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Corbridge Parish Council is currently using videoconferencing to hold its meetings. Dates of forthcoming meetings will be published on the web site

Editor's Notes

Spring flowers bring hope. A sign of new life as we emerge from the darkness of winter. With the prospect of lighter, sunnier days ahead. Even more significant this year, over 12 months on from the start of a global pandemic which has touched every home and family in one way or another. Including lives lost here in Corbridge.

There is still some way to go and Coronavirus may yet produce unwelcome surprises. But at the time of writing this there is hope that we are finally approaching that better tomorrow.

As usual, due to the design, print and distribution process for Corbridge Matters, these words are being typed a number of weeks before you read them. Hopefully the government review of its step-by-step road map will allow our 'non-essential' shops, hairdressers, library and outdoor hospitality to reopen from Monday April 12. With six people or two households able to meet indoors and indoor hospitality reopening no earlier than May 17 - if all goes well. Followed by further easing of restrictions no earlier than June 21.

You may be wondering whether you missed the last - February - edition of Corbridge Matters. You didn't. With the national lockdown in place and the message to 'Stay At Home' it was decided to cancel the issue. Not least to safeguard our team of volunteers who deliver this official local community magazine to every home and most businesses across Corbridge.

Similarly, you may be puzzled as to why you are reading my words and not the usual columns by Parish Council chairman Will Clouston and Northumberland County councillor Nick Oliver. The rules in the lead up to the Parish and County Council elections on Thursday May 6 prevent them from appearing. Although the need for a Parish Council election will not be confirmed either way until nominations close on April 8.

In local news, many of you will know that the Corbridge Village Trust is set to be wound up. But its work, aims and aspirations will continue within a new wider organisation called The Corbridge Community Partnership, formed in November last year. The latter involving the skills, talents and experience of local people - in partnership with other local organisations and groups - to make Corbridge an even better place to live and work in than it is now. More on that in the next (June) edition.

Work on making Market Place a more fitting heart of the village continues. The Parish Council having already gained legal control of the area in terms of regulating parking etc. Plans to improve the area are now being drawn up ahead of an eventual public consultation. Progress has also been made in the plan to extend the free car park south of the river.

The "no earlier" dates in the government's road map meant that, sadly, the 2021 Corbridge Midsummer event organised by Visit Corbridge had to be cancelled for the second year running. It was due to be held on Thursday June 24 - just three days after the earliest date the government might allow large events. But with no concrete guarantee that would happen and no firm information about what might, and might not, be allowed. Not a good basis on which to plan for an event which takes a huge amount of time, organisation, finance and resources to stage.

Later events had a little more breathing space. All being well, the Corbridge Festival at Tynedale Park is due to take place between July 2 and 4. The Tynedale Beer and Cider Festival at the same location also going ahead but delayed until September 3 to 5. While the annual Corbridge Chamber Music Festival is due to return to St Andrew's Church between July 30 and August 1. With the Charlotte Straker Fete on September 11.

The vast majority of the Corbridge community has "done its bit" and stuck by the rules. There have also been some remarkable examples of community spirit and generosity. While St Andrew's Church has remained open almost throughout for acts of private prayer along with a recent return to public worship in line with current restrictions.

We know, of course, that events could still take a different course and there may be further setbacks along the way. But the prospect of seeing some kind of 'normal' life return to our community is an exciting one. Even if it just means you can finally hug someone. As well as enjoying a drink in the pub with family and friends.

But we must not forget those in our community who have lost loved ones or suffered serious ill health. Despite the vaccination programme, Coronavirus will still be with us. The risk of hospitalisation, serious illness and death is falling but as the NHS vaccination information leaflet points out, "Like all medicines, no vaccine is completely effective - some people may still get Covid-19 despite having a vaccination, but this should be less severe."

We also know that you can still catch and pass on the virus even after having two doses of the vaccine. As someone recently commented, it does not make anyone "bulletproof". While we should also acknowledge that a number of people reading this will not yet have received their first vaccination, let alone a second. Even so, enormous progress has been made.

Now is the time to reflect on the last year while also looking forward with some optimism. Hope, it is said, springs eternal. So let us look to that future and better times in this place we are lucky to call home. With thanks, as ever, to all those whose hard work helps to keep it looking so beautiful.

