration appeal.

Thank you in anticipation
David Kennedy, Vicar.



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Jewel Ahmed

A Jewel on the Tyne: Ian Wylie talks to Jewel Ahmed.



"I believe the joy of life is love. It's a beautiful world. But we won't live in this world forever. When I'm gone I want people to remember Jewel as a character. To say, 'Oh, he was a smiler.'"

Jewel Ahmed describes himself as "a positive person". Not many who know him would disagree. He moved here 14 years ago when he took over the Corbridge Tandoori in Market Place and has been smiling ever since.

Sitting in the restaurant which celebrates its 30th anniversary this year, Jewel explains: "This is my theatre. A friend was in the restaurant one night and said, 'You are here, there and everywhere. You know everybody's full name. How do you remember?' I said, 'This is my stage where I get to perform.' And if I perform well I get a clap and that's what I enjoy."

"I love people. That's why I could not move to another job because I like dealing with people. When I serve in the restaurant and I know everything went right on, say, a busy Saturday night, the food was served on time and everything went smoothly, I really feel good. And if not I try and make it right. Other people's happiness really matters to me. I want other people to be happy."

That includes giving something back to the community by serving as a member of Corbridge Parish Council, the Visit Corbridge committee, the Rotary Club of Tynedale plus supporting local causes through business sponsorship.

"I live in Corbridge with my family and I have been coming here for over 30 years. I love Corbridge and my business is here. My customers become friends. My children go to school here from the nursery to the First School, Middle School and on to Hexham High School."

"I think I have a solemn duty to do something for the community. That's why I support local good causes. And I want to help my community in whatever way possible. Which is why I joined the Parish Council. To help Corbridge with a group of other people. And to maintain the beauty of this village and beyond. Whatever I can do to help my community, I want to do that for as long as I live."

Born Sobir Ahmed in north east Bangladesh, he has been known as Jewel ever since. "When I was born my mum said I was her little jewel."

His uncle moved to Britain after the Second World War and his father, then in his late teens, later joined him. "When my father first came here he lived in Birmingham, worked in a factory and bought his first house there. He married my mum in Bangladesh where I was born."

"My dad moved to London and then lived in Newcastle



for over 30 years until he died 18 months ago. He used to commute to Britain to work and went back to Bangladesh to visit every year or so. It was hard both for him and for us. He would visit us for three months and then go back to England. It was difficult. We missed him.

"Then in the mid 80s he decided to bring all of us - my mother, my two brothers and myself - to live in Britain. I was a teenager then. It was a big move for us but English was always a second language. We studied it from nursery school onwards. I learned the song 'Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star' from my grandmother. Every day she used to read two newspapers. She was a very sharp lady."

"We moved from east London to Newcastle in the 1990s. I'm one of three brothers - I'm in the middle. My father thought the family would have a better quality of life in the north east. He was very family oriented, including his extended family. So it was a hard decision for him to make, leaving other family who were still living in London."

"My maternal aunt lived in Newcastle since 1960 so my father would visit the north. He really liked Northumberland and the Tyne Valley. In those days there was only one Indian restaurant in the area - in Hexham. So he thought about opening a business around here. Then he went back to London and eventually we moved to Newcastle. By then he had become a partner in an Indian takeaway before moving on to a restaurant."

"When I came here I went to Rutherford School on Westgate Road and then Gateshead College. After A-levels I was planning to go to university. The family business was in Newcastle - Tandoori Nights on Grey Street. One thing led to another and I started working there. At first it was part time for a bit of pocket money. And I've now worked in this line for over 30 years."

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"People from Corbridge who work in Newcastle used to come and have a meal at Tandoori Nights. So that's how I knew a lot of people here and why I was not afraid to move from a city to a village. I knew the restaurant here would do well.

"Corbridge Tandoori is 30 years old this year and I became part owner 14 years ago. I was working late in the city centre and doing two shifts - day and night. I was single and I really worked hard to take that business to a certain level. It was a partnership between our family and another family.

"But I was looking for a change. I don't drink alcohol and the majority of my friends don't drink. So all of the other restaurant people used to come to my restaurant in Grey Street to relax after work. We used to sit and have coffee, tea and chat. Putting the world right. I was friends with the previous owner of Corbridge Tandoori. And his father was a friend of my father's as well. They were also from north east Bangladesh.

"The previous owner told me one day that he wanted to retire from the business. I said, 'Fine. I'm looking for a business, so we'll sit down and talk.' Then we reached an agreement. I'm glad we made the decision so I could have time with my family by not working day and night."

