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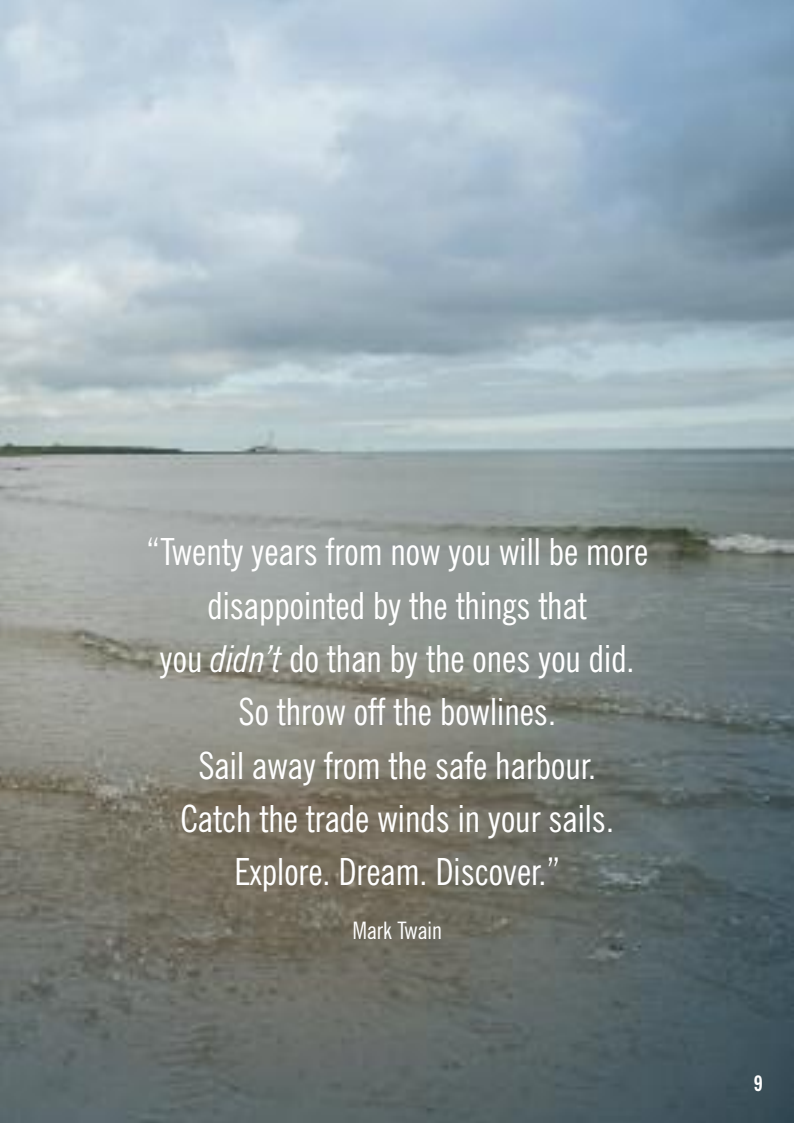
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“Twenty years from now you will be more
disappointed by the things that
you *didn't* do than by the ones you did.
So throw off the bowlines.
Sail away from the safe harbour.
Catch the trade winds in your sails.
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Mark Twain

Introduction

by Bill Midgley

Whilst Whitley Bay may have been at the height of its popularity in the first half of the Twentieth Century, the early years of the Twenty First Century is really the time to rediscover the delights of our beautiful coastline and its immediate hinterland. From the iconic Lighthouse at the north of the town through

the fabulous beaches of Whitley Bay itself, the delights of Cullercoats Bay and the Longsands of Tynemouth, the area has far more to offer than many of its rivals as a coastal resort.



The whole coastline is regenerating and whilst it retains its natural beauty it now provides interest, entertainment and surprises for the young and not so young. Our beaches, with their blue flag awards, are the envy of many would-be rivals with Tynemouth

Longsands in particular proving a delight and surprise for those who have never visited the area. Our long history can be seen at Tynemouth Priory and its association with the ancient kingdom of Northumbria, dominating the Tyne estuary which



has been so important in the creation of the wealth of the North East.

The Arts are well catered for, whilst amateur dramatics are a regular and important part of our culture; indeed the refurbishment of our Playhouse in Whitley Bay is near completion bringing with it fresh opportunities.

Restaurants abound from locations on the Fish Quay to the multi-ethnic cuisine of Tynemouth Village and Whitley Bay sea front. With continuing attraction for sports groups including football competitions





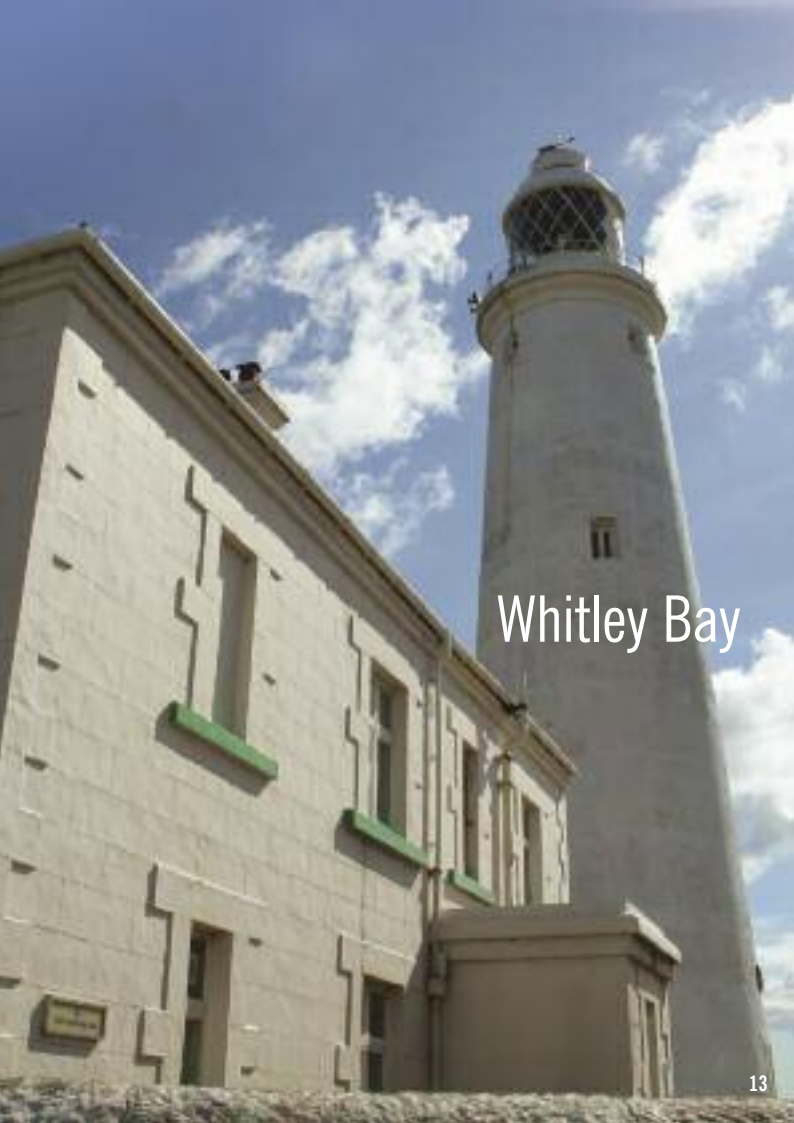
and, of a surprise to some, extensive surfing, which is virtually unrivalled in Britain, the range of attractions continue to thrill. French street markets and the niche shopping areas of Whitley Bay and Tynemouth also provide an unrivalled delight for those who require a little rest from the abundance of sea and sand.

The North Tyneside Coast is not only the resort of today, it is the resort for the future, one of the North's best kept secrets but perhaps not for too long!



Bill Midgley OBE lives in Whitley Bay and has long been a high-profile figure in the North East business community. His career in financial services resulted in him spending two decades with the Newcastle Building Society where he was chief executive and latterly executive vice chairman, before retiring in 1998.

Since his retirement Bill has continued in a number of non-executive roles, also becoming President of North East Chamber of Commerce and Chairman of Durham County Cricket Club, and has taken the opportunity to expand his interests in various businesses and charities, both on a local and national basis. In addition he writes a regular column for the *Newcastle Journal*. In 2009, Bill was awarded an OBE in the New Year Honours List and in May was elected Chairman of Whitley Bay Chamber of Trade.

A low-angle photograph of the Whitley Bay Lighthouse and its adjacent keeper's house. The lighthouse is a tall, white, tapered tower with a lantern room at the top, set against a blue sky with scattered white clouds. The keeper's house is a two-story building made of light-colored stone blocks, featuring several windows with green-painted lintels and sills. The text "Whitley Bay" is overlaid in white on the right side of the image.

Whitley Bay

The Last Summer

by Ian La Frenais

Well, it wasn't really my last one in Whitley Bay but at eighteen, with A-level results around the corner, and a future that would include the Army and travel, it was the last time the sea front and the Spanish City would be the epicentre of my vicarious social scene.

I say vicarious because while I was trawling the fairground and the amusement arcades, my parents assumed I was at the Rugby Club or some nice tennis club dance in Gosforth. But I was too fascinated with the sounds and the sights and the smells (oh, God, candy floss!) of the sea front. Teenagers, who had just been invented as a social and spending force, ruled the roost, turning the weekends into a catwalk for their fashion parade and sending families with kids and sunburn off to see the lighthouse or walk the promenade.

And there were girls, of course, hundreds of them, none of whom would give me the time of day. Girls from Tyneside in pencil skirts and



black lipstick who chewed gum and looked deadly; girls on holiday with thick Glasgow accents who chain smoked and drank beer from the bottle; girls on day trips who wore floral dresses. “*Wallpaper on the march*,” as Terry Collier once described them in the first ever episode of *The Likely Lads*.

The Teds fascinated me most; they moved in packs in their drainpipe pants and velvet collared jackets, brocade waistcoats in some more exotic cases. They worked in shipyards or electric plants like Parsons which inspired Bob and Terry’s work setting. There were fights, brief skirmishes really, although I do remember once that some gang from Wallsend desecrated our floral clock!

