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### **Council Notes**

The responses to the public consultation on the Parish Council's Market Place proposals have now been analysed and I reported the results to the June Council meeting. The response from the people of Corbridge has been large in scale and overwhelmingly positive. Of a total of 104 written responses received by the Council, 62 suported the proposals, 17 were against and 26 did not specifically indicate either support or objection.



The consultation has been very instructive. While it has revealed broad public support for our future approach to the Market Place it also drew out many specific comments and very useful practical suggestions which will help us going forward. By far the biggest single topic raised was car parking mentioned by 38 consultees. Those living in the centre of the village are understandably concerned at the loss of any car spaces and many indicated a strong preference for residential only parking. Of course, parking is an ongoing challenge in Corbridge as residents, visitors and business owners and their employees contest a limited number of spaces. We will continue to investigate and pursue proposals to increase parking provision in Corbridge on both sides of the Tyne.

Other more specific comments were made in respect of trees, waste bin collection, disabled parking, pavement width, proposed materials and the idea of an occasional public market - which was generally supported. Many residents were sceptical about new trees being planted - from both a maintenance and an aesthetic point of view - and suggested smaller scale planting and

shrubs. Noted. There was also considerable support for retention of the existing cobbles and I was particularly pleased to receive suggestions from so many residents on the idea of reinstating the Village Cross back into the Market Place. As many of your know, this important monument now sits in a dark location close to a wall next to the Vicar's Pele and I think it would be tremendously positive to incorporate it back into a central position. Pride of place.

It will take some time to make amendments to our Market Place proposals, to incorporate some of the helpful suggestions and, finally, to submit a scheme for approval by Northumberland County Council, the local planning authority. Obtaining approval for an agreed Market Place scheme is the next stage and the foundation. If we are successful in obtaining approval we will then face a further challenge in putting together a funding package which will enable the scheme to be implemented. It will take time but I think the rewards and benefits to the village in future years will be considerable.

#### William Clouston (Corbridge Parish Council Chairman)

I hope everybody is having a wonderful summer. As I write this we are in a bit of a cooler wet spell after some glorious weather that was warm enough to tempt me into the river for a swim on a couple of occasions. (There is good advice on safe open water swimming on the RNLI website) It's also been great weather for walking and cycling. Northumberland County Council has been surveying for the new off-road cycling and walking route between Corbridge and Hexham. The council is keen to have the route alongside the road on the south side of the river but I have been asking them to properly explore all options on the north side before making any final commitments.



Corbridge Cricket Club is an important village institution providing cricket for hundreds of people, male and female, young and old. They are raising money for new practice nets to accommodate the men's and women's senior teams and almost 200 junior players. If you would like to support this important project, please go to the Crowdfunder website and search for Corbridge Cricket Club. The cricket club is also home to three quoits teams playing in the 'prestigious' Allen Valley Quoits League as described by local writer Harry Pearson in the Guardian newspaper. I'm a proud member of the third team, the Corbridge Fielders.

Well done to Gayle Foster and other Visit Corbridge volunteers who organised the Corbridge Midsummer's Evening event. We were lucky with the weather and it was a wonderful, well attended event. There is a surprising amount of work organising these events and much of the heavy lifting is done by volunteers who also have businesses to run.

Will is updating everybody on the Market Place consultation so I won't dwell on that. It was good to see Corbridge residents give feedback and make excellent suggestions. I'm pleased there is strong support for the project. While we will do all we can to address the concerns raised. There is a long way to go to make it happen but the journey has begun.

The Parish Council has commissioned the refurbishment of the small pavilion on the Corchester Field. The new goalposts have encouraged more people to use the field for a kick around and that is great to see. The neighbours are very supportive but they would be grateful if people could put their rubbish in the bins. The Parish is upgrading one of the bins and installing a third.

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 Wednesday September 27 in the Parish Hall, St Helen's Street, Corbridge - there is no meeting in August.

Clerk of the Council:

Mrs Mandy Senior 07950 297634

### **Khrystyna and Cristo**



Two of the most talented young pianists in the country have teamed up to perform together in an unusual two-piano concert in Corbridge.

