

# *The* Forum

November 2023



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

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## THIS EDITION IS SPONSORED BY CROOKHAM VILLAGE HALL

**Crookham Village Hall and its predecessor Crookham Reading Room have been the social hub of the village since 1878. Below is a brief history of our Hall.**

### **The Early Years**

1878 Crookham & Pallinsburn Reading Room opened  
April 1907 New reading room  
31 December 1912  
Present Crookham Village Hall opening ceremony.

### **World Wars & In Between Years**

1923  
Clubs; British Legion; Whist Drives; Dances; W.I.  
1936  
King George VI Coronation Celebrations  
1939-1945  
Hall used by Home Guard for drills

### **Post War**

1952 Queen Elizabeth II Coronation Celebrations  
3<sup>rd</sup> February 1964  
CVH becomes a registered charity.

### **Decline & Disrepair**

1985-2007  
CVH disused & in disrepair -modernisation required  
Lease expired & Hall in danger of being sold.  
12 November 2009  
New 30 year lease granted by Ford & Etal Estate.

### **Improvements and Renewal**

2010 Stage removed, disabled access and new furniture added.  
2013 Flower festival & Flodden 500 celebrations.

2014-2019 New kitchen installed & Tom Turnbull Room planned. Art, Film, Book and Garden clubs, TillVAS, Knit & Natter, & regular coffee mornings.



### **Pandemic & Storm Arwen**

2020-2021  
Garden made available for socialising during lockdown easing, Hall provided support in aftermath of storm Arwen  
Tom Turnbull Room completed and opened.

### **Post Pandemic**

2022-2023  
Large screen TV installed, Women's Euro Final & Platinum Jubilee celebrations. Queen Elizabeth's Funeral viewing. King Charles Coronation bring and share. Film club reinstated. Outside wall rebuilt. Children's activities introduced.

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## Christmas Craft Fair

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November  
6-8pm

A selection of  
hand-crafted  
gifts, plus lots  
more

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listen to the  
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perform



Free Entry  
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## CHRISTMAS MARKET

11th & 12th NOV 23

MARKET OPENS 10am

SANTA ARRIVES IN TIME FOR LUNCH

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VISIT THE CHRISTMAS STABLES

VISIT SANTA AND RIDE IN HIS CARRIAGE

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## A Little Norham Christmas 2023

Friday 24th November  
6-8.30pm Norham Village Hall



A Christmas Fair with a difference!  
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**£10.00 p.p.**

**(B.Y.O.B + RAFFLE prizes)**

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*The Fourum November Wordsearch*

Find the 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. Work out what the word is!



Drawn	Edward Coke	Robert Catesby	Francis Tresham
Quartered	James The First	Sparkler	Gunpowder
Holbeche House	Parliament	Thomas Percy	Hung
John Grant	Guido Fawkes	York	Plot

## **Ford & Etal Christmas Market**

**Saturday 25th & Sunday 26th November (10am-4pm)**

Ford & Etal Christmas Market 2023 is bigger and better than ever and runs over two days.

The market will have stalls in Etal, Heatherslaw and Ford, and for the first time ever there will be stalls inside Ford Castle, a venue normally closed to the public.

There will be entertainment, activities and decorations in all three hubs so you can make a merry day of it.

Visitors can enjoy browsing over 70 stalls selling delicious local food and drink, cakes and sweet treats, crafts, gifts, pottery, presents for your pets, confectionary and much, much more.

Outside stalls will tempt you with pulled pork, mulled wine and fresh coffee. You can buy tickets to ride on Heatherslaw Light Railway between Heatherslaw and Etal, or enjoy a journey on a pair of vintage double-decker buses running between Etal, Heatherslaw and Ford (children travel free on the bus).

All the local shops, cafes and the pub will be open and up at Cheviot Tap you can meet the alpacas and unwind with a glass of local ale. There will be all kinds of festive entertainment including free seasonal storytelling sessions.

There is a free Christmas Tree Trail to follow. All the trees are being decorated by local businesses in the theme of a festive film. Follow the trail map around the Estates and try to guess each film. Leave your completed trail sheet in a collection box and if all your answers are correct you will be entered into the prize draw. There are two fantastic hampers of goodies to be won; one for a child and one for an adult.

The main parking area will be in Etal and there will be a small charge for parking. Buy tickets to travel in style with Heatherslaw Light Railway between Heatherslaw and Etal or on vintage double-decker buses which stop in Etal, Heatherslaw and Ford. If the weather is lovely you can enjoy a beautiful walk between the three hubs and follow the Christmas Tree Trail as you go.

