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Council Notes

'Surely we can do better than this!' That was Ian Nairn's often used exclamation when touring Britain's towns and cities in the 1960s and 1970s. An architectural critic, Nairn cared passionately about our public spaces - how they are used, what they look like and how well they are cared for. Nairn always said that you can tell if a place is truly loved from how well its public realm is maintained, curated and looked after. He was right.



The important thing to remember about our public spaces is not just that they are an emblem of our community but that they're capable of being enjoyed by all. A fine town square is maintained for everyone and is open to use by everyone - residents and visitors alike. A place that is pleasing to the eye is uplifting to the spirit.

It's with this in mind that the Parish Council unveils, within this issue of Corbridge Matters, its outline proposals to improve the Market Place. I hope all residents and business owners will take time to consider our plans and participate in the public consultation process. No outline plan is perfect and your comments and suggestions are welcome.

I was pleased to see that new seating ordered by the Parish Council has now been installed at The Coigns. It looks smarter and the new benches are of a similar design to the existing one on the northern side. The two large seats which were previously at The Coigns are in storage and will be re-located shortly to The Crofts and to Corchester Field.

Some of you may have spotted a new bicycle maintenance station next to the cycle racks close to 'The King's Oven' on Watling Street. The bike station comprises a stand, pump and various cycle tools and is available to use free of charge for anyone. It was temporarily removed in January so that a stronger base could be fitted. Corbridge is an important hub for cyclists on holiday using national and local cycle routes as well as for those from within the region exercising at the weekend. I'd like to thank the Hexham-based charity Cycling Minds for kindly donating the bike station, Chris Roberts for helping coordinate things and Andrew Cunningham for installing it.

William Clouston
(Corbridge Parish Council Chairman)

I'd like to start by wishing everybody a very Happy New Year. There's no doubt that 2023 is going to be a challenging year nationally and I hope that as the year progresses we see energy prices continuing to decrease, inflation falling and the war in Ukraine come to an end. When times are difficult we must all look out for our neighbours, friends and families. Our community came together strongly during the Covid pandemic and again in the aftermath of last year's storms and power cuts. It's hard to plan precisely for these one-off weather events because each one is different. But if it happens again we are agreed as a Parish Council to make the Parish Hall available (assuming it has no power cut) as a meeting space with electric power, hot water, heating and emergency supplies. If you or anybody you know needs this support you can contact me, another parish councillor or parish council clerk Mandy Senior.



I took a look back at my first column of 2022 and it's fair to say I didn't play football in 2022 as often as I'd vowed to but I did manage to do a decent amount of cycling and walking. Must try harder in 2023. We all know about the physical and mental health benefits of regular exercise but it takes real will power. I did take up quoits in 2022 but although it's great fun it probably doesn't cut the mustard as health bringing exercise.

As I write this the applications for the first of our Community Houses have closed on HomeFinder with bids from 237 people and by the time you read this the bungalow will hopefully be occupied. This highlights that Corbridge is a very desirable place to live but also that there is a significant shortage of affordable housing here. Our four properties and the 24 other affordable units on the new estate will only begin to meet that demand and I will be exploring if there is anything that can be done in the future to increase the supply.

We have been working hard on how we can improve our Market Place and make it the centrepiece of the village that it should be. You'll read more about the plans for the community consultation elsewhere in this edition and I'd encourage everybody to have their say.

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

Nick Oliver
(Corbridge County Councillor)

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**Corbridge Parish Council next meets at 7pm on
Wednesdays February 22 and March 22 in the
Parish Hall, St Helen's Street, Corbridge.**

Clerk of the Council:

**Mrs Mandy Senior
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Corbridge

HADRIAN'S WALL COUNTRY LINE

HADRIAN'S ROMAN WALL - A WORLD HERITAGE SITE

New signage at Corbridge Railway Station. With thanks to the Friends of Corbridge Station, supported by Visit Corbridge. Plus the Tyne Valley Community Rail Partnership, David Waugh, Sign & Design, English Heritage, Northern and Network Rail.





The Vera TV team returned to Corbridge in December as part of filming for an adaptation of author Ann Cleeves' latest Vera book *The Rising Tide*. With Brenda Blethyn as DCI Vera Stanhope and Kenny Doughty as DS Aiden Healy.

Corbridge was twinned with Kimmerston for two days with Tea & Tipple in Market Place transformed into deli and cafe Bread & Olives and the Corbridge Garden Room becoming the Kimmerston Garden Room. Filming also took place outside Baby At The Bank in Middle Street which doubled for Stanwick Solicitors and in the car park of The Angel Inn.

