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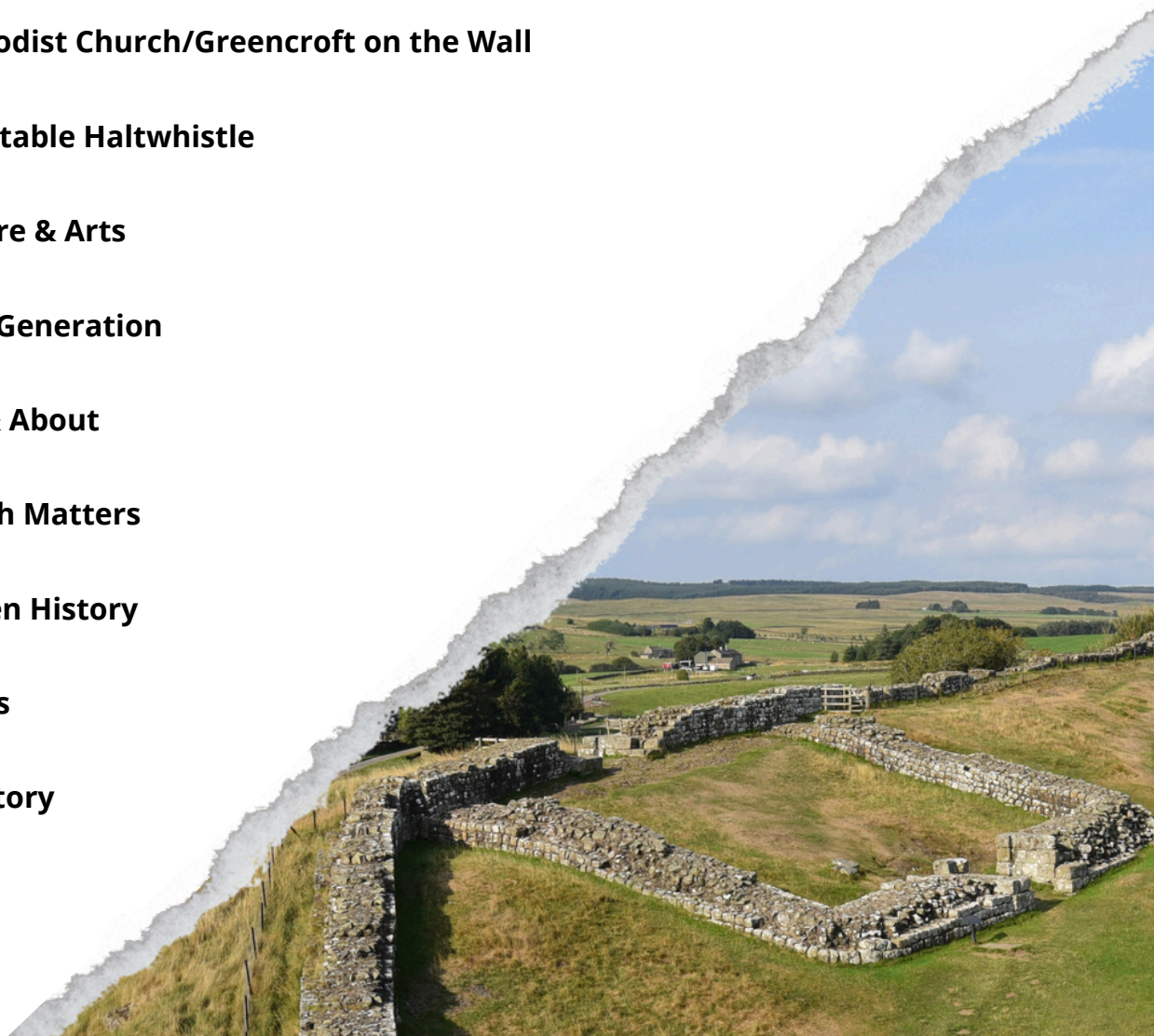
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What's on in July and August

July

- 2nd** Quiz, 8pm, The Jubilee (see p17)
- 5th** Dart Doubles Competition, 7pm, Comrades Clubs (see p17)
- 6th** Car Treasure Hunt, 1:30pm, Sainsburys Car Park (see p17)
- 9th** History Group, Colin Mills - The Real Debatable Land, 10:30am, Hospital Community Room
- 11th** Open Bowls Competition, 6pm, Haltwhistle Bowling Club, see p1
- 11th** Katie Doherty & The Navigators, 7:30pm, The Threshing Barn, Greencroft on the Wall
- 12th** Dogs and Ducks, 11:30am, Old Tyne Bridge, see p17
- 13th** Haltwhistle Carnival, parade at 12noon, see p17
- 14th** Garden Club talk on the National Garden Scheme, 7:30pm, Comrades Club
- 19th** Young Farmers Coffee Morning, 9:30am, Methodist Hall
- 26th** Warm Welcome Coffee Morning, 9:30am, Methodist Hall