Ian Wylie / Editor



The Coigns Spring Flowers



Corbridge United Junior Football Club offers access to football for youngsters between the ages of six and 18, creating a safe environment to develop skills and meet new friends.

Formed in 1879, the club is now one of the oldest surviving football clubs in the North East. At the heart of the local community, the club is run entirely by volunteers, who give their time as FA qualified coaches running training sessions and managing teams across a number of leagues and cup competitions, as well as a dedicated team managing the club's administration. We play home matches at Tynedale Rugby Club.

History

Corbridge AFC were formed in 1879 and initially played at Station Field which is situated behind The Dyvels pub. Over the years various teams also played at The Sawmills Ground on Stagshaw Road and The Old Vicarage Ground which is now Glebelands. When Corbridge United were formed in 1894 their ground was Station Field and all teams were based there until 1977 when Corbridge United moved to Corchester.

The club came back to Tynedale Park in 1998, although some junior year groups continued to play at Corbridge First and Middle schools. CUJFC as it is now known was set up in 1996 using funding donated following the death of a local junior football supporter.

**With credit to D Walton and M Robinson*

Corbridge United

Looking To The Future

We are very lucky within our community that we have some brilliant sports facilities run by dedicated volunteers. Considering the future of our club, we embarked on a big fund raising drive in January 2020 initially to ensure sustainability.

Our first fundraising event was a huge success. We raised £8,000 from a "Pie and Peas" quiz night and raffle held at Tynedale Rugby club. For a time the Coronavirus pandemic put a halt to any other fund raising events we could hold. We have, however, been successful in securing funding from a number of other sources including Grassroots Football, Northumberland Community Chest, Corbridge Parish Council (a grant of £1500) and Councillor Nick Oliver (a grant of £3500 from his annual county councillor budget for local improvement schemes).

Our most recent fund raising venture titled the "Tour de Prem" saw each team collate the miles travelled between Corbridge United and all of the Premier League clubs: 973.1 miles in total by walking, cycling or running. The amount raised currently stands at £554.

The committee, as parents of players for a number of years, felt that facilities for the kids of our football club were somewhat lacking and we decided to do something about this. When visiting other football venues we recognised the need for our teams to be able to provide refreshments for spectators and players. We also watched our kids leave their boot bags and coats on the sidelines, often getting soaked on a soggy Saturday morning.

The perfect solution to our problem came along when we were kindly offered two Portakabins. These will be sited alongside the bigger pitches at the bottom of the ground adjacent to the railways tracks. We will be using our funding to complete the groundworks, transport the buildings and kit them out so that they are suitable to be used by all of our teams.

In addition to the buildings we are also going to erect fencing and sponsorship boards to run along the roadside. This will improve the appearance of the currently unused area, as well as give local companies the opportunity to advertise and secure valuable income which can be reinvested back into the club in the future.

We are really excited for this project and can anticipate the benefits for our players, teams and the future of our club. To donate to our cause please visit the following link - our use the QR code for mobile phones: https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/cujfc-tourdepem?utm_term=MQk8wNpqA



Corbridge Flood defence

Improvement Scheme

The Environment Agency is responsible for assessing flood risk from Main Rivers, such as the River Tyne, and where possible aims to reduce flood risk to communities. Following the winter 2015 flooding at Corbridge, flood models were updated and investigations were undertaken into the condition of the current defences. As a result of this work, we concluded that some local works were required to improve flood defences in Corbridge.

In early December last year, the Environment Agency and our principal contractor, BAM Nuttall, began the £1 million works to improve the flood defences along the Devil's Water and Dilston Haugh. Works involved forming a new embankment that ties in with the existing flood embankment, which then continues to Corbridge Bridge. At the same time as these works, repairs would be undertaken to localised damage on an existing flood embankment.

From the start of the works we have aimed to keep the local community informed through updates to the Parish Council and Corbridge Flood Group. Additionally, a number of community members have kindly shared this information more widely.

As we near the completion of the improvement works in mid-April, here is a summary of the works to date:

In December 2020, work started to establish the main site, on an area of Trees Please land, this was followed by site clearance, installation of an access route to facilitate construction access, and installation of temporary fencing around the working area. Removal of vegetation from within the existing wall and where the new embankment is to be sited also began. This area was extensively surveyed from an ecological perspective over the past year by a qualified ecologist.

