The newsletter for Ford, Etal, Crookham, Branxton and surrounding areas.

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My energy supplier recently went under and the new tariff I've been put on is far more than I used to pay. I've heard energy prices are set to rise further and I'm just not sure I can afford it. What help can I get or small changes can I make around my house to help save some money this winter?

The cost of energy is very high at the moment and it's causing many people to worry. Normally we would suggest switching to a better deal, but the situation is very difficult at the moment and there aren't a lot of good deals out there. However, there are still other small ways you can keep your bills down.

Little everyday things can help, such as making sure televisions and other electronic devices are switched off and not left on standby; washing clothes on a lower temperature; and only filling the kettle with the water you need.

Turning down your main thermostat by 1 degree can save you around £60 on your energy bill. And by spending one minute less in the shower each day, a family of four could save £75 a year on energy and water bills. The Government's Simple Energy Advice website has more tips like this.

You're right in another way about bills going through the roof - and the walls. One way of cutting costs in the long-run is to invest in good insulation if you can afford to. If you're renting, ask your landlord to do this.

You may be able to get financial support to help insulate your home under the <u>Energy Company</u> <u>Obligation</u> scheme. Contact your energy supplier for more information. If you're in a household that's not connected to the gas grid you may also be able to receive help under the Home Upgrade Grant scheme through your local authority.

There's some financial support available for paying your energy bills, depending on your situation. For example, if you're a pensioner with a low income or receive Universal Credit or other means-tested benefits, you may be entitled to the Warm Home Discount. This gives you £140 a year to go towards your bills. Check the <u>Government website</u> to find out if you can claim it.

The Government recently announced a £500m fund to support households this winter so keep a look out for announcements about how this could help you. In England, it will be distributed by Local Authorities. In Wales, it will be decided by the Government.

Remember you can always call our <u>consumer helpline</u> on 0808 2231133 for free advice about your energy costs and staying warm this winter.

Ford Parish Council.

Vacancy.

Following the resignation of a councillor there are now three vacancies on Ford Parish Council. If anyone is interested in joining the Parish Council please contact the clerk for further information – Steve Taylor, 22 Etal Village, TD12 4TW 01890 820566, clerk.fordpc@btinternet.com.

Litter Picking.

A reminder that the Parish Council has some litter picking equipment if anyone feels they would like to pick litter around the Parish. Contact the clerk for info.

Next meeting.

The next meeting of Ford Parish Council will be on 9th November at 7pm in Etal Village Hall. Members of the public are welcome to attend. If anyone has a question for the council please let the clerk know prior to the meeting. Contact details above.

BRANXTON PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council website: www.branxtonparishcouncil.org Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 14th September 2021 In Branxton Village Hall at 7.00p.m.

Conclusion of Annual Audit 2020/21 The Clerk informed the meeting that as no questions have been raised by residents' the Annual Audit for 2020/21 is now

The Clerk also, reported that the Annual Accounts for 2020/21 are now approved.

Parish Councillors agreed the Annual Audit for 2020/21 is now concluded

Defibrillator- The Chairman reported that the door of the defibrillator has rusted and needs to be replaced. Parish Councillors agreed to the purchase of a replacement door at the cost of £80 +VAT.

The Chairman reported that the pads and ChargePak will be out of date by November so need to be replaced. Parish Councillors agreed to the purchase of 2 sets of pads and a ChargePak at the cost of £99 + VAT. Finally, the Chairman advised the meeting that there will be ongoing maintenance costs for the defibrillator stating there are 2 possible options for raising funds:

Raise the precept

Hold coffee mornings.

Parish Councillors agreed the Parish Council to hold a coffee morning/afternoon tea, and any funds raised will be ringfenced for the defibrillator.

Local Issues- The Chairman reported that Ford & Etal Estates have installed additional litter bins in the car park, Northumberland County Council are emptying them, so the situation has improved.

Local Transport Plan- Parish Councillors agreed the following 3 Parish Council priorities for the Local Transport Plan for 2022/23

- 1. The resurfacing of the east side pavements within Branxton village.
- 2. Resurfacing of the road from Branxton Church to Branxton Building cottages.
- 3. The re-instatement of the bus service through Branxton village. Parish Councillors agreed the lack of a bus service has an impact on the mental health of residents who are unable to drive.

Parish Councillors also, asked the Clerk to find out when the service had been withdrawn from the village

Date of the next Parish Council Meeting will be held on 7th December 2021 at 7.00 p.m. in Branxton Village Hall.

