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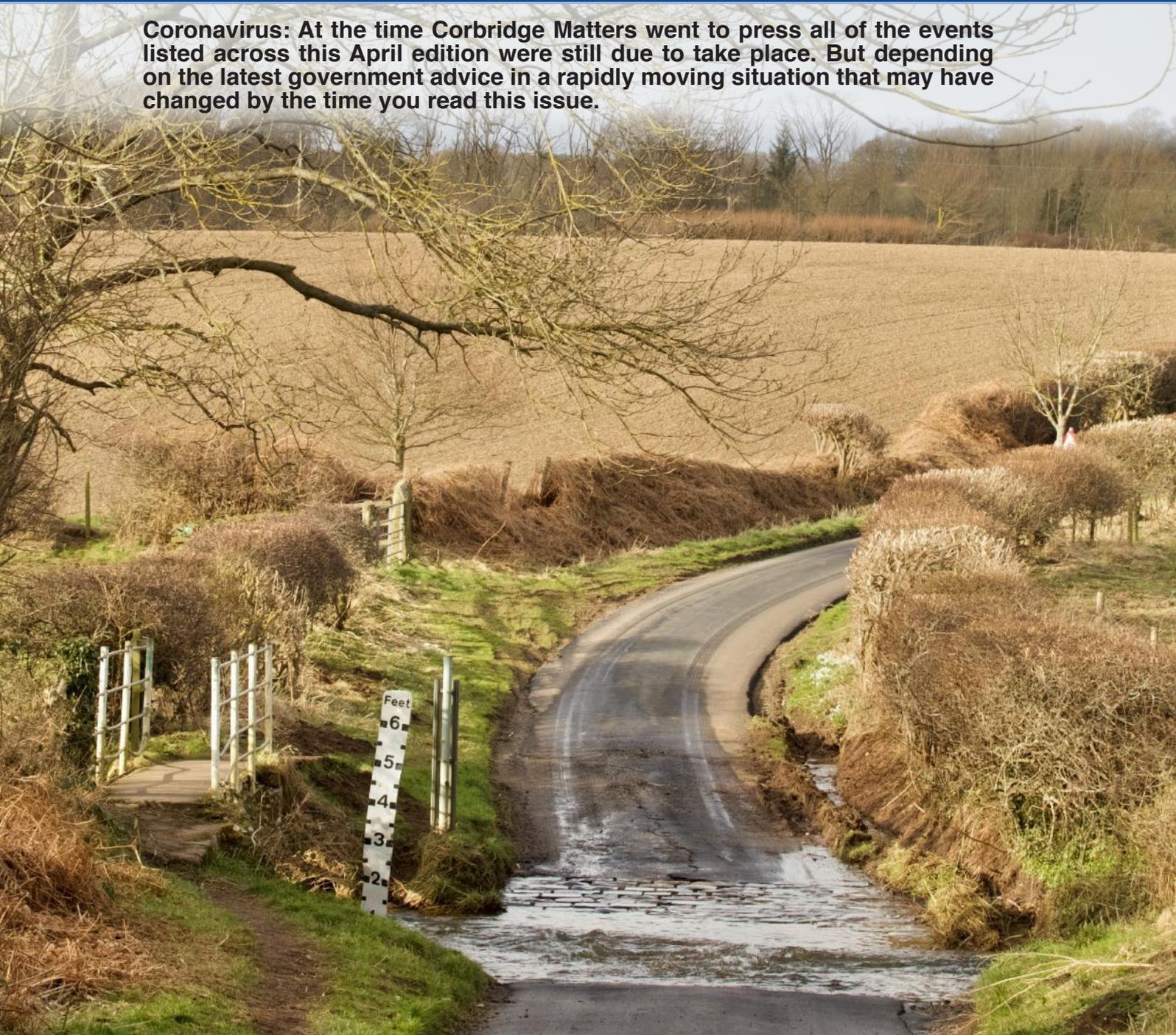
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Coronavirus: At the time Corbridge Matters went to press all of the events listed across this April edition were still due to take place. But depending on the latest government advice in a rapidly moving situation that may have changed by the time you read this issue.



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Parish Council
INFORMATION

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Corbridge Parish Council next meets on
Wednesdays April 22 and May 20 in the Parish
Hall, St Helen's Street, Corbridge at 7pm

Council Notes



Corbridge has a total of three radar speed signs which are located on Aydon Road, Newcastle Road and Stagshaw Road. Each produces speed reports on all traffic coming into the village as well as indicating a warning when vehicles exceed 30mph.

The reports make for interesting reading. Average speeds are highest on Newcastle Road (28.6mph) lower on Stagshaw Road (27.4mph) and lowest on Aydon Road (25.6mph). We are certain that radar speed signs reduce average speed. Most drivers are observing the speed limit but this varies from location to location and, interestingly, from day to day. The best behaved drivers are those on Aydon Road on Thursdays where only 22.3 per cent exceed the 30mph limit. The worst offenders are those driving on Newcastle Road on Sundays where 42 per cent are driving in excess of 30mph.

What is it about Sundays I wonder? It can't simply be that people are eager to get to church on time. Perhaps it's the result of more visitors coming to the village at weekends. Either way, we will again ask the police to enforce speed limits via penalty notices.

Dog fouling continues to be a problem in certain locations, particularly in the winter months. In particular, the habit of some dog owners to let their pets out of the car to relieve themselves unattended while they stay inside is particularly anti-social. If residents are aware of serial offenders they can make an incident report on the Northumberland County Council website. It is worth remembering that dog fouling which follows a pattern makes it much easier for the Dog Warden to catch the culprits red handed - but they have to know who, when and where.

William Clouston (Parish Council Chairman)



Let's hope we've seen the worst of the stormy weather. As I write this the sun is shining and the snowdrops are abundant in the Stanners Wood. River levels were pretty high during Storm Ciara but nobody suffered any serious flooding. Thanks to the Environment Agency for their work on defences since 2015.

By the time you are reading this the most disruptive stretch of the Northern Gas Networks work past the Wheatsheaf corner installing a new gas main will, hopefully, be complete. None of us wanted the Milkwell development or the disruption but credit to the contractors for keeping us so well informed.

