

NORHAM NEWSROUND

MAY 2016

Norham Parish Council 21st March 2016 Summary of further points discussed

Leaflets for Walks around Norham: Jim Gibson, will draft a leaflet. It is estimated it should be possible to buy 5000 leaflets within the budget set.

Signage for Play areas/ playground inspections: The new signage has been erected on the Ubbanford and Village Greens. VLC will arrange for an annual inspection to be carried out by ROSPA. JU confirmed he would place rubber mats under the Ubbanford swings to remedy the point raised by Alan Cater previously.

Electronic Speed sign: It was agreed that the sign would be ordered pending clarification of the reimbursement of costs for its post and erection by NCC. It was important to try to have the sign in place by end of June. The Community Police Officer had been informed of ongoing concerns re speeding and of the intention to erect the first sign.

Seat Location Plan: JB confirmed he had identified 18 seats and one picnic bench. It was agreed that consideration would have to be given to costs of repairs .

Public Conveniences: NCC has rewired the building. Funds had been received from NCC to cover cleaning costs to 31st March 2016. Certain items in the toilets would be upgraded, and paint purchased to paint at least the outside of the building.

Maintenance of Footpaths: The request to have the path at the east end of South Lane formally designated as an official footpath was going through 'due process'.

Request re brown tourist sign re Norham Church: It was established that a planning application was required for any such sign. . The signs cost c£4-5000. It was agreed to report back to The Rev Canon Dr Kelsey, as it would be for the church to make any such application.

Northumberland LED Street lighting: NCC are in the process of replacing all orange street-lights with LED lights. This programme will reach Norham in 2017. There was therefore the possibility of asking that the overhead cables in Castle Street be removed as part of this process. GS will look into this further.

Request re removal of tree in North Lane: A request had been received for removal of a tree in North Lane. The tree was on the highway and therefore not a parish council but a county council matter. It was agreed however that the parish council would have no objection to the tree being removed.

Parish Council Website: VLC and JU will meet with Alexander Dalgety to discuss the viability of continuing to use the community website. VLC confirmed some central government funding was currently available for such purposes.

To look at Planning Application decisions. An appeal has been made against refusal of planning re Land North of The Victoria Hotel North Lane. The Application re 6 Cross View has been granted

To look at the state of roads and pavements JU was asked to report large potholes outside Morris Hall Farm, outside the Castle car park, outside Morris Hall Lodge, at Velvet Hall, outside the village hall, and loose pavement slabs outside the Mace shop. The public can report potholes via <http://mapreport.northumberland.gov.uk/potholes> . There was also lengthy discussion regarding the condition and increasingly frequent use of the side road in Castle Street. It was agreed that more thought would be given to how more use of parking on Castle Street (rather than on the side road) could be encouraged. There had been a complaint re the state of the vegetation on the footpath to Ubbanford. This will be dealt with.

A.O.B. Concerns were raised regarding ambulance cover for the village in particular in light of a recent 3-hour wait by a resident. GS would raise the matter again with D Watkin in the first instance. GS will raise the question of a litter pick from Velvet Hall along to Norham with D Watkin.

Date of next meeting 23rd May 2016. It will be the AGM

NB This record is only a summary of some major points of interest. A full version of the minutes is available on www.norham.org

Forthcoming Events.

Thursday 5th May : **Ascension Day service**; 7pm at Ladykirk Church.

Monday 9th : **M.U. Meeting**; 2pm in the Mason's Arms

Thursday 12th : **Parish Walk Meet on the Green at 9.30am.**

W.I.Meeting; 2pm in the Village Hall.

Saturday 21st : **Messy Church** in church; 11am-12.30

Concert; 7.30pm in church; see below.

Wednesday 25th : **Drop-in-4-Coffee** in church 10.30-12 noon.

SINCERE CONDOLENCES to the family and friends of Margaret Mabon, who died on 7th April.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE At the May meeting John Moreels will speak about Nostalgic Views of the North. All welcome.

MOTHERS' UNION At the May meeting Joan Lawson will speak about Amnesty International.

I apologise for the incorrect total of the amount raised at our Annual Lent Lunch. The correct amount raised was £180.00 which has been sent to our Diocesan Charity A.F.I.A. (Away From It All) which provides holidays for children who would otherwise not have one. Our thanks to all those who attended this function. *Judith Knight*

TRACTOR ROAD RUN (Norham's 7th). 69 tractors took part raising £2000 for the Cancer Care Unit at BGH and £500 for Hospicecare Northumberland. A great day, much enjoyed by all.

FUNERAL The retiring collection at the funeral of Sarah Hume raised over £450. The money was split between St Cuthbert's church and Berwick and District Talking Newspaper.

