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Council Notes

The new year is a time of renewal and hope but this year we also need the qualities of stoicism and strength. We were all truly sad to hear of the death in the second week of December of our fellow Councillor Joanne Neal, aged 40. Joanne's unswerving positive energy and strong local knowledge was greatly valued by all of us on Corbridge Parish Council. Her love for our village was ever present. Always a promoter of opportunities for young people, Joanne championed the extension of the Parish Hall play area well before formally coming onto the Council six years ago. As the Rev. David Kennedy remarked at a packed - and very moving - memorial service in St Andrew's Church on the 3rd of January, the size of the congregation is a testament to the love the community had for Joanne. Our sincere condolences are offered to Joanne's immediate and wider family throughout Corbridge.

As we all know, the latter part of 2023 was extremely wet and at the time of writing this dreary pattern seems to be continuing. The Tyne is swollen and the fields and ground are sodden. A consequence of this foul weather has been the further loss of some mature trees on Parish Council ground. We lost two large specimens in November and a further one in December. In giving thought to their replacement - and in this period of demonstrable change in climate - we are minded to choose species with larger root systems to avoid further losses in future.

One bright note to report on - at long last - is the resolution of the overflowing problem at the pant just down from Appletree Lane at the bottom of Aydon Road. For many years this historic water hole has been affected by blockages - resulting in occasional waterflow onto the pavement and public highway. For some unfathomable reason the rate of water flow into the pant dramatically increased early in 2023 and since the low-capacity outflow pipework was damaged it could not take the water safely away. After much head scratching throughout the Summer and many visits from engineers some new pipework was installed from the pant into the main road drain. Happily, the pant is flowing nicely and the adjacent pavement is dry - when it's not raining that is.

I wish everyone all the best in the remaining winter months and the run up to the Easter period.

William Clouston
(Corbridge Parish Council Chairman)

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Cover photo: Snow bridge

I wrote in the last issue about how fortunate we are to live in a village with such a strong community and that was once again demonstrated at the Service of Thanksgiving for Joanne Neal in St Andrew's Church on 3rd January. There was standing room only, and not much of that, in the church for a deeply poignant service. It was a fitting tribute to Joanne who was a shining light in our community and at the age of only 40 she will be sorely missed by her family, friends, work colleagues and the wider Corbridge community. I have known her husband Andrew well through coaching at the rugby club (and I used to beg him to referee particularly challenging football matches when I coached a Corbridge Utd team) but I didn't really get to know Joanne well until she joined the Parish Council. Her love and passion for our village and her positivity shone through. We will all miss her and I'm sure her large family will all be there to support Andrew and the boys and each other as they learn to live with their tragic loss.

William has mentioned the pant in his column so I will not repeat that except to say that in all of the investigations and subsequent works diverting the flow nobody was able to explain why the water entering into the pant is now a heavy and constant flow when previously it was lighter and more intermittent as you would expect. If anybody has any ideas about this, please get in touch.

I'm hoping that 2024 will bring some good news on additional much needed car parking for Corbridge and I expect to be able to give more detail on that in my next column. Northumbrian Water still have our skate park requisitioned as the site compound for the Corbridge pumping station upgrade which has suffered extreme delays as they changed contractor during the job. I'm hoping we will get it back later this spring and we can get on with reinstatement. After a successful trial in Tokyo, skateboarding is firmly established in the Olympic programme in Paris this year and I am in discussions with Skateboard GB, Shred the North and the NCC Sports Development team about how best to reinstate it.

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

Nick Oliver
(Corbridge County Councillor)

Corbridge Parish Council next meets at 7pm on Wednesday February 28 and March 27 in the Parish Hall, St Helen's Street, Corbridge.

Clerk of the Council: **Mrs Mandy Senior**
07950 297634



Joanne Neal. 9th February 1983 - 11th December 2023.



