

NORHAM NEWSROUND

DECEMBER 2015 / JANUARY 2016

Forthcoming Events.

Thursday 3rd December : **W.I. Meeting** in the Village Hall; 2pm.

Saturday 5th : **Advent Activities** in church

Monday 7th : **M.U. Meeting** at Branxton Village Hall; 2pm.

Tuesday 8th : **Village Band Christmas Concert**; Village Hall; 7pm.

Thursday 10th : **Parish Walk** Meet on the Green at 10am.

Saturday 19th : **A Brassy Christmas Concert** in church at 5pm.

Monday 11th January : **M.U. Meeting** at Mason's Arms.

Thursday 14th : **Parish Walk** Meet on the Green at 10am.

Wednesday 27th : **Drop-in-4-Coffee** in church 10.30-12 noon. Come for a free coffee and chat. All welcome.

WE WELCOMED into the church community Hugh Patrick Pardoe who was baptised on 22nd November.

WOMENS' INSTITUTE The December meeting (4th) will be a 'Members' Time' Meeting.

MOTHERS' UNION The December meeting will be 'Preparing for Christmas'; music and readings with Jacqui Budge. The January meeting will be a 'Members' Meeting'.

Shirley Matthews and Babs Gibson would like to thank everyone who contributed to the Shoebox Appeal. We hope to complete at least 30 boxes by 30th November. This is a record!

NEW TREE PLANTING The collecting tin at Foreman's shop raised £102 which, together with a private donation of £100, will be spent on buying and planting new trees. Thank you to all who contributed.

David Foreman

VILLAGE BAND CHRISTMAS CONCERT will take place in the Village Hall on Tuesday 8th December at 7pm. The Norham Junior Singers, led by Jacqui Budge, will be taking part, and Jacqui will also feature singing a solo in the second half of the concert. Refreshments will be served at the interval with a raffle taking place at the same time.

EXERCISE FOR THE OVER-50'S Classes are on Wednesdays 10-11am in the Village Hall. Gentle exercise to music.

CHILDREN'S BALLET and CREATIVE MOVEMENT CLASSES take place on Fridays during term-time in the Village Hall, 3.45-4.35. Next term starts 8th January. Please ring Moira Mansbridge for further details and to enrol. Tel: 01890 870682.

HELP NEEDED The Berwick office of Northumbrian Citizens Advice Bureau is currently looking for much needed new volunteers to join our team.
Rachel Turnbull Operations Manager 07739660896

LADYKIRK & NORHAM ANGLING ASSOCIATION A.G.M. was held on 11th November in the Mason's Arms. 18 members attended and enjoyed an excellent buffet provided by the Mason's. The Junior Trophy for 2015 was won by Dean Cockburn with 183 points. The Henderson Trophy for the three heaviest weigh-ins was won by Mark Straughen with a total of 35lbs 13oz. Jim Yeomans was second and Jim Cameron third. The Club Championship was won by Mark Straughen with 237 points. Jim Yeomans was second and Jim Cameron third. The highlight of the year was when Mark Straughen weighed in a brown trout of 3lbs 11oz in the de Clermont Cup. This is the heaviest fish to be weighed in on the river. New members are welcome
Jim Cameron (Secretary)

NORHAM CHURCH 850TH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATIVE MUG
This fine commemorative mug is on display and on sale each Sunday morning in church, at 11.00am, and at special events in church, or directly via the contact details listed below.

There are photographs on display in the church to give you an idea what it is like (and order forms). There is also a photograph on the Norham Community website (norham.org). This mug would make a lovely gift for Christmas for friends and relations and for those who live in, visit or who have connections with Norham (and to commemorate baptisms or weddings) etc.

They cost £10 each - a very reasonable price and less than you would pay in the shops for such a high quality item. A brief history of the church comes with each mug. A gift box [Dunoon] is also available at 50p.

Contact details for purchase: Josephine Harris Tel. 01289 382363
Margaret McPhee Tel. 01289 382799 email: mcphee99@yahoo.co.uk

Spreading a Smile for Christmas

We hope to repeat the practice started last year and give a small gift from the community to anyone who might be alone at Christmas. If you would like to provide a gift such as a token box of chocolates, smellies or something similar there will be a drop-off point at the Mason's and church. We would also appreciate help in identifying possible recipients. We also understand that not everyone on their own will want to receive a gift. If this is the case PLEASE let us know as we wish not to offend anyone..

Any donations should be placed UNWRAPPED into the donations boxes between the end of November and 19th December.

Linda Dowdall Catherine Johnson (Mason's Arms 382326)

ITEMS FOR FEBRUARY NEWSROUND

Any contributions should be given to Josephine Harris (382363) before Thursday 28th January..

A D V E N T A C T I V I T I E S

at

N O R H A M C H U R C H

All school-age children and their families are invited to the annual Advent Activities in church on

SATURDAY DECEMBER 5th

11.00am-12.30pm

and to the Sunday Service in church on

SUNDAY DECEMBER 6th at 10.00am

On Saturday there will be at least a dozen different activities, both familiar and new ideas, including making a gift for everyone in church on the Sunday, and learning a new song.

Under 5's will appreciate the company of an adult.

We ask for a donation of £1.50 towards materials and refreshments. Bring a box or bag for carrying home your creations.

Any queries, phone Felicity (07833654176),
or email ftunnard@gmail.com

CHRISTMAS SERVICES at

ST CUTHBERT'S CHURCH, NORHAM

Tuesday 15th December

2pm **Norham School Carol Service**

Sunday 20th

10am **Carol Service**

followed by mulled wine and mince pies

Thursday 24th

4pm **Crib Service**

11.30pm **First Communion of Christmas**

Friday 25th

10am **Holy Communion**