

NORHAM NEWSROUND

NOVEMBER 2017

Meeting of Norham Parish Council held on 2nd October 2017

Proposed Joint Neighbourhood Planning in Norham and Islandshire : A planning brief has been sent to planning consultants to quote for the drawing up of a neighbourhood plan. Costs covered by the initial £5000 from NCC.

Play Areas The chains round the green are appropriate size for safety.

Public Conveniences: JB thanked for all the work so far. The Ladies section was proving problematic with cracked plaster and possible subsidence in one corner, plus an unpleasant smell. Some complaints re cleanliness etc, which will be addressed. Funds from NCC for WC upkeep would be forthcoming shortly.

Mobile Mast/BT Phone box: Cllr Lawrie confirmed NCC was to publicise roll out of better broadband. This would not affect mobile signal. He will look into situation re the mobile mast that was to have been put up. Re the BT Exchange this would be tidied up by Open Reach on 10th October

Northumberland LED street lighting/Undergrounding of cables: No progress re undergrounding. Cllr Lawrie confirmed NCC was having difficulty ascertaining precisely the problem with the roll out of LED lighting.

Bus Stop Requests: Cllr Lawrie confirmed he had spoken to the new owners of Borders Buses who seemed very proactive. It had been confirmed that on rural roads (i.e. outwith villages) buses could be flagged down. Within the confines of villages buses should stop on request if a passenger was frail/elderly. Any refusals to do so should be reported to Cllr Lawrie.

Street Signs/Village Map: GS still considering the proposed village map. Existing street signs had been refurbished and repainted by NCC.

New Speed signs/30mph reminders: New 30mph signs had been painted on the road entrances to the village. Discussions are ongoing with NCC re the extension of the 30mph zone up to the top of Castle Bank, and re the possibilities for a crossing near the school. GS also to contact the community police officer to request advice on how to control speeding, including police patrols.

Request for use of Village Green for Wedding Reception: VLC reported a request from a non-resident that she be able to use the Village Green on 4th August 2018 as part of her wedding celebrations. She would like to hold a drinks reception on the green in the afternoon (which will move into the village hall in the evening). There would be a couple of gazebos, some 'village fair' games e.g. coconut shies etc, some acoustic music. She will be using local shops/suppliers so far as possible for her reception. It was agreed that this would be very welcome. She will need to be responsible stewarding her event and would have to ensure that any litter etc was removed and any damage to the turf made good. She would also be asked to make a donation to the village hall.

Planning Application decisions 27 Castle Street (Mr and Mrs Fairbairn) – granted. 18 West Street (Mr and Mrs Ewart) – granted. The Mews, West Street (Nigel Williamson) – granted. Land at East of Mount Carmel (Billy Clegg) – granted

To look at state of Roads and Pavements : A brief site meeting with NCC resulted in a number of minor matters had been resolved e.g. street signs etc. Another such meeting at a higher level is proposed. A list of road related issues to form the basis will include grass encroaching onto the pavements in Castle Street and up Castle Bank as per a complaint that this was not just unsightly but a trip hazard plus the state of the footpath from Coronation Cottage at the foot of Birchill to the road junction at the station.

Cllr Lawrie will be providing the council with £1000 for each year that he was a councillor, from NCC funding, to be spent on a capital project, in that year. He was thanked for this generous gesture.

Date of next meeting 2^{7th} November at 7.30pm in Village Hall

Forthcoming Events.

Thursday 2nd November: **All Souls Service**; church; 6pm; see below
W.I. meeting; 2pm in the Village Hall.

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

Saturday 11th : **Ceilidh**; Village Hall; 7.30-10pm; see below

Monday 13th : **M.U. meeting**; 2pm; Branxton Church then Hall

Thursday 23rd : **Evening with Tendi Sherpa**; 7pm; Village Hall; see below

Monday 27th : **Ladies Night**; School; 6.30 onwards; see below

Thursday 30th : **Drop-in-4-Coffee** in church 10.30-12 noon.

Friday 1st December : **Christmas Fair**; School; 5.30-7pm; see below

W.I. At the November meeting Clive Price will talk about 'Captain Flint's Trunk'.

MOTHERS' UNION The November meeting will be the Wave of Prayer.

The Union is once again collecting 'Shoebboxes for the Homeless'. Any kind donations of warm hats, gloves, scarves, socks, pants, toiletries, sweets, hair brushes/combs etc. would be appreciated. They can be left at Church or 26 West Street.