They’d all left school at fifteen and had money in their pockets and attitude to burn. I was still at school at eighteen and had to wear sensible grey flannel trousers and a black blazer with a prefect’s gold brocade. Once, however, I gave two pairs of said trousers to a friend whose mother was a dressmaker. She narrowed them to a fourteen-inch cuff and I got a second hand jacket in a scout jumble sale that looked reasonably cool – or “far out” or “gone” or whatever the word for cool was in those days. I had two problems, one, how to get into the trousers and two, how to get in and out of the house without my father spotting me.

Some local Teds befriended me. Why, I’ve no idea but they were great. One was actually called Ted and he was a Mister Universe contestant – he may even have won it – so borrowing one of his jackets was out of the question as he had an eighty-inch chest. His pal Dickie was small and wiry like Frank Sinatra with an accent so thick I really only understood half of what he said. Joe had a broken nose and broken front teeth and I’m sure he would lose many more over the years.

They took me to the Plaza ballroom, a vast barn of a place on the front at Tynemouth which doubled as a roller-skating rink. The jiving was fantastic, the floor throbbed and the walls shook. I watched

from the sidelines of course, my jiving efforts being confined to my bedroom with a Dansette record player and a Buddy Holly track. Dickie, on the other hand, was later to win first place in a jiving contest at Butlins Holiday Camp. I'm sure no-one could understand his acceptance speech. I'll never forget the Plaza or those ballrooms like it – the Empress in Whitley Bay, the Memorial Hall in Wallsend and, the ultimate mecca of glamour, the Oxford Galleries in Newcastle. Big bands, smoke, sweat and cheap perfume.

When the musicians took a break they played records by British pop stars: Tommy Steele (forget it), Marty Wilde (a true rocker) and Billy Fury (brilliant). A very short time later, four lads from Liverpool would be honing their craft in Hamburg and the sixties would sweep our pop idols into overnight obscurity.



Waiting for exam results I got a job at the Spanish City! To me I was no longer the voyeuristic outsider; this made me “in”, surely. Truly working class and part of the whole holiday vibe. What could be cooler than working on the dodgems; hanging onto to the pole of a moving car, managing to give change, chew spearmint, and smoke a ciggie all at the same time.

Not to be. The owner realized I was not roustabout material and I was assigned to the scenic railway. Driving four dozen infants around fairy grottos and Aladdin's cave. I shared duties with a guy called Terry who was also a smudger – that's a photographer who takes snaps of tourists on the seafront, usually without any film in the camera.

One day, trying to pretend I was a mechanic and not a kiddie carer, I greased the wheels of the whole train. Unfortunately, during my tea break, Terry did the same thing. I drove the train on my return. The wheels skidded and spun and we took off like an Exocet from a rocket launcher. We derailed about half way round, next to a jungle clearing with waxwork Africans sitting around a pot over a fake fire while a stuffed lion peered through fake bushes. The kids

were either scared or enthralled but either way I had to lead them down the tracks. This took much longer than the customary train time so that when we finally emerged into the sunlight I was confronted by a hysterical mob of outraged parents.

I left the Spanish City, knowing that what had happened had certainly killed my chances of ever working the dodgems. But I did pass all my A-levels and was ready, I thought, for the real world. Was it my favourite summer? Perhaps not, but a close contender. And I can still jive!



A former resident of Whitley Bay, Ian La Frenais needs no introduction. But, for the benefit of anyone who has not watched television over the past 45 years, Ian, with writing partner Dick Clement, is certainly most well-known for writing and scripting many shows. *The Likely Lads*, *Porridge*, *Whatever Happened to The Likely Lads?* and *Auf Wiedersehen, Pet* have all proved an astonishing success with the adoring television-viewing masses, as has Ian's adaptation of the *Lovejoy* books. The pair have also written screenplays for many movies including *The Commitments* and *Goal!*.

Island of Dreams

by Morag Horseman

Over the years home to smugglers, fishermen and lighthouse keepers, in the early days of Christianity this tidal island was the refuge of holy men. A chapel dedicated to St. Helen, used for worship until 1800, was built there by the monks of Tynemouth Priory. They kept a “St. Mary’s light” in the tower to warn sailors of the dangerous rocks. After they left, the island was known as Bates Island after its new owner, but now we call it by the name of its earliest light, St. Mary’s.

The island has known its share of violence over the years, in spite of its religious connections. In 1722, a customs officer was found dead there, thought to have been murdered by two villains who were ‘running’ brandy. Smugglers would hide their ‘booty’ on the island before taking it to North Shields.

In 1739, Michael Curry, a glass worker from Seaton Sluice, was hanged for murdering a local innkeeper near the island. For some time his body was strung from a gibbet within sight of his crime, on what is today known as Curry’s Point.





In 1799, the chapel on the island was used to isolate Russian soldiers who had developed cholera on a voyage south to fight Napoleon. Those who died were buried here.

In 1855, the pantiled cottage was built by innkeeper and fisherman George Ewen from Seaton Sluice. In 1862 he ran it as an inn, The Freemason's Arms, but in 1895 he was evicted and the inn became a temperance hotel kept by John Crisp.

The lighthouse building began in 1897, opening on August 31st 1898. The two lighthouse keepers lived with their families in the cottages. The light was lit by paraffin until 1977 when it was converted to electricity, but the lighthouse was taken out of service by Trinity House in 1984. It was then bought on behalf of the local community by North Tyneside Council.

Now run as a Visitor Centre with public events for adults and children, rooms available for meetings and parties, and a gift shop, St. Mary's Island is a unique attraction with something on offer for everyone. Come and climb the lighthouse for the very best views of the coast.

Visit Morag's *Friends of St. Mary's Island* website, dedicated to safeguarding the future of the lighthouse and its nature reserve at www.friendsofstmarysisland.co.uk

A Rendezvous with Time

by Sid Smith

I was asked to write a few words about why I love the Rendezvous Café. With the greatest of pleasure I thought. After all, I'd been an occasional coastal visitor as a child in the early '60s; I'd brought my



own children here when they were young; and it was the first place Debra and I thought of heading to after we got married one wet Saturday afternoon not so long ago.

However, I quickly found it's not as easy as it first appears.

I mean, you can get a cup of your favourite brew at dozens of cafés in the area — and all very good they are too — but trying to figure out why the Rendezvous has that something “extra” is slightly harder to pin down.

Perhaps it's the location? After all, it's picture-postcard perfect especially in the summer. Even when wind and rain pay a visit, sitting snug with mug of what you fancy inside the Rendezvous makes even the most inhospitable weather worth braving.

Then there's the enticing art deco exterior, and the interior fittings which have all largely been in place since the current owners took over in the late 1950s. I always get that fleeting sense that whenever I step inside, I'm crossing a threshold where parts of the past and present converge in real time.

Thankfully, the owners have politely resisted all the unsolicited advice from well-meaning admirers about what they should sell, and all

kinds of “improvements” that would undoubtedly increase turnover and maximize profit.

That they haven’t modernised is really what makes the Rendezvous Café special. Retaining so many of the original features shows a quiet commitment to the place. The folks who run it are more like custodians, in it for the long haul, opening the doors whatever the weather, to serve the daytrippers and regulars alike.

Where others have moved with the times, and tried various so-called updates and gimmicks, the Rendezvous has proved to be a fad-free zone. What it comes down to is this: if it isn’t broke, why fix it?



Sid Smith is a freelance writer living in Whitley Bay and contributing music-related articles to national and regional press as well as making occasional appearances on TV and radio. To keep up to date with Sid’s highly entertaining online blog, visit www.sidsmith.blogspot.com

Beauty Unharnessed

by Bob Langley

It's strange to think of Whitley Bay as being in the nation's front line of defence but that's the way it was back in 1942.

With German-occupied Norway just across the North Sea, this stretch of coastline was considered ripe for enemy invasion. There were barricades everywhere, concrete pill-boxes, artillery emplacements, air-raid shelters and armed troop patrols operating out of Tynemouth Castle. Riding from Newcastle on the electric train as a child, I would catch that first intoxicating whiff of salt air as we emerged from the station only to be swept by a sense of betrayal and disappointment when we reached the sea-front to find the entire area sealed off with barbed wire! I would peer over the barrier at the surf crashing on the empty beaches and think it the most tantalising sight I had ever seen; if only I could be down there, playing in the sand, splashing in the water — it seemed a fantasy world I could scarcely begin to dream about.

One night the German Luftwaffe scored a direct hit on the Rex Hotel. Our neighbour was serving as an air-raid warden at the time and narrowly escaped with his life when the masonry came crashing down around him. For the rest of the conflict the Rex remained a skeletal shell, a gaunt testament to the madness of war and the destruction it can bring but, when victory arrived, they built it up brick by brick exactly the way it had been before, and that was when the area really came into its own.