Ukrainian Khrystyna Mykhailichenko, aged 17, regularly gives recitals in prestigious concert halls throughout Europe and in the USA. She fled from Ukraine with her mother and younger sister when Russia invaded the country and the family came to live in Corbridge in June 2022. Since then music lovers locally have been lucky to hear her memorable concerts in St Andrew's Church, raising thousands of pounds for Ukrainian charities.

Cristo Harijan, aged 22, lives in Hexham and has just graduated from the Royal Northern College of Music. He has extensive performing experience at venues in and around Manchester, as well as in competitions. In 2022 he was a finalist in the Krogulski international competition in Poland, and his recent performance of Liszt's B minor sonata won the RNCM's Mark Ray recital prize.

Khrystyna and Cristo met at concerts in Newcastle and the Tyne Valley. Both relish bringing unusual, challenging

pieces to audiences. The two-piano concert was a rare opportunity to hear them perform as both are pursuing their musical careers elsewhere. Khrystyna has won a full scholarship to study at the Royal Academy of Music in London. Cristo is moving to Paris to study at the Ecole Normale de Musique de Paris Alfred Cortot.

For those who receive an early copy of this August edition, their recital is at 7pm on Monday July 31st at St Andrew's Church in Corbridge. doors open for their recital at 6:30pm for a 7pm start. Scan the QR code for the online ticket link. Tickets will also be available on the door priced £10.



### Midsummer 2023



66 Just perfect



### **Corbridge Youth Initiative**

There is a new, yet familiar, face at the head of the Corbridge Youth Initiative with Amber Robinson now officially in place as Project Coordinator. She has taken over from Gillian Wood who moved on earlier this year to take on a new challenge in social work.

Amber has lived in Corbridge since she was a few months old and attended the First and Middle Schools as well as Queen Elizabeth High School in Hexham. She also knows all about the Youth Initiative, having first joined as a member at the age of 12 and come up through the ranks.

"I was one of the first members of the newly set up girls' group and I've pretty much stayed here ever since," she explains. "I went on to become a volunteer when I left High School. I also did a child care course at college alongside that and have had various jobs in Corbridge as well.

"I went from volunteering to youth worker and then in 2020 I got a contract role where I was doing more admin under Gillian to support her role while she went on to do her further studies at the time."

Corbridge Youth Initiative has faced and overcome many challenges and is currently exploring options to further secure its long term future. A registered charity, it is currently a tenant in the first floor area of the Library building in Hill Street and pays rent to Northumberland County Council, which owns that building, under a lease agreement.

"We see an average of 120 young people here a week. We have six groups. Girls' group, four junior groups and a senior group. With ages from nine to 18," says Amber. "We provide an essential service to Corbridge. Somewhere for young people to go where, among other things, we can build their confidence and skills, providing opportunities they might not otherwise get. And we don't just see young people from Corbridge. We have others from different areas - more rural settings so those young people can also access us. Especially in our after school groups where they can then get picked up later on.

"We also do one to one support. So if there are needs or issues, whether that's at home or at school, we can give support with that. And the needs are changing, especially with things like social media. It's changed from when I was young so we are able to adjust and tailor our services to meet what is needed today. It's a very challenging world for young people. We start with those from Year 5 and that continues right up until they leave senior school. That allows us to build a relationship with them over time."

The CYI's mission includes crucial work that, for reasons of confidentiality, is never seen outside of the families and young people it helps. It is also a stand alone and much needed Corbridge resource that would be very much missed if it did not exist.

Adds Amber: "The support of our local community is vital. In terms of help, that means we can work with more young people. While our fundraising makes people aware of what we are providing. And that our young people need the Youth Initiative. Visitors notice how nice Corbridge is. But there are still hidden needs and deprivation which people don't see.

"We build up long term relationships with young people. We trust them and they trust us. We understand what their needs and wants are. We also introduce rules and remind them to respect the village and try to bring them into wider community events."

Amber is one of four current members of staff alongside John Farrer, Cheryl Ross and Julie Patrickson. With a fifth, Steph Brown, back this summer from maternity leave. Two former members are also helping as volunteers over the summer holidays. This year's CYI Summer Programme runs across all six weeks of the holidays, including three main weeks of activities. "That includes a cinema and bowling trip, surfing, Parish Hall days, barbecues at our allotment across the river, an arts and crafts day, bingo day and so on. Also every Wednesday night we have our Summer Drop In which gets the teens in. We also do outreach on Mondays where we go out and look to see where the young people are hanging out. We remind them to pick their rubbish up. And we introduce ourselves to young people who may have come here from other areas."