August

- 11th** Garden Club talk on Creating a Linear Native Tree Arboretum, 7:30pm, Comrades Club
- 17th** Cream Teas and Crafts, 1pm, Greenhead Village Hall
- 23rd** Art Club Exhibition, Methodist Hall

Every Thursday in August, Popular Guided History Walks, 10:30am, Railway Pub

Regular Events

Churches Together - Praying Together:

Every Monday, 10:30am, Holy Cross

Haltwhistle Memory Café: First Monday of the month, 2-4pm, Community Room

Greenhead Art Club: Every Monday, 1:30-3pm, Village Hall

A.N.D. Sensory Chillout: Every other Mon, 3:30-5pm, Family Hub

Greenhead W.I.: Every second Monday 7pm, Greenhead Village Hall

Older People's Project: Every Tuesday, 10am-12noon, Drop In, Methodist Church Hall

Stay and Play: Every Tuesday in term time, 1:30-3pm, 0-5 years, Family Hub

Greenhead Craft Group: Alternative Tuesdays, 2pm, Greenhead Village Hall

Family Cafe: First Tuesday, 2-3pm, Drop-In, Free refreshments, Family Hub

Warhammer Club: Every Tuesday, 5-7pm, Bonnie's Cafe

Mothers' Union: Every second Tuesday, 2:15pm, Holy Cross

Bardon Mill Film Night: Every third Tuesday, 4pm in the church room.

Haltwhistle Bowling Club: Every Tuesday, 6pm, next to the hospital

Community Gardeners: Every Wednesday, 9.45am-12.30pm, meet behind Pillar Box Cafe

Peep A.N.D.: Every Wednesday, a quieter session for those with additional needs and/or disabilities, 0-5yrs, 10-11, Family Hub

Knit & Natter: Every Wednesday, 2pm, Haltwhistle Library

Craft & Chat: Every Wednesday, 2pm, Holy Cross

Haltwhistle Friendship Group: Every Wednesday, 1-3pm Hospital Community Room

Haltwhistle W.I.: Every 1st Thursday 7:15pm, Comrades Club

Haltwhistle Growing Together: Every Thursday 10am-12noon, Haltwhistle Youth Club

Calico Hinnies: Every 4th Thursday, 1:30-4pm, Greenhead Village Hall

Badminton For All: Every Friday, 10am-12noon, Haltwhistle Leisure Centre

Stay and Play: Term Time Fridays, 10.00am-11.30am (drop in), 0-5yrs, Family Hub

ZigZag Days: Alternate Fridays, from 10am, for info call Sue 07935 259 416

New Hadrian Singers: Every Friday, 7pm, Hospital Community Room

Greenhead Dominos Night: Every Friday, 7pm, Greenhead Village Hall

Haltwhistle Art Club: Every Friday, 10.30-2:30pm, Methodist Church Hall

Breakfast Club: Last Sunday of the Month, Bacon butties, tea and coffee, 9am-1pm, Greenhead Village Hall

From The Editorial Team

This edition of the Herald is your bumper double for July and August. We wish everyone happy holidays and long may the good weather continue.

The amazing Haltwhistle Carnival takes place on the 13th July and there are lots of events in the run up to the big day, see pages 17 and 18 for full details. Don't forget to take some memorable photos and send them to us for the photo competition on the back page. The best photo will be featured in September's edition.

Looking ahead - September will be the start of our third year of the magazine and we will again be in touch with all our advertisers and sponsors who we very much hope will continue to support us.

The magazine is getting more and more popular and we have heard on the grapevine that copies are going very quickly from the shops and outlets. To address this we will be increasing the numbers of copies printed from 550 to 650 from September, which of course will increase our overheads. We continue to ask you to make donations and contributions to ensure the magazine remains free and we will be increasing the cost of advertising also to cover our extra printing costs. If you do struggle to pick up a copy, Holy Cross, the Book Shop and the Library are the places with the most copies. You can also read the magazine on Haltwhistle Facebook.

