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Corbridge Parish Council next meets at
7pm on Wednesdays December 21 and
January 25 in the Parish Hall, St Helen's
Street, Corbridge.

Council Notes

The cancellation of a recent meeting arranged with County Council officers because one of the participants had Covid-19 was another reminder to me that the tail of the pandemic is still with us. People are still working from home



and productivity has some way to go before conditions can be described as normal. While many enjoy the freedom of hybrid working I remain sceptical that empty offices and quieter city centres are a sign of progress. Young employees, in particular, need the workplace to learn from older colleagues, to see how things are done - and might be done better. It also allows younger people to absorb at first hand the culture of the particular industry within which they work. Mentoring is best done face to face. If productivity is to recover I think that a fuller workplace return is essential.

I'm pleased to report that the replacement gate which the Parish Council has ordered for the eastern access to the cemetery is now being fabricated. I'm unsure when the existing gate was installed - the 1970s? - but it was always clear to me that it was unworthy of such an important location. The gate is functional but doesn't match the quality of the iron railings and gates at the main entrance of the cemetery. Once the replacement is in place I hope, at a casual glance, that it will look like a Victorian original.

The Parish Council has now taken possession of the first of the four 'council houses' at Roman Fields. The letting process is underway via Northumberland Homefinder and we have some minor works to complete in the rear garden. The Council has been supported in this project by the government's Community Led housing scheme which effectively paid half the capital cost of the project. We'd secured a long term loan commitment from the Public Works Loan Board to cover some of the remaining capital cost. However, recent rises in interest rates have made borrowing more expensive and the Parish Council's Finance sub-committee will make a recommendation at its meeting in December on the best way forward. The Parish Council is debt free and it may decide to use its reserves for this project to keep it that way. The houses will provide us with a reliable new income stream which can be used to improve the village as well as helping to keep the cost of the annual precept down to inflation level or below in coming years.

I've always been wary of debt - ever mindful of the question raised by one of Ernest Hemingway's characters: 'How did you go bankrupt? The answer: 'Two ways. Gradually, then suddenly'. Prudence, at a time of wider uncertainty, would seem the most sensible option.

William Clouston
(Corbridge Parish Council Chairman)

Very few houses in Corbridge currently have fibre broadband and as I write this it's great to see the Openreach vans as work commences on the Community Fibre Project in the north of the village. Residents in that area will



be able to start subscribing to fibre services early next year. The update I have received on the national Gigabit Project procurement is that a re-tendering process has just started for a contract covering areas in the West of Northumberland and into County Durham. We are hoping for an announcement on the successful bidder before Christmas and for work to start in the spring. What hasn't been decided yet is which areas will be done first and I will be pushing hard for Corbridge to be one of the early stages. I also note that WeFibre have been contacting residents and they are hoping to do something in Corbridge but their plans are not firm yet either. I'll keep everybody posted with any updates on both options.

The Parish Council has taken ownership of the first of the four community houses for rental. So just a reminder for interested parties to register on Northumberland Homefinder if interested in this first home, the three available next spring or the 'Riverside' houses.

The application for a 25 year sand and gravel quarry at Anick Grange Haugh near Egger has recently been approved. Although much closer to Hexham the site is actually in my Corbridge Ward and I spoke against the application. The main concerns of local residents in Corbridge, Anick, Sandoe and Hexham were around increased flood risk, more traffic, changes to the character of the landscape and noise and dust. In my view this quarry is 'the wrong size in the wrong place'. However, I do take comfort from the Environment Agency's view that the development will marginally reduce flood risk downstream in Corbridge and there will be controls in place stopping any quarry wagons coming through Corbridge.

So far we have been blessed with a mild autumn which has kept energy use down while prices are so high but as it gets colder some people will struggle. Northumberland County Council has various forms of support available to those in most need and the best starting place to find out more is to contact the Community Support Hub on 01670 620 015 or go to www.northumberland.gov.uk/communities. Leaflets with more information are available at Corbridge Library.

As ever please contact me on 07779 983742 or nick.oliver24@outlook.com if I can help.

Nick Oliver
(Corbridge County Councillor)

Eyes To The Sky



The Northern Lights - Aurora Borealis - were visible on camera over Corbridge recently, although not to the naked eye. The three red dots in the middle of the photo are aircraft warning lights on the Bingfield Transmitter Mast near the A68 north of Corbridge.



Just a few days later came a partial solar eclipse with the Moon passing between the Sun and the Earth, partially obscuring our view of the Sun.

Photographed here from Main Street.



A Corbridge Christmas

Here's how it looked last year



CHRISTMAS in CORBRIDGE



St. Andrew's Church, Corbridge

Christmas Tree Festival 2022

Friday Dec 2 to Tuesday Dec 6 inclusive

Opening Times

Friday	2nd	9:30am to 7pm
Saturday	3rd	9:30am to 7pm
Sunday	4th	11pm - Pearly Communion Service 11:30am Festival opens to 5pm
Monday	5th	9:30am to 8pm
Tuesday	6th	9:30am to 5pm

Twinkling Corbridge 2022:

Village shops will be open for late night festive shopping on Monday December 5th when Hextam Brass and the Prudhoe Gleemen Choir will be performing in St Andrew's Church Yard from early evening.

