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Parish Council **INFORMATION**

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Corbridge Parish Council next meets
at 7pm on Wednesday September 28
in the Parish Hall, St Helen's Street,
Corbridge. There is no August meeting.

Council Notes

I was delighted that the celebrations at the Parish Hall for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee were a success. It was lovely to have the main hall full with people of various ages enjoying this get together. Of course, you



never know how many people will attend such events and at ten minutes to 2pm - with cakes and scones all laid out - we were a little apprehensive. It was a relief that very soon the hall was full. An economist will tell you that if something is free demand tends towards infinity but we managed to judge the number of cakes required just about right. I'd like to thank Parish Clerk Mandy Senior for all of her work in helping to put the event together and all of the Parish Councillors and others who lent a hand. A memorable day.

The poor quality of grassing cutting in common areas throughout the village for which Karbon Homes is responsible (The Riggs, Roman Way, Synclen estate etc) has been raised. The cause, we are told, is due to difficulties with a new contractor in the first few months of the season. Several representations have been made and we expect things to gradually improve in the next month. Hopefully by the time you are reading this the problems will be behind us.

With grass cutting in mind, I am going to suggest at our next meeting that the Parish Council investigates the possibility of introducing some carefully selected wildflower zones into some of the grass areas for which we are responsible. If done sensitively we could improve the general appearance by seeding parts with a wildflower mix. The existence of Yellow Rattle, Red Campion, Cornflower and Daisies would be pleasant to the eye and useful to bees and other pollinators. The edges of Corchester Field spring to mind as an area worth investigating. I will update you on our progress.

How nice it was to see Corbridge humming with activity over the past few months. It really did feel like a post-pandemic back to normal with events such as the Steam Rally, the Tynedale Beer & Cider Festival and the Midsummer Evening bringing in visitors from far and wide to enjoy the village. Sitting in a field all day next to a static Lister water pump may not be everyone's idea of fun but the enthusiasm of the Steam Rally exhibitors is endearing and adds to the gaiety of the nation. It's great to have them back.

William Clouston

(Parish Council Chairman)



By the time you are reading this I hope Karbon Homes will have got on top of their grass cutting issues which have affected so many areas of Corbridge. Karbon is currently the only social housing provider in Corbridge and own what used to be the Tynedale District Council houses. I have had many complaints about the grass cutting issues and have been in regular contact with Karbon at director level and below to request remedial action. They appointed a new contractor to do their grass cutting right along the Tyne Valley and the contractor was clearly not geared up to carry out the job. I have had assurances that all will be back on track by the end of July and as I write this I have a walk around in my diary with Karbon. Grass in other areas of the village is cut by Northumberland County Council and Corbridge Parish Council and The Chains area is cut by Persimmon Homes.

This episode with Karbon's contractor has generated a lot of debate about whether grass should be cut or left to flower. My own personal opinion is that communal spaces in the centre of the village should be kept short for children to play on and for adults to enjoy. We do have a tremendous wildflower area seeded by the Environment Agency on the improved flood defences on the south side of the river heading west. Heading east along the edge of the rugby club they have changed their cutting regime at my request to allow wildflowers to naturally seed and it's great to see so many butterflies there.

A few people have asked about fibre broadband in Corbridge and although there is a scheme agreed for the north end of the village I have yet to see spades in the ground or plans for the rest of the village. I have requested an update from Openreach and will report back.

You may have seen reports in the press about goings on at the County Council and this is something I think is important to all council tax payers of Northumberland. The council's Finance Director recently issued statutory notices highlighting unlawful salary payments to the Chief Executive and the operation of an international consultancy business. This was followed by a governance review by a nationally respected expert commissioned by the administration at County Hall which reported serious failings. I have been highlighting these issues for several years and it's good to see them finally being dealt with.

As ever, don't hesitate to contact me if I can help: nick.oliver24@outlook.com or 07779 983742

Nick Oliver

(Corbridge County Councillor)

Charlotte Straker Summer Fete



The sun shone for the return of this annual Corbridge event last month (July) after two years of cancellations due to the pandemic. Opened by John Maude, chair of Corbridge Cricket Club and a long time supporter of the Charlotte Straker Project.



Black Bull

Linda Wears recently retired after 27 years as manager of The Black Bull in Corbridge. "I've had so many good wishes and bunches of flowers," she says. "I'll really miss the people. The company."

Linda and husband David took over as managers in 1995. David retired three years ago although still supported Linda at the Middle Street pub.

Chester-le-Street raised Linda's first job was at The Post House at Washington. "It was a proper high class hotel then. Trusthouse Forte," she explains. "I got a weekend job as a breakfast waitress when I was 15 and then worked full time when I left school."

Two years later Linda moved to a new job at The Hadrian pub in Wall. "David was already working there as the head waiter. I thought he was a good looking chap. It was about six months before we started going out and we married in 1979."

Along the way David, from Stanley, worked in Silksworth and at The Fox Hunters in North Shields while Linda was at The Lambton Arms in her home town. After a spell together at The Black & Grey pub in Morpeth they moved to the Bay Horse in Whickham and then The Woodmans Arms nearby before some time at the Coach & Horses in Birtley.

"We used to come to Corbridge a lot on our days off," recalls Linda. "One day we were in The Black Bull and we heard the next table asking the assistant manager if they had anyone for the job yet. It was owned by Whitbreads then so David phoned then up and said, 'I hear The Black Bull is looking for a manger.'"

David adds: "The woman on the other end of the line said the applications had closed. So I said, 'Not to worry. I'll try the next time it comes up.' Then she said, 'I shouldn't really say this to you but I don't think they're really that happy with anyone that has applied.' So I left my name and phone number, the area manager came out to interview us and that was that."

