



Visiting Ford & Etal

The Covid-19 pandemic has had a huge impact on us all over the last 3 months, and with all the visitor attractions and venues closed it has been a very different spring and early summer for all. Now - although not 100% certain because government advice and guidance may change – attractions and activity providers are making plans to open and welcome visitors in early July.

Please see details below - but please also be sure to check websites and social media both for Ford & Etal **and** individual venues' websites for updates.

In all cases, social distancing and various other measures will be in place to ensure the safety of staff and visitors.

Hay Farm Heavy Horse Centre, Heatherslaw Light Railway, Heatherslaw Cornmill (including Gift Shop and Visitor Centre) and Lady Waterford Hall are all hoping to re-open in the first 10 days of July. Dates for each venue may differ but will be no sooner than 4th July. Hours of opening are likely to be reduced in the first instance with a number of procedures in place to ensure the safety of staff and visitors.

Handmade at Heatherslaw: Open daily from 1st July, 10am-4pm. Only 2 customers in the shop at one time.

Active 4 Seasons: From 22nd June, offering open canoe and sea kayak coaching and guiding. Contact for information and to book via <http://active4seasons.co.uk/> or social media (Facebook/Twitter).

Horseshoe Forge: Opening from Friday 19th June, 10am-4pm, mostly at weekends but may open during the week as well. Contact John on 0750 434 2379 for more details.

The Estate House Tearoom Shop, Ford: Open from 16th June, selling musical instruments, bric-a-brac, painting books and antiques.

Ford Village Tearoom: The village shop is open for groceries and take-away refreshments, and it is hoped that the Tearoom will open early July.

Road closure.

The B6353 at Ford Bridge is expected to be closed between 27th and 31st July.

Diversions will be in place. For further information follow the link below.

<https://one.network/?tm=117341158>

THANK YOU

On behalf of myself and family I would like to thank all friends and relatives for their flowers, cards, letters and kind messages of condolence received at this sad time, also for the donations to HospiceCare and McMillan Nurses. Special thanks to Jude Newton for his kind words and comforting service, also Malcolm Mace and John Abercrombie for their help and kindness with the funeral arrangements. Grateful thanks to all friends and neighbours for coming to Crookham to bid farewell to David on his final journey.

Mary Lockie



HospiceCare wants to reassure you that our specialist **Hospice at Home** care and support continues to be delivered as normal across North Northumberland during the Coronavirus, 365 days a year, day or night, planned or in a crisis situation. HospiceCare supports adults living in North Northumberland who have a life-limiting condition such as Cancer, Heart Failure, Lung Disease, Motor Neurone Disease, Parkinson's and Advanced Dementia. We are also able to offer support to their families and carers.

Our **Family/Bereavement Support** also continues but via the telephone rather than face-to-face. For the present time our drop-in services at Alnwick and Berwick have been suspended. Our existing referral process and criteria remain unchanged for the present time, so please contact us via telephone if you wish to self-refer into either our Hospice at Home or Family Support services. You can also ask your Healthcare professional to refer on your behalf. Please don't hesitate to telephone our nursing team directly on T. 01665 606515 or T. 01289 309997 or email: nursingteam@hospicecare-nn.org.uk

HospiceCare's Virtual Open Gardens 2020

Because of Covid-19 everyone's lives have changed since March and sadly we have had to cancel our 25th Anniversary Open Garden events. However, instead, we're excited to bring you a virtual tour from the comfort of your own armchair. HospiceCare's Patron, Lady Joicey, has kindly agreed to introduce our Virtual Gardens 2020 tour which you can view by visiting our website www.hospicecare.nn.org.uk and clicking on the image of our 'Virtual Open Gardens' on our main page.

Over the last 12 years, HospiceCare's annual Open Gardens have become the jewel in our fundraising calendar. Each year we welcome around 3000 visitors wishing to explore some of the most beautiful private gardens in Northumberland, kindly opened by their owners and with the support of our wonderful hospice volunteers. Since 2008 the Garden events have raised over £174,000 which has been generated from entrance fees, donations, cream teas and plant sales. This incredible amount of money has contributed towards the delivery of in excess of 7,000 hours of our specialist Hospice at Home Services here in North Northumberland. So we hope that you will enjoy our virtual Open Garden tour today. If after watching you feel that you can make a donation towards our Hospice at Home care and support, however large or small, we would be so grateful – thank you.

