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Council Notes



I would like to thank many of you for your kind words of encouragement to Andrew Cunningham - the Parish Council's 'handyman'. Andrew's work is of great value to the village. The ability for us to get things mended, cleaned up and painted directly and promptly has made a real difference. It is vital that we support Andrew in his endeavours. We therefore plan to provide Andrew with more equipment and a base to store tools and other equipment on the Parish Hall site to make his efforts even more productive.

After receiving suggestions regarding the 'tired' condition of the toilet facilities in the Parish Hall the council has decided to investigate an upgrade. This will probably involve a refurbishment of the male toilets and possible re-organisation / refurbishment of the layout of the female toilets. The question I posed at our recent Parish Council meeting was, "Are the toilets in as good condition as the rest of the Parish Hall?" The answer is "no" and we agreed to correct this.

Residents living on and around Appletree Lane have raised the issue of cars using the road as a 'rat run' or short cut from Newcastle Road to Aydon Road and vice versa. Appletree Lane is an 'Access Only' road. Vehicles are not permitted to drive past the signs at either junction unless access is required to a property on Appletree Lane. It is not permitted to use it as a short cut. Many local residents use Appletree Lane to walk to the village from the Crofts estate and it is used by children to walk to school. Not only should unauthorised cars not be in the lane, they pose an additional hazard to pedestrians. The Parish Council intends to conduct a traffic survey to establish how many cars are using the lane improperly. We will provide Northumbria Police with our findings and urge them to take all necessary action to stop this practice.

Finally, I'm glad to report that we have received a positive response from Northumberland County Council to the Parish Council's Market Place proposals. The letter of 'pre-application' advice confirmed that our scheme is likely to be supportable in planning terms subject to various considerations. This means that we can now progress to the next stage which involves detailed design and the preparation of a planning application. I will keep you informed of our progress.

William Clouston
(Corbridge Parish Council Chairman)

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I have met with the county council's broadband team and Openreach to discuss improving broadband services in Corbridge. Openreach has confirmed that parts of Corbridge not already connected are in their commercial rollout plan and will have Ultrafast Fibre broadband installed between now and 2026. The remaining 377 Corbridge properties will be included in a new government £4,500 per property voucher scheme for Corbridge which will enable fibre installation if 136 of those properties sign up for it. If you live in one of those properties Openreach will write to you to confirm the government will pay for your broadband to be upgraded to the fastest future proofed service. You need to register for a voucher and pledge it to Openreach. When 136 properties have registered they will schedule the installation. I would urge those residents to seriously consider signing up. If we miss this opportunity it may be years before we get the chance to upgrade these properties. Do contact me if you have any questions. There has been an increase in crime in Corbridge recently with vandalism, some intimidating behaviour and break-ins. The Northumbria Police response has been immediate and I'd urge anybody who witnesses anything to report it to them via 101 on the phone or on their website. They need this information to be able to take proactive action to nip things in the bud.

Discussions with Corbridge Middle School and the county council about the 3G pitch continue and as I know more I will let everybody know. Progress on the extension of the free Corbridge Village Car Park south of the bridge continues. The county council Highways design team has now carried out surveys and prepared designs.

I have met with some residents on the new estate in Corbridge about the work that the developers have not yet completed. Many of these issues are outside of the authority of the county council. But where council officers can exert any influence, I will continue to encourage them to do so with continuing regular contact with the Highways Development and Planning Enforcement teams. The county council can only adopt the roads when all of the conditions have been met. I have also enlisted the support of our MP Guy Opperman to encourage the builders to finish the job quickly and to a high standard. Issues include site landscaping levels, water run off and completion of roads and footpaths.

Please don't hesitate to 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 June 26 and July 24 in the Parish Hall, St Helen's Street, Corbridge.
Clerk of the Council: Mrs Mandy Senior 07950 297634
clerk@corbridge-pc.gov.uk

Midsummer 2024



The big night of the year, organised by Visit Corbridge, returns from 4pm onwards on Thursday June 20th with live music and dance, street food, market stalls and late night shopping. With the Textile and Art Exhibition inside St Andrew's Church open until 9pm. Midsummer highlights this year include the return of the Hexham Morrismen and Lasses plus Rock Choir. A free park and ride service will again run to and from Tynedale Park / the Rugby Club.

CORBRIDGE
NORTHUMBERLAND



A MIDSUMMER'S EVENING

MARKET PLACE STALLS
STREET FOOD
LIVE MUSIC & DANCE
LATE NIGHT SHOPPING
& MORE!