Jewel has been writing poems since he was 10 and



Jewel, The Young Poet

published his first book in Bengali text in 1995. "A collection of romantic poems called 'Beloved'. With two more books ready to publish." A number of years later he found romance in his own life.

"I got married to my wife Mutmainna in 2003. One of our cousins knew their family and mentioned her to my parents. I went to Bangladesh on a visit. That's when we met. We talked and maybe I liked her smile! So I met her in Bangladesh and ended up marrying her.

"We have four children. The eldest is Mumtahina. She is 13. Then there is Sulayman. He is 12. My third child is Nuha. She will be 11 in November. And then Yusuf. He is three."

Jewel's eldest child was born shortly after the family moved here and he took over the Corbridge Tandoori.

"I had been working day and night. But maybe at the back of my mind was the fact my own dad had been away so much when I was a child. I wanted to spend

as much time as possible with my daughter, my first child. She is my princess. When I held her for the first time at ten past five in the morning at the RVI I had never experienced a joy of life like that. A tiny baby in my arms.

"So I wanted to be there for my daughter. Take her to school and collect her. I wanted to play with her, watch cartoons with her, take her to the park. To spend as much time as possible with this princess with lovely memories to treasure later in life when I am an old man."

Now a father of four, Jewel works seven days a week but mainly in the evenings when the restaurant is open. "It's good that I have some time off during the day. Although there are always things to do, like placing orders. Even so, it gives me time with my family."

Customers come to his Market Place 'theatre' from all over the world. "There was an American lady recently who said, 'I was here before six years ago.' Often I receive a direct phone call from Holland from Dutch people who want to book a table. We get a lot of tourists here and local people from all walks of life. Some come every week. Others every month.

"I've also served so many famous customers in my lifetime: Angela Rippon, Billy Connolly, Peter Snow, the Rev Ian Paisley with his bodyguard, Linda Lusardi, Carol Malia, Sol Campbell, Paul Collingwood, Tim Healy, Denise Welch, Pam Royle and Paul Gascoigne. "Customers I first served here 14 years ago are still coming in today. Now I'm serving their children who have grown up as well as the parents and grandparents. It makes me feel good to know them all. It's like a mini community centre where local people meet. Friends, family, neighbours."

Jewel is front of house at Corbridge Tandoori along with younger brother Tufail. "You have to have passion in this business. Running a restaurant is also all about team work and I would like to thank my dedicated staff. I am the captain of the ship but I could not do it without them. They have been crucial to our success over a number of years."

Corbridge Tandoori has won a number of awards and was a regional runner up in this year's Tiffin Cup, the annual House of Commons' celebration of South Asian restaurants. In this case Jewel and his team were nominated by Hexham MP Guy Opperman.

"It was a great honour," says Jewel. "We are also proud to support local causes in Corbridge. This year we are sponsoring the girls' cricket club. Also the under eight Corbridge Football Club. We support the Village Show. And the Corbridge Youth Initiative, the annual Wheelbarrow Race and so on.

"We are blessed to live in Corbridge. People are fantastic. Very friendly. It is a very pretty village with a long history. Along with the river and open countryside. I am fascinated that some of the people here are the fifth generation of families in Corbridge. It is a wonderful village. We should maintain the beauty of Corbridge and beyond. Maintain the character of the village.

"Location is very important for a restaurant. Our restaurant in Grey Street was in a very prestigious location and Market Place in Corbridge is a wonderful and historical location. I love history. Before I moved here I used to go to Newcastle Central Library to read about the history here in Corbridge. I would also go to the Lit & Phil Library which was very close to the restaurant."

How does he relax away from work? "I love reading. Also writing poetry. I love walking and I go walking

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a lot. I like open spaces, the coast and sea. I like to take my family for fish and chips by the sea and ice cream and go on the beach. I meditate as well. And I enjoy spending time with my children. That makes me relaxed.

"Who knows if any of my children might eventually want to get involved with the restaurant? But if they do I will be happy. They are still young. I would be happy if one of my sons took over from me and carried on their dad's legacy. But I just want to see my children doing well."

Does Jewel have a favourite dish on his own menu? "I don't like too hot or too mild. I like something in the middle. Although I was born in a family where people have spicy food. We have a very extensive menu - there are so many dishes that we make in this kitchen. And we are proud that other people have copied those dishes.

