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Parish Council **INFORMATION**

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Corbridge Parish Council next meets
at 7pm on Wednesdays October 26
and November 23 in the Parish Hall, St
Helen's Street, Corbridge.

Council Notes

I hope some of you have noticed the excellent work done by the Parish Council's new 'handyperson' Andrew Cunningham. Signs, benches, bollards and street lamps have been painted throughout the village and



repair work of various kinds has been done. After the pandemic lockdowns the physical appearance of some of our public areas started to deteriorate a little. The shine was taken off in one or two places. I considered it vital to attend to this as a matter of urgency and so proposed the creation of a new part time handyperson role and was pleased when the Council gave their support. Visitors and residents alike can tell when a place is really cared for and looked after. It makes a huge difference to the overall attractiveness of where we live and ultimately, I think, to our well being and happiness.

Within this issue we've issued a plea for the village's builders to consider quoting for refurbishment work to the pavilion at Corchester Field. The building has fallen into severe disrepair but we believe it has great potential if it's carefully restored. The idea is to open it up - rather like a bandstand - so it can be used by the public having picnics and summer barbecues nearby. Other improvements to the field are planned and will hopefully make

Corchester Field into a more valuable and better used public asset.

The first of the Parish's four new council houses on the Roman Fields development is nearing completion - a two bedroom bungalow. It will shortly be available on what is called a social rent. The Parish Council wishes to let these new houses to people with strong links and family connections to the village but there are letting rules and other criteria which we need to meet. Northumberland Homefinder, Northumberland County Council's housing allocation service, is assisting the Parish in letting the house and any resident keen on occupying the new house should register their interest with them.

A difficult winter approaches with heating bills skyrocketing as a result of Putin's effective blockage of gas supplies to Europe. Like the pandemic, it's a time when we must look out for our neighbours and do what we can to help those in need. Let's hope this winter is mild.

William Clouston
(Parish Council Chairman)

The bungalow we are purchasing on the new development next to Corbridge Middle School is nearly ready with three semi-detached two bed houses to follow next year. Shortly after being elected county councillor



in Corbridge I attended a presentation on community housing and not long after that was in a meeting with the developer about other things and asked if they would consider selling some of the units to Corbridge Parish Council. To their credit they were happy to explore it and we got busy exploring the legalities and funding opportunities. We eventually agreed terms on four units and have been very well supported by Northumberland County Council's housing team with 50 per cent funding support and lots of great advice.

The bungalow, the three semis and the units that Riverside Housing will be offering for rental will all be advertised in due course on www.northumberlandhomefinder.org.uk so if you are interested please get registered with the service as soon as possible. We have agreed a 'local lettings policy' which gives priority to people from Corbridge. It's great to see this project finally coming to fruition.

I've been in touch with Openreach for an update on their fibre broadband plans for Corbridge. I'm told the Community Fibre Partnership scheme is progressing and is now in the final stages of planning and they expect to start the build in the next few weeks. This is a scheme at the north end of the village and wouldn't have happened without the excellent efforts of Michael Office. I'll be meeting soon with Openreach for an update on their plans for the rest of the village.

After a few residents contacted me about the bin outside of the Coop being removed I've been in touch with their head office in Manchester and I'm happy to see they have replaced it. The Coop is keen to engage with local communities making donations based on store card spend to local causes including Corbridge United Football Club.

Some people have asked why I did not vote in the meeting at which the Council agreed to 'settle' at over £300,000 with its CEO. I was asked by the council's legal officer not to attend because it was clear that I was 'pre-determined' and as one of the councillors raising these issues it was hard to argue with that. I thought it was utterly wrong to make this payment. A disciplinary investigation should have been commissioned and action taken based on the findings.

