

# The Fourum

December 2021/January 2022



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

Published electronically and conventionally ten times a year.



**Merry Christmas**

*Welcome to our special seasonal edition of The Fourum. There are lots of events happening over the next two months so keep this edition handy so you don't miss anything.*

*The Fourum team would like to wish all our readers a very merry Christmas and health and happiness in the coming year.*

## Etal Village Christmas Lights Switch On

is back

Sunday 5th December

4.30pm ~ 6.30pm

Village Lights Switch on at 5pm

Mulled Wine & Mince Pies  
Tea & Coffee

Small gift for every child



**Branxton Village Hall**  
Christmas Fair December 4<sup>th</sup> 10am to 12 noon.  
Coffee/Tea and scrumptious mince pies.  
Variety of Christmas stalls with famous cakes.



## Extract from the Draft Minutes of Ford Parish Council meeting.

Tuesday 9th November 2021 at 7pm in Etal Village Hall.

2. Members present - Cllr Baker – Chairman, Cllr. Clark, Cllr. Beattie - Vice chairman, Cllr. Musgrave, Cllr. Keating, Steve Taylor – Clerk, John Docherty - Member of public

6. Matters arising from previous minutes.

a) Grit Bins. The clerk reported that NCC were going to look at the damaged grit bins which he had reported but they were not able to fill any bins that the Parish Council might provide in the future. Councillors agreed that they could not take on the responsibility of filling grit bins so they were not in a position to purchase any more.

b) Heatherslaw Bridge. The clerk reported that he had not heard anything back from NCC following on from his request for them to look at the condition of the bridge.

c) Free trees. Bob Nevins, Forestry Manager for Ford and Etal Estates had responded to say that the Estate had decided that they had a good coverage of trees and they would rather leave them available for areas of the county that would benefit more from them. Councillors considered whether they should apply for some trees but decided against it and not take this any further.

d) Cllr. Beattie reported that he had had no response to a request for a community speed check scheme in Crookham village. He will try to chase this up

7. Police report

PC Hornsby asked for the following to be brought to councillor's attention :-

Please could dog owners keep their dogs on leads around live stock. There has been a recent incident where a dog has not been kept under control and a sheep has been killed.

Sheep killing/worrying is an offence and it is the responsibility of the owner to control their dog. Worrying sheep causes them an enormous amount of stress which can lead to the sheep dying of shock. This also prevents them from breeding and to miscarry.

The clerk said that he would try to get this put in the next edition of the Fourum newsletter.

8. Queen's Platinum Jubilee Beacon – 2nd June 2022

Councillors discussed whether the PC could do something to mark the occasion either by planting a tree, installing a bench or promoting some kind of event such as a Garden Party or Street Party. It was agreed that councillors would think about this and keep the item on the agenda of the next meeting in January.

9. Council vacancies

There are currently three vacancies on the Parish Council. Councillors agreed that the best way of recruiting people onto the council was to speak to them directly. The clerk will include an item in the Fourum newsletter with a specific request to try to find someone who might represent Ford village.

10. EBDA awards 2021

Cllr. Beattie suggested nominating The Fourum newsletter. Councillors supported his suggestion and Cllr. Beattie agreed to fill in the nomination form. Cllr. Clark suggested also nominating The Lavender Tearooms at which point Cllr. Baker declared an interest and withdrew from the discussion. Councillors also supported this suggestion and Cllr. Clark agreed to fill in the nomination form.

11. Budget 2022-23. To consider the budget report and set a budget for 2022-23

The Budget report was read out by the chairman. Councillors considered the budget and discussed raising the clerk's wages, reducing the amount of contingency and amount included for repairs and improvements, checking to see if the insurance was fixed for another year and increasing the precept. It was agreed that the clerk should set out these options on the spread sheet and circulate to councillors so that they could see the figures. A final decision on the budget would be taken at the meeting in January.

12. Precept. To set the precept for the financial year 2022-23.

It was agreed that a final decision on the precept would be taken at the meeting in January.

12. Finance.

a) Approve hall hire payment for Etal Hall - £16 – approved.

b) Draft financial report:-

Bank reconciliation 4th November 2021

	Expenditure	Income	Balance
Bank balance 03/09/21			2675.79
Income 06/09/21 Precept		750.00	3425.79
Expense 06/09/21 Etal Hall hire	10.00		3415.79
Expense 07/09/21 NALC membership and web hosting			189.70
			3226.09
Expense Crookham Hall hire	20.00		3206.09
Bank Balance 04/11/21			3206.09

15. Date of next meeting

Date of next meeting - Bi-monthly meeting – 11th January 2022 at 7pm, in Lady Waterford Hall. Clerk to book.