"My predecessor Gillian made a huge contribution to the Corbridge Youth Initiative. She really led the way and we miss her. Now I want to take the CYI further and expand, maybe put on more sessions. But that depends on finances and achieving longer term security. We want to keep growing and offer more opportunities to our young people. There is always a need to do more."









### **NOTICE BOARD**

#### St Andrew's Church

Parish Communion at 10am Sundays. Evening Prayer at 6pm Sundays. Holy Communion at 10am every Wednesday. RIVER service at 4pm on Sunday ugust 27.

#### **Corbridge Methodists**

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

**Thursday August 24 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 Ring 633532

Weekly House Groups

Follow us on Facebook - Tynedale Christian Ministries

### 2023 diary dates

St Andrew's Church Lunchtime Music Series: Starts on Friday August 4th. Tea and coffee is served from noon. Concerts start at 12:30pm and last for around 45 minutes. This latest series will include organ, piano and cello recitals plus The Marygate Singers from Holy Island. Check the church website for further information.

**Tea and Chat:** All welcome. This informal social gathering meets at 2pm on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month - so August 9th and 23rd this month - at the Corbridge Community Hub (former Methodist Church building) in Princes Street. All are welcome to come along, have homemade cake, tea or coffee and to join in the conversation.

Northumberland Classic and Performance Motor Show: 10am to 4pm on Sunday August 20 at Tynedale Park / Rugby Club.

**Corbridge Family Fun Day:** From 1pm on Sunday August 27 at Corbridge Cricket Club. See the poster for more.

**Corbridge Village Show:** 2pm to 4:30pm on Saturday September 2 at the Parish Hall. See the centre insert for more.

Corbridge Heritage Centre is open between 10am and 2pm on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. Located at the Corbridge Community Hub (former Methodist Church building) in Princes Street. Walk down the alley to the left of the building and enter via the green door on the left at the end of that lane. A friendly team of local volunteers staff the centre and would be delighted to see you. Admission is free.



#### Corbridge Parish Hall August 2023

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### **Eco Festival**





The two day **Eco Festival** at St
Andrew's in June.
It included an
exhibition plus panel
discussions about
how to respond to
the climate crisis.
It also explored
international action,
how our own
community protects
the environment
and what we can
all do to reduce
our impact on the
planet.

### St Andrew's Church

Many members of the St Andrew's Church congregation attended the Rev Linda Hunter's ordination as priest at Newcastle Cathedral last month (July). That was followed by her 'First Presidency' - a Eucharist in Corbridge celebrating St Columba of Iona to mark the fact that the roots of Linda's vocation lie in her visits to that island. Having lived in Corbridge all of her life, Linda welcomed many of her friends, former colleagues and those who have shared her vocational journey to the service. They included the Bishop of Huntingdon Dagmar Winter, who is a former Rector of Hexham, who was the preacher for the Corbridge service. Scan the QR code to see a video of the celebration which included a special cake.



### **The Roman Stones**

Roman stones once at Corbridge Roman Town were brought home earlier this year and buried under Corchester Field. Kept elsewhere in storage since the 1980s they were not considered to be of great interest or value. So were moved out of their store to create space for more delicate and significant items. Dr. Frances McIntosh, English Heritage Curator of Hadrian's Wall and the North East, was on hand to supervise the operation as the stones were covered in sand, soil and turf. She explained that if the stones had been excavated today they would have been recorded and then reburied. While a new information board at the site will explain further context about the wider Roman Town in Corbridge.





Learn more about Corbridge Roman Town









### Corbridge in Bloom Summer Planting

Summer planting day is one of the year's most important moments. The flowers which will light up the village for the whole summer are tucked into their tubs, pants and borders to begin growing and flowering. The whole group is out working hard, in Market Place, the churchyard, The Coigns and Hill Street and at all of the various tubs, troughs and pants. Corbridge residents and visitors notice and encourage us with friendly comments and appreciation.

Of course, a lot of thought and preparation has made this one day's work possible. New interesting plants have been found in seed catalogues during the winter evenings. We remember what did well last year, and our local nurseries make suggestions and offer bargains. Some of the big specimen plants in the centres of the large tubs are plants we have had for years and move into the village every summer.