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

Nick Oliver
(Corbridge County Councillor)

100 Years



Corbridge Parish Hall marks its centenary this year. It was erected by Edith Helen Straker-Smith of Howden Dene in memory of her father Joseph and opened in 1922. She had been a trustee when he opened the Charlotte Straker Hospital named in memory of his wife and her mother. The hall was originally given to the 'Vicar and Council' of St Andrew's Church. Ownership was taken over by Corbridge Parish Council in the 1980s. The main hall can accommodate up to 160 people and also has a well equipped kitchen. The separate Mearns Room and Room One each have a capacity of 35 people.





A big turnout for this annual event at Corbridge Cricket Club. A total of £3,551 was raised on the day in aid of the Charlotte Straker Project, Corbridge Youth Initiative and the club.



Family Fun Day



Corbridge UK Concert Premiere



Many people walking in Corbridge recently have been stopped in their tracks by the sound of a concert pianist and violinist floating through the air. The music comes from a house in the village centre where the musically gifted Mykhailichenko family live. They are one of several Ukrainian families now starting new lives in the Tyne Valley.

Khrystyna, aged 17, is already an acclaimed pianist and her 11-year-old sister Sasha is an equally talented violinist. Khrystyna's recent concert in a packed St Andrew's Church was her first ever appearance in the UK and a preview of the programme for a Paris recital last month (September) in the Salle Cortot in aid of a Ukrainian charity. With further performances arranged in Vilnius, Gdansk, Germany and the USA.

Khrystyna began learning the piano when she was four. Her parents quickly realised she was extraordinarily gifted. Within six years she had won many international competitions and was performing in concerts throughout Europe and in New York and Washington. In 2016 she decided to concentrate totally on solo performances rather than competitions.

Khrystyna has played more than 40 times with symphony orchestras worldwide and with almost all of the National Philharmonic Orchestras of Ukraine as well as solo recitals in other European concert halls.

In March 2016 Khrystyna met the international concert pianist Professor Alexei Grynyuk who became her teacher and mentor. He said "Khrystyna's gift is stronger and more powerful than anyone I've ever been able to work with before. This is a performer of the highest level."

Three days after flying into Newcastle Airport and settling into her new home, Khrystyna was travelling (alone for the first time) to Germany and then on to Miami for master classes and concerts. She returned to Corbridge just long enough to confirm she has won a bursary to study at the Royal Northern College of Music in Manchester before setting off again to perform near Warsaw.

Both girls and their older brother Danylo were born in Simferopol in Crimea. The family fled from there in 2014 when the Russians took control of Crimea and moved to Irpin, near Kyiv. One year later, Khrystyna's father Gennady, a Professor of Ukrainian Literature, died tragically in a fishing accident.

Irpin was one of the places we all watched on television when the Russians invaded Ukraine in February, devastating small towns and villages in their ill-fated attempt to take Kyiv. Once again, the Mykhailichenkos packed their suitcases and joined millions of refugees forced to escape from their country. After three months in Poland, they finally arrived here on June 7th. Their brother has stayed in Ukraine.

Sasha is now a pupil at Corbridge Middle School and an enthusiastic member of Corbridge Cricket Club. She has also won a bursary at Sage Gateshead and plays in their Young Sinfonia Orchestra.

Corbridge is incredibly fortunate in having such a talented and resilient family living here and they, along with all of the Ukrainian families now residing in the area, are warmly welcomed.

For Ukranian Teenager



NOTICE BOARD

St Andrew's Church

Parish Communion at 10am every Sunday.

Evening Prayer at 6pm every Sunday.

Holy Communion at 10am every Wednesday.

RIVER service: 4pm on Sunday October 30th.

Messy Church: 3pm on Sunday October 9th.

Thursday October 13th at 10am: Service led by the Methodists.

Tuesday October 25th at 10am: Service led by the Methodists

Corbridge Methodists

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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

St Andrew's Church Christmas Tree Festival: Friday Dec 2nd to Tuesday Dec 6th inclusive.

Christmas In Corbridge: Monday Dec 5th from late afternoon onwards.

