

NORHAM NEWSROUND

NOVEMBER 2016

Norham Parish Council

26th September 2016

Leaflets for Walks around Norham About 2500 had already been distributed, and the rest were available from GS.

Electronic speed sign After a recent glitch the sign was working again, and it seems to be having an effect. There had been fewer complaints re speeding vehicles this summer. It was likely that within the next two years the road by the school would be designated as a 20mph area. The sign would then be recalibrated. Once sufficient funds are available, a speed sign for the road by Birchill would be pursued. D Watkin will endeavour again to obtain NCC support.

Play areas (village green posts and chains) The inspection of the posts and chains, and their up grading, is under active consideration.

Public Conveniences Soap dispensers will be put up shortly. A suggestion of a donations box will be considered.

Maintenance of Footpaths NCC local services will be asked to edge the grass by pavements in Castle Street and West Street. SH will arrange for hedges to be cut next to Norham Bridge which are encroaching on the path there. Subsiding areas of the riverbank path past the Dene will be reported to the Footpaths Officer.

Mobile Mast VLC will respond to the letter from Ms Trevelyan asking her to continue her efforts to get us a mobile phone signal.

Northumberland LED Street Lighting Workmen have been seen inspecting the overhead cables recently. GS will contact the appropriate party.

Seat Location Plan VLC has prepared a formal list and is in the process of making photographic record of all benches. In addition she will try to make up a similar record of all bins, and the bus shelters. This can then be used as a basis for deciding on a repair/maintenance programme.

War Memorial Consideration was given to correspondence from Historic England, in relation to process of listing the Norham war memorial, as part of their First World War Commemoration project.

Finance Full versions of the system of internal control and risk assessment are available on the website.

JJG again reported the **loose paving** slabs by the village shop. JB again reported **potholes** on Castle Bank and Birchill. These had been reported to NCC on numerous occasions. D Watkin indicated he would try to get some progress. Two members of the public reported **detritus** lying behind the newly cut hedge at Ubbanford. JJG reported **fly tipping** at Mount Carmel. JJG also reported that the **sycamores at Bow Well** were interfering with overhead phone lines, and interrupting broadband. There was a query re when and if **closure of Norham Bridge** was to proceed. VLC will seek an update. JB sought views on the possibility a new sign containing **cyclist maps** somewhere near the village hall. He also confirmed he purchased **more bulbs** and intended to plant them from the village hall along the wall towards South Lane, and round the village hall. It was also agreed after discussion that he would accept an offer from a paramedic to give more instruction on defibrillator use, and other first aid skills.

Date of Next Meeting: 28th November 2016 , 7.30pm in Norham Village Hall.

NOTE: Above is a very summary account of the meeting. A full version of the draft minutes is available on the noticeboard and on the community website.

Forthcoming Events.

Wednesday 2nd November : **All Souls Service**; in Church; 6pm. See below

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

Thursday 10th : **Parish Walk** Meet on the Green at 9.30am.

Sunday 13th : **Remembrance Sunday**; Church 10am;

War Memorial 10.45am.

Monday 14th : **M.U. Wave of Prayer** Contact Secretary for details.

Saturday 26th : **Concert** in St Cuthbert's; 5pm. See below for details.

Thursday 24th : **Drop-in-4-Coffee** in church 10.30-12 noon.

WELCOME On Sunday 23rd October we welcomed Esme Scorey to St Cuthbert's Church on the occasion of her baptism.

W.I. At the November meeting (3rd at 2pm) Martin Bayliss will talk on Beauty Products. All welcome.

NORHAM READING GROUP needs a new library contact/organiser. If you are interested in this role please get in touch with Liz Cameron (01289 382481)

ST CUTHBERT'S SUMMER FAIR will be on 24th June 2017. Please put the date in your diary!! And if anyone would like to help with the event feel free to offer!

Tory Craig toryintoncraig@aol.com 01289382754

A SMILE FOR CHRISTMAS will be happening this year as in the past two years. Collecting boxes will be made available at the Mason's Arms and the Church.

CRAFT CLUB - Organised by Norham WI but open to all. Next meeting 2 to 4 p.m. 26 October, Village Hall Meeting Room, thereafter every 2nd & 4th Wednesday of each month, £2 per session. Bring your latest craft project with you to work on whether knitting, sewing, patchwork, embroidery, painting or anything else. Refreshments available.

NORHAM WALL CALENDARS FOR 2017 are now available primarily in Ian & Wendys as well as the Bakers or directly from me, telephone number 01289 382203. Priced at £5.50 and sold in aid of The Village Pantomime all money raised hopefully will help them stage Cinderella towards the end of January 2017 - oh yes it will!

Pauline Kerr

“WELLINGTONS FOR WINTER” - TRANSYLVANIA

I have recently returned from a week in Transylvania, Romania, working with the gypsy community there to provide food and clothing for the children and teaching the women to knit, hopefully to help them produce warm clothing and blankets for their families. It is bitterly cold there in winter and many of the children we met have no warm clothing or suitable footwear, some have no shoes at all. One of the gypsy families runs a twice-weekly cantina to provide hot food for some of the poorest children and this is supported by fundraising here in the UK, for many children this is their only hot meal of the week and many do not eat every day.

With winter approaching I would like to send out a parcel of secondhand clothing and footwear for the children. Any contributions you are able to make either financial towards the cantina or of clothing/footwear would be welcome.

“Wellingtons for Winter” would be fantastic. Please drop off any contributions at 58 Castle Street. Thank you!

Tessa

MYSTREET NORTHUMBERLAND MOBILE APP Northumberland County Council has recently launched a new app that can be used from a mobile phone, to report issues and incidents to Northumberland County Council.

Residents throughout Northumberland can download the new app and use it to access information on a number of problems such as anti-social behaviour, noise, litter, street lighting and roads all in one place. From here, app users can access advice or report specific incidents to the council who will work with services and partners to support residents. The app is free to download onto iPhone, Android, Windows and Blackberry devices by searching ‘MyStreet Northumberland’ in the app store.

HOUSEHOLD WASTE RECOVERY CENTRE OPENING HOURS

From 1st November the centre in Berwick will change to its Winter Opening Hours - 8am until 6pm, 7 days per week.

MUSIC AND MULLED WINE

Berwick Arts Choir

Saturday 26th November 5pm in Norham Church

Tickets £7 — on the door or via The Maltings

This ever popular choir visits Norham for an early evening Christmassy concert. They will be performing
Bach cantata BWV 191 - chorus movements
Brahms Liebeslieder
Elgar part songs
and three Traditional Carols by Sheila McQuattie

As the title implies there will be music and mulled wine
— and mince pies!

A Service in Commemoration of the Faithful Departed 6.00pm, All Souls’ Day, Wednesday 2nd November Norham Parish Church

In the Church of England it’s customary to remember our departed loved ones, especially those who have died in the previous year, at a special service on All Souls’ Day. The service on 2nd November will include a Commemoration, when the names of those who have died are read aloud. It will also include the opportunity to light candles.

If you would like your departed family and friends to be remembered in this way, then please write their names on the list at the back of church.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICE

Sunday 13th November.

10am in church; 10.45 at the War Memorial.

ITEMS FOR DECEMBER/JANUARY NEWSROUND

Any contributions should be given to Josephine Harris (382363) before Thursday 24th November.