The late forties and fifties proved a golden age for Whitley Bay when

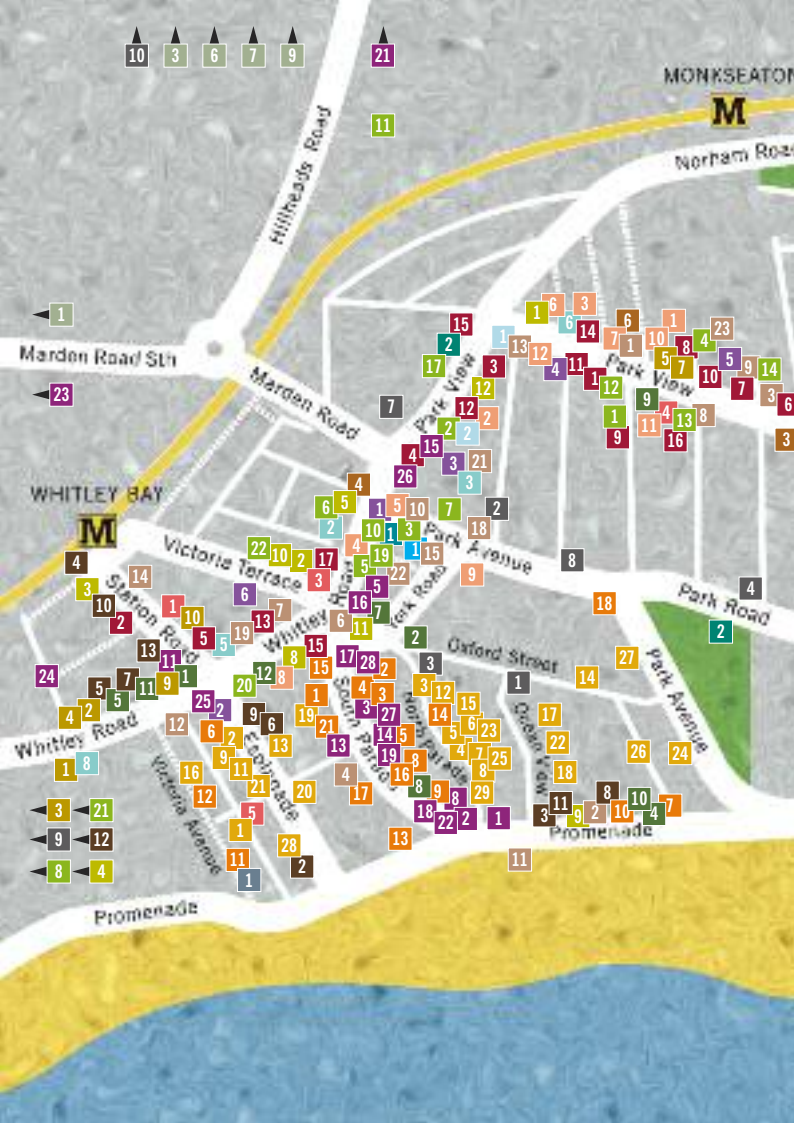


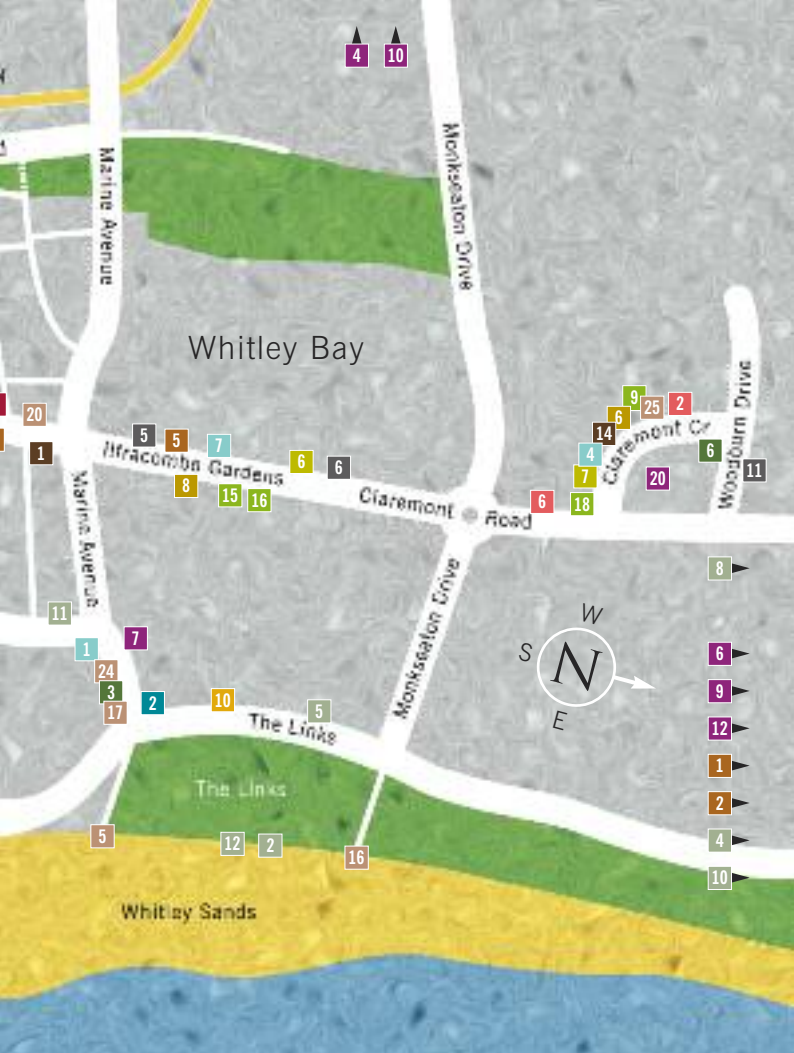
thousands of holidaymakers descended on the town every summer and turned it into one of the most vibrant holiday centres in Britain.

It's changed a bit since the old days but when I walk along the magnificent promenade from Whitley Bay through Cullercoats to Tynemouth and look at the sprawling beaches, the craggy ruins of the castle and the sparkling monolith of St. Mary's Lighthouse, I often recall the dark days of World War Two and reflect on how lucky we are to be here today, to live in such a splendid corner of the universe and to enjoy such beauty unharnessed and unobstructed on our very own doorstep.



Former television presenter Bob Langley's broadcast career began in the early days of Tyne Tees television on the regional nightly news programme. In the late 1960s he became a reporter on *Nationwide*. It was as a result of his success on the show that he was reassigned to host the BBC1 afternoon chat show, *Pebble Mill At One*, and late night version *Saturday Night at The Mill*. Bob has also written several novels.







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Tel 0191 253 1094

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Tel 0191 252 9910

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- 4** **Northumbrian Jewellers**
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- 5** **Roger Russell Jewellers**
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131 Park View, Whitley Bay
Tel 0191 252 0122

- 6** **S.R.G. Jewellers**
Jewellery, watches and repairs.
50 Victoria Terrace, Whitley Bay
Tel 0191 251 0184

News, Confectionery

- 1** **Billan's News**
News, magazines, off licence, groceries.
13 Station Road, Whitley Bay
Tel 0191 251 4964

- 2** **Claremont News**
Newspapers, magazines, confectionery.
27 Claremont Crescent, Whitley Bay
Tel 0191 252 0163

GOODIES

Confectionery, old fashioned sweets.
See **Gifts, Crafts, Toys** on Page 27...

3 Newsforce

"More than a newsagent!"
261 Whitley Road, Whitley Bay
Tel 0191 252 3610

4 G.M. & B. ROBINSON NEWS

Newsagents, traditional sweet shop.
160 Park View, Whitley Bay
Tel 0191 252 3400
See advert left...

5 Quix

News, confectionery, groceries.
30 Percy Road, Whitley Bay
Tel 0191 252 2411

Thorntons at Tea In The Park

Confectionery.
See **Restaurants Misc.** on Page 38...

6 Whitley Lodge News & Wine Shop

Newspapers, confectionery, off licence.
79 Claremont Road, Whitley Bay
Tel 0191 252 9111

Food, Drink

1 The Bakers

Cakes, bread, sandwiches, savouries.
67 Beach Avenue, Whitley Bay
Tel 0191 252 2080

2 Carters Bakery

Cakes, confectionery, sandwiches, pies, pasties, gingerbread men!
30 Park View, Whitley Bay
Tel 0191 252 1468



3 The Co-operative Foods

Groceries, wines & spirits, incorporating Whitley Bay Post Office.
14-16 Park Avenue, Whitley Bay
Tel 0191 252 0287

4 Cumbrian Fresh Eggs

Fresh eggs, honey and preserves.
121 Park View, Whitley Bay

5 Greggs The Bakers

Stotties, cakes, sandwiches, savouries.
250 Whitley Road, Whitley Bay
Tel 0191 253 4456

6 Holland & Barrett

Vitamins, minerals, herbal supplements.
287-289 Whitley Road, Whitley Bay
Tel 0191 251 6107

7 Iceland

Food, groceries, wines & spirits.
Park View Shopping Centre, Whitley Bay
Tel 0191 251 7214

8 Let's Love Cooking

Discount fresh vegetables, fruits, meats, advice on cooking methods, free delivery.
Whitley Road, Whitley Bay
Tel 07941 650101

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Founded in 1914, the last remaining traditional independent butcher in Whitley Bay is now run by the third generation of the family. We have won many national and international awards for our products, and our own in-house bakery is renowned for a very fine selection of fresh pies, savouries and ready meals.

140 Park View, Whitley Bay Tel 0191 252 5250

- 9 The Local**
Off licence and grocery store.
17 Claremont Crescent, Whitley Bay
Tel 0191 251 0069
- 10 Millers Family Butchers**
*Delicatessen, savouries, sandwiches
(try the hot pork 'n' stuffing with gravy).*
254 Whitley Road, Whitley Bay
Tel 0191 252 1389 
- 11 Morrisons**
Supermarket.
Hillheads Road, Whitley Bay
Tel 0191 297 1966
- 12 NICHOLSONS BUTCHERS**
*Traditional butcher, in-house bakery,
fresh pies, savouries and ready meals.*
140 Park View, Whitley Bay
Tel 0191 252 5250 
See advert on Page 31...
- 13 Oddbins**
Off licence, wines & spirits.
166 Park View, Whitley Bay
Tel 0191 297 2053
- 14 Peppercorn & Peppercorn Plus**
*Dried foods, organic, jams, honeys,
foods for special dietary needs.*
155 Park View, Whitley Bay
Tel 0191 251 6071
- 15 J. Scott Bakers**
*Cakes, bread, sandwiches, savouries.
"Cakes and buffets for every occasion."*
45 Eastbourne Gardens, Whitley Bay
Tel 0191 252 1883
- 16 Supersave**
Corner grocery store and off licence.
50 Eastbourne Gardens, Whitley Bay
Tel 0191 252 0410
- Tesco Express**
Groceries, wines & spirits, news.
21-31 Park View, Whitley Bay
- 18 Groceries, wines & spirits, news.**
1 Claremont Crescent, Whitley Lodge

