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What's on in September

- 2nd** Young & Sweet Steel Pans band workshop, 4:30-5:30 or 5:30-6:30, Hillside, limited places - contact Ayesha Jackson 07835163927
- 2nd** Informal Evening Prayer, 6:30pm, Holy Cross, see p23
- 4-6th** Haltwhistle Music Festival, see p31-33
- 9th** History Group AGM and talk on women in the Crimean War, 7:30pm, Comrades Club
- 12th** Coffee Morning, Methodist Hall
- 13th** Greenhead Farmers Market, 10-2
- 12/13th** Heritage Homes of Northumberland and Cumbria Exhibition, 10-3, Railway Station, p38
- 14th** Garden Club, Dilston, Physic garden talk, 7:30pm, Comrades Club
- 19th** Coffee Morning, MND/Macmillan, Methodist Hall
- 19th** Explore our Railway Heritage, 10-4, Railway Station
- 19th** Jazz Concert with Brief Encounter Duo, tickets £10, including cheese and wine, contact Elsie Dixon 07796103000, 6:30pm, St Cuthberts
- 20th** Haltwhistle Market, 10-2, Railway Station
- 26th** Harvest singalong, 2pm, Holy Cross Church - sing your favourite harvest songs with refreshments
- 27th** Harvest Festival, 9:30am, Holy Cross
- 27th** Harvest Festival Service and Harvest Lunch, 10:30am, Methodist Church
- 27th** Greenhead Harvest Festival Service, 11am, St Cuthberts
- 27th** Harvest Pea and Pie Supper with New Hadrian Singers concert, 6:30pm, £10, contact Elsie Dixon 07796103000, Greenhead Village Hall

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 (also crafts):

Every Monday, 1:30-3pm, Village Hall

Greenhead W.I.:

Every second Monday 7pm, Greenhead Village Hall

Henshaw W.I.:

Every Monday 11-3, All Hallows Church Room

Older People's Project:

Every Tuesday, 10am-12noon, Drop In, Methodist Church Hall

Family Cafe:

First Tuesday, 2-3pm, Drop-In, free refreshments, Family Hub

Mothers' Union:

Every second Tuesday, 2:15pm, Holy Cross

Bardon Mill Film Night:

Every third Tuesday, 4pm in the church room

Warhammer Club:

Every Tuesday, 5-7pm, Bonnie's Cafe

Bricks & Banter:

Every Tuesday 7-9pm, Mindful Hub (2, Station Court)

Community Gardeners:

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

Knit & Natter:

Every Wednesday, 2pm, Haltwhistle Library

Craft & Chat:

Every Wednesday, 2pm, Holy Cross

Haltwhistle Friendship Group:

Every Wednesday, 1-3pm, Community Room

Poetry Drop-In:

First Wednesday of the month, 1:30-3pm, Greenhead Village Hall

Armchair Warriors exercise classes,

every Thursday 10-11am, Haltwhistle Library Hub

Haltwhistle Growing Together,

every Thursday 10-12, Hillside Youth and Community Space

Haltwhistle W.I.:

Every 1st Thursday 7:15pm, Comrades Club

Calico Hinnies:

Every 4th Thursday, 10:00-2.30pm, Greenhead Village Hall

Men's Brunch:

Every 3rd Friday, 10:15-12, Hillside Park Avenue, Free

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

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

Haltwhistle Herald starts its 4th year this month - how time flies! There will be a return of the collection tins in town. Please seek them out at the Library, Community Book Shop and Holy Cross and give what you can so we can continue to print free copies for you. Alternatively you can transfer money via your Bank to H&G Parish Magazine 20-40-09 account 20166855. Thank you.

Also a big thanks to all our advertisers and sponsors for renewing their adverts and support for our town magazine. This means we can continue to keep the magazine free and with your donations as well, we can increase the number we print each month. It's a fine balance!

Photographs - we haven't been sent any photos of old Haltwhistle over the last few months so we will now be using the back page for any local scenes, please do send us some! Thank you to Canon Steve Wright for our front cover this month, our email address is below.

What a summer we have had with so much sunny, warm weather. You can read all about the Carnival, held in July on pages 26 and 27, as well as our successful twinning event in France on page 28.