The Grade II listed Black Bull dates back to at least 1834. It is a Chef & Brewer pub, which is now a brand within the Greene King group, and has changed over the last 27 years. David, who also once worked at The Royal Turks Head Hotel in Newcastle, explains: "It used to be a busy bar. It was horrendous on a Friday and Saturday night. We had bouncers on the door."

Adds Linda: "We weren't very busy with the food on a Saturday night because you couldn't get through. The street was busy. Then we focused more on the food and the pub developed into what it is today."

Linda and David have used the accommodation that runs along the first floor of the pub but live in Hexham, having bought a house there 20 years ago.

Now the longest serving pub managers in Corbridge are taking some time for themselves after enjoying a farewell celebration night at The Black Bull with staff past and present plus family, friends and regulars.

"It's been nice because the people that used to come in when they were 18 have got married and we've seen their children grow up," reflects Linda. "A lot of students who worked here also come back years later."

David adds: "I'm looking forward to having early nights where you can go to bed about 10 o'clock. It's normally midnight or 1am when we get to bed. Then you're up early the next morning for the deliveries to come at 7am. A lot of people have stopped us to say we've worked hard all of these years and we deserve time to ourselves."

Their son Mark runs Tea & Tiddle in Market Place with Linda and David having three grandchildren: Eleanor, 14, Luca, 10, and Millie, aged seven.

"They've all grown up here. We had a desk upstairs. We bought it for Eleanor. And they've all sat and drawn at it. They come in for meals and then they run upstairs and get their pencils," smiles Linda.

"The Black Bull has such a warm and welcome feel to it. You don't realise how special Corbridge is until you go away and then come back. It's a lovely place."

Newcastle-born Nick Lloyd has now taken over as manager along with his wife Catherine. The couple having moved from the Smiths Arms at Beckwithshaw near Harrogate - another historic pub in the Chef & Brewer group.



Farewell



Corbridge Summer Fun



2022



scan for video

A Midsummer's Evening In Corbridge, Tynedale Beer & Cider Festival and the Corbridge Steam Rally.

NOTICE BOARD

St Andrew's Church

Parish Communion at **10am every Sunday**.

Evening Prayer at **6pm every Sunday**.

Holy Communion at **10am every Wednesday**.

Thursday August 11 at 10am: Service led by the Methodists.

Sunday August 21 at 4pm: RIVER service

Tuesday August 23 at 10am: Service led by the Methodists.

Corbridge Methodists

Thursday August 11 at 10am: Service at St Andrew's Church.

Tuesday August 23 at 10am: Service at St Andrew's Church.

Tynedale Christian Ministries

Welcome you to our Christian Church at Corbridge Parish Hall

Each Sunday - 10:30 Coffee; 11:00 Service
Prayer Meeting – **Wednesday 7.30pm**

Revival Meeting - **Last Friday of every month – 7.30pm**

Weekly House Groups

For more information – Ring 01434 633532

Diary Dates

Sunday August 14 at 10am to 4pm: Northumberland Classic and Performance Motor Show at Tynedale Park / Rugby Club.

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

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

Friday September 16: The Great Corbridge Bake Off at St Andrew's Church.

A message from St Andrew's Church: We would like to knit or crochet as many Christmas Angels as we can between now and early December. They will be gathered together, a message tag fixed on and then distributed around the village on a date to be arranged. The aim is to share God's love in our community with a message of Christmas hope and peace. Please encourage as many people to be involved in 'Christmas Angels' - let's make it a community project. Knitting and crochet patterns are available at the back of church and on the church website. There will be an opportunity for coffee, angel knitting and conversation on Tuesday August 2nd in the church cottage from 10am to noon. Further information from Linda Hunter: 01434 633742.



THE BLUE BELL PRESENTS
IN AID OF
CORBRIDGE YOUTH INITIATIVE
CORBRIDGE PRE SCHOOL
CORBRIDGE UNITED FC FOOTBALL CLUB

FAMILY FUN DAY

SATURDAY 6TH AUGUST
12PM TILL 7PM
AT THE BLUE BELL, CORBRIDGE

BBQ GAMES RAFFLE TOMBOLA FACEPAINTING
WITH LIVE MUSIC FROM KEV BEADLE AND
THE VIOLET CHIMES
BOUNCY CASTLE STOCKS FOOTBALL SHOOT

THE BLUE BELL, HILL STREET, CORBRIDGE, NE45 5AA

St. Andrew's Church, Corbridge

Corbridge's Roman Legacy.



A talk by local historian:
David Waugh

Thursday 8th September

2.30pm

Followed by tea and cake

Tickets: £6.00 from Forum Books or on the door

Celebrating Hadrian's Wall 1900 anniversary

St. Andrew's Summer Music Concerts



Fridays 12.30pm – 1.15pm

| | | |
|----------------------------|----------------|-------------------------------|
| 5 th August | Piano Recital | Cristo Harijan |
| 19 th August | Organ Recital | John Ross & Marc Bryant |
| 26 th August | Vocal & Piano | Faye Robinson |
| 2 nd September | Organ Recital | John Roper |
| 9 th September | Flute and Oboe | Nina Winstanley & Ben Chilton |
| 16 th September | Cello Recital | Deborah Thorne |
| 23 rd September | Organ Recital | Marc Bryant |
| 30 th September | Organ Recital | John Ross |

Please feel free to bring your lunch along and eat it while you listen.

Coffee and Tea available from 12 noon.

Donations to church music fund.