Notice about the St Helen's Street entrance to the Corstopitum Social Club,

The Amber Chinese Takeaway and Westway Veterinary Group: Club stewardess Leslie Mole has planters and Belfast sinks around this entrance and spends a great deal of her own time keeping them looking bright with seasonal flowers. However damage is being done by cars in this area. Drivers are asked to be more careful and to report any damage.

Corbridge Apple Juice Appeal: Can you spare an hour or two between 9am and 4pm on Saturday October 1 or Sunday October 2 to help with the 2022 Community Apple Pressing weekend at Corbridge Cricket Club? Volunteers are needed to help with washing, pulping and pressing apples to provide juice. No previous experience necessary. The aim is to produce even more cans of delicious Corbridge Sparkling Apple Juice than last year to be sold in aid of Charlotte Straker, Corbridge Youth Initiative and Corbridge Community Partnership. Hadrian Border Brewery will again provide the cans of apple juice at cost price. If you can help, please contact John Maude at: johnmaude100@gmail.com / 07791 590814.

If you have apples to donate to the project please leave them on the veranda at the front of the old pavilion at Corbridge Cricket Club from Monday September 26 onwards up to and including the Community Apple Pressing Weekend on Oct 1 and 2.



**CORBRIDGE
APPLE
PRESSING
WEEKEND**

**CORBRIDGE
CRICKET CLUB**

We are making more delicious
Corbridge Sparkling Apple Juice in
aid of three local good causes!

Volunteers are needed to help
with washing, pulping and
pressing apples to provide juice.

**SATURDAY 1ST OCTOBER
SUNDAY 2ND OCTOBER
9 AM TO 4 PM**

Spare apples?
Any apple varieties
welcome. Please leave
at the old Cricket Club
pavilion from 26th
September up to 2nd
October.

diary

October 2022

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10:15 - 12:00 Yoga Class	10:00 - 15:00 Tuesday Art Group	10:00 - 13:00 Lace Class	10:30 - 16:30 Art Group	09:00 - 10:15 Zumbini	09:30 - 13:30 Marshall Birthday Party	10:00 - 14:30 Tynedale Christian Ministries
13:00 - 16:00 Corbridge WI	13:00 - 16:00 Corbridge Bridge Club - Chicago	10:30 - 15:30 KSA Painters	19:30 - 21:30 Piper Badminton	09:30 - 11:30 Corbridge Badminton	09:30 - 13:30 Marshall Birthday Party	
16:00 - 17:30 Zumba Kids	16:00 - 19:00 clear away and set up time	16:00 - 20:45 Corbridge School of Ballet		13:30 - 14:30 Line Dancing & Spiral Pilates	17:00 - 23:30 Ceilidh	
18:00 - 21:00 Dilston WI	19:00 - 21:00 Corbridge Carpet Bowls Club	19:30 - 21:30 Prayer Meeting		17:00 - 19:00 Karate	17:00 - 23:30 Ceilidh	
19:00 - 22:00 Corbridge Bridge Club						
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	16:00 - 19:00 clear away and set up time	19:30 - 21:30 Prayer Meeting		17:00 - 19:00 Karate		
	19:00 - 21:00 Corbridge Carpet Bowls Club					
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16:00 - 17:30 Zumba Kids	13:00 - 16:00 Corbridge Bridge Club - Chicago	10:30 - 15:30 KSA Painters	13:30 - 16:30 Guide Dog Puppy Class	09:30 - 11:30 Corbridge Badminton		
19:00 - 22:00 Corbridge Bridge Club	16:00 - 19:00 clear away and set up time	16:00 - 20:45 Corbridge School of Ballet	18:45 - 21:30 Corbridge Gardening Society - Talk	13:30 - 14:30 Line Dancing & Spiral Pilates		
	19:00 - 21:00 Corbridge Carpet Bowls Club	19:30 - 21:30 Prayer Meeting		17:00 - 19:00 Karate		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
10:15 - 12:00 Yoga Class	10:00 - 15:00 Tuesday Art Group	10:30 - 15:30 KSA Painters	10:00 - 12:00 Art Appreciation 2, Tynedale U3A Group	09:30 - 11:30 Corbridge Badminton	19:30 - 21:30 Tynedale Country Dancing	10:00 - 14:30 Tynedale Christian Ministries
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	16:00 - 19:00 clear away and set up time	19:00 - 21:00 Parish Council Meeting	19:30 - 21:30 Piper Badminton	17:00 - 19:00 Karate		
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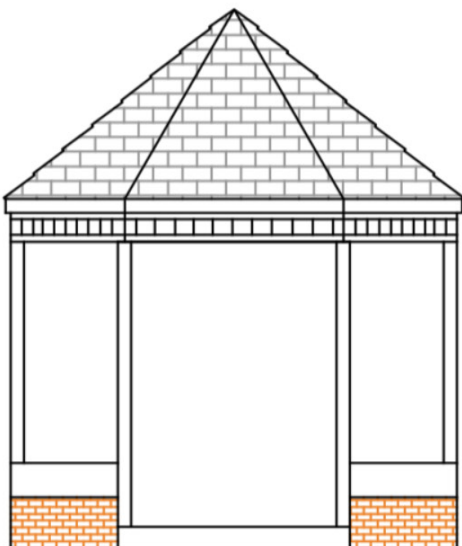
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Parish Council Notice