Concluding a great summer we have the Haltwhistle Music Festival this weekend (4th to 6th September). An outline programme of all the events planned is on pages 31 to 33 or pick up a full programme from the library, and shops around town. This, and the Hadrian's Wall Art Trail, will be a great way to celebrate our strong community and have fun.

We can then turn our attention to Harvest Festival, musical events and suppers - all listed in the What's On Section.

Whatever you chose to do - have a wonderful time and don't forget to send us some photos as we don't have an official photographer - it's you!

Our next edition will be October so contributions need to be with us by the **20th September** 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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Haltwhistle Partnership

Community Shops Fund – Autumn Round Opens 7th September

Have you got a great idea for your community, but need a little help to get it off the ground? The Community Shops Fund could help!

Made possible through generous donations from our community and a dedicated team of volunteers, the Haltwhistle Partnership is delighted to announce the Autumn Round of the Community Shops Fund.

The fund gives local groups, organisations and individuals an opportunity to apply for support for projects that bring people together, create opportunities and make a positive difference across Haltwhistle and the surrounding area. The Spring Round was a great success, with £21,211.57 awarded to ten local projects.

Applications open on 7th September and close at midnight on 18th October. The fund welcomes applications from community groups, voluntary organisations and other local organisations with projects that benefit Haltwhistle and the ten surrounding parishes. We want to hear your ideas, whether you're starting something new, developing an existing project or have an idea that could make your community better.

Perhaps you have an idea for an arts or creative project, want to put on a performance or community event, develop an activity, or create opportunities to get involved. Maybe your idea is about helping people enjoy and connect with nature. Whatever your idea, if it can benefit the local community, we'd love to hear about it.

The fund also offers young people aged 25 and under the opportunity to apply for up to £500 towards educational or personal development opportunities that might otherwise be out of reach. This could help with training, learning a new skill, developing a talent, pursuing an interest or taking part in an opportunity that could shape their future.

So, if you've been thinking "Wouldn't it be great if...", now is the time to turn that thought into an application!

Full details about the Community Shops Fund, including eligibility, guidance and how to apply, are available at www.haltwhistle.org, or email admin@haltwhistle.org.

We can't wait to see what ideas our local community comes up with this Autumn!

Haltwhistle Partnership



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- Fund regular grass cutting across the town
- Maintain walkways, pedestrian bridges and fencing
- Install and maintain litter bins
- Plant and care for trees, hanging baskets and verges
- Organise litter picks
- Provide and maintain the cemetery

Recreation & Culture



- Maintain local play areas and inspect for safety
- Organise or support community events and activities
- Maintain open spaces for leisure and walking
- Provide and manage allotments



Heritage & Civic Duties

- Maintain war memorials
- Represent the town's interests at ceremonial events

Town Council



Planning & Representation

- Comment on planning applications
- Raise local concerns with Northumberland County Council and other authorities
- Maintain parish documents and council records



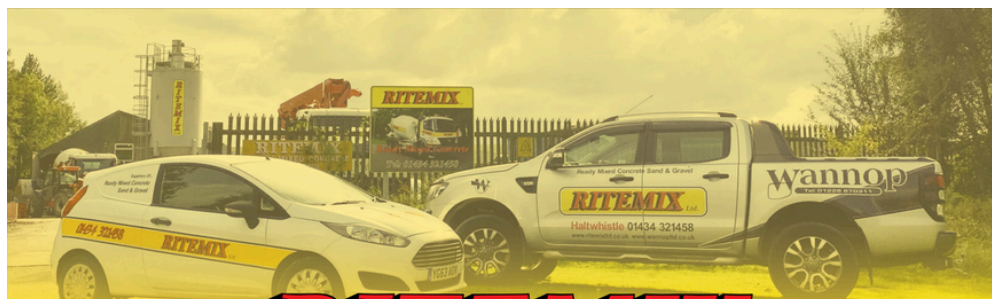
Local Facilities

- Provide and maintain public parks
- Maintain bus shelters and benches

Northumberland County Council



- Rubbish collection, including litter bins, dog bins, household waste, and recycling.
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Once completed, and with no obvious through traffic routes, those same tourists no longer stopped off to casually use our shopping facilities. Now they would have to make a conscious effort to pull off the By-Pass to stop and shop with us.