Work led by the Parish Council is gathering pace on the Corbridge Neighbourhood Plan which the government website explains "gives communities direct power to develop a shared vision for their neighbourhood and shape the development and growth of their local area". We are holding a second consultation event from 4pm to 7pm in the Parish Hall on Wednesday April 22. Please come along and have your say.

Work has started on the new Queen Elizabeth High School development in Hexham. When complete our local high school will have buildings of the same high standards as their education and pastoral care.

Soon after becoming a councillor I attended a presentation about communities buying or developing social housing. In a subsequent meeting with Miller Homes about access arrangements for the Milkwell development I suggested they might like to sell the Parish Council some of the houses for local people at social rent levels. They agreed and we believe this is the first Community Led Housing scheme of its kind in the country. Having recently signed the contract to buy four properties.

Nick Oliver (Northumberland County Councillor)
Please do not hesitate to get in touch - nick.oliver24@outlook.com or 07779 983742.

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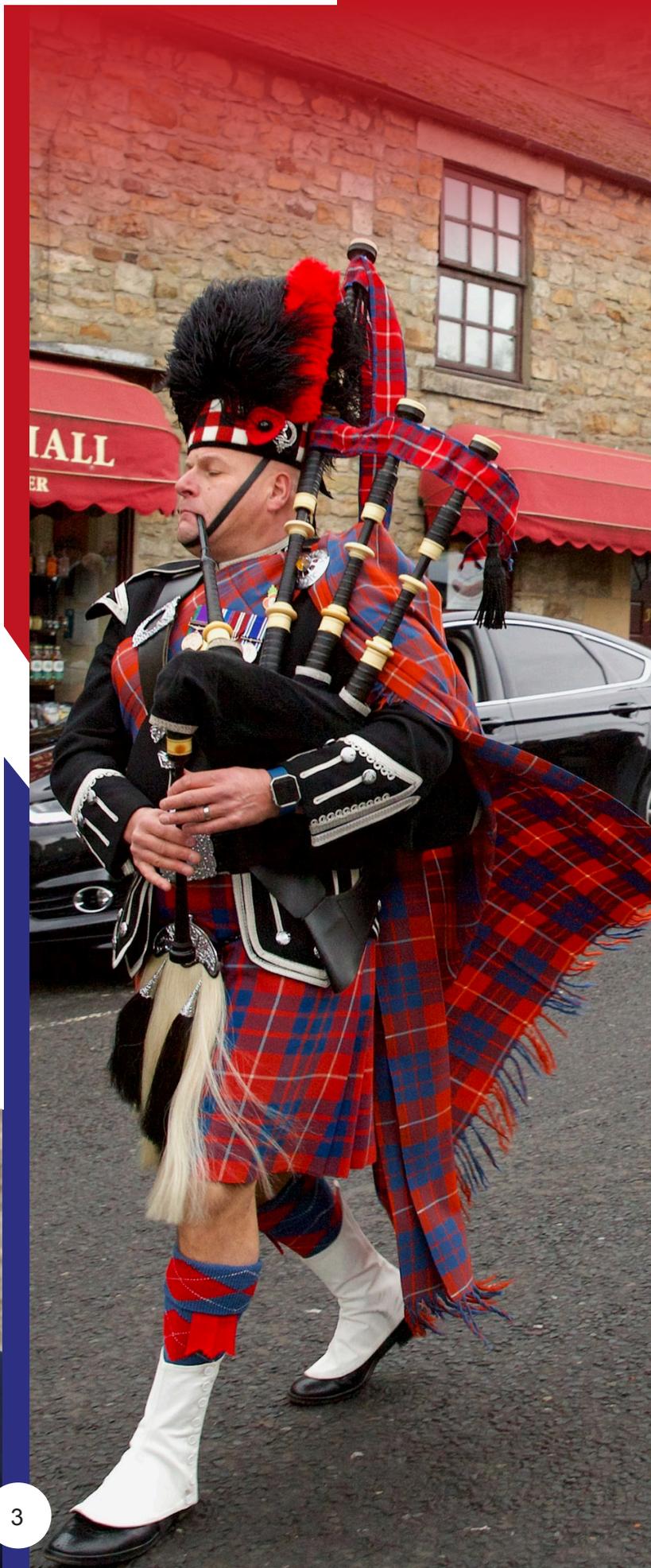
It was at 3pm on May 8 1945 that prime minister Winston Churchill announced the war in Europe was over. Victory in Europe Day, known as VE Day, took place in Britain on that date to mark the formal acceptance of Nazi Germany's surrender. A day of mass relief, euphoria and reflection.

Exactly 75 years later Corbridge is taking part in the nation's VE75 event with Friday May 8 declared a Bank Holiday. In advance of the day, memory boards will be in place inside St Andrew's Church for people to record their own memories. With red, white and blue bunting on the Lych Gate Memorial entrance to the church grounds. The Corbridge Branch of the Royal British Legion also has plans to place a special memorial bench at The Coigns later this year in time for the 2020 Remembrance events in November.

David Burnett, chairman of the Corbridge British Legion, said: "It is important that Corbridge plays its part in the VE75 celebrations. While also marking other anniversaries of events from the First World War to the present day."

Bank Holiday Friday May 8: 2:15pm Thanksgiving Service at St Andrew's Church. At 3pm - following the service - piper Jim Hall will play 'Battle's O'er', a traditional air performed on the bagpipes at the end of a battle. Plus 'VE Day 75', a tune specially composed for this anniversary. The Corbridge piper will be one of thousands of individual pipers playing these two tunes at 3pm (local time) around the globe. Including at the four highest peaks in the United Kingdom - Ben Nevis, Scafell Pike, Mount Snowdon and Slieve Donald. Pipers taking part are paying their personal tribute to the thousands of pipers who lost their lives in the Second World War or returned home badly wounded.

Saturday May 9: Corbridge Royal British Legion is hosting a 'Bring Your Own Picnic' event to mirror what happened 75 years ago, including musical entertainment, games and a raffle. The afternoon picnic will be held outside the Corstopitum Social Club in St Helen's Street before moving inside the club from early evening for more entertainment.