### Parish Council Vacancies.

There are currently three vacancies on Ford Parish Council. The Council would especially like to see someone come forward who lives in or near Ford as currently the Council does not have a councillor from Ford Village.

If anyone would like any further information about what is involved in becoming a councillor, then please get in touch with the clerk or any councillor.

Clerk – Steve Taylor – [clerk.fordpc@btinternet.com](mailto:clerk.fordpc@btinternet.com), 01890 820566

## Forty years of service on Ford Parish Council



Mac Bell receives an Honorary Freeman of the Parish Award in recognition of his 40 years of service on Ford Parish Council. Mac decided to step down from the council earlier this year. The chairman, Richard Baker, presented him with the award and also a bouquet of flowers for his wife Anne at the Parish Council meeting on Tuesday 9th November.



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### *'Celebrate the Winter Solstice'*

**Tuesday, December 21<sup>st</sup> 2021 at Etal Village Hall**

**7.00 – 9.00 pm**

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

Join me 'welcoming in the light!' and then,

### *'Be Guided by The Moon'*

**Tuesday, January 18<sup>th</sup> 2022 at Etal Village Hall**

**7.00 – 9.00 pm**

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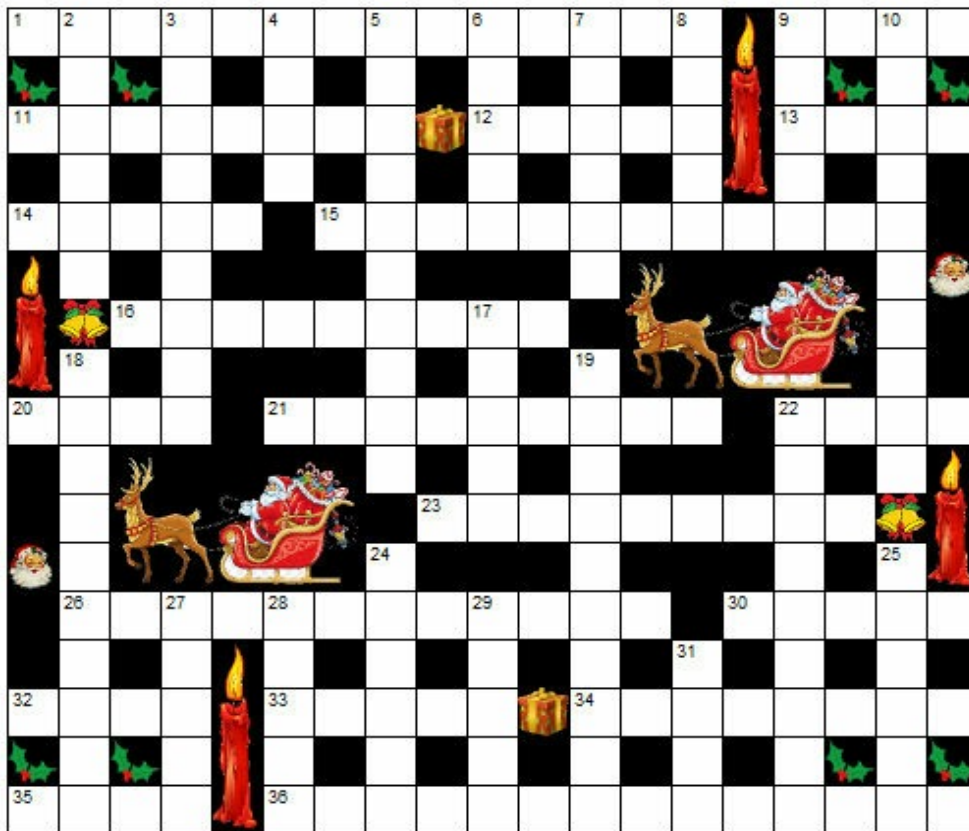
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*[when women come together in circles, something magical happens'](#)*