All of the displays are designed. Before planting day, a basket of the right plants for that container is made up in Elizabeth's Grant's back garden for each tub, pant or trough. A label in the basket shows where the plants are to go.

This year we had dry weather before - and after - planting day. All of the containers had to be watered before they were planted and then almost every morning or evening to give the plants a chance to settle in. Members of the group get up early or come down to the village after work to water. Some nice gentle rain is always welcome.

Removing dead heads will keep the plants flowering right into the autumn and all Corbridge in Bloom members will take part in this important maintenance task. Also occasionally removing chickweed from the tubs. Feel free to help while you are out shopping.

We are a friendly group who enjoy our work for our community. This year our county councillor Nick Oliver nominated the group as Community Heroes and Elizabeth Grant and Sasha Brookes went to Alnwick Castle on Coronation Day, on behalf of the group, to receive a certificate and pin from the deputy Lord Lieutenant of Northumberland.

We welcome new members so if you are interested, please contact Sasha at sashambrookes@btinternet. com No experience is necessary. Most of us are learning on the job.

We hope you enjoy the plants and flowers in Corbridge as much as we do.











### Corbridge Village Show

Corbridge Parish Hall, St. Helen's Street

Saturday 2nd September 2023 2pm-4.30pm





### CORBRIDGE VILLAGE SHOW, PARISH HALL, CORBRIDGE SATURDAY 2nd SEPTEMBER 2023

#### CLASS 1 MEMBERS ONLY

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

#### DISTRICT CLASSES

District Class Exhibitors must be residents of Corbridge Parish, work or have children at school here.

Vegetables			
2. Three Turnips	£3.00		£1.00
3. Six Pods of Peas	£3.00	£2.00	£1.00
4. Six Runner Beans	£3.00		£1.00
5. Heaviest Marrow/Courgette	£3.00	£2.00	£1.00
6. Three Stalks of Rhubarb	£3.00	£2.00	£1.00
7. Salad Bowl	£3.00	£2.00	£1.00
8. Basket of Flowers and Vegetables (for effect)	£3.00	£2.00	£1.00
9. Most Peculiar Vegetable	£3.00	£2.00	£1.00
Flowers			
10. 1 Single Rose	00.00	00.00	04.00
	£3.00	£2.00 £2.00	£1.00 £1.00
11. 4 Roses as grown (In vase)	£3.00		
12. 5 single Dahlias	£3.00	£2.00	£1.00
13. Bowl of mixed Dahlia	£3.00		£1.00
14. Vase of cut Annuals	£3.00		£1.00
15. 2 Vases of Hardy Herbaceous 2 varieties	£3.00	£2.00	£1.00
16. 3 Spikes of Gladioli	£3.00		£1.00
17. 1 Vase of Sweet Peas	£3.00	£2.00	£1.00
18. 1 Vase of Cut Flowers (No Foliage)	£3.00	£2.00	£1.00
19. 1 Sunflower (Displayed in container)	£3.00	£2.00	£1.00
Fruit			
20. Basket of Fruit: A collection of 4 kinds of fruit attractively displayed in a basket	£3.00	£2.00	£1.00
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Industrial			
21. A jar of chutney	£3.00	£2.00	£1.00
22. A jar of raspberry jam	£3.00	£2.00	£1.00
23. A jar of curd	£3.00		£1.00
24. A jar of orange marmalade	£3.00	£2.00	£1.00
25. A carrot cake not to exceed 20 cms in diameter	£3.00		£1.00
26. 4 wholemeal bread rolls approximately 8 cms in diameter	£3.00		£1.00
27. A fruit tea loaf	£3.00	£2.00	£1.00
28. A decorated gingerbread person	£3.00	£2.00	£1.00
29. A lemon drizzle cake	£3.00		£1.00
30. A savoury scone - your own invention	£3.00		£1.00
31. 4 fingers of shortbread made with just 250g plain flour, 85g caster sugar & 175g butter	£3.00	£2.00	£1.00
32. A cake for Camilla — decorated Victoria sponge (no cream)	£3.00	£2.00	£1.00
Photography - Prints not to exceed 8.5" x 6"			
33. Corbridge Life	£3.00	£2.00	£1.00
34. Portraits & People	£3.00	£2.00	£1.00
35. Plants, Trees & Flowers	£3.00	£2.00	£1.00
36. Animals	£3.00	£2.00	£1.00
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Handicrafts	00.00	00.00	04.00
37. Birthday Card	£3.00	£2.00	£1.00
38. You've made it, let's see it! (any handicraft)	£3.00	£2.00	£1.00
Art			
39. A picture in any medium -no larger than A3	£3.00	£2.00	£1.00
Floral Art			
40. Floral Arrangement - Season's Best	£3.00	£2.00	£1.00
41. Miniature Arrangement in a Standard Tea Cup	£3.00	£2.00	£1.00
42. All Foliage Arrangement	£3.00	£2.00	£1.00