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Full details on Hospice Care's nursing services can be found on:

www.hospicecare-nn.org.uk

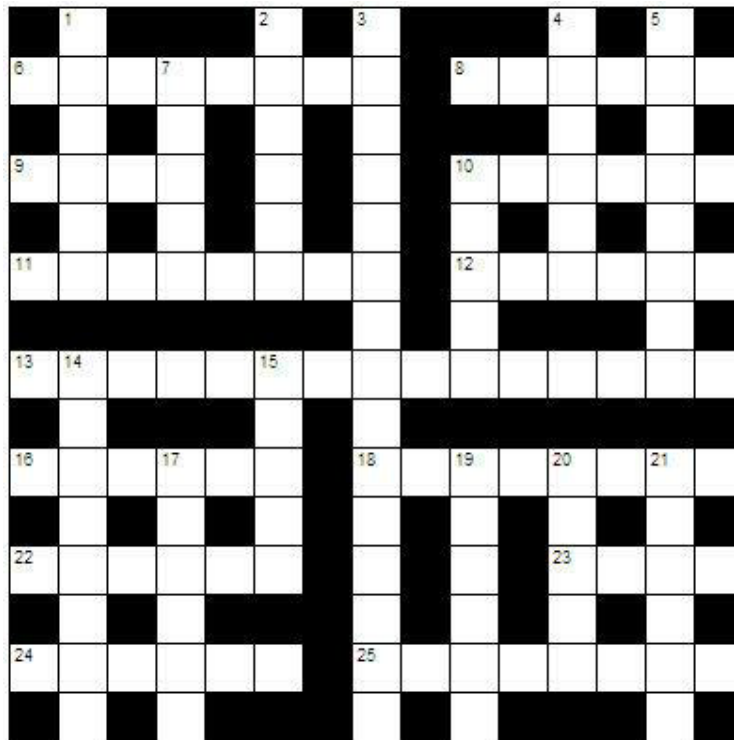
The Fourum Crossword No 5

by Cromwell

13 Across



22 Across



5 Down



21 Down



Across

- 6 1991 film, directed by Martin Scorsese, starring Robert De Niro and Nick Nolte (4,4)
- 8 Music group formed in 1976 that released the first so called punk rock single, "New Rose" (6)
- 9 A device a musician uses on the neck of a stringed (typically fretted) instrument to transpose and shorten the playable length of the strings (4)
- 10 Roman lyrical poet (6)
- 11 Unwanted items received through the post (4,4)
- 12 To put on or show an old play or motion picture again (6)
- 13 The first Labour Prime Minister (6,9)
- 16 British Prime Minister, 1855-1858, 1859-1865 (Surname) (6)
- 18 Another name for Cyclamen (8)
- 22 British Prime Minister 1970-1974 (Forename) (6)
- 23 Stringed Instrument popular during the Baroque era (4)
- 24 Type of grass popular in haymaking etc (6)
- 25 Started again as in, say, an investigation (8)

Down

- 1 A metaphor for splendour and opulence (6)
- 2 Whale also known as the Sea Canary (6)
- 3 Area in London famous for its pigeons and a monument to Lord Nelson (9,6)
- 4 Slang term used in the theatre for "off the cuff work" (6)
- 5 British Prime Minister 1809-1812 (Surname) (8)
- 7 Electronic or digital form of a novel (5)
- 10 King of Judea who ordered the Massacre of the Innocents (5)
- 14 Scottish town known as "The Granite City" (8)
- 15 Amount given in a process (5)
- 17 Max, German theoretical physicist (6)
- 19 British Prime Minister 1964-1970, 1974-1976 (Surname) (6)
- 20 Rainer Maria...Bohemian poet whose works include Sonnet to Orpheus (5)
- 21 British Prime Minister 1945-1951 (Surname) (6)



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At the time of going to press the Black Bull in Etal is not sure when they will be re-opening.

Check website and Facebook for up to date information and opening times. The kitchen continues to offer take away meals.