Finally, you might have noticed we don't have a hero of the month in this edition. We didn't receive any nominations so please can you have a think over the summer and get in touch with your ideas. There are a lot of unsung heroes out there and this could be your opportunity to give them some recognition. Thank you.



Our next edition will be September so contributions need to be with us by the 20th August at the very latest please, maximum 250 words with a couple of pictures. To send contributions or to contact us email haltwhistleherald@gmail.com



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This successful combination has ensured that the Community Shops Fund could award grants totalling £18,131.32 to eight projects during its second round of funding.

Three large grants were awarded to

- The Haltwhistle Swimming and Leisure centre for equipment and pool time to enable local children with special needs to take part in alternative sessions during the summer holidays, providing another reason for community members to visit this popular summer venue.

- The Field Shelter Arts Space for their Summer Arts Programme, encouraging local people to explore a variety of different art forms in an inspiring location, and

- Bardon Mill and Henshaw Village Hall and Community Projects Group, for repairs to the Village Hall floor, ensuring the continued use of this vital community asset, for other community projects and events.

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Five small grants were awarded to:

- The Roman Wall Sheep Show for children's activities at this popular annual Haltwhistle event which exhibits such traditional activities as Cumberland Wrestling and Fell Racing.
- The Haltwhistle Cricket Club for repairs to their club house and cricket grounds to enable 'All Stars Cricket' and other activities for local adults and children.
- All England Netball, Haltwhistle for summer holiday netball sessions and equipment to develop a youth program and encourage further local participation.
- The Haltwhistle Renewables Group for costs towards a feasibility study on hydro-electric power from the South Tyne at Featherstone for the benefit of the community.
- St Jude's, Knarsdale for repairs to the church and community noticeboard to provide a focal information point for the congregation, local community and visitors.

We look forward to seeing the outcome of these projects. We hope they have as much success as the Haltwhistle Young Farmers who received money from the first funding round towards their Pantomime Production costs. This enabled young farmers from Haltwhistle and district to perform and compete in the Regional Pantomime Competition.

The third round of funding is anticipated for Autumn with dates to be confirmed, so if you have a project that will benefit the local community, keep an eye out for details soon.





Haltwhistle Young Farmers
PANTOMIME COMPETITION 2025



The Haltwhistle Young Farmers Cast

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- Younger members benefitting from a supportive environment that encourages creativity and resilience.
- Fostering a sense of community and achievement among members which has laid the foundation for our future goal of participation in the Pantomime Competition in 2026.

- Best Male Actor at the Northumberland County Eliminator.
- Best Junior Boy & best Moment in Theatre at the Northern Area round in Bury.

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Town Council

At the June meeting, Haltwhistle Town Council discussed several key issues impacting the town.

Councillors reiterated their concern about the safety of the Alston Arches area, following continued silence from the Environment Agency. The Council has flagged the site as potentially hazardous, particularly for children and dog walkers, and is pressing for urgent remedial action.

A gate along the burn path has been repaired by the Council following recent damage. Separately, a broken see-saw in the Comb Hill play area has been removed for safety, and a replacement has now been ordered.

The ongoing toilet refurbishment project was also raised, with councillors expressing frustration not only over the associated parking restrictions near the hospital, where confusing signage and the premature loss of parking spaces are continuing to cause concern for residents and visitors alike, but also over delays to the works themselves.

Councillors are raising these matters directly with Northumberland County Council, as the current situation is not considered acceptable.

Residents are also reminded of the upcoming Councillor Surgeries, which offer an opportunity to raise concerns or simply have a chat with one of your local representatives. **The next sessions will take place at the Town Council office on the train station platform on Friday 19th July and Friday 16th August.**

Please also note that the date of the next community litter pick has been moved to **Sunday 6th July**. Volunteers are asked to meet in the Market Square at 10am. All equipment will be provided, and refreshments will be available afterwards.



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Haltwhistle's Illuminating Young Talent

Over the Easter Holidays, the Chamber of Trade ran a competition with our Haltwhistle Academy for the school children to design a new light motif to add to our fantastic Annual Christmas Lights Display.

We were delighted that so many pupils put in so much thought and effort.

To decide upon an outright winner, the CoT Committee had to consider quite a few different aspects. The overall quality and skill of the drawing, the feasibility of how the drawing might translate to a light fitting 3-4 metres high, and how the finished motif would fit within our current display. It was quite a job which consumed a fair amount of very careful deliberation.



