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Over the bridge

Parish Council **INFORMATION**

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Corbridge Parish Council next meets at 7pm on Wednesday 27 October and Wednesday 24 November 2021. Meetings are held in the Parish Hall, St Helen's Street, Corbridge.

Council Notes

How self-sufficient can we be? There is much discussion of buying and producing local products as a means of reducing food miles and helping reduce pollution and energy waste. I think we should support this within Corbridge. Many of us enjoy going along to the Farmers' Market in Hexham because it gives us the opportunity to buy products made nearby by smaller producers. Quite often these are much better than the mass produced 'industrial' items we find on the supermarket shelves - although the catch is that food produced at a very small scale can sometimes be more expensive. But there is, nonetheless, merit in building up the local supply chain because it builds resilience, connects people, helps the local economy and reduces our reliance on produce transported half way around the planet. It also helps support our farmers. The movement to re-localise is growing from the grassroots throughout the world, partly as a reaction to globalisation and the dominance of very large corporations which seem distant from us and lack a genuine local connection. The Spanish author Ana Iris Simón put it starkly when she recently commented, 'The global village ruined the real village. As I've mentioned previously, the Parish Council is looking into ways of improving the function and appearance of the Market Place. At the moment much of this important public space acts as a car park which I think is both a pity and a lost opportunity. We can do better. One possibility is to remove some of the cars and try to expand the Village Cross area into wider space which might allow a small market to occasionally take place. Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could walk down to the village and buy a few things at weekends from a few market stalls? It would help re-establish the historic role of the Market Place as the commercial focal point of the village. Lost patterns of trade could be quietly re-started. A weekly market would also become something we could look forward to as it offers the chance to informally catch up with neighbours and others on a regular basis. But this can't happen on its own. It will require planning, consultation, community support - as well as quite a lot of thought. Amid the widespread efforts to address what is called the 'Climate Emergency,' enabling a 'produce local' and 'buy local' economy to blossom within our village and the wider hinterland should be a high priority. Let's try and do it!



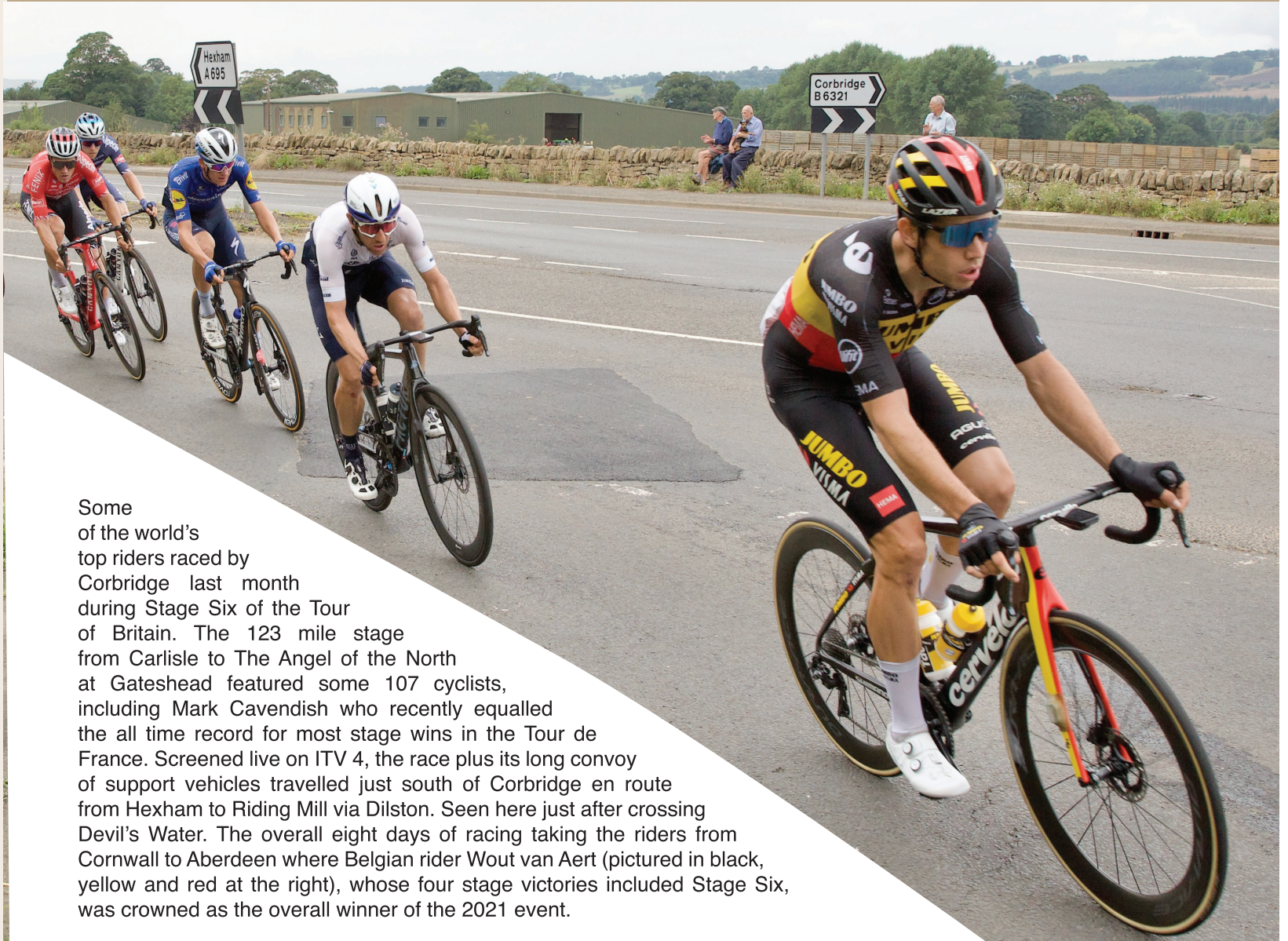
William Clouston
(Parish Council
Chairman)