We apologise in advance for any disruption to residents that this two-day event may cause, we are trying to create a safe and successful trading environment for local business. We hope everyone can join in the fun and that this will go some way to making up for any inconvenience.

We are looking for volunteers, to assist on both days and in the run up to the market. If anyone felt able to help support this community event for a few hours we would be hugely grateful. If you can spare any time please email: [tourism@ford-and-etale.co.uk](mailto:tourism@ford-and-etale.co.uk)

# Crookham Village Hall

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**CVH**  
**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November**  
**Doors open 6.30 for 7pm**



**Cert 12**  
**Runtime 2hrs 4 mins**  
entry by donation



Correspondence between writer Juliet Ashton (Lily James) and members of The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society sharing their experiences of life in Nazi-occupied Guernsey gives Juliet the idea of writing a novel. Intrigued by their story Juliet visits Guernsey, making life-long friends and taking life changing steps along the way.

**Festive Bring & Share**  
**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December**  
**3.00-5.30pm**



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**Homemade Soup and a Roll**  
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**Crookham Village Hall 12-2pm**  
**£4 Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November £4**



**Saturday Coffee mornings at CVH**  
**10am -12 noon each Saturday**  
**except 4<sup>th</sup> November**

**Why not pop in**  
**for a hot cuppa**  
**and a friendly**  
**chat?**



**Entry £2**

**VOLUNTEER**



**Can you spare a few hours to help us?**

Our hall depends on the local volunteers who support us. We are always looking for extra helpers so if you have some time to spare either on a regular basis or just very occasionally, please get in touch. There are lots of things you could help with regardless of your age or ability including setting up or helping with events, joining our coffee rota, helping with the gardens or joining our management committee. If you are a young person undertaking your Duke of Edinburgh or looking for extra experience to put on your CV Volunteering with us can help with that too.

For more information e mail  
[crookhamvillagehall@gmail.com](mailto:crookhamvillagehall@gmail.com)  
drop us a message on Facebook  
or message Judith on 07946501680.

**90 club winners**  
**October**  
**1st - 29 Gemma Banks £20**  
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Please note times are approximate.

<b>Etal (Black Bull )</b>	<b>4.45 to 5.25</b>
<b>Ford (Village)</b>	<b>5.30 to 6.00</b>
<b>Lowick</b>	<b>6.30 to 8.30</b>

**Geoff Allan Catering,**  
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# Etal Hall Heritage Project

Etal Hall has certainly had some major ups and downs over the years, as evidenced by some of the old documents we have uncovered during the heritage project. In recording some local folk's memories over the last few months it has also become clear that the popularity of the various clubs and activities that have taken place in the hall has waxed and waned considerably over time.

In its early years the local billiards club was extremely popular with league matches taking place every week, the results of which were always published in the Berwick Advertiser. To help finance the club, the committee put on dances and whist drives at least once a month in the hall. The top prize at the Whist Dive was sometimes “a young pig”! It’s impossible to know now how well used the Reading Room section was, although the wireless set must have been quite a novelty for locals in the 1920s.

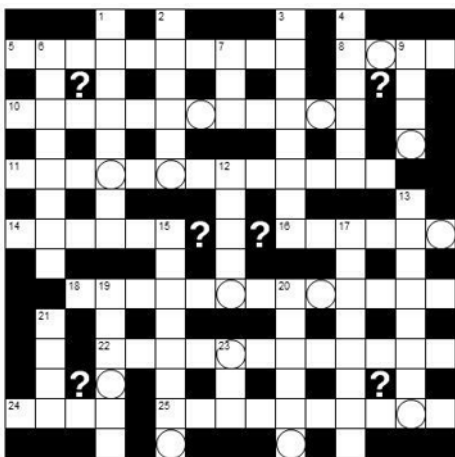
In the early part of the Second World War Etal Hall acted as an extension to Ford School in order to help accommodate the extra children who had come to the area as Evacuees. The hall continued to thrive as a venue for numerous fund-raising dances linked to the war effort, and we feel sure the local Home Guard troop (led by Lord Hugh Joicey) would have used it for drills and training.

On May 25th 1945 the “usual” Saturday night dance was postponed to allow for “A Victory dance” from 9.30pm – 1.00.am. That must have been quite an event!