We are very happy to announce that the design by Halle Bell in Year 6 has won first place, with the entry from Fraser Wright (also Year 6) coming a very close second. Here are their designs. They and the additional 4 very close Runners Up will receive Book Token awards before the end of term. Additionally, Halle's design will now be sent away to be built into a new Christmas Light which will grace one of the prominent buildings along our Main Street.

Larger prints of all these designs plus further entries which were Highly Commended will be on display in some of our shops and Cafes in the coming weeks, so please make a point of seeking them out and admire the talent and enthusiasm displayed by our younger residents.





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available from Just Flowers from 7th June 2025.

• ALL DOGS MUST BE KEPT ON LEADS DURING CARNIVAL EVENTS •

WHERE TO WATCH THE PARADE

The Carnival Parade will be starting on Avenue St. Meen, opposite Tynedale Group Travel and will go past Edens Lawn, the Railway, the Metal Bridge and turn left over the Old Green Bridge to the Show field.

• PLEASE CAN EVERYONE STAY ON FOOTPATHS AT ALL TIMES •

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Windows will be decorated by Monday 30th June.
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SATURDAY 21ST JUNE A RIGHT ROYAL CELEBRATION

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Adult £5.00 - Afternoon Tea Child £3.00 - Food, Games and Entertainment.

2.30pm - 4.30pm at Methodist Church Hall.

Tickets need to be purchased by Sunday 15th June from Just Flowers.

SATURDAY 28TH JUNE PARTY @ THE POOL

3.00pm - 5.00pm - Tickets £5.00 each.

Available from Haltwhistle Leisure Centre on Friday 13th June at 3.30pm.
Tickets include 1 hour Swim, Children's Entertainer, Soft Play, Mini Disco,
Hotdog, Crisps, Cake and Juice.

WEDNESDAY 2ND JULY QUIZ @ JUBILEE

£2.50 per person or £10.00 per team - 8.00pm start (Pay on the door).

Many thanks to Shirley Hind & Steve.

Prize money for 1st + 2nd place.

SATURDAY 5TH JULY DARTS DOUBLES COMPETITION

7.00pm registration - 7.30pm start @ Comrades Club (Pay on the door).

£5 entry per person double life - Fundraising Event with prize money.

SUNDAY 6TH JULY CAR TREASURE HUNT

Start at Sainsburys 1.30pm (Pay on the day) Adults £3.50 - Children £2.00.

Ending at Haltwhistle Comrades for Cream Scone and Cake.

FRIDAY 11TH JULY OPEN BOWLS COMPETITION

Haltwhistle Bowling Green - 6.00pm Start - FREE - ALL ages welcome.

SATURDAY 12TH JULY DOGS AND DUCKS

Duck Race - 11.30am from the Old Tyne Bridge.

Dog Show - 12 noon on the Show Field.

Family Fun Dog Show hosted by Posh Paws 12 noon - Carnival Showfield.

Entries from 11.30am.

Golden Oldie (7yrs & older) • Most Adorable Eyes • Perfect Paw Shaker
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SUNDAY 13TH JULY CARNIVAL DAY

Procession of Floats at 12 noon from Avenue St. Meen (opposite Tynedale Group Travel) led by Newcastle Pipe Band. Judging and Fancy Dress Competition, Cumberland Wrestling, Live Music from The Kerry Weir Band, Vintage Vehicles & Engines, Naomh Fionbarra School of Dance, Hannah Lucy Stage School, Alpacas, Fun Fair, Stalls, Catering, Beer Tent, Tea Tent . . . plus lots more!

**Many thanks to Paul Mooney from BBC - Look North
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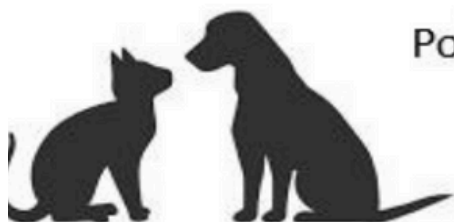


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Holy Cross, Haltwhistle

This month the vicar wanted our Herald articles to talk about what the church is here for and he suggested prayer, teaching and remembering. He's just been showing two classes from Hallbankgate Village School round our church – they had a wonderful trip centred round the theme of remembering, in particular people from the time of the world wars and we were able to show them our Roll of Honour, and some medals both from Haltwhistle and from Farlem.

With the school visit it was clear that remembering seems to be quite important for the church – we have the Roll of Honour, but also a Book of Remembrance to remember those known to us who have died, and we have the possibility of lighting candles for remembrance, thanksgiving and prayer. We have stained glass windows that can be given in memory of someone, and may depict someone else important in our faith story who we want to remember – Haltwhistle is unusual in having a high proportion of women represented in our windows. And of course the whole building is here in memory of Jesus Christ and there are reminders of him in the carvings windows and services.

