

*The*

# Forum



October 2023



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

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## The Borders Fungus Group

The group will be holding our second fungi festival at Etal village hall on the 21st and 22nd of October 2023. This is a two day event for all the family and its free. Start time 10.30am till 4.30pm each day.

We run group fungi walks with a leader, these are for approximately 1 hour in length teaching you how important fungi are in our world and how we could not survive without them.

PLEASE NOTE they are not forays teaching about edible fungi or how to collect fungi.

There are four forays in total

Saturday 10.30 foray starts meet at Etal village hall if you wish to attend .

1.30 foray stars meet at Etal village hall if you wish to attend .

Sunday same times and meeting point.

The walks will be around Etal Manor House grounds and along the riverside at Etal

Fungi name trail - this is a walk without a leader but you take an information sheet with you and find the fungi on the sheet. This walk is ideal for people who prefer smaller groups. You collect your information sheet at the village hall and return it for marking and a chat about your finds if you wish.

### Indoors there are lots of fungi related crafts including

Clay fungi models, Felted fungi, Crochet fungi, Wooden carved fungi, Fungi cards, notebooks, badges

Crochet mushroom scarfs, throws and so much more

All money from sales goes to running these public events and helps us keep them free for all

Fungi themed tombola

Fairy mushroom house tombola and will there be fairies and gnomes inside the house you'll have to come and see.

Outdoor crochet mushroom display

Fresh fungi indoor display

Rainbow beneath your feet – Hand dyed wool display using fungi and lichen

Dogs are welcome in the village hall but please keep your dog on a leash if attending the walks

If you wish to contact us its [BFGcomms@outlook.com](mailto:BFGcomms@outlook.com)



## Askew Educational Foundation Grants 2023

The Askew Educational Foundation is an old and unique fund available to anyone below the age of 25, who is a student in further or higher education, or perhaps following an apprenticeship, and who is resident, or has a parent resident in Ford Parish or on the Church Electoral Roll of St. Michael's Church, Ford.

In November 2022 the Askew Trust was delighted to give a grant to Rebecca Mount from Etal to help purchase textbooks needed for the first year of her nursing course at Sunderland University. It was lovely to hear how much Rebecca is enjoying her course and the Askew Foundation hope to provide further grants to Rebecca as the course progresses. A grant was also awarded to Poppy Rawlings from Letham Hill to help with a laptop repair to see her through the final year of her course at Harper Adams University. The Askew Foundation had also helped with a grant towards the purchase of the laptop in the first year of her course. These are perfect examples of the grants the fund is able to award to help out with education costs.

We would like to encourage anyone eligible to please take the time to make a simple application which will be considered by the Trustees when they meet in November. Please contact Judith Spawls for further information .

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### Hugh Joicey C of E First School

This year's Leaver's service was particularly poignant as it's not just Year 4 who are leaving! I have been teaching at Ford school since before any of these children were even born, and now they're on their way. Between us - the school, the staff, the families, the church, the governors and the children themselves, they're ready, they are wonderful young individuals who will all make their mark in their own way.

We wish all of our children well as they go one more step along the world and I thank them for a fantastic service of poetry, memories and song. Our Leavers' service was nearly all about the children but I wanted to take a moment to

pay tribute to the staff and governors and parents and church who make Ford school the unique and wonderful place that it is. Ford school is saying goodbye to Mrs Zoe Turner who has transformed the school with her own contribution, initially as class teacher and then as PE lead - encouraging not just fitness but a love of sport and the values of teamwork, leadership, dedication. She is going to be a huge miss and we'd like to wish her well in her next adventures!

As for me, I remember my first meeting with Sally Wood, my Headteacher when I applied to be a Reception class teacher at Ford - it's not that common to be told to bring your wellies when you come for a look around a school - and I knew from that first day that I was going to love it.

It's not just the setting, the scenery, the building, the outdoors ...it's the sense of belonging that I hope we give our children, the space and time to be themselves, to learn to be kind, and hard working and to be thankful for all the blessings, experiences and opportunities the staff can provide. I've probably spent more time with some of the staff than I have my own family...(and never a cross word!) There have been some tough times, some weird times, some days when we wonder - "does this just happen at Ford?!" but we laugh every day. It's an extraordinary job and I feel absolutely privileged to have been able to do it here, at Ford, with you.

My sincere thanks to the many members of the local community and of course Reverend Charlotte and the wardens and members of Ford church for their continued support of the school, we are privileged to have such a wonderful community around us. Thank you to an incredible board of Governors who do so much work behind the scenes to ensure our school is safe, challenging and enduring. My apologies for giving them a massive headache for the last few months ... but change is a good thing, I'm sure they'll look back and laugh!