The latest ITV1 run of six new Vera films began last month (January) with the episode titled 'Vital Signs' filmed in the summer of 2021 and including Corbridge scenes in and around a house on the south side of the bridge and a brief glimpse of Milkwell Lane. All taking place in the fictional location of 'Cormouth'. Plus other scenes in Hexham and at the rear of the Duke of Wellington pub in Newton.

Filming of *The Rising Tide* finished on December 16 with that seventh new episode due to be screened later this year, probably as a Christmas special. That story is mainly set on Holy Island plus the small town of Kimmerston. With the real Kimmerston being a tiny hamlet north of Wooler.

Leading lady Brenda told Corbridge Matters that she loved filming here and elsewhere in the region. "From places like Corbridge in the Tyne Valley to the Northumberland coastline and many other varied locations. I do love the North East. Everyone is so friendly. It's fantastic that people are still so devoted to the show and want to watch it."

Rising Tide In Corbridge





Two of the carvings on the ornamental screen covering the wall behind the altar at St Andrew's Church show St Wilfrid holding a model of the early Hexham Abbey and St Andrew holding the saltire cross on which he was crucified.



St Andrew's 1350

We are getting very excited at St Andrew's Church because we are now within two years of celebrating our 1350th anniversary.

St Andrew's was founded by the great missionary Bishop St Wilfrid. Wilfrid founded Hexham Abbey in 674 and while we don't have the exact date of St Andrew's foundation, we do know it was very close to that of Hexham. Wilfrid founded a monastery in Corbridge on the site of the present St Andrew's Church and dedicated it to St Andrew the Apostle. It is remarkable that Christian worship has been offered on this site in the heart of our community for that amazing span of years.

After consultation with Hexham Abbey, we have agreed to hold our celebrations mainly in 2025 to follow on from Hexham's 1350th in 2024. We hope that the Abbey will be able to share in some of our events and that we can share in some of their celebrations.

The Corbridge Anniversary year will run from the weekend of October 11th 2024 (St Wilfrid's Day) until October 12th 2025. Our 1350 Committee is already planning an exciting programme of services, events, concerts, talks, and exhibitions to mark this extraordinary anniversary.

We don't want our celebration to be simply about the church, but also of the community that has grown around the church building over the centuries. So we want to celebrate Corbridge, its history, its people and the many brilliant things that make up our village life. We hope our schools, businesses, village organisations and groups will wish to be part of a year when we can celebrate our unique, beautiful and historic community.

So, this is an invitation to everyone: Can you be part of this anniversary year and make a contribution to it? Could some of our regular village events and festivals have a 1350 twist during 2025? Whether it's a special sports fixture, social event, 1350 walk, flower festival, or something completely different, we'd love to hear from you. I like to think of Corbridge as a 'can-do' place. It would be fantastic if 2025 could really be a year to remember.

Do get in touch and thank you.

David Kennedy (Vicar) dkennedycorbridge@btinternet.com / 01434 633012



NOTICE BOARD

St Andrew's Church

Parish Communion at 10am Sundays

Evening Prayer at 6pm Sundays.

Holy Communion at 10am every Wednesday.

Messy Church: 3pm on Sunday February 12.

RIVER service: 4pm on Sunday February 26.

Corbridge Methodists

Thursday February 9 at 10am: Service at St Andrew's Church.

Thursday February 23 at 10am: Service at St Andrew's Church.

Tynedale Christian Ministries

Welcome to our Christian Church at Corbridge Parish Hall.

Each Sunday 10:30 Coffee followed by 11:00 Service
Prayer meeting – Wednesday 7.30pm. Ring 633532

Weekly House Groups

Follow us on Facebook – Tynedale Christian Ministries

2023 diary dates

Saturday / Sunday June 10 / 11

Corbridge Steam Rally at Tynedale Park.

Thursday June 15 to Sunday June 18

Tynedale Beer & Cider Festival at Tynedale Park.

Thursday June 22

A Midsummer's Evening In Corbridge.

Thursday July 27 to Sunday July 30

Corbridge Chamber Music Festival.

Sunday August 20

Northumberland Classic & Performance Vehicle Show.

Sunday August 27

Corbridge Family Fun Day at Corbridge Cricket Club.

Saturday September 2

Corbridge Village Show at the Parish Hall.