No coincidence then, that in 1995, the Haltwhistle Partnership Regeneration Project commissioned the Haltwhistle Shopping Survey, seeking comments from 97 households, 190 local residents and 25 traders to inform a strategy to combat downturns in commercial activity. Just as today, the report 30 years ago suggested the importance of encouraging a "Shop Local" ethos, and reported that free parking, friendly shopkeepers and good value for money were the three main reasons why residents shop in town. We still have all three attributes, and with a fantastic sense of community and willingness to offer visitors a warm welcome, our Main Street is still going strong.

Local Hero

Sean Glenton

One of the most treasured areas of Haltwhistle is the cemetery. This haven of tranquillity is managed by Sean Glenton. He is employed by the Haltwhistle Burial Board which operates under the guidance of Haltwhistle Town Council. Meeting Sean and talking about his life and work was a pleasure as he is committed to our cemetery and this town.

Sean was born in Yorkshire and has lived in Northumberland for the last 28 years. He began his working life as a carpenter but helped as a volunteer at the cemetery. This then led to part-time work and after 6 years, full-time work at the cemetery. He worked under the guidance of Michael Glenwright, cemetery manager. Sean said that it is down to Michael that he is where he is now. After Michael died, Sean took on the manager role. Sean lives in the Cemetery Lodge, and he continues building on Michael's legacy and the excellent work of the Burial Board.

His work consists of grave digging, attending graveside services, ground maintenance and dealing with members of the public. Meeting family members at a vulnerable time is important and requires sensitivity and Sean is appreciated by the bereaved.

There have been several commendations about our cemetery and how beautiful it is and well maintained.

Sean in his spare time enjoys gardening, natural history, geology, and walking. He has family in Haltwhistle and Prudhoe. His brother is a good help to Sean and assists at busy times.

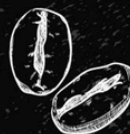
Well done for Sean; our hero for this month.





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Holy Cross, Haltwhistle

The big event in our church as far as the town is concerned is the music festival on the first weekend of September which all three churches have joined in with by hosting events over the weekend. We are pleased to be able to help do our bit for the good of the town and hope that Haltwhistle gets lots of visitors to enjoy the various events being staged over that weekend.

We are contributing to the music ourselves with a Choral Evensong on Sunday 6th September at 6pm when the Antiphon Choir is coming to lead the music while we give thanks to God for music and harmony. All welcome to attend – no booking required and refreshments will be available beforehand.

A choir led evensong is a very formal way of praying but we've started a monthly informal Evening Prayer, sitting in a circle, having picked up an order of service from the table as we walk in. The service leader finds someone more used to it to read the bible reading for the week, and after a short talk and opportunity for commenting on the reading, when it's time to pray, we can say what we'd like to be prayed for. If you're not used to church and would like to try it, this is a more informal way to seeing what it's like to pray with others. You've heard of Elf on the Shelf, how about You in the Pew? 😊 First Wednesday of each month at 6.30pm at present.

From the Registers:

Baptisms – Vienna May Kundakci, George Eric Blair

Weddings – Ieuan Harries and Mary Craney, Dean Keifer Harrison and Chloe Wanless

Funeral – Anne Jackson, John Lord, Tony Finnemore, Jimmy Bird, Gary Kidd – *May they rest in peace and rise in glory.*



St Cuthberts, Greenhead

Someone suggested putting horse manure on my strawberries. I'm never doing that again, I'm going back to whipped cream. We had a lovely Cream Teas afternoon in August helping to raise money for our church. We had a steady stream of people coming through the door and the people at table just managing to leave as new folk arrived. Last year we were raising money for the painters who came in September but this year it is going towards general expenses, like tuning our piano, buildings insurance, and so on. All very necessary to keep our beautiful church as a place for prayer.

On Saturday 19th September we have a Jazz concert to help raise money too, details still being worked out at time of submitting this so look out on local posters, or come to church on Sundays at 11am to find out more. On Sunday 27th we have our Harvest Festival service at 11am – do come and give thanks to God for all his blessings 😊.

As we come to a new term for our school, Steve will be fixing up assembly dates and visits of the school to church this coming term. We would like our school to bring the children over to church more and to help get the children familiar with our local heritage there. If you would like to organise a visit with your children and family, do get in touch because although we cannot leave our church open at all times, we do like to welcome visitors. Mick and Angela do a good job of helping with the churchyard but also they often welcome visitors and unlock the church for them to see it. We so much appreciate their on the spot help with that.