The Great Corbridge Bake Off 2022



* Simply bake your best cake - of any kind - and bring it along to St Andrew's Church between **9:30am and 11:30am** or **2pm and 4pm** (after the church lunchtime concert) on **Friday September 16**.

* Four categories: **Adult / Under 11 / Aged 11 to 16 / Professional**.

* A panel will carry out private judging on Friday evening with all cakes tasted.

* The results will be available at St Andrew's Church from **9:30am** on **Saturday September 17**.

* **ALL** cakes will be sold at the church between **10:15am and noon** on Saturday with proceeds going to The Charlotte Straker Project and the Corbridge Youth Initiative.

* **Entry to the Bake Off is on condition that your cake will be available for sale in aid of the two named charities.**

FAMILY FUN DAY

Monday 29th August 2022
12.30 pm until the evening
CORBRIDGE CRICKET CLUB

FREE ENTRY

JOIN US FOR LOTS OF FUN!

- knockout cricket •
- village quoits •
- mini cricket •
- stalls and tombola •
- face painting •
- bouncy castle •
- bbq and bar •
- afternoon tea •
- live music •

With support from the Rotary Club and in aid of The Charlotte Straker Project, Corbridge Cricket Club and Corbridge Youth Initiative

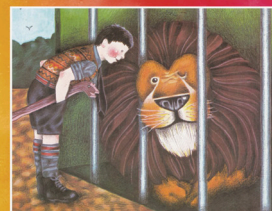
Colourful Corbridge

A gathering of creative people who love colour and dressing up

SATURDAY 6th AUGUST 2022

12 noon

Corbridge Market Place & Tower Lane



'A FINE VINTAGE'
ALBERT'S FAREWELL

Dress to impress in your most colourful and extravagant outfits

Hosted by Vintage at the Tower, Corbridge Larder & Forum Books

Contact: gaylemfoster@hotmail.com

diary

Corbridge Parish Hall

August 2022

| Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat | Sun |
|---|--|--|---|--|---|--|
| 1 11:00 - 16:00 Corbridge Youth Initiative Fun Day 18:00 - 21:00 Dilston WI 19:00 - 22:00 Corbridge Bridge Club | 2 09:00 - 10:00 Zumba Class 13:00 - 16:00 Corbridge Bridge Club - Chicago | 3 19:30 - 21:30 Prayer Meeting | 4 09:00 - 10:00 Zumba Class | 5 13:30 - 14:30 Line Dancing & Spiral Pilates | 6 | 7 10:00 - 14:30 Tynedale Christian Ministries |
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| 22 19:00 - 22:00 Corbridge Bridge Club | 23 09:00 - 10:00 Zumba Class 13:00 - 16:00 Corbridge Bridge Club - Chicago | 24 19:30 - 21:30 Prayer Meeting | 25 09:00 - 16:30 Charlotte Straker Project 09:00 - 10:00 Zumba Class 10:00 - 12:00 Art Appreciation 2, Tynedale U3A Group | 26 13:30 - 14:30 Line Dancing & Spiral Pilates 19:30 - 16:00 Indoor Market 19:30 - 16:00 Indoor Market | 27 | 28 10:00 - 14:30 Tynedale Christian Ministries |
| 29 19:00 - 20:00 Dilston WI - committee meeting | 30 09:00 - 10:00 Zumba Class 13:00 - 16:00 Corbridge Bridge Club - Chicago | 31 14:00 - 16:00 Corbridge WI 19:30 - 21:30 Prayer Meeting | 1 09:30 - 12:30 Charlotte Straker Project 16:00 - 21:30 Corbridge Gardening Society - Summer Show | 2 16:00 - 17:00 Corbridge Village Show 16:00 - 17:00 Corbridge Village Show 16:00 - 17:00 Corbridge Village Show | 3 | 4 10:00 - 14:30 Tynedale Christian Ministries |

The Textile & Art Exhibition at St Andrew's Church in June was a huge success with a wide variety of impressive work and talent on show. Organisers were delighted with the response to the two-day event which raised over £2,000 in donations, to be shared between the church and the Charlotte Straker Project.



More photos

Sew Stunning



A Fine Vintage

It's the end of another era in Corbridge as Albert Weir retires from his Living at the Tower shop just off Market Place.

Albert was due to close the doors at the end of July, although most of his stock may have sold by then. The adjacent Vintage at the Tower shop, run by Gayle Foster, is a separate business and will remain open.

"I just want to thank everybody for their custom, support and friendship," he says. "I'm so glad I've done it. I do think I've had a really privileged life. You look back and think it's been so varied. Just idyllic, most of it."

Albert was raised on a family farm at Daresbury in Cheshire, now the site of the annual Creamfields music festival. "I was the last of four children - two boys and two girls - and the one who had to go and get a job because the farm didn't support all of the family.

"You had to do a bit of everything on the farm. It's a very good natural school. I would not want to have been brought up anywhere else. I do think a lot of people miss that informal education. We had very good schools but you learned as much at home as you did in the classroom. My parents weren't particularly highly educated but they were very bright. They taught us good morals as well as practical skills. I also developed a keen interest in gardening which has stayed with me for life.

"My dad would never have us playing games. He'd say, 'Here's a hammer and a box of nails. Go and repair those potato boxes.' We were also dairy farmers so you were milking twice a day, every day, including Christmas Day. You never, ever, relaxed. I still can't relax to this day. I always have to be doing something. The mentality that you have no time off is so ingrained in me. It was all very good training."