Through the 1950s and 60s the billiards club, dances, whist drives and W.I. Social events continued. A youth club, and a junior Red Cross group were set up, and a table tennis league was established. Etal Show was sometimes held in the hall, and the Show Dance held on the same evening was a very popular local celebration for all the family.

Come the 1970s however, things were beginning to look a lot less rosy..... see the next edition of the Fourum to find out the rest of the story.....

*The Forum November Crossword by Cromwell*



### PUZZLE BONUS

When you have completed the grid solve the anagram formed by the letters you have put in the circles!  
Clue : Firework

Clue : Firework

Grid for your anagram


*Remember, remember the fifth of November  
The gunpowder treason and plot.  
I see no reason why gunpowder treason  
Should ever be forgot.*

*Guy Fawkes, 'twas his intent  
To blow up king and parliament.  
Three score barrels were laid below  
To prove old England's overthrow.*

*By God's mercy he was caught  
With a dark lantern and lighted match.  
Holler boys, holler boys, let the bells ring  
Holler boys, holler boys, God save the King.*



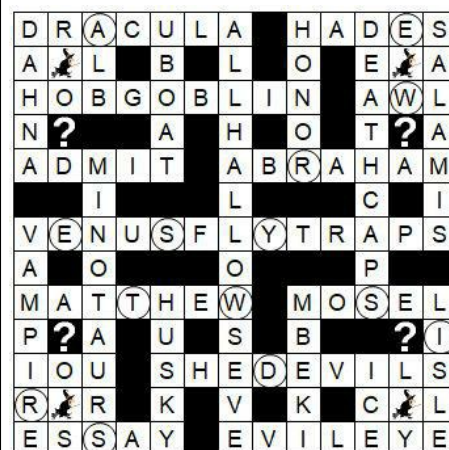
ACROSS

- 5 The legislature of Great Britain (10)
- 8 The bone of the forearm (4)
- 10 The tradition of celebrating the failure of Guy Fawkes' actions on 5 November 1605. (7,5)
- 11 The royal target of 18 across (5,3,5)
- 14 A cabinet in which food, drink, etc., are kept cool (6)
- 16 A large cliff dwelling monkey (6)
- 18 The traditional name given to the event of 5 November 1605 (9,4)
- 22 What the protagonists of 18 across received after their trial (5,7)
- 24 The birthplace of Guy Fawkes (4)
- 25 Celebrated author of the original James Bond novels (3,7)

*DOWN*

- 1 Bruce (Designer) or Mike (Musician)? (8)
- 2 A plant of the parsley family cultivated for its edible root. (6)
- 3 Action of a man attending a social function without a female companion. (8)
- 4 Tony, actor who starred in *Some Like it Hot* and TV's *The Persuaders* (Surname) (6)
- 6 Italian physicist and chemist famous for his "number"  $6 \times 10^{23}$  (8)
- 7 An indefinitely long period of time (3)
- 9 A city in, and the prefecture of, the Alpes-Maritimes department in France. (4)
- 12 English rock band fronted by Guy Garvey (5)
- 13 The capital city of the Canadian province of Alberta. (8)
- 15 To be strongly expressive (8)
- 17 Salves used on parts of the face to relieve chapping (3,5)
- 19 John, American novelist, poet, short-story writer (Surname) (6)
- 20 Gertrude, the first woman to swim across the English Channel (Surname) (6)
- 21 Extinct bird. (4)
- 23 A female chicken (3)

## October Solutions



Anagram is WEYWARD SISTERS  
The letter A appears 17 times

Wordsearch is TOAD



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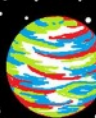
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# Etal Village Hall

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2 hours 9 minutes, Certificate 15,  
Etal Village Hall  
Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November 7.30pm.  
Refreshments will be served.

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10.30 and  
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7pm

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## Branxton Village Hall.