VE DAY
75TH ANNIVERSARY
A SHARED MOMENT OF CELEBRATION
8-10 MAY 2020



David Burnett
Corbridge RBL

TYNEDALE

Girls rugby has been growing rapidly in recent years and nowhere more so than in Northumberland and at Tynedale Panthers in Corbridge, writes Nick Oliver.

After 16 years coaching boys at Tynedale I began coaching girls at Tynedale RFC five years ago. Back then we usually had to team up with another club to make up a full team. But this season, and for the first time ever, Tynedale Panthers now have full squads with plenty of subs at all three age groups - U13s, U15s and U18s.

Skills levels have risen tremendously in the girls' game with the increase in participation and competition. It is wonderful to see more and more girls trying the sport - and usually loving it. The camaraderie is strong and players of all skills levels are welcomed by the girls and their coaches. One of rugby's strongest selling points is there is a position on the field for players of all physiques and fitness and that is no different at Tynedale. It really is an inclusive game.

New players wanting to try the game can come down to Tynedale Park on Thursday evening at 6pm and give it a go and new players are joining every month. It is also worth mentioning that women's touch rugby is also thriving at Tynedale with over 20 women training on Thursday evenings and new members are always welcome.

Of the five Rugby Football Union (RFU) values - Teamwork, Respect, Enjoyment, Discipline and Sportsmanship - we place the most importance in Enjoyment at Tynedale. If everybody is enjoying their rugby the other values somehow become a given. The girls make friends from other schools along the Tyne Valley, in Newcastle and in County Durham and many ex-Panthers are still in touch well after university.



RFC

Progress this season for the U15s and U18s squads has been remarkable with both being crowned Northumberland champions. Progress this season for the U15s and U18s squads has been remarkable with both being crowned Northumberland champions. Last month (March) both reached the North of England final in the RFU National Cup. The U15s lost to a very strong Sandal team while the U18s won against West Park St Helens to progress to the National Semi Final. The girls work hard in training and many have been rewarded with representational honours. This season we have provided 15 players and a coach to the Northumberland county squad at U18s and nine players and a coach at U15s. Our U13s are looking strong and will be the backbone of the county in future years. Quite a few players in recent years have been selected for the North of England and now the Centre of Excellence at premiership club Darlington Mowden Park.

Some individuals are worth a special mention. Ex Panthers of recent years ago England full international Caitly Mattinson, England U21 Caitlin Simpson and Scotland U21s Caitlin Morrell and Hannah Illingworth. More recent successes are current Scotland U18 Gemma Bell and England U18's Holly Thorpe, Maisie James and Beyonce Fowler.

These players all help to raise standards and we do our best as coaches to support players with those aspirations. But our main focus is to encourage as many players to keep playing and to have fun. If a player chooses to come to Tynedale because they enjoy the friendships they make, a bit of exercise and an occasional slice of cake after a match then that's all well and good.



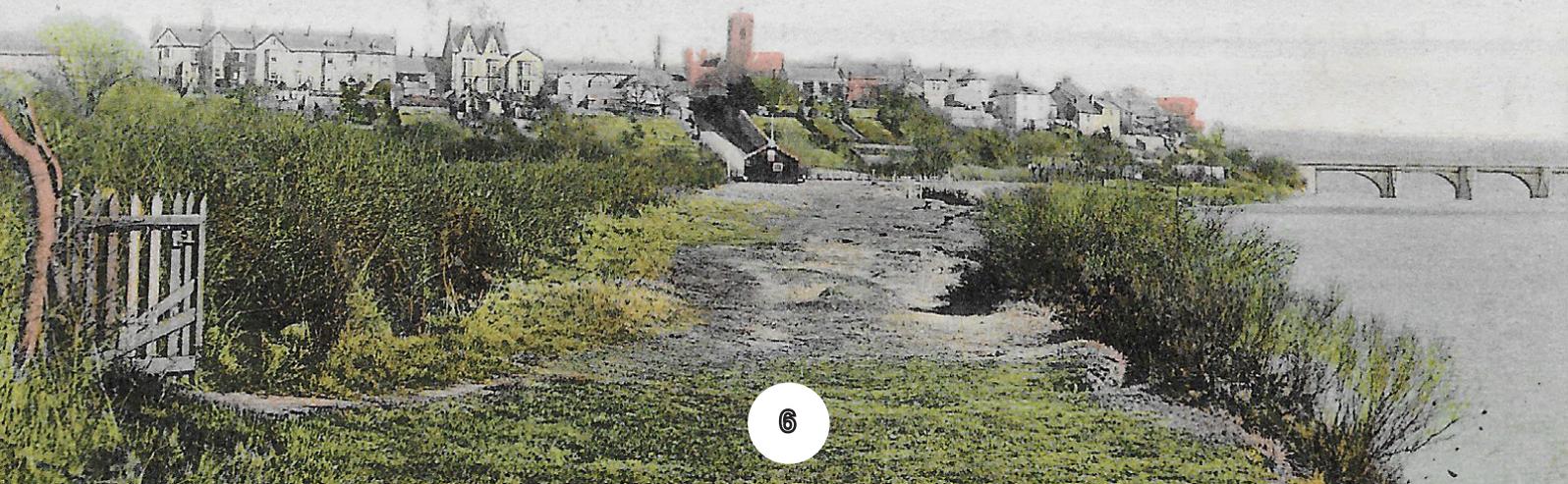


SCREEN STARS: THE CORBRIDGE COLLECTIONS

Corbridge's historic vintage postcard collection is now a screen star attracting attention from both locals and visitors alike. Many of the postcards, some dating back over 110 years, are featured on a new touch screen inside the library / visitor centre building in Hill Street. They are among almost 1000 images stored on the interactive screen including views of life and people in Corbridge today, the history of the village, Corbridge Roman Town and much else besides. The screen plus specialist software was purchased thanks to donations and Corbridge Village Trust in a project led by their chairman David Waugh.