Each week we remember him with a Communion Service, where we share a little bread and wine, doing it as he commanded, in remembrance of him.



We invite you to come and look round, and to remember. It can bring strength for living to remember and to give thanks for all that is good. We have a good God and we remember that every Thursday morning at 10am with a quiet service of Communion, and on Sunday morning at 9.30am a service with hymns readings, a sermon and prayers, and afterwards we enjoy each others company over a cuppa.



From the Registers:

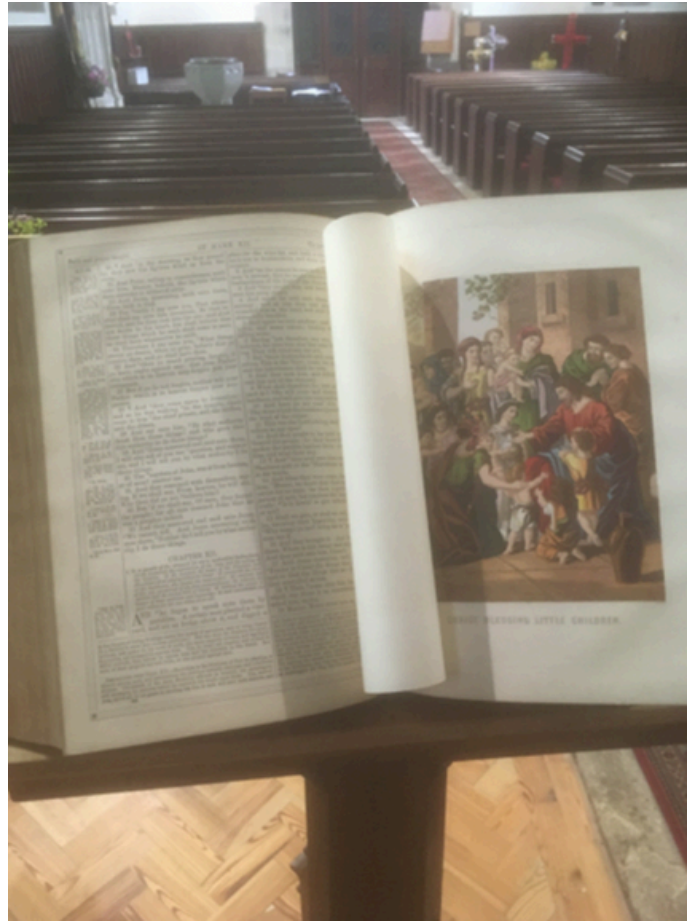
Funerals – Jaqueline Brooks
May they rest in peace and rise in glory

St Cuthberts, Greenhead

Every now and then, Steve our vicar encourages us to read our bibles for ourselves. It's not the easiest of books, but when you remember that it's a collection of lots of smaller books and you don't have to read it all in order it's a bit easier.

Our Sunday readings in church try to give us a taste of the whole bible over three years. Steve likes the Old Testament and he does his best to give a big overall view on the Sunday reading, hoping we'll go back and read the whole story.

At the moment, our readings for July and August give us bits from Paul's letters to Galatians and Colossians, and then Hebrews, and the Old Testament tasters are from Amos, Hosea and Isaiah. This year we're steadily hearing our way through St. Luke's gospel too. Some church members have enjoyed reading the whole book/letter when it comes up in the Sunday readings so that they get the whole story rather than just the small section we hear on Sundays – that's going to be a bit challenging when it comes to the longer books like Isaiah!



The bible pictured here was inherited by someone in Haltwhistle and Steve brought it to our church to show us. It has a devotional commentary on each page to help you understand it. The writing is very small but the commentary is good and the pictures are lovely.

All Hallows, Henshaw

If you are a parent or grandparent of youngsters aged about 10 to 12, you may be familiar with the Wimpy Kid books – he is Greg, aged 12, American, and a boy who sets down all his thoughts and actions in his diary.

This is not an obvious place to start looking for advice about praying, but his reflections raise some interesting questions. Greg writes: Last night I prayed extra hard that I wouldn't end up with Ruby as my dance partner. Then I worried that maybe you only get so many prayers answered in your lifetime, and I might be using mine up too fast. I have about 75% success rate with my prayers – is that good or bad? Anyway, I think I will need to be more specific when I pray for something because today my wish was granted but I'm not happy about the way things turned out. When the teacher called out the names of who we were to dance with, I didn't get Ruby, but when the teacher got to me, there were no girls left, so she picked a boy for me – the next thing I knew, I was dancing a waltz with Carlos. The moral here seems to be "be careful what you pray for".