#### CHILDREN'S CLASSES

Age 9 Years and under	1st	2 n d	3 r d
43. Make a crown fit for a King — this must be wearable	£3.00	£2.00	£1.00
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44. A Lego model no bigger than 25 cms	£3.00	£2.00	£1.00
45. A garden on a standard sized dinner plate	£3.00	£2.00	£1.00
46. A cupcake decorated on the Coronation theme	£3.00	£2.00	£1.00
47. A picture in any medium -no larger than A3	£3.00	£2.00	£1.00
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48. A rocket from recycled materials	£3.00	£2.00	£1.00
Age 9 andf over			
49. A piece of computer-generated art based on a wild animal	£3.00	£2.00	£1.00
50. A Lego model no larger than 25 cms	£3.00	£2.00	£1.00
51. Build a flower pot fairy garden in a terracotta pot no taller than 35cms	£3.00	£2.00	£1.00
52. A cupcake decorated on the Coronation theme	£3.00	£2.00	£1.00
53. A handmade toy — no larger than can be held in your hand	£3.00	£2.00	£1.00
OPEN CLASSES			
Vegetables			
54. Three onions to a stand, dressed	£3.00	£2.00	£1.00
55. Three onions shown as grown	£3.00	£2.00	£1.00
56. One onion, heaviest	£3.00	£2.00	£1.00
57. One onion, one pound in weight	£3.00	£2.00	£1.00
58. Six onions grown from sets.	£3.00	£2.00	£1.00
59. Six shallots, dressed	£3.00	£2.00	£1.00
60. Two parsnips	£3.00	£2.00	£1.00
61. Six tomatoes	£3.00	£2.00	£1.00
62. Three carrots - long	£3.00	£2.00	£1.00
63. Three carrots -stump rooted	£3.00	£2.00	£1.00
64. Three round beet, one to be cut			
	£3.00	£2.00	£1.00
65. Two cauliflowers	£3.00	£2.00	£1.00
66. One cabbage	£3.00	£2.00	£1.00
67. One intermediate leek 6" to 9" fast button	£3.00	£2.00	£1.00
68. Collection of vegetables - four varieties, two of each	£12.00	£8.00	£5.00
69. Two blanch leeks (over 14")	£3.00	£2.00	£1.00
70. 4 Potatoes (Kidney)			
	£3.00	£2.00	£1.00
71. 4 Potatoes (Round)	£3.00	£2.00	£1.00
72. 3 Leeks Pot, Blanch and Intermediate	£3.00	£2.00	£1.00
Flawara			
Flowers	0.4.0.00	05.00	00.00
73. Three chrysanthemums incurved		£5.00	£3.00
74. Three chrysanthemums intermediate	£10.00	£5.00	£3.00
75. Three chrysanthemums reflexed	£10.00	£5.00	£3.00
76. Collection of flowers, vase, bowl or jug (for effect)	£10.00	£5.00	£3.00
77. Three chrysanthemums incurved - dissimilar	£10.00	£5.00	£3.00
78. Three chrysanthemums reflexed -dissimilar		£5.00	£3.00
79. Three chrysanthemums intermediate -dissimilar	£10.00		£3.00
80. One giant or large dahlia	£10.00		£3.00
81. 5 Stems per vase chrysanthemums garden sprays	£10.00	£5.00	£3.00
82. 3 Stems per vase chrysanthemums garden sprays	£10.00	£5.00	£3.00
83. Medium cactus dahlias, three to a vase	£10.00		£3.00
84. Small cactus dahlias, three to a vase	£10.00		£3.00
85. Medium decorative dahlias, three to a vase	£10.00		£3.00
86. Small decorative dahlias, three to a vase	£10.00		£3.00
87. Porn Porn dahlias, three to a vase	£10.00	£5.00	£3.00
88. 1 Window Plant Flowering	£3.00	£2.00	£1.00
89. 1 Window Plant Foliage	£3.00	£2.00	£1.00
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90. One Jar Honey	£3.00	£2.00	£1.00
91. One Honeycomb	£3.00	£2.00	£1.00
92. One Frame Honey	£3.00	£2.00	£1.00

#### All open entries free

The Parish Hall will be open for staging from:
6pm - 8pm on Friday 1st September 2023
8am - 10am on Saturday 2nd September 2023.

