

Market relocated

The Thursday Bedlington Market has moved to a new location in the centre of Bedlington and is doing wonders for trade!

Thanks to the revamped Market Place, the Thursday Bedlington Market is now hosted in the town centre. The new location has boosted stall numbers which rose from 6 to around 15, with room for a few more.

A wide range of stalls provides plenty of shopping choice with a fruit and vegetable stall, wool, household items, cakes, fishmonger, toys, along with other varied produce, the Market has something for everyone.

The wide range of market stalls setting up for the day ahead.



The market was originally situated in the car park behind Market Place; it was then moved to another location further away from the centre which was less than ideal.

The new central location helps to promote the Thursday Bedlington Market with more customers passing through the area. Pat Walsh, the Market Manager, says "it's definitely livened up the town centre, especially the main street. There's a good selection of stalls and it's improved since we've relocated".

The stallholders are also keen to promote the market and are fond of the new location. Andrew Gray, from



Gray's Fruit stall, family business at the market. the fruit and vegetable stall, said "it's definitely better since it's moved from the car park; we have the canopies which look more professional and provide a better market atmosphere. There's more people passing through as well, we prefer the location but so do the customers because it's easier for them to get to".

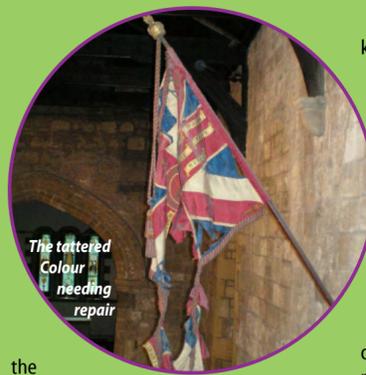
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Repairing the Colour

Barry Mead, heritage consultant, explores the history of a tattered flag in St Cuthbert's Church in Bedlington and finds it has much more to show than originally thought.

After visiting the largely unknown and neglected flag at St Cuthbert's Church, Bedlington, which had hung over the nave for 90 years, first impressions suggested it to be beyond repair. Its fascinating history quickly proved otherwise.

The flag was the "Colour" of the 2nd Battalion, Tyneside Scottish who were in



the thick of the fighting at the infamous Battle of the Somme. They suffered horrendously and on the opening day of the battle, 1st July 1916, around 600 officers and men were

killed or wounded. Many of these men were from the Bedlington area.

After the war, the Colour was presented to the Battalion at a parade on the Town Moor on 10th July 1920 and following this, was "laid up" in St Cuthbert's Church. It hung over the entrance to the 14th century south porch, later converted to a Memorial Chapel in 1921, to commemorate the men who made the ultimate sacrifice. The chapel walls are lined with Roll

of Honour boards, recently cleaned and restored by local volunteers. They were originally commissioned by the Bedlington and Netherton Coal Companies and Bedlington Parish. The Rolls list the names of every man killed – a poignant reminder of the true cost of war. Over 400 men from

the coal companies and the parish lost their lives and a further Roll remembers those lost in World War II.

Also at the Memorial Chapel is a Record of Enlistment for the Great War which names 1050 recruits, their details and what happened to them during the war. Many entries show "Killed in Action" making it a sombre read. Also shown are acts of bravery including 15 Military Medals and 5 Military Medals and Bars awarded to Bedlingtonians.

A special mention must be made of John Drysdale Jefferson of Millbank Crescent, a sergeant in the 12th Battalion. He was awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal, second only to the Victoria Cross, and Military Medal and Bar after being wounded twice but surviving the war.

So the tattered flag portrays quite a story and was definitely worthy of repairs. Thanks to the generosity of the Sir James Knott Trust, the former Wansbeck District Council



The Colour rededicated

and the church congregation, £1,500 was raised to conserve the Colour and on 5th July 2009 the Memorial Chapel and Colour were rededicated.

In addition, a beautifully written and illustrated booklet on the chapel, colour and a short history on the Tyneside Scottish is also available. It costs just £2.50 with £2.00 going towards the upkeep of the Memorial Chapel and the Church and 50p going to a service charity.

Copies of the Record of Enlistment are also available for £6.00.

You can obtain copies of both booklets by contacting Michael Eldridge on 01670 531838.

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Tallantyre traditionally transformed!



From top: Existing frontage of Tallantyres before works began and all those involved in the process to the right.

Proposal plans put forward by Reavell & Cahill for supported grant work improvements.

The contractors hard at work with Tallantyres restoration underway.

An update halfway there with progress being made.



It's complete! Tallantyres in the early evening after the grant works. The new interior and lighting was installed in addition to the THI.



A local family business has been the first to benefit from a THI Conservation Grant – and just look at the difference it's made!

The stunning new shopfront really does this longstanding local firm justice, and sets the bar high for the other schemes which will follow.

Designed by architects Reavell & Cahill, with works carried out by HPR Ltd, the shop has been given an elegant, sophisticated transformation, which reveals the historic fabric of the building.

With its window lighting scheme, it adds atmosphere and class to Bedlington's town centre at night time as well.

The scheme has seen the replacement of low-grade materials with quality traditional ones. Some of the works undertaken on the property include the removal of cladding, paint and fascias; repairing and re-pointing stonework using lime mortar; as well as relaying and repairing the Welsh slate roof.

A traditional timber shopfront has been

installed along with new brick chimneys, cast iron drainpipes, gutters and traditional timber sliding-sash windows. In addition to the THI supported works, Tallantyre have refurbished the inside with new displays and lighting.

This fantastic opportunity has seen a nineteenth century building transformed. Despite probably being built as housing, Tallantyre's was also once a pub but in 1905, pictures show the building as a shop. The works have seen the building restored

to its former glory which can only be a positive step for Bedlington as well as the business.

Martin Tallantyre, who took over the running of the thriving family business from his father Robin, is justifiably proud and says "this is going to do wonders, not just for our business, but for Bedlington as well!"

Free day of fun, 10 Sept!

Bedlington Heritage Fair is upon us once again with an amazing day of free fun and activities for all the family!

The Heritage Fair will offer an opportunity to learn more about the town's fascinating heritage and planned regeneration. There will also be a range of free entertainment and activities for all ages. The majority of events will be held in the revamped Market Place and coincide with other activities taking place at St Cuthbert's Church, St Johns Parish Church and Sustrans at Gallagher Park. This is a great opportunity to learn about and celebrate local heritage.

JOIN THE FUN!



10 Sept
10am-3.30pm

An exciting host of free activities and entertainment!

Fun and Games

Why not visit Animal

Antics for a chance to get up

close to some fluffy critters...and some not so fluffy tarantulas at 10am and 1pm! Or join in the vintage games and facepainting at 12.30.

Local History

Drop into the Bedlington Remembered Talk at 11.30 for an insight in Bedlington's history. Follow this with the Stones and Bones historical tales at 12.30 or try the flight simulator to discover local history in a more unusual way. All at St Cuthbert's Church.

Hands-on Heritage

Come and see some traditional skills with stonemasonry, lead work, joinery and lime pointing - just a few techniques needed to restore old buildings. 10-3.30

Vintage Bus

Hop aboard the impressive vintage bus to see some local history sights and learn about their colourful past. 2.30-3.30

Story Time

Children's stories with Gary Cordingley at 11 and 1.30 for a chance to bring local history to life!

Arts and Crafts

Put your stamp on the new, local town Banner or have a go at willow weaving stars and other items! 10-3.30

Plus other attractions at St Cuthbert's Church, St John's Parish Church along with the Sustrans Portrait Bench Unveiling at Gallagher Park.