

The Fourum

April 2024



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

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An Angel Returns to Ford Village

After an absence of two-and-a-half years the statue of the Archangel Michael is returning to top the towering column at the centre of the Waterford Memorial in the heart of Ford village. This beautiful statue was designed by the famous architect Sir George Gilbert Scott, who also created the Albert Memorial in London's Hyde Park. It was erected in 1864 and has stood over Ford village, part of Ford & Etal Estates, for just over 150 years.

The Waterford Memorial was dismantled in October 2021 after an inspection revealed that there was significant damage to both the granite plinth and the limestone capitol which supports the angel figure.

The statue and column were transported to Edinburgh for renovation in the care of Graciela Ainsworth Sculpture Conservation Ltd. Further examination revealed that the damage was far worse than originally suspected and that repairs would take longer and cost far more than anticipated. Painstaking work has been undertaken to restore and reinforce the stability of the monument. This has included reversing the effects of weathering, removing organic growth and restoring the brass memorial plaques.

This essential work has been made possible with generous funding from The Pilgrim Trust. This contribution has enabled Ford & Etal Estates and the Lady Waterford Hall Trust to continue its commitment to maintaining Lady Waterford's work for public enjoyment and in sustaining her memory.

This is only the second time the statue has come down in its history; in 1868, just four years after it was erected, the area was hit by a large hurricane and both column and statue crashed to the ground. Fortunately, the collapse occurred within school hours so all the local children were out of harm's way in the nearby schoolhouse and no one was injured. The central shaft was reinforced, and the statue replaced, now standing proud for just over 150 years.

The Waterford Memorial was erected by Lady Louisa Waterford in memory of her husband Henry de la Poer Beresford, 3rd Marquis of Waterford, who died in a hunting accident in Ireland in 1859, leaving his wife a widow at just 40. Lady Waterford moved to Ford and devoted the rest of her life to improving the estate for her tenants, constructing the school, now known as Lady Waterford Hall, and laying out Ford village in its present plan. She spent 21 years painting her famous series of Pre-Raphaelite murals, using local people as models. These were hung in the schoolroom to bring to life the bible stories taught to the children. Although the statue and column were returned to Ford in late Spring, 2023, it has been necessary to wait for final works to be undertaken. Graciela Ainsworth is due to commence work to restore the statue to pole position in early March and it is predicted that works will be completed in April. The Waterford Memorial is now in the care of The Lady Waterford Hall Trust, a charity which conserves the Hall for the benefit of the public. The Trust supports Louisa Waterford's commitment to education, telling the story of her life, her artistic and philanthropic work and the remarkable memorial she commissioned in memory of her beloved husband.

Lady Waterford Hall is open to the public daily (11:00-17:00) from 25th March until 3rd November, 2024. There are no admission charges in 2024. The Waterford Memorial stands nearby.

Get ready, get set, QUACK

The inaugural Ford & Etal Duck Race takes place on Easter Monday at Heatherslaw when 100 rubber ducks will race a short stretch of the River Till to the finish line near Heatherslaw Bridge.

To join in the fun and enter a duck into the race you must first register at The Lavender Tearooms in Etal, or Ford Village Shop, in advance of the event (from March 4th-March 31st). Here you can select what number duck will represent you in the race and write down your contact details. The fee to enter is just £2 and all proceeds will go to the charityCash4Kids. We have 100 highly trained, numbered ducks waiting to be selected. The race will start at 11:30 sharp on 1st April, so get to Heatherslaw Bridge a little earlier to make sure you don't miss the fun! There will be prizes for the backers of the ducks in first and second place and, to keep everyone in suspense, there will also be a prize for backers of the last duck past the post. There will be a running commentary on the day and free gingerbread and apple juice for children courtesy of the Café At The Mill. No doubt glorious chaos will ensue while all the rubber ducks are caught after the race. Ollie from Active4Seasons will be on the river to ensure none escape. Unfortunately you cannot bring your own rubber duck along to enter the race. We have permission from The Tweed Commission to hold this event on condition that all the ducks are sanitised before entering the river. We would like to thank our sponsors: Lavender Tearooms in Etal, Café at The Mill in Heatherslaw, Heatherslaw Light Railway, Handmade at Heatherslaw and Ravn Clay Pottery in Ford. Without their generous support we could not hold this event.