Babs Gibson

CRAFT CLUB The November dates are as follows, Wednesday 1, 15 and 29 November 1 to 4 p.m. in the village hall. There is no need to be there for the whole 3 hours, it's come as you please with refreshments available open to WI members and Non-members alike. Craft will be on one date only in December which is 13 December with mince pies etc. January dates will be 10 and 24 January. Jan L'Argent 01289 382897.

OILCAN The order for November is Friday 10 November, orders to me by 3 p.m. that day please. There will be a December order but I don't have the order as yet. Just to let you know in advance the first order of 2018 will be Friday 5 January. Jan L'Argent 01289 382897.

CEILIDH Saturday 11th, 7.30-10pm; Village Hall. In aid of raising money for an expedition to Lesotho (Africa). Small refreshments provided, but feel free to bring your own or make a donation of refreshments.

Adult tickets £6; children £4. Limited availability;

to reserve one call 01289 382012

Francesca

NORHAM SCHOOL Ladies Pamper Night run by Body Shop, Monday 27th; 6.30pm onwards. MEN welcome too!
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.

EVENING WITH TENDI SHERPA, an 11 times Everest summiteer to raise funds for the Tendi Sherpa Foundation. Tickets £10 inc. light buffet. To book contact Jim Lang on 07980 642421 or jimmy.lang@hotmail.co.uk

CASTLE OPENING Thanks to those who again took responsibility for opening the Castle to visitors this summer, and special thanks to David Foreman who has organised the Castle opening for the past 10 years. The Village Hall funds have benefited by £1000 each year, a donation from EH.

BUT WE NEED A NEW ORGANISER as David feels he has done his share. We need someone to assume responsibility for organising next year's rota and to undertake periodic health and safety checks as required by English Heritage. If you are interested please see David for details. It would be a shame to lose the annual £1000.

FORGET ME NOT - THE ALZHEIMER'S WHODUNNIT

St Cuthbert's Church Norham Sat 4th November - 7pm
This murder is so perfect you could even hide it from yourself...'

This is not to be missed!

Written and performed by comic poet and psych nurse Rob Gee this one man show described variously as storytelling gold, a disturbing masterpiece and smart witty and razor sharp will be something out of the ordinary....Jim's wife. A patient on a dementia ward, has died from what appears to be natural causes. Jim is a retired police detective and he smells a rat. He's determined to solve one last murder. The problem is he also has dementia. It's a case worthy of the greatest detective mind. But his will have to do. At the shows heart is a detective whose tool of the trade is failing him, making the most important case of his life something of a challenge. By turns hilarious and thought provoking this is a one man show with a lot to say about how we treat and perceive people with dementia.

Rob Gee has appeared at poetry festivals in Sydney, Canada and the US and at the UK's Edinburgh Fringe and Glastonbury Festival. He has also shared stages with numerous personalities, including Harold Pinter, Jo Brand, Sue Townsend, Jimmy Carr, Omid Djalili, Frankie Boyle, Russell Howard and Sarah Millican and is a regular on the North American Fringe Circuit.

Tickets available on the door or online from www.highlightsnorth.co.uk Adults £8; U16s £4

More info from Tory Craig 07745130987 torylintoncraig@aol.com

A LITTLE NORHAM CHRISTMAS!

Norham Village Hall

Friday 24th November 6-9pm

A whole new festive event coming to the village hall! A lovely Christmassy evening — a little bit of Christmas shopping and a chance to meet friends with a glass of fizz — all at the same time! And all in aid of charity! What's not to like?

Handmade gifts vintage goods and artisan foods from local artists, makers and traders. Innovative gifts, including festive decorations and greenery, art, jewellery, baskets, candles, fashion accessories, toiletries, wood crafts, foodie gifts and other Christmas essentials! Tickets available IN ADVANCE ONLY — £5 each, with a glass of prosecco (or soft drink) and canapés - and the opportunity to buy more - so over 18s only!

Proceeds to the Great North Air Ambulance and Northern Soul Kitchen.

Tickets on sale now — numbers are limited so please contact Tory Craig 07745130987 torylintoncraig@aol.com now!

A Service in Commemoration of the Departed 6.00pm, All Souls' Day, Thursday 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 that will be available at the back of church from 15th October.

ITEMS FOR DECEMBER/JANUARY NEWSROUND

Any contributions should be given to Josephine Harris (382363) **before** Monday 27th November. 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.