The full list of current individual 'Collections' on the screen is: Corbridge Today / Corbridge People / Historic Postcards: Streets / Corbridge Events / Historic Postcards: 1900 - 1920 / Corbridge Midsummer / Christmas In Corbridge / Historic Postcards: St Andrew's Church and Vicar's Pele / Corbridge Village Show / Forum Books / Christmas Tree Festival / Historic Postcards: Walks. Plus special illustrated items on Corbridge History and Corbridge Roman Town.

The Library / Visitor Centre in Hill Street operates winter hours - 11am to 4pm on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday - until Good Friday April 10. It will then be open from 10am to 4:30pm every day aside from Sundays but closed for lunch between 1pm and 1:30pm.

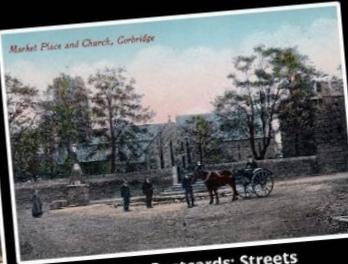


Corbridge Collections

Explore Corbridge past, present and future via the various collections on this screen. Swipe across the screen from right to left to see all of the collections. Then simply touch the collection you want to see and it will open up. Touch any individual image to view, whether from the first image or any other within the group. Navigate either by swiping horizontally and forward or on the touch screen.



Corbridge Today



Historic Postcards: Streets



Corbridge Events



Corbridge People

Some of the people and faces in our vibrant Corbridge community.

Swipe the screen from right to left to see more thumbnail images. Touch any individual image to enlarge and then swipe or touch the arrow symbols to navigate.



Historic Postcards: 1900 - 1920

Corbridge has a large collection of historic postcards showing the village in times gone by. You can explore other postcard selections in separate collections via the Home Screen.

Swipe the screen from right to left to see more thumbnail images. Touch any individual image to enlarge and then swipe or touch the arrow symbols to navigate.



Corbridge Village Show

The annual Village Show is held at Corbridge Parish Hall. Yet another thriving event bringing our community together. The 2020 show is on Saturday September 5.

Swipe the screen from right to left to see more thumbnail images. Touch any individual image to enlarge and then swipe or touch the arrow symbols to navigate.



NOTICE BOARD

Corbridge Neighbourhood Plan: Building on the first consultation held in March 2019, a further consultation to help shape the Corbridge Neighbourhood Plan will be held on Wednesday April 22 from 4pm to 7pm in Room One of Corbridge Parish Hall.

Corbridge (Age UK) Lunch Clubs Annual Coffee Morning: Saturday May 9 between 10am and noon at Corbridge Parish Hall.

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

Corbridge Film Nights: 'Woman at War' (2018) will be screened on Sunday April 19. 7pm for 7.30pm at Corbridge Parish Hall.

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Corbridge Carpet Bowls Club: Why not come and join us for a game of carpet bowls in the Parish Hall? We bowl on a Tuesday between 2pm and 4pm and then between 7pm and 9pm in the evening. It costs £10 to join the club and £2 for each session. Previous experience strictly not necessary. We are in it for the fun so why not come along and have fun with us!

Corbridge Village Trust: Next talk at the Parish Hall is at 7.30pm on Thursday May 28 by Frances McIntosh on 'Corbridge Roman Town'.

Corbridge Church Times

St Andrew's Church

Saturday April 4: 10am Ecumenical Prayer Group in Methodist Church New Room.

Palm Sunday April 5: 10am Procession and Parish Communion / 6pm Stainer's Crucifixion.

Maundy Thursday April 9: 7:30pm The Communion of the Last Supper with washing of feet.

Good Friday April 10: 11am Messy Church / 1:30pm Ecumenical Vigil at Market Cross / 2pm United Ecumenical Worship at Corbridge Methodist Church.

Easter Sunday April 12: 5:30am Service of Light and Dawn Communion / 10am All Age Easter Communion with Easter eggs for the children / 6pm Ecumenical Easter Praise with Corbridge Methodists.

Sunday April 19: 10am Parish Communion / 6pm Evening Prayer (Said).

Sunday April 26: 10am Parish Communion / 4pm Afternoon Service / 6pm Evening Prayer (Said).

Tuesday April 28: 7pm Church Annual Meeting.

Corbridge Methodist Church

Saturday April 4: 10am Ecumenical Prayer Group in Methodist Church New Room.

Sunday Service: 10:45am every week.

Maundy Thursday April 9: 3pm Maundy Service.

Good Friday April 10: 1:30pm Ecumenical Vigil at Market Cross / 2pm United Ecumenical Worship at Corbridge Methodist Church.

Easter Sunday April 12: 6pm Ecumenical Easter Praise at St Andrew's Church.

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

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

Corbridge Pentecostal Church

8pm on Mondays at Corbridge Methodist Church.

Message from the editor

Coronavirus: As this edition of Corbridge Matters went to press the government was poised to step up its measures in a rapidly moving situation. So by the time you read this issue - some weeks later - daily life in Corbridge will almost certainly have been impacted for some people, if not all. If you are able to, please look out for neighbours who may be self isolating. Including older people and those with underlying health conditions and follow the current official advice on this. Including avoiding physical contact. Also noting updates to current UK government Coronavirus advice. At the time of writing this, all sections of the Corbridge community were in discussions about how best to help others. For an update please go to the **Visit Corbridge** website at visitcorbridge.co.uk



Corbridge.

Corbridge Main Street: from an old postcard (Pages 6 & 7)

interview

Liz Hagger tells Ian Wylie about careers, The Crofts and Corbridge.

“The trouble is you don’t know what impact you’ve had most of the time. I’d be walking down Northumberland Street in Newcastle and someone would come up to you and say, ‘You know what you suggested I should do? Well I did it. And it worked.’ It can change people’s lives.”

Liz Hagger has been a careers adviser, worked in trustee banking, public relations and run a Corbridge bed and breakfast. For good measure she is also a former careers agony aunt and once kept sheep.