Finally, thank you to my lovely family - my mum, my late Dad, my girls and my husband Nolan who have always supported and encouraged me, shared the funny stories and the frustrations and helped me keep in perspective the things that really matter - kindness, perseverance and gratitude.

It's been an honour, thank you very much. **Jacq Dalrymple**

## Minutes of Ford Parish Council Bi-monthly Meeting. Held Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

**Present:** Cllrs R Baker, S Beattie, N Clark, G Hopper & B Watson. J Stonebridge Clerk, County Cllr C Hardy. R McCorkell member of the public.

**Apologies:** Cllrs Brown, Denson, Musgrave & Webster. PC D Perry.

**Police report** - PC Perry was unable to attend the meeting but provided the following update via e mail: *There have been no incidents or crime of note for the Parish Council and nothing that should have a wider impact on the Ford and Etal Community. The number of crimes reported is extremely low.*

*Community Issues. There have been no reports of Anti-Social behaviour within the community, and again no crime trends or patterns that should currently impact.*

*Community Engagement. It was good to see so many local people and visitors at the Etal Show. I always enjoy attending and having the chance to speak to so many people.*

**Minutes of meeting** 11<sup>th</sup> July 2023 were approved and signed by the chair.

### Matters arising

- NCC have indicated that the pointing work to Heatherslaw Bridge will be completed before the winter

-The quote for the replacement swing at Ford is £207.13. Matters relating to installation and the guarantee are being followed up and potential funding options will be explored.

### Highways-

Issues highlighted at the previous meeting have been reported by the clerk all except one have been scheduled for action. The clerk will follow up the outstanding issue with the layby opposite Ford Church.

Damages to road and footpaths around Ford following recent road works. RMcC reported that the estate has raised concerns with Northumbrian Water. The clerk will raise the issues with NCC.

**Planning** - Consultation 23/03208/LBC Ford Village 12 & 23/03207/FUL Ford Village 12 previously circulated. Planning Application 23/00724/FUL - relocation of Felkington Farmyard also circulated for information.

### Finance:

Crookham Village Hall Hire (£10) approved for payment.

Bank Reconciliation & Financial update - noted.

### Bank Reconciliation:

Date		Expenditure	Income	Balance
14/06/2023				1,865.33
17/07/2023	Lady Waterford Hall Hire	10.00		1,855.33
05/09/2023				1,855.33

**AOB** – Clerk to report concerns re change of use to glass recycling bin and associated issues on Castle Drive Ford.

**Next meeting Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November 7pm Etal Village Hall**

### Concerts @StCuthberts

Norham Church

17<sup>th</sup> October 7pm

### FreePlay, 'Talk To Me'

Tickets available from

<https://highlightsnorth.co.uk/event/freeplay-talk-to-me/>

Adult £12/Child £5

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29<sup>th</sup> October 3pm

### Andante Chamber Choir: Two Williams....and JS, Henry And Billy

An afternoon delight - tea and cake and a mixed programme from this versatile and talented choir!

Entry by donation!

### Spooktastic doings at Ford Etal Estates 2023

The annual Ford & Etal Scarycrow Trail takes place from 23<sup>rd</sup> -31<sup>st</sup> October, 2023.

You have until 6<sup>th</sup> October to submit your Scarycrow entry form to Visitor Services at Heatherslaw ([tourism@visitorservices.co.uk](mailto:tourism@visitorservices.co.uk)) and we will get your creation listed on the Scarycrow Trail Sheet. All we need is the name and location of your Scarycrow and your name and address.

The Scarycrows are displayed from 10:00am on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October and Scarycrow Trail Sheets can be collected from local attractions, shops and tearooms all around Ford & Etal Estates.

Visitors score the Scarycrows as they follow the trail, leaving their completed trail sheets in collection boxes at Etal, Heatherslaw and Ford. The Scarycrows all vanish on 1<sup>st</sup> November and the winner is announced on 3<sup>rd</sup> November.

There is no charge for this event, but we ask that people donate whatever they can afford for the Berwick Swan and Wildlife Trust; collection boxes will be on display with the trail sheets. This event raised over £691 for Cash For Kids in 2022!