All Hallows, Henshaw

It's been a long time coming, and it doesn't make for an exciting picture in the magazine, but All Hallows Henshaw has a new boiler and what a journey it's been! One of the problems is that we want to do our bit to look after the planet and we spent a long time looking into how we might avoid replacing our boiler with another oil fired version. Finding out whether the electricity supply was strong enough at the church for a more modern electrical heating system was not as easy as we thought but after a lot of back and forth between the electric company and electricians it was determined that the only workable solution with technology at its present level was to continue with oil fired heating. A lot of larger rural places face this dilemma.

Trying to put our Christian ideals into practice is sometimes quite difficult! For the present, we take it that, as the joke says, 'Solar power is the future. But it won't happen overnight.'



Meanwhile our church services continue week by week. On Sunday 6th September our service will be at Beltingham at 10am. It will be our last time there this year so a rare opportunity to visit the church and see it used for its proper purpose. On other Sundays this month we will be at Henshaw at 11am and warmly invite everyone to come and join us. It can be a bit strange going to church for the first time, but you will always be welcomed on the door and given a little booklet that guides you through the service. Afterwards we have tea or coffee if you'd like to stay to ask questions or simply to enjoy people's company.

View From The Vicarage

Canon Steve Wright

Although I took it for granted at the time, growing up in a home where we were all forced to learn instruments was a great blessing. I say forced because I wasn't the best as a lad at practicing but when I was making too heavy weather of it, my parents would ask me if I'd prefer to learn a different instrument the next year. I went through various instruments through primary school and early secondary school and love the understanding of harmony and music that it left me with. Harmony is such a wonderful gift of God and I hope Haltwhistle's music festival will encourage some people to take up an instrument, or join a choir. The singing will do you good 😊

CHURCH SERVICES

Church of England

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

Other Sundays of September -

9.30am Holy Cross, Haltwhistle

11am St. Cuthbert's, Greenhead

11am All Hallows' Henshaw

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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September 2026

Services

Sunday 6th

10.30am Tom Dodds

Sunday 13th

10.30am Worship Leaders

Sunday 20th

10.30am Norman Fullard

Sunday 27th

10.30am Rev Marie Beard
 (Harvest Festival)

ALL WELCOME

Holy Cross 100 Club

Holy Cross Church has been operating a 100 club for several years now and lots of local residents have been the lucky recipients of £150, £75 or £25 in cash each month. The Scheme operates by allocation of numbers from 1 to 100 and the subscription per number is £5 monthly or £60 annually, 50% of the income is paid out in prizes and 50% donated to Holy Cross Church. The prize draw takes place each month.

From January 2027 we may look to increase the numbers or have vacant numbers so if you are interested in joining the 100 Club please contact me or any member of Haltwhistle PCC or watch this space for further information!

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Adult ballet/Modern 6-6:45
Adult tap 6:45-7:30
Clubbercise 7:45 – 8:30

Thurs – Teeny boppers 4-4:30
Mini ballet/tap/mod 4:30-5:20
Junior ballet/tap/mod 5:30-6:20
Street 6:30-7:30
Senior ballet/tap/mod 7:30-8:30

Fri – Junior ballet/tap/mod 5-5:50
Street 6-6:50

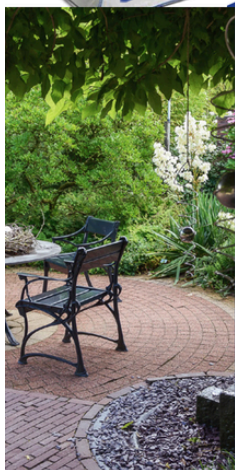


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Haltwhistle Carnival

Carnival Committee and a team of supporters hosted several events for the community to enjoy. Events kicked off with the Annual Celebration - in collaboration with local charity, Warm Welcome, and the second year of the 'Party at the Pool' at Haltwhistle Leisure centre which celebrates our amazing facility. The town also enjoyed the annual quiz, a darts competition, the ever-popular car treasure hunt and an open bowls competition which were very well supported by the local community. Carnival weekend arrived and the sun was shining! The annual duck race was a huge success with over 1,300 ducks racing (with encouragement) to the Alston Arches. The town's shop windows were decorated with the theme of 'World Cup' to bring a splash of Carnival atmosphere and excitement to the Main Street.