In January of this year, the main site was fully established and the site clearance works completed. Work then began on the manual removal of a short section of wall at the south western end followed by the creation of the new embankment working back from the western end.

In February, progress was hampered by the difficult weather conditions – a sustained period of wet weather leading to waterlogging issues on site which was then followed by the cold snap, bringing snow and ice. However, the team continued to monitor the weather forecasts and made the most of any good weather opportunities by undertaking weekend work.

Construction of the first section of the main embankment was completed. The contractor continued to work eastwards installing the new flood embankment. Work commenced on the new footpath as soon as the poor weather subsided and the ground conditions improved. The site team continued to work hard to try and minimise the impact of the footpath diversions.

The new embankment earthworks are now complete and the footpath is progressing well. BAM have now started work on local sections of damage to the existing Dilston Haugh embankment and will complete these works with the placement of surfacing along the full extent of the footpath to leave a neat finish.

A final section of new footpath surface will also be installed at the far western end of the new embankment structure, joining up to the railway line.

Despite some delays, caused by weather disruptions, progress has been good and we are now approaching completion of the flood improvement works, we expect to complete by mid-April.

We have taken into consideration the impact to the community throughout the whole process, endeavouring to keep the footpath open for recreational use and by providing regular community updates. These improvement works, alongside community flood resilience measures, will further reduce the risk and impact of potential flooding in the future.

For advice and guidance on how you can further improve your flood resilience, such as signing up to the Flood Warning Service and creating a simple flood plan, please visit:

<https://www.gov.uk/check-flood-risk>.

If you have any questions regarding the Flood Improvement Works, please email corbridgefloodscheme@environment-agency.gov.uk.

Leila Huntington / Flood & Coastal Risk Manager, North East Area

Editor's note: These works are separate to the nearby current Northumbrian Water refurbishment scheme at the Dilston Haugh Pumping Station. The project involves the demolition of the existing building and the digging of a new shaft next to the existing site. The old building is being replaced with two kiosks with two new pumps installed along with a full electrical refurbishment. Northumbrian Water is using the skate park as a temporary site compound with discussions taking place in relation to a financial contribution from them towards the refurbishment of the skate park when the project is completed in November or December of this year.



Bam Nuttall are conducting vital work on flood defence assets in this area. As a result, for the safety of the public. The section of footpath marked in the image below is closed. Alternate routes marked in yellow remain open. Sorry for any inconvenience



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Parish Hall



Enforced closures of Corbridge Parish Hall during the last year allowed the Parish Council to go ahead with a major internal refurbishment. Impossible to do in normal times with the hall busy seven days a week. The work was carried out by caretaker, joiner and builder Chris Urwin over the course of 12 months and more. He also worked with joiner son Cameron to construct and fit new large cupboards in both the main hall, entrance hall and one of the committee rooms. Providing extra storage space and removing the need for an extension to the building. Other work included extensive cleaning and redecoration, the installation of new flooring in the Mearns Room and a new electric screen which drops down at the front of the stage when required. Together with a number of new framed Corbridge views on the walls of the two committee rooms and entrance hall. The Parish Hall will be gradually reopened in line with the government's step by step road map.





Notice Board

St Andrew's Church

Public worship has begun again in line with current restrictions with pre-booking required for some services. The 10am Sunday service has resumed along with others. Please see the church website for further details, including how to book:

<http://www.corbridgechurch.org.uk> or ring Jean (01434) 633637 or Linda (01434) 633742

Corbridge Parish Council has received a number of complaints about dog waste bags being left uncollected along river walks and at other locations. Corbridge Middle School has also reported an increasing incidence of dog fouling in the vicinity of the school. Northumberland County Council has been informed for enforcement action to be taken. The county council state: "We don't tolerate dog fouling in Northumberland. If you own a dog and it makes a mess, you clean it up. Failing to pick up after your pet is antisocial, dirty and spreads diseases like toxicariasis, which is of risk to children and can cause blindness. Yet it continues to be a problem, and one we take very seriously. If you're found to have not cleaned up your dog's mess, you will be issued with a fixed penalty notice of £100. If payment is not received within 14 days you will be prosecuted. Offenders face a court appearance, with a maximum penalty of £1,000. Claiming ignorance of the dog's actions is not a valid defence. We target hotspot areas identified by the public and carry out early morning, evening and weekend patrols if necessary. We've also trained more officers to enforce dog control orders and issue fines."