VACANCY FOR A PARISH CLERK – FORD PARISH COUNCIL

Would you like to earn some extra money whilst making a difference to your local community? If so this job could be for you. Ford Parish Council represents the villages of Ford, Etal, Crookham and surrounding areas, with a population of around five hundred people.

The Parish Council looks after the interests of the parish where empowered to do so, bringing any other needs of the parish to the attention of the relevant authority. It also responds to consultation documents and requests from a diverse range of other bodies and authorities.

The role of the Parish Clerk.

A parish clerk deals with the administrative and clerical duties of a parish council. The role is varied and includes:

Maintaining records and documents: keeping track of important documents and records related to the council's meetings and decisions. Including agendas, minutes, financial records, and correspondence.

Providing administrative support and responding to inquiries managing the parish council e mail account and website.

Managing finances: The parish clerk is responsible for managing the council's budget and financial records. This includes preparing financial reports, tracking expenses, and processing payments.

Apart from attendance at 6 evening meetings per year the work will be undertaken electronically, at home with flexible working times to meet the availability of the post holder.

You should have good administrative, IT and organisational skills. Prior experience is not essential as training is available through The Northumberland Association of Local Councils.

The salary is £1,300 per year (reviewed annually), for 7 hours per month. Payment for expenses is also made.

For further discussion please contact clerkfordpc@gmail.com or Judith Stonebridge 07946501680

Summary of DRAFT Minutes of Ford parish Council Bi-Monthly Meeting.

Tuesday 12th March 2024. 7pm, Crookham Village Hall.

Full version at <https://northumberlandparishes.uk/ford>

Present: Cllr Baker (Chair), Cllr Beattie (Vice chair), Cllr Brown, John Docherty (member of the public), Rev Alex Firman (member of the public), County Cllr Hardy, Cllr Hopper, PC Dan Perry (Northumbria Police), Judith Stonebridge (Parish Clerk), Ashley Taylor (Ford & Etal Estate), Cllr Watson, Cllr Webster. Police report: PC Perry attended the meeting and reported that crime rates in the area remain very low and there was nothing of any significance or wider concern to report. Cllr Beattie highlighted concerns about speeding through Crookham. PC Perry will deploy himself in the area as a potential deterrent for this.

Matters arising from last meeting: Rental charges by village halls for PC meetings Cllrs agreed not to progress. Rental agreements for common land - Cllrs agreed that the rent be increased from £100 to £150 from April 2024. Bid submission for swing - £210 has been awarded from the Ballinger Trust for the purchase of a replacement swing.

Parish notice Board at Crookham – to be removed

Parish Contingency Plan: The Parish Council will draft a resilience plan for use in the event of a local emergency such as flooding, severe weather, or power outage.

Highways: A lengthy discussion took place about the state of the roads and pavements across the Parish. Despite multiple reporting on Fix My Street and several escalations via County Cllr Hardy many issues remained with work not yet started, being incomplete or not completed to an acceptable standard. County Cllr Hardy advised that issues should continue to be reported and said there was a lack of resource to meet the demand. The clerk will request an area visit to Ford from the Highways Department.

Planning: Circulated: 33/04163/FUL (Planning decision), 23/04750/FUL (Consultation). 23/04750/FUL (Planning decision).

Finance: Payments approved for CVH hire (£10), Clerk salary & expenses (£1,300 & £150) Section 137 donations – awarded - £100 to Parish Churches for grass cutting & £50 to Great North Area Ambulance Service. Finance update – noted 13/1/24 Balance £3113.63, 22/1/24 Expenditure £10 for Lady Waterford Hall Hire. 6/3/24 Balance £3103.63

Parish Clerk – The clerk advised that she will be stepping down from the role at the end of June.

