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Corbridge Parish Council next
meets at 7pm on Wednesdays
April 27 and June 1 2022 in the
Parish Hall, St Helen's Street,
Corbridge.

Council Notes

The observant among you will notice that a photographic portrait of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II has been installed in the Parish Hall - look to the left as you walk in. The Parish Council intends to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in many ways but we thought it would be fitting to have a permanent reminder of our truly exceptional monarch within our civic building. So there we are. We also have plans for a proper 'street party' type celebration and get together in July. Considering all we have been through with the pandemic and other things this will be something to look forward to. Bunting, cake stands and activities will be the order of the day and I will let you know the date when we have finalised it. All we need is the weather gods to oblige and a fantastic and memorable day will ensue.

I am hoping by the time you read this that the new railings outside the Co-op on Hill Street will be proudly in place - although I have probably jinxed it by writing this! It has been a long haul. I have always felt the unpainted, metal industrial railings - which have been there since the 1970s - were simply not good enough for the centre of our village and certainly not satisfactory within a Conservation Area. The scheme for their replacement has taken quite a long time to come together. First, we needed a design and we were fortunate to have the advice of local architect Steena Steward to assist us. Secondly, the existing railings were set within basic concrete paving slabs crudely cut in half which, again, we felt we could improve on. I took a sample of the concrete over to the stone yard at Haltwhistle and we managed to get some 'new' sandstone bases made specifically for the job. Of course, the new stones will look a little 'bright' at first but they will weather in over the years. You never know what a new construction will actually look like until it is in place but I hope and believe it will have been worth the effort. The scheme was partly funded by Northern Gas Networks who, after their extensive works in the village in 2019/20, kindly agreed to provide a substantial donation towards the project. If you don't ask you don't get!

William Clouston
(Parish Council
Chairman)



As I write this, Stanners Wood on the south side of Corbridge Bridge is abundant with snowdrops which is a sure sign we can look forward to some better weather. By the time you read this the clocks will have changed and we will be enjoying lighter evenings.

Council highways and neighbourhood services staff will be turning their attention away from clearing up the aftermath of this winter's storms towards the highways improvement programme, cutting communal grass and other place-based activities. The County Council budget has recently been passed and £340,000 remains allocated to improving car parking provision in the village. I am redoubling my efforts to see this project progress more quickly. The Parish Council is recruiting a part time handy person to carry out jobs in the village that sometimes go overlooked or take too long to be addressed. We're compiling a list so please so let me know if there are things you think need addressing.

I have been assured by the county council that the plans for a 20mph zone in the centre of Corbridge will be progressed in the coming financial year and my best estimate is autumn. We're hoping the zone will take in all of the central streets as well as the already 20mph St. Helen's Lane plus the lower parts of Aydon Road and Newcastle Road out beyond the Health Centre, but that is yet to be confirmed.

We are expecting the first of the community houses the Parish Council is acquiring from Miller Homes for rental to be delivered in the next few months. Any Corbridge residents interested in this, the three to follow or the other social housing to be provided by Riverside Housing should register on the Northumberland Home Finder service: www.northumberlandhomefinder.org.uk.

Tynedale hosted an England v Scotland U18s girls' rugby international recently in front of a decent crowd and it was great to see one of the Tynedale players score for England.

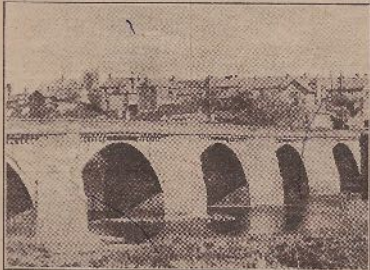
Enjoy spring and as ever, don't hesitate to contact me if I can help - nick.oliver24@outlook.com or 07779 983742.

Nick Oliver
(County Councillor)



All Our Yesterdays

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Time For Change

If you take a wander around Corbridge you will see plenty of evidence of the Methodist Church's presence here. In St Helen's Street there is a plaque noting that the property at No 27, built in 1820, became the first Methodist preaching house in Corbridge. Wesleyan, Primitive and Free Methodist Churches were all built here.