Afternoon Tea  
with live music

Piano and  
Saxophone duo  
Bossa Kada on  
Sunday 26th  
Nov at 3pm

Afternoon Tea with a glass of  
Prosecco and live music  
Tickets £10.00 each

Wine, beer and soft drinks will be sold

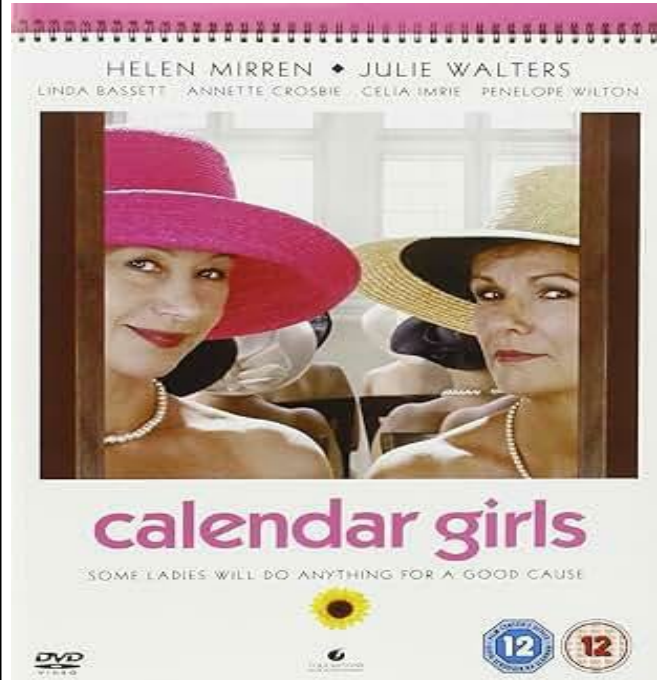
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BRANXTON  
VILLAGE HALL

## Branxton Village Hall

Tuesday 21 November at 2.p.m.



Followed by a delicious afternoon tea

## CHRISTMAS TREE Hand Stitching Workshop with Lindsay Roberts



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11th November 2023, 10am - 12.30pm

Branxton Village Hall, Branxton, Cornhill on Tweed, TD12 4SL

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## CHRISTMAS FAIR

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Have unfinished projects?

Want to learn more or try something new?

Bring your needles and hooks for a couple of  
hours of productive creativity, at our drop in  
Sewcial club - tea, coffee, cake and a warm  
welcome awaits you.

Further information from Joanne on 07917 553933  
Refreshments by donation



**CROOKHAM GARDENERS CLUB.**

**Saturday 25th November at 10am**

**in Crookham Village Hall.**

**Illustrated talk by Elisabeth Towner**

***"MARGARET REBECCA DICKINSON",***

**Water colour artist 1821 - 1918**

**Visitors welcome.**

**CYCLOCROSS**

On Sunday 19th November, British Cycling will be holding another event at Etal, with several classes, running from 10.00 until about 3.00pm. Competitors will be parking in the Show Field. Spectators are very welcome. For further detail please contact Jim Blythe at [jimblythe53@gmail.com](mailto:jimblythe53@gmail.com)



**CHRISTMAS QUIZ**

**Friday, 1st December  
at Etal Village Hall**

**Includes Supper • Raffle**

**£40 per team of four**

**Doors open at 7pm • Quiz starts 7.30pm**

**Please bring your own refreshments ~ glasses provided**

**To book a table/team contact Richard on**

**01890 820777 or email [etalshow@gmail.com](mailto:etalshow@gmail.com)**

**Save the date for next year's show  
SUNDAY 1<sup>st</sup> SEPTEMBER 2024**



**Keep riding  
through the  
winter.**

**Don't put your bike away yet!**

There's no need to quit riding just because winter is coming, if you want to keep on peddling why not join us on one of our local guided rides.

We hope to ride most weekends depending on the weather and welcome riders of all abilities.

All our rides are created and led by a British Cycling trained and insured ride leader and usually last about 1 or 2 hours.

For more information come see Graham in Ford Village Shop.



**Find us at**

**[www.letsride.co.uk/groups/ford-cyclists-northumberland](http://www.letsride.co.uk/groups/ford-cyclists-northumberland)**



**Let's Ride!**



**British Cycling Breeze Rides for Ladies**

Whether you're looking to cycle for fitness, fun, social connection or to build confidence, join a cycle ride to suit ladies of all abilities from beginners, returners and experienced cyclists.

Supported by a friendly and encouraging Breeze Cycling Leader, group rides will be available on carefully selected local routes to suit different abilities.

Full details of available rides can be found on [www.letsride.co.uk](http://www.letsride.co.uk)

Rides from Wooler on Saturdays – search NE66

Rides from Branxton Tuesdays or Thursdays – search TD12

Or find out more by contacting  
Mandy Hildred on 07731 503587  
or email [mandy@mandyhildred.com](mailto:mandy@mandyhildred.com)

## BOWSDEN HISTORY GROUP

6th November

The Geology of North Northumberland,  
and how it has shaped its history

Speaker: Ritchie Blake

Meetings are held in Bowsden Village Hall, TD15 2TW

Doors open 7.00pm. Talks start at 7.30pm.