The Christmas Tree Festival is open until 8pm that night.

Also see our acclaimed Corbridge Christmas Lights!



Corbridge Community Partnership



During the last few months Corbridge Community Partnership has continued to support residents and organisations for the benefit of the community. Such as the recent apple pressing weekend to raise funds for local good causes.

We had been investigating the option to lease the library building in Hill Street from Northumberland County Council and had made good progress. But due to the condition of the building and other issues we have decided not to proceed.

Subsequent discussions were held with the Tynedale Methodist Circuit Leadership Team about a community use for the now closed Methodist Church building in Princes Street and safeguarding its future from possible development.

It has been agreed with them that from now until December 2023 the CCP will have the use of the church building to trial what services residents may require in a community centre, in addition to what is already available in Corbridge. With the building having a number of areas: The substantial former church worship area itself, the rear hall, a kitchen, two further rooms used as offices and a large side room. The latter is already being converted for use as a new Corbridge Heritage Centre.

As part of this process, David Kennedy and Linda Hunter from St Andrew's Church together with Marie Beard from the Methodist Church have joined the Corbridge Community Partnership management committee. This alliance will further improve the services we are able to offer to residents.

A group has been set up to develop services to enhance and support our local community along with a review to identify sources of funding and produce a plan for the future. A key part of that is finding out what local residents want and need. Your views are important if we are to maximise the use of this building. An open day is being planned for the New Year and also a public meeting. This will be your building so we need to know what you think.

Do we, as a community, want to allow a building with such potential to be eventually lost to make way for, possibly, an expensive house or apartments? Or would we rather see it saved to benefit our community? The Corbridge Community Partnership hope to do the latter.

To start with we would welcome your feedback and ideas for the community centre. Please contact us via email at: CorbridgeCommunityPartnership@gmail.com

We would also like to hear from anyone interested in volunteering to help deliver community services in the building once plans have moved forward.

Maurice Hodgson, CCP Chairman

All Our Corbridge Yesterdays

Adverts from the booklet published in 1986 to celebrate the centenary of Corbridge Cricket Club.



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NOTICE BOARD

St Andrew's Church

Parish Communion at 10am Sundays but also see below.

Evening Prayer at 6pm Sundays (Not Dec 25).

Holy Communion at 10am every Wednesday.

Messy Church: 3pm on Sunday December 11.

RIVER service: 4pm on Sunday December 18.

Christmas Services

Friday December 23 at 7pm: Carols For All in the churchyard.

Christmas Eve: 2pm: Crib Service / **6:30pm:** Festival of Lessons and Carols / **11pm:** Midnight Communion

Christmas Day: 8am: Holy Communion / **9am:** Holy Communion at Halton / **10am:** All Age Family Communion.

Corbridge Methodists

Thursday December 8 at 10am: Service at St Andrew's Church.

Thursday December 22 at 10am: Carol 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

Please help care for our beautiful village church:

St Andrew's Church, like all historic buildings, needs regular care and maintenance. Could you help and be part of an occasional task force helping prepare for big events? Or oversee a particular aspect of maintenance? Or offer advice or expertise as a member of our maintenance committee? If so, we would love to hear from you!

Please contact church warden Jean:

jwilks@corbridgechurch.org.uk or 07778 551861.

Corbridge Bridge Club:

Founded in 1988, the club has long provided a friendly environment for playing bridge. Indeed, one of the founding members, Dr Betty Cowling, still plays and enjoys bridge to this day. For those of you who are a little unsure about bridge, it is a stimulating and enjoyable card game, played in a pair often in a quietly competitive manner (Duplicate bridge) but also in a more social context (Chicago bridge) and we offer both of these options. The club is seeking to expand its membership as, like many organisations, Covid-19 forced its closure for many months. Now fully re-open, we are once again offering bridge for players of all levels. With Duplicate bridge on Mondays (7pm to 10pm) and Chicago bridge on Tuesdays (1pm to 4pm) at Corbridge Parish Hall. The club also has an active social calendar including a Christmas party, annual dinner and outings to local venues for lunch and an afternoon of bridge. Our charges are modest with an annual subscription of £5 plus a table fee of £3 for each session of bridge played (refreshments included). You can also play as a guest to start with to see if bridge and the club is for you. If you don't have a partner do not worry as, with a bit of notice, we can usually pair you up with someone, whatever your experience. Great value, good company and an entertaining game. If you would like more information please contact **Adrian on 07512 249994**.