After leaving school Albert studied agriculture and economics at the University of Reading then completed a PhD in national agricultural policy at Newcastle University. Having completed his studies he was gardening at Springfield House in Spoutwell Lane, Corbridge when the owner mentioned the chief officer for the Northumberland National Park lived nearby. Albert later applied for an agricultural officer post with the National Park and got the job. "It was meant to be a three year stint and I stayed for 33 years, becoming a conservation officer."

His career included dealing with farmers across the National Park and historic building restoration. "At the start I was dealing with farmers, stone wallers, fencers and drainage people. All of the contractors you need on a farm. Then later with architects and all sorts of different people. When the Hadrian's Wall Trail was established we helped farmers develop farm holiday accommodation in traditional buildings. It was a dream job in a period when the National Park was growing into what it is today. I was one of six people to be interviewed for my initial post. Now you would get hundreds of people applying. I feel totally privileged to have had that job."

Albert retired from the National Park in 2007. "I did a lot of odd jobs and gardening and then around 10



years ago the lease became free on what is now Gayle's Vintage At The Tower shop. So Gayle, myself and another lady took that on. Then the lease became free on what is now my Living At The Tower shop next door so I moved into that.

"I'd describe myself as a dealer in vintage. We've concentrated on the 1930s, 40s and 50s. A period that spans such a change in social and economic habits, including two world wars, rationing, the swinging sixties and so on. From the start we all put in what we liked and had bought ourselves and what we thought the public might want. And then with retail you just learn what the public want and don't want. So it becomes a question of changing your buying methods. You end up not buying what you like, particularly, but what you feel other people like. There is an element of giving your own identity to it. But you've got to be responsive to the consumer market."

Albert made the decision to retire from his shop at the start of this year. "The pre-Christmas retail period in November and December is equivalent to farming's harvest because that's the time everybody wants to come into the shop to buy presents from a whole range of items. You're working seven hours a day, seven days a week and you do become exhausted. So in January I knew I wanted to change and let the landlord know I didn't want to continue after this summer.

"I'll definitely miss the people. Gayle and I have come together in business from totally different backgrounds. We both have loyal customers and we've both fed off one another. I'll miss her very much but I will still be

coming to visit. I'll also miss all of the customers who come from far and wide. Corbridge is a real honeypot of independent shops with things you can't get anywhere else. It's also very accessible. Small enough for visitors to walk round, have lunch and enjoy a day out."

He moved to his present home in Slaley in 1985 with both the garden and interior featuring in glossy lifestyle magazines. "I now live where I always imagined I would live as a child. Which is a cottage on the edge of a forest overlooking moorland and hills. And that's exactly what I've got. Slaley is my adopted homeland," adds Albert, who was chairman of the Slaley Show for 10 years.

"Next is having a bit of a rest in the autumn and catching up with jobs at home. And then in 2023 to start 'Albert's Vintage Hire' business where you can hire vintage items for weddings, family gatherings, garden parties and so on. Just to cater for people who want to celebrate in some way and may have some of the items but haven't got enough for a party.

"So I will work from home and ask what they're short of. Hopefully they can see what I've got and if I can't supply them with everything I will go out and source it for them. I will also do flowers and plants. So it's more the fixtures and fittings of an event. Hiring out chairs, tables, crockery and linen and all of that sort of stuff.

"It's just something to occupy me - to keep my mind and body active. I only want a few events a year. And reasonably close to home in Northumberland and the Tyne Valley, the area that I love, know really well and I know a lot of people in it."





Corbridge
celebrations
for the
Queen's
Platinum
Jubilee.