# The Fourum Christmas Crossword *by Cromwell*



## Across

## Down

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|--|---|
| <p>1 Device used to countdown the days to Christmas (6,8)</p> <p>9 Mountain range that lies entirely in Europe (4)</p> <p>11 Where Santa's Elves toil before Christmas (8)</p> <p>12 ...Sunak, Chancellor of the Exchequer (5)</p> <p>13 Large boat (4)</p> <p>14 A neutered rooster (5)</p> <p>15 Hymn originally called "The Quest of the Magi" (2,5,5)</p> <p>16 Meteorological events wanted by skiers (9)</p> <p>20 Belgium town, scene of the British retreat in 1914 (4)</p> <p>21 Fracks Jot, ordered, the personification of cold? (4,5)</p> <p>22 Go to.. square found in the Game of Monopoly (4)</p> <p>23 An ethnic group indigenous to the Middle East. (9)</p> <p>26 Ladies champion at Wimbledon in 1977 (8,4)</p> <p>30 An alternative name for variety meats or pluck (5)</p> <p>32 First name of two of Henry 8th's wives (4)</p> <p>33 The cricket trophy played for between England and Australia since 1882 (5)</p> <p>34 To propose (someone) for election to an office. (8)</p> <p>35 An alternative name for the River Thames (4)</p> <p>36 A .. story by Charles Dickens published in 1843 (9,5)</p> | <p>2 Antonin, Czech composer born in 1841 (6)</p> <p>3 The national dog of Norway (9)</p> <p>4 Ungulates related to goats and found in Asia (4)</p> <p>5 Casual peep, juggled, could go with pork? (5,5)</p> <p>6 Third rock from the sun! (5)</p> <p>7 One of Santa's reindeer (6)</p> <p>8 Kerni, changed, before printing again? (5)</p> <p>9 The offence of deliberately starting a fire (5)</p> <p>10 Plant, from Mexico, with reddish leaves (10)</p> <p>17 Raises, elevates (5)</p> <p>18 Light puff pastry cases filled usually with a savoury mixture (3-2-5)</p> <p>19 Re-mixed, Nobel dummy is a slippery element (10)</p> <p>22 Academy Award winner whose films include The China Syndrome and Klute (4,5)</p> <p>24 A stringed instrument, originally from Greece (6)</p> <p>25 President of Cuba from 1976 to 2008 (Surname) (6)</p> <p>27 Large flightless bird's native to South America (5)</p> <p>28 Asimov or Newton? (5)</p> <p>29 Professional Rugby club based in Coventry (5)</p> <p>31 Little devils or demons (4)</p> |
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## BRANXTON VILLAGE HALL

**SUNDAY 12TH DECEMBER  
FROM 11 AM UNTIL 2 PM**

**CHRISTMAS FAMILY DROP IN WITH COFFEE,  
CAKE AND SOUP.**



**ALL AGES MOST WELCOME AND MONEY  
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### Police Message

Please could dog owners keep their dogs on leads around live stock. There has been a recent incident where a dog has not been kept under control and a sheep has been killed.

## Advice from The Berwick Advertiser December 1921

Christmas is a time when goodwill and unselfishness should reign. Everybody should try and do something not for themselves, but for somebody else. If you make this the rule happiness will take care of itself.

## Christmas Cake 1941 style

The recent news reports about the shortage of lorry drivers and the knock on effects of empty shelves in some supermarkets made me think about the wartime generation and how they coped with the scarcity of everyday items. It seems they weren't easily daunted, and period newspapers provided no end of advice on how to prepare traditional Christmas treats in the midst of rationing, which they claimed tasted every bit as good as their pre-war counterparts. So, here's a wartime Christmas cake recipe from 1941, try it and see what you think.



*Christmas Cake (without eggs)*

*10ozs flour, 4ozs margarine, 4ozs sugar, 8ozs each of currants and sultanas, 4ozs raisins (chopped), ½ teaspoon salt, 1 tablespoon golden syrup, ½ teaspoon mixed spice, 3 teaspoons baking powder, 1 dessertspoon vinegar, ½ pint milk, peel of an orange finely chopped.*

Mix together flour, salt baking powder and spice, then rub in margarine. Add all dry ingredients and mix well. Bind with syrup and milk mixed together and slightly warmed. Lastly stir in the vinegar. Turn at once into a lined and greased 7 inch cake tin and bake in a moderately slow oven for 3 ½ to 4 hours. Blanched split almonds 2ozs, may be used to decorate the cake and should be added after the cake has been in the oven for 15 minutes. Apparently the taste is marvellous, enjoy!