Corbridge Parish Hall

December 2022

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
19:00 - 22:00 Corbridge Bridge Club	09:00 - 10:00 Zumba Class	10:00 - 13:00 Lace Class	09:00 - 10:00 Zumba Class	09:00 - 10:15 Zumbini	09:00 - 23:45 CS/CY Christmas Extravaganza	10:00 - 14:30 Tymedae Christian Ministries
	10:00 - 11:00 Tuesday Art Group	10:30 - 10:00 KSA Painters	10:30 - 16:30 Art Group	09:30 - 11:30 Corbridge Badminton	09:00 - 23:45 CS/CY Christmas Extravaganza	15:30 - 18:30 Private Booking
	11:00 - 12:00 Supastrikers	16:00 - 20:45 Corbridge School of Ballet	19:00 - 22:00 Private Booking	13:30 - 14:30 Line Dancing & Spiral Plates	09:00 - 23:45 CS/CY Christmas Extravaganza	
	13:00 - 16:00 Corbridge Bridge Club - Chicago	19:30 - 21:30 Prayer Meeting	19:30 - 21:30 Piper Badminton	17:00 - 19:00 Karate		
	16:00 - 19:00 Private Booking					
	19:00 - 21:00 Corbridge Carpet Bowls Club					
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
13:00 - 16:00 Corbridge WI	09:00 - 10:00 Zumba Class	10:00 - 13:00 Lace Class	09:00 - 10:00 Zumba Class	09:00 - 10:15 Zumbini	16:00 - 18:30 Private Booking	10:00 - 14:30 Tymedae Christian Ministries
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	13:00 - 16:00 Corbridge Bridge Club - Chicago		19:00 - 22:00 Private Booking	17:00 - 19:00 Karate		
	13:15 - 15:00 Corbridge in Bloom - Committee Meeting		19:30 - 21:30 Piper Badminton			
	16:00 - 19:00 Private Booking					
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	11:00 - 12:00 Supastrikers	19:00 - 21:00 Parish Council Meeting	19:00 - 09:00 Private Booking			
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diary



It's been a busy 2022 at the Middle School since new head teacher Adele Brown arrived in February. Here are just a few glimpses from the latest autumn term.

Trees: In Science each Year 6 class is having a session with Mark Child, the Programme Manager from the Great Northumberland Forest. Mark discusses the importance of trees to provide habitats, for reducing flooding and for the locking up of carbon from the atmosphere through photosynthesis which can help to mitigate climate change. The pupils learn about the uses of wood; from recreation to paper or construction. Then they identify samples of conifer and broad leaved species. Mark then gets pupils thinking about the huge range of different careers in forestry. These sessions link to our topic of the Classification of Living Organisms and particularly Sustainable Development Goal 15: Life on Land.

Music: Year 6 have been busy learning how to read notation and have had fun completing a 'name that tune' task. After they worked out all the letter names they collected a glockenspiel and worked out the tunes by ear. Huge thanks to the PTA for purchasing these valuable resources, which we look forward to using more in the upcoming months.

Harvest Food: We launched a Harvest food collection campaign and were joined in assembly by Reverend Sam from St Andrew's Church in Corbridge. He made connections between harvest and climate change and helped us understand the contribution we can make as individuals to our world; when lots of individuals play



Corbridge Middle School

their part it makes for a considerable contribution. How true were his words when you look at our Harvest food collection? Thank you so much to everyone who has contributed to the collection this year. We were sensitive to the needs of our community at such a difficult time and your support has been fantastic. The food has now been collected by the West Northumberland Food Bank. This project links with Sustainable Development Goal 2: Zero Hunger and SDG 13: Climate Action.

NHS Training: We were delighted to have Tracy, Danielle and Bill from County Durham and Darlington NHS Trust to provide CPR and defibrillator training to our pupils. They learned how to check for signs of life, call for help and perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation on the 'Anne' models and use a defibrillator in an emergency situation. The event was delivered as part of national 'Restart A Heart Day' campaign.

Chemistry: Our Year 7s really enjoyed a workshop with Dr Peter Hoare of the STEM Outreach team at Newcastle University. Each class took part in a session called Chemistry Smells! They matched different chemicals to household products through smell. They then used model kits to build the chemical molecules that were responsible for the smell. This workshop links to the Atoms and Elements topic we are studying in Science.

Fruit: We harvested the fruit from our orchard and were delighted with the yield. From field to kitchen in 10 minutes! We looked forward to sampling the delights cooked and served in our dining hall.



Interview

David Waugh talks to Ian Wylie about Corbridge and The Wider World

“It’s been a marvellous life. I’ve been very lucky,” reflects David Waugh. His geography textbooks have sold 6.2 million copies to date, used by countless millions more school students over the last 40 years in almost 100 countries. Among other things, he has also written a number of Corbridge history books, created three heritage trails in and around the village, chaired the Village Trust and is now busy setting up a Corbridge Heritage Centre.

Yet self-effacing David insists he wasn’t very academic at school, struggled to get to university and hates the idea of blowing his own trumpet. Now 83, he has the energy and drive of a man half that age. And is never happier than when driving his great friend, 94-year-old former village butcher George Hall, to a Newcastle United match at St James’ Park. David is among what must now be a select group of fans still alive today who attended all three of the Magpies’ victorious FA Cup Finals at Wembley in 1951, 1952 and 1955. And if you look very closely, has his name printed in every home match day programme.

Although his parents lived in Whitley Bay, David was born in Wallsend in 1939 and spent most of the Second World War living there with his grandmother. “I was an only child. I’ve never regretted having any brothers or sisters. Because it made me find things to do. With the result that the words I cannot understand anyone using are, ‘I’m bored.’ I’ve never been bored once in my life.”