Corbridge Village Show

Corbridge Parish Hall, St. Helen's Street

Saturday 3rd September 2022 2pm-4.30pm



CORBRIDGE VILLAGE SHOW, PARISH HALL, CORBRIDGE SATURDAY 3rd SEPTEMBER 2022

>> CLASS 1 MEMBERS ONLY

1 Two pot leeks 6" fast button, to be fresh pulled, washed clean and sound all round.

>> DISTRICT CLASSES

District Class Exhibitors must be residents of Corbridge Parish

| | | 1st | 2nd | 3rd |
|--|--|-------|-------|-------|
| > Vegetables | | | | |
| 2 | Three Turnips | £3.00 | £2.00 | £1.00 |
| 3 | Six Pods of Peas | £3.00 | £2.00 | £1.00 |
| 4 | Six Runner Beans | £3.00 | £2.00 | £1.00 |
| 5 | Heaviest Marrow/Courgette | £3.00 | £2.00 | £1.00 |
| 6 | Three Stalks of Rhubarb | £3.00 | £2.00 | £1.00 |
| 7 | Salad Bowl | £3.00 | £2.00 | £1.00 |
| 8 | Basket of Flowers and Vegetables (for effect) | £3.00 | £2.00 | £1.00 |
| 9 | Most Peculiar Vegetable | £3.00 | £2.00 | £1.00 |
| > Flowers | | | | |
| 10 | 1 Single Rose | £3.00 | £2.00 | £1.00 |
| 11 | 4 Roses as grown (In vase) | £3.00 | £2.00 | £1.00 |
| 12 | 5 single Dahlias | £3.00 | £2.00 | £1.00 |
| 13 | Bowl of mixed Dahlia | £3.00 | £2.00 | £1.00 |
| 14 | Vase of cut Annuals | £3.00 | £2.00 | £1.00 |
| 15 | 2 Vases of Hardy Herbaceous 2 varieties | £3.00 | £2.00 | £1.00 |
| 16 | 3 Spikes of Gladioli | £3.00 | £2.00 | £1.00 |
| 17 | 1 Vase of Sweet Peas | £3.00 | £2.00 | £1.00 |
| 18 | 1 Vase of Cut Flowers (No Foliage) | £3.00 | £2.00 | £1.00 |
| 19 | 1 Sunflower (Displayed in container) | £3.00 | £2.00 | £1.00 |
| > Fruit | | | | |
| 20 | Basket of Fruit: A collection of 4 kinds of fruit attractively displayed in a basket | £3.00 | £2.00 | £1.00 |
| > Industrial | | | | |
| 21 | Four Cheese Scones | £3.00 | £2.00 | £1.00 |
| 22 | One Decorated Chocolate Cake | £3.00 | £2.00 | £1.00 |
| 23 | Four Ginger Snap Biscuits | £3.00 | £2.00 | £1.00 |
| 24 | One Victoria Sandwich Cake (Jam, No Cream) | £3.00 | £2.00 | £1.00 |
| 25 | One Lemon Drizzle Loaf | £3.00 | £2.00 | £1.00 |
| 26 | Four Rock Buns | £3.00 | £2.00 | £1.00 |
| 27 | Four Fruit Scones | £3.00 | £2.00 | £1.00 |
| 28 | One Double Crust Fruit Pie (8inch/20cm max) | £3.00 | £2.00 | £1.00 |
| 29 | One Jar Orange Marmalade | £3.00 | £2.00 | £1.00 |
| 30 | One Jar Strawberry Jam | £3.00 | £2.00 | £1.00 |
| 31 | One Jar Chutney (to be named) | £3.00 | £2.00 | £1.00 |
| > Photography – Prints not to exceed 8.5" x 6" | | | | |
| 32 | Corbridge Life | £3.00 | £2.00 | £1.00 |
| 33 | Portraits & People | £3.00 | £2.00 | £1.00 |
| 34 | Plants, Trees & Flowers | £3.00 | £2.00 | £1.00 |
| 35 | Humour - Photos That Make Us Smile | £3.00 | £2.00 | £1.00 |
| > Handicrafts | | | | |
| 36 | Birthday Card | £3.00 | £2.00 | £1.00 |
| > Art | | | | |
| 37 | Portrait Picture (A4, unframed) | £3.00 | £2.00 | £1.00 |
| > Floral Art | | | | |
| 38 | Floral Arrangement - Season's Best | £3.00 | £2.00 | £1.00 |
| 39 | Miniature Arrangement in a Standard Tea Cup | £3.00 | £2.00 | £1.00 |
| 40 | All Foliage Arrangement | £3.00 | £2.00 | £1.00 |

>> CHILDREN'S CLASSES

> Age up to 8 Years

| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd |
|---|-------|-------|-------|
| 41 Vegetable Creature | £3.00 | £2.00 | £1.00 |
| 42 Miniature Garden – in seed tray 9" x 14" | £3.00 | £2.00 | £1.00 |
| 43 Plasticine Animal Model | £3.00 | £2.00 | £1.00 |
| 44 An Edible Necklace | £3.00 | £2.00 | £1.00 |

> Age up to 13 Years

| | | | |
|--|-------|-------|-------|
| 45 Miniature Garden – in seed tray 9" x 14" | £3.00 | £2.00 | £1.00 |
| 46 An Edible Necklace | £3.00 | £2.00 | £1.00 |
| 47 A Birthday Card | £3.00 | £2.00 | £1.00 |
| 48 A painting of a favourite flower or vegetable | £3.00 | £2.00 | £1.00 |

£20.00 £10.00 £5.00

> Children's Photography – Prints not to exceed 8.5" x 6"

| | | | |
|---------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| 49 One Flower Print | £2.00 | £1.50 | £1.00 |
| 50 One Animal Print | £2.00 | £1.50 | £1.00 |

>> OPEN CLASSES

>Vegetables

| | | | |
|--|--------|-------|-------|
| 51 Three onions to a stand, dressed | £5.00 | £3.00 | £2.00 |
| 52 Three onions shown as grown | £5.00 | £3.00 | £2.00 |
| 53 One onion, heaviest | £3.00 | £2.00 | £1.00 |
| 54 One onion, one pound in weight | £3.00 | £2.00 | £1.00 |
| 55 Six onions grown from sets. | £3.00 | £2.00 | £1.00 |
| 56 Six shallots, dressed | £3.00 | £2.00 | £1.00 |
| 57 Two parsnips | £3.00 | £2.00 | £1.00 |
| 58 Six tomatoes | £3.00 | £2.00 | £1.00 |
| 59 Three carrots - long | £3.00 | £2.00 | £1.00 |
| 60 Three carrots - stump rooted | £3.00 | £2.00 | £1.00 |
| 61 Three round beet, one to be cut | £3.00 | £2.00 | £1.00 |
| 62 Two cauliflowers | £3.00 | £2.00 | £1.00 |
| 63 One cabbage | £3.00 | £2.00 | £1.00 |
| 64 One intermediate leek 6" to 9" fast button | £3.00 | £2.00 | £1.00 |
| 65 Collection of vegetables, four varieties, two of each | £12.00 | £8.00 | £5.00 |
| 66 Two blanch leeks (over 14") | £3.00 | £2.00 | £1.00 |
| 67 4 Potatoes (Kidney) | £3.00 | £2.00 | £1.00 |
| 68 4 Potatoes (Round) | £3.00 | £2.00 | £1.00 |
| 69 3 Leeks Pot, Blanch and Intermediate | £3.00 | £2.00 | £1.00 |

