

# NORHAM NEWSROUND

## DECEMBER 2017—JANUARY 2018

### Forthcoming Events.

Friday 1st December : **Christmas Fair**; School; 5.30-7pm; see below  
Saturday 2nd : **Village Clean-up Day**; see below for details  
**Advent Activities** for 'children of all ages'; 2pm in Church.  
Tuesday 5th : **Norham Village Band** Christmas Concert; 7pm; Village Hall.  
Thursday 7th : **W.I. meeting**; 2pm in the Village Hall.  
Sunday 10th : **Charity Stalls** in Church 11.15am approx.; see separate flyer  
Monday 11th : **M.U. meeting**; 2pm; Branxton Village Hall  
Thursday 14th : **Parish Walk**. Meet on the Green; 9.30am  
Monday 8th January : **M.U. meeting**; 2pm; Branxton Village Hall.  
Thursday 11th : **Parish Walk**. Meet on the Green; 9.30am  
Tuesday 16th : **Pantomime Meeting**; Marmion Cottage; 8pm; see below.

**W.I.** The 7th December meeting is our Christmas Party with a quiz, a crazy raffle and fun. The members competition is a snowman. Our meeting on 11th January 2018 presents a speaker from Woodside Gardens, the competition is a floral arrangement in a coffee jar lid.

**W.I. CRAFT.** The last meeting of the year is on 13 December. We'll recommence on Wednesday 10 and 24 January 2018.

**OILCAN** - The first order of 2018 is 5 January. Please let me have your order by 3p.m. on that day. Jan L'Argent 01289 382897.

**NORHAM SCHOOL** Christmas Fair, Friday 1st December, 5.30-7pm. Anyone wanting to hold a stall contact the School; £5 and a donation to the raffle.

**SMILE FOR CHRISTMAS** is going ahead as for the last two years. For details and to make donations please contact the Mason's Arms.

**NORHAM VILLAGE BAND** Christmas Concert will be on Tuesday 5th December in the Village Hall starting at 7pm. Entry by donation, with refreshments served during the interval. There will also be a raffle.

The Band is looking to recruit new players of all abilities. Beginners can be taught with instruments provided where possible. We practise every Tuesday evening at 6.30pm.

For more information ring John Scarboro on 01289382662

**PANTOMIME** The success of the pantomime has not been forgotten. Nor the expressed wish to do another one - so to get it all started come along to a meeting on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2018 at Marmion Cottage at 8pm and/or ring me on 382736. We will need writers, actors, musicians, painters, lighting and sound and a few general dogsbodies – just come along and get involved.

[Come through the back gate just down the lane on the left beyond the end of the tarmac of South Lane or round the front of the house (70) at the castle end of Castle Street.] We'll have some warm drinks ready!

*Janet Young*

**A LITTLE NORHAM CHRISTMAS** A huge thank you to everyone who helped make this event such a success- everyone who helped set up and decorate the hall; everyone who baked, chutneyed, and pickled; everyone who bought tickets; everyone who came and spent time in the hall and money on the stalls; everyone who helped tidy up afterwards; and everyone who donated if they couldn't come - and to Lynsey and Theresa for running the raffle, to Harriet and Millie from Northern Soul Kitchen for supplying and serving the lovely canapés, and to McCreath and Son for supplying the Christmas tree! Donations are still coming in but profits should be at least £600 - hopefully more! Watch this space.....

**PETANQUE CLUB** We're making progress & the tidy-up continues. We would like to plant some bulbs around the pitch. If you have any daffs or bluebells to spare please contact Joan on 382015.

**MOTHERS' UNION** The December meeting will be a Christmas Entertainment with Ken and Jacqui Budge. The January meeting will be the AGM. *Note the change of venue—Branxton Village Hall.*

The Union would like to thank everyone who donated to the Shoebox Appeal for the homeless. The response was overwhelming. Thank you once again.

**CHURCH FINANCES** The Parochial Church Council wishes to thank all those who have contributed to church funds. A summary of money raised for the year 2016, where it came from and where it went, will be found on the back page of this Newsround. The summary also looks forward to the next ten years.

#### **ITEMS FOR FEBRUARY NEWSROUND**

Any contributions should be given to Josephine Harris (382363) **before** Thursday 25th January. Newsround is put onto our website each month; if you do not wish your name, telephone number, or any other detail to be published, please advise.

*From Mary-Rose Blythe*

**NORHAM'S ADVENT CALENDAR** 24 residents of Castle Street, West Street and Pedwell Way have signed to take part in a Community Project. Each has agreed to decorate a window and display it to the public from the day they have been given. 1st December sees Fords the Bakers on West Street starting the calendar. Then day-by-day more houses will reveal their decorations. The final window (24th) will be found at George Straughen's shop window. We hope residents and visitors will enjoy the trail as it develops through the Advent period. As last year, you are invited to take part in a competition as you view the windows.

**In each window find the reindeer gift tag, which also has a Christmas anagram written on it. Record your answers on a competition sheet (available from the Mason's Arms). A small prize will be awarded to the first adult and child names, drawn from a hat, who have all the words correct.**

**You have until 31st December to complete the challenge.  
Good luck and happy looking!**

*From Jim Blythe*

**A BRIDGE TOO FAR SPORTIVE** held in October raised £1855.00 for the St Columba's Hospice in Edinburgh. Thanks to the villagers for putting up with 135 cyclists.

The **GARDEN PRODUCE** at the door of 6, Castle Street raised £32.00 for the Air Ambulance. Many thanks to all who donated - this was a great way to deal with a glut of courgettes, beetroot and apples.

We need Volunteers for our **VILLAGE CLEAN UP DAY** on Saturday Dec 2nd from 9am until 4pm or any part of that time. Meet at the Castle gates. Bring what tools you would like to use. We will be clearing weeds, ivy, grass and branches. Suggested tools are wheelbarrow, spade, brush, rake, secateurs and loppers also gloves would be handy.

Hi Vis vests will be provided. The work won't be hard or heavy! We will stop for lunch at 12.30 until 1pm. (don't want to lose the light too much) Would anyone be able to make a scone and a cuppa for 11am just to break the day up?

Can those who are willing to come along please contact me and leave me their name?

This will only happen if the weather is in our favour.

Jim Blythe 01289382442.