His father worked in accounts for the London and North Eastern Railway. “During the war he was away in the RAF and my mother worked in the Swan Hunter offices in Wallsend. My love of geography goes back to my grandmother. She started me collecting stamps. In those days it was possible to collect every stamp in the world. That meant we had to look at an atlas to see where those countries were. While my mother’s brother was in a prisoner of war camp in Germany. We had a map of Europe on the wall and my grandmother would listen to the radio to see where the allied troops were in relation to the camp and we would put little pins in the map. Even at the age of seven on a school report it said, ‘Favoured subject: Geography.’ That was the former Park School in Whitley Bay.”

David later attended Dame Allan’s School in Newcastle, travelling from the coast with Likely Lads, Porridge and Auf Wiedersehen, Pet co-writer Ian La Frenais, who was two years older. He recalls being hauled out of the library one Friday afternoon to help another older boy. “The head said, ‘Fenwick Allison is playing his first game for England at Murrayfield tomorrow and he wants some kicking practice.’ I played rugby full back for the school, very badly, so was needed to help. But every time he did a kick into touch and I retrieved the ball I had to run half way back before I could kick to get it anywhere near him.” Allison went on to make seven England appearances at full back and was a member of the 1957 Grand Slam winning squad.

Aged 19, David left school to read geography at Swansea University. In those days most students went to their local university. But his school geography master persuaded him otherwise. “Very few people travelled then and he wanted me to see a different place and different people. That was a big lesson in life. Since then I’ve always tried my best to go and see places for myself and talk to local people to get their impression of what it’s like living in their part of the world.”

Having completed his degree in Wales he secured a place at London

University's Institute of Education. "I remember the first time I stood in front of a class. Before starting the course we were asked to go back to our primary schools to observe for three weeks. Even though we were eventually going to teach O-level students - the equivalent of today's GCSE. After a week the head said, 'I think you've done enough watching. Would you like to tell the children the story of Scott of the Antarctic?' I can still picture it because it was just like 30 faces all merged into one. I couldn't make out any features at all. I just remember the head saying, 'Well, you can tell a good story. I think that will be very useful in the classroom.' Which proved to be true. I eventually got a job teaching geography at Nicholas Chamberlaine School in Bedworth in Warwickshire."

Sport played a role in meeting his wife Judith. David and Judith were paired together in the Mixed Doubles at Jesmond Tennis Club. She worked at Martins Bank - now Barclays - in Newcastle's Northumberland Street. Later transferring to work in their Jermyn Street, London branch at the same time as David was studying in the capital. Having married in 1963, the couple celebrate their Diamond Wedding next year and have three sons, Jonathan, Duncan and Alex, plus five grandchildren.

After four years at Bedworth, David moved to become second in the geography department at Myers Grove School in Sheffield. "We stayed for six years and our three boys were born there." He then became Head of Geography at Trinity School in Carlisle with the Waugh family relocating to the village of Castle Carrock about 10 miles east of the city.

Arriving in Carlisle he was asked to become involved with a project led by the Schools Council. With the aim of producing materials for children who planned to leave school at 15, in those days, without taking any exams. It resulted in a new approach as opposed to traditional academic books. "They might be given a question, a bit of text and some photographs. The whole idea was for them to investigate and think for themselves instead of a teacher lecturing them. There were about 30 of us across the country involved in this project and we said, 'This is so good. For once the less able have got far better material than the more able. What will the more able do with material like this?' So we got an exam board to create an exam in that syllabus."

David later sat next to the managing director of publishers Thomas Nelson at a conference in Cambridge and asked if he could buy him a drink. "I put a pint down in front of him and I said, 'We've got this O-level syllabus but no textbooks. So everyone is producing masses of sheets of paper.' With no photocopying in those days. It was all done with an old fashioned Banda machine. So you spent hours just producing sheets to give to the students. I said, 'What we really want is an O-level textbook for this new syllabus.' To which he replied, 'Right-oh David. Go ahead and write it.' And I've always said, 'What a waste. I needn't have bought him that pint!'"