> Flowers

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| 70 Three chrysanthemums incurved | £10.00 | £5.00 | £3.00 |
| 71 Three chrysanthemums intermediate | £10.00 | £5.00 | £3.00 |
| 72 Three chrysanthemums reflexed | £10.00 | £5.00 | £3.00 |
| 73 Collection of flowers, vase, bowl or jug (for effect) | £10.00 | £5.00 | £3.00 |
| 74 Three chrysanthemums incurved – dissimilar | £10.00 | £5.00 | £3.00 |
| 75 Three chrysanthemums reflexed –dissimilar | £10.00 | £5.00 | £3.00 |
| 76 Three chrysanthemums intermediate – dissimilar | £10.00 | £5.00 | £3.00 |
| 77 One giant or large dahlia | £10.00 | £5.00 | £3.00 |
| 78 5 Stems per vase chrysanthemums garden sprays | £10.00 | £5.00 | £3.00 |
| 79 3 Stems per vase chrysanthemums garden sprays | £10.00 | £5.00 | £3.00 |
| 80 Medium cactus dahlias, three to a vase | £10.00 | £5.00 | £3.00 |
| 81 Small cactus dahlias, three to a vase | £10.00 | £5.00 | £3.00 |
| 82 Medium decorative dahlias, three to a vase | £10.00 | £5.00 | £3.00 |
| 83 Small decorative dahlias, three to a vase | £10.00 | £5.00 | £3.00 |
| 84 Pom Pom dahlias, three to a vase | £10.00 | £5.00 | £3.00 |
| 85 1 Window Plant Flowering | £3.00 | £2.00 | £1.00 |
| 86 1 Window Plant Foliage | £3.00 | £2.00 | £1.00 |

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| 87 One Jar Honey | £3.00 | £2.00 | £1.00 |
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All entries to be benched by 10.00 am on 3rd September 2022

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8 am - 10 am on 3rd September 2022

Only two entries per person per class

All photographs to have been taken by exhibitor

All Flowers and Vegetables to have been grown by exhibitor

Prize Money to be collected from Treasurer's office between 2.30pm and 4pm

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Programme of Events

SHOW OPEN TO PUBLIC

2.00 pm to 4.30 pm

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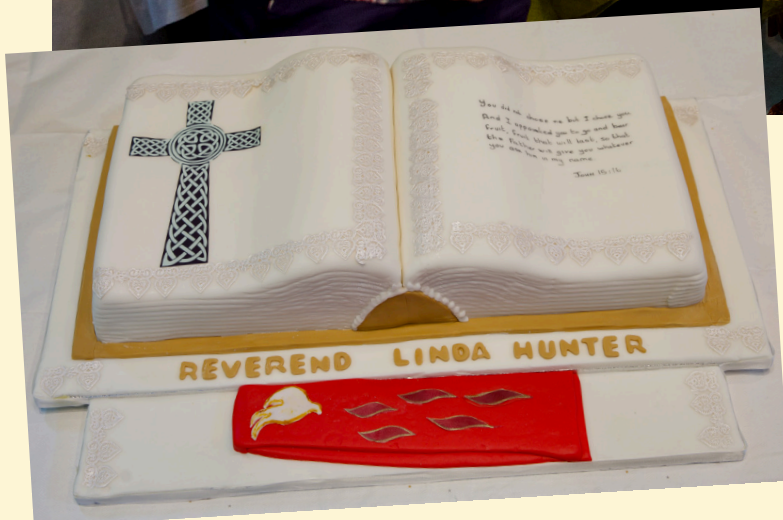
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There were celebrations at St Andrew's Church in Corbridge after the ordination of Linda Hunter as deacon. Members of the congregation led by the Rev David Kennedy attended the ceremony at Newcastle Cathedral then welcomed Linda back to St Andrew's the next morning at the Sunday morning service with David declaring: "This is a day of great joy in the life of our church - how splendid!"



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Corbridge resident John Holmes will embark on a 540-mile cycle pilgrimage next month following the long and winding journey of St Cuthbert. John will travel from Holy Island to the Laing Art Gallery in Newcastle where the Lindisfarne Gospels, created in St Cuthbert's honour, go on display from September 17.

In AD875 the Holy Island monks, facing the threat of invading Vikings, took the body of St Cuthbert along with the Lindisfarne Gospels to safety via the Scottish Borders and North Yorkshire to Chester-le-Street where they established a church. Over 100 years later the community moved with the body of St Cuthbert to Ripon before finally settling in the final resting place of Durham.

John's eight day journey will begin on September 1 when he leaves Holy Island. Cycling over 50 miles a day to follow the journey of St Cuthbert's body, taking in many of the significant places visited by the monks along the way.

The aim is to raise money for the Tyne & Wear Archives & Museums Development Trust, of which John is a trustee. "Ensuring that everyone is able to access heritage and culture is very important to me, as I have seen first hand the positive impact culture can have on people's lives," he explains.

"The Lindisfarne Gospels exhibition is designed to raise awareness of the historical significance to the region, and demystify and spark discussion about how we connect to the wider world, alongside the possible futures we can achieve together. This is why I am taking part in this challenge to raise money for Tyne & Wear Archives & Museums so we can provide life changing cultural experiences for the children and young people of the North East."

The treasures of St Cuthbert are now displayed in the Durham Cathedral Museum. However, after the dissolution of the Monasteries in 1539, the manuscript was separated from Durham Cathedral. In the early 17th century, the Gospels were owned by Sir Robert Cotton and in 1753 they became part of the founding collections of the British Library. This year's exhibition (September 17 to December 3) will be the first time it has been displayed in the North East since 2000. The Laing Art Gallery strongly recommends booking tickets in advance.