Free Park & Ride Return Service From Tynedale Park / Rugby Club



Thursday June **20th** from 4pm

1st Tynedale (Corbridge) Scouts

The 1st Tynedale (Corbridge) Scout Group is a vibrant part of the Corbridge community (and has been since 1976), with a clear mission: To contribute to the development of young people (aged six to 14) in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social, and spiritual potentials. The group emphasises the importance of individuals in society and their responsibility as citizens. As citizens, the group is most visible at the annual Remembrance Sunday Parade and the St Andrew's Church Christmas Tree Festival. Our purpose built headquarters on St Helen's Street (behind the Parish Hall) opened in 1994 and is currently undergoing a makeover. Beavers, Cubs and Scouts meet there weekly and during the summer at Dilston Scout Campsite, where they can engage in a variety of activities that promote teamwork, leadership, and citizenship.

The **Beavers**, our youngest section, focuses on fun and friendship while introducing them to the scouting experience through games, crafts, and local exploration. The section is run by Maria our experienced Beaver Scout Leader and is supported by a group of adult volunteers.

We have a healthy **Cub** pack which builds on the foundation laid by the Beavers. Cubs participate in more adventurous activities, including camping and hiking, which help them develop self-reliance and a sense of service and community. The section is led by Tim, who has been a leader for 24 years. Tim will be leaving the group this summer and we all wish him the best in his future adventures.

Scouts are encouraged to take on challenges and adventures that foster independence, service, and leadership skills. Scouts engage in a wide range of activities from traditional scouting skills like knot tying and orienteering to climbing, water activities and community service projects. The Scout section is run by our new Scout Leader Howard, supported by two uniformed assistant leaders Justin and Richard.

Our sections have recently been very successful in District events and competitions, like the night hike, shooting, and bowling. The Scouts also take part in a fun and action packed winter camp called Brass Monkey and a traditional back-to-basics camp, cooking on open fires and living in green Icelandic tents.

As well as smaller section camping, the whole group camp together biannually. We have recently been to Hawkhurst at Kielder where the Beavers bell boated, Cubs canoed, Scouts used paddleboards and all sang together at the campfire. They also developed teambuilding by





Scouts



orienteering, building and racing rafts, and navigating obstacles while blindfolded. This creates a wonderful sense of community and belonging and it is great to see our older teenagers mixing with, working with and supporting our young Beavers and Cubs.

Having been involved with the group myself for a few years, it is great to see the Beavers grow into teenagers who years after leaving Scouts still have fond memories of their time with 1st Tynedale (Corbridge).

The group is supported by a team of dedicated volunteers, including the committee of trustees who oversee the governance of the group. This commitment from the volunteers ensures the group can offer a high quality scouting experience to the youth of Corbridge. However, we are always in need of more adult support. We are currently looking for a new Cub leader, to ensure the group can continue to offer the wide range of activities and those positive experiences which will change the life of the young people that we work with forever.

If you would like to volunteer as a parent helper, committee member, fund raiser or even as a uniformed leader, we would love to hear from you. We always have space for one more to take on a new adventure. The Scout Association provides training for all roles and there is always support from other volunteers and the Group Scout Leader. Looking towards the future, the group will hopefully continue to provide the youth of Corbridge with a safe space to grow and become the type of citizen that will benefit our community. The scouts are hoping to travel abroad and participate in overseas scouting. We would also like to open a **Squirrel** section for young people between the ages of four and six. This will be dependent on finding a couple of uniformed leaders.

In summary, the 1st Tynedale Corbridge Scout Group is more than just an extracurricular activity; it's a place where young people can grow, learn, and become well-rounded individuals. Through their involvement in the Scouts, children and teenagers in Corbridge have the opportunity to develop skills that will serve them throughout their lives, making them better individuals and proactive members of society.

For more information on joining as a youth member, meeting times or volunteering at 1st Tynedale (Corbridge) please contact me at:

Matthew.Fenney@northumberlandscouts.org.uk



Textile and Art Exhibition (Craft Fest 24)

Corbridge Sewing Bee in partnership with St Andrew's Church is busy planning a two-day Textile and Art Exhibition to be held this month (June). The first exhibition, held in 2022, was a great success with visitors showing a keen interest in the wealth of creativity on show. As before, the 2024 exhibition will display work from local textile and art groups including Corbridge Lace Makers, Corbridge Embroidery Group, Sew Fab and Corbridge Art Club. Corbridge Sewing Bee will also be showing their work, including weaving, beadwork, machine embroidery, rug making, knitting, quilting and crochet - to name but a few. In addition, individual artists and crafters living or working locally include toy makers, independent artists, a calligrapher, a potter, a photographer, a quilter and a basket maker.