Vera In Corbridge

Vera star Brenda Blethyn returned to Corbridge to film scenes included in the first episode of series 13 - 'Fast Love' - recently screened on ITV1. The location was the new estate next to the Middle School where two of the characters lived. Filming took place last May when the production team invited a group of Middle School pupils to meet some of the cast, including Brenda, and the production team. Brenda told Corbridge Matters: "Some children from Corbridge Middle School came to watch the filming on a new estate close to their school. I went and chatted to them. I love it when kids are enthusiastic to come and find out how it all goes on behind the scenes. I tried to explain to them about all of the different jobs that each member of the crew were doing." Filming of a separate 'CCTV' scene in the same film took place at Bishops Garage on Main Street involving the murder victim having an argument inside a car before walking off to his death.





Corbridge also appeared in a few brief scenes during 'The Rising Tide', the Vera Christmas special broadcast on Boxing Day. Although the exterior scenes of Tea & Tipple and the Corbridge Garden Room - transformed for filming into Bread & Olives and the Kimmerston Garden Room - were cut for time reasons. But the interior scene at 'Bread & Olives' survived, as did a brief scene when Vera's Land Rover was driven away from Baby at the Bank (turned into the exterior of a solicitor's office) in Middle Street. Plus a scene filmed inside a Corbridge home and another in the Angel Inn car park.



Restoration

Before and after photos of the restoration of the pavilion at Corchester Field by Andrew Robinson on behalf of Corbridge Parish Council. Giving the pavilion the look of a bandstand. Parish Council chairman William Clouston writes: “Andrew found cat paw prints in two of the reclaimed bricks he was using and, in a thoughtful touch, has put these ‘face out’ for all to see. It’s amazing to think that sometime in the late 1800s a cat wandered over a newly made - but unfired - brick and left its mark which remains today. It’s not easy, but the keen eyed among you may wish to try to spot the relic paw prints.”



Howzat?

Corbridge Cricket Club was recently presented with The Cricketer magazine's 2023 UK Greenest Ground award. TV broadcaster and former St Helens and Ireland rugby league star Kyle Amor, an ambassador for sponsors Ortus Energy, handed the framed certificate over to club chair John Maude. BBC Look North East and Cumbria's Jeff Brown was also there for a filmed report broadcast last month (January) highlighting some of the initiatives the club has taken to become more sustainable. Scan the QR code for more information about the award.



NOTICE BOARD

St Andrew's Church

Parish Communion at 10am Sundays.

Holy Communion at 10am every Wednesday

Friday Feb 2 at 7pm: Candlemas service. The church will be filled with candlelight. Service followed by drinks and nibbles.

Sunday Feb 4 at 4pm: Simply Worship - an informal service of the word.

Sunday Feb 11 at 3pm: Messy Church.

Sunday Feb 18 at 4pm: Simply Worship.

Sunday Feb 25 at 4pm: River.

Corbridge Methodists

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

Thursday Feb 22 at 10am: Service at St Andrew's Church.

Tynedale Christian Ministries

Welcome to our Christian Church at Corbridge Parish Hall.

Each Sunday at 10.30am: Coffee followed by 11.00 Service. Ring 01434 633532

Weekly House Groups

2024 Diary Dates

Saturday & Sunday June 8 & 9:
Corbridge Steam Rally at Tynedale Park

Thursday to Sunday June 13 to 16:
Tynedale Beer & Cider Festival at Tynedale Park

Thursday June 20:
A Midsummer's Evening in Corbridge

Thursday & Friday June 20 & 21:
Textile & Art Exhibition at St Andrew's Church

Friday to Sunday July 12 to 14: Northumberland Balloon Festival at Tynedale Park

Thursday to Sunday July 25 to 28:
Corbridge Chamber Music Festival

Sunday August 18:
Northumberland Classic and Performance Motor Show

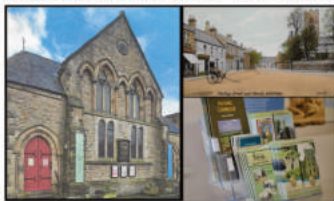
Saturday September 7:
Corbridge Village Show at the Parish Hall

Saturday & Sunday Oct 12 & 13:
St Andrew's Church 1350th Launch Weekend

Friday to Tuesday Nov 29 to Dec 3:
St Andrew's Church Christmas Tree Festival

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

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Corbridge Chamber Music Festival