Her first job was with Barclays Bank Trust Company in London’s historic Pall Mall. “It was their prestige London office. We administered Noel Coward’s estate. Lord Olivier came to collect a bequest and I had to take him down to the vault to collect a bust. One day I was sent across London in a taxi clutching a cheque for over a million pounds in death duties. I was sat there thinking, ‘Do you think they’ll notice if I just alter the name on the cheque?’”

Having just stepped down as secretary of local community group Visit Corbridge, there isn’t much Liz doesn’t know about the place we all call home. While her railway engineering consultant husband Paul has been a stalwart of St Andrew’s Church Choir and leading light in the Corbridge Railway Station Adoption Group.

Liz was born in Chester. “My mum Connie and dad Jim lived in Runcorn at the time. Dad was a civil engineer who worked for ICI Mond division, which is chemicals. Then we moved to Winsford in Cheshire and dad was the chief engineer for ICI Salt Division.

“I was an only child and we lived there until I was nine. Then we moved to Basingstoke in Hampshire and dad worked at the Atomic Weapons Research Establishment in Aldermaston. Super hush hush. He was a civil engineer but I don’t know what he did there. After 18 months we moved to Streetly in Sutton Coldfield near Birmingham and we actually managed to stay there for eight years.

“Mum had been a secondary school teacher in London. So when the bombing started in London during the Second World War the school was evacuated to Bray in Berkshire. With all of the kids scattered around with different families. Mum was staying in this B&B while my dad, who was from Airdrie near Glasgow, had just been drafted in to the Royal Engineers and was the engineer in charge of repairing a bridge at Bray over the Thames. They were the two only youngish people



interview

in this B&B and that's how they met."

Liz went to King Edward VI High School for Girls in Birmingham. "I wanted to be a forensic scientist. Until I did my O-levels and realised I was useless at science. So I did English Literature, French and German at A-level. Then I went to Sheffield University to study law."

Why law? "I was involved in a car accident in Scotland when I was 17. I was the driver but was not at fault. We were hit by a car belonging to the American Navy, so it was complicated. The subsequent court case got me interested in law. So that's why I chose to do a law degree."

"I met Paul when I was a student in my first year at university. He was studying metallurgy at Leeds. There was a party one night in a hall of residence in Sheffield. I went with a girl called Amy who was on my course. She was in the debating society as was the guy Alex holding the party. Paul came down from Leeds because Alex was from his school in High Wycombe. So we met and got on well."

"Paul asked me where I was from. And he said, 'I've been exchanging railway tickets with somebody from Streetly.' That should have rung alarm bells! But it didn't. He was going back to Leeds the next day. And I said, 'Oh, as it happens so am I. I'm going there to see a friend from school.' And I said I would be on a particular coach. So I got to the coach the next morning and there were two young lads on it. This party had been very dark and I wasn't entirely sure which one it was. So I'm looking hopefully and sat down next to the person I thought was the right one. Fortunately it was."

"We got engaged six weeks later on our fifth meeting. We just knew. My mum and dad had moved to Brentwood in Essex by that time. So Paul had been down to visit us and they had met him. We later graduated at the same time and got married in South Weald near Brentwood a year later. To be honest when I went to university, for women the number one aim was get your degree. And very close behind was get your man. In law there were 72 people in my year, of which 12 were women. There were loads of weddings while we were students and lots immediately after."

That first job with Barclays in Pall Mall followed. "I was there for just a year commuting from Essex. I hated London. Still do. Paul had got a job in Sheffield as a metallurgist with British Steel. So I was looking to go back to Sheffield. I wrote to my

old careers adviser at Sheffield asking for a list of local employers. He also sent me a cutting of an advert for a job working in the careers service as an admin assistant to run the Milk Round - employers used to interview students on campus. In those days - 1973 - it was huge. In Sheffield we had 250 employers in 10 weeks and 2,500 interviews. So I ended up organising all of that."

After four years together in Sheffield Liz and Paul moved on. "Paul got a new job at Luddendenfoot near Halifax making parts for car gearboxes. Initially I was working for a firm of solicitors in Bradford doing trust accounts. Then I got a job in public relations with North Eastern Gas based in Leeds. Dealing with press queries and writing the house magazine with specialisms of gas history and cookery. Including working on one feature about a hang gliding Santa Claus."

"I did that for four years then left when I was expecting our first daughter Lindsey, who is now 39. Our second daughter Kirsten arrived three years later. Lindsey is director of music at a school near Leicester and is married to Andy who was an opera singer for 10 years and now teaches singing and does music examining as well as some performing. They met at school in Hexham and have two daughters: Rosie, nine, and Ellie, who will be eight in May."

"Kirsten and her husband Tim are both chartered accountants. They met at university in Newcastle - co-incidentally while I was working there as a careers adviser - and have a son Harris, aged eight, and daughter Pippa, who is five."

When the girls were small Liz returned to careers work and became a careers adviser, firstly at Bradford College, then Bretton Hall and Manchester Metropolitan University. "Careers work gives you lots of scope to go in different directions. Everything you've done is relevant. I really enjoyed it."

"We also used to keep sheep when we lived in Mill Bank near Sowerby Bridge in Yorkshire. Six sheep. Hebridean sheep threatened with extinction. With only 100 left in the country. So we decided we'd do our bit to help save them. They were all pedigree with names. But it's more difficult keeping sheep than you might imagine."

The couple moved to Corbridge in 1991 when Paul got a job with the William Cook steel castings company at Tow Law. "That's when we bought our house at The Crofts off Newcastle Road. Liz

interview

worked back in the careers service at Newcastle University and Northumbria University. Along with careers work in Carlisle and other work with refugees and asylum seekers. She also wrote an agony aunt column in a weekly careers magazine for students and graduates.

In 2002, having worked for a company in careers service liaison in Yorkshire, Humberside, the North East and Scotland, she joined them in a new online venture. "It was a web based virtual careers service. I then became a manager with 16 careers advisers working for me all over the country before, with five other people, we set up our own careers guidance company called Domino Careers. Named after my cat."

Next came the decision to become a Corbridge bed and breakfast landlady after Lindsey and Kirsten had left home. "It started off with one room and we eventually ended up with three en suite double bedrooms. So we did B&B for pretty much 10 years."

