

NORHAM NEWSROUND

JUNE 2016

Main points raised at Annual Meeting of Norham Parish Council held on 23rd May

George Straughen was re-elected as Chairman and John Urwin as Vice Chairman. The Chairman's Annual Report was accepted. George Straughen was thanked for all his hard work and commitment over the last year.

At this stage the Chairman invited members of the public in attendance to speak. James Tomlinson presented his ideas to support the raising of the profile of the village. It was recognised that they were in accordance with the list of improvements previously agreed for Parish Council action. All parties would consider matters further. There was also discussion with James Gibson about the leaflet he had been asked to design.

Leaflets for Walks around Norham Leaflets advertising the village itself would be prepared, for distribution in the main outwith the village. Other leaflets addressing walks round the village and places of historical interest may be produced in due course, finances allowing. .

Playground inspection An annual inspection by RoSPA was scheduled for June

Electronic speed sign It was hoped that the sign would be up within the next 6 weeks.

Seat Location Plan A map with seats and a schedule of their current condition will be produced

Public Conveniences To be repainted.

Mobile Mast The latest petition produced 155 signatures.

Northumberland LED Street Lighting SEPNI will be asked for an estimate for putting the cables in Castle Street underground. It would be useful to have the desire to bury the cables noted in the new draft Joint Neighborhood Plan as soon as possible.

Parish Council Website VLC will be trained how to post parish council items onto the community website.

Provision of Ambulance Service Cllr Watkin be asked to take back the expressions of frustration to NCC, and support would continue to be provided to NIPC in their efforts to achieve improvements in the service.

Damaged Notice board This has been repaired.

Finance See website, Advertiser or noticeboard for account of recent expenditure.

Insurance policy This year's premium as part of the existing 3-year deal is £361.55.

State of Roads and Pavements JU indicated that the NCC pothole reporting system was having no effect at present. He would re report all matters discussed at the last meeting and would also repeat the report re the paving stones outside the Mace shop. BMcL indicated that the back lane behind the Masons Arms was in need of attention, and that a pothole had recently formed in Church Lane just outside the cottage. In addition the bad state of the haunch of the road by Morris Hall was discussed.

Any Other Business JGG requested that the removal of cannonballs from the castle be put on the agenda for the next meeting, JHG reported that the Running Club would hold the Castle Bank Challenge on 30th June. BMcL reported that the previous complaint by a resident re a Leylandii hedge in Ubbanford had not yet been resolved. .GS raised a complaint that the trimmed daffodils had not been raked up round the green.

Date of Next Meeting: Monday 25th July 2016 at 7.30pm in Norham Village Hall.

N.B. Due to limited space the above is a brief summary of main points raised. A full version of the minutes will be available on www.norham.org shortly.

Forthcoming Events.

Thursday 2nd June : **W.I.Meeting**; 2pm in the Village Hall.

Thursday 9th : **Parish Walk Meet** on the Green at 9.30am.

Monday 13th : **M.U. Meeting**; 2pm in Branxton Village Hall.

Thursday 16th : **Concert** by Norham Junior Singers; in church; 5.30pm

Sunday 19th : **Concert** 'Music for a Summer Afternoon'; in church; 3pm;
see below for details

Saturday 25th : **Church Summer Fair**; Village Hall; see below for details
Messy Church at the Fair

Sunday 26th : **Concert** by Yetholm Sinfonia; church; 7.30pm; see below

Wednesday 29th : **Drop-in-4-Coffee** in church 10.30-12 noon.

WE WELCOMED Max Lennox Baxter to church at his baptism on 1st May.

SINCERE CONDOLENCES to the family and friends of Arthur Henderson, who died on 6th May; also Bernard Wright, who died on 21st May.

THANKS Neil Robertson would like to thank the many friends who sent him cards and good wishes on his recent birthday.

Norham Parish Council would like to extend their thanks to Jacky and Eva Potts for the enormous effort they have put in to planting along the edge of Church Lane to produce such a lovely display of spring flowers this year. It has been a great contribution to the village and is very much appreciated.