Spring Concert

Marschner Trio no. 2
Glinka Trio Pathétique
Mendelssohn Songs Without Words
Beethoven Trio op.70 no.2

Gould Piano Trio
Robert Plane
clarinet

St Andrew's Church, Corbridge

Saturday 2nd March
7pm

Tickets £15 on the door (under 25s free)

Corbridge Parish Hall February 2024

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Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
16:00 - 17:30 Zumba Kids	09:00 - 10:00 Zumba Class	10:30 - 15:30 KSA Painters	09:00 - 10:00 Zumba Class	09:30 - 11:30 Corbridge Badminton	15:00 - 23:45 Cellidh in aid of Charlotte Straker and Chysallis	10:00 - 14:30 Tynedale Christian Ministries
19:00 - 22:00 Corbridge Bridge Club	13:00 - 16:00 Corbridge Bridge Club - Chicago 19:00 - 21:00 Corbridge Carpet Bowls Club	15:45 - 20:50 Private Booking	10:30 - 12:30 Charlie's Choir 19:30 - 21:30 Piper Badminton	13:30 - 14:30 Pilates 17:00 - 19:00 Karate		
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Tea and Chat: All welcome. This informal social gathering meets at 2pm on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month - Feb 14 and 28 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.

Corbridge Film Nights: Films are shown in Corbridge Parish Hall. Doors open 7pm. Film starts 7:30pm. Please pay on the door (£5, cash only please) Sunday February 18: Blue Caftan. 2022, Morocco, 123 mins. Director Maryam Touzani. Sunday March 17: The Eight Mountains. 2022, Australia, 147 mins. Director Felix van Groeningen.

Corbridge Remembrance 2023

With thanks to the Corbridge branch of the Royal British Legion. Including scenes on Armistice Day and the parade before and after the Remembrance Sunday service at St Andrew's Church.





Josephine Butler: A woman who was unshakeable in her principles and faith

Josephine Butler, who spent her childhood and adolescence at Dilston, is regarded as one of the most important social reformers of Victorian times with one commentator even claiming she was “the most distinguished woman in the 19th century”. She led the struggle, not only in Britain but across Europe and North America, for justice for women who were considered outcasts in society. Including prostitutes, prisoners and inmates of workhouses. As well as getting the age of consent raised to 16 and achieving the eventual repeal of the Contagious Diseases Acts.

She was born in 1828 at Milfield Hill, just north of Wooler, the fourth of nine children to John and Hannah Grey. John was the cousin of Charles the second Earl Grey who he helped, when Charles was Prime Minister, with the passing of the Reform Bill of 1832 and the Abolition of Slavery Act in 1833 (it is Charles whose monument stands in Newcastle and is credited with Earl Grey tea), while Hannah was from French Huguenot stock.

In 1833 John was appointed Agent for the Northern Estates of the Greenwich Hospital, a huge stretch of land extending between Carlisle, Newcastle and Berwick and which included the land at Dilston confiscated from the Radcliffe family after the failed Jacobite uprising of 1715. The family moved from Milfield in 1835 to the newly built Dilston Hall on a site chosen by her parents “being above the Devil’s Water and opposite the castle and because of its extraordinary natural beauty”.

By the age of 17 Josephine enjoyed, despite her strict Christian upbringing, a lively social life and was said to be “strikingly beautiful, a skilful horse rider, an accomplished painter and a gifted pianist. It then appears, even in her privileged life, that she began to become aware of some of the world’s injustices and a religious conviction that she had a calling”. This was strengthened in 1847 when she visited her brother in Ireland during the great potato famine and so experienced first-hand people living in extreme poverty and starvation. Meanwhile back at Dilston she was meeting many overseas visitors as her father was a leading light in Europe for agricultural reforms and innovations that included new systems of agriculture both in breeding cattle and in cultivating the land.