Is there a typical Corbridge bed and breakfast customer? "From Easter to the end of September, a lot of the customers were walkers doing Hadrian's Wall. Lovely people. The disadvantage is they are all one nighters. You also get a lot of Australians, Americans and Canadians who come from York to Corbridge to 'do' Hadrian's Wall. Then they go off to Edinburgh or the Lakes. Plus motorbikers who like the A68 and cyclists doing the Hadrian's Wall route. Along with people who have relatives in Corbridge who either wanted to be slightly separate or the relatives didn't have room for them. A lot of repeat business. Business people. We had one who came about 400 times altogether. He was with us every month for about three nights. It was fascinating meeting all of these people. It is hard work but I enjoyed it. And I like cooking."

And talking of cooking... Liz and Paul have raised thousands of pounds for charity over the years with fund raising breakfasts. "We started off doing breakfasts for a breast cancer charity. 26 people at a time for two Saturdays running. But then we started the B&B and it got more difficult. When we stopped doing the B&B three-and-a-half years ago we started doing them again. The last two we have done were for Breast Cancer and Prostate Cancer.

"When I retired I wanted to put more time into playing golf down at Tynedale. I was Lady Captain there in 2009. I've always enjoyed

things like knitting, crochet, sewing but I hadn't had a lot of time to do that. Then lo and behold an email was sent out about setting up a craft group - The Corbridge Sewing Bee. Which was perfect. I've been going to that ever since. We meet at the cricket club every other Friday. We make a lot of stuff which is sold in aid of Charlotte Straker. We also have a lot of fun."

Liz also took on the key role as secretary of Visit Corbridge. "It is an important organisation because it's a representative body of the whole community. With everyone involved a volunteer giving up their own free time. We need the marketing and publicity to bring people to Corbridge. Highlighting, among other things, the diverse range of offer on hospitality. There is something for everyone. We have fabulous shops and just so much going on. But we need more accommodation, particularly in the summer.

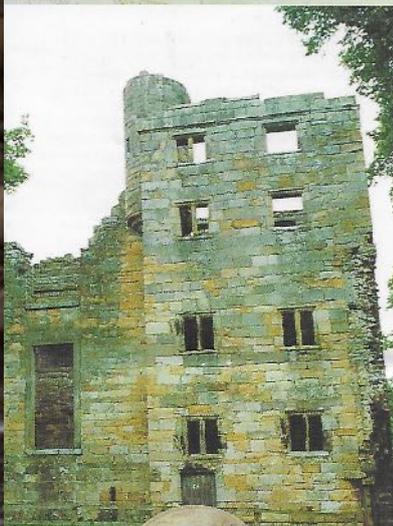
"A lot of work goes in to organising and running Visit Corbridge events like A Midsummer's Evening in Corbridge and Christmas In Corbridge. But those events are crucial. They bring thousands of people here on the day and also encourage them to visit again. It's an essential organisation. All done without any fancy funding, with a lot of hard work by people behind the scenes. I think it's brilliant. Corbridge is a fabulous place to be and has so much going for it."

Now Liz and Paul are seeking pastures new. "We're looking to move to north Buckinghamshire to be within reach of our daughters and their families. So we can help them more and see more of the grandchildren growing up. We've been almost 30 years in this one house. It's a long time. But there are some really lovely people in Corbridge and I'll miss them all."





Corbridge Heritage Trails



Dilston Castle



The Historic Dilston Trail

A walk initially beside the River Tyne and its tributary the Devil's Water and then around the ancient historic settlement of Dilston



A new bridge over Devil's Water is due to open later this month (April) enabling the launch of a third Corbridge Heritage Trail. The Historic Dilston Trail is a circular walk from Corbridge along the River Tyne and its tributary Devil's Water and then around the ancient settlement of Dilston before returning to the village via Ladycutter Lane and the railway station. It has been made possible by the construction of a new footbridge - officially known as 'Dyvel's Bridge' - over Devil's Water to the south of Dilston Castle and Chapel on the site of a former bridge swept away in the snow melt flood of spring 1963.

The anti-clockwise trail route from Corbridge leads walkers to the bridge from the north. Having crossed Devil's Water a newly made footpath will lead up the steeply wooded valley side to the Slaley Road. With the trail then leading east and north back to the free village car park.

The Historic Dilston Trail has the advantage of containing within it two smaller circular routes. The full trail by-passes areas such as the Dilston Scout's Field, the Lord's Bridge and Dilston Castle and Chapel which are all on private land and not open to walkers / members of the public.

The idea for the new bridge was first proposed in 2007 and has overcome several setbacks, including the aftermath of the 2015 floods. It is now in place thanks to the efforts of Northumberland County Council, Allendale Estates, Studio Horn Engineering Design, Joyce Construction and Corbridge Heritage Trails.

Full details of all three Corbridge Heritage Trails - Historic Corbridge / Historic Fortifications / Historic Dilston - are available individually in leaflet form from both the Library building in Hill Street and Forum Books at The Chapel in Market Place. Each one costs 75p and contains information about various points on the trails and specific walk instructions.