Norham Tree Planting Group would like to thank Finlay Mitchel from Woodland Management Services from Swinton for all his generous help with the riverside project. He originally donated the poplar trees which are quite a feature, and on May 5th he gave a mixture of 39 hardwood trees at a very cheap price (£200) which have been planted in the Upper Pedwell area to enhance the remaining open areas. Thanks also to John Short for his help with grass cutting, and Khan for his knowledge and help with tree planting and management.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE At the June meeting someone from the Donkey Sanctuary will speak about their work. All welcome.

MOTHERS' UNION At the June meeting Pat Potts will talk about going to Windsor to receive Maundy money from the Queen.

A SUMMER CONCERT by the Norham Junior Singers on Thursday 16th June at the Church starting at 5.30 pm .

ST CUTHBERT'S SUMMER FAIR

We still need your help! So if you are having a spring cleaning clear out, please remember we need you, and your stuff

Books DVDs, CDs Bric a Brac Home-baking (bring on the day!)

Plants and produce Tombola and Raffle prizes

And clean jam jars (all sizes!) with lids!

Contributions can be dropped off at the back of the church (big blue box), or to me. Any questions, offers of assistance or of 'stuff', please contact Tory Craig torylintoncraig@aol.com 01289382754 or 07745130987

VILLAGE HALL SNOOKER ROOM The upstairs snooker room has presented the Hall Management Committee with a problem for some years now. There appears to be little interest from the village in reviving a snooker club, so the proposal raised at the recent AGM is that we dispose of the table and reconsider the use of the room in the light of the difficult access and lack of a fire escape. The committee would welcome views from villagers, both about the table and possible uses of the room.

CONCERTS IN ST CUTHBERT'S

Sunday 19th June 3pm

'Music for a Summer Afternoon'

Featuring Norham Choir (and soloists) and the Northumberland Hornbills (Horn Quartet) Julian Bonia: Organ Jeremy Brown: Trumpet

Performing a wide variety of music from an (apparently mad!) arrangement of Down By the Riverside (with horns and trumpet) to Handel's Hallelujah Chorus, to Organ Fanfare by Lemmens and much more — including afternoon tea — with cake!

Tickets £5; Under 16s free.

Proceeds to the Kwa Mkono Polio Hospital and Rehabilitation Centre in Tanzania

Sunday 26th June 7.30pm

The Yetholm Sinfonia with The Yetholm Village Choir
Jacqueline Budge : Soprano James Letham : Baritone

Namensfeier (Name Day) by Beethoven. Faure's Requiem

Jesu, Joy by JS Bach The Birds by Ottorino Respighi

Two Songs by Grieg Kyrie and Gloria (K317) by Mozart

Tickets £5: under 16s free

ITEMS FOR JULY/AUGUST NEWSROUND

Any contributions should be given to Josephine Harris (382363) before Thursday 23rd June.

AN INVITATION TO GROW IN THE KNOWLEDGE AND LOVE OF GOD

Once a year, St Cuthbert's Church offers a group for enquirers and new Christians who want to learn more about the Christian faith.

The group is for:

those who have recently started coming to church

those who want the chance to think about Christian faith

those preparing for baptism or confirmation

those who have been Christians for many years and want to visit the roots of their faith again

The group will be led by the Vicar, the Revd Rob Kelsey. It will meet about ten times in total, on dates to be arranged.

Please pass on news of the group to anyone who might be interested.

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

ST CUTHBERT'S SUMMER FAIR

Village Hall

Saturday 25th June 2 - 4.30pm

The Programme so far:

12 noon Car Boot Sale-Village Green

1.30pm Music by Norham Village Band - Outside Village Hall

2.00pm Opening by The Rt Hon Lord Beith - Village Hall

3.00pm Rag Bag Morris Men - Outside Village Hall

4.00pm Fire Engine-Village Green

Entertainment will also provided by Norham Junior Singers and Longridge Musicians.

In the Village Hall

Cream teas, Tombola, Home-baking, Raffle, Bric a brac,

Books/DVDs, including local author Katharine Tiernan,

Children's activities

And much more!

Outside Village Hall

Plant and Produce

Ice Cream by Giacomazzi

Jam-jar Tombola

On the Village Green

Car Boot Sale

Bouncy Castle and Swing Boats