Friday December 1 to Tuesday December 5

St Andrew's Church Christmas Tree Festival.


Monday December 4

Christmas In Corbridge.

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

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Corbridge



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February 2023

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10:15 - 12:00 Yoga Class	09:00 - 10:00 Zumba Class	10:30 - 15:30 KSA Painters	09:00 - 10:00 Zumba Class	09:00 - 10:15 Zumbini	10:00 - 13:00 Children's Party	10:00 - 14:30 Tynedale Christian Ministries
10:30 - 12:30 Charlie's Choir	10:00 - 15:00 Tuesday Art Group	16:00 - 20:45 Corbridge School of Ballet	10:30 - 12:30 Charlie's Choir	09:30 - 11:30 Corbridge Badminton	15:00 - 17:00 Private Booking	
16:00 - 17:30 Zumba Kids	10:00 - 12:30 Embroidery Class		13:30 - 16:30 Art Group	17:00 - 19:00 Karate	19:30 - 21:30 Tynedale Country Dancing	
19:00 - 22:00 Corbridge Bridge Club	13:00 - 16:00 Corbridge Bridge Club - Chicago		17:30 - 18:30 Corbridge Utd U7s Football			
19:00 - 20:00 Dilston WI - committee meeting	16:00 - 19:00 Private Booking		19:00 - 22:00 Tynedale Chess Club			
	19:00 - 21:00 Corbridge Carpet Bowls Club		19:30 - 21:30 Piper Badminton			
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diary

Charlotte Straker Respite Care

We are devastated that economic pressures have led to the closure of our free of charge respite care bed service in Corbridge. The respite care bed was launched in 2017 as a short-term charity funded service to eligible individuals in the local area.

It's no exaggeration to say that the whole Charlotte Straker team is distraught that we must close our free of charge respite care bed service at the end of March 2023. The cost-of-living crisis means that, like many charities, we have experienced a severe reduction in the amount of funding and donations that have previously supported this facility. This has been exacerbated by the rise in the cost of actual care, Covid precautions and a sharp increase in recruitment costs. The respite care bed costs £57,000 per year alone and raising that income is unfortunately unattainable in the current economic climate.

Instead, our charity will concentrate on its core mission – of helping the elderly and frail with residential and nursing care. As a not-for-profit 32-bed care home, any surplus income is reinvested for the benefit of our residents. So, instead of a free respite care room, we will continue to concentrate on helping residents stay in Charlotte Straker House by funding local authority fee shortfalls. Many of our residents have lived and worked in the area all their lives and want to live near their family but are unable to afford care home fees without charitable support.

We have been embedded into the Corbridge community since 1916 and supporting older people is at the heart of everything we do. Our charity provides the very best in residential and nursing care to the elderly. Respite care will also be available but will no longer be free of charge. We hope that our supporters understand the difficult decision that we've had to make and will continue to aid us in our vital work. We are hoping that the closure of the free of charge respite care bed will be temporary and depending on future support, we are committed to opening our respite care facility at a future date.

If you would like to donate to the Charlotte Straker Project please use the QR code below or follow the link at <https://charlottestraker.org.uk/donate> or call 01434 633 999 for details on how to make a donation.

Berenice Groves
Chair of the Trustees



CHARLOTTE STRAKER
HOUSE

RESIDENTIAL, NURSING AND RESPITE CARE

Corbridge Health Centre



Over the winter period it has become increasingly difficult to cope with the number of telephone calls coming in to GP surgeries and some patients will have been kept waiting longer than we would like for their calls to be answered at busy times of day. In order to improve our service we would like to encourage greater use of digital technology to help our team to serve you better.



During the Covid pandemic a number of new innovations were developed to assist the NHS and other agencies to cope with the demands placed upon them. One of these was the **NHS App** which many patients will have downloaded in order to access the Covid Passport when travelling or attending events. This platform has

been developed further in recent months and now offers many more features designed to enhance the ways in which patients can engage in NHS healthcare.

At Corbridge Medical Group we have been registering patients for online access for over 15 years and most of our patients will be familiar with **Patient Access**. This system enabled GP appointment bookings and prescription orders to be made without telephoning the surgery and was used very successfully by a large number of our patients. However, use of the online service has reduced recently and this has resulted in higher call volumes – particularly for repeat prescription requests.

If you have not logged into your online account for some time, your password can be updated using the 'Forgotten Password' facility or, if you have never used online services before, you can now verify your identity via the NHS App without needing to come to the surgery with an application form.