Over the years things have changed. The Free Methodist Church building in Hill Street, built in 1864, is now Corbridge Library and home to Corbridge Youth Initiative. While the Primitive Methodist Market Place Chapel, opened in 1868, is now transformed into the Forum Books' shop.

The (formerly Wesleyan) Methodist Church on Princes Street was built in 1865 and is the remaining Methodist building in Corbridge. But, as you may have heard, this is soon to change as well, and the congregation will hold its final service in the building on Easter Day.

Are we sad about this? Of course we are! I myself have been associated with Corbridge Methodist Church since 1998 when I first arrived in the village as a new minister and since then have celebrated with many folk all sorts of important life events in the building, including my own wedding to Andrew in June 2004 and the baptism of our daughter Rebecca in October 2005. Princes Street Methodist Church holds a very special place in my heart as well as that of the congregation - and of many of the residents of Corbridge. But it's time for change.

Our congregation is faithful and dedicated but small and the building is too great for our needs. When John Wesley founded the Methodist movement almost three centuries ago from his own experience of a vibrant, renewing faith, he did not intend that we become a church denomination in our own right. Methodism was intended to be a renewing, transforming movement which brought new life and hope particularly to the working class and mining communities across England. The North East was a favourite destination for him and hence we have a strong Methodist heritage here.

But for John Wesley, bringing faith to people also brought transformation, a sense of purpose and wellbeing whereby members were expected to live out their new found Christian faith methodically, in

prayer and Bible reading and having concern for social issues and needs. John Wesley didn't need a building. He preached wherever people would listen, sang his brother Charles' hymns to popular tunes found heard in pubs and theatres, and he went out to visit the poor and the prisoner, to bring hope and comfort to those disregarded by society.

Over the years there will have been Methodists quietly busy in our community seeking to improve life for others, individually yes, but take for example Corbridge Youth Initiative which seeks to support our young people and does a very good job, I'm sure you'll agree. If you go back to the inspiration for that work, you will find a certain parish councillor Sandy Mearns mentioned, along with other Methodist folk who have been involved and instrumental in that and many other works which we feel proud and privileged to have been a part of.

As we, the Methodist congregation in Corbridge, close our building, we are certainly not ending our work in our community. If anything we hope and pray that this will enable us to be more active, no longer burdened by the care of a large building. We will be returning to our roots and following a Methodist Way of Life committing ourselves to worship and fellowship and serving our local community, alongside our friends and colleagues from St Andrew's and the other Christian denominations in Corbridge.

How will we do this? Well, we're hoping to meet midweek for fellowship, coffee and a chat, and probably some prayers and singing too. Look out for us around the village because we are still going to be here. But before we close our building, we would like to invite you to come and join with us. On Sunday April 17th at 10:45am we will celebrate our resurrection faith on Easter Day. Yes, it will be the end of an era, but we believe it will also be the start of something new.

We would like to acknowledge the generous and gracious welcome we have already received from Revd David Kennedy, the clergy team and the church family of St Andrew's supporting us in this transition as well as our neighbouring Methodist communities, and for the support of the Corbridge community through the years. May God continue to bless us all.

Marie Beard, Minister





First School Fun



Food and Drink

Q: Your favourite places to eat and drink in Corbridge - aside from the Larder Cafe?

We don't often eat out as we love cooking at home when we do, we really enjoy eating at Il Piccolo. The welcome and service are great as is their food. not on their official menu but I especially love the mushroom pizza they do for me with added - delicious.



Q: And in the rest of Northumberland?

If we want to spoil ourselves...we love Bouchon Bistrot in Hexham. It has received a number of awards and it definitely deserves them. Delicious food served in a lovely relaxed atmosphere - even better since the refurb last year. Greg, the owner, is passionate about his restaurant and you can tell.

Q: Your favourite meal when eating out locally and drink of choice?

It will depend on the menu but I do love a ribeye steak cooked medium rare. I am definitely a red wine lover, especially full bodied red wines. However, if I am out, I will often start the evening with a Dirty Martini. The colder the better.

Q: Your current wine recommendation?