"We have created a number of original dishes in our Corbridge menu. Our own specialities. A best seller for us is the Sulaymania Salon. Sulayman is a king. So it's the king of the curries. It's a very unusual curry. "There are a lot of dishes that people won't have seen in other curry houses. We also specialise in our range of chutneys. Again, some of which you can't get elsewhere. Our house specialities. Corbridge is a unique place and we want to serve unique things here, as well as all the usual dishes.

"Apart from me we have a team of six to eight people working here. On a busy night we need eight people. Monday to Thursday less people. The weekend is more. It is a family business and I am the part owner.

"I am blessed. Working in this line of business I have met so many wonderful people. Wherever I go I love to make as many friends as possible.

"I think we should all help others. Do what we can. We should try. It's a wonderful life."



Corbridge Village Show 2019

See centre spread

This September's event at the Parish Hall saw another healthy increase in both entries and attendance. With the prizes presented by BBC Look North's Carol Malia.

Main Prize Winners

Village Show Medal (up to eight years old): **Joseph Brodie**

Village Show Medal (nine to 13 years old): **Elise Foster**

Village Show Medal (Children's Photography): **Emily Jeffery**

Forum Books Plastic Bottle Superhero Challenge: **Rosie Barnett**

Best Vegetable Exhibit (George Inns Memorial Trophy): **Elsie Joyce**

Best Flowers Exhibit (Ken Johnson Memorial Trophy): **Sheila Goldsworthy**

Best Industrial Exhibit (Eric Dobson Cup): **Katey Payne**

Best Photographic Exhibit (Walton-Charlton Memorial Cup): **Pip Moon**

Leeks (James Hardy Memorial Cup): **Miles Joyce**

Best Leek In Show (Sun Trophy): **Miles Joyce**

Three Onions Dressed (Tom Joyce Trophy): **Miles Joyce**

Best Collection Of Vegetables (Bill Hardy Memorial Trophy): **Colin Campbell**

Three Round Beetroot (Small Holders Champions Medal): **Stuart Clark**

Three Onions As Grown (John Hardy Challenge Cup): **Colin Campbell**

Six Onions Grown From Sets (Sir George Blackett Challenge Cup): **Eric Peel**

Best Dahlias (Laura Trail Trophy): **John Cowell**

Best Chrysanthemums (James Morley Memorial Cup): **John Thirwell**

Corbridge Film Nights



The Corbridge Film Nights committee is looking forward to a busy year as members mark their tenth season of screening films in Corbridge. Celebrations began with fizz ahead of the first film in the new season - 'Lucky' - last month (September). But the celebrations don't end there. Film enthusiasts will be treated to a free film at Christmas. "We normally show nine films in a season but this year we thought we would show ten with the extra one screened free at Christmas," explains chair Gill Moss.

The club is run by volunteers who select international and critically acclaimed films. Some are foreign language but not all. Committee member Murray Wills says, "We try to choose a balance of comedies and thrillers as well as films which are thought provoking and up to date."

As usual, film goers are offered free tea, coffee and biscuits at every session with wine and nibbles at Christmas. All of this for £35 subscription for the entire season or £5 on the door each night. If you are interested in looking in on a film, pop along to the Parish Hall on a Sunday night Doors open at 7pm for 7.30pm and films generally finish around 9.30pm. You are welcome to bring your own refreshments.

For more information, go to the Visit Corbridge website, Facebook or contact John Wills on 01434 633995 or johnwills118@btinternet.com.

2019 / 2020:

- Shoplifters (Oct 6) Japan (2018), 121mins Dir. Hirokazu Kore-eda
- Leave No Trace (Oct 27) USA (2018), 109mins Dir. Debra Granik
- The White Crow (Nov 24) UK (2018), 127mins Dir. Ralph Fiennes
- Free Festive Themed Film (Dec 15) TBA
- The Guilty (Jan 12) 2018, Denmark, 85mins Dir. Gustav Moller
- Apostasy (Feb 9) 2017, UK, 95mins Dir. Daniel Kokotajlo
- Foxtrot (Mar 1) 2017, Israel, 113mins Dir. Samuel Maoz
- Capernaum (Mar 22) 2018, Lebanese, 126 mins Dir. Nadine Labaki
- Woman at War (April 19) 2018, Iceland, 101mins Dir Benedikt Erlingsson



