

DAVID LOCKIE.

With the passing of David Lockie, our community has lost a true friend and most valuable member. His contribution to our village and civic way of life has been second to none and an inspiration to us all.

In addition to his many other roles, he was for some time Chairman of the Friends of the FOURUM when he guided us through some of our biggest changes in his sure and gentle style. He regularly contributed content and always made himself available for consultation. He even stood in and produced an edition when no one else was available.

Thank you David.

Etal Onion Club Show

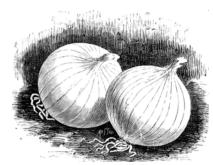
20th September 2020

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 <u>alan.renton28@gmail.com</u> 07771 872368 <u>susanp974@gmail.com</u> 01890 820615





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.



We are still here for you!

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 Palliative Care Team

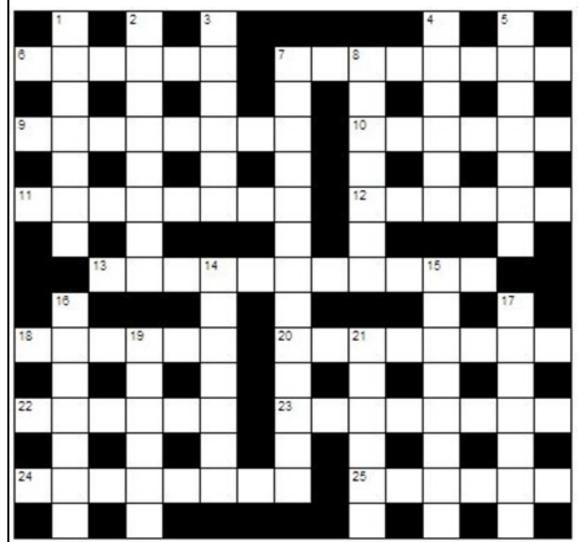
However, the next few months are going to be a financially challenging time for HospiceCare having either postponed or cancelled our fundraising events as well as closed our shops, we are now losing income of around £50,000 every month. So as well as looking a new and innovative ways of generating funds we have set up a Coronavirus Appeal to help make up that shortfall because It's crucial that we can go on supporting people to be at home at the end of their life, rather than in a hospital setting. If you are able to make a donation, however large or small, every penny will make a BIG difference by sending a cheque to HospiceCare, Greenfield House, Unit 3, Willowburn Avenue, Alnwick, NE66 2DG. You can also email: Rebecca on: rtaylor@hospicecarenn.org.uk if you would prefer to make a bank transfer. You are also able to donate online by visiting our Virgin Money Giving page: https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/charity-

web/charity/displayCharityCampaignPage.acton?campaignId=11806&charityId=1016416

Full details on Hospice Care's nursing services can be found on: www.hospicecare-nn.org.uk

The FOURUM Crossword

By Cromwell





6 Across



11 Across



25 Across



Across

- 6 A German Commander at 14 down (Surname) (6)
- 7 A woodland bird of the sand piper family (8)
- 9 Places where curling events are held (3,5)
- 10 Scavenging, dog like African mammals (6)
- II A British commander at 14 down (Surname) (8)
- 12 A chunk or cube of bacon (6)
- 13 Huge, wooden construction built by the Greeks (6,5)
- **18** Type of common computer printer (3-3)
- 20 Pipe leap, mixed, is a sweet dessert! (5,3)
- 22 Type of dance that originated in Cuba (3-3)
- 23 ".....myself" A collection of poetry by Tori Karach (8)
- 24 Kingdom in South East Asia, capital Phnom Penh (8)
- 25 A British commander at 14 down (Surname) (6)



Down

- I Bobby...American who became world chess champion in 1972 (7)
- 2 Handheld firework that produces very bright light and colour (8)
- 3 Happening in a way contrary to what is expected and causing amusement because of this. (6)
- 4 A German Commander at 14 down (Surname) (6)
- 5 South American country, capital Quito (7)
- 7 A disputed territory on the northwest coast of Africa (7,6)
- 8 Shakespeare's Moor of Venice (7)
- 14 Naval battle of World War One (7)
- 15 Musical instrument manufacturer noted for their high-quality pianos (8)
- 16 Infectious disease, associated with cattle (7)
- 17 The state of self-respect. (7)
- 19 Sir Derek...noted British actor whose work includes the Day of the Jackal (6)
- 21 Miss Waller-Bridge, aka Fleabag (6)



Online Black Bull pub quiz Join the monthly online pub quiz

To replace his "furloughed" monthly pub quiz at The Black Bull in Etal, Eric Musgrave will be hosting an online quiz on the first Monday of each month, starting on 1st June. All are welcome to take part. The quiz will start at 7.30 p.m. and finish around 9 p.m.