More information from:

Nick Jones, Programme Secretary

Email : nicolasjbjones@gmail.com

Text: 07889 509324

## FORD PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting of Ford Parish Council will be held  
on Tuesday 21st November at 7 PM in  
Etal Village Hall.

Members of the public are welcome to attend.

## WATERCOLOUR WORKSHOP

Crookham Art Club will host a watercolour  
painting workshop with local artist  
Brian Turnbull,  
in Crookham Village Hall  
Wednesday November 29<sup>th</sup> 2 – 4pm.

Free of charge. Beginners very welcome, and all  
drawing and painting materials will be available  
if you do not have your own.

We will be painting a seasonal subject, likely a  
winter landscape. Brian has done several  
workshops for us in the past, always enjoyable  
and rewarding.

Numbers will be limited so booking is essential:  
please contact Ann Harris at  
annharris2007@yahoo.co.uk or  
07772 777324.

## BERWICK STOMA SUPPORT GROUP

Berwick stoma support group meets every third Thursday of each month 10-12 at The William Elder  
Building, Castlegate, Berwick, TD15 1 JT.

The meetings will be held on Thursday 16th November and Thursday 21st December and are a place for  
advice and support.

Anyone who has a stoma of any type or who is due to receive one is very welcome and please feel free  
to bring along a partner. There is no charge and tea/coffee and biscuits are provided. A supplier will be in  
attendance with the latest products

Any queries please contact Bobbie on 07714479320

## LICENSING ACT 2003

### APPLICATION FOR PREMISES LICENCE

Notice is hereby given that **Border Spirits and  
Botanicals, Unit 1, Cornhill on Tweed Centre,  
TD12 4UE** has applied for a new premises licence  
under the Licensing Act 2003 to allow for:

**Sale of alcohol (on and off sales) 11:00 – 22:00  
every day**

Representations to this application must be made in  
writing by **20th November 2023** to Licensing  
Section, Northumberland County Council, West  
Hartford Fire Station, Cramlington NE23 3JP where  
applications can be inspected during office hours or  
online at

<https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Business/Licences/Alcohol-entertainment.aspx>.

**Dated this: 21st September 2023**

It is an offence liable on summary conviction to a  
maximum fine of £5000 to knowingly or recklessly  
make a false statement in connection with this  
application.

## NORTH NORTHUMBERLAND GENEALOGY GROUP

The next meeting will be on Sat 18 Nov 10 am at Bell  
View, Belford. Anthea Lang will be telling a story  
from her own family history which she is calling  
“Where did all the money go?” It sounds intriguing!  
Come and join us for coffee beforehand at 9.45.  
Everyone is welcome.



ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

**THE NORTH  
NORTHUMBERLAND  
BRANCH NEEDS YOU!**



1st July 1921 saw the creation of the British Legion  
when the Comrades of the Great War, The  
Officers' Union, The Federation of Soldiers and  
Sailors and the Demobbed Soldiers & Sailors  
amalgamated. Ten days later Crookham was one of  
the first branches to form. Now the North  
Northumberland Branch (formerly Crookham)  
needs your support so please consider joining us  
today.



**‘To the memory of the fallen and the future of the living.’**

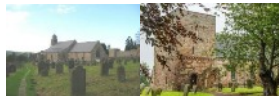
Everyone is welcome and if you are currently  
serving in the Armed Forces you can register as a  
Military Member for FREE.

To join please call 0808 802 8080 or visit  
[www.britishlegion.org.uk](http://www.britishlegion.org.uk) ~ thank you.



# CHURCH NEWS

## Church Services in October for Ford, Etal, Lowick and Ancroft



### Church Services for November

#### Sunday November 5th

Lowick 9.15am  
Holy Communion  
Ford 11am  
Holy Communion  
Ancroft: No Service

#### Sunday November 12th Remembrance Sunday

Ancroft  
9.15am Memorial Hall  
Act of Remembrance

#### Lowick

9.15am Holy Communion  
2pm Kyloe Memorial in Lowick Church  
2.30pm Lowick War Memorial  
3pm Lowick White Swan  
3.20pm Barmoor Memorial

#### Ford

10.50am Remembrance Service with Holy Communion

#### Sunday November 19th

Lowick 9.15am  
Holy Communion  
Ford 11am  
Holy Communion  
Ancroft: No Service