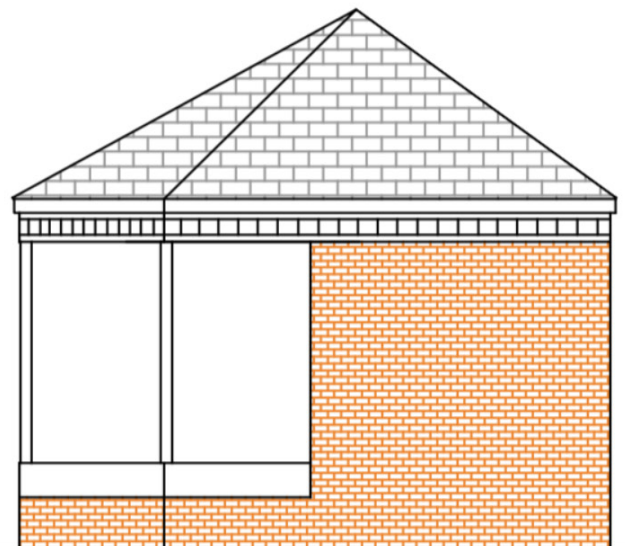


The pavilion at Corchester Field has fallen into severe disrepair. The Parish Council wishes to refurbish it along the lines of the drawing on this page. We would like to use local tradespeople if possible. The skills required are roofing, brick and stone work, plastering and carpentry.

Could anyone interested in putting in a quotation for the work contact the Parish Clerk Mandy Senior on 07950 297634 or email us on corbridge@ukpc.net



Front view (East).



Side view.

Corbridge Tennis Club



Lawn Tennis Association President David Rawlinson - in the blue tracksuit - recently visited Corbridge Tennis Club at Tynedale Park as part of his tour of North East clubs.

Club chairman Nick Steenberg said: "Myself, club secretary Mike Pottage and committee members, Sara Reid, Liz Neville, Oliver Fowler plus coach Olly Bennett were all delighted to welcome David along with Chris Lott, Chair of Northumberland LTA, and Sue Oswald, Northumberland County LTA Safeguarding Officer."

The club has made huge progress since being formed just 10 years ago, including a new club house, constructed by a Corbridge builder in 2021, which offers high quality facilities for members, visiting teams and guests.

Added Nick: "We are a friendly and welcoming club situated in the grounds of Tynedale Rugby Club. Founded in 2012 the club moved to its current site in summer 2013. With three floodlit all-weather hard courts, ample free parking and top class coaching. Our new club house also provides us with catering facilities, changing rooms and a viewing area.