All entries to be benched by 10am on Saturday 2nd September 2023

Only two entries per person per class.

All photographs to have been taken by exhibitor. All flowers and vegetables to have been grown by exhibitor.

Prize money to be claimed from Treasurer's office 2.30 - 4pm. Any unclaimed money will be retained by the show.

### **Programme of Events**

Show open to public 2.00-4.30pm Saturday 2nd September 2023

TOMBOLA PRIZE DRAW

TEA, COFFEE & BISCUITS
REFFRESHMENTS FOR CHILDREN

FACE PAINTING BALLOON ANIMALS BEE DISPLAY

4.30pm PRESENTATION OF PRIZES Followed by sale of produce & cakes.

All enquiries to Miles Joyce - 01434 633572

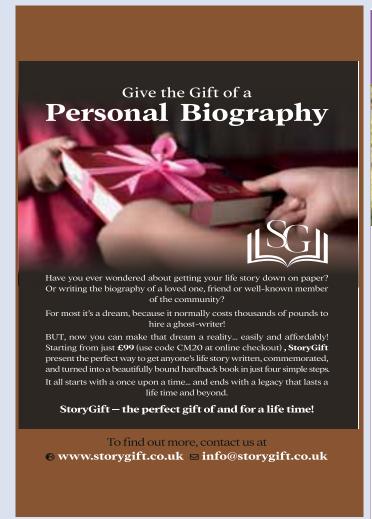
### Straker Sunshine



A glorious afternoon was had by all at this year's Summer Fete in the grounds of Charlotte Straker House. Officially opened by bestselling local author LJ Ross - pictured here with chair of trustees Berenice Groves - the annual Corbridge community event raised over £1,500.







### Hear the sounds of Summer in style with the new Phonak Slim



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- Improved speech understanding
- Universal connectivity
- Fully rechargeable



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The idyllic position enjoys a high degree of privacy and captures extremely pleasant views of the surrounding countryside. It is also very well placed for access to Newcastle and Newcastle Airport, Ponteland and Morpeth and a variety of local walks, cycle routes and bridle paths. This is genuinely a sale not to be missed and viewings are highly recommended - there is no forward chain.

Guide Price: £1,000,000.

### **Forum Books**

Hello Readers

Like a good page-turner, the year is flying by. And what a bumper selection of new reads this month brings!

Helen Rebanks, the wife of Lake District farmer and author James Rebanks, shares the days that have shaped her in a beautifully illustrated memoir **The Farmer's Wife** set against one day at the farm, home to six sheepdogs, two ponies, 20 chickens, 50 cattle and 500 sheep. Her recipes are just what we want to eat and her writing is an absolute joy.

Kerri Andrews' Wanderers: A History of Women Walking is still a FORUM favourite two years on from publication. So as you might guess we are very excited about her new anthology Way Makers. Moving from the 18th century to the present day and across poetry, letters, diaries, novels and more, it traces a long tradition of women's walking literature. Walking is, for the women included in this anthology as well of many of us, a source of creativity and comfort, a breath of fresh air and a reset. All beautifully captured.

And we've two cracking new reads in the crime and thriller department too. **Ann Cleeves** is back with a new Matthew Venn - **The Raging Storm**. When Jem Rosco - sailor, adventurer and local legend - blows into town in the middle of an autumn gale, the residents of Greystone, Devon, are delighted to have a celebrity in their midst. But think nothing of it when Rosco disappears again. Until the lifeboat is launched to a hoax call out during a raging storm and his body is found in a dinghy, anchored off Scully Cove, a place with legends of its own.