- 19 Tom Owen**
"Class 1 Fruit and Vegetables."
252 Whitley Road, Whitley Bay
Tel 0191 253 0643
- 20 Whitley Bay Cash & Carry**
*Fine foods from around the world,
including Asian, Continental, Halal, etc.*
182-184 Whitley Road, Whitley Bay
Tel 0191 251 6605
- 21 Whitley Bay Superstore**
Groceries, off licence.
96 Whitley Road, Whitley Bay
- 22 Cake Dec Centre**
Cakes & cake decoration, coffee shop.
59 Victoria Terrace, Whitley Bay
Tel 0191 251 0663

Pharmacies

- Alliance Pharmacy**
1 1 Park Road, Whitley Bay
Tel 0191 252 6399
- 2** 154 Whitley Road, Whitley Bay
Tel 0191 253 1864
- Boots The Chemist**
3 Park View Shopping Centre
Tel 0191 252 2294
- 4** 9 Claremont Crescent, Whitley Bay
- 5 Hedley Pattinson Chemists**
213 Whitley Road, Whitley Bay
Tel 0191 252 2089
- 6 Henderson Chemists**
95-97 Park View, Whitley Bay
Tel 0191 252 0253
- 7 Lloyds Pharmacy**
52 Eastbourne Gardens, Whitley Bay
Tel 0191 251 1057
- 8 Numark Pharmacy**
295 Whitley Road, Whitley Bay
Tel 0191 252 5146



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Restaurants & Cafés (including Takeaways)

Miscellaneous

1 129 Coffee Shop

Elegant coffee shop and café.
129 Park View, Whitley Bay
Tel 0191 253 5963



2 THE BAY GRILL

10 East Parade, Whitley Bay
Tel 0191 253 3050
www.baygrill.co.uk
See advert below...



3 BAYS BISTRO

"Imaginative food and fine wines."
183 Park View, Whitley Bay
Tel 0191 251 3567
www.baysbistro.co.uk
See advert right...



4 Basil Brasserie

Modern European restaurant.
Windsor Hotel, South Parade, Whitley Bay
Tel 0191 251 8888

5 THE BOARDWALK

Beachfront café.
Watt's Slope, Whitley Bay
Tel 0191 251 1988
See advert opposite...

6 Boulevards

Town centre continental café.
242 Whitley Road, Whitley Bay

7 Caffe Europa

Stylish coffee shop and café.
251 Whitley Road, Whitley Bay
Tel 0191 252 9021

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8 Charlotte Tea Rooms

Serving coffees, breakfasts, snacks, afternoon teas, Sunday lunches.

172 Park View, Whitley Bay
Tel 0191 280 2607



9 Cottage Kitchen

"The best all-day breakfast in town!"

1-5 Countess Avenue, Whitley Bay
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National award-winning ice cream parlour.

See Café Mediterraneo in **Italian Restaurants** on Page 34 and advert on Page 36...



10 Dominique's

Continental cuisine.

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from our
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Great home-made food from around the world

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7-8 Lower Promenade, Whitley Bay Tel 0191 253 3876
(We're down the ramp opposite 42nd Street bar)

11 DOWN UNDER

Licensed beachfront café, down the ramp opposite 42nd Street bar.

7-8 Lower Promenade, Whitley Bay

Tel 0191 253 3876

See advert left...



12 Grapes

Cosy and colourful English restaurant.

164 Whitley Road, Whitley Bay

Tel 0191 252 3380



13 Imperiya 84

Healthy snacks to eat in or take away.

84 Park View, Whitley Bay

Tel 0191 252 3474

www.imperiya84.co.uk/cafe.html

14 THE LAZY DOG DINER

American-style retro diner.

31 Station Road, Whitley Bay

Tel 0191 251 2772

See advert right...

15 Mange Tout

Café, eat in, take away, buffets arranged.
20 Park Avenue, Whitley Bay
Tel 07786 574 771

16 The Rendezvous Café

Coffee bar/ice cream parlour serving up coastline views and knickerbocker glories!
Dukes Walk, Northern Promenade
Tel 0191 252 5548
www.rendezvouswhitleybay.com
See feature on Page 21-23...



17 Restaurant 7/Venetian Ices

Pizza, pasta, snacks, tapas and specials, ice cream parlour.
5-7 Marine Avenue, Whitley Bay
Tel 0191 251 9534

18 Roxburgh Coffee Shop

Breakfasts, lunches, sandwiches, teas.
2 Roxburgh House, Park Avenue
Tel 0191 251 3562
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31 Station Road, Whitley Bay
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A take away service is also provided. Our staff are Police checked and fully trained to provide a very high level of service.

SOFTPLAY AND CAFÉ. Runamokka is uniquely designed to cater to families, children and disabled people within the local community. Relaxing, comfortable surroundings have been created for your enjoyment. We host children's parties, children's classes, and mother and baby groups too! Feel free too call in and look around, we look forward to welcoming you.



the coffee shop with a difference

runamokka

221 Whitley Road, Whitley Bay Tel 0790 856 5888

Email enquiries@runamokka.co.uk www.runamokka.co.uk

- 19 RUNAMOKKA**
Luxurious café with children's soft-play.
221 Whitley Road, Whitley Bay
Tel 0790 856 5888
www.runamokka.co.uk
 See advert on Page 35...



- 20 Sugarloaf**
"Sweet treats, brunch, lunch, coffee..."
203 Park View, Whitley Bay
Tel 0191 251 7482
www.sugarloafcafe.co.uk

- 21 Thorntons at Tea In The Park**
Café, sandwiches, snacks, chocolate, confectionery, ice cream, chocolate gifts.
Park View Shopping Centre
Tel 0191 252 6160



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- to look after our customers
- and to provide value for money



11-13 Marine Avenue, Whitley Bay Tel 0191 252 3737
19 Claremont Crescent, Whitley Lodge Tel 0191 252 6900
www.pantrinis.com

Fish & Chips

- 22 The Arcade**
Fish & chips restaurant and takeaway.
 The Arcade (the lane between Whitley Road and York Road), Whitley Bay
Tel 0191 252 9140



- 23 Beaches Fish Bar**
Fish & chips takeaway.
2 Duke Street, Whitley Bay
Tel 0191 252 1492

- PANTRINI'S**
Fish & chips restaurant and takeaway.
11-13 Marine Avenue, Whitley Bay
Tel 0191 252 3737

- 25 Takeaway (formerly the Whitley Whaler).**
19 Claremont Crescent, Whitley Lodge
Tel 0191 252 6900
www.pantrinis.com
 See advert left...



Italian

Restaurants

- 1 Amoré Ristorante**
201-203 Whitley Road, Whitley Bay
Tel 0191 251 2700

- 2 Caffè Italia**
96 Oxford Street, Whitley Bay
Tel 0191 289 1445

- 3 CAFÉ MEDITERRANEO**
"The best pizzas in town!"
9 Marine Avenue, Whitley Bay
Tel 0191 252 3814
 See advert on Page 36...



- 4 Limoncello**
19 East Parade, Whitley Bay
Tel 0191 253 7999

- 5 Pane-e-Vino**
185 Whitley Road, Whitley Bay
Tel: 0191 251 8282

- 6 PICASSO'S**
2 Claremont Crescent, Whitley Lodge
Tel 0191 251 3110
www.picassorestaurant.co.uk
See advert right...



- 7 Pizzeria Laziz**
236 Whitley Road, Whitley Bay
Tel 0191 251 1567

- 8 San Carlos**
54 South Parade, Whitley Bay
Tel 0191 251 7800
www.san-carlos.co.uk



- 9 Sorrento Ristorante Italiano**
150 Park View, Whitley Bay
Tel 0191 251 3933



- 10 TAVISTOCK ITALIA**
13-17 East Parade, Whitley Bay
Tel 0191 253 6846
www.tavistockleisure.com
See advert on Page 57...



Takeaways

- 11 Papa Johns**
Pizza takeaway.
191 Whitley Road, Whitley Bay
Tel 0191 253 1400

- 12 Pizza Hut**
Pizza takeaway and delivery.
202 Whitley Road, Whitley Bay
Tel 0191 253 5511

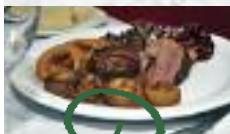
Thai

- 1 BANGKOK PALACE**
Wonderful Thai cuisine.
12 Park Avenue, Whitley Bay
Tel 0191 251 0379
See advert right...



- 2 Siam Bay Cuisine**
Authentic Thai and Indian Restaurant.
2-8 Marine Avenue, Whitley Bay
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Chinese

Restaurants

1 CHENG'S

Chinese restaurant.

150-152 Whitley Road, Whitley Bay

Tel 0191 253 7788

See advert left...



2 The Ming Cottage

Peking and seafood restaurant.

165-167 Whitley Road, Whitley Bay

Tel 0191 251 0241

Takeaways

3 China Coast

Chinese, Cantonese and Peking takeaway.

1 Eskdale Terrace, Whitley Bay

Tel 0191 253 1198

4 Dragon Inn

Chinese takeaway.

163 Whitley Road, Whitley Bay

Tel 0191 252 8111

5 Fortune Cookie

Cantonese and Peking takeaway.

141 Park View, Whitley Bay

Tel 0191 280 1292

6 New Claremont Chinese Takeaway

Just like it says!

13 Claremont Crescent, Whitley Bay

Tel 0191 251 1324



7 Sea Palace

Peking and Cantonese takeaway.

145 Park View, Whitley Bay

Tel 0191 253 3565

8 Well On Chop Suey House

Chinese and English takeaway.

40 Ilfracombe Gardens, Whitley Bay

Tel 0191 253 1731



9 Yangtze River

Peking and Cantonese takeaway.
199 Whitley Road, Whitley Bay
Tel 0191 253 4893

10 Yau's

Peking, Szechuan, Cantonese takeaway.
11 Station Road, Whitley Bay
Tel 0191 297 1677



Indian

Restaurants

1 Ahar Original Indian Cuisine

238 Park View, Whitley Bay
Tel 0191 297 1183

2 THE HIMALAYA

33 Esplanade, Whitley Bay
Tel 0191 251 3629
See advert left...



3 THE INDIAN LOUNGE

7-8 East Parade, Whitley Bay
Tel 0191 252 9900
See advert on Page 38...