The main aim of the exhibition is to celebrate the contribution creative artists make to our local community at all levels. Local school children will be contributing work, for example, as will the Corbridge Youth Initiative and the Charlotte Straker craft group. This year an eco-theme has been introduced which will feature the sheer range of hand-crafted items that can be fashioned from pre-used fabrics and wool. Visitors who would like to copy this approach will be able to choose suitable material from a 'fabric stash' to take home in return for small donation. The Rev Linda Hunter, Assistant Curate at St Andrew's, said, "In 2022 I was absolutely astonished at the expertise, creativity and sheer number of hours that had gone into designing and creating all of the wonderful exhibits. St Andrew's looked magnificent as local people showcased their skills and talent. I have already seen some of the pieces of work for this forthcoming exhibition and have been astounded by the ingenuity and thought gone into the work. I can't wait to see what all of these talented people have in store for us this year."

Tea, coffee and biscuits will be available throughout the exhibition and a raffle will include a number of high quality hand-crafted items donated by Corbridge Sewing Bee. For an exclusive look at the items on display, a preview evening will be held on Wednesday 19th June between 7pm and 8pm. Tickets at £5 (to include a glass of wine) are available from St Andrew's Church - admincorbridgechurch@btinternet.com - and the Forum bookshop.

Entry to the exhibition on Thursday 20th and Friday 21st is free (donations welcomed) with all proceeds shared equally between the church and the Charlotte Straker Trust. As Berenice Groves, Chair of the Charlotte Straker Trust, noted, "We are delighted that the Textile and Art Exhibition will be back for 2024 and very grateful that we will receive a percentage of the donations for the event. The Craft Fest held in 2022 was a huge success and I know this year's crafters will be displaying some stunning exhibits. Some of our residents are very keen crafters and can't wait to come to the festival to see the beautiful items on display. Every penny we receive from donations will be spent on our charity funded Community Respite Care Bed to allow us to provide free of charge respite care to the community. We're so grateful to the organisers of the Craft Fest for giving this opportunity."

Come along and support this innovative exhibition celebrating local creativity in the beautiful setting of St Andrew's Church. Bring your 'crafty' friends and be inspired first hand by these wonderful exhibits.



Textile & Art Exhibition

Craft Fest 2024

free entry
donations welcome

*A celebration of
Crafts and
Makers in the
Community*

St Andrew's Church, Corbridge
Thurs 20th June 9.30am - 9.00pm
Fri 21st June 9.30am - 4.00pm

Quilting, Weaving, Knitting, Crochet, Art
Basketry, Lace making, Embroidery
Rug making, Floral art, Calligraphy
Soft toy making, Pottery,
Photography, Soap making

Proceeds to be shared between St Andrew's
Church and The Charlotte Straker Project



Sewing Bee images: Bill Cunningham

NOTICE BOARD

St Andrew's Church

Parish Communion at 10am Sundays.
Holy Communion at 10am every Wednesday.
Sunday June 2 at 4pm: Simply Worship.
Sunday June 9 at 4pm: Messy Church.
Sunday June 16 at 4pm: Simply Worship.
Sunday June 23 at 4pm: River.
Sunday June 30 at 4pm: Simply Worship.

Corbridge Methodists

Thursday June 13 at 10am: Service at St Andrew's Church.
Thursday June 27 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

Tea and Chat

All welcome. This informal social gathering meets at 2pm on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month - June 12 and 26 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 Creative Writers Weekly workshops for women

Whether you want to start writing or to build on previous writing experience, this safe and encouraging environment is aimed at supporting your development as a writer. Tailored to the needs of the group, the weekly two hour workshops take place in Corbridge and blend writing exercises, feedback and discussion. The cost is £20 per session, payable half-termly, and includes light refreshments. You are also welcome to bring along your lunch. Sessions are facilitated by Susannah Ronnie, a playwright, award-winning poet and visual artist with a PhD in Creative Writing and experience of working with writers from beginners through to university MA level. Our current group meets every Tuesday from 11:30am to 1:30pm during term time. If you would like to join us, please contact Susannah on 07814 420290 or by sending an email to su@susannahronnie.com Please also get in touch if you would be interested in exploring creative writing but are not available for these sessions.

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.