Tel: 01890 820200 email: blackbulletal@cheviotbrewery.co.uk

Black Bull pub quiz

Join the monthly pub quiz either online or back in the pub!

The monthly pub quiz at The Black Bull in Etal hosted by Eric Musgrave will be held on the first Monday of July and August and will either be held on line, as it has been over the past couple of months, or it will be back in the pub. All are welcome to take part.

The quiz will start at 7.30pm.

If you want to take part or would like further information, email eric@ericmusgrave.co.uk or call him on 07702 628848.

If online the quiz may be shorter than the eight rounds of the regular pub quiz, but Jonny from Cheviot Brewery and The Black Bull will be offering a small liquid prize for the winning team.

Poppy Appeal

The North Northumberland Branch (1305) of the Royal British Legion are looking for a volunteer to take on the very important role of Crookham's Poppy Appeal Organiser.

We are determined that the amazing work of our previous organisers and collectors will be carried on – especially as the Royal British Legion prepares to celebrate its centenary in 2021. Our Poppy Appeal Organisers in Berwick, Wooler and Crookham coordinate the collection of about £50,000 a year. We really appreciate the generosity of the good people of North Northumberland, and this level of support goes a long way in funding the vital work that the Legion does to assist our veterans.

We've listened to what our members and friends have said in Crookham, Ford, Etal, Branxton, and Cornhill and we understand that there is a strong wish to see local Poppy Appeal collections return to these communities this year. Our new Poppy Appeal Organiser will need lots of willing volunteers, old and new, to help make this happen.

Please contact me if you'd like to volunteer to be our new Poppy Appeal Organiser or to help us as a collector.

Rob Porteous

Vice Chairman

North Northumberland Royal British Legion (1305)

Mobile -07813 930504

Email – robertporteous1968@hotmail.co.uk

Strange things in Northumberland.

About two months ago, shortly after “lockdown” started, I went for a short evening walk round the fields near my home. It was quite cool but still sunny and I stopped several times to view the surrounding countryside, just coming to life after the winter. I was almost home when I stopped for a last look. The birds had settled for the night and it was very quiet. Suddenly I was startled by an unearthly noise rather like an animal in pain but it wasn't repeated and I couldn't really tell where it had come from. I considered what could have made this awful sound.

Since then I have heard strange calls during the night, but put these down to my resident cock pheasant – a real pest who raids my bird feeders, going so far as to perch on the outside of the kitchen window sill.

However, last week I took the same walk and not far from home, disturbed a huge bird near a small wood which flew off down the hill. It was much too big for a pheasant and definitely not a buzzard. Then during a conversation with a friend who works nearby, he told me that it is a Peacock and it has a friend, probably a female but too young yet to breed.

Is this a first – “wild” Peafowl in Northumberland – and where has it come from? Maybe next spring they will have a brood and by then I might be lucky and get a photograph.

Anon.



TillVAS

Due to the COVID-19 lockdown all TillVAS events scheduled for June and July have been postponed. We hope that they can be rescheduled later, provided that whatever social distancing rules may then be in force so permit. Members can keep in touch through our newsletter, Facebook and Twitter or visit our website.

Etal Onion Club Show

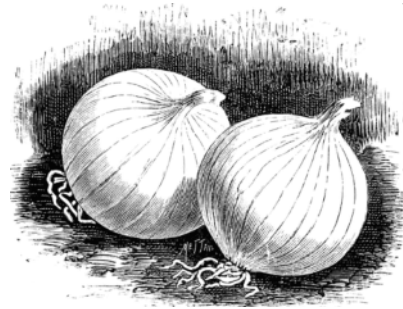
20th September 2020

While the exact position regarding lockdown, social distancing and shielding during this COVID-19 pandemic is currently impossible to predict we are hopeful that we will be able to go ahead with some limited form of show.

Membership fees not yet paid due to the current lockdown will be accepted at any time up to the show and in the event that we are unable to safely hold the show any membership fees already paid for 2020 will be carried forward to 2021.

So for now keep growing those onions!