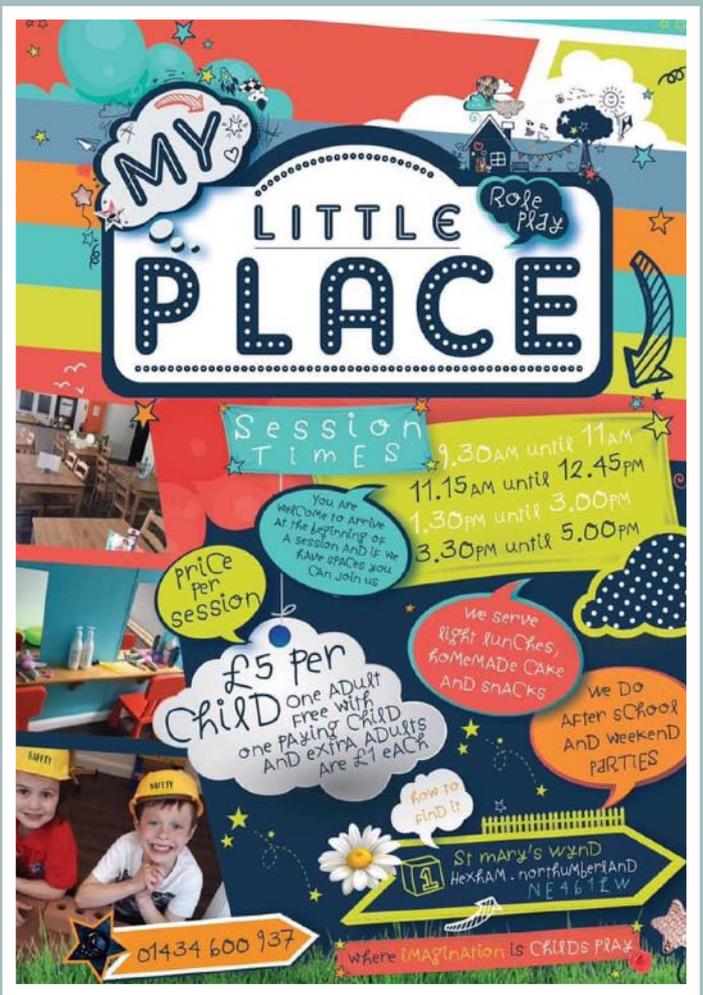
The Historic Corbridge Trail - a walk through time around the village - is also available on the 'TrailTale' app for both iPhone and Android smartphones. Free to download from their respective app stores.



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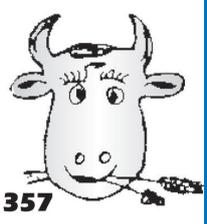
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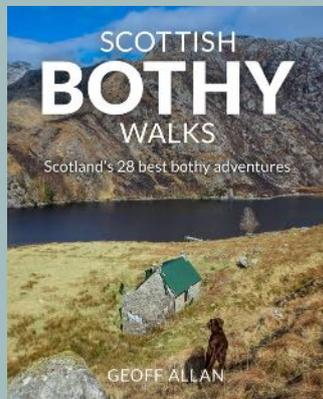
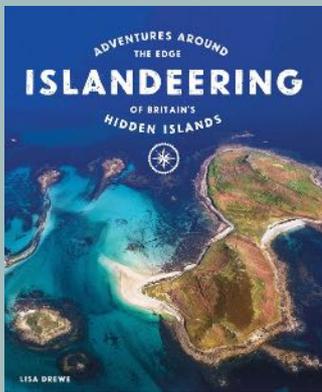
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Right from the off we are springing into action with our brilliant Corbridge book events which are all 6:30pm doors open for a 7pm start: First - on Wednesday April 1 - we are joined by both **Jessica Andrews** and **Francine Toon**. Jess's debut novel **Saltwater** was a huge favourite of ours when published last year in hardback. We are thrilled - and completely vindicated in our support - when she recently won The Portico Prize. Her editor, and now author of **Pine**, Francine Toon will also be there as they talk about their books, writing and more.

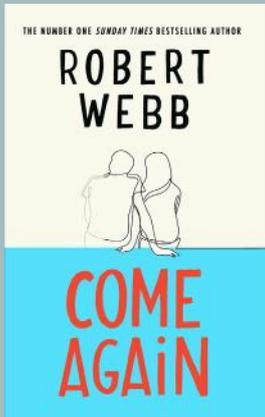
We're looking forward to a wild night of adventure on Tuesday April 21 with two of the UK's most travelled authors, **Geoff Allan** and **Lisa Drewe**. Lisa has hiked, biked, run, swam and kayaked around over 150 of Britain's islands. Her extraordinary new book **Islandeering** traverses the venturesome new pastime of circumnavigating our archipelago's most beautiful and diverse islands. Geoff Allan is Scotland's premier bothy expert: he has hiked, biked and slept the night in each and every Scottish bothy.

Dan Toombs, aka The Curry Guy, is coming back to Corbridge on Wednesday April 22 to tell us all about his delicious new cookbook, **The Curry Guy Light**. Trying to improve your health, cut down on takeaways or shift a few extra pounds? The Curry Guy Light is the curry cookbook you've been waiting for. Showcasing over 100 delicious Indian recipes that are all under 450 calories per serving, Dan's curries are lighter, low-carb and low-calorie versions of classic Indian dishes. And most importantly they taste just like the real thing.

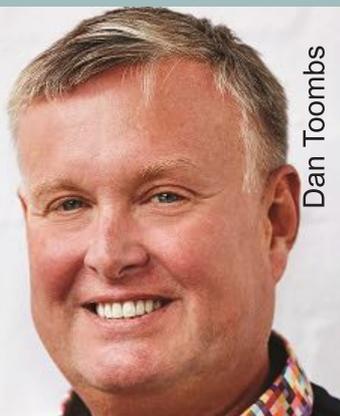
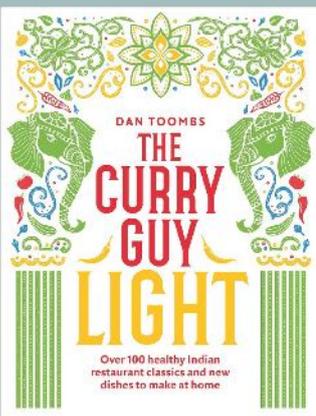
We are very happy that award-winning actor, comedian and best-selling author **Robert Webb** is coming to Newcastle. Join us at **The Biscuit Factory** at 7pm on Tuesday April 28 to hear all about Robert's debut fiction, **Come Again**: a story of friendship, love, time travel, 90s nostalgia and at least one car chase.

You can buy tickets for our author events at Forum Books at The Chapel in Market Place or online at: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/forumbooks>

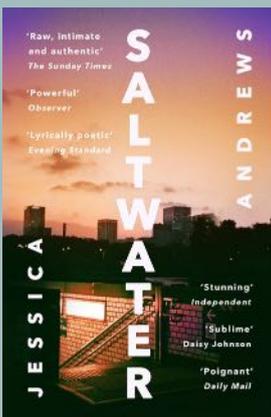
And with storytimes for under fives at 10:30 every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday morning, and our regular writers groups, we hope there is something for everyone and at least one lovely reason to stop by. See you soon!