Corbridge Village Show 2019



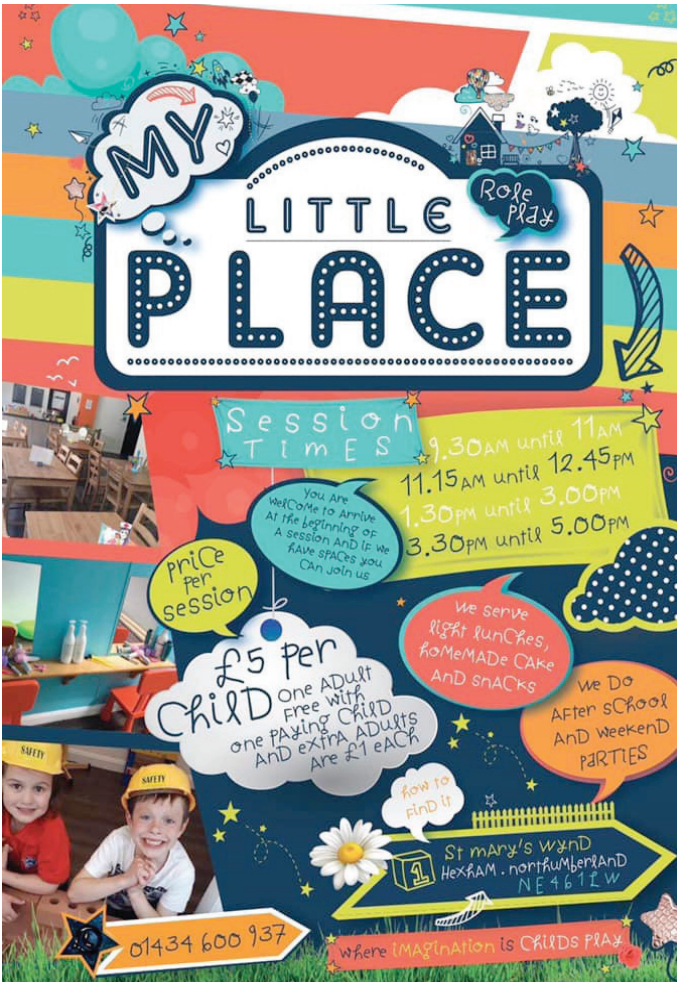




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Forum Books

Hello readers...and hello October. We are now full on Autumn - the season of mists and cosy cardigans. It always feels the perfect time to be wrapped (rapt?!) up with a good book. And should you need reading inspiration we have another packed month of events and author visits.

National Poetry Day is on Thursday Oct 3 and this year's theme is truth. We'll have poetry readings on our silent disco wireless headphones in the bookshop and a typewriter for you to type your truest words on.

Closely followed by **Bookshop Day** on Saturday Oct 5 when lots of our favourite authors will be stopping off - **Mari Hannah**, **Chloe Daykin**, **Gemma Koomen** and **Matt Wesolowski** for starters. This year's special bags are beautifully designed by Yehrin Tong and there will be cake and other treats in store too.

Dan Jackson joins us at St. Andrew's Church on Wednesday Oct 2 to talk about his incredible new history of the North East 'The Northumbrians'. Covering everything from the locomotive to the light bulb, from the Venerable Bede and the Prince Bishops of Durham, to Viz and Geordie Shore, this will be unarguably vibrant and comprehensive.

Janet Ellis returns to Corbridge on Friday Oct 11 with a very different book. 'How It Was' is a contemporary, immersive new novel from the former Blue Peter presenter that tells us the exquisite pain of being in the wrong place at the wrong time, with the complexity of family and relationships.

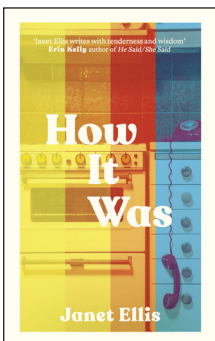
And we can't wait for **Shaun Bythell** - the legendary bookseller and owner of Wigtown's The Bookshop - to visit us on Monday Oct 28 to talk about his latest 'Confessions of a Bookseller'. Expect more brilliant, sweetly curmudgeonly tales and an irreverently funny evening.

As ever tickets are available now from the bookshop and we'd love to see you. Happy reading!

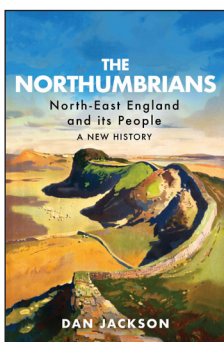
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