## The Fourum Christmas Wordsearch by *Gronwell*

Just for fun wordsearch. Find the festive words hidden in the grid by reading in straight lines – horizontally, vertically, or diagonally – in either direction. A word has been added to the list that you won't find in the grid.



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|------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------|
| ADVENT CALENDAR  | CUPID                     | MINCE PIES                  | SANTA CLAUS    |
| AWAY IN A MANGER | DASHER                    | MISTLETOE                   | SLEIGH         |
| BETHLEHEM        | DECEMBER WILL BE<br>MAGIC | NATIVITY PLAY               | STAR           |
| BLITZEN          | DONNER                    | NO ROOM AT THE INN          | ST NICHOLAS    |
| BOXING DAY       | ELVES                     | ONCE IN ROYAL DAVIS<br>CITY | THREE WISE MEN |
| CAROLS           | HOLLY                     | PLUM PUDDING                | TINSEL         |
| CHRISTMAS CARDS  | I SAW THREE SHIPS         | PRANCER                     | TREE           |
| COMET            | IVY                       | PRESENT                     | TURKEY         |
| CRIB             | MIDNIGHT MASS             | RUDOLPH                     | VIXEN          |





**Light up a Life**  
At Home  
**6pm on 6th December**  
An opportunity to remember your loved ones and honour their memory in a shared moment of quiet reflection from the comfort of your own home

**Join us on Facebook**  
5.45pm on 6th December to watch a short video of reflective thoughts and poems culminating in the lighting of our candles at 6pm

**Remembering together as a community**  
Information/Dedicate a Light please visit [www.hospicecare-nn.org.uk](http://www.hospicecare-nn.org.uk)

## TillVAS

We are returning to our Zoom webinar format for the winter months.

Our December webinar will be on Wednesday 1st December at 7.30pm. Dr. Ben Roberts of Durham University, an expert on metallurgy in pre-historic Europe, will speak on "The Salcombe Shipwreck", where shifting sands revealed Bronze Age weaponry at an early seventeenth century wreck site.

Our January webinar will be on Wednesday 5th January, also at 7.30pm. Dr Alex Woolf of St. Andrews University, a medieval historian specialising in the history of Britain and Ireland, will talk to us about the Battle of Carham, probably fought in 1018 between the Northumbrians and the Scots. The Scots defeated the Northumbrians, determining the most easterly part of the border at the River Tweed.

Please see the TillVAS newsletters for December and January for joining details.

## CROOKHAM GARDENING CLUB

Join members for a Christmas Coffee Morning with Mulled Wine, Mince Pies and Shortbread with optional quiz  
Saturday, 18th December 10.30 in Crookham Village Hall  
All Welcome

Annual General Meeting  
Saturday, 29th January at 10.30 a.m.  
In Crookham Village Hall  
New Members, Friends and Family Welcome



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- 1 Break the silence**  
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- 2 Raise awareness**  
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As we all talk more about domestic abuse our communities will become spaces where people experiencing domestic abuse feel able to speak out. When this does happen, you will be there to listen. If a person needs further support, you will know what services are out there that can help.
- 3 Listen and believe, with compassion, without judgement**

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## An evening of carols, readings and Christmas music


Crookham Village Hall  
Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December  
6.30 pm



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**Not 29<sup>th</sup> December**

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Ford (Village)	5.30 to 6.00
Lowick	6.30 to 8.30

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### **January 2022 Hours:**

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Fri, Sat & Sun Closed

### **Christmas & New Year Holidays:**

Closed 24<sup>th</sup> Dec 21 until 10<sup>th</sup> Jan 22

**Christmas Hampers**, we are now taking orders. Filled with local products from the Borders and Northumberland, either in a Basket or a reusable Jute Bag.

**Local Cheese Hampers**, place your order for pick up W/c 20<sup>th</sup> Dec.

**Fresh Fruit & Veg**, due to the success of orders last year we are repeating it again this year. If you would like to order Fresh Fruit & Veg for Christmas, please contact us for an order form.

**Christmas gifts or treats**, our shop is packed full of local products from Northumberland and the Borders, call in and have a browse around.

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## Ford Snooker Room 100 Club

### November winners

61 Alfie Renton	£25
69 Kris Tait	£15
23 Matt Lee	£10
74 Julie Storm	£10

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48 Jimmy Hogg	£25
75 Bobby Blyth	£15
33 Sandra Matthews	£10
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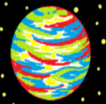
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**21<sup>st</sup> December at 2pm Branxton Village Hall followed by Afternoon Tea. And coming on 18th January - The Railway Man**

## Flicks in the Sticks Presents:

A modern, extremely funny take on Charles Dickens's classic tale of a young orphan who is able to triumph over many obstacles.