As you read this the summer holidays are over and children are back at school. Those Corbridge children who attend Queen Elizabeth High School will be exploring their surroundings in the impressive new school build. I am proud to have played a part in making this happen bringing the £36m budget commitment to Northumberland County Council to vote on. Not many local authorities are investing in schools but in Northumberland we recognise the importance and long term value of giving children the best possible start in life. The Ponteland rebuild is complete, Haltwhistle has had significant investment, as have other schools. On academic results QEHS has been the top performing school in the county and attracts pupils from well outside its catchment. The state of its buildings and facilities were an embarrassment. As a sports coach I had first hand experience of the sub standard sports facilities. This is all in the past now. The new school has state of the art classrooms, amazing sports and arts facilities and will be the perfect environment for the excellent staff who work there to deliver even better education. Of course QHES is in part an excellent school because of the quality of earlier years' education the children who attend have had from the schools that feed into it. We are very fortunate to have Corbridge First School, Corbridge Middle School and Beaufront County First School in the Corbridge ward and I'll write in the next issue about some of the other developments in our local education scene. Parish Council chairman William Clouston is writing in more detail about the evolving aspirations for improving our Market Place. I am working with William and the rest of my Parish Council colleagues to progress this. The Market Place is the centre of our village and should be better than it is. Congratulations to everybody involved in two very different events held on a recent weekend - it was great to see the Corbridge Village Show and the Tynedale Beer Festival both return successfully after a year off. By the time this column is published I hope the bits that were missed in the recent Crofts pavements resurfacing will have been done and so too the pavement on the south side of Main Street. We should also see the first public electric vehicle charging points appear in Corbridge before too long. As ever, don't hesitate to contact me if I can help - nick.oliver24@outlook.com or 07779 983742.



Nick Oliver
(Northumberland
County Councillor)

Tour of Britain 2021



Some of the world's top riders raced by Corbridge last month during Stage Six of the Tour of Britain. The 123 mile stage from Carlisle to The Angel of the North at Gateshead featured some 107 cyclists, including Mark Cavendish who recently equalled the all time record for most stage wins in the Tour de France. Screened live on ITV 4, the race plus its long convoy of support vehicles travelled just south of Corbridge en route from Hexham to Riding Mill via Dilston. Seen here just after crossing Devil's Water. The overall eight days of racing taking the riders from Cornwall to Aberdeen where Belgian rider Wout van Aert (pictured in black, yellow and red at the right), whose four stage victories included Stage Six, was crowned as the overall winner of the 2021 event.



