

20th August 2017

# Hexham Abbey News

Volunteers • Congregation • Staff

## Car Park Update



Following a long period of discussion with relevant bodies, we are finally in a position to have the rear car park monitored and stop cars parking there without an Abbey permit. From **Monday 4th September** Northumberland County Council will be patrolling the car park and they will issue a parking ticket to any car found to be parked not displaying a valid permit. The number of people disregarding our rules on car parking is increasing, despite the clear notice outside the car park stating it is private and for permit holders only. This situation is clearly not sustainable and while there is never a guarantee for a space, we must do all we can to safeguard spaces for those who pay for permits and of course for our volunteers. Having considered various options, the best one was to work with Northumberland County Council who will monitor car parking.

Parking restrictions will apply from 8.30am to 5pm, Monday to Saturday. Outside of these times, the car park will be free to use for non-permit holders, meaning valuable space is freed up for parking in the evenings, for town events for example. Sundays will be open access, so all service attendees will be able to use the car park if required.

Abbey staff will be encouraged to park in the front Beaumont Street car park and this will then allow us to generate additional funds by selling some permits to local businesses in the rear car park. We have had very positive feedback from some local businesses and the town council regarding our efforts to create additional space for those happy to pay the permit fee. All funds generated will go directly to the PCC for these additional permits, so this is a valuable source of much needed income.

PLEASE NOTE - All current permit holders will be issued with a new Council permit from the Parish Office in the week of the 28th August. Please contact the office if you have a current permit but will not be able to collect your new council permit in the period from 28th August – 4th September.

## The Tots' Abbey

On Wednesday morning everyone in Tots' Praise had a super time building their very own Abbey! The Tots' have been learning all about the beginnings of the Abbey and Wilfrid's original church. In keeping with History, the Tots' built the Abbey twice after Scot raiders invaded and destroyed the original church. Last week the Tots' built a boat out of kneelers and rowed their way to Rome! What will next Wednesday's adventure involve?



# Who's Who?



**Who are you?** I'm Judi Cornforth and Harry and I moved back up North to Hexham six years ago. I became involved with the Abbey soon afterwards. Harry and I have three children scattered between Manchester, Switzerland and London.

**What do you do in the Abbey?** I run Tots' Praise with Margi every Wednesday right through the year and find it an absolute joy!!! We're always looking for refreshment volunteers if anyone is interested; I am a volunteer on the HALO Team and I sing in the Chamber Choir.

**What have you done in the past?** I trained as a Paediatric and General Nurse way back in the 1970s. I started my training at G.O.S.H in London before transferring to Fleming Sick Children's Hospital (situated off the Great North Road), and Newcastle

General. This was in the 'good old days' when both Newcastle Hospitals were great centres of medical teaching and care. When Abi (our youngest) was seven I went back to nursing and worked for a while at Addenbrooke's in Cambridge and later at Bedford General.

**What did you want to be when you were little?**

I was quite a tomboy when I was little and I was the only girl in the street who was allowed to join the boys gang. I always ended up being the nurse to bandage and tend to the wounded 'French Resistance' fighters or 'Cowboys and Indians'. These games often took place in the fields and copses where the Freeman Hospital now stands (I guess the writing was on the wall!).

**If you could only eat one meal for the rest of your life, what would it be?** I love food and cooking, I couldn't possibly choose 'One last meal'. Would it be ...Greek salad with crumbly feta/Fish & Chips (at the coast of course)/slow cooked lamb/Roast Chicken cooked with red wine, chorizo, onions, garlic, tomatoes and orange juice... I could go on!

**What is the most daring thing you have ever done?** I travelled to Risalpur, N.W.F.P Pakistan on Public Transport in 1978 soon after I'd qualified as a nurse. My destination was the home of Church missionaries Harry Peaston and his wife Joan who ran a village clinic. Yes, I worked for my keep for my two month visit then flew home P.I.A from Islamabad. Those were the days when people were allowed to stow great sacks of oranges and huge cans of ghee in the overhead lockers! Quite an experience. Abseiling from the Abbey roof comes a close second.