North Northumberland Genealogy Group

will hold its final meeting in 2021 (before reverting to live talks at Bell View in Jan.) Sat 20 Nov at 10 am on zoom. Ann and John Ferguson will speak on The Barmoor Letters: Variety is the Spice of Life. They have for some time been transcribing a wealth of private correspondence associated with Barmoor Castle and will share some of the fascinating stories with us. The talk is open to all, not just NNGG members. Email rowan2010@hotmail.co.uk for details of how to access the talk.



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details



Exercise class
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details

* From 4/11/21 class will be on Thursdays 2.20 - 3.20





Tuesday, December 21st 2021 at Etal Village Hall 7.00 – 9.00 pm

for the women of Ford, Etal, Crookham, Branxton and surrounding areas

With music and story, join me in welcoming in the light.

I wish to bring women together in circle to share their stories in a safe and sacred space in the local community. I believe women together can enrich their spirit and expand their life, as well as supporting others. In circle we learn from each other as we listen and honour each other's presence, taking time to slow down and connect.

I am a trained Women's Circle facilitator, a qualified Aromatherapist and Storyteller. I hope to continue offering a monthly circle for women of all ages, in the new year at Etal Village Hall where each of us can find a sense of belonging and friendship.

In ancient times women from the tribe would gather in circle and pass their stories and wisdom to each other. It is an old way that has got lost in this busy world. I am passionate about our stories being heard and how we can support each other. I have 12 spaces available and booking is required with payment - £10.00 including refreshments and tealight.

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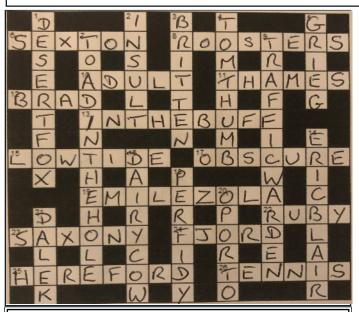
All enquiries to Daren Bruce on 01890 882950.

100th Anniversary of the Crookham Branch of the British Legion Poppy Appeal.

On October 10th 1921 a circular from Headquarters was read at a meeting of the Crookham Branch of the British Legion. November 11th was to be called Remembrance Day and it was also to be the first Poppy Appeal Day. The Branch agreed to sell poppies. The secretary (Mr W. Patterson) organised various people to collect at all local farms, the Churches and the villages. The collection area included the parishes of Branxton and Ford but also Duddo, Cornhill, Milfield, Wark and Fenton. Permission to collect was obtained from the police authorities.

The meeting on November 14th 1921 reported that £4-10s-10d had been raised from the sale of the 100 Poppies they had been given. A letter was received from Earl Haig thanking the Branch for selling poppies to help "through poverty and distress those who did not hesitate to sacrifice everything for their King and Country in the Great War". Today, all the money collected goes to the Royal British Legion Headquarters. However in 1921 the Branch were able to claim back 75% of the money raised to help local people. £2/7/0 of the money raised was given to Mr F of Ford Moss who was in "very poor health". In 1922 the committee asked for 500 poppies & £11-2-0 was raised. By1923 the Branch raised £16-0-1 and in 1925 it was £32-15-9. For one hundred years money has been collected locally and nationally to help those who have served their country and their dependants. Sadly, this help is still required.

Source: The minutes of the Crookham Branch of the British Legion. NRO 2085/55. With thanks to Linda Bankier and staff at the Berwick Archives.



CROSSWORD OCTOBER ANSWERS.

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CHURCH NEWS

The churches of Ford and Etal, Lowick with Kyloe and Ancroft

For your diary our upcoming **Sunday** services are:

Sunday 31st October

10am Holy Communion in Lowick Church. This is a combined parishes service and there will not be a service at either Ford or Ancroft today. We welcome as our guest preacher the Very Revd Geoff Miller, Dean of Newcastle Cathedral, and please stay to chat to him over coffee after the service.

Sunday 7th November

9.15am Lowick Holy Communion Revd Charlotte Osborn

11am Ford Holy Communion and Baptism of Oscar Bell Revd Charlotte Osborn

Sunday 14th November Remembrance Sunday

9.15am Ancroft War Memorial, outside the Village Hall Remembrance Service with bugler

9.15am Lowick Holy Communion Canon Chris Smith

1045am Ford Remembrance Service Revd Charlotte Osborn

2pm Lowick Remembrance Service beginning in church at the Kyloe memorial,

then at the Lowick War Memorial and finally to dedicate the poppies hanging

outside The White Swan

Sunday 21st November Christ the King

9.15am Lowick Holy Communion Revd Charlotte Osborn11am Ford Holy Communion Revd Charlotte Osborn

Sunday 28th November Advent Sunday

9.15am Lowick Holy Communion
 11am Ancroft Holy Communion
 11am Etal Holy Communion
 Revd Charlotte Osborn
 Revd Charlotte Osborn
 Revd Marion Penfold

In addition, there will be a Service of Remembering and Thanksgiving on All Souls Day in Ford Church on Tuesday, November 2nd at 12 noon.