For more information visit:

[www.ford-and-etal.co.uk/events/](http://www.ford-and-etal.co.uk/events/)

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## Shopping Evening

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October Crookham Village Hall

7pm Free entry

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**Beauty Room Branxton**



**Festive bakes and treats to order**



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## Quiz Night



**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm**

**Crookham Village Hall**

**Tickets £12.50 pp**  
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## 90 club winners

**September**

**1st Brian McConville 1**

**2nd Richard Nettleton 47**



**There is no film in October**

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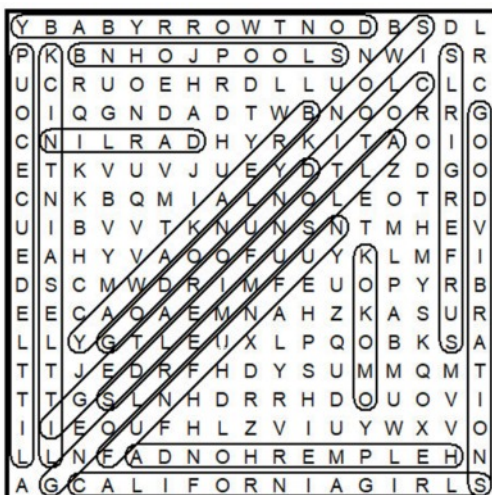


# The Fourum October Wordsearch

Find the Halloween 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!



- |                |                     |                  |                   |
|----------------|---------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Achor</b>   | <b>Skeleton</b>     | <b>Bat</b>       | <b>Pumpkin</b>    |
| <b>Banshee</b> | <b>Spells</b>       | <b>Beelzebub</b> | <b>Satan</b>      |
| <b>Devil</b>   | <b>Spider</b>       | <b>Blackcat</b>  | <b>Blackmagic</b> |
| <b>Ghost</b>   | <b>Spook</b>        | <b>Cauldron</b>  | <b>Cobweb</b>     |
| <b>Ghoul</b>   | <b>Trickortreat</b> | <b>Witches</b>   | <b>Toad</b>       |



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## Etal Village Hall.

### Flicks in the Sticks Presents:



Harold Fry was never meant to be a hero, then he receives a letter from his dying friend, Queenie, addressed from a hospice far away in Northern England. He hasn't heard from her in 20 years. He's done his best to forget what happened between them. Writing a brief reply, Harold realises a letter is not enough. He will walk the length of England and save his old friend. Leaving his puzzled, frustrated wife Maureen behind, Harold embarks on a walk of redemption that gradually becomes a contemporary pilgrimage through modern Britain.

1 hour 39 minutes,  
Certificate 12,

Etal Village Hall  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October, 7.30pm.  
Refreshments will be served.

## TillVAS

# *James IV*

## *Memorial Lecture*

Sunday 1 October

Etal Village Hall, 2:30pm.

Tea, coffee and biscuits will be served beforehand.

Dr Gary Bankhead is an amateur underwater archaeologist and an Honorary Research Associate in the Department of Archaeology, Durham University. He has made regular appearances on the Sky History programme River Hunters. Since 2007, he has been diving under Elvet Bridge in Durham, gathering over 13,500 objects dating from as early as the 12th century. He will talk about his work and some of these objects, ranging from mediaeval pilgrim badges through lead cloth seals for bales of wool to Victorian dentures.

Entrance fee £6

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## Branxton Village Hall.

### Branxton Village Hall

Film followed by a delicious afternoon tea!

On Tuesday 17 October at 2.00 p.m.

### The Duchess

Starring Keira Knightley and Ralph Fiennes



Branxton Recreation Club presents

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BRANXTON VILLAGE HALL

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## Branxton Sewcial Club

Third Saturday of every month starting 16th Sept. 10am - 12 noon



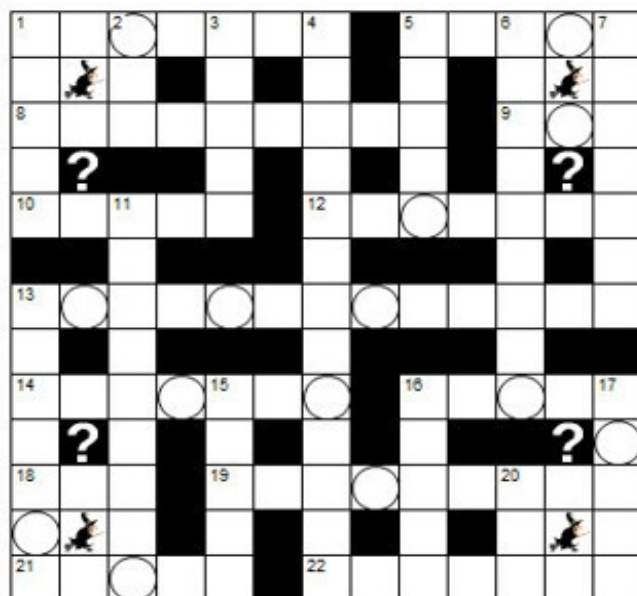
Do you enjoy sewing, crochet, knitting, cross stitch, quilting or other handicrafts?  
Have unfinished projects?  
Want to learn more or try something new?