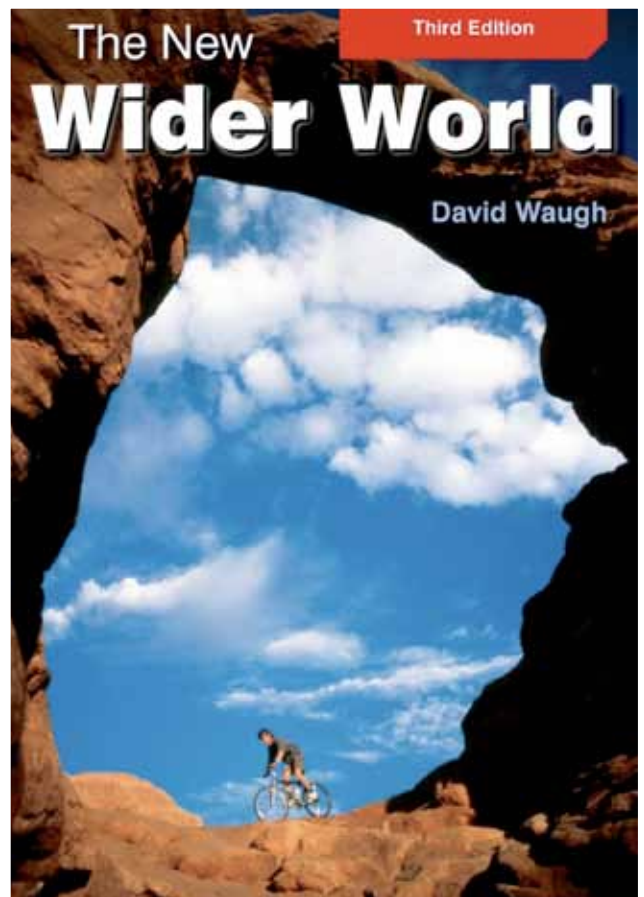
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"In 1986 the GCSE was introduced and it needed a completely new syllabus. So I burned the midnight oil and produced a textbook in geography way before anybody else. By this time people also knew my name and I felt a bit like a pop star. Not because of adulation but if a pop star had a number one hit album, most people bought their second record without having heard it. I think that continued for my second and third books and then the GCSE book.



David in Sheffield

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Interview

"In terms of A-level, my eldest son Jonathan told me he hadn't used any of the books available, written by university staff and rather boring. Nelson's had been trying to persuade me to do an A-level book but I had refused because I thought, 'I'm not an academic. I'm not that intelligent.' I toiled all the way through my degree. But I thought I should have a go after all and turned my sixth form notes over probably 20 years of teaching then into my style of textbook."

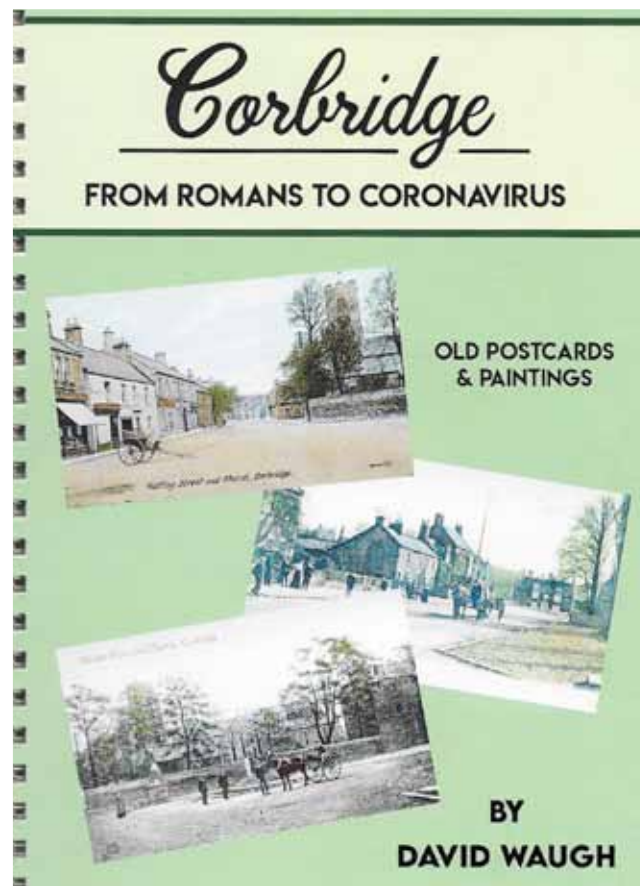
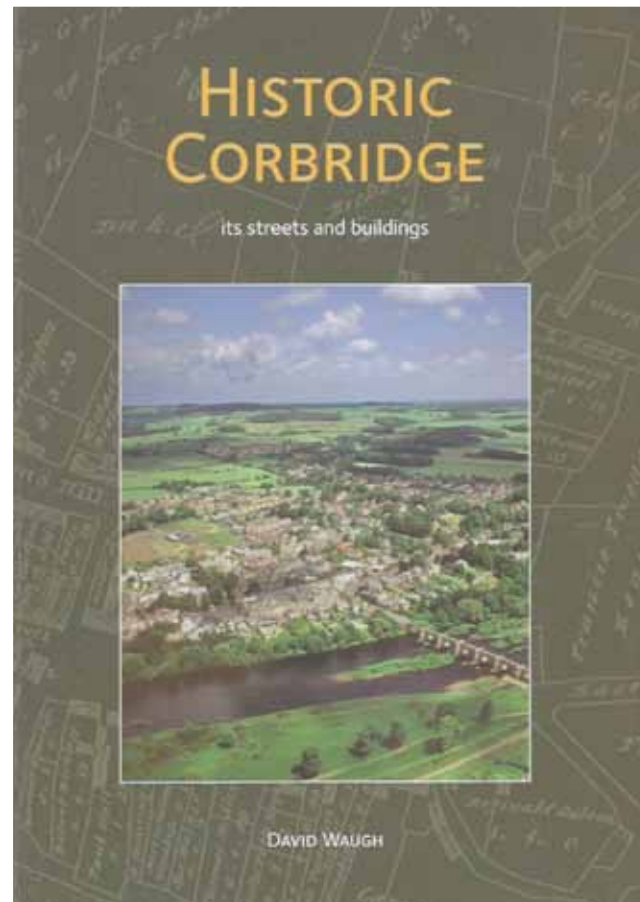
When the National Curriculum came out in 1989 the government gave every school funds to buy a stock of geography textbooks for what are now years seven, eight and nine. "I got one or two of the people I knew to help me write a series of three books, one for each year group. The first, 'Foundations', was delivered before rival publishers and sold a million copies in the first year." With later revisions *The Wider World* and *The New Wider World*. The latter included the first textbook section for children on global warming and the serious problems it could cause in the future. In the late 1990s it was reported that over 75 per cent of English secondary schools used David's books, described by Rex Walford, Professor of Education at Cambridge University, as "meticulously planned and researched and given high design values".