In this service we remember all who have departed this life in recent years and there will be an opportunity to light a candle as their names are read. If you have a name that you wish to be included, even if you cannot be present, please let Revd Charlotte Osborn know. ceosborn@mail.com 01890 820240

The names of all whose funerals have taken place in these last few years in the parishes of Ford and Etal, Lowick with Kyloe and Ancroft will be read at this service.

Looking ahead as the villages begin to plan for the Platinum Jubilee celebrations which will take place over the extended Bank Holiday weekend of June 3rd-6th 2022, we are hoping to be able to revive the church bell at Lowick and Charlotte would be keen to hear from anyone who has any information to share about its history.

Revd Charlotte Osborn

The Vicarage

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Lowick

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01289 388591 (from Nov 1st hopefully!)

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The Parish Churches of Branxton, Carham and Cornhill

Sunday services. Morning Worship (MW) Holy Communion (HC)

November

7th Branxton 9.30 MW Cornhill 11.00 HC

11th Branxton 11.00 A service of Commemoration for 100 years since the War Memorial in Branxton

was built. Service at the War Memorial.

14th Cornhill 10.30 Remembrance Sunday Service at St Helen's and at the War Memorial, at 11am

21st Branxton 9.30 HC Cornhill 11.00 HC

28th Carham 11.00 MW

For the latest details of services on-line via zoom, contact Revd. Canon R. Kelsey, 01289 382325, email - robert.josephkelsey@live.com.

Donaldson's Lodge Methodist Church

November

Sunday Worship 11 am 7th Mrs Sue Aspen.

14th 10.30 Remembrance at Cornhill.

21st Rev.Kim Hurst. Communion. 28th Mr. Andrew Black.

Ministers: Rev. Barrie J Cash 01835 822222 Rev. Kim Hurst 01289 306291 Superintendant

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Service times

Sunday Mass 9.00 am Monday 9.30 am Thursday 9.30 am Friday 6.00 pm

Your contact is Revd. Fr. David Phillips on Telephone 01665 574240

The Norham Group Mothers' Union

Wave of Prayer

Monday 8th November at 2pm

St Cuthbert's Church, Norham.

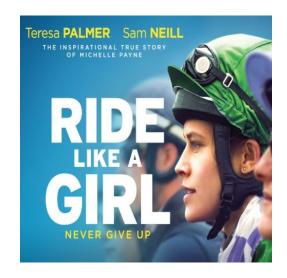
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followed by Afternoon Tea.

Flicks in the Sticks Presents:

Ride Like a Girl recounts the life story of Michelle Payne (Teresa Palmer), the first female racer to win the Melbourne Cup, as well as the story of her father and racehorse trainer, Paddy Payne (Sam Neill), a single parent who raised her and her nine brothers. Despite tragedy and opposition, Michelle perseveres to win against all odds.



1 hour 38 minutes, Certificate PG Etal Village Hall Friday 12th November, 7.30pm.

Please note, no refreshments will be served for the time being at Flicks events

Concerts@St Cuthbert's We're Back! Again! Saturday 20th November 7.00pm Norham Church

DRACULA IN SPACE

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face, space a little too literally proudly present their new sci-fi horror musical comedy "Dracula in Space"
Tickets https://highlightsnorth.co.uk/event/dracula-in-space or on the door.

TillVAS

'We are returning to our Zoom webinar format for the winter months. Our next webinar will be on Wednesday 3rd November at 7.30pm. Professor Ian Ralston will speak on "Doon Hill revisited". Please see the TillVAS November newsletter for joining details.'

Branxton & Crookham Village Atlas: Final Call
Thank you to everyone who has expressed an interest in having a
personal copy of the Atlas. The cost per pair of volumes will be £45.
By the time you read this, you should have been contacted to arrange
details of payments, etc. If you have expressed a wish to have a copy
but have not yet heard from me, please contact me ASAP
We can still accept further requests but only until 8th November, when

we shall be instructing the printers.

Mike Keating, 01890 820599, mike.keating51@btopenworld.com

Branxton Quiz Trail Winners

Thanks to everyone who entered the quiz trail and made a donation to St Paul's Church.

The winners are: Thomas Martin of Mount Pleasant and Joanne Douglas from Berwick upon Tweed.