Eric will be using the popular Zoom online platform, which is free to use. If you want to take part, email eric@ericmusgrave.co.uk by 3 p.m. on the relevant Monday and he will email you the log-in details for that evening's quiz.

The quiz will 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.

If you have any questions, please email Eric or call him on 07702 628848.

PS Eric's winning appearances on Who Wants To Be A Millionaire is to be repeated on ITV on the evening of 2nd and 9th June.

One hundred years ago.....



Lady Waterford Hall School 1920-21



Find the Dad's Army associated words hidden in the grid by reading in straight lines — horizontally, vertically or diagonally — in either direction. A word or phrase has been added to the list that you won't find in the grid. Work out what the word is.

Good Luck!

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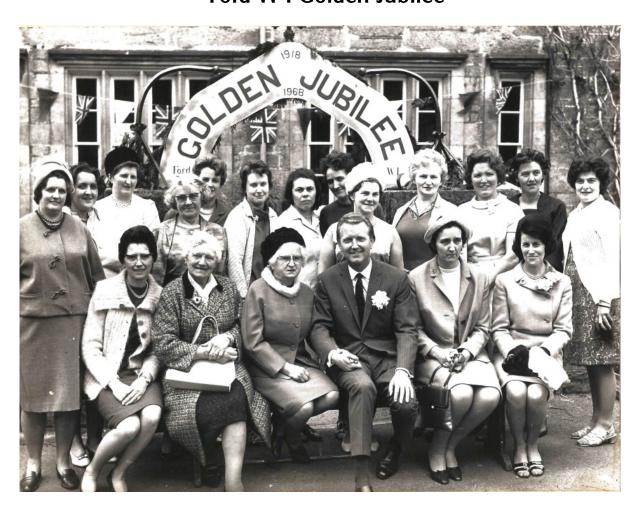
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Rose Bella Dereck Mrs Mrs Patton ? Hodgson Snr. Dryden Robertson Batey Batey

A MESSAGE TO OUR REGULAR ADVERTISERS DURING THE VIRUS EMERGENCY.

WHILE WE MAY NOT BE ABLE TO PRINT THE 400 + PAPER COPIES OF THE FOURUM,
WE WILL PUT OUT THE E-MAIL VERSION TO OUR CURRENT 200 + MAILING LIST
STARTING WITH THE MAY EDITION.

THESE WILL CARRY YOUR ADVERTS AS NORMAL, BUT THESE WILL BE FREE AS WE WILL NOT BE INCURRING PRINTING COSTS. PLEASE SEND UPDATES AS REQUIRED.

THE DATES GIVEN FOR YOUR NEXT ADVERT PAYMENTS WILL BE RE-ARRANGED ONCE THE EMERGENCY IS OVER.

JOHN PENTLAND. HON TREASURER, THE FOURUM.

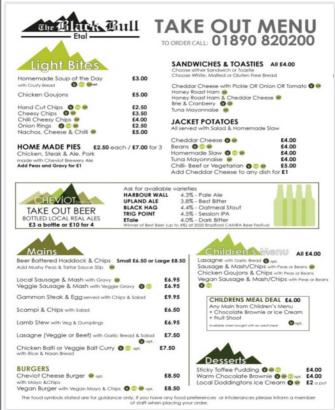


The RED LION, MILFIELD.

Take out meals are available.

To view the menu and price list and to see how to order, go to,

www.voiceofthenorth.net/red-lion-takeaway-menu/





Opening times are currently Mon - Sat 5pm - 8pm Sun 11.30am - 4pm, but they will likely change as the lock down rules are adjusted, please to refer to our website https://www.theblackbulletal.co.uk/

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Ford (Village) 6.15 to 6.30

Geoff Allan Catering, 28 South Road, Wooler. NE71 6SN. Carol 07786954664/01668 282262 and Geoff 07876506837, geoffallancatering@tiscali.co.uk



Your very Good Friend ...

A hankman is now making door to door deliveries of fresh milk in the local villages including Branxton, Ford, Etal and Crookham on Mondays and Thursdays before 6 am.

Based in Coldstream, he can do returnable 1 pint glass bottles as well as plastic 1/2ltr, 1ltr, 2ltr, and 3ltr.

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At busy times you may have to wait in the queue outside.

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TONER CARTRIDGES

The FOURUM can make money by recycling your old inks. Please leave them with Etal or Ford shop or in Crookham Village Hall

All funds raised go towards the cost of printing The FOURUM.



Citizens Advice Northumberland is here to help.

We provide free, confidential and impartial information and advice, on a range of issues including money, benefits, housing and employment..

Contact our Money Advice Team on - 01670 339960 - or Text DEBT to 81400 - to receive a call back within 2 working days.