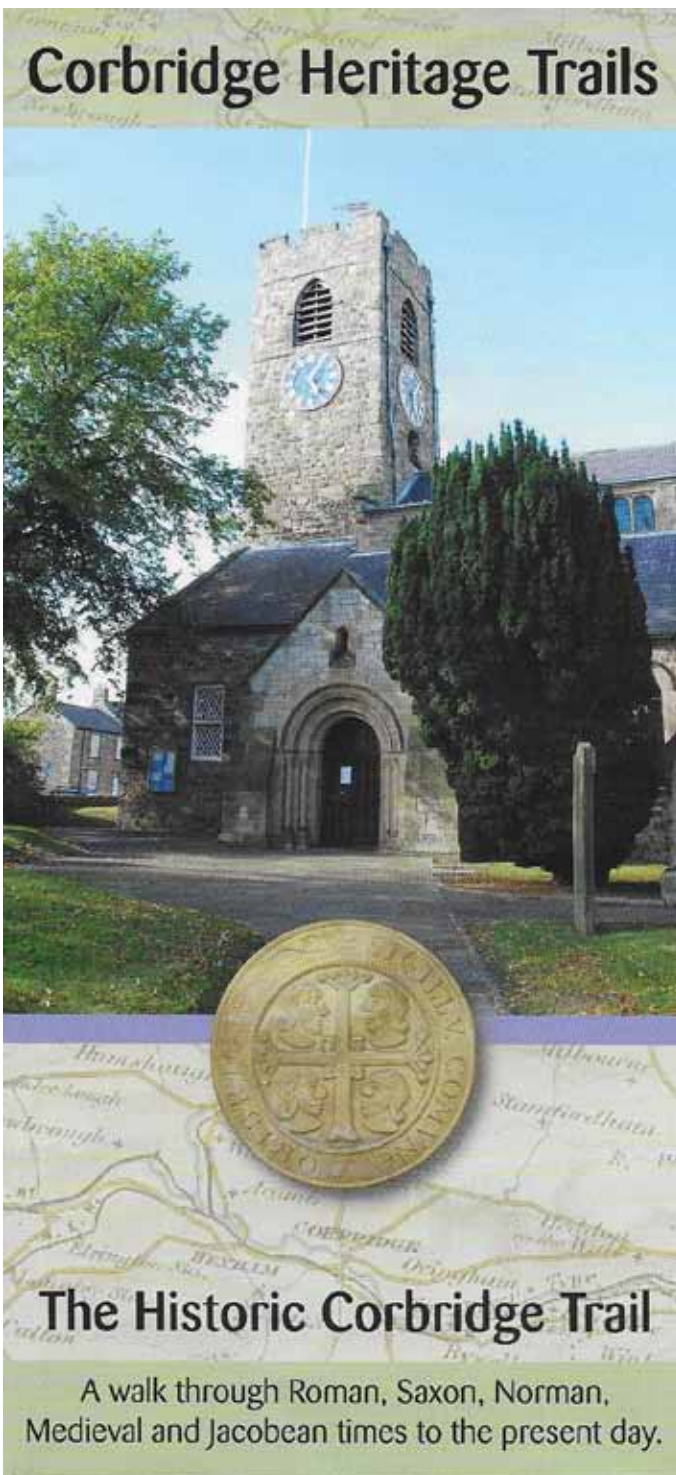
In 1992 and approaching his mid-50s, David resigned from his teaching post to concentrate on the textbooks. In total he has written and produced almost 25 geography books - 58 if you take multiple editions into account. From 11-year-olds onwards, up to and including GCSE and A-level students. Many of whom have contacted him over the years to express their thanks...and still do. "It was a huge responsibility because, of course, you had to get it right." The *Times Educational Supplement* said of David, "He is a phenomenon, a bestseller, a publisher's dream. He gives teachers what they need to structure a reasonable lesson and he provides children with lots of pictures, games and activities to hold their interest."

What prompted the move to Corbridge in 2002? "We had been in Carlisle for almost 30 years. While there I founded the Carlisle and District Club Football League and was on the local parish and church councils. People thought we would live there forever.