"We welcome all ages and abilities, members and non-members. Whether you want to play for fitness, fun or to develop your skills to a competitive level, we can cater for your needs. In 2016 Corbridge Tennis club was awarded Northumberland LTA Club of the year as well as 'The Tynedale Trophy' and 'Club of the Year' by Sport Tynedale."

More information at: <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/ctc>

Young People Are The Future



20 years of Corbridge Youth Initiative

'There is a proverb. It takes a village to raise a child.'

Young people are inquisitive. They like to have fun. They love meeting their friends. They enjoy the stimulus of new, exciting challenges and they will seek information and support from those who offer them acceptance and interesting opportunities.

We offer all of that at Corbridge Youth Initiative, in a safe place, with well qualified staff, in the centre of the village. Over 100 young people attend the range of groups on offer on 4 nights /week during term time. Then there are the holiday and Summer Schemes. In the past year our services have been used by 198 different young people.

It's expensive. Our present funding has ended.

The easy option (the negligent option?) is to leave our young people to find their amusement where they can and for them to take guidance from anyone who happens to spot loitering groups of young people around the village. We don't want that to happen.

We have funds for only 6 months more youth work at present. We need your help.

Twenty years ago in 2002 Corbridge Youth Initiative was registered as a small charity, supported by the village churches and the Parish Council, to extend the provision offered by the Northumberland County Council Youth Service which ran two sessions per week at Corbridge Youth Club. This operated from a dilapidated, temporary / demountable classroom on the Corbridge Middle School site.

Corbridge Youth Initiative's expenditure in its first financial year was £2,569.

Its expenditure in the last financial year was £70,893.

What a lot has changed in 20 years. How has this happened?

As Northumberland Youth Service budgets were cut over the years and provision was reduced in the village, Corbridge Youth Initiative, with the help of funds from the village, its organisations, grant making bodies and other funders, expanded its work to cover the gaps.

After years of fruitless discussion about new premises at the Middle School site, and when the temporary classroom was finally condemned as unfit for use, Corbridge Youth Initiative moved into its present premises above the library in Hill Street. We pay rent to Northumberland County Council. The proposed new rent will be £9,500 this year rising to £10,500 over the next three years. For a small charity this is a significant expense.

For young people, the years between nine to 19 are formative. The influences to which young people are subject make a huge difference to their futures and to the community in which they live. Now, more than ever, Youth Services are needed.

At present we have them in this village, but for how much longer?

Ten years ago, the Corbridge Youth Initiative charity took over the major work of youth provision in the village from Northumberland County Council. The 11 trustees and five part time staff work hard to raise funds to cover the costs of youth work for those aged nine to 19. We are respected for making a significant difference to young people's lives, health and well-being. We also work in local schools.

Corbridge Youth Initiative runs groups for 4 x Juniors, 2 x Seniors, Girls, one-to-one support, an allotment, Job Club, Summer Scheme. We are fortunate that our staff are consistent, committed and well qualified. They provide many opportunities for discussion, activities, health advice and fun to help build confidence and encourage responsibility.

Please help by supporting our fundraising events and by giving a financial donation, however small. Every donation is welcome.

The Donate button is online on the Corbridge Youth Initiative website at www.corbridgeyouthinitiative.org.uk or use your smartphone to scan the QR code.

Thank you.

Rosemary Rayfield (Trustee)


On behalf of Corbridge Youth Initiative CIO Reg. Charity No 1154200







L-R: Youth workers Amber Robinson, Cheryl Ross, John Farrer and co-ordinator Gillian Wood.