Any queries please contact
the Chairman Alan Renton or Secretary Susan Pearce
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susanp974@gmail.com 01890 820615



Crookham Village Hall Update 17 June 2020

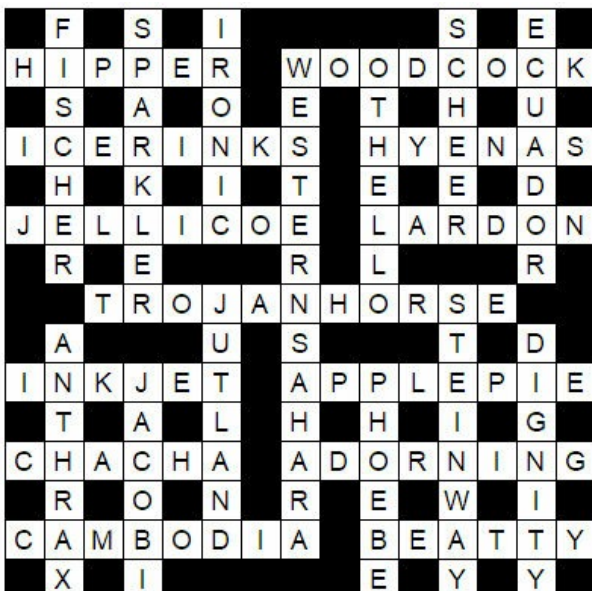
The Small Hall. We now have the funds in place to do the rebuild. The Estate has given permission in principle for the work – this takes the form of a rather formidable legal document, a licence, and, at the time of writing, there are some details to clarify before it can be signed. There are also some technical details about insurance, health & safety, timing of the work, etc., that need to be sorted, but, with a fair wind, we should be able to appoint a contractor in about a month's time.

Hall activities. Again, at the time of writing, there is no immediate prospect of a resumption. It's difficult to see how to hold a coffee morning while wearing face masks. The situation is under constant review by CAN among other bodies, and we will take their advice. There will be an announcement as soon as there is any news on this front.

Committee news. We are sorry to have received the resignation of Annette Woolfson from the management committee. We are very happy that she will continue on the Events Committee, where she has made a valuable contribution over the years.

Mike Keating

June crossword answers



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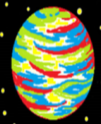
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Carol 07786954664/01668 282262
and Geoff 07876506837,
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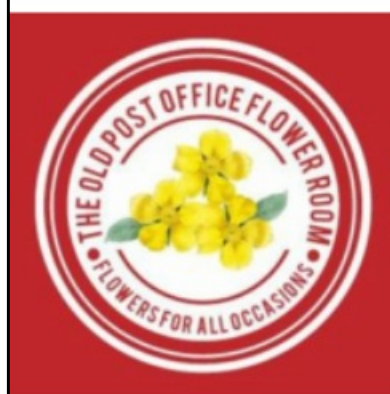
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www.lavendertearooms.org.uk

As this goes to press, we are unsure of what July & August will bring for the Shop, Post Office & Tearooms.

We recommend that customers wishing to use the Shop & Post Office, should do so before 11.30am to avoid the queues that we may have for the tearooms.

Please check our website or Facebook for up to date hours.

Our potential hours for July & August:

Mon – Fri	9am – 3pm
Sat & Sun	10am – 3pm

FORD VILLAGE SHOP

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Saturday 20th June*

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Sunday	9am to 2pm

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Cornhill

Open Flower Show

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Fundraising for the 2021 Show will begin once the Covid-19 restrictions are lifted

If you are holding a trophy please keep it for a further year

The Handicraft schedule that is in circulation will be re-used next year so keep stitching!

Thank you for your continued support.

Cornhill Flower Show Committee.



CORNHILL VILLAGE SHOP

DELIVERY SERVICE

As you are all aware the Coronavirus has disrupted the lives and daily living habits of everyone. This is where we would like to help if we can.

We are offering a delivery service for groceries and ready made meals

(Menu overleaf). Where possible and providing our suppliers can still deliver to us, we will try our best to get essentials to people who need to self isolate.

We have a list of people who have kindly volunteered to deliver goods where we can so we are hoping to try and cover **CORNHILL, DONALDSONS LODGE, WARK, CARHAM, BRANXTON**. If you do need goods and don't live in these areas please still give us a try and if we can we will do our best to get you what you need.