The story every **Mick Herron** fan has been waiting for is **The Secret Hours** - a standalone from him that brings us a glimpse into the world before **Slough House**. You don't need to take my word for it - Lee Child should convince you, "All Herron's trademark strengths are here: tension, intrigue, observation, humour, absurdity...and pitch-perfect prose." If you love spy fiction this one is simply unmissable.

The Turnglass by Gareth Rubin is a captivating, ingenious and truly immersive mystery. Imagine you're holding a book in your hands. It's not just any book though. It's a tête-bêche novel, beloved of 19th century bookmakers. A book that is two books: two intertwined stories printed back-to-back. Open the book and the first novella begins. It ends at the middle of the book. Then flip the book over, head to tail, and read the second story in the opposite direction. Both covers are front covers; and it can be read in either direction.

The North Woods by Daniel Mason is an absolute must read. Over 400 years a single house deep in the woods of New England will be home to a young Puritan couple on the run, an English soldier with a dream, inseparable twin sisters, a lovelorn painter, a desperate mother, a haunted son, a ruthless conman, and a stalking panther. Each of the 12 sections of the book is written during the month in which it takes place, and as the apple seeds become an orchard. Epic, dazzling and completely different.

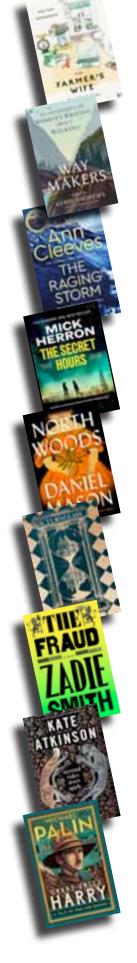
Zadie Smith returns with a new historical novel The Fraud. Kilburn 1873. The 'Tichborne Trial' has captivated the widowed Scottish housekeeper Mrs Eliza Touchet and all of England. Readers are at odds over whether the defendant is who he claims to be or an imposter. Based on real historical events, The Fraud is a dazzling novel about how in a world of hypocrisy and self-deception, deciding what is true can prove a complicated task.

The first story collection from **Kate Atkinson** in twenty years, **Normal Rules Don't Apply** is a dazzling array of 11 interconnected tales from the bestselling author of Shrines of Gaiety and Life After Life. We meet a queen who makes a bargain she cannot keep; a secretary who watches over the life she has just left; a man whose luck changes when a horse speaks to him.

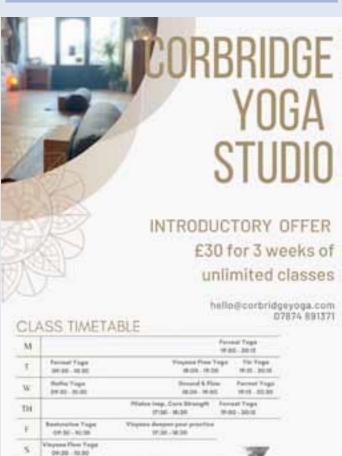
When **Michael Palin** first heard that his grandfather had a brother, Harry, who died in tragic circumstances, he was determined to find out more about him. The quest that followed involved hundreds of hours of painstaking detective work. He also walked the route Harry took on that fatal, final day of his life amid the mud of northern France. **Great-Uncle Harry** is an utterly compelling account of an ordinary man who led an extraordinary life. A blend of biography, history, travelogue and personal memoir this really is Michael Palin at his finest. We are beyond thrilled to have an event with Michael at Newcastle Cathedral on Wednesday October 4th - more info and tickets from the bookshop.

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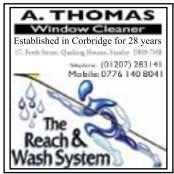
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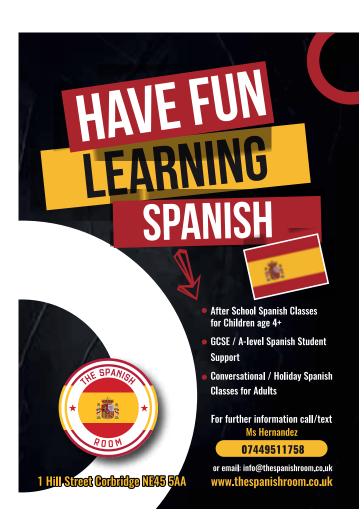
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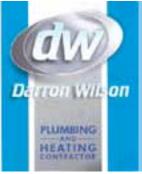
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