CONCERT: THE WEIGHTON WAYTES and Accompanying Musicians Norham Church Sat 21st May 7.30pm: Tickets £5; Under 16s free Back after their hugely popular performance last year, Weighton Waytes is a well-established, mixed voice, community choir based in the lovely East Riding town of Market Weighton, which is situated at the foot of the Yorkshire Wolds. Currently the choir has over 50 members and sings in four-part harmony. Their members come from all walks of life; are of all age ranges; have a love of singing; and look to perform a wide range of music for the pleasure of others. Following their successful choral pilgrimage of Northumberland last year, the choir are returning with some of their own accompanying musicians to perform what will be a lively mixture of secular and sacred music.

ST CUTHBERT'S SUMMER FAIR - Save the Date - 25th June

Plans are progressing well for this year's fundraising fair and car boot sale—the usual stalls and a lot more! Morris Dancers! Bouncy Castle! Fire Engine! Ice Cream! What more could you want!!

But we need your help too! 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
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MESSY CHURCH - Saturday 21st May at Norham Church. 11.00 - 12.30pm. All welcome.

STAYING ALIVE - SUMMER 2016 AT SEAHOUSES HOSTEL An opportunity for young people in school years 7-13 across the North East to spend a long weekend together, exploring your faith, taking part in worship, chilling out, trying new stuff.

Supervised activities from 10.00am on Thursday to 3.00pm on Sunday, all meals (except lunch on Thursday – bring a packed one!) – from Thursday supper to Sunday lunch as well as all materials you use.

The cost of the trip is £60 (Norham Church subsidises the cost of children in Norham and surrounding Parish attending so please don't let cost stop you for going!) For details contact Felicity Tunnard.

NORHAM PANTOMIME UPDATE

We are all cast and ready to start rehearsing! We are now in need of urgent help with costumes - donations of funky fabric and scenery. If this is something that interests you please speak to Fliss.

NEWSROUND DELIVERER NEEDED for North Lane (about 20 houses). Please contact Josephine.

NORHAM & LADYKIRK ANGLING ASSOCIATION April saw the first two competitions of the year. The Holywell Cup on the river was won by Ronnie Hek with 2 fish. Second was Jim Cameron and third was new club member Brian Thompson. The Gordon Wharton Cup at Thrunton Trout Fishery was won by Steve Martin with 2 fish for 17lb. He also had the largest at 13lb2oz. Second was Gordon Wharton and third was Davey Blythe. It was hard going with only 2 members getting their bag. Unfortunately John 'Hotdog' Foreman was the only member not to get a fish. May 15: Coldingham Loch 9-5; 27th on river 5.30-10.30pm (weigh-in at the Vic at 11pm. Good luck to all. *Jim Yeomans*

ITEMS FOR JUNE NEWSROUND

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

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.

FROM NORHAM PARISH COUNCIL

PETITION FOR MOBILE COMMUNICATIONS MAST FOR NORHAM

You may be aware that some weeks ago planning permission was granted for the construction of a mobile communications mast just outside the village, but that shortly thereafter the company involved indicated that, for a variety of reasons, they would not be proceeding with the mast. This was disappointing. The local MP was then contacted and she instigated a petition calling for a mobile mast for Norham. She also indicated that she would be attempting to solve the difficulties through political avenues. Unfortunately that first petition was not widely distributed and the parish council was not at that point informed of its existence. However a fresh copy of the petition has recently been circulated, and is currently available for signing in the various village shops and pubs. If you are one of the few who signed the first petition please sign the new one as well. A copy of the petition is also available for download on the community website at <http://norham.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/04/160410-Norham-Mast-Petition.pdf>, from any councillor, or from me. If you agree with the petition, please obtain a copy and have all your friends family and neighbours sign it! Obviously there is no guarantee that the petition will result in bringing the village a better mobile signal but it might!

Victoria Craig

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BERWICK FREEGLE The most recent of a nationwide network of Freegle groups has just been set up in Berwick. The aim is to keep 'stuff' out of landfill by giving it away free. All Freegle groups are free to join, run by local volunteers and provide an internet site where members can list 'Offers' of and/or 'Wanted's' for items now surplus to their owners requirements. Join at www.freegle.in/Berwick

ENERGY MONITORS Some energy monitors available free of charge, which will assist in helping to control your electricity consumption. An electrician is not required to install the monitor. Please contact George Straughen if you would like one.

DOG FOULING The Parish Council has yet again received complaints regarding dog fouling, on Ubbanford green, where children play, and on the grass areas near and on North Lane. Dog mess is an eyesore and a health hazard. If you are a dog owner, you have a legal duty to clean up every time your dog messes in a public place, and you may be subject to prosecution if you do not.