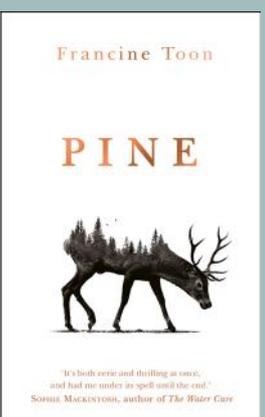
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running man

Corbridge resident Karl Lowther recently turned 52 and decided to do something extra special on his birthday. Running 52 miles - the equivalent of two marathons - non stop over the course of nine hours to raise funds for the Great North Air Ambulance Service (GNAAS). With over £1000 in donations so far on his JustGiving page.

“This has been a journey of many miles ran - and pairs of running shoes worn out,” explained Karl, who covered a total distance of 734 miles since starting training for the double marathon last October. “A small sacrifice for a great cause. This is all about the Great North Air Ambulance Service,” he added, having only lately taken up long distance running since completing his first half marathon at Kielder.

The Great North Air Ambulance Service (GNAAS) rescues hundreds of severely injured or ill patients every year throughout the North East, North Yorkshire and Cumbria and relies entirely on donations.



gone fishing

Corbridge Riverside Sports Club recently held its traditional annual ceremony to mark the start of the salmon fishing season on the Tyne. We started with an excellent breakfast at the Angel Inn. Followed by a walk down to the riverbank next to the bridge where our chairman recited a couple of fishing poems and we toasted the river and the salmon with a ‘wee dram’.

The club was formed in 1934 as a village club for swimming, rowing and fishing and by 1948 had become solely devoted to fishing. It is now one of the few remaining traditional village clubs on the Tyne and has thrived, growing to over 60 members.

We have access to several miles of trout and salmon fishing on the south bank of the Tyne extending below and upstream of the bridge. We pride ourselves on being a friendly local club and hold various events during the year, culminating in our annual dinner and trophy presentation.

We are always looking for new members from the village and are particularly keen to welcome juniors, ladies and beginners. If you are interested in joining, or would like more information, please visit our website www.crscfishing.co.uk where you can fill in a contact form and we will get back to you. Alternatively you can email us at info@crscfishing.co.uk.



2019 was a year for the Corbridge in Bloom group to be proud of. Once again, Corbridge received a Gold Award in the 'small towns' category of the Northumbria in Bloom competition. Each entrant in this county wide competition is also entitled to nominate certain places and organisations within their locality for Northumbria in Bloom Special Awards and in 2019 we made nine nominations.

The newly developed First School allotment received a Silver Gilt award, with a special mention for creative recycling of plastic. The beautiful garden maintained by residents at Windsor Court was awarded Gold, as were the much appreciated garden at the Parish Hall and Corbridge's only public park at Milkwell on Aydon Road. The superb allotments on Aydon Road also won Gold as did the community in Woodbine Terrace for its excellent private and communal gardening. Two businesses of the many which planted and watered flowers for our historic town last year were also nominated for 2019 and Corbridge Garden Room was awarded Silver Gilt, and The Angel Inn Silver. (Judging came too early for the Angel flowers before they were at their best)

Our Chair Elizabeth Grant is a qualified horticulturist and one of the two moving spirits behind the design of the Corbridge plantings. She always emphasizes that our In Bloom group could never have achieved these honours without the enthusiasm and support of the whole Corbridge community, residents, organisations and businesses. Every year the group has experienced more involvement and appreciation of Corbridge in Bloom from the people of Corbridge and from visitors. We are all delighted with the friendly encouragement we receive and that our efforts have been crowned with so much success. On summer judging day the whole village seems to come together to make Corbridge look its best.

You might ask: where can we go from here? We have many plans for 2020 as well as determination to keep up the high standard of past years. The alpine gardens designed and planted in the troughs in The Coigns by our Chair have been a huge success with residents and visitors and more such planting has been undertaken and is planned in other parts of the village.

Anthea Stephenson, who designs the summer planting in Market Place, has chosen 'Landscapes of Northumberland' as her theme for this year. Anthea also designed and carefully maintains the planting at Milkwell Park. Elizabeth Grant, who designs the planting for the rest of the village centre, has chosen a bright 'mixed palette' theme. The 'In Bloom' group has raised summer planting in Corbridge to a 'gold' standard, and our bedding now costs about £3,000 every year. In 2017, to help raise money, we began a tub sponsorship scheme for the Corbridge organisations and traders, whose business name and logo is displayed in their sponsored tub. This scheme

has been very successful and has raised more every year since it began. It continues in 2020.

We are proud that almost nothing is wasted at Corbridge in Bloom. When summer bedding is lifted it is all composted at the allotments, and the winter bulbs are stored for use in new places the following year.

As always, we gratefully acknowledge the financial and moral support of Corbridge Parish Council and the indispensable help of Northumberland County Council's Neighbourhood Services.



Thanks to a generous gift from Corbridge Gardening Society, we have been able to plant decorative native trees behind the Parish Hall and we hope to follow up with shrubs, bulbs and wildflowers to be enjoyed by local residents, schoolchildren, birds, bees and butterflies. Corbridge Village Show Committee provided funds for a well used seat in Milkwell Park and Corbridge WI generously sponsored the much appreciated planting at The Coigns in 2019. Last but certainly not least, a grateful thank you to all of the willing and friendly volunteers who turn out for working parties, plant, water, weed and keep Corbridge beautiful.

All of the work of the In Bloom group, and of all those who support us, is aimed at caring for and improving our local environment, and inspiring and fostering pride in the community of Corbridge. Your help is vital to our success. Thank you for your continuing support of Corbridge in Bloom, which means we are able to continue making Corbridge the beautiful place it is to live in and visit. We are most grateful for and appreciative of all the help given to us in the past, and hopefully in the future.

With my thanks to everyone, Elizabeth Grant (Chair, Corbridge in Bloom)

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