Corbridge Tennis Club

The new clubhouse / pavilion at Corbridge Tennis Club is now taking shape at Tynedale Park with the hope that work will be completed in May. New members are welcome. Full details at: <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/ctc/Membership/Join>



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Chris Sewell

“There were no mobile phones in those days,” explains Chris Sewell as he recalls a very special delivery on his Corbridge milk round.

“It was a year after my wife Tonia and I were married at St Andrew’s Church and she was pregnant with our first child. I had gone off to work at 2am as usual and by seven that morning had reached Roman Way, where we lived at the time.

“The lad working with me picked up a note Tonia had left in a milk bottle outside our front door. It said, ‘My waters have broken.’ I was in the van nearby. I had to get someone else to help finish off the round and I took her to hospital in Hexham. Our daughter Alice was born two hours later.

“Later Alice would be pushed round in a pram while Tonia collected the milk money from customers. And when Alice was older she also helped to collect the money.”

Milkman Chris, 61, retired in February after 32 years of Corbridge deliveries. Including that one dramatic message in a bottle. A job that also led to their St Andrew’s wedding. “I met Tonia doing the milk round. She worked in The Watling Coffee Shop and I used to deliver the milk there. So that’s where I first met her. That was within the first six weeks of delivering in Corbridge. As you can imagine, early mornings and

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courting was quite difficult at first. And then four years later we got married.”

Chris and Tonia now live back on the small farm in Anick where he was born and raised. Attending what is now Beaufront First School and then on to the, then, Haydon Bridge Technical School, the destination for many a farmer’s son. “It was just something anybody connected with farming did. Having been raised on a small farm I never really thought about doing anything else.”



After leaving school at 16 he worked for Wheelbirks Farm at Stocksfield. “That’s where I first got involved in the dairy industry. My first job in the morning was bottling the Jersey Gold Top milk for the milkman to collect. I would also milk the cows occasionally as well as general farm work.

“After 10 years there and looking to move on, one of the milkmen told me of a milk round for sale in Riding Mill, which I bought and did for four years. And then the Corbridge round came up for sale. Which was twice the size. So I bought that in 1989 from the late John Graham, who himself bought The Paper Shop in Corbridge.

“When I started it was six mornings a week. Then it got cut down to four about 10 years ago when I sold the round to Hanover Dairies. Mainly so I could walk away when I wanted to. But it took 10 years for that to happen.

“My day used to start at eight o’clock at night to get everything ready for the next morning so I

was organised to go out. A typical morning was a 2am start with a 10am finish. That was just the delivering side. And then you, obviously, had to collect the money from 500 customers. So that was quite a big effort.

“What’s been nice about it for me is that my whole family has been involved - my wife and both kids. It’s been a family affair over the years. Our daughter Alice, 26, is now a teacher while our son Marcus, 19, is at university. Plus a lot of youngsters from the village have helped me over the years. Now some of them are customers of mine and have got kids of their own.

“I would say around 20 per cent of the customers I’ve had since the start. So for 32 years. But there will be quite a few of those I’ve never actually met, believe it or not. You leave your milk and you leave a bill and you don’t see them. But I always introduce myself if I see them. There was one gentleman who I recently finally met for the first time after 32 years. He was just so chuffed to meet me, as I was to meet him.”

Delivering to Corbridge and the surrounding area provided plenty of challenges. Not least the weather. “I always enjoyed the challenge of the weather. I wasn’t fond of the wind. The snow was good fun as long as I could travel. Because you were always the first one on the snow at that time in the morning when it was new and fresh. You didn’t have to worry about other cars. But sometimes you were walking in with full crates in either hand - your arms were about three inches longer at the end of the morning.

“I’ve never been snowed off and been unable to deliver. I’ve always had a 4x4 as a back up. I only once got stuck with the snow. Luckily a tractor came along 10 minutes later and towed me out. I was always very careful.

“A few winters ago we had the Beast From The East. I was at the back of Newton and went through snow drift after snow drift to get to this one single customer. And when I finally got to the house there was a note saying, ‘No milk.’ I could have cried.”