A Busy Year at Corbridge Youth Initiative



Corbridge Youth Initiative CIO Our village, our young people, our responsibility.

Youth work has not stopped at CYI this year in spite of pandemic lockdowns. Our premises in Hill Street may have appeared silent in contrast to our usual 100 plus young people attending sessions each week. But our youth workers have been extremely busy with Job Club, individual support and keeping in contact with the members of our five plus different youth groups.

As lockdown restrictions have been eased we have followed national guidelines for youth groups for Coronavirus safety and have been able to run six face to face sessions each week at the Youth and Community Centre for Job Club and separate groups of young people aged 11-15 plus, albeit with restricted numbers at times. Further sessions of individual support were run at QEHS. With each further easing of restrictions our hard working staff have reorganised timetables and been out offering more opportunities for young people to meet, to chat and to join the sessions arranged.

For many young people it has been a difficult year with lockdowns and restricted socialising so our staff decided to offer The Big Six Week Summer Programme for the long summer holidays instead of the usual three week Summer Scheme. With Surf School, Forest School, Ocean Beach and Skate Park activities offsite and a wide range of activities available around Corbridge, it was a hectic time at CYI but those opportunities for young people to meet, to get out and about and to chat and have fun are just what we want for our young people. Thanks to our brilliant youth workers, Gillian Wood, Amber Robinson, Cheryl Ross, John Farrer, Steph Brown, Jamie Yeowart and Julie Patrickson, who make it all happen and thanks to those of you in the village and beyond who give us your support. Another busy year at CYI lies ahead.



Corbridge Youth Initiative AGM takes place on October 20th at 6.00pm 2021 at the Youth and Community Centre. Space is limited so if you wish to attend please contact: gillian@corbridgeyouthinitiative.org.uk. The newsletter and reports from the AGM will be available on the CYI website by the end of October.



CORBRIDGE YOUTH INITIATIVE

Our young people need help from you. Could you be a trustee of this vibrant and busy youth service based in Corbridge?

The present members of the Board of Trustees have served Corbridge Youth Initiative for 8+ years and we need to refresh the levels of expertise of our board. Do you have recent and relevant experience in any of the following areas? Law, Accountancy and Finance, Human Resource Management, Health, Working with Young People.

We meet quarterly as a board but committee members may meet more frequently depending on need. If you are interested in helping the young people of our village and think you have appropriate skills to offer, please contact Rosemary Rayfield: rosemary.rayfield@talktalk.net

Tynedale Beer and Cider Festival 2021

Over 4,500 people attended last month's Tynedale Beer and Cider Festival which was moved from its usual June weekend to September due to Covid restrictions. Everyone visiting the three day event at Tynedale Park in Corbridge had to show evidence of double vaccination or take a lateral flow test before being allowed to enter. Over 400 people camped at the festival with organisers giving away free Sunday tickets to NHS workers. As well as live music acts across the weekend, those attending on Saturday afternoon enjoyed Tynedale RFC's first match of the season against Fylde. A range of over 100 beers was served along with ciders, wine, Prosecco, a gin and rum bar, soft drinks bar with a variety of local street food vendors also on site. The festival, which raises money for local charities and good causes, will return to its usual June date in the calendar in 2022 with tickets on sale soon.



Classic Vehicles



A glimpse of some of the arrivals at the recent Northumberland Classic Vehicle Gathering at Tynedale Park in Corbridge.