4 Kisii East African/Indian cuisine.

Whitley Bay Metro Station
Tel 0191 253 7077

5 Kismet

177 Whitley Road, Whitley Bay
Tel 0191 251 3602 or 297 2028

6 Romna Tandoori

43 Esplanade, Whitley Bay
Tel 0191 251 3583

7 SHAHENS SHAH TANDOORI

187-189 Whitley Road, Whitley Bay
Tel 0191 297 0503 or 253 3854
www.shahensshah.co.uk
See advert above right...



Siam Bay Cuisine *Indian/Thai cuisine.*
See Siam Bay Cuisine, **Thai Restaurants**,
Page 39...

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& Sunday,
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5-course
Special
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Whitley Bay
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- 8 Takdir Indian Tandoori**
11 East Parade, Whitley Bay
Tel 0191 253 0236

- 9 WHITLEY BAY TANDOORI**
40 Esplanade, Whitley Bay
Tel 0191 252 9483
See advert on Page 41...



Takeaways

- 10 Eliachi**
32 Station Road, Whitley Bay
Tel 0191 289 4110
- 11 Sagar Express**
Balti, curry, tandoori, kebabs, pizza.
East Parade, Whitley Bay
Tel 0191 252 2360
- 12 Sheba Tandoori**
90 Whitley Road, Whitley Bay
Tel 0191 252 1471

- 13 Ujala Tandoori**
12 Station Road, Whitley Bay
Tel 0191 297 0210

- 14 Whitley Lodge Tandoori**
11 Claremont Crescent, Whitley Bay
Tel 0191 251 3717

Miscellaneous Takeaways

See also **Food, Drink** on Page 31...

Sandwiches, Hot Food

- 1 The Filling Station**
Sandwiches, savouries, soup, salads, jacket potatoes.
67 Park View, Whitley Bay
Tel 07885 984175 or 07879 426469
- 2 Rolls**
Sandwiches, savouries, hot food (and mince 'n' dumplings if you're quick!).
73 Victoria Terrace, Whitley Bay
Tel 0191 251 9540
- 3 Smithy's Delicatessen**
Sandwiches, savouries, hot food.
Station Square (near Metro Station), Whitley Bay
Tel 0191 290 0000
- 4 Stella's 102**
Sandwiches and savouries.
102 Whitley Road, Whitley Bay
Tel 0191 251 7648
- 5 Subway**
Sandwiches.
301 Whitley Road, Whitley Bay
Tel 0191 252 8108
- 6 Wild Thyme**
Sandwiches, savouries, snacks, outside catering.
63 Ilfracombe Gardens, Whitley Bay
Tel 0191 297 1002



Kebab, etc. Shops

- 7 Dimitri**
Kebabs, pizzas, burgers.
3 Claremont Crescent, Whitley Bay
Tel 0191 251 1001

- 8 Kebab King**
Kebabs, pizza, burgers.
222 Whitley Road, Whitley Bay
Tel 0191 280 2526

- 9 Pizza Cottage**
Pizza, kebabs, takeaway. 
12 East Parade, Whitley Bay
Tel 0191 297 0506

- 10 Plaza Pizza**
Pizza, kebabs, burgers, chicken.
65 Victoria Terrace, Whitley Bay
Tel 0191 252 3151

Sagar Express
See **Indian Takeaways** on Page 42...

- 11 Tasty Turk**
Kebabs, pizza, burgers.
236 Whitley Road, Whitley Bay
Tel 0191 251 7228

- 12 Turkish Delight**
Kebabs, burgers, fish & chips.
42-44 Park View, Whitley Bay
Tel 0191 253 5777

Bars, Pubs & Clubs

- 1 42nd STREET**
Very popular seafront bar.
1-2 East Parade, Whitley Bay
Tel 0191 251 3877
See advert on Page 45...

- 2 Aruba**
Bar with occasional adult entertainment.
57 North Parade, Whitley Bay
Tel 0191 251 5780

- 3 THE AVALON HOTEL**
Hotel with great rock/bikers' bar.
26-32 South Parade, Whitley Bay
Tel 0191 251 0080 
www.theavalon.co.uk
See advert on page 48...

Banana Joe's
Bar with occasional adult entertainment.
See Banana Joe's, **Hotels**, Page 52...

Bar Vegas
Lively bar on the party strip.
See New Ambassador Hotel, **Hotels**,
Page 52...

- 4 The Beacon**
Relaxed out-of-town pub, serving real
ales and excellent food. 
Earsdon Road, West Monkseaton
Tel 0191 253 6911

- 5 The Bedroom**
Value drinks in this town centre pub.
244 Whitley Road, Whitley Bay
Tel 0191 251 3753

- 6 The Beehive Inn**
'Olde worlde' rural pub serving great food
and with a beer garden looking onto the
surrounding countryside. 
Hartley Lane, Whitley Bay
Tel 0191 252 9352

- 7 The Berkeley Tavern**
Pub with occasional live music.
Marine Avenue, Whitley Bay
Tel 0191 252 7755

- 8 Breeze**
Nightclub, links through to Pier 39.
South Parade, Whitley Bay
Tel 0191 251 0868

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- 9 THE BRIAR DENE**
Big, friendly pub along the seafront, good food, evening quizzes and beer festivals.
71 The Links, Whitley Bay
Tel 0191 252 0926
www.sjf.co.uk/pubsandbars
See advert on Page 26... 
- 10 The Cannon Inn**
Traditional 'olde worlde' rural pub, with real ales and top grub.
29 Front Street, Earsdon, Whitley Bay
Tel 0191 253 0664 
- 11 The Coast Club**
Private members' club, visitors welcome.
4 Station Road, Whitley Bay
Tel 0191 251 3582
- Deep**
Nightclub on the seafront.
See Rex Hotel, **Hotels**, Page 52...
- 12 The Delaval Arms**
Great old white pub seen from miles around, on the hill north of Whitley Bay.
Old Hartley, Northumberland
Tel 0191 237 0489 
- 13 EASY STREET**
Very popular and lively bar.
31-33 South Parade, Whitley Bay
Tel 0191 252 1236
See advert right...
- Echo**
Bar with dancefloor and regular DJ.
See Caprice Hotel, **Hotels**, Page 52...
- 14 ENVY**
Bar with dance floor.
42-46 South Parade, Whitley Bay
Tel 0191 251 8546
See advert right...
- 15 The Fat Ox**
Traditional pub with regular live music.
278 Whitley Road, Whitley Bay
Tel 0191 251 6356
www.thefatox.co.uk 
- 16 The Fire Station**
Good value drinks and food every day.
Whitley Road, Whitley Bay
Tel 0191 293 9030 
- 17 Fitzgeralds**
Your starting-off point for South Parade.
2 South Parade, Whitley Bay
Tel 0191 251 1255 
- 18 THE HAIRY LEMON**
Lively traditional-themed bar.
56-58 South Parade, Whitley Bay
Tel 0191 251 8542
See advert right...
- 19 Havana**
Cuban-themed bar with dance floor.
South Parade, Whitley Bay
- Jimmyz**
Stylish seafront bar.
See Rex Hotel, **Hotels**, Page 52...
- 20 The Kittiwake**
Popular out-of-town pub.
Claremont Crescent, Whitley Lodge
Tel 0191 251 3977
- 21 Last Orders**
Just-out-of-town-centre pub.
Hillheads Road, Whitley Bay
Tel 0191 253 2625
- Oceans 44**
See Waverley Hotel, **Hotels**, Page 53....
- THE PEARL BAR** 
Bar and nightclub on the seafront.
See **New Royal Hotel**, **Hotels**, Page 52....
- 22 Pier 39**
Bar with occasional adult entertainment.
60-68 South Parade, Whitley Bay
Tel 0191 251 0868
- 23 The Quarry Inn**
Just-out-of-town-centre pub.
90 Marden Road South, Whitley Bay
Tel 07905 561773

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THE HAIRY LEMON South Parade, Whitley Bay

EASY STREET South Parade, Whitley Bay

42ND STREET Promenade, Whitley Bay

The logo for ENVY, featuring the word in a stylized, outlined font with a red-to-yellow gradient.The logo for EASY STREET, featuring the words in a blue, stylized font.The logo for 42ND STREET, featuring the number 42 in a large, outlined font with the word STREET underneath.

No need to tear out this page...just show
it to the barstaff when it's your round!

*Not to be used in conjunction with any other offers

24 The Rockcliffe Arms
Laid-back pub, great atmosphere!
Algernon Place, Whitley Bay
Tel 0191 253 1299



THE SANDS BAR
Refurbished contemporary bar/lounge.
See **Newquay Lodge, Hotels**, Page 52...

THE SEAHORSE
Part of the Whitley Bay Football Club.
See **Whitley Bay F.C., Sports & Leisure**,
Page 56...