Even so, there are advantages to a milkman’s very early start. “It’s a special and different time to work. It’s great for seeing wildlife. I’ve seen many an owl in the morning along with badgers and foxes and you get some fantastic full Moons and sunrises. While I’ve never needed to join a gym!” Chris has also seen some changes over the years. “When I bottled the Wheelbirks Jersey milk, that eventually dropped off because people were wanting more and more low fat milk. So it went from full fat down to semi-skimmed. But it’s actually going back a bit now.

“It was all glass bottles when I started. Then obviously with the rise of the supermarkets we

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started using plastic. But in the last three years I've picked up a lot of new customers because people want to use glass, which can be reused.

"And I got 20 per cent more customers since the start of the pandemic. My van wasn't big enough. So my son helped me with his car for the outlying areas. The milk was always an easy sell. But people also started ordering eggs, fruit juice and bottled water. The egg sales went mad over the course of the pandemic."

Chris adds: "I've also always played cricket at Corbridge and I played football when I was younger. And I'm a member of the quoits team. I want to practice more to get even better."

There will now be more time to do exactly that. "I decided last September that I'd see this last winter out and then that would be it. I could afford to retire and I was ready for it. Once I'd made my mind up that was it. My biggest worry was - what am I going to do? But I can take an interest in anything. I've got so much to do where I live. I still live where my dad did on this small farm. A smallholding I would call it. I've got enough interests to keep me going.

"So I retired at the end of February after 32 years of delivering to Corbridge. Luke, who has helped me for the last 10 years, has taken over. He is employed by Hanover Dairies who own the round.

"It is a miss. I've met a lot of people and made a lot of friends. But you've always got to think about it. There's always messages coming in. That's part of the job, of course.

"I just want to say a big thank you to all of my customers and also how much I've enjoyed doing what I do over the years. I've never not enjoyed it. You get up and get on with it. I look back on it fondly."



Corbridge Roman Mystery

Between 1906 and 1914 excavations at Corbridge uncovered the impressive remains of the most northerly town in Roman Britain. The names of the 'archaeologists' in charge are well known, however the actual hard labour was done by a team of anonymous men. We presume they are all local labourers drafted in, but would love to find out. Can you help us put names to the faces? There are a total of 25 photos to scroll through at the following link - or use the QR code for smartphones - where you can also add any information you may have:

<https://crowdsourced.micropasts.org/project/corbridge-excavators>

Dr Frances McIntosh | Curator of Hadrian's Wall and the North East | Collections Curatorial



Forum Books

Dear Readers...hello, hope you're well, and, wow, how we've missed you.

First, I need to say a HUGE thank you for all of your support over these last few months - you've really helped keep us busy behind closed doors with collections and website orders. PLUS we managed to get over a thousand World Book Day books to our local schools just as they reopened so children could celebrate and receive a book.

AND, if that's not enough, in case you haven't heard the latest news, we are opening a brand new bookshop - 'the bound' - in Whitley Bay. We would love to think that if you get a day at the beach this summer you can pop and see us there too.

We are excited to open our doors again. There are so many new books waiting to catch your eye, feed your imagination and curiosity and take you places we can't go to...

If you're looking for a pacy page-turner we've got Corbridge's own **Mari Hannah's** latest '**Without A Trace**', the newest from **Mick Herron** '**Slough House**' and the latest instalment of Six Stories '**Deity**' by **Matt Wesolowski**.

The first green books of Spring are budding brilliant; from **Dara McAnulty's** '**Diary of a Young Naturalist**' to **Patrick Laurie's** '**Native**', The Red Shepherdess **Hannah Jackson's** '**Call Me Red**' on life sheep farming in The Lakes, to '**A Poem for Every Spring Day**' and **Marc Hamer's** gorgeous new book '**Seed To**

Dust' is a beautiful illustrated, moving and restorative account of a life lived in harmony with nature.

'**One Pot, Plan, Planet**' by **Anna Jones** promises a greener way to cook - as she blazes the trail again with quick, sustainable and stylish recipes. She limits the pans and simplifies the ingredients for all-in-one dinners that keep things fast and easy. **Ella Rusbridger** gives us not only sublime recipes but stories about food, friendships, families and all these things that matter in '**Midnight Chicken & other recipes worth living for**'.

'**The Ordering Tide**' by **Kathryn William** is a timeless wonder - possibly my book of the year so far. Though the lyrical daring of **Salena Godden's** '**Mrs Death Misses Death**' is pretty breathtaking too.