**1 hour 59 minutes, Certificate PG Etal Village Hall Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December, 7.30pm.**

## Crookham Film Club

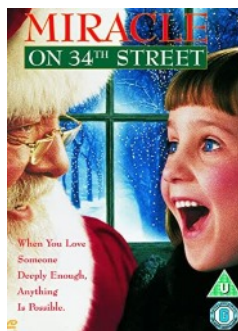
**A double Christmas treat at Crookham Film Club in December.**



Wednesday December 8th at 6.45pm a brilliant, laugh-a-minute documentary, 'Nothing Like a Dame', featuring those four *grandes dames* of the silver screen, Judi Dench, Eileen Atkins, Maggie Smith and Joan

Plowright in hilarious nostalgic conversation. Just £3 each including popcorn, tea or coffee. . . And a bar is available.

Then, at 2.30pm on Saturday December 18th, we present a family matinee featuring the beautiful 1994 remake of 'Miracle On 34th Street', starring Richard Attenborough. And it's FREE for children accompanied by parents, grandparents or other family or grown-ups who will be asked to put £3 each in Sandra's hat to cover mince pies and soft drinks!



**Christmas at Crookham will be the best ever!**

Hangovers will need to be strictly home-cured on New Year's Day as there will be **no coffee morning at Crookham Village Hall on Saturday, January 1<sup>st</sup>**. Coffee resumes from 10-12 on the morning of January 8<sup>th</sup>.

## Flicks in the Sticks Presents:

THE COURIER is a true-life spy thriller, the story of an unassuming British businessman Greville Wynne (Benedict Cumberbatch) recruited into one of the greatest international conflicts in history. At the behest of the UK's MI-6 and a CIA operative (Rachel Brosnahan), he forms a covert, dangerous partnership with Soviet officer Oleg Penkovsky (Merab Ninidze) in an effort to provide crucial intelligence needed to prevent a nuclear confrontation and defuse the Cuban Missile Crisis.



**1 hour 52 minutes, Certificate 12, Etal Village Hall Friday 14<sup>th</sup> January, 7.30pm.**

**Hopefully, we will be able to provide tea and coffee at the showing!**

**Upright piano - free to good home. Needs tuning. For more info contact Steve or Helen on 01890 820566 or 07583353510 [steve.w.taylor@btinternet.com](mailto:steve.w.taylor@btinternet.com)**

# CHURCH NEWS

## The Churches of Ford and Etal, Lowick with Kylvoe and Ancroft

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

### **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> November Advent Sunday**

9.15am Lowick Holy Communion Revd Charlotte Osborn  
11am Ancroft Holy Communion Revd Charlotte Osborn  
6pm Etal **Advent Carol Service** Revd Charlotte Osborn

### **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December**

9.15am Lowick Holy Communion Revd Charlotte Osborn  
11am Etal Holy Communion Revd Charlotte Osborn  
No service at Ancroft

### **Sunday December 12<sup>th</sup>**

9.15am Lowick Holy Communion Canon Ian Knox  
11am Etal Holy Communion Canon Ian Knox  
9.15am Ancroft Holy Communion Revd Martin Gilham

### **Sunday December 19<sup>th</sup>**

9.15am Lowick Holy Communion Revd Charlotte Osborn  
5.00pm Ford Nine Lessons and Carols  
No service at Ancroft

In addition, the following Village Carol Services will be held:

- Ancroft Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm
- Lowick Friday 24<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm

### **Christmas Eve**

**11.30pm Etal Midnight Communion** Revd Charlotte Osborn

### **Christmas Day**

**9am Lowick Holy Communion** Revd Charlotte Osborn  
**10.30am Etal Family Carols and Readings** Revd Charlotte Osborn

### **Sunday December 26<sup>th</sup>**

**10am Lowick Holy Communion** Revd Charlotte Osborn with Revd Marion Penfold  
No service at Etal or Ancroft

## 2022 Services

### **Sunday January 2<sup>nd</sup>**

11am Etal Holy Communion for all 3 parishes Revd Charlotte Osborn/Revd Marion Penfold

### **Sunday January 9<sup>th</sup>**

9.15am Lowick Holy Communion Revd Charlotte Osborn  
11am Etal Holy Communion Revd Charlotte Osborn  
4pm Ancroft Epiphany Carols Revd Charlotte Osborn