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

What's on in November

| Date | | |
|-----------------------|---|-------|
| Mon 1 st | Yoga 6.00 – 7.30pm | EVH |
| Wed 3 rd | TillVAS Talk Doon Hill Revisited – 7.30pm | Zoom |
| 11000 | Art Club – 2pm | CVH |
| Thurs 4th | Exercise Class 2.20 | CVH |
| Sat 6 th | Coffee Morning – 10am - 12pm | CVH |
| | Feltology Workshop 1pm – 4pm | |
| Mon 8 th | Knit and Natter – 2pm | CVH |
| | CVH Management Committee Meeting – 10.30am | |
| | Wave of prayer2pm St Cuthberts. | Norh |
| | Yoga 6.00 – 7.30pm | EVH |
| Tues 9th | Ford Parish Council7pm | EVH |
| Wed 10 th | Film Club – 6.45pm | CVH |
| | Art Club – 2pm | CVH |
| Thurs 11th | Remembrance Day Service - Branxton - 11am | BrVil |
| | Exercise Class 2.20 | CVH |
| Fri 12 th | Flicks in the Sticks7.30pm | EVH |
| Sat 13 th | Coffee Morning – 10am - 12pm | CVH |
| Sun 14th | Remembrance Service – Cornill, 10.30 and 11am | COR |
| Mon 15th | Yoga 6.00 to 7.30 | EVH |
| Tues 16 th | Branxton Film and Afternoon Tea2pm | BVH |
| Wed 17th | Art Club – 2pm | CVH |
| Thurs 18th | Exercise Class 2.20 | CVH |
| Sat 20 th | Coffee Morning – 10am - 12pm | CVH |
| | Genealogy talk 10am The Barmoor Letters | zoom |
| | Dracula in Space7.30pm St Cuthberts | Norh |
| Mon 22 nd | Knit and Natter – 2pm | CVH |
| | Yoga 6.00 – 7.30pm | EVH |
| Wed 24 th | Book Club – 7.30pm | CVH |
| | Art Club – 2pm | CVH |
| Thurs 25th | Exercise Class 2.20 | CVH |
| Sat 27 th | Gardening Club !0.30am | CVH |
| Mon 29 th | Yoga 6.00 – 7.30pm | EVH |



Coming up in December

| Date | | |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|------|
| Wed 1st | Art Club – 2pm | CVH |
| Thurs 2nd | Exercise Class – 2.20pm | CVH |
| Sat 4th | Branxton Christmas Fair 10am -12 noon | BVH |
| | Coffee Morning – 10am – 12 noon | CVH |
| | Wreath making Workshop 1pm | |
| Sun 5 th | Etal Village Lights Switch On 5pm | ETAL |
| Mon 6 th | Yoga 6.00 – 7.30pm | EVH |
| Tues 7 th | Branxton Parish Council 7pm | BVH |
| Wed 8 th | Art Club 2pm | CVH |
| | Film Club 6.45pm | |
| Thurs 9 th | Exercise Class – 2.20pm | CVH |
| Sat 11 th | Coffee Morning – 10am - 12pm | CVH |
| Sun 12 th | Christmas Family Drop In 11am to 2pm | BVH |
| Mon 13th | Knit & Natter | CVH |
| | Yoga 6.00 –7.30pm | EVH |
| Wed 15 th | Art Club – 2pm | CVH |
| Thurs 16th | Exercise Class – 2.20pm | CVH |
| Sat 18th | Gardening Club Quiz and Nibbles 10.30 | CVH |
| Mon 20th | No Yoga | EVH |
| Tues 21st | Winter Solstice 7pm to 9 | EVH |
| Wed 22nd | Art Club – 2pm | CVH |
| Thurs 23rd | Exercise Class – 2.20pm | CVH |
| Fri 24th | Royal British Legion | CVH |
| Mon 27 th | Knit & Natter 2pm | CVH |
| | No Yoga nor 3 rd January | EVH |
| Wed 29 th | Art Club 2pm | CVH |
| | Book Club 7.30pm | |
| Thurs 30th | Exercise Class – 2.20pm | CVH |

FRIENDS of the FOURUM AGM

We will be having an AGM this year at Etal Village Hall on Wed 24th Nov at 7pm Please come along to show your support. A volunteer for treasurer would be good.

Abbreviations

BVH -Branxton Village Hall, BrVil - Branxton Village, EVH -Etal Village Hall, CVH - Crookham Village Hall KVH -Kirknewton Village Hall, LWH -Lady Waterford Hall, COR - Cornhill, $Bdn\ VH$ -Bowsden Village Hall,

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