"Strangely enough, I didn't know Corbridge well. But we bought our house here as part of a large barn conversion with the intention that our eldest son, then in Newcastle, would live in half of it with us in the other half. But then his plans changed. So Judith and I ended up living there on our own. All I knew about Corbridge was coming over from Carlisle on the bus, travelling over the bridge and seeing the outside of *The Angel*. I had also met a former miner at *St James' Park*. He was called John Graham, now no longer with us, and he owned *The Paper Shop* in Corbridge. And the first week I was here John did the best thing that's probably ever happened to me in my life, other than getting married and having children. He took me into *The Angel* and introduced me to *George Hall*."

Having joined the Village Trust, David realised there were no modern books about the history of Corbridge. He rectified that in 2007 with 'Historic Corbridge' which he published himself, along with a pocket version people can use as they walk around the village. "Most of the early material came from *George Hall*. I'm so pleased the knowledge he gained from a life in Corbridge has been passed on to me and not lost. I hope my books and materials might be used after I am gone, available in a heritage centre for future generations. Not just thrown into a skip and lost. So people





arriving into Corbridge knowing nothing about it, like I did, can immediately appreciate what a wonderful one-off place they have come to."

His other local works including a history of St Andrew's Church and the recent 'Corbridge: From Romans To Coronavirus' book of old postcards and paintings. With that new heritage centre due to open in the 'New Room' at the former Methodist Church building next spring. A website - corbridgehistory.com - is also now online.

And the Corbridge Heritage Trails? "I felt a lot of visitors who came to Corbridge wanted to do something. Like a walk. Which means they would then maybe be hungry and thirsty and want to eat and drink in the village. So I had all of that in mind." There are now three: The Historic Corbridge Trail, The Historic Fortifications Trail and The Historic Dilston Trail. With the latter involving the building of a new pedestrian bridge over Devil's Water. He is also responsible for compiling and regularly updating the large maps of Corbridge displayed in Middle Street, the free car park and at the railway station.

David's first Newcastle United match was the home game against Everton in 1946. His love of watching and playing sport has stood him in good stead. Also encouraging others as a games master. "My mother played a lot of golf and played table tennis for England. She said to me, 'If you play sport you will always have friends.' And she was correct. I've made so many friends and had so much enjoyment through following Newcastle United. My grandson Ben, who is now 20, has been coming to the home matches since he was nine. That even beats those three cup finals as a highlight. That I have been able to see so much more of him because of the football.

"It has also got me out of one or two very dodgy situations abroad when looking for information for my books. In Brazil I was told not to go into their slums - favelas - but to stop outside to take photos. Except my taxi driver, who was Portugese speaking, drove me straight in. And then the taxi broke down. Immediately three youths emerged and I thought I wouldn't get out alive. It was just after a football World Cup and I went, 'Me, Gary Lineker, you...and I mentioned three of the Brazil team.' And they went, 'Ah, you English!' Then they pushed the car to start it. So wherever I go in the world I always make a point of learning about their footballers."

How does he look back on his teaching and writing career? "They said I wouldn't get a decent degree. I proved them wrong. That's because I worked for three years. Teaching was hard work. I worked at it. If I've had a gift it was being able to realise when I was teaching what got kids interested. I used to go a lot on facial impressions. I could tell whether they were interested or bored. Whether they could understand or not. So when I was writing a book I would think of those two girls sitting there, or those two boys there, would they understand it? No? I better rewrite it. And the designs. I look at them and think, 'Have I designed that?' I was hopeless at art and things like that so I really don't understand how I've done it. It just happened. I wish my mother and father were alive to see what I've achieved. But how many children have said that? Like everybody else's parents, even more so in the war years, you think of the sacrifices they made.

"I was totally introverted in the sixth form. So the school made me secretary of the rugby team, including having to arrange and confirm all of the fixtures and the travel arrangements. They did that to get me out of my shell. All I can say is...they either did a very good job or a very bad job. Whichever way you want to look at it!"



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Books make the best presents for ourselves and others and, let's be honest, they are the easiest shape to wrap. Within their pages we really can find something for everyone from adventure to lives lived, escapism to inspiration, beauty, comfort and joy. I've made a list, and checked it twice, of just a few Christmas favourites.

There's nothing like a good murder mystery and this time of year is no exception - with new books from favourites like **Ian Rankin** with **A Heart Full Of Headstones** to Vera's latest outing in **Ann Cleeves**' **The Rising Tide**. Jump aboard **'Murder On The Christmas Express'** by **Alexandra Benedict**, **Val McDermid**'s chilling short story collection **'Christmas is Murder'** and the charmingly funny **'Death and Papa Noel'** by **Ian Moore**. They all conjure up a good old fashioned whodunnit with a seasonal, snowy setting.

Life is often said to be stranger than fiction and in **Lucy Worsley**'s biography **'Agatha Christie. A Very Elusive Woman'** fans will enjoy the propulsive narrative of a very extraordinary life. **Jonathan Wilson**'s **Two Brothers** is the story of Jack and Bobby Charlton, and a family that characterised English football for decades.