Carnival Day was a fantastic finale! Record-breaking crowds watched the dazzling display of floats ranging from the Artemis Mission to Toy Story to Stranger Things as they made their way through the town led by this year's Carnival Princess, Kesha, and her attendants - the effort from each group was outstanding.



It was BBC's Alasdair Gill who had the very tough job of judging this year's floats which saw him crowning Roald Dahl as the 'Best Overall' this year and Moana as the 'Judge's Choice' - a new trophy for 2026.

Alasdair commented that he was blown away by the standard of the floats and costumes and really felt the community spirit on display - special thanks to Alasdair for giving up his time to support the day. After the parade, the crowds flocked to the carnival field for an afternoon in the sun.

Haltwhistle Carnival

As well as the presentation of the results, crowds enjoyed lots of entertainment including live music from headline act, The Rukkus, and dance displays, Cumberland Wrestling, visiting alpacas, delicious food and drinks from many local businesses and the fun fair. The day was a huge success and was certainly the busiest carnival event in many years.

Ayesha Jackson, on behalf of the Carnival Committee, said: "Haltwhistle Carnival is a special community event which brings the whole town together. It is clear to see how much time and energy goes into making the floats and the costumes. None of the events would be possible without our dedicated Committee and so many volunteers who give up their time throughout the year to make sure the event is successful. We want to thank the community for turning up to every single event; buying raffle tickets, ducks and draw tickets; donating prizes and baking cakes; giving generously on the day and for giving the event such a positive buzz - the continued support makes sure that this special event can continue for years to come'.



As we look ahead to 2027, the very small team of volunteers must grow to ensure the special event can continue. The Committee will be seeking volunteers to support the event including people to assist with the setting up and clearing up of the fields.



Out & About

Town Twinning

Oh what a lovely time we had in St Méen le Grand, one of our twin towns!

Every year it's an absolute pleasure for old and new members from the three towns to get together.

Groups from Haltwhistle and Valentano received a wonderfully warm reception in our Breton twin town. There really is something unique about the days we spend sharing fun times together. Each nation brings something special to the party—French, Italian, and English and what truly stands out is how magical it is to spend time in each other's company

A new plaque was unveiled to commemorate the planting of a sycamore tree in the park Haltwhistle Square, showing solidarity and support following the tragic loss of our much-loved Sycamore Gap tree on Hadrian's Wall.



The new mayor, Claude, kindly invited us all to a champagne reception at the Town Hall, which was followed by a delicious evening meal and singing at the community centre. Our excellent days out also included guided tours of the historic towns of Fougères and Dol de Bretagne, plus a visit to the beautiful coastal town of Cancale.

We were further treated to an exceptional three-course meal at the official soirée, complete with music and dancing, followed by a final evening of great food and games.

If you live in the Haltwhistle area and would enjoy being part of this vibrant international community, you are very welcome to join the Haltwhistle & District Twinning Association. For more information, please contact us via email at haltwhistlewinning@gmail.com



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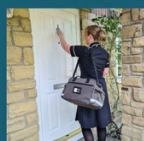
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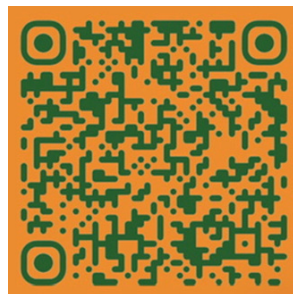
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The trail takes place at two distinctive rural arts venues: The Threshing Barn at Green Croft On The Wall, near Gilsland, and Field Shelter, near Haltwhistle, with selected artworks extending into the surrounding landscape. The exhibitions explore landscape, geology, archaeology, nature, weather, horizons and our relationship with the places we inhabit.

Alongside the exhibitions, visitors can enjoy a programme of free participatory workshops and creative activities, with some requiring advance booking. The closing weekend features live music from Anne-Marie Sanderson and Isabel Rumble at The Threshing Barn on Saturday 19 September (£15 / £10 concessions).



The trail runs 4–6th, 11–13th and 18–20th September, with venues open 12–4pm. Exhibition entry is free.