Fresh into paperback we'll have the Booker winner '**Shuggie Bain**' by **Douglas Stuart** and **Maggie O'Farrell's** '**Hamnet**'. Or be transported to Trinidad in '**Love After Love**' by **Ingrid Persaud** or to Mexico in '**American Dirt**' by **Jeanine Cummins**.

From the beautiful '**The Song of the Tree**' to the daft '**Ned and the Great Garden Hamster Race**' - and from the latest **Tom Gates** to **David Almond's** '**Bone Music**' - children's books are endlessly appealing and heaps of fun. And we have lots of them!

Treasures all. And many more to mention. I look forward to seeing you safely and soon.

All best, Helen



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Corbridge Chamber Music Festival 2021

The Gould Piano Trio and clarinetist Robert Plane are very happy to announce that this year's Corbridge Chamber Music Festival will take place from Friday July 30 to Sunday August 1 inclusive in St Andrew's Church. Highlights include music by Coleridge-Taylor, Schubert, Ravel, Fauré, a Fairy Tale and Fables concert with choreographer and dancer Mayuri Boonham and Nightcap concerts in the Parish Hall. We are really looking forward to seeing all of our friends and supporters again! More information will be available nearer the time at:

<https://corbridgefestival.co.uk> (or via the QR code for smartphones).

Meanwhile please watch our fund raising concert at 7pm on Saturday April 10 on our YouTube channel which will also be available to stream afterwards. The programme will be Brahms Clarinet Trio in A minor and Beethoven Trio in E flat op.70 no 2.



CORBRIDGE COMMUNITY LITTER PICK

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

To support the Great British September Clean run by Keep Britain Tidy.

Our litter pick will take place between 28th May and 12th June 2021. All equipment will be provided.

We are a friendly, flexible group, who would welcome any newcomers to assist in our bid to keep Corbridge a clean and tidy place. So if you have a couple of hours to spare please get in touch

Please contact Mandy Senior, Corbridge Parish Council on 07950 297634 or email corbridge@ukpc.net



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Back to School

Corbridge First School fully reopened last month with the return of all pupils. Celebrations on the first day were followed by some Spring work at the school allotment.



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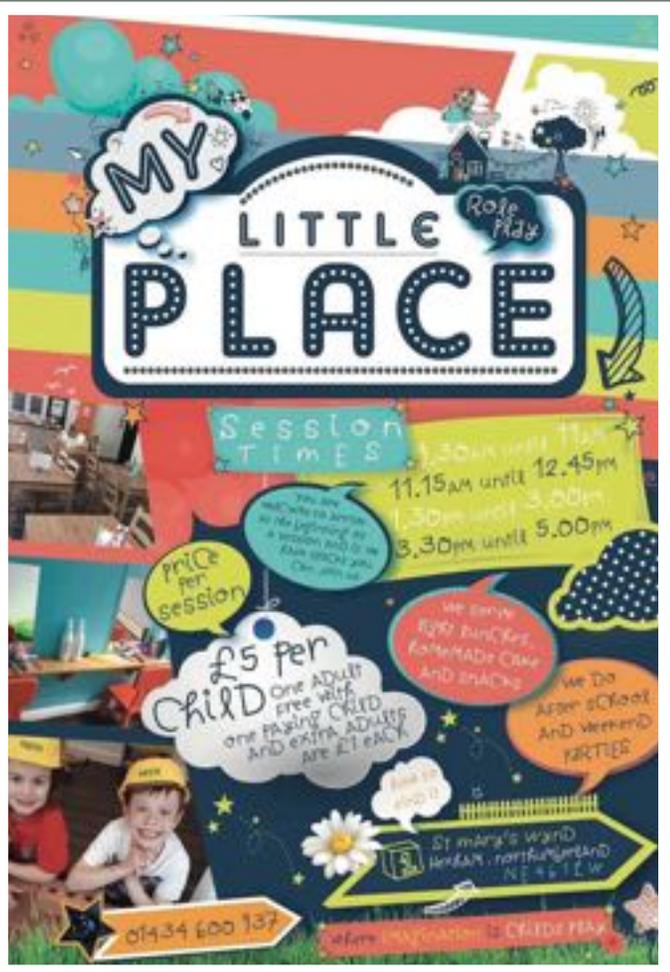
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