Big, beautiful books really don't come any bigger or more beautiful than **'Apollo Remastered'** with awe-inspiring, breathtakingly restored images of the first missions to the Moon. Discover space as you've never seen it before. Absolutely stunning.

John Grundy's **History of Northumberland** is closer to home and a must. And **Cerys Matthews**' retelling of **Under Milk Wood** is beautifully illustrated by **Kate Evans**. With over 70 original illustrations, printmaker **Angela Harding**'s **'Wild Light'** invites you to look at how the light changes the world around us and how that changes us in its turn. Join **Raynor Winn** and Moth on their remarkable 1000-mile walk from Scotland to the South West Coast Path in **'Landlines'**, another heartwarming odyssey, this time on one of the wildest walks in Britain.

Advent Street by **Carol Ann Duffy** is her annual enchantingly illustrated Christmas poem that invites readers to open the windows on Advent Street. In each one is a gift. Whatever the surprise, when the curtains draw back and the lights sharpen, Duffy's beguiling words, paired with captivating illustrations from **Yelena Bryksenkova**, call you inside to feel the warmth.

The Christmas Owl by **Gideon Strerer** and **Ellen Kalish**, illustrated by **Ramona Kaulitzki** is inspired by the real life story of the little owl who finds her way to New York in the famous Christmas tree outside the Rockefeller Center. A charming story of friendship, compassion, and the true meaning of this special time of year.

Emma Carroll's **The Little Match Girl Strikes Back** illustrated by **Lauren Child** is a brilliant, timeless story of collective power that champions community and kindness. Unlike the dastardly and dreadful **'The Grumpus'** by **Alex T. Smith**.

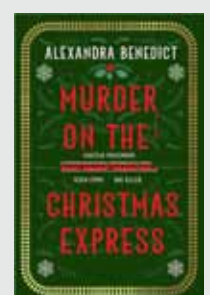
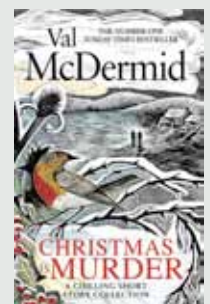
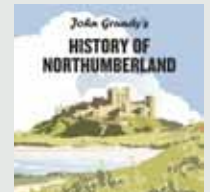
Feast on food from the fun **The Pigs in Blankets Cookbook** by **The Jolly Hog** to **Kate Young**'s **Little Library Parties** and the recipes in the back of **Caroline Robert**'s Northumberland romcom **'Mistletoe and Mulled Wine at the Christmas Campervan'**. **Flora Shedden**'s **'Supper'**, packed with recipes "worth staying in for", is my present to myself.

Fancy a novel for Noel? There's almost too much to choose from **Maggie O'Farrell**'s **The Marriage Portrait**, Booker Prize winner the **The Seven Moons of Maali Almeida** by **Shehan Karunatilaka** to **Bob Mortimer**'s debut novel **'The Satsuma Complex'**.

And finally, the festive **'A Ukrainian Christmas'** by **Nadiyka Gerbish** and Yaroslav Hrytsak brings the indestructibility of hope in times of the greatest hopelessness. As long as we celebrate this holiday we can neither be defeated nor destroyed. This is the message that Ukraine is trying to convey to the world. And this is what their book- and Christmas - is about.

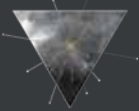
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A number of Corbridge shops are set to stock the apple juice with cash sales only in those places. Also watch out for a 'pop-up' point of sale in the centre of the village on Saturdays before Christmas. Delivery is also available within a five mile radius of Corbridge for purchases of a box of 12 cans or more. For more information contact John Maude at: johnmaude100@gmail.com or 07791 590814 or Maurice Hodgson at: maurice.hodgson@btinternet.com or 07940 709636.

Village Show



To the traders, gardeners and residents of Corbridge, a very big thank you! To the traders both thanks and appreciation of the magnificent support you gave to this year's show. It really was exceptional and I and my committee are very grateful to you all. On this page is a list of those traders who supported the show, either by way of a cash donation and / or by donation of a raffle prize. You can see that there was almost 100 per cent support. Magnificent!

To the gardeners of Corbridge a great thanks for your entries to the show. Whilst there were not as many entries as in previous years, the standard was excellent and as a result those visiting the show found it to be a highly worthwhile event and very enjoyable.

And finally my thanks to all who came. There was a steady stream of visitors throughout the afternoon and I gained the impression that everyone was thoroughly enjoying themselves. Although both entries and visitor numbers were

down as compared to the time when we last had a proper show in the pre-Covid days, we were not alone in that as it is my understanding that many shows had reduced numbers. However we are far from disheartened and got great pleasure in seeing so many people enjoying themselves.

We are now thinking about next year's show and how we might make it an even more enjoyable event. If anyone reading this also has ideas then we would be delighted to receive them. Please email me at: miles.m@mac.com

Finally, we are a very small committee and would be delighted to welcome any volunteers who might like to join us. I should emphasise that committee meetings are few and far between and my personal philosophy is that meetings should be enjoyable - so I think you will enjoy yourself as well as making a contribution to village life!

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Corbridge Village Show

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