The **NHS App** and **Patient Access** now work in exactly the same way to provide additional features which we would encourage patients to use if possible:

Appointment Bookings: Our GP appointments are made available for booking online and can be booked ahead of time. If you need to book with a particular GP or would like to book ahead for a non-urgent problem please consider using the online facility to see what is available and to book your appointment. We may also invite you to book an appointment via text message through a secure link – this system was used very successfully for our flu clinics and we intend to develop our use of this facility for other appointments such as blood tests and check-ups by invitation.

Prescription Orders: Items which have been made available on repeat prescription can be ordered online by simply selecting the items required and sending your request through to the surgery. A message box is available if there is an item which you cannot see but which you would like to order – our receptionists will send this message to a GP for authorisation alongside your other medications. If you have registered with the NHS App or you have online access through patient.co.uk please use this for repeat prescription requests.

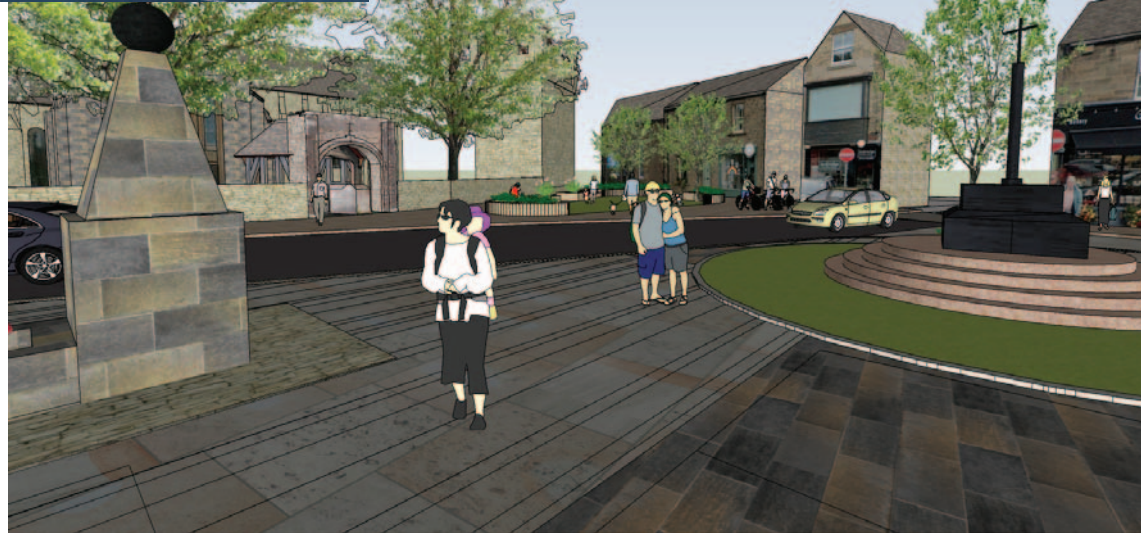
Medical Record Information: This is the newest feature and was activated for our surgery on December 9th 2022. From that date onwards blood results, radiology results, letters, consultations and immunisations can be accessed online. Having access to this information will enable patients to be more involved in their own healthcare and, within the app, links to additional information are provided to give explanations of medical terms and reference ranges. Please use this to check if your blood test or radiology test results are back and to access hospital letters, consultation information and immunisations.

Patients can also contact the surgery using our eConsult facility on the website front page www.corbridge.gpsurgery.net Just click on the blue banner which says 'Contact your doctors online'. This is a great way to ask for sick notes, query medications or ask for medical advice and is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Our team will respond within two working days via text or email.

We would like to encourage our patients to make use of this new technology in order to reduce the enquiries which are currently coming through to the surgery by telephone. We acknowledge that not everyone is able to use the online facilities but we hope that by promoting this among those who can we will free up time to help those who cannot.

Julie Johnston, Practice Manager





Credit: Robinson Landscape Design



Credit: Robinson Landscape Design

PLANS TO IMPROVE THE MARKET PLACE

The Market Place is the historic centre of Corbridge and the heart of our community. It's the principal public place in one of the finest villages in Northumberland - and we plan to improve it in the way that other important city, town and village spaces are being transformed.

The Problem

The buildings that define the Market Place are attractive and combine homes with shops in a classic village informality. However, the Market Place itself is dominated by parked vehicles and this detracts from its appearance and constrains its use by residents and visitors. The quality of the space is marred by the large expanse of Tarmac roads and parking bays, traffic signs painted on the road and standard street furniture that lacks character and distinction. We can do better than this.