You can donate to John's fund raising effort at:

<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/cuthbertcyclingchallenge>



Forum Books

Hello Readers,

These long summer months are perfect - at least on paper - to dive into a good book. The time when most of us manage to sit back with a new novel...or pick up that one we've been waiting so long to get to. And, of course, a paperback is the perfect 'portable magic' to pop in our suitcase, picnic basket or pocket as we head outdoors into, hopefully, the sun.

Picture it: on a picnic blanket beneath a gorgeous, leafy tree. Next to you, a stack of fresh books, just waiting for their turn in your summer reading line up. And just in case you need a suggestion or two...

Miranda Cowley Heller's The Paper Palace is the summer paperback to fill that Where The Crawdads Sing-gap. A deeply emotional love story that follows one day in the life of Elle Bishop as she navigates the unravelling of secrets and lies in a very complex love triangle - it's gorgeously immersive.

Taylor Jenkins Reid's Malibu Rising is the perfect beach read - soaked in Californian sun, intrigue and page turning escapism - let it wash over you like Pacific surf.

For a European escape try **Johanna Hedman's The Trio** for euphoric nostalgia set in Stockholm or, another novel of friendship, **Simone de Beauvoir's** recently discovered **The Inseparables**. For something of a book sorbet, you could dip into the light, refreshing treat that is **Blue Postcards** by **Douglas Bruton** - weaving together the tales of a tailor and the artist Yves Klein in a delicate love story written in short paragraphs which are perfectly formed and utterly charming.

If you'd prefer to chill with a thriller there's **John Carre's** last novel **Silverview**, **Mick Herron's** new slice of Slough House magic - **Bad Actors** - or the sheer coolness of **Tom Bradby's Triple Cross**.

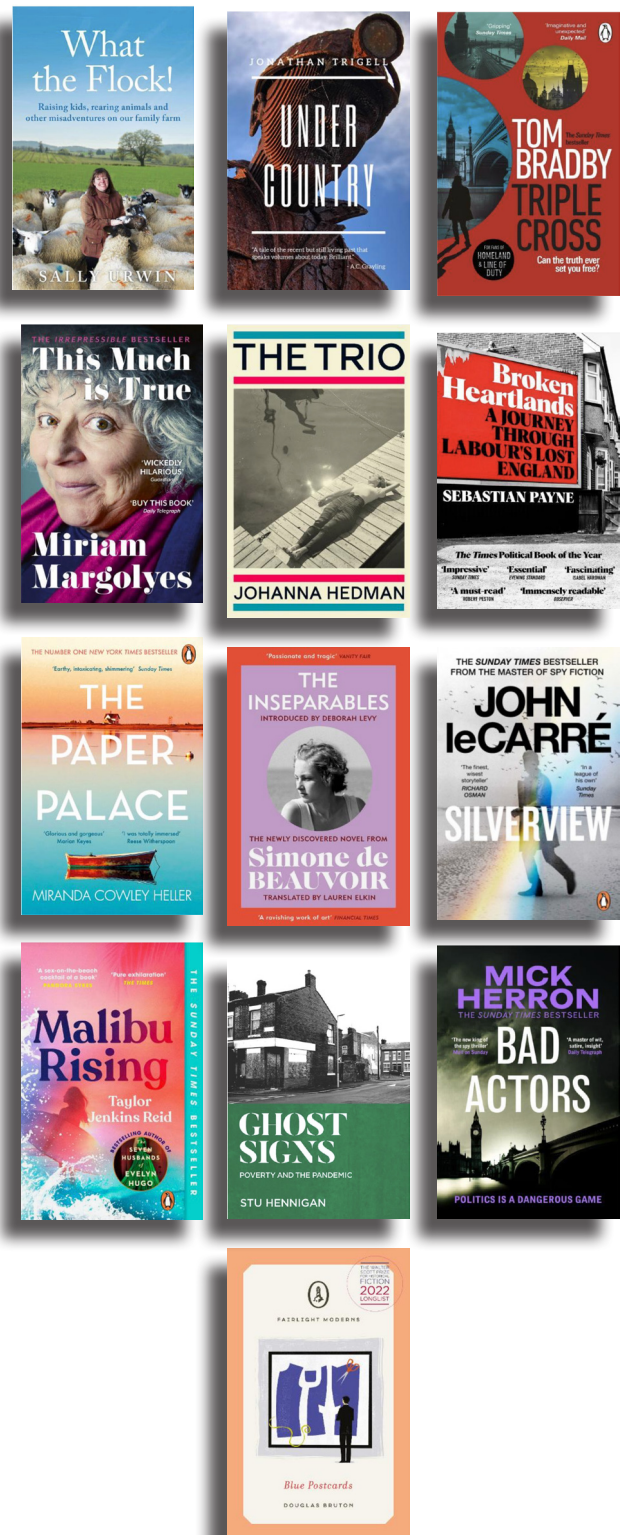
For lives well lived there are new biographies from **Miriam Margolyes** - the nation's naughtiest national treasure - and local farmer **Sally Urwin's What The Flock!** - both frank, funny and moreishly page-turning.

For more heavyweight, state of the nation reading **Ghost Signs** by **Stu Hennigan** highlights how a decade of austerity has devastated our most vulnerable communities, while **Broken Heartlands** by **Sebastian Payne** is a compelling political road-trip through ten constituencies that tell the story of the tumbling red wall. (There's excellent fiction exploring similar issues from North East writer **Jonathan Trigell** and his novel **Under Country** set during the Miner's strike)

Meantime, for younger readers, we have our Summer Book Camp - with weekly book recommendations and story times!

