

CHRISTMAS

Services and events at Norham Parish Church
(unless otherwise specified)

Wednesday 14th December
6.00pm, Norham CofE First School Nativity Play
At Norham Village Hall. All welcome!

Friday 16th December 2016
2.00pm, Norham CofE First School Carol Service

Saturday 17th December
3.00pm, The Norham Living Nativity
We gather at the war memorial,
then follow Mary and Joseph and the (real live)
donkey
on their journey around the village to
'Bethlehem,'
meeting various characters and singing carols
on the way.

Sunday 18th December
10.00am, Carol Service
followed by mulled wine and mince pies!

Christmas Eve, Saturday 24th
4.00pm, Crib Service
11.30pm, First Holy Communion of Christmas

Christmas Day, Sunday 25th
10.00am, Holy Communion

NORHAM NEWSROUND DECEMBER 2016/JANUARY 2017

Forthcoming Events.

Thursday 1st December : **W.I. Meeting**; 2pm in the Village Hall.
Tuesday 6th : **Christmas Concert** by the Village Band; 7pm in the Village Hall. See below.
Thursday 8th : **Parish Walk** Meet on the Green at 9.30am.
Monday 12th : **M.U. meeting**; 2pm in Branxton Village Hall
Thursday 5th January : **W.I. meeting**; 2pm in the Village Hall.
Monday 9th : **M.U. Members meeting**; Mason's Arms; 2pm
Thursday 12th : **Parish Walk** Meet on the Green at 9.30am.
Thursday 26th : **Drop-in-4-Coffee** in church 10.30-12 noon.

COMMUNITY LUNCHEES at Norham First School. 12-1pm on 14th December and 25th January. Everyone is welcome. If you would like to join us please call on 382370.

W.I. The December meeting (1st at 2pm) will be the Christmas Party. At the January meeting (5th at 2pm) Caroline McGregor will speak about 'Caroline's Craft Creations'.

MOTHERS' UNION At the December meeting Ken and Jacqui Budge will speak on 'Preparing for Christmas'. The meeting in January will be a members meeting. The M.U. would like to thank all who donated to the Shoe Box Appeal. We have sent 24 boxes to the Peoples Kitchen in Newcastle—a great response so a big thank you. *Babs G*

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

NORHAM WALL CALENDARS FOR 2017 are now available in most of the village shops or directly from me, telephone number 01289 382203. Priced at £5.50 it seems appreciated by all who have bought it and is sold in aid of The Village Pantomime. All money raised will help them stage Cinderella *Pauline Kerr*

THANK YOU Stuart, Janet and family would like to thank all concerned for their kindness, and also the generous donations in memory of their late uncle, Stan Carr. £311.56 was raised, of which £205.78 went to Macmillan Cancer Support and £105.78 to St Cuthbert's Church.

THANKS TOO to all who have delivered the Newsround through the year.

AND to those who have left used stamps on the table at the back of Church. They have raised funds for U.S.P.G., a church charity that supports various projects in Third World countries, such as the Kwa Mkono Polio hospital in Tanzania.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT by the village band will be on Tuesday 6th December at 7pm. Entry by donation with refreshments served during the interval and including a raffle. Christmas music will be played after the interval, with a vocal from Jacqui Budge.

CLUBS & EVENTS LEAFLET If you are the contact person for any of the clubs/events which happen in the village please check with Josephine that the information is still accurate. The leaflets are given to newcomers. Please ask if you would like a church welcome pack (which includes the leaflet) for a new neighbour.

“WELLINGTONS FOR WINTER” - TRANSYLVANIA

Thank you to everyone who kindly and generously donated money and/or clothing and winter footwear for the children of the gypsy families in Transylvania. A big parcel has already been despatched but I am still collecting so if anyone still has items of winter clothing or footwear suitable for children, of any age, please drop them off to me or I'll come and collect from you - 58 Castle Street. Financial contributions are still welcome for the winter cantina to feed the children.

Thank you, Tessa

NORHAM ADVENT CALENDAR 24 residents of Castle St, West St and Pedwell Way have signed to take part this year, Each householder will decorate their window and display it to the public on the day they have been given, starting on Dec 1st with Pat Hogg on 48 Castle St. The final window, on 24th will be George Straughen's shop window.

As last year you are invited to take part in a competition as you view the windows. Find the penguin gift tag, which has a letter written on it, in each window. Record your answers on a competition sheet available from the Mason's Arms. When all have been found unscramble them to make a famous Christmas saying. Correct entries will be drawn from a hat, and small prizes awarded. You have until 31st December to complete the challenge.

Good luck and happy hunting. *Enquiries to Mary-Rose Blythe, 6 Castle St.*

NORHAM & LADYKIRK ANGLING ASSOCIATION

A.G.M. 10th November

The winners for the 2016 season were:

Junior Trophy: Shaun Nevins (45 pts)

Henderson Trophy: 1st: Dean Cockburn (18lb 5oz)

2nd: Ronnie Hek (17lb 12 oz)

3rd: Jim Cameron (16lb 10oz)

Club Championship: 1st: Jim Cameron (216pts)

2nd: Jim Yeomans (165 pts)

3rd Dean Cockburn (140 pts)

A motion was unanimously passed congratulating Mark Straughen on coming 3rd in the Scottish Rivers Championship, and thereby becoming a member of the Scottish Team in 2017. *Jim Cameron (sec)*

ST CUTHBERT'S SUMMER FAIR 2017 Sat 24th June 2-4(ish)

Plans are going well — just 8 months to go!! So this might seem a little premature-but it is amazing how time flies when you are enjoying yourself!

An exciting new development for the Fair is a 'Pre-loved/Vintage' stall. So as you clear out your attics and cupboards in the run up to Christmas (and after it!) please keep a look out for any good quality hats, coats, scarves, gloves, jumpers, cardigans (cashmere especially welcome), dresses, skirts, children's clothes, bags or jewellery that we could sell on. Old or newish items are welcome as long as they are in a tip-top condition. If you wish to know more/have items for collection, please contact Sue Churchill 01289382280 or deliveries can be made to 62 Castle Street.

And while we're at it the same applies to books and bric a brac-all donations gratefully received!

And if you would like to help with the fair in any capacity please contact Tory Craig on 01289382754 or at torylintoncraig@aol.com

A1 IN NORTHUMBERLAND ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

As you may be aware, Highways England is proposing to upgrade the A1 in Northumberland to dual carriageway standard between Morpeth and Felton and Alnwick and Ellingham, creating a continuous dual carriageway from Newcastle to Ellingham. In addition to this, they are also proposing several improvements north of Ellingham such as junction improvements and overtaking sections.

A consultation period will run from 14 November to 23 December 2016 with a series of events in the local area — full details of the dates and times can be found at www.highways.gov.uk/A1inNorthumberland and on the village noticeboard. It is hoped that local people and businesses will participate in the consultation, and share their views on the proposals. This will enable these views to be taken into account the needs of local road users when developing the proposals.

If you have any queries about this, please contact Charles Wain at the project team

email address a1innorthumberland@highwaysengland.co.uk or on the following telephone number: 0300 470 4585.

A REMINDER Berwick Arts Choir 'Music and Mulled Wine' Concert in church; Sat 26th November at 5pm. Tickets £7 at the door. See last month's Newsround for details

ITEMS FOR FEBRUARY NEWSROUND

Any contributions should be given to Josephine Harris (382363) before Thursday 26th January.