Corbridge Steam Rally 2024



Saturday 8th & Sunday 9th June
Corbridge Rugby Club, Northumberland NE45 5AY



Corbridge In Bloom

Dear Corbridge businesses and residents,
Would you like to sponsor one of the colourful Corbridge in Bloom tubs this summer? Your name or logo will appear in your tub surrounded by flowers. Please contact gaylemfoster@hotmail.com at Visit Corbridge for information about how to sponsor a tub for an amount of your choice.

Corbridge Parish Hall

June 2024

diary

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
	09:00 - 10:00 Zumba Class	10:30 - 15:30 KSA Painters	09:00 - 10:00 Zumba Class	09:30 - 11:30 Corbridge Bad...		10:00 - 14:30 Tynedale Chris...
	11:00 - 12:00 Private Booking	16:00 - 18:45 Private Booking	19:30 - 21:30 Piper Badmint...	13:30 - 14:30 Pilates		
	13:00 - 16:00 Corbridge Brid...			17:00 - 19:00 Karate		
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16:00 - 17:30 Zumba Kids	11:00 - 12:00 Private Booking	16:30 - 20:50 Private Booking	19:30 - 21:30 Piper Badmint...	13:30 - 14:30 Pilates		
19:00 - 22:00 Corbridge Brid...	13:00 - 16:00 Corbridge Brid...			17:00 - 19:00 Karate		
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changes

Your Parish Council website has a new address

<https://corbridge-pc.gov.uk>

and Parish Clerk, Mandy Senior also has a new email address

clerk@corbridge-pc.gov.uk

Supporting

BritishRedCross



Stagshaw House

Open Garden

Stagshaw House features a formal terraced garden with plenty of seating for visitors to relax and take in the stunning views of Tyne Valley.

Date: Sunday, 09 June 2024 **12-5:30PM**

Address: Corbridge, Northumberland, NE45 5PG

Entry: £5.00 per adult, children under 12 free

Contact: Tiffany Lew, 07843 346 159

For a full up-to-date list of gardens visit redcross.org.uk/opengardens or scan the QR code



The power of kindness

The British Red Cross Society, incorporated by Royal Charter 1908, is a charity registered in England and Wales (220949), Scotland (SC037738), Isle of Man (0752) and Jersey (430)

Aydon Road Allotments

OPEN DAY



FREE ENTRY

Dogs welcome on leads

Sunday 9th June

10am – 1pm

Plant & Produce Sale (cash only)

Refreshments (cash only)

Allotment judging



Are you interested in growing your own produce?
Come and chat to us about allotment availability.

A photograph of a man with a beard and a hat, and a woman in a pink hat, both smiling and posing for the camera.

**TYNEDALE
BEER
& CIDER
FESTIVAL
THUR 13
TO SUN 16
JUNE 2024**

COMING SOON!

A photograph of a group of people sitting on the grass, enjoying the festival.A photograph of a pizza being cooked on a grill.

**BEER • CIDER • CRAFT KEG BEER • WINE • PIMMS
GIN & RUM BAR • STREET FOOD • LIVE MUSIC
SATURDAY & SUNDAY FAMILY AFTERNOON**

Tickets from just £7.50 BUY ONLINE. PLUS BOOKING FEE:
tynedalebeerfestival.org.uk

@tynedbeerfest **tynedalebeerfestival**

**IN 2024 WE ARE PROUD TO SUPPORT:
CHRYSALIS CLUB • WE CAN
FRIENDS OF HEXHAM PRIORY SCHOOL
TYNEDALE RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB**

**CHARLOTTE STRAKER HOUSE
CORBRIDGE
presents our**

A decorative graphic featuring a wooden sign with the words "SUMMER Fete" in colorful letters, surrounded by various flowers and greenery.

A circular portrait of actress Brenda Blethyn wearing a hat and a red scarf.

**Brenda Blethyn, star
of "Vera", will open
our fete at 2pm!**

**SATURDAY
15th JUNE
2-4PM**

A red circular stamp with the words "FREE ENTRY" repeated three times around the perimeter.

**Games, Stalls, Tea Tent, Fabulous
Raffle, Bouncy Castle, Tombola,
Ice Cream and lots more...**

www.charlottestraker.org.uk

 **NATIONAL GARDEN SCHEME**
Garden Open For Charity

Halton Castle

Corbridge, NE45 5PH

Sunday 16 June

11.30am - 4.30pm

Adults £6 Children free

Light lunches and home made teas from 12.00
Dogs welcome on leads
Limited wheelchair access

WHEELCHAIR ACCESS DOGS WELCOME PLANTS FOR SALE TEAS ACCEPTED

More information at ngs.org.uk



Registered charity No. 11264

OPEN GARDEN AT BYWELL CASTLE

SUNDAY 16TH JUNE



Stalls include:
Pop-up shop
Acomb Farm Shop
Vanilla Treat
Gin and Tonia
More...