Haltwhistle Music Festival

The Haltwhistle Music Festival takes place from Friday 4th-Sunday 6th September, and features over 25 different free events over the weekend! You can pick up a copy of our free programme in most shops, cafes and pubs in town - or check out our website at www.haltwhistlemusicfestival.co.uk!



To give you a quick flavour of what we've got coming up, we've shared our schedule for the festival over the next few pages of the Herald. We look forward to seeing you there!

FRIDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER

at a glance...

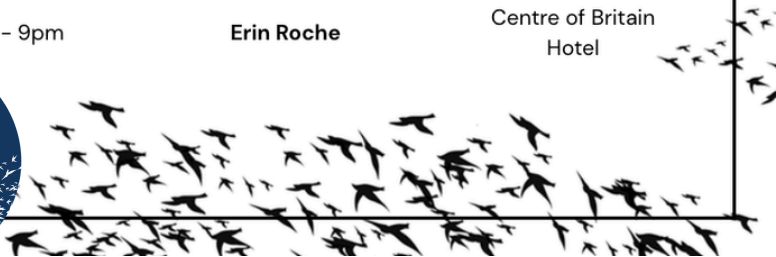
TIME	EVENT	VENUE
4:30 - 7pm	Yellow Bird Stage Showcase	The Yellow Bird Cafe
6 - 7pm	Laughter Is The Best Medicine	St Wilfrid's Church Hall
8 - 10pm	The Chain (Fleetwood Mac Tribute)	Comrades Club

Haltwhistle Music Festival

SATURDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER

at a glance...

TIME	EVENT	VENUE
10 - 11am	African Drumming Workshop (tickets required)	St Wilfrid's Church Hall
10 - 3pm	Soft Rock Chillout	The Mindful Hub
12 - 1pm	Uncle PAF	The Water Tower
12 - 1pm	Rusty Buskers	Holy Cross Church
12 - 2pm	Miranda Newton	HGLS
2 - 4pm	Tea Dance (tickets required)	Methodist Hall
2 - 5pm	Vinyl Record and Merch Sale with All About the Rock	The Yellow Bird Cafe
2 - 6pm	Market Square Stage Showcase	Market Square
6 - 9:30pm	Janice Burns & Jon Doran supported by watersmeet (tickets required)	Holy Cross Church
7 - 9pm	Erin Roche	Centre of Britain Hotel



Haltwhistle Music Festival

SUNDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER

at a glance...

TIME	EVENT	VENUE
10am - 12pm	Instant Film Workshop (tickets required)	Haltwhistle Film Project
10am - 3:30pm	Open Mic	HGLS
11am - 1pm	Up and Coming with Core Music CIC	Holy Cross Church
11-12 & 1-2pm	Roz Sluman	HGLS
12 - 12:45pm	Hannah Lucy Stage School Showcase	Market Square
12 - 1pm	The Sax Pack	The Water Tower
1 - 1:30pm	Line Dancing with Val	Market Square
1:30 - 2:30pm	Rachael, Zoe & Benny	Bonnie's
2 - 5pm	Vinyl Record Sale with Lee & Cheeky Monkey Records	The Yellow Bird Cafe
1:30 - 4pm	Piccadilly - Silent film screening with live music (tickets required)	Masonic Hall
8 - 9:30pm	Folk Session with David Oliver and Jane Norris	Milecastle Inn



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Article for Haltwhistle Herald – September Edition

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Pop them into plastic bags and freeze until you need to use them for cooking or fill a jar and top up with olive oil and keep in fridge for a couple of weeks. You can also put them into a pan of olive oil, simmer for a few minutes then pack into a sterilised jar. Store in a cool cupboard. These would make great presents for a foodie friend.

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Hidden History

The Haltwhistle History Group, as agreed at the AGM this year, will be holding another evening meeting in September - on Wednesday 9th at 7.30 pm in the Comrades Club by kind permission, there will be a talk by Jan Milward entitled "What's a Nice Girl Like You Doing in a Place like this?" about women in the Crimean War.

Next Generation

Join us for a fun and exciting steel pans workshop on Wednesday 2nd September at Hillside, delivered by the Sunshine Panner Steel Band. Two sessions are available: 4.30–5.30pm and 5.30–6.30pm. Open to children aged 7+. Places are limited to 16 per session. Youth workers will be present.

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