I love Rioja's as they have a full flavour but at the moment I'm really loving Erbaluna Rosso, an Italian wine from the Piedmont region in northern Italy. Full bodied, complex dark fruit flavours which a chocolatey finish.

Q: What's popular with Larder customers at the moment - both in the deli and cafe?

Our hot beef sandwich is a really good seller in the Larder cafe. It is local North Acomb organic beef served with melted Darling Blue cheese and Northumbria Pantry red onion relish in a local sweetheart stottie. The combination of tastes is just umami. In the deli it is cheese, cheese, cheese! We recently introduced cheese subscriptions where we deliver different cheese to you for a set number of months. It is great fun for Wendy introducing new cheese to the Larder that we can then use in the subscriptions so that we ensure customers receive a wide range of cheese over the subscription period.

Q: What makes Corbridge such a special place for food and drink?

That is easy - the staff. The team are really passionate about what we stock and serve at the Larder and they want our customers to have the best experience possible. Nothing is too much trouble for them. This was validated last year by our winning the Farm Shop and Deli Award for the North East. Well deserved for them. We are in again for this year so fingers crossed!

Q: Your top money saving tip when food shopping?

It's an old one but it holds true (certainly for me) - never go food shopping when you are hungry and always take a list. As soon as you buy off piste the costs mount up.

Q: One must visit restaurant elsewhere in Britain or abroad?

Odysseas in Frikes, Ithaca. We have holidayed in the Ionians in Greece for many years on sailing holidays and a highlight is sailing into Frikes and dining at this restaurant. It is run by Australian Greeks and the food is out of this world. The surroundings are also idyllic, overlooking the bay, surrounded by hillside with the gentle clanging of goat bells, all in balmy heat - heaven. If you ever make it, try the goat stew - a speciality of the house.

Jen Horton of the Corbridge Larder

NOTICE BOARD

Corbridge Church Times

Corbridge Methodist Church

Maundy Thursday April 14 at 3pm: Maundy Thursday Communion.

Good Friday April 15 at 2pm: United Ecumenical worship at Corbridge Methodist Church (with St Andrew's)

Easter Day Sunday April 17 at 10:45am: Church building closing service.

Easter Day at 4pm: Ecumenical Easter Praise at St Andrew's.

Corbridge Pentecostal Church

Meets at the Parish Hall at 11am on most Sundays. See the Parish Hall listings.

CUT OUT & KEEP

Diary Dates

Friday June 3: Northumberland County Show at Bywell.

Saturday and Sunday June 11 and 12: Corbridge Steam Rally at Tynedale Park.

Friday June 17 to Sunday June 19: Tynedale Beer & Cider Festival at Tynedale Park.

Wednesday June 22 to Friday June 24: Arts & Crafts Fair at St Andrew's Church.

Thursday June 23: A Midsummer's Evening in Corbridge.

Friday July 29 to Sunday July 31: Corbridge Chamber Music Festival.

Sunday August 14: Northumberland Classic Vehicle Gathering at Tynedale Park.

Monday August 29: Corbridge Family Fun Day at Corbridge Cricket Club.

Saturday September 3: Corbridge Village Show at the Parish Hall.

Friday December 2 to Tuesday December 6: St Andrew's Church Christmas Tree Festival.

Monday December 5: Christmas in Corbridge.

St Andrew's Church

Parish Communion at 10am every Sunday but also see Easter information below.

Evening Prayer at 6pm most Sundays.

Holy Communion at 10am every Wednesday.

Palm Sunday April 10 at 10am: Parish Communion with procession of palms from Lych Gate.

Palm Sunday at 6:30pm: St John's Passion sung by the Bishop's Consort.

Maundy Thursday April 14 at 7:30pm: The Communion of The Last Supper.

Good Friday April 15 at 11am: Messy Church activities for families and children in the church.

Good Friday at 2pm: United Ecumenical worship at Corbridge Methodist Church.

Easter Day April 17 at 5:30am: Service of Light and Dawn Communion.

Easter Day at 10am: Family Easter Communion with Easter eggs for the children.

Easter Day at 4pm: Ecumenical Easter Praise at St Andrew's with Corbridge Methodists.