The Opportunity

We believe there is room for significant improvement if we address four main issues. First, the Market Place is blighted by unsightly car parking in the central area - often involving large vans and trucks. Secondly, the public space is cut into two by the road from Front Street which currently runs through the middle by the historic crosses and can be better routed. Thirdly, there is no area to hold an occasional village market - a major drawback for a village Market Place. Fourthly, there is no significant shrub planting, no trees present and the seating and the quality of the public space can be significantly improved.

The Proposals

We intend to solve these problems by re-ordering the layout of the Market Place. This will transform its appearance and improve how the space is used.

Last year the Parish Council appointed Robinson Landscape Design to produce preliminary plans to incorporate the following improvements:

- * Extend the central paved area, providing space for occasional market stalls.
- * Re-organise the car parking and road layout.
- * Introduce new shrubs and trees.
- * Extend and improve the quality of seating and public space.
- * Improve and integrate 'the cut' from Hill Street to the Market Place.

The plans and modelled views show how a step change can be created in this heart of the village, using stone to flag surfaces and build planters for trees and shrubs and flowers that can also incorporate bench seating and define areas in the central space.

The proposals include proper provision for residents' parking with a better organised layout providing a similar number of spaces as now. Our plans also include loading / unloading areas for businesses and parking provision for weddings and funerals at St Andrew's Church. Regulation of non residents' parking will end the problem of vehicles occupying spaces for sometimes weeks at a time, so blocking them for use by others. Disabled parking will also be accommodated.

There is overwhelming evidence to show that transformations such as the one planned for the Market Place significantly increases both footfall - attracting more people, including families - and trade in local businesses such as local shops and cafes.

Consultation - Let us have your views

The plans and drawings shown here are an outline of what might be achieved and we want to obtain peoples' views on them. To this purpose an exhibition of the proposals will be held in Room One at the Parish Hall from 2pm to 7pm on Wednesday March 1 and Thursday March 2. We welcome comments and suggestions from residents, business owners and visitors. Comments can be submitted on forms at the exhibition or submitted by email to corbridge@ukpc.net

This is hopefully the first step on a journey to transform the centre of the village - not just for ourselves at this time but for future generations and for years to come.

William Clouston
Corbridge Parish Council Chairman

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IMPROVING THE MARKET PLACE



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Hello Readers

As the first buds of spring start to appear, and with St Valentine's Day just around the corner, this is a heart-filling season. We are old fashioned romantics at the bookshop - and more than a little in love with some new books coming out...so would love to share them with you here.

'**Cuddy**' by **Benjamin Myers** is a magical, profound love letter to the north and our unofficial patron saint Cuthbert. Incorporating poetry, prose, diary and real historical accounts, Ben has created a novel like no other. Cuddy straddles historical eras - from the first Christian-slaying Viking invaders of the Holy Island of Lindisfarne in the 8th century to a contemporary England defined by class and austerity. Along the way we meet brewers and masons, archers and academics, monks and labourers, their visionary voices and stories echoing through their ancestors and down the ages. And all the while at the centre sits Durham Cathedral and the lives of those who live and work around this place of pilgrimage. It's a wonder. A wholly fitting, imaginative, thrilling read which I'm sure many of you will enjoy immensely.

By telling the story of the north in the last few decades, **Alex Niven** goes in search of answers to some of the big questions at the forefront of British politics and society today. Touching on live issues including the north-south divide, austerity, the impact of Brexit, the collapse of Labour's 'Red Wall', and calls for regional devolution. In '**The North Will Rise Again**' he makes a powerful argument for a revival of northern politics and society by way of what he calls 'radical regionalism' - hugely timely, topical and hopeful.

The best history lesson I never had is wrapped up in **Kate Fox's** '**Where There's Muck There's Bras**' out in paperback in March. From rebels to writers, athletes to astronauts, join Kate's takes on an entertaining and eye-opening journey through the lives of these extraordinary women whose lives and achievements have too long been hidden. From Cartimandua, the forgotten Iron Age Queen of the North, to Woodbine-smoking football player Lily Parr, Kate - with her trademark wit and sense of fun - shows how these astonishing trailblazers laid the ground for modern stars from Victoria Wood to Little Mix. Nicola Adams, Betty Boothroyd and Helen Sharman all have these unsung northern champions to thank for paving their way. Kate is as funny as she is fiercely passionate and this is a blummin' smashing read.