It is a time to pull together and check on your neighbours near and far. Just a wave or a thumbs up can brighten someones day especially if they are self isolating and can't go out. If you have any queries at all please give us a ring

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Steak Pie	1.90	Caramel Shortcake	1.00
Chilli Pie	1.50	Rocky Road	1.00
Haggis, Neeps & Tattie	1.75	Chocolate Brownie	1.50
Stovie Pie	1.50	Flapjack	1.00
Macaroni Pie	1.50	Honeymoon Slice	1.50
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		Bakewell Tart	1.65
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Are you concerned about COVID-19 and how it may affect your life in the weeks ahead? Crookham Village Hall's COVID-19 Action Team has been set up to support older and more vulnerable residents through the epidemic. We'll also try to support NHS staff, carers, other emergency service workers and anyone who is in self-isolation.

WE ARE HERE TO HELP.

We'll find volunteers who can run errands to the shop or chemist to top up essential supplies or pick up a prescription.

Even if you just need someone to talk to, please get in touch. Here are examples of the help we can offer:

- Collect grocery orders
- Collect and deliver prescriptions
- Phone or video call if you are lonely, concerned or just want to chat
- Collect and post parcels and letters

Privacy will be respected. Call us if you need help or support

Worship in Norham, Ford/Etal, Ancroft and Lowick Parishes

While the lockdown begins to ease, our church buildings remain closed for the time being, but our worship continues!

10.00am on Sunday

- **Join an on-line, interactive Service of Worship, via Zoom, in which we can see and hear each other. (Help is available for those not used to the technology!)**
- **If Zoom doesn't work for you, then join in by following the order of service on your own, at the same time as everyone else.**

Weekdays

- **Receive a twice-daily 'call to prayer', via email, for 10.00am Morning Prayer and 4.30pm Evening Prayer.**
- **At 10.00am on Wednesday, join a Zoom service of Morning Prayer.**

If you don't use the Internet

- **Ask for paper copies of Morning and Evening Prayer, and join in by praying through the order of service at the same time as everyone else, at 10.00am and/or 4.30pm.**
- **Phone Daily Hope, the Church of England's free phone line of hymns, reflections and prayers, on 0800 8048044, at any time of day or night.**

**For more information, contact the Revd Rob Kelsey
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Pilgrims For People.

Pilgrims for People were all set earlier this year to undertake their pilgrimage from Iona to Lindisfarne ... then Covid 19 and the lock-down came. We planned to make the pilgrimage to raise both funds and awareness for refugees and launched the event with a poetry and photo exhibition at St Gregory's Church, Kirknewton.

This year, everything was arranged, dates set, walkers primed and boots cleaned for our 300 mile, 3 week walk starting on April 24th. Rev. Suzanne Cooke was also set to be on Iona to give us her blessing and a big send-off! We should have been walking over the sands to Lindisfarne on 13th May. What wonderful weather we would have had! As with many other plans this year the walk has been postponed ... but is being rearranged for next year!

Our strap line has now changed to 'Iona to Lindisfarne - Our 2020 Vision (plus one!)'. Meanwhile, team member, Karen, has put together a record of the route through daily 'virtual' posts and these can be seen on our Facebook page and on our Website. They are great fun and show just how beautiful (and arduous) the walk will be.

£1500 has already been raised by Pilgrims for People to help refugee charities through our Virgin Giving site which is still open for donations. Additional funds have been raised through other means and we are discussing new ideas for fund-raising at our on-line team meetings. We also hope to begin our team training walks again soon. The organising team, Karen Tindale, Jacqui Carrick, Patrick Norris and Ros Duncan would like to thank everyone who has supported our project so far.

Website: www.ionatolindisfarne.co.uk/

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A message from Revd John Carr, Cornhill with Carham & Branxton

The earth is the Lord's and everything in it, the world and those who live in it. (Psalm 24:1)

As spring moves to summer I'm reminded of that verse from the Psalms, a recognition of God's creation and creativity. Even in these times of isolation and anxiety we can recognise the seasons rolling on year by year. The recent good weather and enforced slower pace of life has given opportunity to observe the changes and the wildlife around. On our daily walks we have seen the crops growing and, while by no means ornithologists, we have "collected" birds that we haven't noticed before.