**Where is your favourite place in the world and why?** A little grassy ledge overlooking Crag Lough on Hadrian's Wall. Preferably well out of season when other people are scarce. Sitting looking out towards the borders over land which seems timeless and if it could talk would tell us so much.

## Congregation News

**TODAY! GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY** Sue and Richard Snow would like to extend a warm invitation to all members of the congregation at the Parish Eucharist to join them after the service for Fizz and Cake in celebration of their Golden Wedding anniversary.



**NEXT WEEK: AND IT'S THREE IN A ROW!** Celebrate with Emily Caudwell and Abel, following their wedding in Addis Ababa, with fizz and cake after the 10.00am service on the 27th August!

**WEDDING NEWS** Peter Drydon (son of Vivien) is getting married to Emma van Bentum on the 1st September at Bolton Methodist Church. Please remember them in your prayers and think of us all on THE DAY. Very exciting. Doesn't seem like 5 minutes ago he was in the Abbey being a shepherd with his tea towel on his head!

**FORTHCOMING: HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE, 2nd—11th October 2018** Led by the Dean of Durham and Dagmar our Rector. The brochures have arrived, do take one from the table in the Abbey if you are interested and look out for an information event in October this year.

**CONFIRMATION 2017, Sunday 5th November** Any young people or adults interested please speak to Dagmar or Matthew.



# Upcoming Events

## HEXHAM PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY EXHIBITION: Until the 27th August

The North Transept will once again be adorned with the stunning images captured and created by the Hexham Photographic Society.

**AWESOME AUGUST: FAMILY ACTIVITIES THROUGHOUT AUGUST** Get ready for a crafty August with a new activity every Thursday from 2pm - 4pm. Only two more activities left! **THIS WEEK:** Illuminated letters (24th) and **NEXT WEEK:** Misericord masks (31st). Drop in to the Abbey and try something different! £2 per child.



**PHELPS SUMMER SERIES—NEXT PERFORMANCE: Saturday 19th August, 6pm** Michael Haynes from Hexham Abbey is the next Organist playing in the Summer Series. Free entry, retiring collection. All welcome!



**FLAVINUS DAY, Monday 28th August, 11:00 to 5:00pm** Flavinus Day will see a host of free activities and entertainment taking place for all ages. Inside the Abbey a new exhibition will be on display telling the story behind Flavinus and the Roman way of life in our region, there will also be guided tours every 30mins, focussing on the incredible collection of Roman relics including the Flavinus tombstone itself. Outside on the lawns there will be a programme of talks, demos and workshops, as well as hands on activities for children such as shield drills and flour grinding!

Throughout the day the amazing Wild Dog Outdoors will be bringing their unique Roman characters to life. We also have a special BBQ menu of Roman food for the day, creating modern takes on the food that Flavinus and his regiment would have lived on.

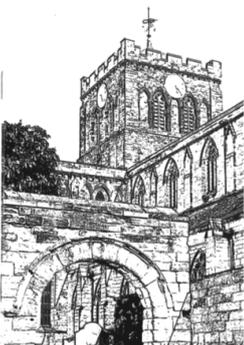
**SILVER SCREEN Cinema & Scones, Thursday 31st August, 2.30pm** Classic films with refreshments in the North Transept on the last Thursday of the month. Offers of ushers and bakers much appreciated: Contact Matthew E: [assocpriest@hexhamabbey.org.uk](mailto:assocpriest@hexhamabbey.org.uk) T: 01434 611901. This month's film: *Brief Encounter*. Dementia friendly, all welcome.