If you are interested in volunteering for Citizens Advice Northumberland, email volunteer@citizensadvicenorthumberland.org.uk or call 01670 339985



As the Tearooms are temporarily closed we have increased our essential items in the shop.
We now stock Fruit & Veg, as well as Bread, Flour, Butter, Milk, Eggs, Pasta, Rice, Soup, Jams, Crisps, Cakes, Biscuits, Chocolates, Tea, Coffee & Toilet Rolls.

Stay Safe, Stay Local



Covid-19 Opening Hours.
We will, unfortunately, be on reduced opening hours
until further notice.

Shop & Post Office will be every day.

Mon-Sat 8.00am to 12.30pm

Sun 9am to 12.30pm

The Tearoom will be closed.

Starting Monday 23rd March we will be running a daily delivery around Ford, Etal, Heatherslaw & Crookham.

We will be delivering newspapers plus any groceries ordered the previous day.

We will continue to offer hot and cold sandwiches and Tea & Coffee to take away or deliver.

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Or enquire now on 01890 820224 or office@ford-and-etal.co.uk

A Reminder to all Dog Owners/Walkers from Ford & Etal Estates

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Over the last few weeks we have noticed that not all dog owners/walkers have picked up after their dogs. Dog poo has been seen in the middle of well-used footpaths and on areas of cut grass around the estate. This is unpleasant for everyone who accesses our footpaths and bridleways – not least the gardeners who cut the grass and keep the villages looking so beautiful.

PLEASE PLEASE pick up your dog poo and dispose of it in one of the many bins provided, and help to keep our lovely estate clean

Elspeth Gilliland Tourism Manager

Ford & Etal Estates

Crookham COVID-19 Action Team Here to help

Call us 07826 907074

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



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

SHOP 01890 883313 LYNDA (Mobile) 07912 561502 JULIE (Mobile) 07789 765610

Please be patient with us and we will get to you when we can...



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Mince & Potatoes	3.95	Tuna Mayonnaise	3.95
Sausage Hotpot	3.95	Cheese Savoury	3.95
Haggis, Neeps & Tatties	3.95	Coronation Chicken	4.25
Chicken Curry & Rice	3.95		
Stovies	3.75	Soup of the Day (per cup)	1.40
Selection of Pies & Pasties		Cakes (per slice)	
Mince Pie	1.45	Lemon Drizzle	1.65
Sausage Roll	1.00	Chocolate Cake	1.65
Chicken Pie	1.50	Victoria Sponge	1.65
Scotch Pie	1.45	Cherry Cake	1.20
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	Flapiack	1.00
Macaroni Pie	1.50	Honeymoon Slice	1.50
Meat Pastie	1.45	Border Tart	1.65
Cheese Pastie	1.15	Eyemouth Tart	1.65
		Bakewell Tart	1.65
Ham Quiche (per slice)	2.00	SCONES	
Brunch Quiche (per slice)	2.20	Fruit, Plain or Cheese	0.85
Cheese & Onion Quiche (Per slice)	2.00		
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		Rice Pudding	
		Apple Pie	1.65
		Fruit Crumble	

Please make us aware of any dietary requirement

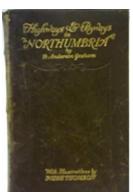
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Bygone Author was a Native of Crookham

Today we have a number of writers living in and around our locale. However



authorship is not a recent phenomenon for the sons and daughters from our patch, as narrated by the Berwickshire News back in 1920, with the publication by Macmillan and Co. of 'Highways and Byways in Northumbria' by Crookham's very own son P. Anderson Graham.

The Berwickshire News propounds that in 'drawing from his 'intimate knowledge of its history and romantic character, Mr Graham has woven a story of surpassing interest and one which should prove a most companionable guide to the

tourist as well as to all Northumbrians'. The reporter, bylined as 'Bookman', reveals that the work is illustrated with 'great charm and distinction' by Mr Hugh Thompson and it also comes with a good map.

And all for the very generous price 7s 6d.

CHURCH NEWS EXTRA



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 Tel. (01289) 382325, Email <u>robert.josephkelsey@live.com</u>.

A message from Revd John Carr Cornhill with Carham & Branxton

May 31st was Pentecost, Whit Sunday in old money. The festival celebrates the Holy Spirit coming in power to transform the early, fearful, followers of Jesus. You can read the story in Acts chapter 2. Near the start we read how "they were all together in one place". Would that we could do that today!

The message of Pentecost reminds us that God is not remote & distant but is close and personal: he is with us whether we see him or not. Just as phone or other contacts with friends and family are so important, so God is with us by his Spirit to strengthen and encourage us, and we can know and experience that in our hearts and minds, even as we journey through these strange and unsettling times.

Pause for a moment and be aware of the day. Look for signs of God's presence in the world around. Be thankful, even in these present circumstances. For friends, for the beauty of the countryside, for key workers. And let God's Spirit be with you to bring you his peace and joy.

A prayer for this time of anxiety

Lord, we pray today that you will give us eyes to see, ears to hear and hearts to understand what you are calling us to do.