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## **The Churches of Ford and Etal, Lowick with Kyloe and Ancroft**

### Sunday January 16<sup>th</sup>

9.15am Lowick Holy Communion Revd Charlotte Osborn  
11am Etal Holy Communion Revd Charlotte Osborn  
No service at Ancroft

### Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> January

9.15am Lowick Holy Communion Revd Charlotte Osborn  
11am Etal Holy Communion Revd Linda Chapman  
11am Ancroft Holy Communion Revd Charlotte Osborn

### **Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> January**

**10am Etal Fifth Sunday with The Bishop of Berwick, the Rt Revd Mark Wroe**

*Please do join us at any of these services, and if you would like to explore Advent in more depth using art and music and Scripture, join a group meeting each Monday in Advent at Lowick Vicarage, 7pm -8.30pm led by Revd Charlotte Osborn. All are welcome, whether to just one or all four.*

Revd Charlotte Osborn, Priest in Charge Ford and Etal, Lowick with Kyloe and Ancroft

Lowick Vicarage TD15 2UD

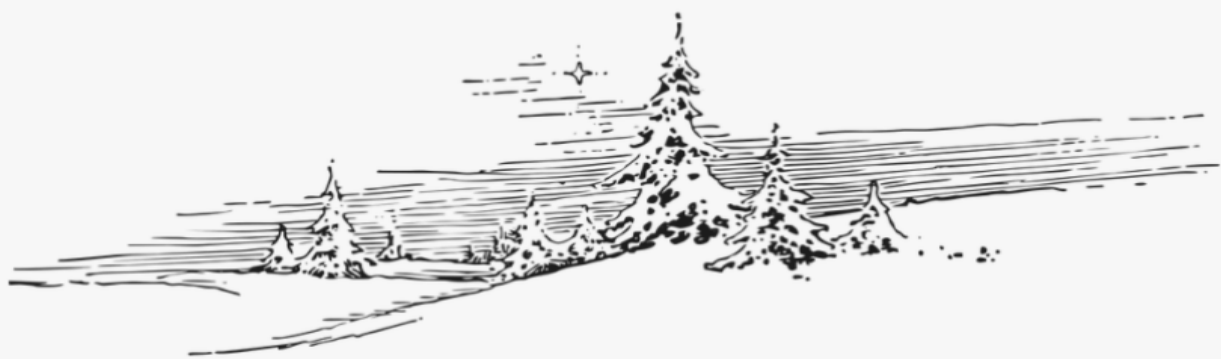
Tel 01289 388591

## **Carham Church.**

The following services will be held at St Cuthbert's Church, Carham  
In December and January:

Sunday 12 December 11.00am Morning Worship  
Sunday 19 December 11.00am Carol Service  
Saturday 25 December 09.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 9 January 11.00am Morning Worship  
Sunday 23 January 11.00am Morning Worship  
Sunday 30 January 11.00am Joint Service with Cornhill and Branxton at Carham



# **Donaldson's Lodge**

## **The Methodist Church in the Borders**

You may have heard recently that the Methodist Church in Milfield village has closed but we continue to share our witness in the Borders & North Northumberland at Donaldson's Lodge and in the pastoral support of people across the area. We are also grateful for the welcome offered by our Anglican friends in Ford & Etal with Lowick. All Christian traditions have a great story to tell at any time of the year but especially at Christmas and in a New Year. We celebrate the birth of a new beginning in the birth of a child whom, we believe, can transform the world with his expression of the love of God. We celebrate a New Year after the traumas and dramas of the past which have so disrupted and disabled so many, believing, with John Wesley, that "The best is yet to come...." May Christmas bring you **joy** and the New Year **peace**

**Rev Barrie Cash**

### **December**

**Sunday Worship 11.00**

5<sup>th</sup> 10.45 Circuit United Service  
Seahouses

12<sup>th</sup> Mr & Mrs Yules

19<sup>th</sup> Mrs S White **Carol Service**

26<sup>th</sup> NO SERVICE

**Ministers: Rev Barrie J Cash**  
**01835 822222**

**Rev Kim Hurst 01289 306291**  
**Superintendent**

### **January**

**Sunday Worship 11.00**

2<sup>nd</sup> Covenant Service

Rev Barrie Cash

9<sup>th</sup> Rev Kim Hurst

16<sup>th</sup> Rev Leo Osborn

23<sup>rd</sup> Own Arrangement

30<sup>th</sup> Rev Barrie Cash

**Ministers: Rev Barrie J Cash**  
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**Rev Kim Hurst 01289 306291**  
**Superintendent**