We are familiar with praying in church, but at other times, in our day to day life, we can take a moment to picture Jesus and then say what is in our heart and what we are feeling and concerned about. At a church school, the children were shown how to use their hands as a starting point. Your thumb is the strongest, so give thanks for all that is strong in your life, like your family and friends.

Next, your first finger, a pointing finger, reminds us to pray for all those who guide and help us – like parents and teachers. Next your middle finger which is the tallest – reminding us to pray for those in power. Then our ring finger, a weak finger reminding us to pray for the poor and sick. And finally the little finger, smallest and last, which reminds us to pray for ourselves.

Prayer is like exercise in that it is good to keep doing it. Remember when you pray that the Lord's Prayer says "Thy will be done " so not every prayer will be answered, but as we engage in quiet prayer, this may give us time to realise that what we want cannot happen without hurt or sacrifice by others and that may help us to come to a reconciliation with the issues we face.

View From The Vicarage

Canon Steve Wright

We have our wedding anniversary in July. Jo does think I'm crazy sometimes, but then, I'm not the one who married me. She was a girl who liked long romantic walks, which was just as well because we didn't have a car or any money at the time. Now, we still go out for walks, puzzling over things sometimes as we go, able to talk more easily on a walk sometimes than just sitting at home. I find it easier to mull over things with God sometimes on a good walk too, and easier sometimes to pray when doing a repetitive action, step after step, or praying psalms, or pulling through prayer beads.

CHURCH SERVICES

Church of England

First Sunday of July - 10am Group service, St Cuthbert's Beltingham

First Sunday of August - 10am Group service All Hallow's Henshaw

Other Sundays of July and August -

- 9.30am Holy Cross, Haltwhistle
- 11am St. Cuthbert's, Greenhead
- 11am All Hallows' Henshaw (17th August in Beltingham)
- Thursdays 10am - a quiet meditative service - Holy Cross, Haltwhistle

Roman Catholic Services

9.30am on Thursdays at St. Wilfrid's Church Haltwhistle

Methodist Services

10.30am on Sundays at Haltwhistle Methodist Church

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July 2025

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August 2025

Services

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This month we took a look at the Bardon Mill Tearooms.

HH - Tell us a bit about yourself and how you come to be running the tearoom and shop at Bardon Mill?

Louise and Sarah - *We both have a catering and hospitality background but we weren't looking for a business at the time. We were searching for a house and Bardon Mill tearooms kept popping up in the searches, so we thought we'd just come and have a look. We fell in love with the business, the property with its history and potential and the stunning surroundings. So we put the offer in and it was accepted.*

HH - What is your favourite on the menu and why?

Louise and Sarah - *Our home made, traditional teacakes, baked by our friend, who has a bakery business. In our customers own words, 'The best teacakes in the world'.*

HH - What is the thing you enjoy doing the best?

Louise and Sarah - *We both are passionate about good coffee and good food and don't believe in cutting corners, so when our customers give us feed back that they love what we've done with the place, that our coffee is fantastic and that our tea cakes and toasties are the best they've had, we are very humbled and proud.*

HH - If you had a magic wand what would you change and why?

Louise and Sarah - *If we had a magic wand, we'd get the whole house renovated. All of our efforts thus far have been improving the tearooms and building on what was already here. There's a few little things left to do but we are nearly there now.*

HH - Looking ahead what do you have planned for us?

Louise and Sarah - *Our plans for the future are to stock and support more local, independent producers, artists and craft people to build on the community hub that the shop already is.*

HH - Thank you Louise and Sarah for taking the time out to talk to us and we wish you every success in your new venture.



Culture & Arts

Haltwhistle Art Club Enjoys Over 75 years of Membership

Haltwhistle Art Club was established in the late 1940s by Mrs Hilda Smith, the wife of Mr Douglas Smith the founder of Smith and Walton's paint factory. This was after the war and at a time of great social change. As a result, the inhabitants of Haltwhistle enjoyed increased employment opportunities and greater leisure time.

Members of The Haltwhistle Society for Artists were initially recruited by invitation only and met in an upstairs room at Haltwhistle Library. Early members received tuition from Mr Alan Farrington Barlow, who had been professionally trained at the prestigious Goldsmiths College of Art, London.