In 1852, at the age of 23, she married George Butler in St Andrew’s Church in Corbridge. George, the son of the Headmaster of Harrow School, was a brilliant scholar and athlete and referred to Josephine as “The Rose of Dilston”. They began married life in Oxford until, in 1857, George was appointed Vice Principal of Cheltenham College. They moved there with their four children, the youngest being the only girl who tragically fell to her death, aged five, from a banister rushing to greet her parents.

Soon after came another move when George became Principal of Liverpool College. Here Josephine pursued a campaign for justice, both civil and legal rights, for the many prostitutes working in one of the world’s largest ports - this at a time when most people condemned them for their immorality. Then in 1869 she was approached to serve with an Association aimed at repealing the Contagious Diseases Acts of earlier that decade. After taking her crusade to Europe in 1884 and the success of the repeal in 1886 she turned her attention to the White Slave Trade which involved the trafficking of young children many of whom were orphans with others being sold by poverty stricken mothers. Another campaign was for equal education rights for women and which led to them being accepted by some universities. After George died in 1890 she returned to London where only ill health restricted her active participation in the fight for female suffrage.

Meanwhile back in Dilston her mother had died in 1860. This coincided with the time when Frederick Gipps was vicar of St Andrew’s and had begun his four year restoration of the church. Consequently the three lancet east windows have the dedication “To the glory of God and in loving remembrance of Hannah Eliza, wife of John Grey Esq; Dilston...by her daughters and grand daughters”. The windows to



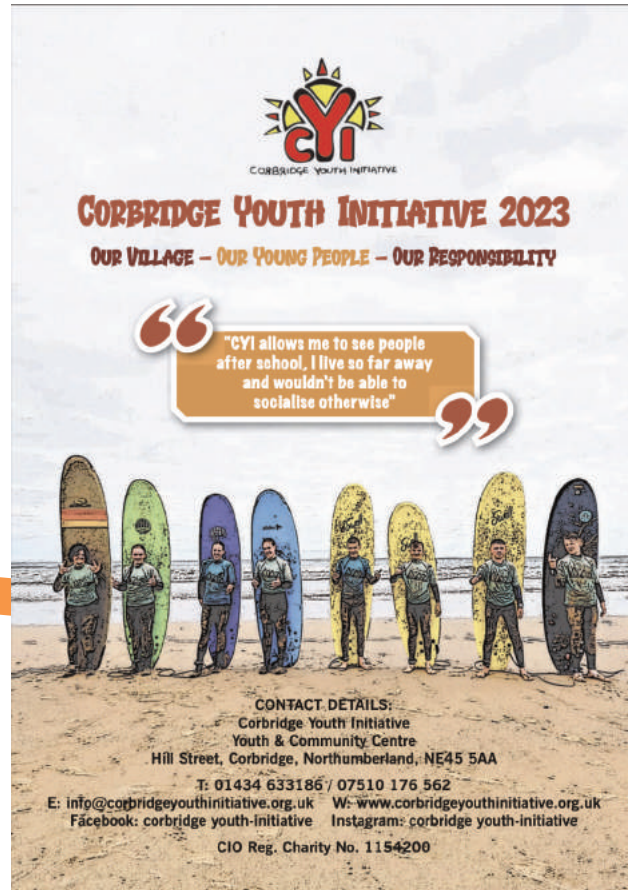
the left and right show the six Christian 'Acts of Mercy'. On the left, "I was hungry and you gave me meat, naked and you clothed me, in prison and you visited me." And on the right, "I was a stranger and you took me in, thirsty and you gave me drink, sick and you nursed me." What is unusual is that the Acts of Mercy are uncharacteristically carried out by a female which may have been because Josephine was one the daughters. When her father died in 1868, he was buried alongside his wife in St Andrew's Churchyard (beside the east wall of the north transept).

After a nostalgic visit to Northumberland in 1900 during which she visited Dilston (and was disappointed with the changes that had taken place there) Josephine went to live at Ewart Park, now a ruin, near to her birth place of Milfield. She later moved to Wooler where she died in 1906. Her funeral was held in the tiny church of St Gregory the Great at Kirknewton and she lies in its graveyard adjacent to the Cheviot Hills. The Church of England dedicates the 30th of May to her - a woman who was unshakeable in her principles and faith.