Sunday April 24 at 4pm: RIVER service.

St Andrew's Events

Saturday April 2 at 7pm: Sage Gateshead Chamber Choir Spring Concert. Tickets £10 on the door or in advance (cash only) from Forum Books or via eventscorbridgechurch@btinternet.com

Palm Sunday April 10 at 6:30pm: St John Passion (J.S. Bach) played and sung by the The Bishop's Consort. Admission £12, £10 concessions, £5 students, children free. Tickets in advance (cash only) from Forum Books or via eventscorbridgechurch@btinternet.com or on the door if available.

Saturday April 23 at 7pm: Corbridge Chamber Music Festival 2022 Fundraising Concert. Gould Piano Trio and Robert Plane (clarinet) with special guests Elias String Quartet, Roberto Carrillo-Garcia (double bass), Piers Hellawell (composer in residence) and Sinéad Morrissey (poet and narrator). The artists will be donating their services. All proceeds will go towards the 2022 Summer Festival. Admission £15 unreserved. Available on the door by cash or card payment.

NOTICE BOARD *extra*

All listings on this page and in the Parish Hall diary are subject to change.

CORBRIDGE COMMUNITY LITTER PICK

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our lovely village of Corbridge will be participating in the "Great British Spring Clean" 2022 - a Keep Britain Tidy initiative.

Our litter pick will take place between
25th March – 10th April 2022
All equipment will be provided.

We are a friendly, flexible, group who would be delighted to welcome any new faces.

If you would like to find out more please contact Mandy Senior,
Corbridge Parish Council on
07950 297634 or email corbridge@ukpc.net



Corbridge Women's Institute

The WI is here to inspire you. It provides women with fun and friendship, plus the chance to learn new skills, get involved within the community and take part in a wide range of activities. Corbridge WI would like to invite you to a complimentary visit. We meet at Corbridge Parish Hall at 1:45pm on the first Monday of the month and would be delighted to see you. For more information go to www.thewi.org.uk

Women's Soft Ball Cricket at Corbridge Cricket Club

Whack some balls, bowl some balls, catch some balls. Run about a bit, laugh more than is good for you. Repeat. Soft Ball Cricket is about getting out and playing: maximum fun, minimum fuss. No pads, no hard ball, no heavy bat, no head-scratching rules. It's a game for absolutely everybody, no matter your skill level, fitness, or age. Turn up to our lovely ground just across the river in Corbridge and we promise you a warm welcome, coaching, and lots of fun in the open air. Every Friday evening from 6 to 7pm starting Friday April 8. Introductory April sessions free, then £10 club membership for the season.

For more details contact us at corbridgecricketclub@gmail.com look on our website

www.corbridge.play-cricket.com or ring or text Karen Chomse on 07917 066545

Become the heartbeat of your local NHS

If you're passionate about the NHS, then joining Northumbria Healthcare as a member will give you the opportunity to share your thoughts and ideas about the way the trust deliver care to over half a million people across Northumberland and North Tyneside. Northumbria Healthcare are a very forward thinking organization, twice rated outstanding by the CQC and at the forefront of pioneering changes in the NHS, so it's a great time to join us.

Membership is open to anybody aged 12 and over and you can be involved as much or as little as you like. As a member you will be informed about trust work, vote for and be able to stand as a governor as well as benefit from NHS discounts in shops and online at www.healthservicediscounts.com. It is free to become a member and you can opt out at any time. If you would like to join you can sign up online at www.northumbria.nhs.uk/get-involved/join-our-foundation-trust/become-a-member or scan the QR code.