NOTICE BOARD



Corbridge Apple Juice: For those who read this in time: Do you have apples you can donate to a new enterprise in aid of local charities Charlotte Straker and Corbridge Youth Initiative? Please bring them down to Corbridge Cricket Club between 9am and 4pm on Saturday October 2 and Sunday October 3 where Community Apple Pressing Days are taking place. Volunteers are also welcome at the club over that weekend to help with washing, pulping and pressing the apples to produce juice. All necessary equipment will be available although additional presses would be useful if available. Volunteers may also be able to collect and pick apples within Corbridge in the week leading up to the weekend. The aim is to produce at least 1500 cans of Corbridge Apple Juice sold in aid of the two village charities in a Corbridge Community Partnership project in association with Hadrian Border Brewery, who will provide cans of apple juice at cost price. If you have any queries please contact John Maude at: johnmaude100@gmail.com / 07791 590814.

Corbridge Church Times

St Andrew's Church

Parish Communion at 10am and Evening Prayer at 6pm every Sunday.

Friday Oct 8 at 12:30pm: Lunchtime Music - Marc Bryant.

Sunday Oct 10 at 10am; A Service of Celebration with the Rededication of the Church Organ and Holy Communion, all welcome. If you can let us know that you are attending that would be good: organreply@btinternet.com

Sun Oct 10 at 3pm: Messy Church / Sun Oct 24 at 3pm: RIVER service / Sun Oct 31 at 3pm: All Souls service.

Church Cleaner - we are looking for a self employed cleaner to clean St. Andrew's Church and Cottage. For further information ring Sue Graves: 07774 178071

Corbridge Methodist Church

Service at 10:45am every Sunday.

Corbridge Pentecostal Church

Meets on most Sundays. See the Parish Hall listings.

A Corbridge Roots of Remembrance dedication and blessing was held at Well Bank Green in late July: "Corbridge in Bloom has planted memorial trees to help those who have not been able to say a proper goodbye to loved ones during the pandemic. It is hoped they will provide a physical place to remember, reflect and celebrate."



Corbridge Parish Hall October 2021

| 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
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| 16:00 - 17:30 Zumba Kids | 09:00 - 10:00 Zumba Class | 10:00 - 13:00 Lace Class | 09:00 - 10:00 Zumba Class | 09:30 - 11:30 Corbridge Badminton | | 10:00 - 14:30 Corbridge Pentecostal Church |
| 19:00 - 22:00 Corbridge Bridge Club | 10:00 - 15:00 Tuesday Art Group | 10:30 - 15:30 KSA Painters | 10:30 - 12:30 Private Booking | 13:30 - 14:30 Pilates, Dance and Therapy for Posture | | 15:00 - 17:00 5th birthday party |
| | 10:00 - 12:30 Lace Class | 15:30 - 20:45 Corbridge School of Dance | 13:30 - 16:30 Art Group | 17:00 - 19:00 Karate | | |
| | 13:00 - 16:00 Corbridge Bridge Club - Chicago | | 17:00 - 18:00 Supastrikers | | | |
| | 19:00 - 21:00 Corbridge Carpet Bowls Club | | 19:30 - 21:30 Piper Badminton | | | |
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| 19:00 - 22:00 Corbridge Bridge Club | 10:00 - 15:00 Tuesday Art Group | 15:30 - 20:45 Corbridge School of Dance | 10:30 - 12:30 Private Booking | 13:30 - 14:30 Pilates, Dance and Therapy for Posture | | |
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| | 13:00 - 16:00 Corbridge Bridge Club - Chicago | | 17:00 - 18:00 Supastrikers | | | |
| | 13:15 - 15:00 Corbridge in Bloom - Committee Meeting | | 19:30 - 21:30 Piper Badminton | | | |
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| | 10:00 - 15:00 Tuesday Art Group | 19:00 - 21:00 Parish Council Meeting | 10:30 - 12:30 Private Booking | 13:30 - 14:30 Pilates, Dance and Therapy for Posture | | |
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diary

Corbridge Dig 2021

WallCAP's excavations of the Roman town of Corbridge in July were a huge success. It was great to see so many local trench-side visitors at Corchester Field over the course of our three week excavation. We hope you enjoyed visiting the site and asking questions as much as we enjoyed seeing you and, hopefully, answering them.