## **The Norham Group Mothers' Union**

**Monday 13th December**  
**Branxton Village Hall at 2pm**  
**Christmas Entertainment with Ken and**  
**Jacqueline.**

**Monday 10th January -**  
**Branxton village hall at 2pm**  
**Annual General Meeting.**

**We always welcome visitors to our**  
**meetings.**

## **St Ninian's Wooler**

### **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**

# DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

## What's on in December

Wed 1 <sup>st</sup>	Art Club – 2pm TillVAS Zoom webinar 7.30	CVH
Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Exercise Class – 2.20pm	CVH
Sat 4 <sup>th</sup>	Branxton Christmas Fair 10am – 12 noon Coffee Morning 10am – 12 noon Wreath making workshop 1pm	BVH CVH
Sun 5 <sup>th</sup>	Etal Village Lights Switch On 5pm	Etal
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup>	Yoga 6.00-7.30pm	EVH
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup>	Branxton Parish Council Meeting 7pm	BVH
Wed 8 <sup>th</sup>	Art club - 2pm Film Club – 6.45pm	CVH
Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup>	Exercise Class – 2.20pm	CVH
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup>	Flicks in the Sticks 7.30pm	EVH
Sat 11 <sup>th</sup>	Coffee Morning 10am – 12 noon	CVH
Sun 12 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Family Drop in 11am-2pm	BVH
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup>	NMU Christmas Entertainment 2.00pm Knit & Natter -2.00pm Yoga 6.00-7.30pm	BVH CVH EVH
Tues 14 <sup>th</sup>	<b>NO EXERCISE CLASSES UNTIL 6<sup>th</sup> JAN.</b>	CVH
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup>	Art Club – 2pm	CVH
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup>	CVNNH Carol Evening – 6.30pm	CVH
Sat 18 <sup>th</sup>	Gardening Club Quiz & nibbles 10.30am Family Film – 2.30pm	CVH
Sun 19 <sup>th</sup>	Carol Service at Ford Church 5.00pm	Ford
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>NO YOGA TODAY</b>	
Tues 21 <sup>st</sup>	Film & Afternoon Tea 2.00pm Winter Solstice 7.00-9.00pm	BVH EVH
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Art Club – 2pm	CVH
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup>	Knit & Natter 2.00pm <b>NO YOGA TODAY</b>	CVH
Wed 29 <sup>th</sup>	Art Club – 2pm Book Club 7.30pm	CVH



## Coming up in January

Sat 1 <sup>st</sup>	Coffee Morning – 10am - 12pm	CVH
Wed 5 <sup>th</sup>	Art Club – 2pm TillVAS Zoom webinar 7.30	CVH
Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup>	Exercise Class – 2.20pm	CVH
Sat 8 <sup>th</sup>	Coffee Morning – 10am - 12pm	CVH
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup>	Knit and Natter – 2pm Norham Mothers Union AGM 2pm CVH Management Committee Meeting – 10.30pm	CVH BVH CVH
Tues 11 <sup>th</sup>	Ford Parish Council meeting 7pm	LWH
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup>	Art Club – 2pm Film Club – 6.45pm Alice in Wonderland 6pm	CVH CVH EVH
Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup>	Exercise Class – 2.20pm	CVH
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup>	Flicks in the Sticks <i>The Courier</i> 7.30pm	EVH
Sat 15 <sup>th</sup>	Coffee Morning – 10am - 12pm	CVH
Tues 18 <sup>th</sup>	Film The Railway Man Guided by the Moon (places limited) 7pm	BVH EVH
Wed 19 <sup>th</sup>	Art Club – 2pm	CVH
Thurs 20 <sup>th</sup>	Exercise Class – 2.20pm	CVH
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Wed 26 <sup>th</sup>	Art Club – 2pm Book Club – 7.30pm	CVH
Thurs 27 <sup>th</sup>	Exercise Class – 2.20pm	CVH
Sat 29 <sup>th</sup>	Gardening Club AGM – 10.30am	CVH

### North Northumberland Genealogy Group.

#### Change to our programme.

We will not be having a live face to face meeting at Bell View in January.

This meeting and those in February and March will take place via zoom.



### 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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