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

**Please note the deadline for the November edition of The Fourum is Friday 6th October. Please send all new adverts and copy to [theforum@gmail.com](mailto:theforum@gmail.com) by this date**

# The Fourum HALLOWEEN 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: Three ladies from the Scottish Play?

Grid for your anagram

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Bonus ! How many times does the Letter A appear in the grid?



## FOURUM SEPTEMBER CROSSWORD SOLUTION

The letter S appears 8 times

### ACROSS

- 1 Bram Stokers creation (7)
- 5 In ancient Greek mythology the god of the dead (5)
- 8 A household spirit that appears in English folklore (9)
- 9 A woodworking layout and point-making tool used to scribe a line (3)
- 10 Allow in? (5)
- 12 16th President of the United States (Forename) (7)
- 13 Species of carnivorous plants (5,8)
- 14 The first book of the New Testament (7)
- 16 One of the thirteen German wine regions (5)
- 18 A written acknowledgment of a debt (1,1,1)
- 19 Women who display extreme wickedness, cruelty, or bad temper (3-6)
- 21 A short literary composition on a particular theme or subject (5)
- 22 A look expressing hostility, stern disapproval, jealousy, etc (4,3)

### DOWN

- 1 An area in the east central part of Saudi Arabia. (5)
- 2 A linen vestment with narrow sleeves, worn chiefly by priests (3)
- 3 German wartime submarine (1-4)
- 4 The evening of October 31st (10,3)
- 5 ...Blackman. The original TV Avengers girl (Forename) (5)
- 6 Highly toxic types of mushroom (5,4)
- 7 Island in the Saronic Gulf of the Aegean Sea (7)
- 11 Mythical creatures with the head and tail of a bull and the body of a man (9)
- 13 What I across is said to be (7)
- 15 Breed of sled dog (5)
- 16 President of South Africa between 1999 and 2008 (Surname) (5)
- 17 A fine, high, and hard-twisted cotton thread used for gloves etc (5)
- 20 The solid form of water (3)



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## Wooler starts its own Repair Café



**REPAIR CAFE**

**What do you do with a broken toaster? Or with a bike when the wheel runs out of true? Or with a jumper full of moth holes? Bin it? No way! Glendale Connect, together in partnership with Glendale Gateway Trust and Wooler URC are organising their first Repair Café in Wooler on Saturday 7th October in the Glendale Hall.**

Starting from 10.00am until 2.00pm various volunteer repair experts will be available to help make all possible repairs free of charge. Tools and materials will also be on hand. People visiting the Repair Café will bring along their broken items from home. Anything that is broken is welcome. And can more than likely be repaired. The Repair Café specialists almost always have the know-how.

The Glendale Repair Café in Wooler currently operates a booking system for all repairs and the deadline for your bookings is September 23rd. They are also looking for new fixers and helpers.

**For more information, please contact Jane Pannell, Glendale Connect at [glendalerepaircafe@gmail.com](mailto:glendalerepaircafe@gmail.com)**

### BOWSDEN HISTORY GROUP AUTUMN PROGRAMME 2023

2nd October

**Railton's Antique Roadshow with Jim Railton**

Bring your antiques along for valuation,  
and hear the story of Wooler's auction house.

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 : [nicolasbjones@gmail.com](mailto:nicolasbjones@gmail.com)

Text: 07889 509324



**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.

### RE-DEDICATION OF THE HEMMING WINDOW (memorial to the 11th Earl and Countess of Home)

**St. Helen's Church, Cornhill**

by the  
**Rt Revd Dr Helen-Ann Hartley,  
Bishop of Newcastle**

on Sunday 15 October 2023  
at 11.00am

Everyone welcome

### Donaldson's Lodge Methodist Church October 2023

**Sunday Worship 11.00am**

**1st Rev Kim Hurst  
8th HARVEST FESTIVAL  
Mr Andrew Black  
15th Mr George Scott  
22nd Rev Barrie Cash  
Communion  
20th Mrs Sylvia White**