OUR VILLAGE • OUR YOUNG PEOPLE • OUR RESPONSIBILITY



CORBRIDGE YOUTH INITIATIVE






“I had something to do over the worst part of Covid”
(CYI mini survey 2021)

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Instagram: [corbridgeyouthinitiative](https://www.instagram.com/corbridgeyouthinitiative)



Corbridge Motor Show



Just some of the many arrivals for the recent Northumberland Classic & Performance Motor Show at Tynedale Park

Corbridge Village Show 2022

Trophy Winners

Village Show Medal (up to eight years old): Milo Clegg

Village Show Medal (nine to 13 years old): Elise Foster

Best Vegetable Exhibit (George Inns Memorial Trophy): Elsie Joyce

Best Flowers Exhibit (Ken Johnson Memorial Trophy): Kerri Joyce

Best Industrial Exhibit (Eric Dobson Cup): Suzette Milne

Best Photographic Exhibit (Walton-Charlton Memorial Cup): Hazel Marshall

Leeks (James Hardy Memorial Cup): Miles Joyce

Best Leek In Show (Sun Trophy): Miles Joyce

Three Onions Dressed (Tom Joyce Trophy): Miles Joyce

Best Collection Of Vegetables (Bill Hardy Memorial Trophy): Miles Joyce

Three Round Beetroot (Small Holders Champions Medal): Barry Noble

Three Onions As Grown (John Hardy Challenge Cup): Barry Noble

Six Onions Grown From Sets (Sir George Blackett Challenge Cup): Eric Peel

Best Flowers (Laura Trail Trophy): Shiela Goldsworthy



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An Impressive Start for Specialist Agents A&G

Having launched their land and property business in January this year, A&G Land & Property Agents have immediately demonstrated their impressive pedigree.

Headed by award winning property expert Gareth Jones, A&G provides an exclusive one-on-one service to every client. Rather than focusing on volume, they have instead focused on quality of service, specialist advice and on delivering absolute success for their clients. This approach has already ensured tremendous sales results for a wide variety of properties throughout the North-East, including the Tyne Valley and Newcastle.

Gareth, who sold his previous company Red Hot Property in 2019, works directly on each sale, from start to completion, providing an unrivalled and truly bespoke service. This includes: all initial valuations; guidance on individual marketing; personally accompanying all prospective purchasers around properties; and also negotiating each sale. Once the sale is agreed, he is then involved in liaising through the conveyance stage, smoothing out any potential snags or pitfalls.

With over 20 years' experience in property, Gareth has overseen countless sales and operated in many differing markets, both buoyant and stagnant. His agility, energy and insight has seen him previously develop two very successful property firms and win an impressive eight consecutive industry awards for excellence.

During this time, he has seen many changes to the way agents operate, some of which he believes aren't always of benefit to a vendor. According to Gareth, the pressure of increased competition has placed an expected squeeze on fees. This has naturally forced agents to streamline their businesses, resources and service in order to cope. This, alongside the detachment caused by the reliance on the website platforms, has meant estate agency has become more like a conveyor belt process rather than a bespoke, considered and personal relationship.

Gareth said 'Primarily, vendors are usually selling their largest asset. To maximise this asset value, it requires a professional expert, with experience and a proven record of success. **Absolute success cannot be guaranteed by simply playing the numbers game and hanging your property 'out for sale' on one of the major website platforms.** It requires a considered approach, taking account of all the subtleties, which can have a dramatic effect on the overall outcome. What A&G provide is direct expert-involvement at every stage of the sale process - and we do this to ensure each client 'absolute' success at all levels - which includes maximum achievable price, not just a sale'

The A&G service also extends beyond selling property. Because of their links to Anderson & Garland, their umbrella approach also incorporates house and garden clearance, if required. Fellow Directors, Julian Thomson & Fred Wryley-Birch, can also assist with contents valuations, the sale of household items, collectables and even vehicles.

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£595,000



Prudhoe

£500,000



Hexham

£425,000



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£950,000



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£695,000



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Forum Books

Hello Readers,

Hope you're well, warm and leafing through the pages of a good book. Autumn, the season of 'mists and mellow fruitfulness', is my favourite and perfect for reading too. Wrapped up cosy, lost in a good book after a nip in the air walk is one of life's pleasures.