Newcastle's **Trevor Wood** has turned to Northumberland for the setting of his latest standalone thriller '**You Can Run**'. He will be joining us in the Corbridge bookshop on **Tuesday March 28th** to tell us more: A group of armed mercenaries lay siege to a remote village in Northumberland. Their target: Alex Winter and his 15-year-old daughter, Ruby. When her father is captured, Ruby tries to run, but quickly realises she has another problem - the only people who can save her are the villagers she's shunned for her whole life, including the neighbourhood busybody, a disreputable poacher, the village drunk and the local school's troublemaker. Desperate to find her father and to work out who took him and why, she seeks their help. But what if learning the truth means discovering the life she once knew was a lie?

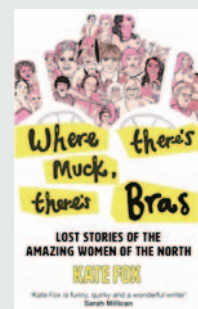
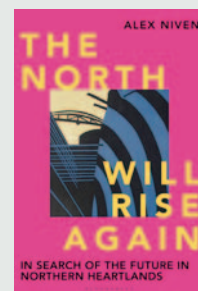
I know there are a LOT of **Jane Lovett** fans among you so I'm sure you'll be as thrilled as we are that she has a brand new cook book out in March. Known and loved for her straightforward, speedy recipes that work equally well for midweek suppers as they do for easy entertaining. '**Deliciously Simple**' is a collection of over 100 recipes - from flash in the pan suppers to recipes where the oven does all of the work along with sharing platters, speedy sides, quick nibbles and easy drinks, these are all recipes that are sure to become firm family favourites.

We LOVE to celebrate **World Book Day** which this year is on **Thursday March 2nd**. World Book Day changes lives through a love of books and shared reading with a mission to promote reading for pleasure, offering every child and young person the opportunity to have a book of their own. Our doors will be open to welcome schools and nursery visits - as well as offering books to those schools that can't make the trip to us. It's a genuine treat to welcome so many young readers to the bookshop and help us get 100s if not 1000s of World Book Day books into the right hands.

And finally, I've been reminded to share some good news: I've been listed in **The Bookseller magazine's Top 150** - a list of 'the most influential figures in the UK book trade' including publishers, agents, trade bodies, authors and illustrators PR, book festivals, influencers and designers, as well as booksellers. It's genuinely lovely to get the recognition and a perfect opportunity to thank Visit Corbridge, Corbridge Utd and of course all of you lovely readers for your support. We simply wouldn't be here without you, thank you.

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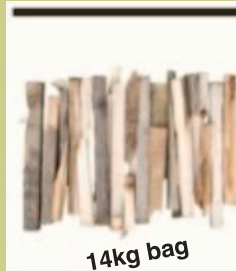
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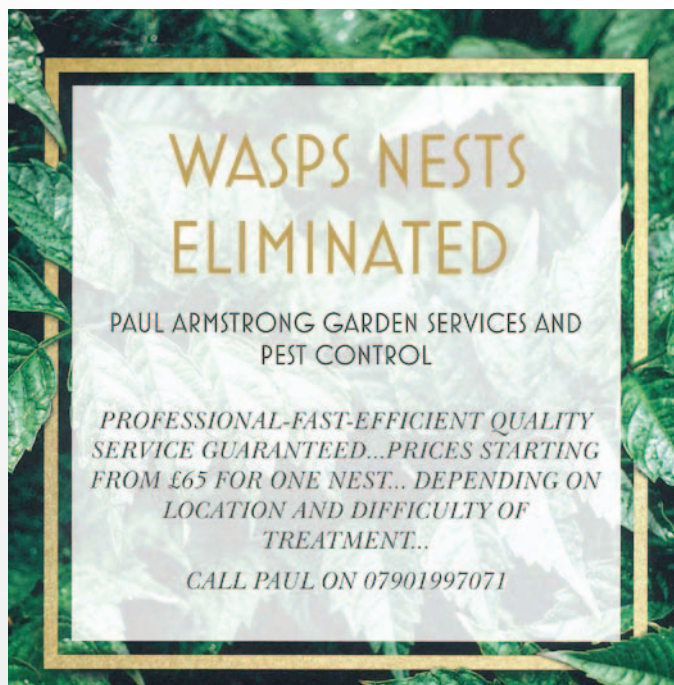
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