But the changed pace of life has also given us opportunity to notice those around who exercise care or provide the services that we so often take for granted. From health care workers to delivery drivers, agricultural workers to shop workers, suddenly they have come into view as people of significance. All are of value to us and all are known to God, their creator.

As we continue to work through these difficult times, let us take time to notice, to see and to appreciate all that is around us.

God of heaven and earth, as we face times of fear and anxiety help us to be thankful for those who work to bring us the necessities of life. Help us to be attentive to your world, and to give thanks for the signs of grace and hope around us. Amen

A message from Revd Mary Taylor Crookham United Reformed Church

Hello across the miles to readers of Fourum

Hope you are keeping well and eating well.

I have had a fortnight of connecting through zooms, phone calls and also time for reflection.

Reflecting about nature

Fifty years ago I spent the first two weeks of June doing community service in one of the first nature reserves at Kinlochewe near Loch Maree. What a wonderful place! Eight of us, who were preparing to leave school, were out in the fresh air, building paths, carrying posts for miles across hills to fence in newly planted trees and learning to appreciate nature led by Dick Balharry, a leader in nature conservancy. One of the animals to which he introduced us was the pine marten.

Have you been watching Springwatch? Pine martens featured on a recent programme. Other favourites included white storks making their first nests in this country since 1416, beavers in Cornwall and kites in Wales. Did you know butterflies have hearts in their wings?

During "lockdown" more people locally and globally are connecting and appreciating nature in new ways.

Reflecting about zoom experiences

Zoom has become part of my vocabulary! It has been a sharp learning curve going from visual to audio and then connecting to family, friends, worship experiences and now in the last two weeks -church and global conferences. Recently I attended a thought provoking church conference of 200 people from the 5 Northerly Synods of the United Reformed Church reflecting about "Life after Lockdown". We faced up to the reality churches will be different after this period.

In trying to imagine the church in the post pandemic world both the needs of the church and the wider world need to be reflected. We are going to be different people in the "new normal". Let us encourage each other for the future.

In the "Just and Green Recovery" zoom this week one of the challenging speakers was from "Edinburgh in Solidarity with Black Lives Matter".

Reflecting about Silence - "Silence – A User's Guide" by Maggie Ross

Today we are bombarded by so much noise- loudspeakers, motorbikes, cars, banging of doors, a veritable cacophony of noise, all a mad turbulent rush.

"But sometimes we have the joy of silence -when we have been quiet and discovered how it all helped us to be creative, to think deeply." -Desmond Tutu, Archbishop Emeritus of Cape Town

CHURCH NEWS

Services in Ford and Etal Churches are suspended for the time being.

Coronavirus emergency.

At the time of going to press, arrangements for opening the churches have not been made. Please use the contacts below to get the up to date information. During this time we do have VIRTUAL SERVICES which you are welcome to join. For details of how to do this, contact our Rural Dean, Revd. Canon Dr. Rob Kelsey at robert.josephkelsey@live.com or telephone 01289 382325

Local contacts are listed in Etal & Ford church porches and on the website

www.achurchnearyou

Secretary : Heather Pentland 01890 820201

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Crookham United Reformed Church. & Flodden Peace Centre.

Daily devotions and new Sunday worship are available from the URC website - <https://urc.org.uk/>

Please continue to enjoy the peace garden in Crookham, which is open. It might be a good place to reflect about conflict and peace locally and globally during this current crisis when words of peace and hope need to be heard.

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The Parish Churches of Branxton, Carham, Cornhill

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York have asked that all public worship be suspended. This means that there will be no services at the churches until further notice.

The churches will remain closed

Contact is Revd. John Carr.

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St Ninian's Church Wooler

ALL PUBLIC SERVICES CANCELLED.

The church is closed until further notice.

Rev. Fr. David Phillips

01665 574240

A Very Warm Welcome to Worship at Donaldson's Lodge Methodist Church

In the light of government advice all services have been cancelled until further notice. In Emergency please ring one of the ministry team.

Contact details:

Ministry Team Rev Kim Hurst 01289 306291
Deacon: Jackie Wright 01665 721185

Our church shares in the Youtube Channel for Lindisfarne Methodist Circuit where there is a weekly reflection published on Wednesdays.