**Minister: Rev Kim Hurst  
Superintendent 01289306291  
Rev Barrie Cash (Pastoral)**



# CHURCH NEWS

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

### **Sunday October 1<sup>st</sup>**

Lowick: at Ford

Ford 10am Patronal Festival  
with Canon Christopher Smith

Ancroft: at Ford

**Priest in Charge: Revd Charlotte Osborn**

Lowick Vicarage

01289 388591

ceosborn@mail.com

**Curate: Revd Alex Firman**

07935 732811

alex\_firman@hotmail.co.uk

### **Sunday October 8<sup>th</sup>**

Lowick 9.15am Harvest Thanksgiving and Baptism

Ford 11am Holy Communion

Revd Charlotte Osborn/Revd Alex Firman

Ancroft: No Service

**Permission to Officiate: Revd Margaret Sentamu**

01289 763659

msentamu@gmail.com

### **Sunday October 15<sup>th</sup> (Healthcare Sunday)**

Lowick 9.15am Holy Communion

Ford 11am Holy Communion Revd Fiona Collin

Ancroft: No Service

Lowick 6pm Evening Prayers for Healing

**Friday October 20<sup>th</sup> 6.45pm for 7pm**

**Lady Waterford Hall**

Ford Church warmly invites you to a

**Harvest Supper**

Bring your own drinks

2 courses, suggested donation £10

**Book your place with Kathleen Holmes on**

**akholmes@btinternet.com**

**or Nici Gibb on 01668 216441**

### **Sunday October 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Lowick 9.15am Holy Communion

Ford 11am Holy Communion

Revd Charlotte Osborn/Revd Alex Firman

Ancroft 11am Holy Communion

### **Sunday October 29<sup>th</sup>**

Ford: at Lowick

Lowick 10am 'Flake' Service

All Parishes worshipping together

with Canon Nick Sagovsky

Ancroft: at Lowick

**Saturday October 21<sup>st</sup>**  
**at 7pm at Lowick Village Hall**  
**Lowick Church warmly invites you to**  
**An Evening of music**  
with Martin Colam playing a multi keyboard  
'From Bach to The Beatles and Beyond'  
Tickets £8 from Lowick Shop or Diane 07715 894813  
Pay Bar and Raffle

## Church Services in October 2023 at Branxton, Cornhill and Carham

Sunday 1st Harvest Thanksgiving	9.30am 11.00am	Branxton Cornhill	Morning Worship Morning Worship
Sunday 8th Harvest Thanksgiving	11:00:00	Carham	Morning Worship
Sunday 15th Trinity 19	9.30am 11.00am	Branxton Cornhill	Holy Communion Re-dedication of East Window
Sunday 22nd Trinity 20	11.00am	Carham	Morning Worship
Sunday 29th All Saints ( <i>Joint service</i> )	11.00am	Branxton	Morning Worship

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

## Dates for your calendar

### Regular Activities at Branxton Village Hall

Qi-Gong Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> October at 10.30am

Sewcial Club 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month  
10 -12 noon

### The Norham Group Mothers' Union

Monday 9th October at 2pm  
at Branxton Village Hall.

"Life and faith as a prison chaplain" Barry Cooper .  
Everyone welcome to join us and have tea and  
biscuits afterwards

### 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

### HARVEST THANKSGIVING SERVICE AND SUPPER

Everyone Welcome!

**FRIDAY 6th OCTOBER**

**Service:** St Paul's Church, Branxton at 6.30 p.m.

**Supper:** Branxton Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.

**TICKETS:** Adults £10 (under 10's free)

**PLEASE RESERVE YOUR TICKETS BY 3rd OCTOBER**

Contact: Mandy Hildred

On 07731 503587 or

email [mandy@mandyhildred.com](mailto:mandy@mandyhildred.com)

Vegetarian and vegan alternatives— please advise

Bring your own drinks

There will be a raffle— prizes welcomed

**We will be collecting donations for the local Foodbank**

**Tinned and packet items only may be left in the church**  
**25% of the profits will also go to the Foodbank**

### Regular Activities at Etal Village Hall

Yoga class Monday, 6-7.30pm

Pilates each Tuesday 9.30-10.30am

Pilates every Wednesday 6-7pm

**CROOKHAM GARDENING CLUB**  
Saturday, 28th October 2 p.m.

Visit to see garden at Chain Bridge Honey Farm

All members and friends welcome

Further information from

Val Keating 01890 820599

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**

Scarycrow Trail 2023 runs from 23<sup>rd</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> October

For more information visit:

[www.ford-and-etal.co.uk/events/](http://www.ford-and-etal.co.uk/events/)

### Ford & Etal Christmas Market

25th-26th November 10:00am -4:00pm

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