After wrapping up the dig at the end of July we quickly moved into the post-excavation phase. So, over a couple of weeks, our WallCAP volunteers set about washing 1800 years of mud and dirt off all of the pottery, bone and other finds. Because of the dry weather the finds were not too dirty but it was still amazing to see some of the details and decoration 'magically' appear on the pottery sherds after a quick wash with a toothbrush. Many of the sherds of pottery are also quite large and look like they can be fitted back together, which is quite exceptional. Everything has now been cleaned, sorted and sent off to various specialists for analysis and reporting. The information about dating, typology and style that we get back from the specialists will be used by the WallCAP archaeologists to help piece together all of the activity in the two trenches when writing up the final excavation report.



Corbridge Dig 2021



So far we know there was complex overlapping layers of archaeology on the site that shows the town was both active and quite large for a long period of time across the second and third centuries and perhaps even later. One of the trenches showed evidence of industrial buildings / workshops and the other trench showed several phases of a Roman street with different periods of buildings along it. Once the finds' results are back from the various specialists and we have had time to piece together a more complete story we will be holding an online 'Community Feedback Evening' where you can find out exactly what we discovered. Watch this space.



Corbridge Dig 2021



Thank you so much to our fantastic WallCAP volunteers for all of your enthusiasm, skill and patience during the excavation and for getting the finds washed so quickly. Also to English Heritage for hosting us at the Corbridge Roman Town site for the find washing. A huge final thank you must go to Corbridge Parish Council for permission to have access to excavate the playing fields in the first place. It was a great team effort all round.

WallCAP Team

Hadrian's Wall Community Archaeology Project (WallCAP) is based at Newcastle University and funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund: wallcap.ncl.ac.uk



Corbridge Village Show

The 2021 Village Show took place at the Parish Hall last month. It may have been smaller than usual due to the pandemic but there was still plenty to see and appreciate.

Trophy Winners

LEEKS

Elsie Joyce

BEST LEEK IN SHOW

Miles Joyce

THREE ONIONS SHOWN AS GROWN

Adrian Proud

THREE ONIONS DRESSED

Miles Joyce

THREE ROUND BEETROOT

Eric Peel

BEST COLLECTION OF VEGETABLES

Miles Joyce

6 ONIONS GROWN FROM SETS

Colin Campbell

BEST VEGETABLE EXHIBIT

Gina Caygill

BEST FLOWERS EXHIBIT

Elsie Joyce



Corbridge Village Show



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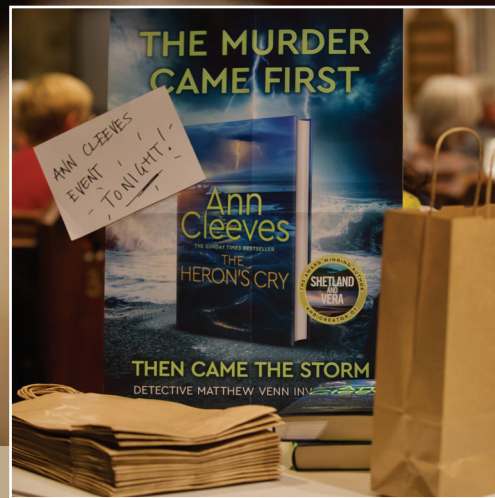
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Ann Cleeves



Vera and Shetland author Ann Cleeves interviewed by Jacky Collins recently at the North East Forum Books launch of Ann's latest Two Rivers Matthew Venn novel *The Heron's Cry* at St Andrew's Church in Corbridge. An ITV adaptation of the first book in the series - *The Long Call* - will be screened soon with a cast including Ben Aldridge, Juliet Stevenson, Martin Shaw, Pearl Mackie and Anita Dobson.



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For all you foodies we are delighted that **Jessica Elliott Dennison** will be bringing cake for our Corbridge event to celebrate her new book *Lazy Baking* on Thursday October 14th.

Then - bring on the dancing horses - there's **Will Sergeant**. Indie music fans stay your beating hearts. Yes, one of the Bunnymen in our midst! Guitarist with indie superstars Echo and the Bunnymen, Will has written one of the very best music biographies of recent years - *Bunnyman: A Memoir* - and will talk about it at The Cluny in Newcastle on Friday October 15th.