**HERITAGE OPEN DAYS** A weekend of free events in and around Hexham including Hexham Abbey!  
**Friday 8th & Saturday 9th September, 10.00am-3.00pm 'Delving into the Past... Hexham Abbey**

**Treasures'**: A drop in event in the Prior's Hall to see an exhibition of some of the items that have intrigued the Conservation Team. It is also a chance to chat with conservation experts who have a wealth of knowledge about the Abbey, its history and the hundreds of items and objects that tell a history of life at the Abbey. **Sunday 10th September, 2.00pm-4.00pm 'Ringing the Changes... Hexham Abbey Bell Tours'**: Starting from the bottom of the Night Stair, visit the Abbey's bell tower and find out all about bell ringing and our fabulous bells.



**HEXHAM ABBEY FESTIVAL, 21st-24th September** Have you got your Hexham Abbey Festival Brochure yet? Pick one up from the Abbey today to find out about the exciting line up planned for the end of September. Now in its 65th year, Hexham Abbey Festival presents a delightful 'bijou' programme with a distinctive French flavour. The Festival Chorus' programme includes Fauré's Requiem, Choir of the Year 'Voices of Hope' are singing, there's late night jazz, an organ spectacular of three organs and two organists, an outstanding Scottish guitarist, a Family Day packed with art, singing and even French philosophy workshops on Saturday, not to mention our Festival Services and a concert with Coffee and Croissants. Don't miss out! Tickets for all events (unless otherwise stated) can be booked directly online through the Queen's Hall Box Office: T: 01434 652477 or W: [www.queenshall.co.uk](http://www.queenshall.co.uk)



**Sunday 20th August***10th Sunday After Trinity—Green***8.30am Holy Communion****President** Matthew Hunter**10.00am Parish Eucharist****President** Dagmar Winter**Preacher** Matthew Hunter**Setting** Thorne *Mass of St Thomas***Reader** Derek Hughes**Voluntary** Bach *Prelude in B minor, BWV 544i***Intercessor****Hymns** 550, 369, 695, 189**Readings** Genesis 45:1—15  
Matthew 15:21—28**6.30pm Said Evensong (with hymns)****Officiant** Nigel Warner**Reader** Jason Robinson Gay**Voluntary** Vierne *Arabesque (24 pièces en style libre)***Readings** 2 Kings 4:1—37  
Acts 16:1—15**Hymns** 249, 190, 483**Abbey Services Diary for the week beginning Monday 21st August***9.00am Morning Prayer and 5.00pm Evening Prayer (Unless Choral Evensong)***Tuesday 22nd 12.00m Holy Communion** *Nigel Warner***Wednesday 23rd 9.30am Holy Communion** *Dagmar Winter*  
**10.15am Tots' Praise****Thursday 24th 9.30am Holy Communion** *Dagmar Winter*  
**9.30am Prayer Group** (*Elizabeth Fish tel. 01434 601142*)**Friday 25th 3.00pm Marriage of Diane Barry & Jeffrey Mason****Sunday 27th August***11th Sunday After Trinity—Green***8.30am Holy Communion** **President** *Dagmar Winter***10.00am Parish Eucharist** **President** *Dagmar Winter* **Preacher** *Dagmar Winter*  
**Reader** *James Arkless* **Intercessor** *Rachael Haywood Smith***6.30pm Said Evensong** **Officiant** *Matthew Hunter* **Reader** *Keith Lombard*  
**(with hymns)****For Your Prayers*****We pray for those who are unwell or who have asked for our prayers:***

Edna O'Neil, Stan Batey, Sheila Jackson, Yvonne Roberts, Doreen Beniams, Alan Currie, Peter Barclay.

***We pray for those who have died and all those who mourn:***

Joyce Christie, Heather Ann Ferries, Joe Dunwoodie, Bob Hollingsworth.

**Contact the Parish Office T: 01434 602031 / E: [admin@hexhamabbey.org.uk](mailto:admin@hexhamabbey.org.uk)  
or visit the website: [www.hexhamabbey.co.uk](http://www.hexhamabbey.co.uk)**