Next Meeting – AGM & Bi monthly meeting. Tuesday 14 th May 7pm, Etal Village Hall. All Welcome

Wooler Bowling & Sports Club

4 Weetwood Road, Wooler NE71 6AE

2024 OUTDOOR OPENING DAY

is on Saturday 13th April from 2.00 p.m.

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e-mail: woolerbowlingclub@btinternet.com

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- STEWARDS IN THE MARQUEE ON THE DAY
- PEOPLE TO MAN THE GATE (45 min sessions)
- HELP TO CLEAR AWAY AT THE END

on SUNDAY,
1ST SEPTEMBER 2024

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Lavender Tearooms.

www.EtalShow.org

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Check out our Calendar of Events 2024

 HospiceCare
NORTH NORTHUMBRIA
Caring for Life!



Dates for your diary

February 2024

8th Chinese New Year banquet at Mulan, Morpeth
1st- 28 25 Alive Challenge

April 2024

7th Northumberland Joy of Spring Fair, Linden Hall
19th Northumberland Star, Duchess Community High School
20th Holy Island Hospice Hike

May 2024

6-8th Wills Week (Dying matters)
7th Golf Day Foxton
26th Hedgeley Hall Open Garden
26th Druridge Bay 10k & Junior Run

Open Gardens from May to October - Visit the link or QR code
www.hospicecare-nn.org.uk/fundraisingforhospicecare

Supporting local families

www.hospicecare-nn.org.uk
fundraising@hospicecare-nn.org.uk

01665 606515



Registered Charity
Number 1103435

**Table Tennis at Milfield Church Hall,
Monday and Friday evenings from 6.30 -
8.30pm. £1.50**

Contact John 07970939882

Heads Up!!

Crookham Village Hall Spring Show **2025**
photo competition.

“Spring”

Plan ahead and take your pictures now!!



**THE NORTH
NORTHUMBRIA
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.

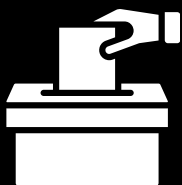
'To the memory of the fallen and the future of the living.'

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 ~ thank you.



Working at elections in Northumberland

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<https://nland.cc/applyelectionroles2024>



Changes to voting

You must bring photo ID to vote at a polling station

- Need more information?
- Don't have photo ID?

Find out more at:

[Electoralcommission.org.uk/voterID](https://electoralcommission.org.uk/voterID)

Voting by post and proxy

- To apply you now need to prove your identity
- You can now apply online
- Limits to how many people you can vote on behalf of as proxy

Find out more at:

[Electoralcommission.org.uk/waystovote](https://electoralcommission.org.uk/waystovote)

Not registered to vote?

Recently moved address?
Register to vote online:

gov.uk/register tovot e

If you require further information, contact the elections team at:
elections@northumberland.gov.uk



Northumberland
County Council

Quigong in Crookham. Facilitated by Kate:

Developed in China thousands of years ago as part of traditional Chinese medicine. It involves using very gentle, slow and controlled movement to optimize energy with the goal of improving health and well-being. It is suitable for people of all ages and abilities.

- Tuesday 16th April 10.30
- Tuesday 14th May 10.30am

Sleep workshop. Facilitated by Robert Porteous: • Tuesday 9th April 2 – 4 pm

Aromatherapy Facilitated by Colleen Mariott

The benefits of essential oils for health. Includes mini (neck & shoulder or leg & foot) massage practice.

Friday 19th April 2-4 pm

Entry to all sessions is by donation and includes tea, coffee and cake. Booking is essential, contact crookhamvillagehall@gmail.com or Judith 07946501680.

Qigong In Branxton. Facilitated by Kate:

All classes will be the second weekend in the month at £5.
In Branxton Village Hall at 10.30.

Dates are: Sundays 14th April, 12th May For June and July we will meet on the second Sunday in the playpark, weather permitting.
Also on Sundays 11th August, 8th September, 13th October and Saturday 9th November.