FEATURING LIVE MUSIC FROM TANNERS YARD

Lord and Lady Allendale will be opening their beautiful garden in aid of Tynedale Hospice at Home this June.

Where: Bywell Castle, Stocksfield, NE43 7AB
When: Sunday 16th June
Time: 12pm – 4pm
Tickets: Adult £5 / Children under 12 FREE

BOOK ONLINE: [TYNEDALEHOSPICE.COM](https://tynedalehospice.com)

Join us for this special family fun day. Enjoy food and treats while exploring the beautiful gardens.

FUN DAY OUT FOR ALL THE FAMILY!

 Raising funds to support services provided by Tynedale Hospice at Home
Charity Number: 1034170 Company Number: 02870776



 Scan this QR code to buy your tickets online!

CORBRIDGE OPEN GARDENS

Sunday 23rd June 2024
1pm to 5pm

Buy tickets on the day or buy online at www.tinyurl.com/corbridgegarden

Maps and tickets are available on the day from the Corbridge Community Hub (former Methodist Church) in Princes Street

£5 per adult
Teas, coffees and cake available to buy at the Corbridge Community Hub

Explore many beautiful gardens, large & small, private & public in Corbridge!

All profits in aid of:
Charlotte Straker House
The Corbridge Community Partnership

 Charity Number: 1021086  Charity Number: 1203377



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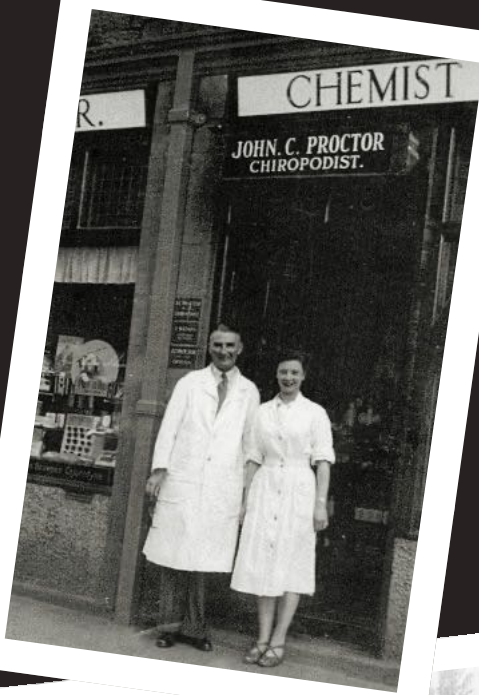
SUMMER FAIR

FRIDAY

5th July

• RAFFLES • GAMES • FOOD •
• ICE CREAM • STALLS •
• AND MORE •

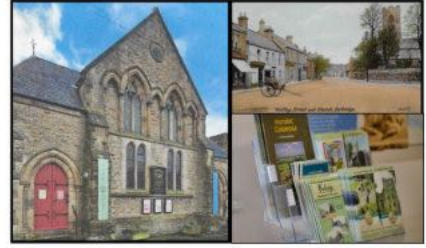
11AM - 4PM
GENERAL PUBLIC ADMISSION 3-4PM





CORBRIDGE HERITAGE CENTRE

at the Community Hub on Princes Street



History of the village, its people, buildings, events, commercial activities plus 360 vintage postcards, reference books, Heritage Trail maps and more.

Open on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays:

April to October: 11am to 3pm
November to March 11am to 2pm



Go down the
lane to the left
of the building

all our yesterdays



St Andrew's 1350th

Inspiring The Future

In October we will begin a year-long celebration of an amazing anniversary. St Andrew's Church here in Corbridge will be 1350 years old. Wow, what a remarkable fact for our village.

How did it all begin?

In the 670s, St Wilfrid established two monasteries in this part of the Tyne Valley. One of them we now know as Hexham Abbey, and the other is St Andrew's, Corbridge. We know that Hexham was established in 674 and so Hexham Abbey is celebrating its 1350th anniversary this year. We don't know exactly when Corbridge was established, but it was very close to the founding of Hexham. So, in consultation with Hexham, we will be celebrating the Corbridge big anniversary from October 2024 to October 2025.