David Waugh

Corbridge Youth Initiative: Our Village Our Young People Our Responsibility

Extracts from the 2023 annual report.



Onwards

We have welcomed back one of our sessional youth workers Steph Brown after a break for maternity. We have also welcomed a new volunteer to the CYI team, Kiera Jackson. Kiera attended the project as a young person and we are delighted that she has now become a volunteer.

Our Sessions

What a year it has been, since November 2022 we have worked with 276 individual children and young people! Upon review we have made some changes to the timetable. Our Girls Group is now open to Year 7+ and the Year's 7 & 8 sessions are now open to both year groups. After listening to feedback from both the young people and their parents/guardians on the issue of timetable clashes we have made these changes to accommodate more young people over multiple sessions.

All of our groups continue to thrive and over the year we have delivered six core groups, our current timetable is as follows:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
	Year 5 - 3:30 till 5	Year 6 - 3:30 till 5
Girls Group (Year 7+) - 4:30 till 6	Year 7 & 8 - 5:30 till 7	Year 7 & 8 - 5:30 till 7
		Seniors (Year 9+) - 7:30 till 9

Termly we create a programme tailored to the young people based on what activities they would like to do, and we provide food to ensure all young people have something to eat.

Summer 2023

Over the summer holidays our programme consisted of trips and activities, including; surfing lessons at South Shields Surf School, trips to the Forum Cinema and Bowling at Wentworth Hexham. Creative arts and craft days, activity packed Parish Hall Days offering crafts, sports and games and getting hands on at our allotment. Over the holidays we worked with 84 young people.



A HUGE THANK YOU!

This year would not be possible without all the amazing acts of kindness and support from our community. No matter how big or small, your support has helped us greatly. We have received so much help for our project and allotment and we are forever grateful for it. Your generosity has enabled us to make CYI the best it can be for its young people and for that we would like to say a HUGE thank you.

CYI would like to take the opportunity to thank all staff members past and present, volunteers, trustees, our community and most importantly the YOUNG PEOPLE!

We would like to add a special thank you to Julie Patrickson who left our team this year. Thank you for all your support and hard work at CYI, we are very grateful for all that you contributed to.



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

West Northumberland Foodbank
CYI actively support all those who require it to access services at The Food Bank.

CYI Room Hire
The Youth and Community Centre is available for hire at £15.00 p/h. Private hire of the room can be booked via the email on the front of this report.



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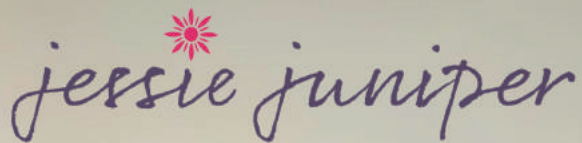
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- Community Foundation
- Corbridge Cricket Club
- Corbridge Community Partnership
- Corbridge Middle School
- Corbridge Parish Council
- Corbridge WI
- E C Belford Trust
- Garfield Weston Foundation
- Greggs, Rotary Way, Hexham
- Hadrian Border Brewery - Andy & Shona Burrows
- Hadrian Trust
- Ian Wylie
- Jamie Lawson
- Janet Scott
- Keda Norman & Hexham Youth Initiative
- Liam Henderson
- Mick Crozier
- NE Youth
- Nick Oliver
- Northumberland County Council
- Queen Elizabeth High School
- Sew Fabulous
- Sir James Knott
- St Andrew's Parish Church
- St Andrew's Woman's Fellowship
- Steven Clark
- Stuart Robinson
- The Blue Bell
- The COOP, Corbridge
- The Key
- The National Lottery Community
- The National Lottery Reaching Community Fund
- The Rotary Club
- Triple Media Ltd
- Trish Palmer
- Tynedale Lions
- Tynedale Youth Forum
- Visit Corbridge
- Wellesley Trust
- West Northumberland Foodbank

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Accounts for year ending 31st March 2023	
Income	£60,976.78
Expenditure	£86,657.72

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St Andrew's Church Christmas Tree Festival Thanks

Over 7000 people visited the five day 2023 festival with a total of almost £10,000 raised for the church's mission and ministry plus chosen charities. With thanks to all 91 listed on this page who entered a tree. Scan the QR code for a full gallery of photos. The celebrations for the 1350th anniversary of St Andrew's Church begin this autumn and organisers would like to mark that by having 135 trees in the 2024 festival. Details of how to enter will be in the October edition.