Contact Kate - 07817306 346





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OF EACH MONTH, BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL SO PLEASE CALL US ON 01890 820200, IT
IS £5 PER PERSON WITH A MAX OF X4 PER TEAM, LIGHT SUPPER IS PROVIDED AT
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TO 1ST, 2ND & 3RD PLACE.**

HAVE AN EVENT NOT SURE WHERE TO HOST? EMAIL US ON
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YOUR GUESTS WITH FOOD AND DRINK OPTIONS IF NEEDED.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BOOK A TABLE BOOKING IS ALWAYS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED
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NIGHTS CHEVIOT JAZZY JACKET POTATOES, EMAIL
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ABOVE AND WE CAN ARRANGE YOUR EVENT WITH FOOD AND DRINK OPTIONS IF
NEEDED.

HOSTING AN EVENT ELSEWHERE AND IN NEED OF A BAR? WE TRAVEL! JUST EMAIL
US AND WE WILL DO OUR BEST TO ACCOMMODATE YOUR NEEDS.

WE THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!!!



Crookham Village Hall

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PRESENTS

The Great Escaper

Based on a true story about pensioner Bernard Jordan who absconded from his care home in Sussex to attend the 70th Anniversary of the D-Day Landings in France.

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Michael Caine
and
Glenda Jackson



Entry by donation

Friday 26th April 7pm
Rated 12
length 1hr 32 mins



Mucky Pups Messy Play

Wednesday 3rd April 10am-11.00am

£2 per child

BOOKING ESSENTIAL

to book email

muckypupsmessyplay@outlook.com

Wheelie Play



CVH Wednesday 10th April 10-11 am

£2 per child or £4 per family

Contact GJ Wheelie Play

gjwheelieplay@gmail.com

Easter PARTY

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Crookham Village Hall
Monday 1st April
12pm-2pm

£4 each child or £8 per family
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or Message Starlight Party Events on Facebook

Crookham Village Hall AGM

Thursday 25th April at 7.00pm

Come along and hear what we've been up to and our plans for the future.

We'd love to hear your ideas too!



Followed by cheese and wine.

Saturday Coffee Mornings

At Crookham Village Hall

10am-12 noon

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

Entry £2

EVERY SATURDAY



BRANXTON RECREATION CLUB

AGM & GENERAL MEETING

To be held in Branxton Village Hall at 6.30pm on Tuesday 23rd April 2024.

All welcome so please come along and support your local village park.

Scottish dancing night

Norham village hall

Every Wednesday from 7-8.30pm.

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Tuesday 23rd April @12pm
Cornhill Village Hall

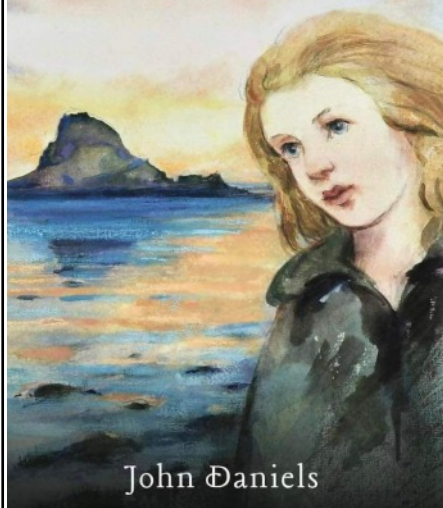
 **Bell View**
01668 219220

£5 suggested donation



ISOLDE, Daughter of the Priest

A story from Holy Island and medieval Northumberland



John Daniels

In 1362 this girl from Lowick along with 22 other villagers was banished from the church.

She was the daughter of the priest.

The story of this event is told by our very own, John Daniels of Lowick and the book is on sale and also locally at Lowick Village shop.

This punishment was for them "maliciously" hiding the corn tithes due to the Holy Island monastery. John saw the Latin, archive document of excommunication with the impressive red seal of the Prince Bishop of Durham and was then intrigued to research and then write his book.

Cornhill Community Choir.

- Do you love to sing...??
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- 7.30pm – 9pm.
- All songs are provided.
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Friendly Hound Studio

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Herbal workshops

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Creative Woodcraft

Small Axe Creative Woodcraft are presenting a range of creative projects to try using traditional green woodworking techniques and decorative carving. In March we will make use of the indoor studio space, you can make a spoon or try carving.