And in October we have - hopefully - a few pleasures to tempt you out. Our events this month start with **Brian Bilston** who joins us in Corbridge on Friday 7th to celebrate his new collection of poetry **Days Like These**. Brian is often billed as 'the poet laureate of Twitter' but his poems are as poignant and moving as they are funny and whip-smart with word play.

This playful, innovative collection has a poem for every day of the year inspired by a significant - often curious - event associated with that day: from Open an Umbrella Indoors Day to the day on which New York banned public flirting; from the launch of the Rubik's Cube to the first appearance of the phrase, 'the best thing since sliced bread'. He likes cats too.

Bookshop Day is the annual celebration of bookshops on the high street and we'll be doing just that with cake, authors and fun - all tbc at time of print - on Saturday October 8th.

Then at 2pm on Saturday October 15th we have an afternoon with the wonderful **Alexander McCall Smith** at Corbridge Parish Hall. Ever prolific he has not one but three new books - **The Sweet Remnants of Summer**, **A Song of Comfortable Chairs** and **The Joy and Light Bus Company** - and as many of you know his own company is simply a joy. And if that's not enough to tempt you along there'll be homemade cakes to accompany your afternoon.

Kate Young's 'Little Library' cook books have been a staple of mine for years - especially her Christmas one! So we are dancing with delight and popping corks as Kate joins us towards the end of October on Thursday 27th with **The Little Library Parties**.

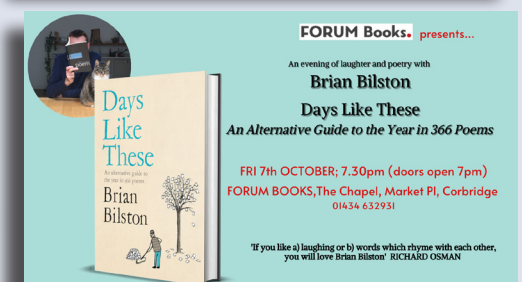
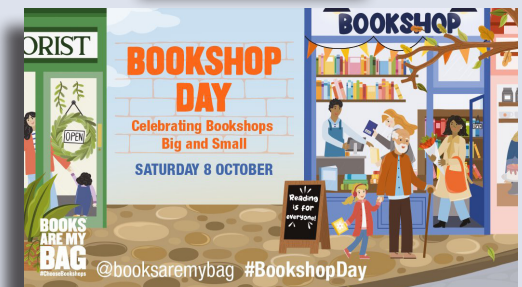
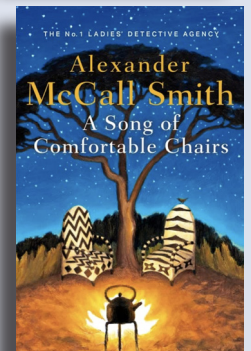
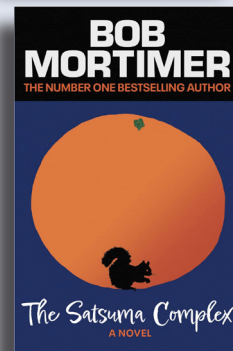
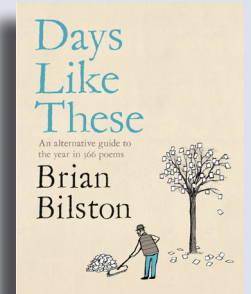
Drawing on her experience catering for weddings and events and her love of cooking for friends, with 50 sensational new recipes for entertaining, it's a book that celebrates the time we spend with those we love the most. From dinner party feasts and canapes for a crowd to barbecues, tea parties, house parties and that all important morning after tonic, Kate provides delicious and joyful recipes - as always, inspired by her favourite literature - to ensure your get together tastes delicious. As ever there will be tasters - there might even be dancing - and most definitely fun!

Another cook book that has caught my eye - though I haven't got an author event just yet - is **Coinneach Macleod's The Hebridean Baker**. Here Coinneach shares the landscapes, stories, history and culture of the Outer Hebrides of Scotland and what makes the islands unique. Filled with traditional Scottish flavours and local ingredients - from hearty dishes and comforting desserts to delicious cakes and perfect biscuits to dunk in your tea. His book is jam-packed with the stories behind the recipes; some found in much-loved old cookbooks, others from friends and family and all accompanied with photography of the islands and Coinneach's wee westie Seoras.