Shops:

Alex Clark Art
Corbridge Cookshop & Acanthus
Corbridge Garden Room
Craft Works Gallery
Finale
Forum Books
Jessie Juniper
Kirsty Taylor
Little Spectacle Shop
My Oh My
Post Office and Paper Shop
Purple Hound
Shelley Louise Home Fragrance
Vintage at the Tower
Watsonia Florists

Other businesses:

Anton Estates
Capelli Hair Design
Corbridge Business Centre
Corbridge Slimming World
Corbridge Yoga Studio
Croft and Graves
Finest Properties
Little Tinklers Nursery 1
Little Tinklers Nursery 2
Little Tinklers Nursery 3
MJ Forster Gallery
Over The Rainbow Child Care
Saunders & Pugh
The Spanish Room
Tynedale Centre

Cafes

Corbridge Larder
Halcyon House Cafe
Massey's Tea Room
Tea & Tipple

Pubs / Bars / Restaurants

The Blue Bell
The Pele

Organisations:

Bellvue Home Care
Burn Brae Lodge
Charlotte Straker Project
Chrysalis at Tynedale
Corbridge Youth Initiative & Sew Fab
Gateway Into The Community
Northern Domestic Abuse Service
Royal British Legion Corbridge Branch
Tynedale Hospice at Home

Groups:

Charlie's Corbridge Choir
Corbridge Art Club
Corbridge in Bloom
Corbridge Bridge Club
Corbridge Embroidery Group
Corbridge Healthy Walkers
Corbridge Heritage Centre
Corbridge Lace Group
Corbridge Sewing Bee
Corbridge Village Show
Corbridge W1
Dark Sky Voices
Dilston WI
1st Corbridge Brownies
1st Tynedale (Corbridge)
Beavers
1st Tynedale (Corbridge) Scout Group
Hexham Town WI
Inner Wheel Club Hexham and Tynedale
Last Tuesday Writing Group
Practical Compassion for Destitute Children
Tynedale Lions
Tynedale Rotary Club
Tynedale Trefoil Guild

Health

Corbridge District Nurse Team
Corbridge Health Centre
Princes Street Dental Practice
Ward 4 Hexham General Hospital

Schools

Corbridge First School Nursery
Corbridge Pre School
Corbridge First School Reception
Corbridge First School Class 1
Corbridge First School Class 2
Corbridge First School Class 3
Corbridge First School Class 4
Corbridge Middle School

Sports Clubs

Corbridge Carpet Bowls
Corbridge Cricket Club
Corbridge Tennis Club

St Andrew's Church

Baptism Tree
Corbridge Methodist Church
Flower Ladies
Messy Church
Prayer Group and Home Group
St Andrew's Choir
St Andrew's Women's Fellowship
Tea and Chat

Thankyou!



Forum Books

Hello Readers

As the new year unfurls, as ever, it's a perfect time to escape into a new book. We love books all year round - not just on Valentine's Day - but how about one of our blind date books? These are Forum favourites wrapped up with brown paper and string with a little hint as to what might be inside. You might get a thriller, romance, or travel...all are a guaranteed good read. And Spring brings a fresh new batch of paperbacks too. Hitting our fiction shelves are **Ann Cleeves' The Rising Tide**, **Tiffany McDaniel's On The Savage Side**, **Sebastian Barry's Old God's Time** and my book of last year **Cuddy** by **Benjamin Myers**. In my view Cuddy should have won more than the Goldsmith's Prize as it is such a beautiful book and a sheer hymn to the North East and its history from the death of our unofficial patron saint St Cuthbert.

We also have signed copies of **Mari Hannah's The Longest Goodbye** - her 15th book and the ninth in her very popular DCI Kate Daniels' series - after her recent launch at St Andrew's Church.