Corbridge Gardening Society News

Plant Sale on Saturday May 21 at Corbridge Parish Hall between 10am and 11:30am or until plants run out. Everyone welcome. Cash only - admission free. Shrubs, trees, herbaceous, houseplants... plants from the rare and unusual to everyday tough plants and good 'doers'. Vegetable young plants will also be available. Society chair Jane Hastings writes: "After keeping going so well, we are now looking for volunteers to step forward and get more involved in the running of the Society. We need people to help with all of our activities, organising our day visits and holidays, our shows in the Parish Hall, our talks on Zoom and in person, the Plant Sale and our financial affairs. Initially we are looking for volunteers to work alongside the experienced committee members to get to 'know the ropes'. It is very interesting with scope for lots of new ideas and it doesn't take up much time. But we really do need your help. Please ring 01434 633138 or email us at corbridgegardeningociety@gmail.com for a chat if you would like to learn more." To see what else we get up to, visit www.corbridgegardeningociety.com

Corbridge Parish Hall

April 2022

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19:00 - 21:00 Corbridge Bridge Club	10:00 - 15:00 Tuesday Art Group	10:30 - 15:30 KSA Painters	10:00 - 12:00 Art Appreciation 2, Tynedale U3A Group	13:15 - 14:15 Line Dancing	09:45 - 12:15 Music Partnership North Music Rehearsal	18:30 - 22:00 Private Booking
19:00 - 20:00 Dilston WI - committee meeting	10:00 - 12:30 Lace Class 13:00 - 16:00 Corbridge Bridge Club - Chicago 16:00 - 19:00 Private Booking 18:30 - 19:30 Spirals Pilates 19:00 - 21:00 Corbridge Carpet Bowls Club	14:00 - 16:00 Corbridge WI 16:00 - 20:45 Corbridge School of Dance	10:30 - 12:30 Private Booking 17:00 - 18:00 Supastrikers 19:30 - 21:30 Piper Badminton	17:00 - 19:00 Karate		
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diary



We would like to set out a short history of Corbridge's Better Together charity partnership which is currently flourishing as we navigate into spring and the lower slopes of the COVID pandemic.

It will be 30 years in September 2022 since the Charlotte Straker Project opened its doors to its first residents and 10 years next month (May) since the red ribbon was cut by Brenda Mearns to open the Youth and Community Centre on Hill Street. Many of us now have a shared interest in ensuring that both Corbridge Youth Initiative (CYI) and Charlotte Straker Project (CSP) continue to thrive as charities to deliver services to local people, albeit at different ends of the age spectrum.

Following a series of very successful joint sponsored walks, representatives from both charities met together in 2014, chaired by Bob Eldridge, to look at the feasibility of collaborating over a charity shop based in Corbridge. We realised this needed to fit in with the 'retail heaven' which is present day Corbridge with its many and varied independent traders.

The group met for about a year and had identified suitable premises which were withdrawn at the last minute. A feasibility study had also shown a number of difficulties related to how we might operate such a venture. It was therefore decided that instead of this project we would collaborate on a series of joint fundraising events. We realised both charities were seeking support from the same community and that by joining forces we could share effort and also benefit by a shared reward – Better Together was born.

Both charities continued to have their own individual fundraising events and activities but at the same time linked up to plan and run a number of special shared events. Many of you will recall these events. For example, cycle rides with the Northumberland Tearoom Explorers, Grand Ceilidhs with the Northern Lights Band and the memorable Fashion Shows in which we collaborated with Visit Corbridge. These latter events, hosted at The Angel Inn, were a sell-out. We smile every time we look back at the photos of the exuberant, stylish evenings. It was hard work for everyone but provided a great fundraising opportunity as well as a chance to raise the profiles of both charities.

A successful partnership was formed with Corbridge Cricket Club which stages the annual Family Fun Day over the weekend of the August Bank Holiday. The focus of this day is a four way knockout cricket competition between the cricket club, a village team, CSP and CYI playing for the Corbridge Cricket Club Charity Shield. Many other attractions and musical entertainment also feature. This is a very relaxing day unless you are playing. Spectators like ourselves look on mostly with amusement but occasionally with wonder at the competitive action. The Fun Day returns this year on Monday August 29.

As Christmas drew near thoughts turned to the Christmas Extravaganza which usually happens over the weekend of the Christmas Tree Festival at St Andrew's Church. More recently this dinner dance was



Corbridge Fun Day

scaled back to become a Big Night Out in order to enable a COVID safe environment. Many of the 60 people who attended preferred not having to wear black tie and not to get up on the dance floor – we were included in that number!