25 The Station Hotel
Traditional pub with regular live music.
168-170 Whitley Road, Whitley Bay
Tel 0191 251 3853

26 The Town House
Town centre pub.
258 Whitley Road, Whitley Bay
Tel 0191 251 3978

27 THE TROJAN ROOMS
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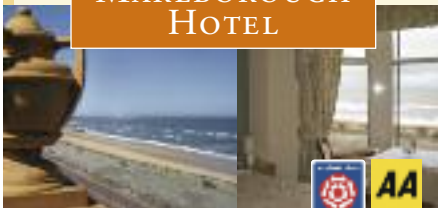
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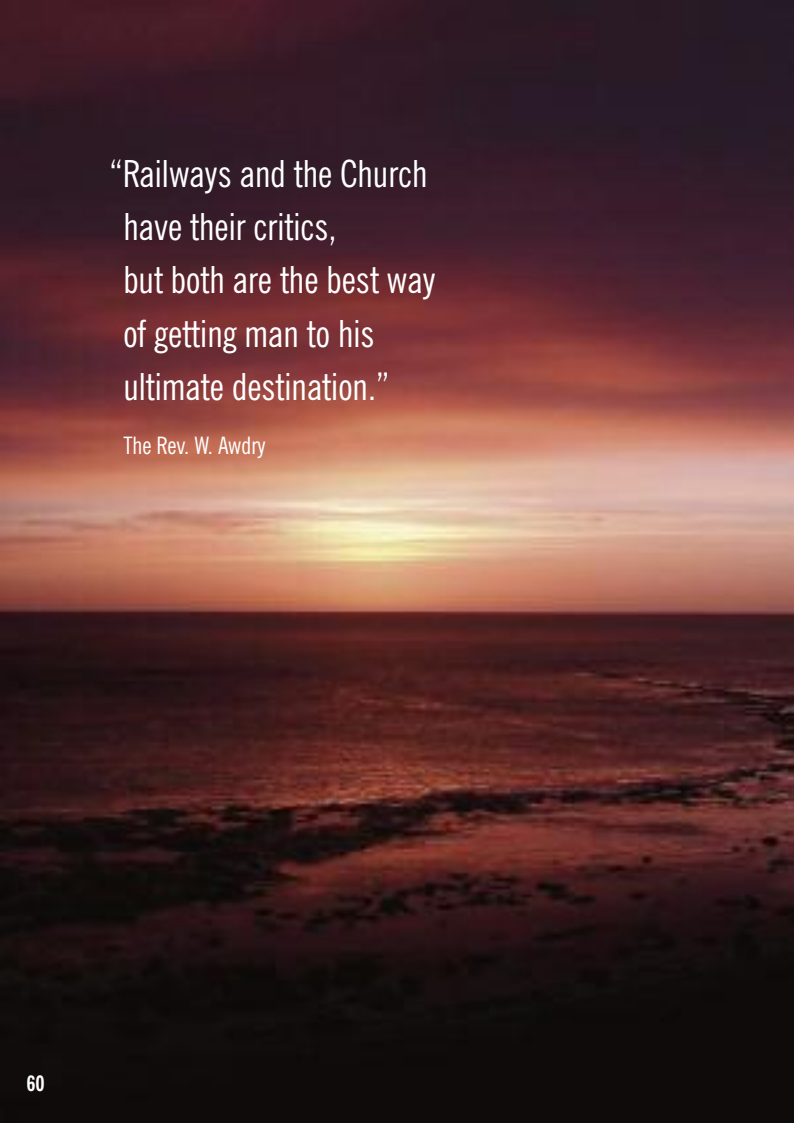


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Not that all the neighbours professed Bohemianism. One neighbour once laid about me, claiming the colour schemes and murals were bringing down property values — something the nation’s greed has managed to do much better in the interim.



I arrived in Cullercoats intending a stay of a few months and have been here a third of a century. It’s the smallest place I’ve lived, which means there’s more community spirit, but also a greater likelihood of ructions.

So although it’s now my spiritual home, though I did set up a football team here (Cullerbay Dynamikz – fancy name, terrible team), and despite establishing both a small publisher and a theatre company in the village, there have been various barnies, all stemming from something I have written. The mega-disagreement was with

Cullercoats Crescent Club, which saw me banned for 20 years (now reinstated), but I've also had run-ins with The Community Centre, and the residents of Winslow Court.

All part of life's rich tapestry, and of little consequence compared to Cullercoats' attractions, the therapy of walking its beautiful crescent shaped beach, or standing silently in its caves, whose rocks, in writer Tom Hadaway's memorable phrase, "are streaked with the tears of long weeping." Or rushing down to catch the most turbulent high tides, the waves rearing then plunging over the North pier like some Grand National charge over Bechers Brook. The madder the sea, the better our sanity, so that after a while the thought of living removed



from this element is unbearable. And where could you get so much sky for the same money? And still the same size in the recession!

Artists of all types still live here. At a recent literary event, I realised our table comprised four professional writers, all Cullercoats-based. How many small villages can equal that? My own street (14 houses) boasts three writers, two painters and two musicians.

Even at the risk of getting banned, once here, we Cullercoats arty types tend not to leave.

Peter Mortimer is an author and playwright. His latest book, *Camp Shatila*, will be published in the Autumn by Five Leaves Publications. See www.petermortimer.co.uk Photos by Gemma Marriner.



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3 St. George's Road, Cullercoats
Tel 0191 252 3752
- 2 Yvonne's News**
Newsagents, confectionery.
Hudleston, Cullercoats

Food, Drink

- 1 Canatrice Bakery**
Bakery, bread, cakes, savouries.

9 St. George's Road, Cullercoats
Tel 0191 297 2117

- 2 The Co-operative Foods**
Groceries, wines & spirits.
51 John Street, Cullercoats
Tel 0191 252 5188
- 3 Cullercoats Discount Store**
Groceries, off licence, wines & beers.
St. George's Road, Cullercoats
- 4 Peter Darling**
Traditional butcher.
5 St. George's Road, Cullercoats
Tel 0191 252 3295

Restaurants & Cafés (including Takeaways)

Miscellaneous

- 1 Bill's Fish Bar**
Traditional fish & chip takeaway.
4 Victoria Crescent, Cullercoats
Tel 0191 253 5003 
See advert opposite...
- 2 The Copper Kettle**
Café and coffee shop.
1 John Street, Cullercoats
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- 3 Quality Pizza**
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5 John Street, Cullercoats
Tel 0191 251 3316

The Queen's Head
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See **Pubs & Clubs** on Page 70...

Italian

- 1 Bruno's**
5 Victoria Crescent, Cullercoats
Tel 0191 251 3065
- 2 Mamma Rosa**
2-3 Victoria Crescent, Cullercoats
Tel 0191 251 5545

Indian

- 1 Bilash Tandoori Restaurant**
5 Station Road, Cullercoats 
Tel 0191 251 3891

Chinese

- 1 China Coast**
1 Eskdale Terrace, Whitley Bay
Tel 0191 253 1198

Pubs & Clubs

1 The Crescent Club & Institute

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1 Hudleston Street, Cullercoats
Tel 0191 253 0242

2 The Queen's Head

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www.queenshead.biz

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46 Beverley Terrace, Cullercoats
Tel 07977 203379
www.seafront.info

2 Southcliff Apartments

4 Southcliff, Cullercoats
Tel 0191 251 3121
www.southcliffapartments.co.uk

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1 Cullercoats Post Office

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Tel 0191 252 2522

1 Cullercoats Library

Library, internet access.
St. George's Road, Cullercoats
Tel 0191 200 8537

Library

Places of Worship

1 Cullercoats Methodist Church

Broadway, Cullercoats
Tel 0191 251 5801
www.cullercoatsmethodistchurch.co.uk
Mass times: please refer to website or information board

2 Cullercoats Methodist Fishermen's Mission

Eskdale Terrace, Cullercoats
Tel 0191 251 5801
www.cullercoatsmethodistchurch.co.uk
Contact details and Mass times as above

3 St. George's—Church of England

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7.00pm, Thursday 10.00am, Friday Noon,
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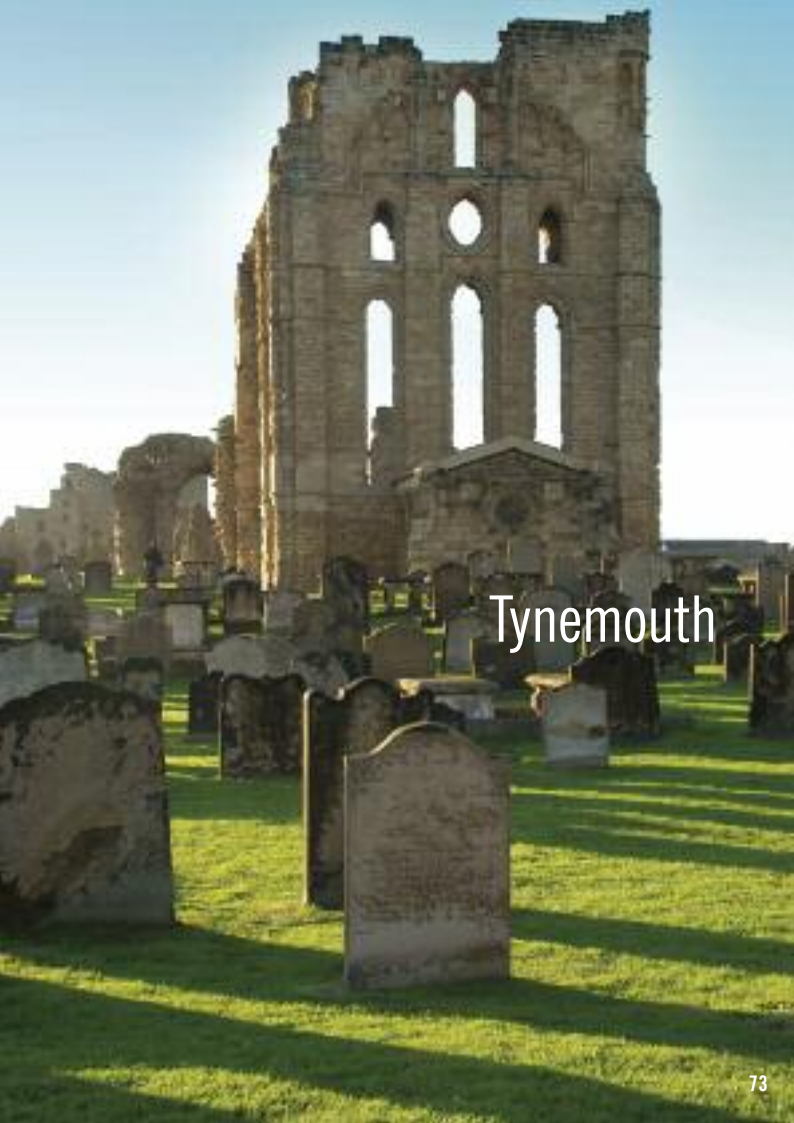


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Tynemouth

“All mine, all mine...”

by Ray Laidlaw

I've lived in Tynemouth for most of my life and was born here, very close to my present home. To the locals, Tynemouth is known as “The Village”. Dominated by the Castle and Priory, the surrounding streets are full of surprises — around every corner there are buildings with a schizophrenic quality suggesting some random architectural brief.