Today Haltwhistle Art Club meets every Friday at the Methodist Church Hall, between 10:30am and 2:30pm. Club Membership is open to everyone, and all abilities and mediums are welcome. We are a friendly, mixed group who all share a love of arts and crafts. Club members continue to receive tuition from a professionally trained artist, Tanya Fionn. Each month we enjoy a new workshop exploring different artistic styles in a variety of mediums.

With over 75 years of membership, Haltwhistle Art Club will be holding it's **Summer Exhibition on Saturday 23rd August** at the Methodist Church Hall. We will also be holding a second exhibition, together with a historical presentation featuring the Club's and the Town's shared history. This second exhibition will take place in the Old Ticket Office, Haltwhistle Railway Station, on Thursday 4th September to Wednesday 10th September, open between 10am to 2pm.

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Next Generation

Haltwhistle Academy: Giving Back and Looking Ahead

As the school year draws to a close, the children of Haltwhistle Academy have been busy spreading kindness and celebrating achievements. This term, inspired by the generosity of our wonderful community, the children wanted to give something back. Pupils from across the school took part in a local clean-up, helping to tidy the area and show pride in their town. They also painted colourful stones and wrote heartfelt messages, which were delivered to residents at the local hospital—small gestures that brought big smiles.

July will be packed with excitement, with our end-of-year performance of Shrek the Musical stealing the show! The children are working incredibly hard, and their energy, talent and humour will bring the stage to life. It will be a fantastic way to celebrate the end of a fantastic year.

We also enjoyed our annual Swimming Gala and Sports Day—both highlights of the summer term. These events were full of enthusiasm, team spirit and determination, with pupils cheering each other on and celebrating every success.

As always, this time of year brings mixed emotions as we say goodbye to our Year 6 pupils. They have been outstanding role models, and we are incredibly proud of everything they have achieved. We send them off with our very best wishes as they begin their exciting journey into high school. Thank you to everyone in the Haltwhistle community for your continued support. We look forward to more adventures in the year ahead!





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Out & About

Fresh Start at Edens Lawn Service Station Under New Ownership

In November 2024, Edens Lawn Service Station began a new chapter under the ownership of M&L Richardson & Sons Ltd., a family-run business with over 60 years of experience serving communities across the region.

The new ownership team is committed to maintaining Edens Lawn's reputation for friendly, reliable service while enhancing its role as a hub for the people of Haltwhistle. "We want Edens Lawn to be more than just a fuel stop. It should be part of everyday life for the town — a place where people can get what they need quickly and easily," said a spokesperson for the team.

In addition to competitive fuel prices, Edens Lawn now features a fully stocked Spar shop, offering groceries, snacks, and essentials. It also provides a full Post Office counter, Evri parcel services, and InPost lockers for 24/7 collection and drop-off. The upgraded sprayer car wash offers a faster, more efficient clean, and the 20kg heavy-duty washing machine is ideal for large laundry loads, including duvets and workwear.



We're investing in meaningful improvements that make a difference to our customers' daily lives, the team added. With its central location and expanded services, Edens Lawn continues to be a trusted and convenient stop for residents and visitors alike in Haltwhistle.



Out & About

Haltwhistle Walking Festival

Haltwhistle Walking Festival 2025 got off to a brilliant start. The sun shone and bookings rolled in from the very first day. It was one of our busiest festivals ever and with lots of 'first timers'. We welcomed people from all over the UK as well as some from further afield, as more local and regional visitors.

We marked the 60th anniversary of the Pennine Way with a three-day linear walk from Bellingham to Haltwhistle and had lots of interest in all our walks. Topics as diverse as rocks, lichens, lead mining and a visit to a local brewery all proved popular. We also trialled a 22-mile 'Leg Stretcher' to provide a more challenging experience. Everyone survived and even requested a repeat next year.



A noticeable feature this year was the number of groups staying for a few days and booking multiple walks while stopping in local accommodation, so here's a thought ... why not consider inviting friends and family to stay during next year's festival and let us do all the hard work of planning how best to access the wonderful landscapes, villages and heritage we all enjoy every day?