COVID has had a huge impact on our individual activities and both charities, along with Better Together, had to stop all face to face fundraising activities for at least 18 months. We are now starting to crank things up again. With the help of the recently established Corbridge Community Partnership, along with Hadrian Border Brewery and the invaluable support of John Maude and Corbridge Cricket Club, an Apple Juicing weekend was organised in the autumn of 2021 with all funds raised going to the Better Together Charities. The lightly sparkling Corbridge Apple Juice, produced and canned at cost price by the brewery, sold out in record



CYI Opening Event



Hadrian Border Brewery's Better Together Beer



time. Those who have tasted the juice will know the reason why. Details of this project were reported in the December 2021 edition of Corbridge Matters. It is good to hear that this event is to be held again this October with, hopefully, even larger stocks produced.

Finally, Hadrian Border Brewery has just started to brew a Blonde charity beer called 'Better Together' in support of the Better Together charities. This is now on sale and we hope you will support us again with this initiative. More information on how to purchase boxes of beer from April 29 will be advertised on local Corbridge Facebook pages and on posters around the village.

We can look back to 2015 and realise that the Better Together collaboration has had a major impact on both charities; starting as a partnership but developing into a network. The awareness and understanding of our different roles in serving our community has increased along with the wonderful support we receive in return, helping us fulfil these roles.

Neither charity can exist in a vacuum and the time and personal interactions lost due to the impact of COVID and its associated restrictions have proven extremely difficult for both CSP and CYI. However looking to the future these initiatives, linking not just both charities but also other important community groups and local businesses, ensure that support will be there for us when it is needed.

Bill Cunningham, Trustee of CSP and CYI / Maurice Hodgson, Trustee of CYI



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Youth
Initiative



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Corbridge On TV

Former politician turned broadcaster Michael Portillo took The Curry Train from Newcastle to The Valley in Corbridge in a recent edition of BBC Two's Great Coastal Railway Journeys.

He was met by owner Daraz Aziz and his team at the restaurant - located in the former Station House - which celebrated its 30th anniversary last year.

The series featured a number of trips in each episode, including some that began or ended at the coast.





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Gone Fishing

Corbrige Riverside Sports Club held its traditional annual ceremony on February 1 to mark the start of the salmon fishing season on the Tyne. We started with an excellent breakfast at Corbridge Cricket Club 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 along with some local trout fishing. 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. This season we will also consider applications from Riding Mill and Bywell parishes. 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. You can also find us on Facebook. Alternatively you can email us at info@crscfishing.co.uk



Women's Fellowship



St Andrew's Women's Fellowship recently raised £350 For Tynedale Hospice At Home's Children and Young People Family Support services.

Forum Books

Hello readers,

It seems what we have known all along is catching on and Northumberland is having something of a moment in the spotlight. Earlier this year our county was rated fourth in The New York Times' list of 52 Places for a Changed World, celebrating our dark skies, pristine beaches and a 1900th year anniversary.

Just a glance through the pages of **This Is Northumberland** and you can see why. From the dark skies at Kielder to fine dining at newly Michelin starred restaurant Pine, from the majestic Chillingham Wild cattle to idyllic villages, to big hill walks and a trip to the Farne Islands. We really do live in an unique place and here are some new books to inspire you too.

Northumberland's history is undeniable and with Hadrian's Wall celebrating its 1900th birthday there's a range of books on this iconic Roman frontier. Recently published, **Bronwen Riley's Journey to Britannia** describes the epic miles from Rome to Hadrian's Wall, the empire's north western frontier and apparently "one of the Romans' most troublesome provinces, where the sun is seldom seen". Despite this terrible Trip Advisor review, Bronwen brings the smells, sounds, colours and textures of travel in the second century AD vividly to life in this strikingly original snapshot of Roman Britain.

A Fatal Thing Happened On The Way To The Forum is **Emma Southon's** very well executed (sorry!) history of murder in Ancient Rome, and an irresistible title for our bookshop.

Bestselling historian **Adrian Goldsworthy** is great at giving us gripping yet profoundly authentic, action-packed adventures. We loved his Vindolanda trilogy - now with **The Fort** the setting has moved to the Danubian frontier in 105 AD, and where Hadrian, the emperor's cousin, is a man with plans and ambitions of his own.