Equip us today to show your love, speak your words of hope and rest in your Holy Spirit everywhere we are. Amen

A message from Revd Mary Taylor Crookham United Reformed Church

Thinking globally, acting locally

I am writing this note during Christian Aid Week when Christian Aid's partners in Africa tell us their communities have no safe water for washing or drinking. The pandemic is just reaching there and there is a lack of health care, pensions and unemployment benefits.

Christian Aid did a survey in April to find out which activities people here are planning or hoping to do while spending more time at home. The most popular answer was reading with 84% choosing this answer! Other popular answers included attending worship online, catching up with friends and family whether by telephone or over the Internet, gardening and spending time in prayer.

It is also really interesting to hear about new community initiatives in response to the pandemic. On a personal note I am always delighted to be kept up to date with news and photos from Crookham.

This is a time when local volunteers and organised schemes and individuals look out for each other.

"When I needed a neighbour were you there, were you there"

Churches have found new ways to connect with each other online and by telephone.

"Zoom "is becoming part of our everyday vocabulary and understanding."

Story from the Christian Aid survey of a taxi firm running local deliveries, online exercise classes and a swapping library. It's incredible how many ways people are finding to stand together even though we are apart.

The 100 year old dynamic Captain now Colonel Tom has inspired so many of us to take more positive steps forward.

It is also a good time to appreciate nature. A friend was speaking of walking and watching a heron for 10 minutes

Let us be gentle with ourselves, each other and look forward in hope.

CHURCH NEWS

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

Coronavirus emergency.

The churches are now closed for the duration of this Coronavirus emergency. 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 No. 01289 382325

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

Secretary : Heather Pentland 01890 820201

heather@hjpentland.plus.com

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 this Spring and Easter 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.

Contact details:

Rev. Mary Taylor, 7 Catrail Road, Galashiels TD1 1NW 01896 756990 m.taylor 1@btinternet.com

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. Tel. 01890 820239 or jbcarr@btinternet.com

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.

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

Fourum Features, our occasional series of articles by guest contributors

In a cottage on Ford & Etal Estates is an antiquated dark oak-planked coffer with wroughtiron strap hinges for the lid and the remains of two locks on the front. It is 4 feet long by 14 inches wide by 16 inches deep and has, for many years, served as a linen box. The only decorations are two irregular parallel grooves along the front and back and on both edges of the lid. Simple end-panels once extended below the base, probably with carved arches to form primitive feet. These have worn down over many years as though they have been standing on damp floors which have caused the feet to rot away. Could these have been church or vestry floors and could the coffer have been an early Parish Chest? Despite its 16th century appearance, there is no provenance



except that it was bought for sixpence in the 1930s, but not in Northumberland.

In early medieval times there were no parish registers but, in 1538, a mandate was issued by Henry VIII, emanating from Thomas Cromwell, requiring every parson, vicar or curate to enter in a book every baptism, wedding and funeral in his parish. These were to be kept in a Parish Chest which was a secure coffer with two locks, the parson having one key and a churchwarden the other, so that the chest could only be opened by simultaneous use of the keys.

Although there was a financial penalty for non-compliance with the mandate, record keeping was haphazard and the rules had to be tightened up considerably in subsequent years. In 1603, the Parish Chest had to have three locks. There was no stipulation as to the construction of the chest and this varied considerably, early chests even being carved from sections of whole tree trunks whereas later chests were often iron-bound with strappings and were much more elaborate. Parish Chests might typically contain records for Poor Law Administration, Bastardy Records, Apprenticeship Indentures, Parochial Records, Vestry Minutes, Churchwarden Accounts, Parish Lists and the required Registers of Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals.

From 1837 births, marriages and deaths had to be legally recorded by Superintendent Registrars in Registration Districts under the control of the Registrar General at the General Register Office and there was no further need for Parish Chests. St. Paul's Church at Branxton and St. Michael and All Angels Church at Ford would have had Parish Chests at one time and it would be interesting to know whether they still exist somewhere.

"Pāgānus"

FORD SNOOKER 100 CLUB

WINNING NUMBERS FOR MAY

83 PETER FAGAN £35

65 NIGEL WALKER £15

3 PAUL MATTHEWS £10

Ford Parish Council and Corona Virus outbreak.

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, cteltearooms@btinternet.com.

For info from the Government go to:- https://www.gov.uk/government/topical-events/coronavirus-covid-19-uk-government-response

The bi-monthly meetings of Ford Parish Council are cancelled and will be re-arranged for a later date. Please see the Ford PC website for more information - https://northumberlandparishes.uk/ford

BRANXTON PARISH COUNCIL.

Parish Council website: www.branxtonvillage.weebly.com

Due to the current evolving Covid 19 virus situation and following Government guidelines Branxton Parish Council meetings have been cancelled until further notice. 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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