The 2026 Festival will take place between 25th April and 4th May, with the full programme featuring on our website later in the year:

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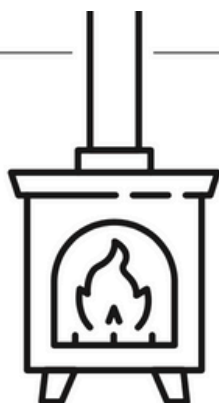
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Health Matters

The Health Benefits of Boxing for Young People - by Ewan Mitchell

Boxing is more than just a combat sport—it's a powerful tool for physical and mental development, especially in young people. It offers a full-body workout that improves cardiovascular fitness, strength, coordination, and endurance. Through consistent training, young boxers develop stronger muscles, better balance, and enhanced motor skills. Because boxing incorporates aerobic and anaerobic activity, it promotes heart health and helps maintain a healthy weight.

One of boxing's unique advantages is its emphasis on discipline and structure. Regular training builds mental resilience, focus, and self-control, which can positively influence academic performance and social behaviour. Learning how to stay calm under pressure and think strategically during sparring also helps young people build confidence and emotional intelligence.

In a time when screen time and sedentary lifestyles are common, boxing provides an active outlet for energy and stress. Hitting a punching bag or working through drills offers a healthy release for emotions like frustration or anxiety. It also fosters a strong sense of community—many boxing gyms emphasize mentorship, teamwork, and mutual respect.

Additionally, boxing teaches valuable life skills like goal-setting, perseverance, and accountability. Young athletes learn to work hard for improvement, take constructive feedback, and celebrate personal milestones.

Overall, boxing can play a transformative role in the lives of young people, improving their physical health while shaping their character and mental well-being in a supportive environment.



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Hidden History

The Summer Programme of the Haltwhistle History & Heritage Group starts with a talk on the 'Real Debatable Lands' and the Code of the Rievers by Colin Mills on Wednesday, 9th July at 10.30 am in the Community Room at the Hospital. Not just a gang of riotous layabouts at all!

Every Thursday in August we will be putting on a series of weekly Town Walks, starting at 10.30 at the Railway Hotel and finishing somewhere for a coffee, led by Lorna and Maureen. NB If your schoolchildren tell you they have been meeting Haltwhistle people from the Middle Ages, please believe them - we are working with the school to make these introductions! We hope to kindle even more interest in their heritage than is already shared by their elders.



Good News

1) In last month's Herald we asked for anyone who had any knowledge of Kenneth Norman who died in WW2, serving as a pilot in the Dutch AirForce. Members of Kenneth's family have come forward and been connected to the researcher in Holland so they can complete their archives. we look forward to sharing this with our readers indue course.

2) Both archeological digs are now well underway at Vindolanda and Magna (Roman Army Museum) We will be reporting more fully om this year's finds in the Autumn, but to whet your appetite there has been a large key, a perfume bottle and a piece of a decorative band of stone carving celebrating a victory already found at Vindolanda. The latter item attracting national press coverage.





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Sports

Haltwhistle Jubilee

The Hawks' season came to a fitting climax as they triumphed in the Northumberland FA Under 12 County Trophy Final.

They faced up to West Denton in what proved to be an exciting final. The boys came into the day well prepared and ready for the game and made a rapid start as they played some intense and exciting attacking football. Joseph and Riley were at their absolute best and tortured the opposition defence at times. On seven minutes, they forced a throw-in near the corner flag, and from the long throw from Joseph, Bobby finished with a truly spectacular volley. This only pushed the lads on more, and ten minutes later, skipper Jayden headed in at the back post in the coolest fashion. The heat was intense, and the lads couldn't keep up the high tempo, but with constant rolling subs, they were more than holding their own until Louie made a really smart save, which unfortunately spun off the turf, hit the post and just crept over the line before Louie could retrieve it.

Following the break and some more subs, the game flowed in an end-to-end fashion, and despite creating some good opportunities, the boys were unable to find the goal that would have killed the game. This meant West Denton piled on more pressure, which our defenders dealt with exceptionally well. Late in the game, Louie once again stepped up to mark and made a wonderful save that then allowed the boys to see the game out for a historic win.

This was Haltwhistle Jubilee Football Club's first-ever County Trophy win at any level, and the celebrations matched the achievement. It was a complete squad performance as the sweat showed at the end. The club are enormously proud of Louie, Bailey, James, Ollie, Jayden, Vinny, Joey, Tommy, Harry J, Harry B, Riley, Bobby, Jack, and Joseph, our history makers.



Sports

Haltwhistle Swimming Pool is Open!

With the sunnier weather here, don't forget to make the most of our local swimming pool! Haltwhistle Swimming and Leisure centre has 3 outdoor pools which are now open and will close in early September. These include a 25 metre pool, learner pool and paddling pool with fun toys for toddlers and babies.

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