Whatever's on your agenda in these lazy, hazy, crazy days, we hope you have a grand one. And don't forget to take a book along on your adventures. Happy reading,

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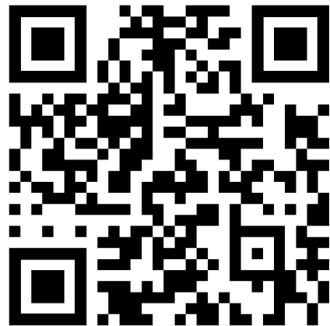
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PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

JULY 28-31 2022

THURSDAY 28 JULY

CONCERT 1 | 7.30pm

Schubert Arpeggione Sonata D.821 (arr. Newbould for clarinet quintet)
Haydn String Quartet op.54 no.1 in G major
Dvorak Piano Trio op. 90 in E minor 'Dumky'

FRIDAY 29 JULY

CONCERT 2 | 6pm

Beethoven Piano Trio op.70 no.1 in D major 'Ghost'
Lekeu Piano Trio (1891)

CONCERT 3 | 9pm

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SATURDAY 30 JULY

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CONCERT 4 | 6.30pm

Schubert Dances (arr. Newbould for piano trio)
Fanny Mendelssohn String Quartet in E flat
Harrison Violin Sonatina
Bliss Clarinet Quintet

CONCERT 5 | 9.30pm

Harrison Clarinet Sonata
Hellawell Up by the Roots, for piano trio and narrator
Mendelssohn String Quartet op.13 in A minor

SUNDAY 31 JULY

'UP BY THE ROOTS' | 10am

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CONCERT 6 | 3pm

(with pre-concert talk 2pm)
Hellawell Weaver of Grass
Franck Piano Quintet in F minor
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CONCERT 7 | 6.30pm

Schubert Quartettsatz D.703
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Schubert Piano Quintet D.667 in A major 'The Trout'

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Corbridge in Bloom Summer Planting



Corbridge in Bloom is a group of volunteers who work throughout the year to keep flowers in the public spaces of Corbridge. We also plant and maintain the Parish Hall garden and the green space behind that building plus the small park at the junction of Milkwell Lane and Aydon Road. Our summer planting starts quite early in the spring when our Chair Elizabeth Grant, a noted horticulturalist, starts sowing the first of the seeds she grows each year. Gradually seed boxes fill up the greenhouses and grow houses of a back garden which could only belong to a horticultural family.

Some seeds will grow to produce large numbers of plants to fill beds like the marigold bed on The Chains. Others are a gift to Corbridge from the free sample seed packets the Chair finds on the covers of her gardening magazines. Others are chosen from her many seed catalogues - perhaps a new variety to try out or something exotic we have never planted before. By late May the back garden is full of plants, and as summer planning time comes round the home grown plants are joined by stock from our local suppliers at Down To Earth and Halls of Heddon.

Corbridge in Bloom takes out our winter planting by the end of May (saving all of the bulbs and some perennials for replanting and composting anything left over) so that we can plant at the beginning of June when the danger of frost is past. By that time we have enough plants for all of our tubs, pants, and the long border by the wall at The Coigns. Plants for this colourful border are often sponsored by Corbridge WI and many of our tubs are sponsored by businesses and residents in the village.

Our volunteers must fill all of these planting spaces in one Sunday morning working party because the plants are ready and they won't wait. Summer planting must be carefully organised on the day before it's done. Each tub and pant has its own labelled basket in which the plants to be grown in it are assembled – six of these little ones, one special one for the middle, various colours and sizes designed to look lovely. And on planting Sunday our volunteers are ready, as you can see from the photo taken on that day this year.

Of course, now the planting is done the work of watering and dead-heading begins! If there is a tub you can reach with your watering can, please let us know – we will be grateful for your help! And if you enjoy the planting we do throughout the village (which includes many trees) and would like to join us, please get in touch with our secretary, Sasha Brookes at sashambrookes@btinternet.com or on 01434 634639. Everyone is welcome!



“The best we can be”



Jennifer Ainsley's parting gifts to each of her schools



A third farewell to report in this edition of Corbridge Matters. This time involving Jennifer Ainsley, Executive Head Teacher at Corbridge Church of England First School and Broomhaugh CE First School in Riding Mill, who left both posts at the end of the summer term on July 22nd. She writes:

“I began as head of Corbridge CE First School in September 2014 and what a privilege it has been to serve the families and community of this fabulous village over the past eight years.

“Teaching and school leadership is not an easy job but it certainly is an extremely rewarding one. Each day in school, no matter what challenge or difficulty may arise, having a child come to tell me that they had been spotted being kind, had written an amazing story, were hoping to organise a litter pick, or even that they liked my dress that day, would always remind me of why I was working so hard in our school. I have so many special memories of individuals, classes and events, and I will continue to cherish and be grateful for them all.

“In our school children flourish, and thrive, and I am so proud to have been part of creating this special place with the fantastic staff and governors - both past and present - that I have had the joy to work with over these years. Following our federation with Broomhaugh CE First School in Riding Mill, both schools now benefit from working together in partnership and this has strengthened our ability to be the best we can be. With both schools in such a strong place, I took the hardest decision of my career in deciding it was time for me to move on.

“I would like to thank all who have been part of my journey at CFS. I am so humbled by the kind words and thanks I have been given, which I have received gratefully. I feel it is I who has been blessed to be able to lead at CFS for all these years, through some hard times but overwhelmingly many many happy times! The next phase of my journey is truly unknown to me yet...but without doubt I believe God has a plan for me.

“The appointment of Suzanne Hart as Executive Head Teacher in September 2022 is fantastic news. Mrs Hart has already served the federation as an outstanding Executive Deputy Head this academic year and I know Corbridge First School will continue to go from strength to strength with the new leadership structure secure.”



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