Scots Pines at Branxton and Crookham



There are six Scots pine trees (*Pinus sylvestris*) framing the southern entrance to Branxton village. There are also two isolated Scots pines below the entrance to Crookham village in the vicinity of Sandyford Farm and there is a distinctive line of trees standing against the skyline as seen from the road from Heatherslaw. The rugged and attractive Scots pine is native to the cool climate of northern Europe. It is an evergreen tree that can reach a height of 40 to 50 feet with a spread of 30 feet. It has a lifespan of 250-300 years or more and is able to thrive in poor soils. The needles are blue-green in summer sometimes changing colour in winter to yellow-green and the bark is orange and peels away from the trunk to give an attractive pattern. The resinous timber was much used for masts, spars and planking in the days of wooden sailing ships. The tree was voted national tree of Scotland in 2014 (The Woodland Trust) being particularly associated with the remnants of the once extensive Caledonian forest.

Why are they there? It is said that the Druids lit large bonfires of Scots pine at the winter solstice to encourage the return of the sun and the fertilisation of the land; they also decorated pine glades with bright objects to symbolise divine light and eternal life. Folklore suggests that Scots pines were used to mark trackways, drove roads and crossroads and perhaps burial cairns or perimeters of meadows or villages where drovers and their herds could stay the night. Another suggestion is that they were planted in England by Jacobite sympathisers. The Branxton and Crookham trees may not be old enough to fall into any of these categories but they could be older than they look, if growing in poor soil. They might also have been planted to replace older trees that fulfilled one or more of the functions mentioned above. Local residents may have the answers.

“Paganus”



Due to the ongoing corona virus pandemic it is with regret that the committee have reluctantly decided to cancel the 84th Etal Show due to be held on Sunday 6th September 2020.

We understand that this is disappointing news for everyone involved with the Show, but we feel that it is the responsible decision to take. Our priority remains as always, the health and safety of our visitors, exhibitors, volunteers and the village.

Our much-loved show is widely supported by local businesses and the community and we would like to thank you for your continued support.

We look forward to welcoming you all to our 85th Show on Sunday 5th September 2021
Robert O'Rourke Chairperson

If Your Dog Poops



You must scoop...

Even If No One Sees You!!

Unfortunately – in spite of notices, requests and provision of bins and poo bags - the problem of dog fouling around the villages continues.

Recently our gardeners have – literally – been on the receiving end of this when they strim grass and discover, too late, that dog poo is hidden in the long grass.

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE pick up after your dog. Not to do so is irresponsible, inconsiderate and anti-social. Let's all do our bit to keep the estate clean and beautiful for all who access it.

FORD SNOOKER 100 CLUB

WINNING NUMBERS FOR JUNE

63 BOB NEVINS £35. 15 COLIN TURNBULL £15. 45 GEOFF HULLEY £10.

Ford Parish Council

The next meeting of Ford Parish Council will be a virtual meeting using the Zoom platform. It will be on Tuesday 7th July at 5pm. If any member of the public would like to attend please email the clerk for log in details. Please see the Ford PC website for more information - <https://northumberlandparishes.uk/ford>

If anyone in the Parish requires help or advice or to contact the council please do not hesitate to contact either the **clerk** on 01890 820566, clerk.fordpc@btinternet.com or the **chairman**, Richard Baker on 01890 820761, etaltearooms@btinternet.com.
For info from the Government go to:- <https://www.gov.uk/government/topical-events/coronavirus-covid-19-uk-government-response>

BRANXTON PARISH COUNCIL.

Parish Council website: www.branxtonvillage.weebly.com

The next meeting of Branxton Parish Council will be on 8th September at 7pm. However, any resident can continue to raise any issue with Branxton Parish Council at any time in the following ways:

Parish Clerk - Email- branxtonpc5@gmail.com

Parish Council Chairman – Iain MacGregor – Telephone 01890 820613

Covid 19 virus

Residents: If for any reason you must be quarantined and/or need any help during the next few months please contact:

Parish Council Chairman – Iain MacGregor – Telephone 01890 820613

Iain has agreed to be the co-ordinator for the Parish Council.

Please keep safe but look out for your neighbours who may need help.

Isabel Hunter

Clerk to Branxton Parish Council.

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