The first church building on the site of St Andrew's would have been a wooden church and staffed by monks under St Wilfrid. The original wooden structure was soon replaced by a stone church including the lower part of the present tower and the pillars of the nave which are part of the original Saxon nave walls. The church then saw massive development in the 13th century and, with some minor later additions, this is the gem we know and love today.

Who was St Wilfrid?

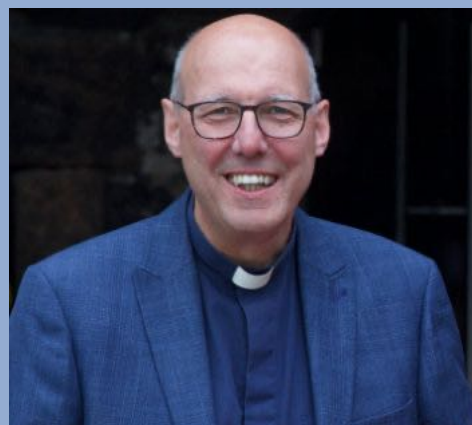
First, to clarify his name. It appears as either Wilfrid (from the Anglo-Saxon form Wilfrith) or Wilfred (the Latin form). So in Corbridge we have St Wilfred's Road. We tend now to use the Anglo-Saxon form today. Wilfrid was a Northumbrian and lived from 633-709. He was trained in the monastery founded by St Aidan on the Holy Island of Lindisfarne. He was clearly a man of amazing energy and strength of character. He travelled widely in Europe and was very concerned that the Church in Northumbria should follow the customs of the Roman Church rather than the Celtic or Irish tradition. He was often controversial and was twice banished. He served as Bishop of York and Bishop of Hexham. He also founded Ripon Cathedral.

Why St Andrew's?

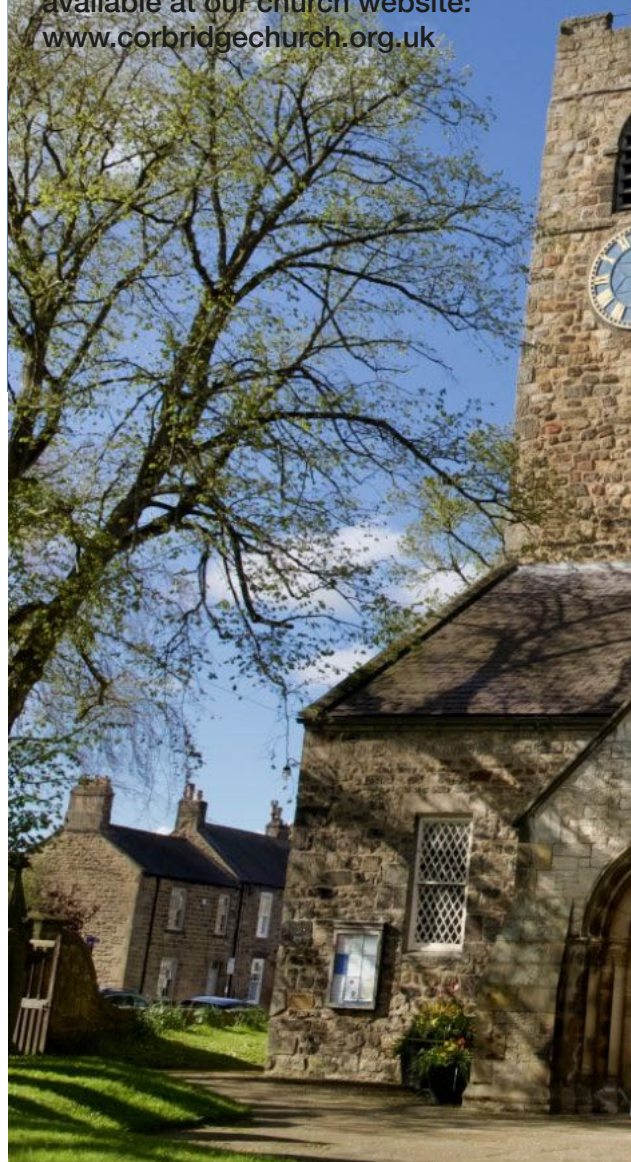
Both Hexham Abbey and Corbridge are dedicated to Andrew the Apostle, the brother of St Peter. St Wilfrid seems to have been inspired by Andrew as a missionary Bishop. St John's Gospel tells us that Andrew was very good at bringing people to Jesus. Wilfrid was zealous for the growth of the Church. His monks would have been missionary monks, travelling widely, preaching and teaching, and baptising all who accepted the Christian faith.

What will happen during our celebration?