In non fiction, there's **Caro Giles' beautiful Twelve Moons** which follows a year spent caught between the wild sea and the changing moon of the wide Northumberland skies. **Fern Brady's Strong Female Character** then **Pip Fallow's Drugged Up Proppa** in March. We're also thrilled to be part of the Tyne Valley Film Festival again and Pip will be joining us to talk about his involvement in the filming of *The Old Oak* followed by a screening of the film in the bookshop on Tuesday 26th March.

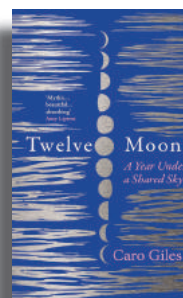
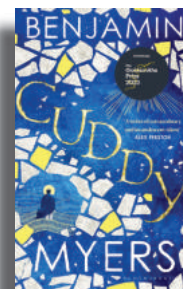
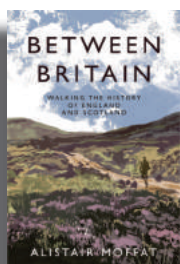
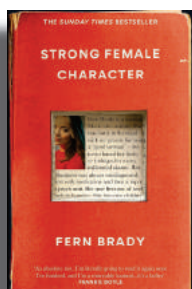
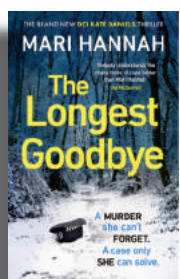
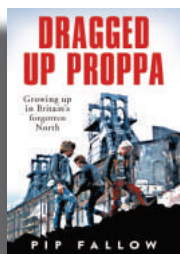
We are also delighted that **Alistair Moffat** can join us in Corbridge to launch his latest book, **Between Britain: Walking the History of England and Scotland** on Wednesday 7th February. And what better location than our bookshop in the heart of English border country with a Vicar's Pele Tower right opposite our front door?

The border between Scotland and England is rich in history. It has been the site of battles, treaties, castles and crossroads. It is also a place where both countries display their nationalism: Saltires flying in the north, the Cross of St George to the south. But it can also be a lens through which to look at the changing history and identities of these two countries. Alistair Moffat is a lifelong borderer and the ideal guide on this 100 mile journey. We begin just north of the town of Berwick-upon-Tweed. Already the battlelines have been drawn - the town having been grabbed by the English from Berwickshire in 1482 and never given back. From here we will head west as our tour travels backwards and forwards through history. In all, we will walk through eight centuries before we reach journey's end at the mouth of the River Sark.

Finally, right at the start of half term, Alnwick Story Fest is back (16-18th February) to celebrate the power of stories to transform and light up our lives in this Winter festival. The line up is amazing from Val McDermid and Mari Hannah, with Ann Cleeves, David Almond, Sharon Blake, Emma Gannon, and Rebecca Smith. More details and tickets are available from Alnwick Playhouse: <https://alnwickplayhouse.co.uk/live-performance/story-fest-2024/>

Hope to see you soon, and happy reading!

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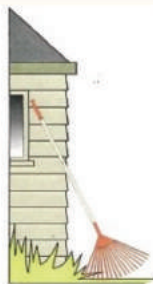
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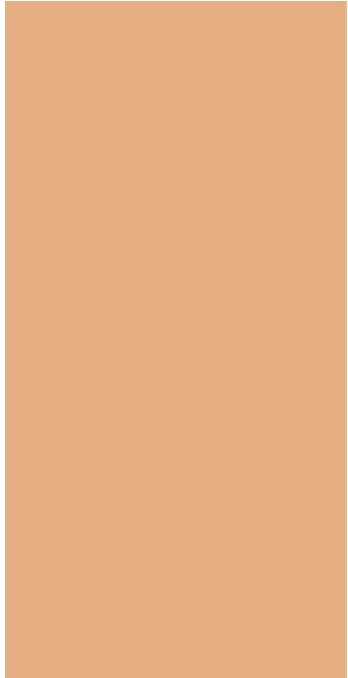
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