I spent most of my childhood summers on Tynemouth beach and the Village was a magnet for me and my pals during my teenage years. There was Matties youth club, the Calypso coffee bar, the Cave music café and, for a while, a record shop above what was until recently the Rubber Soul Surf Shop, coincidentally the first place that I heard The Beatles' album of the same name.





When I moved back to the north in 1973 I decided to buy a house in Tynemouth. I looked at lots but couldn't decide, so I bought the house nearest to the Turk's Head, the pub where I met my wife and subsequently the scene of many happy events in my life, including a Lindisfarne video shoot, our wedding reception and the Motorettes album launch, to name just three.

Tynemouth retains a timeless, magical quality; in summer it exudes the same laid back feel that I remember as a boy when the first surfers were causing a stir on the Long Sands. It's now a favourite surfing location and a surprising number of internationally known surfers are locals who honed their skills on our coast.

As well as the healthy outdoor pursuits that the coast has to offer, Tynemouth also boasts diverse restaurants, pubs and shops with nearly everything you need within a hundred yards of Front Street. On the cultural side, we have the Priory Theatre, the tri-annual Tynemouth Pageant and the Mouth of the Tyne Festival. Add to these attractions the many activities that take place in Tynemouth Station, the Sailing and Rowing Clubs and the terminus for the C2C cycleway and it's easy to understand the reasons for Tynemouth's popularity.

I'm writing this in mid-December. I'll now take a brisk walk around the Spanish Battery followed by a drink and a chat in one of the village pubs; where else would I want to live?

Ray, of course, was a founding member and drummer for the successful folk rock band Lindisfarne. He is currently thumping the tubs with the Billy Mitchell Band. www.billymitchell.co.uk

Tynemouth Station

by Ylana First

Tynemouth's magnificent Victorian Railway Station, originally part of the North Eastern railway network, was opened in 1882 to cater for the crowds who came for a day out at the seaside, as well as for people from Newcastle and the surrounding areas who wanted to live at the coast but commute to Newcastle and adjoining towns.

The Station was noted for its elegant ironwork and magnificent floral displays, winning many awards over the years. Though some thought that its days as a Victorian and Edwardian showpiece were long gone, the Station has become a Grade II Listed Building following a lengthy campaign and is now recognised as a treasure to be preserved, restored and enjoyed.

There is always so much happening in Tynemouth Station. Apart from the diverse businesses that are ever-present, on every Saturday and Sunday a flea market is held on both platforms, attracting many





from far and wide, whilst on every third Saturday of the month the Station hosts a high-class farmers' market.

Four times a year on a Sunday there is a very successful and popular Book Fair organised by the Friends of Tynemouth Station who also take the lead in organising art exhibitions in The Bridge — a most unusual exhibition space between the two walkways crossing over the lines. The exhibitions have included work by both new and established professional artists, community groups, art students and schools. Exhibitions are of course free and may be viewed at anytime.

Over the years, making full use of the wonderful facilities provided beneath the vast canopies, the Friends of Tynemouth Station, in partnership with various organisations, have organised festivals large and small such as May Day festivals and ElectFest. This year on August Bank Holiday Monday there is to be a Green Festival organised by the Friends of The Earth and the North Tyneside Council in conjunction with the Friends of Tynemouth Station.

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For more information about the Friends of Tynemouth Station, please contact Ylana First MBE, Secretary of FoTS and Arts Co-ordinator, on either 0191 257 2180 or e-mail ylanafirst@talktalk.net

Give us a Wave

by Katherine Wildman

Tynemouth surf instructor Barry Henderson talks about the surf scene at Tynemouth and invites us all in to give it a go.

“The best bit?” Barry pauses for a moment to glance at the waves before turning back to me with a huge grin on his suntanned face. “The best bit is watching their faces when they’ve caught that first wave. That’s when I know they’ve got the bug, that’s when I know they’re hooked.”

The oldest person Barry has ever ‘hooked’ into surfing was an eighty five year old man who came down to the beach as part of a group lesson last summer; his youngest pupil to date was just five.

What can I expect if I book a surf lesson?

“The first thing is to get the wetsuit on — this takes some people about a quarter of an hour to begin with and can be a lesson in itself, but it gets easier with practice. The first session is all about getting in the water and building up your confidence so that even when you fall in, which you will, you know that there’s someone looking out for you so you can get back on the board with a smile on your face and try again. I will show you how to catch a wave on your front, how to do a bit of body boarding. That’s usually all it takes for the bug to bite in the first lesson and then they’re hooked.”



“I haven’t had one person, young or old, come out of the waves having not liked it. I think people are surprised just what they can get out of just holding on to a board and riding in on the white water. To feel the power of the sea just like that. I have to warn people when they’re learning to stand up on the board about just how high up they will feel. The thrill of walking on water, once you’re up there, well – it can feel a bit freaky!”

I’m sold. What do I need to start?

“Swimming trunks or costume and a towel. That’s it. We provide the rest of the gear you will need like boards and leashes, wetsuits, boots and gloves and even hoods if it looks a bit chilly out there.”



Katherine Wildman is a freelance photographer and writer, based in Whitley Bay — visit her website at www.kewildman.com Surf instructor Barry Henderson is contactable on 07503 028897. Whitley Bay surfing image © Stu Norton at www.stunortonphotography.com





Tynemouth

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www.thecelticpath.co.uk
- 3 Forget-Me-Not**
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2 Percy Park Road, Tynemouth
Tel 0191 257 7415
- 4 Gaf Tynemouth**
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70 Front Street, Tynemouth
Tel 0191 258 5600
www.yourgaf.com
- 5 Greetings**
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13 Percy Park Road, Tynemouth
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- 6 The Little Monk**
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- 1 Children of The Revolution**
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Tel 0191 296 4410
- 3 Lady at Village Gate**
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20 Front Street, Tynemouth
Tel 0191 257 3373
- 4 Lily's Bridalwear**
Wedding dresses, bridalwear, accessories.
4 Percy Park Road, Tynemouth
- 5 Passion for Shoes**
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Land of Green Ginger, Front St, Tynemouth
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- 6 Razzberry Bazaar**
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Tel 0191 296 3133
www.razzberrybazaar.com

- 7 Tides**
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10 Front Street, Tynemouth
Tel 0191 259 5040

News, Confectionery

- 1 Priory Newsagency**
News, confectionery, off licence.
31 Percy Park Road, Tynemouth
Tel 0191 257 0532
- 2 Station News**
News, confectionery, books.
Tynemouth Station, Station Terrace
Tel 0191 259 2087

Food, Drink

- 1 The Co-operative Foods**
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71-73 Front Street, Tynemouth
Tel 0191 257 0822
- 2 The Deli Around the Corner**
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61 Hotspur Street, Tynemouth
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www.thedeliaroundthecorner.co.uk
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3 Country House Tearooms

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14 Percy Park Road, Tynemouth
Tel 0191 257 4449

4 Crusoe's

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Longsands, Tynemouth
Tel 0191 296 4152

5 EXCHANGE BISTRO

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Howard Street, North Shields
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See advert below left...



6 Gingersnaps Bistro

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Land of Green Ginger, Front Street, Tynemouth
Tel 0191 257 2051

7 Longsands Café

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Tynemouth Boating Lake
Tel 0191 258 7593
www.tynemouthpark.com

8 Marshall's

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33 Front Street, Tynemouth
Tel 0191 257 2435

9 Porters Coffee House

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Tynemouth Station
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10 Priory Café

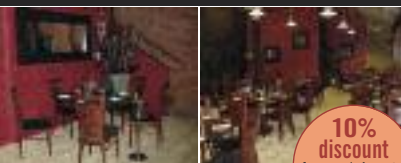
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- Sonny's Italia**
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12 Front Street, Tynemouth
Tel 0191 296 0755



Chinese

- Golden Star**
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Tel 0191 257 7071
- 77 Front Street**
Chinese restaurant.

77 Front Street, Tynemouth
Tel 0191 296 2961

Indian

- Gate of India**
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40 Front Street, Tynemouth
Tel 0191 258 3453
- Plaza Tandoori**
Indian restaurant.
4 Grand Parade, Tynemouth
Tel 0191 257 4344



Miscellaneous Takeaways

- Deli Xpress**
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69 Front Street, Tynemouth
Tel 0191 259 6893
- Subway**
Sandwiches.
64 Front Street, Tynemouth
Tel 0191 258 7051



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2 Barca

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The Arcade, Front Street, Tynemouth
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See Grand Hotel, **Hotels** on Page 88...

3 CUMBERLAND ARMS

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7 Salutation Inn

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8 Sammy Jack's

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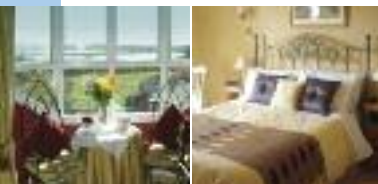
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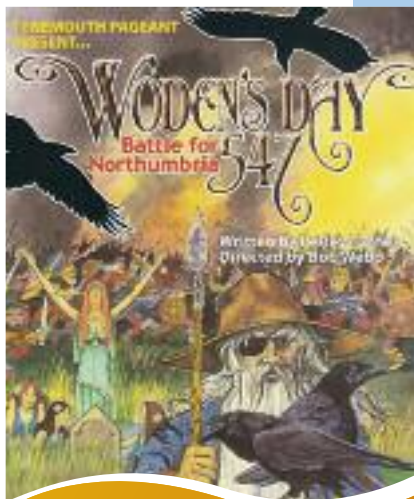
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Fish Quay

No Lumps of Fat...

by Marty Ponton

North Shields Fish Quay is a community in the truest sense, everyone knows one another and all work together. And though the past 20 years has seen a decline in the fishing industry it still remains a bustling community of tradition, pubs, restaurants, great fish and chips (not forgetting breakfast at a certain grocers...) and traders selling everything from fresh seafood to traditional sweets. Whether it's a fine day or a great evening out, and with magnificent views of the river whilst you indulge, the Fish Quay has it all.