One of our very favourite days in the calendar - Bookshop Day - falls on Saturday October 9th this year and will be marked with goodie bags, tasters from *Lazy Baking*, signings and more. If there were ever a day to visit your local bookshop it's surely this one!

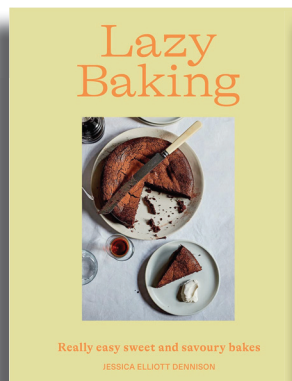
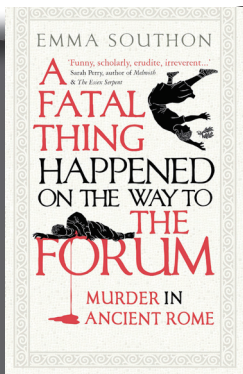
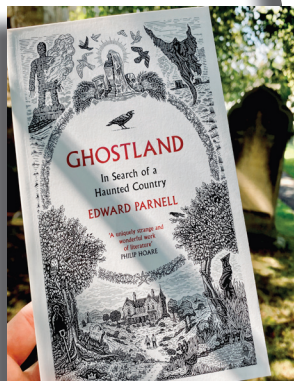
To top off the month, we'll be having a Halloween weekend with a number of spooky activities... find the severed finger, ghostly fancy dress and we'll bring to life the wonderful new kids book *We're Going on a Pumpkin Hunt*. A fun reimagining of *We're Going on a Bear Hunt*, it sees three children hunting for the perfect pumpkin. But first, they've got to get through the sticky spiders' webs, the flapping bats, and then - worst of all - enter a haunted house! Will they find a great big pumpkin there ...or the biggest surprise of the night?!

And, to get adults in mood for the most chilling night of the year, how about one of these spine tinglers? In non-fiction there's *Ghostland* by **Edward Parnell**. When he found himself in the recurring nightmare of a family tragedy the author turned to his bookshelves for comfort, back to the ghost stories that obsessed him as a boy; and in *Ghostland* he explores our lonely moors, moss-covered cemeteries, stark shores and folkloric woodlands, then asks how these landscapes conjured up a kaleidoscopic spectrum of literature and cinema? It's a unique and elegiac meditation on grief, memory and longing, and of the redemptive power of stories and nature.

We couldn't resist the wonderfully named - but hopefully not prophetic! - *A Fatal Thing Happened on the Way To The Forum*, by **Emma Southon**. As the title suggests it examines murders from Roman history to take us inside Ancient Rome's unique culture of crime and punishment, and show us how the Romans viewed life, death, and what it means to be human.

As ever I hope that you're keeping safe, feeling a bit more normal and enjoying curling up with a good book!

Helen





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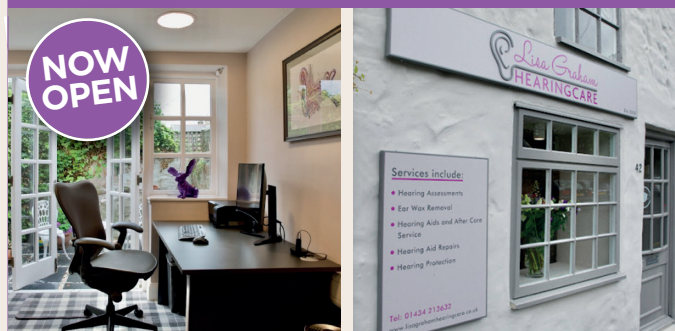
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| T | Forrest Yoga 09:30-10:30 | Core Strength 18:30-19:00 | Restorative Yoga 19:15-20:15 |
| W | Meditation 09:00-10:00 | Forrest Yoga 10:30-11:30 | |
| TH | | NHS Only 17:30-18:30 | Forrest Yoga 19:00-20:15 |
| F | Restorative Yoga 09:30-10:30 | | |
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