#### Sunday November 26th

Lowick 9.15am  
Holy Communion  
Ford 11am  
Holy Communion  
Ancroft 11am  
Holy Communion



Priest in Charge: Revd Charlotte Osborn  
Lowick Vicarage  
01289 388591  
[ceosborn@mail.com](mailto:ceosborn@mail.com)

Curate: Revd Alex Firman  
07935 732811  
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Permission to Officiate:  
Revd Margaret Sentamu  
01289 763659  
[m.sentamu@gmail.com](mailto:m.sentamu@gmail.com)



## 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

### Wooler United Reformed Church

## GLENDAL REPAIR CAFE

Saturday 11th November 10.00am - 2.00pm

The Cheviot Centre - Wooler

Come along with your broken items and get them fixed!  
Refreshments available!

Floss Barker - Church Related Community Minister  
M - 07570 594 049 email - [woolercrcw@gmail.com](mailto:woolercrcw@gmail.com)

## Donaldson's Lodge Methodist Church November 2023

### All Sunday Worship 11.00am

There will be No service on  
Remembrance Sunday.

We will share with  
St Helen's Cornhill at 10.20am

**Minister: Rev Kim Hurst**  
**Superintendent 01289306291**

**Rev Barrie Cash (Pastoral)**  
**01835822222**

**The Norham Group Mothers' Union**  
**Monday 13th November at 2pm -**  
**"Wave of Prayer"**  
- Norham Church -  
followed by refreshments.  
Everyone welcome

### St Helen's Church, Cornhill,

Armistice Day

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November.  
Joint service at 10.30am  
then 10.50am at the War Memorial.

### St Cuthbert's Church, Carham

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November  
Morning Worship 11.00am

Contact: The Revd Rob Kelsey, (01289) 382325,  
[robert.josephkelsey@live.com](mailto:robert.josephkelsey@live.com)

## Dates for your calendar

### Regular Activities at Braxton Village Hall

Qi-Gong alternate Sundays at 10.30am  
Sewcial Club 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month 10am -12  
Film + Afternoon Tea 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday 2pm

### Regular Activities at Etal Village Hall

Yoga class Monday, 6-7.30pm  
Pilates each Tuesday 9.30-10.30am  
Pilates every Wednesday 6-7pm  
Film. Every 2nd Friday 7.30pm

**Regular at Black Bull, Etal**  
Quiz. 1st Monday at 7.30pm

### Regular Activities at Crookham Village Hall

Art Club every Wednesday 2-4pm  
Book Club Last Tuesday of month at 2.30 pm  
Coffee Morning every Saturday 10-12 noon  
Knit and Natter 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday every month 2-4pm

Wooler Warm Hub Starting Oct 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Monday, Wednesday and Friday  
11am – 2.00pm  
Soup, cake and a hot drink.

### Table Tennis at Milfield Church Hall

Monday and Friday evenings  
from 6.30pm- 8.30pm. £1.50  
Contact John 07970939882

### November events.

4th Soup +Roll	12 to 2pm CVH
6th History Group	7pm Bowsdn VH
9th Bingo.	6.30 Cornhill VH
11th Hand stitching	10-12.30 BVH
11/12th Xmas Market	10am Hay Farm
11th Repair Shop	10-2pm Chev Ctr
16th Stoma Group	10-12 Wm Elder
17th Myeloma Coffee	10-12 Corn TCtr
17th Xmas Craft Fair	6-8pm Corn VH
17th Creep fit + Quiz	7pm Tillm VH
18th Genealogy group	10am Belford
19th Cyclocross event	10am-3 Etal
21st Ford Parish Co	7pm EVH
24th Film	6.30 CVH
24th Xmas Fair	6-8.30 Norham
25th Gardeners talk	10am CVH
25/26th Xmas market	10-4pm Ford Est
26th Bossa Kada	3 pm BVH
29th Art Club	2 to 4pm CVH

### December/January events

1st Etal Show Quiz	7pm EVH
2nd Xmas Fair	10-12am BVH
2nd Wreath Making	12-2pm EVH
5th Ceilidh	Coldstream
6th Ceilidh	BVH
12 <sup>th</sup> Film + Afternoon Tea	2pm BVH
16th Bring and Share	3-5.30pm CVH

### OLD INK CARTRIDGES and also 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

To date we have received £579.25  
Which has paid for the printing of more  
than four monthly editions

**The deadline for the Dec/Jan  
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November. Please send adverts  
and copy to  
thefourum@gmail.com**

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