Wights has been trading since 1926, supplying fishing boats from all over the world, from as far afield as France, Spain and Iceland. Where else could you thrill to a 100,000 ton ship sailing past within 10 yards whilst feasting on a bacon buttie and a mug of steaming tea.

As Fish Quay regeneration nears completion with new walkways and unbeatable viewpoints of the river and piers, every day brings an assortment of fishing vessels in preparation for their next trip, or ships from all corners of the world, including the occasional coal boat from China, heading up river. Regular cruise ships are an impressive sight as they pass through the Quay and up to the Port of Tyne.

No less impressive, and almost a requirement of any historic seaport worth its salt, is the motley array of fish quay folk, the lively collective life-force of this town-in-miniature, many of whom would grace any seafaring adventure tale.



Tony's wet fish shop, for example, boasts little fat Albert, the self-titled "Man that knows everything about fish" who, when asked nicely, might even show you his webbed toes.



Nestling at Lindisfarne Fisheries of Clifford's Fort is the jocular Ken Jones, present every day cooking fresh prawns and crabs, and a visit is highly recommended. Lillian from Taylors seafoods has the gift of creating most amazing handmade fishcakes, and puts on a display of fresh whole fish that must be seen to be believed. The new Fish Quay Business Park off Tanners Bank is home to Paul Spivey the Crabman, seek him out, his boilers never stop all day. Fish merchant John Ellis has worked the Quay for over 50 years and is found in the earliest hours buying and selling fish on

Clifford's Fort. And if, from a visitors' viewpoint, you'd like to witness the swarming auction process on the Fish Quay, then be sure to book with Jeremy Pritchard at the Fish Quay office on the day before the Market for a 7.30am start.

Other notable characters to repay a glance, though no less fishy, include the ever-illustrious Bertie Forster, an expert player of the spoons but failed philanthropist ("on a budget"), who may usually be revelled-in whilst holding court among the various emporiums of refreshment scattered along the Quay, proffering his particular style of "guidance" to the willing ear. And of course Wight's own Dennis Leighton, a man who delights in divulging his soup making tips to the local womenfolk (this legendary dish is available every day).

But whoever you bump into, you will always find true Geordie hospitality on the Fish Quay, so "haway doon the bank" and say 'hello'.....you'll be most welcome!

Marty Ponton, managing director of William Wight Ltd., has worked on the Fish Quay for 34 years. If you'd like to ask Marty anything about the Fish Quay just pop in the shop.

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- 7 Spivey's "The Crab Man"**
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6-7 Sat-Sun **Coast 2009**

A weekend of events and activities linking World Ocean Day and World Environment Day, and celebrating all that North Tyneside's fantastic coastline has to offer. Rockpool rambles, maritime music, donkey rides to art exhibitions, beach sports to seafood tasting, at various venues from St. Mary's Island to the Fish Quay. Events start at 10.00am, and finish at 6.00pm on Saturday and Sunday.

17-20 Wed-Sat **Tynemouth Pageant presents Woden's Day 547 – Battle for Northumbria**

An open-air production in the grounds of Tynemouth Castle and Priory, a spectacular tale of an Anglo-Saxon band of warriors landing on the North East coast in the key

year of 547AD, a Norse God and Northumbrian Goddess, the local tribe with their beautiful princess, and bards with a midsummer story to tell about the kingdom the two tribes won together when they joined forces. 7.30pm (doors open 7.00pm).

July

10-12 Fri-Sun **Whitley Bay International Jazz Festival**

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11-12 Sat-Sun **Mouth of The Tyne Festival**

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19 Sun **Tynemouth Lifeboat Day**

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29 July-2 August

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August

8-9 Sat-Sun

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31 Bank Holiday Monday

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November

1 Sun

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December

12-13 Sat-Sun

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Whitley Bay

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Tynemouth Farmers' Market is held on the third Saturday of every month.

Tynemouth Book Fairs will be held on 19 April, 28 June, 16 August and 11 October, from 10.00am-4.00pm on the west concourse of the Station.

Art Exhibitions — look in central upper section of the Bridge to view the latest.

Coastal and Riverside Walk

by Geoff Holland

In March 1867 author Charles Dickens wrote, *"We escaped to Tynemouth for a two hour sea walk. There was a high wind blowing and a magnificent sea running. Large vessels were being towed in and out over the stormy bar with prodigious waves breaking on it, and spanning the restless uproar of the waves was a quiet rainbow of transcendental beauty. The scene was quite wonderful."* On this invigorating coastal and riverside walk you will follow in the footsteps of this renowned and much-loved author as well as those of American artist Winslow Homer, 19th century writer Harriett Martineau and Hollywood star Stan Laurel. This is a walk to blow away the cobwebs!

Distance	3½ miles/5.6 km
Start	Cliff House, Front Street, Cullercoats
Finish	Ferry Landing, North Shields



1 The walk starts alongside the oldest building in Cullercoats, the white-washed 1768-built Cliff House. Once reliant on coal and salt, the village is best known for the artists who visited here during the 19th century, the most famous being the leading American water-colourist, Winslow Homer. Arriving in 1881, he first stayed at the Hudleston Arms, later renamed the Bay Hotel and, following the hotel's demolition

in 2005, the new apartments on the site were named Winslow Court. With the sea on your left, head past the 1879-built Watch House, formerly the look-out post of the local Volunteer Life Brigade with Winslow Court on the other side of the road. Just ahead, the Rocket Garage, once used by the Volunteer Life Brigade for the storage of their carriage and rocket apparatus, stands on the



corner of John Street and Beverley Terrace. The present RNLI lifeboat is housed next to the beach. Beyond the garage stands Monks Haven, once home to wealthy 19th century ship owner and philanthropist, Sir James Knott.

2 **Victorian-built Beverley Terrace** leads you to the golden Tynemouth Longsands, a popular surfing destination and the place where leading British surfer Sam Lamiroy learnt his trade. On your right is St. George's Church, erected in 1884 by the 6th Duke of Northumberland in memory of his father. Further along the promenade lies the 1893 Tynemouth Park, now containing a café, boating lake and the Jurassic Park-themed Lost World Adventure Golf Course. Opposite is the former public shelter known as Palace Buildings, now home to the Childhood Memories Toy Museum and Tynemouth Surf Company, which in 2007 was voted the "Best Coastal Shop" in Britain by *Coast* magazine. At the end of the promenade stands the 1872 Grand Hotel, originally built as a summer residence for the Duke of Northumberland.



In July 1932, thousands of fans turned out to greet Hollywood legends Laurel and Hardy who were staying in the hotel during a tour of the "Old Country". For Stan Laurel it was a something of a homecoming as he had lived in Dockwray Square, North Shields, between 1897 and 1901.





3 The promenade now bends away from the beach towards Tynemouth village. To your left is King Edward's Bay, dominated by the cliffs of Pen Bal Crag, the impressive Tynemouth Castle and the ruins of the 7th century Priory. Once home to 19th century writer Harriet Martineau, Tynemouth positively oozes history and deserves detailed exploration.

Something for another day, though the many stylish watering holes might just tempt you to quench your thirst. Follow the road down the hill adjacent to the castle towards the tiny cove of Priors Haven and the granite pier. Once across the narrow bridge, take the signposted gravel track on your right towards the huge 1845-erected statue of Newcastle born Admiral Lord Collingwood, Nelson's second in command at the Battle of Trafalgar. The four cannon were taken from Collingwood's ship at Trafalgar, the Royal Sovereign.



4 Now continue all the way down to the riverside promenade and head upstream towards North Shields Fish Quay. Alongside the small crescent of sandy beach stands a yellow and blue 'milepost', one of the many which mark the Coast to Coast (C2C) cycle route. At the end of the promenade, follow the National Cycle Route 72 sign and, once outside the New Dolphin public house, note the artwork based on mooring posts traditionally used on the River Tyne.





The Fish Quay quarter of North Shields is steeped in history and many important buildings, including the ‘old’ and ‘new’ High and Low Lights and the remains of the 1672 Clifford’s Fort, can still be seen. Turn left along the main road and, in time, you will reach the Prince of Wales public house and the buxom 1992-installed ‘Wooden Dolly’, an artwork in the form of an old ship’s figurehead.

5 Continue straight on past the old graving dock,

known locally as the Haddock Shop Dock, where lightships and other small vessels were once repaired. At the far end of Clive Street stands the Grade II Listed 1897-built Porthole public house, formerly known as the Golden Fleece and designed by the architects who also designed the



Sunderland Empire Theatre. To your right, on the corner of Borough Road, are the remnants of St. Peter’s Church also known as the Sailors’ Church. Cut across the road. The building at the bottom of

the bank was once a sailors' home, and more recently a Customs House. Head straight on and to your left is the landing stage for the North Shields to South Shields ferry, a service which has been provided in some form since at least 1377. The main building on your right was for many years the notorious Northumberland Arms Inn, known to sailors worldwide as "The Jungle". On reaching the former Chain Locker public house, originally called the Crane Hotel whose historic glazed



façade now forms the centrepiece of a luxury apartment development, you have reached the end of your walk.

Travel tips: If you are travelling by car, park in one of the streets near Cliff House, the starting point of the walk. Alternatively, take the Metro to Cullercoats Station and walk the short distance to the start. On completing the walk, the No. 333 bus from the turning circle next to the Ferry Landing will take you to North Shields Metro Station and a short ride back to Cullercoats.

Geoff Holland is the author of two books of self-guided walks, *The Cheviot Hills* and *Walks from Wooler*, as well as being a regular contributor to *TGO (The Great Outdoors)*, *Country Walking* and *The Northumbrian* magazines. He operates the highly acclaimed website, www.cheviotwalks.co.uk and his poetry has appeared in magazines, journals and online. Born in Tynemouth he has lived in Monkseaton for 34 years.

For an historic Whitley Bay-centric walk of Geoff's devising, please refer to our previous edition, the *Whitley Bay Guide 2008*, or view online at www.whitleybayguide.com/features_trail.html

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