We hope the year will celebrate Corbridge as the community that has grown around St Andrew's Church.



Volunteers Appeal: A key part of the anniversary year will be a series of guided tours of the church highlighting its living heritage and vibrant culture. Our hope is to recruit volunteers to deliver the tours and provide a warm welcome to visitors. Previous experience is not necessary as training will be provided. A fact sheet giving additional information together with an application form are available at our church website: www.corbridgechurch.org.uk





**ST ANDREW'S
CORBRIDGE**

1350th
INSPIRING THE FUTURE

So our schools, village groups and organisations are invited to share in this once in a generation anniversary. We keep St Wilfrid's Day on October 12th, the day of his death. So the opening weekend will be Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th October. On the Saturday there will be a Church Open Day with activities, a talk, reception and music. On Sunday 13th, Bishop Helen-Ann, the Bishop of Newcastle, will come to preside and preach at the 10am service followed by a shared lunch.

During the year we will be holding various displays illustrating both the history of Corbridge and St Andrew's and interpreting the church building and the Christian faith and Christian community which inhabit it.

We are looking to have 135 trees at the Christmas Tree Festival between Friday November 29 and Tuesday December 3.

In 2025 there will be:

- Heritage exhibitions
- a 1350 Fun Run
- heritage walks and guided tours
- heritage weeks illustrating aspects of our history
- a second Art Exhibition (June 5-16)
- a rainbow cascade of knitted flowers from the Church Tower
- three high-profile concerts and other musical events
- a Flower Festival (June 25-29)
- the Corbridge Chamber Music Festival with 1350 Commissioned Music
- special services and events celebrating the Christian faith
- a closing weekend in October 2025 when we hope the Archbishop of York will come to St Andrew's
- 1350 merchandise for sale

And watch this space for a St Andrew's detective investigation.

A 1350 Fabric Project

The Church Council is exploring the possibility of glazing in the Lady (side) Chapel of St Andrew's to provide a beautiful space within the church building for meetings, smaller acts of worship, children's activities etc. This will be independently heated by renewable electricity, the first stage in our commitment to working towards becoming carbon neutral. We would need community support to realise this vision but it would be a lasting legacy as we seek to cherish and develop this remarkable building for future generations. Again, watch this space for more information.

Spreading the word

We will be preparing a brochure of events that will be distributed throughout the Parish, as well as updated information through social media.

We hope that this will be an unforgettable year for our village and its parish church. We certainly are seeking to provide something for everyone. We invite you to come and join the celebration!

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PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

25–28 JULY 2024

THURSDAY 25 JULY

CONCERT 1 | 7pm

Fanny Mendelssohn Piano Trio
in D minor, Op.11
Bernard Herrmann Souvenirs de Voyage
Dvořák String Quintet in G major, Op.77

FRIDAY 26 JULY

CONCERT 2 | 6pm

Glazunov Five Novelettes for
string quartet, Op.15 (selection)
Shostakovich Seven Romances on
Poems by Alexander Blok
Farrenc Piano Quintet No.2 in E, Op.31

CONCERT 3 | 9pm

Nuevo Tango, with JP Jofre (bandoneon/
composer) and the Corbridge Festival Musicians.
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composer and performer with his unique style of
modern-day Tango.

SATURDAY 27 JULY

FRIENDS' AND PATRONS' EVENT 12.30pm

'Bandoneon Revealed', with JP Jofre

PIERROT, UNMASKED | 3.15pm

Musicologist James Lea leads an exploration of
Schoenberg's masterpiece, Pierrot Lunaire, in
the composer's 150th anniversary year, with live
musical examples.

CONCERT 4 | 6pm

Pierrot's Moon
Debussy Pierrot
Kowalski Sonnen Ende
Marx Pierrot Dandy
Schumann Carnival Op.9 No.2 Pierrot
Korngold Tanzlied des Pierrot
Rebecca Clarke Midsummer Moon
Debussy Cello Sonata
Schoenberg Pierrot Lunaire

CONCERT 5 | 9pm

Noche Americana
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SUNDAY 28 JULY

COME AND PLAY FESTIVAL ORCHESTRA

Join the Festival Pros for a performance of
Haydn's Symphony No.99 and star-Argentinian
composer/bandoneon player JP Jofre's
The Fifth Season.