Adventure is also at the heart of local children's author **Dan Smith's** new book. **Nisha's War** is a page-turning, atmospheric story. In 1942 Malaya Nisha's home is destroyed by war and she and her mother Amma flee to her father's ancestral house in England, perched on a cliff top on the Northumbrian coast.

And our own bookseller turned writer **Emmas Whitehall** flings us into a fantastical steampunk Northern adventure in **Clockwork Magpies**. We can't recommend it enough to teen readers and guarantee that quiet, standoffish Ida, moonlighting as The Rat Prince infamous thief of Loxport, will win you over too.

Northumberland is known for the number and variety of defensible buildings linked with its turbulent past as a border county. **Towers and Bastles** provides an authoritative and comprehensive field guide to hundreds of such buildings built between the 12th and 16th centuries and characteristic of the landscape This accessible field guide provides descriptions and illustrations of nearly 450 of these little known sites, reveals the variety and encourages an understanding of them in terms of their historic context and place in the Northumbrian landscape.

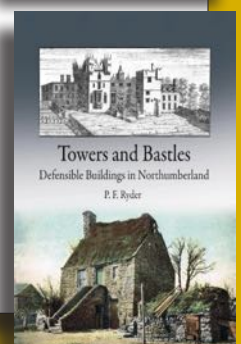
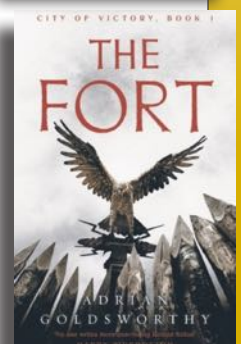
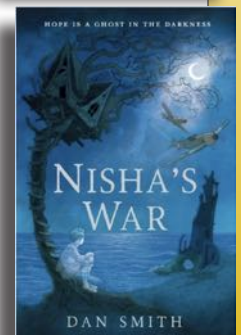
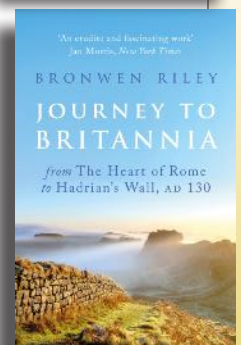
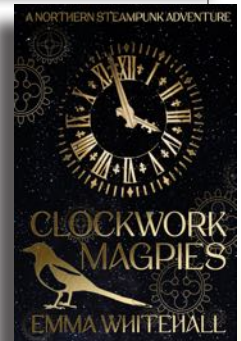
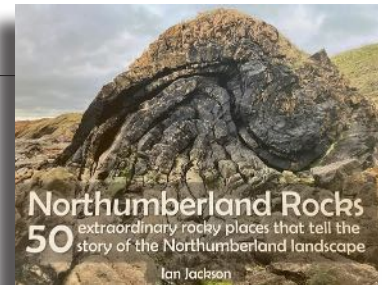
Ian Jackson's Northumberland Rocks is the amazing story of Northumberland's rocks and landscape told through images and expert understanding of 50 extraordinary places. Northumberland's rocks have had an eventful 425 million year history. And because of those wonderful rocks we are blessed with outstanding scenery and landscapes.

This book opens a window into the Northumberland beneath our feet and reveals the origins of its landscape and habitats. It encourages us to look at our landscapes with fresh eyes and will inspire you to explore the places where you can climb over remnants of old volcanoes, experience the incredible power of ancient earthquakes, wander across a foreshore that was once a sub-tropical swamp, witness the awesome force of the last ice sheet, or simply wonder at the ingenuity of our ancestors who used those rocks in so many ways to create our shared heritage.

You will never look at your landscape in the same way again. Although I'd say it's true of all of these books that celebrate our beautiful big-skied county - this is Northumberland and it rocks!

Read ON!

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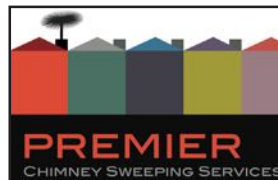
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