We have to wait right until the end of October for **Bob Mortimer's** new novel **The Satsuma Complex** and I'm impatient already. As you might guess, it's billed as brilliantly funny and sounds a lush comic caper with our lovelorn hero Gary searching the estates and pie shops of South London in search of someone whose name he didn't catch - he calls her Satsuma after the book she was reading - to bring the love and excitement into his unremarkable life.

So whether you're looking for a love story, a new recipe, a spin on the dance floor, a comfortable chair and a slice of cake, or a few words that rhyme when put together, we hope there's something here to warm you from the inside.

Happy reading!



Helen

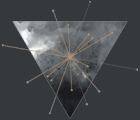


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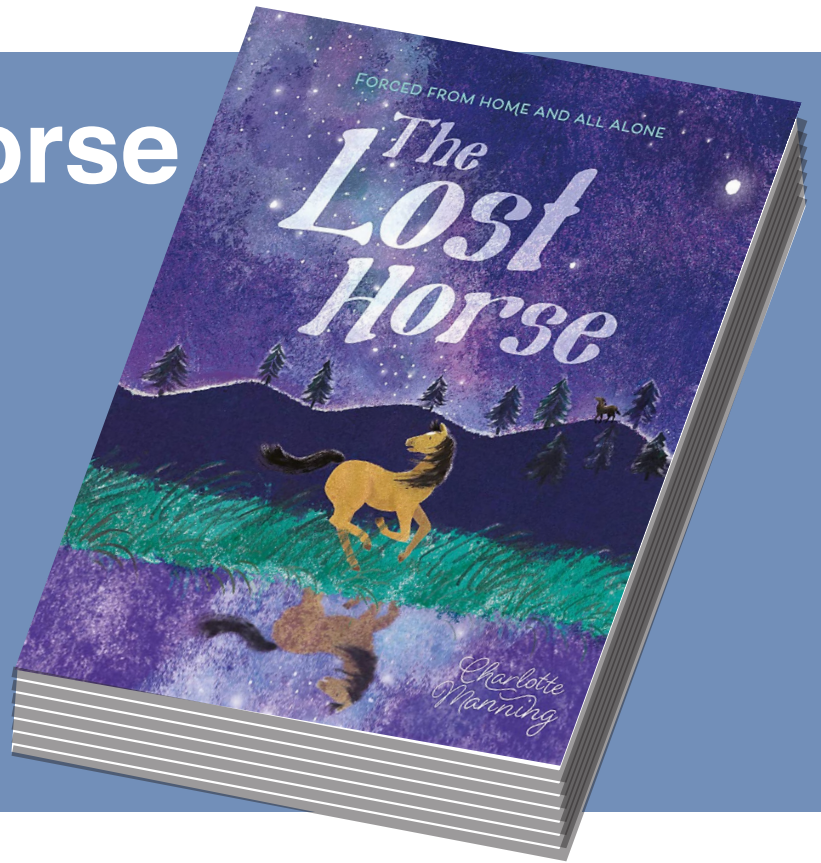
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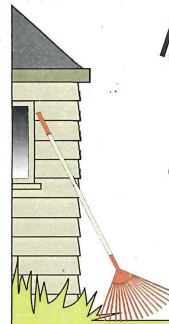
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The works show a range of approaches. For some, the materials, colours and textures have been an inspiration. For others, particular types of object – for example, stools or candle sticks – have been a starting point. The works are all modern but informed by history, whether this is in their materials, function or the way things were made.

Aydon Castle is open Wednesdays to Sundays from 10am to 5pm until October 30th when the exhibition closes. The castle then reopens to the public next spring.

The designers have also created a website with more information about all of the pieces which can be found here <https://design-histories.com/>





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