REHEARSAL | 10am–12pm

PUBLIC PERFORMANCE | 12.30pm

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CONCERT 6 | 3pm

Dvořák arr. Matthews Love Songs
Helen Grime Three Whistler Miniatures
Smetana Piano Trio in G minor, Op.15

CONCERT 7 | 7pm

Boccherini String Quintet in D major, G353
Thea Musgrave Pierrot
Piazzolla Libertango
Brahms Piano Quintet in F minor, Op.34

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2024

The Festival has brought world class chamber music to Corbridge for over 25 years with another dazzling line up at St Andrew's Church for July 2024. Joining the Gould Piano Trio and clarinetist Robert Plane will be "superstar soprano" Claire Booth, Argentinian Grammy nominated Bandoneon virtuoso JP Jofre and many of the finest string players around. See the information on this page for more details with further details on the Festival website: www.corbridgefestival.co.uk/ - or scan the QR code.



Hello Readers

Forum Books

Summer months are perfect for reading al fresco and, as ever, I have a few recommendations.

St Andrew's Church is the location for an evening of delightful chat with national treasure the **Reverend Richard Coles**. He's coming to Corbridge to celebrate the release of the third book in his Canon Clements' Mystery series, **Murder at The Monastery** on Wednesday 12th June. Canon Daniel Clement has suffered a secret humiliation and to recover takes respite at the monastery where he was a novice. But the monastery doesn't allow the break he needs, for tensions are building there too. When there is a death at the monastery, Daniel thinks it might be murder.

Then to celebrate the release of **Elizabeth Macneal's** latest gothic thriller **The Burial Plot** join us for an evening of conversation exploring the genre and the novel. Elizabeth's previous books *The Doll Factory* and *Circus of Wonders* are firm FORUM favourites. *The Burial Plot* is a spellbinding tale of murder, manipulation and a young woman trying to wrestle power from the hands of a dangerous man. But he's always one step ahead. "I genuinely could not put this down," wrote Stacey Halls.

And we are equally delighted that the Rev Richard Coles is an Independent Bookshop Week ambassador this year. He said: "It all began for me with an independent bookseller, The Oundle Bookshop in Northamptonshire, where, when I was eight years old, my grandfather bought me my first proper book – *The Complete Sherlock Holmes Short Stories* – and without knowing it set me on this gilded path."

Independent Bookshop Week 2024 will take place between Saturday 15 to Saturday 22 June and is a celebration of independent bookshops across the UK and Ireland. It aims to highlight the vital role independent bookshops play in their communities and to encourage consumers to shop for their summer reads with their local independent. With *A Midsummer's Evening* in Corbridge (Thursday June 20) falling in the same week, we'll have author visits and bookish fun then too!

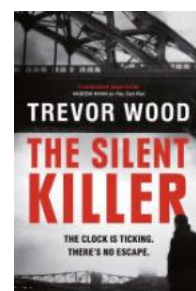
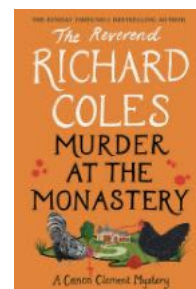
Actress **Jill Halfpenny's** **A Life Reimagined** is a touching memoir of love, loss and life after tragedy. When Jill was four, her father died. He went to play his weekly game of five-a-side football, had a heart attack and never came home. In 2017, in cruelly similar circumstances, Jill's partner Matt went to a gym class and suffered a fatal cardiac arrest. These two tragic events frame Jill's story in *A Life Reimagined* as she explores how she dealt with profound grief as a child and teenager and then later in life as a partner and mother. *A Life Reimagined* is Jill's space to share what she has learned - both about herself and how we view grief as a society - in the hope that she can help readers feel like they can start to put one foot in front of the other and be hopeful about life again. Jill will be talking about her book at Alnwick Gardens and The Biscuit Factory on Monday 17th and Tuesday 18th June respectively.

For a change of pace, **Trevor Wood's** **The Silent Killer** is the first in a Newcastle-set police procedural series with a twist. DCI Jack Parker has a secret - he has Early-Onset Dementia and will do anything and everything to hide it from his peers and the people he is investigating. With a serial killer stalking the Newcastle streets and one of his closest colleagues lying in the mortuary following a hit and run he thinks things are about as tough as they've ever been. But he should know that trouble always comes in threes as Jack is about to face the biggest challenge of his life, one that will end his career and destroy his family. As he does everything he can to hide his deteriorating condition from his family and colleagues, can he save the day and his career? Trevor has been working with Alzheimer's Research to raise awareness and hopes by means of a good story to show the damage dementia can do as well as serving up a cracking crime thriller.

Hoping you find some dappled shade and a chance to get lost in a perfect read.

Happy reading!

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