

NORHAM NEWSROUND

MAY 2015

Norham Community Web Association Any information to be put on the website would be appreciated, to stimulate the local economy and tourism. The website address is: www.norham.org The AGM in November 2014 was well attended with positive outcomes.

FINANCE

A Financial Internal Control was carried out.

To consider a request for financial help towards a community Nativity set JB made the case for the Parish Council making a donation towards the cost of buying a large Nativity set for the benefit of the local community. A donation of £100 from the Scarecrow Fund was agreed.

Flood Risk Strategy Consultation The proposals were available on-line or at local libraries. The main areas affected were coastal areas and flood plains. It had already been agreed by the local committee that the village hall would be available in the event of a local flooding incident.

To receive update on Parish Clerk situation After nine years in the post, the Parish Clerk, Janet Heywood, indicated that she intended to step down from the post. She was willing to help train her successor.

To report on progress on repair of footpaths, roads and pavements

The Clerk had reported that a tree and branches growing into the old bus shelter on A698- needs to be removed and a missing roof tile replaced. Bill McLauchlan has already removed the tree and George Straughen will replace the roof tile and effect repairs to the guttering.

There are deep potholes from Morris Hall to Galagate Farm.

Litter Vast amounts of litter disfigure the road from Norham Castle to Velvet Hall. Some local residents have done some litter picking but NCC Highways Department will be contacted too as this is their responsibility.

New Trustees of Jubilee Field Charity Trust These were confirmed as Jim Greenwood and John Grahamslaw who will be on the board with George Straughen.

Seats Jim Blythe and Jim Greenwood agreed to inspect all seats in the Parish to check the need for repairs and to map the location of each seat.

Historic Building sign JB suggested brown road signs indicating a Historic Building, the 11th Century Norham Church. This was a matter for NCC Highways Department but a suitable location might be alongside the existing Norham Castle sign at Velvet Hall.

Vintage Tractor Rally SM reported that 64 tractors took part in the Vintage Tractor Rally. Thanks to the generosity of many, £1,550 was raised and this will be donated to several charities. Village facilities such as the village shop, the pubs and Bed and Breakfast establishments also benefitted from the event.

Annual Parish Council Meeting To avoid the May Bank Holiday, the Annual Parish Meeting will be on Monday 18th May at 7.30 p.m. in the village hall.

ITEMS FOR JUNE NEWSROUND

Any contributions should be given to Josephine Harris (382363) before **MONDAY 25th May. PLEASE NOTE EARLIER DATE THAN USUAL**

Forthcoming Events.

Wednesday 29th April : **Holy Communion** at 9.30am. See below.

Sunday 3rd May : **10am Service** inc NADFAS. See Norham 850 booklet

Concert in church at 4pm. See below.

Saturday 9th : **Walks** led by W.I.; 1pm. See Norham 850 booklet

Monday 11th : **Mothers' Union meeting** at Branxton Village Hall; 2pm

Thursday 14th : **Parish Walk**. Meet on the Green at 9.30am

W.I. meeting in the Village Hall at 2pm.

Monday 18th : **Annual Meeting (Parish Council)** in the Hall; 7.30pm.

Wednesday 20th : **Village Hall A.G.M.** at 7.45pm in the Hall.

School Ceilidh in the Hall at 6pm.

Sunday 24th : **Concert** in church at 7.30pm. See below.

Wednesday 27th : **Drop-in-4-Coffee** in church between 10.30 and 12..

Sunday 31st : **Piper Laidlaw Commemoration**; 2pm at War Memorial.

See Norham 850 booklet

SINCERE CONDOLENCES to the family and friends of

Michael Corking who died on 7th April;

and Ian Meikle who died on 11th.

DEFIBRILLATOR FUND DRAW at the Mason's Arms. The bottle of wine prize was won by Kelsae Cox

APOLOGIES from John Short and Sheila for the noise during their house renovation. Thank you for your patience; hope it didn't spoil your Easter break.

BIN COLLECTIONS during the two May Bank Holiday weeks will be a day later than normal.

SOUP AND SANDWICH LUNCH Thanks to all who came to the lunch. The profits were donated to the Defibrillator Fund, The Living Nativity figures and the W.I.. Each received £85.

WOMENS' INSTITUTE The speaker at the May meeting (Thursday 14th) Clive Price will give a talk on Trains..

NORHAM ST CEOLWULF'S C OF E FIRST SCHOOL will be holding its annual Ceilidh in the village hall on Wednesday 20th May, 6.00-7.30pm. All welcome. Entry by donation for the School Fund.

INTERNATIONAL CONCERT by three Male Voice Choirs from Berwick, Germany and Norway; Sunday 3rd May at 4pm in Norham Church. The combined choir is expected to be about 120 strong and will feature an interesting mix of songs.

Tickets £7 can be bought at the door and include refreshments. Children free. Proceeds to be split between the Nativity Figures Fund and Norham Church.

CONCERT by Yetholm Sinfonia Wind Soloists, directed by Geoffrey Emerson. Sunday 24th May at 7.30pm in Norham Church. Yetholm Sinfonia is the only regular local orchestra, giving seven or eight concerts a year, usually in Kelso. The concert will include some attractive late romantic music by composers such as Josej Suk and Jean Francaix. It will feature one or two local soloists.

Tickets £5 (children free) to include refreshments.

LADYKIRK & NORHAM ANGLING ASSOCIATION Sat 4th April saw our first river competition. Perfect conditions but the river was running a little high at 1ft11in. The competition was won by Mark Straughen with a four-fish bag on 4lb 5oz. Second was Ronnie Hek and third Jim Cameron. The Junior competition was won by Dean Cockburn, and well done to Sean Wood for weighing in his first trout in a river competition. There are 3 competitions before the end of May. The first still water of the year, the Gordon Wharton Trophy, is at Thrunton Trout Fishery on Sunday 26th April, 9am-5pm, then we're off to Coldingham Loch on Sunday 17th May 9-5. This trip will be £20. Could all anglers attending put their names on the list at Wendy's Shop. The final one is the first evening competition of the year on the river from 5.30-10.30pm with the weigh-in at the Vic at 11pm. Good luck to all in all competitions.

Tight lines. *Paul (Jim) Yeomans.*

THANKS I would like to express appreciation of the work done by David Foreman and his task force of volunteers on the riverside at Norham. It has been transformed ! I think the view you get of Norham Castle from the newly created picnic area on the site of the old village 'tip' is roughly the point from which Turner would have made the sketch for his famous painting of the castle - worth a mention on the village notice board and website perhaps .
Neil Robertson

INVITATION TO GROW IN THE KNOWLEDGE AND LOVE OF GOD

Have you been baptised in the past, and would like to confirm your commitment to God at the Norham Deanery Confirmation Service on 20th September?

Or would you like to find out more about the Christian faith, without necessarily committing yourself?

If so, then you're invited to join a Christian Learning and Exploring Group, which will meet about ten times in total, once every two weeks or so. The Vicar of Norham, the Revd Rob Kelsey, will lead the group. We'll meet at least a few times before 20th September, to allow those who wish to do so to be confirmed.

To find out more contact the Vicar, the Revd Rob Kelsey, on (01289) 382325.

THE PARISH CHURCH OF SAINT CUTHBERT, NORHAM AND NORHAM C of E FIRST SCHOOL

You are invited to a child-friendly Service of Holy Communion to celebrate St Philip and St James, Apostles.
Wednesday 29th April at 9.30am in Norham Church

NORHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

23rd March 2015

Defibrillator The proprietors of the Mason's Arms have secured some funding and need to raise a further £1,000 for the purchase of the defibrillator for the village, of which £500 has already been donated. It was agreed that £100 would be donated from the Scarecrow Fund.

Planter Billy Widdrington to be asked to install a round planter at the east end of Castle Street.

Footpaths and walks leaflets Northumberland County Council Footpaths Officer Phil Bradley will do what he can on a limited budget, to maintain and repair signs. He will investigate financial assistance and obtaining footpath maps for proposed Norham walks leaflets.

South Lane footpath The papers have all been signed and sent off. Once on the definitive footpath map, it may be possible to ask NCC for financial help in maintaining the new footpath.

Keeping to footpaths Complaints had been received from farmers and landowners that walkers were not keeping to the official footpaths but were straying across fields and other land. A reminder about this will be put in Norham Newsround.

It was reported that the tarmac path between Rosebank and the school is breaking up. This will be reported to NCC.

Electronic speed sign Neil Snowden of NCC will come to Norham to investigate installing a vehicle-activated speed sign at the approach to the school. Funding may possibly be available.

Public Conveniences Despite encouragements from NCC that Norham Public Conveniences would stay open, a definitive decision has now been deferred until later in the year. The toilets will be cleaned and maintained by NCC for the financial year 2015-2016.

Play Area Inspections A breakdown of the Play area Inspections regime to be carried out by Alan Cater was read out. He will be asked to check that the equipment is in good condition prior to the hand-over from Northumberland County Council to Norham Council in April 2015.