Wednesday Makers

Creative crafts exploring a range of techniques and materials including willow plant structures, journal making, felting, silk painting, applique cushion covers.

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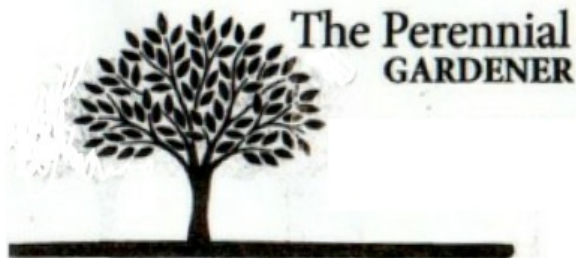
which can be ordered by phone/email



Contact Lisa Turnbull on 07900 841636

lisa@thebeautyroombranxton.co.uk

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Geoff & Carol FISH & CHIPS
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Please note times are approximate.

Etal (Black Bull)	4.45 to 5.25
Ford (Village)	5.30 to 6.00
Lowick	6.30 to 8.30

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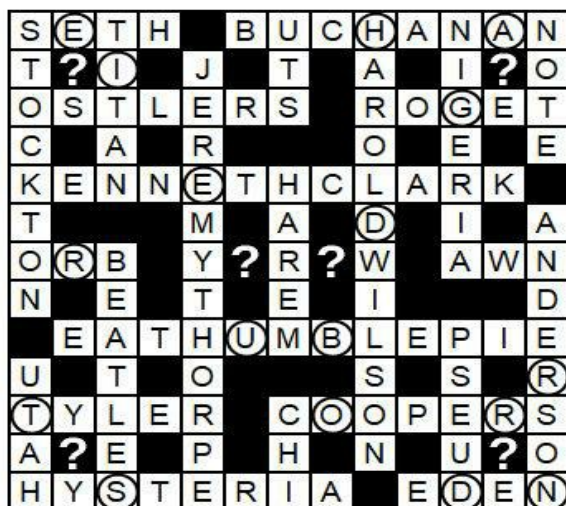


For Sale

Softwood Firewood

Minimum purchase: £90 for 2m²
(Equivalent to 2 x Potato Crates)

Please call for availability.



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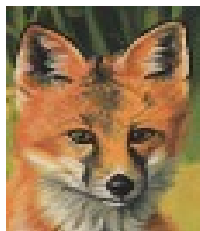
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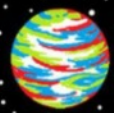


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Baby and Toddler Group

The Churches of Lowick, Ford & Etal and Ancroft invite you to try our new baby and toddler group on Monday mornings. There will be toys, stories and songs as well as hot drinks for grown ups

We will be running 5 sessions on the following Mondays after Easter:
15th, 22nd 29th April,
13th 20th May

ETAL VILLAGE HALL, 9AM-10AM (EXCEPT 7TH MAY)

For more information, please contact Alex:

☎ 07935 732811

Suggested donation
£2/session



New Age Kurling

Coming to Crookham Village Hall

suitable for people of all ages and abilities



If you are interested

or want to know more email

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Or call in to one of our Saturday coffee mornings 10-12

March winners of Crookham 90 Club were

First prize Number 46 Malcolm & Rita McMaster

Second prize Number 47 Richard Nettleton

Wooler United Reformed Church

Messy Church - Sunday April 7th
Fun, games, crafts, stories, food and singing 3 -5pm at Wooler Warm Hub.

Glendale Repair Cafe - April 13th
Come along with your broken items and save them going to landfill
10.00 - 1.00pm at The Cheviot Centre

Fliss Barker - Community Minister
M - 07570 594 049

email - woolercrcw@gmail.com

My usual day off is Saturday

The Priority Services Register (PSR)

It is free to join. It helps utility companies, including energy suppliers, electricity, gas and water networks to look after customers who have extra communication, access or safety needs. It helps companies tailor services to support households who need extra help with everyday energy matters like bills, and also in the unlikely event of a power cut, gas or water supply interruption. To find out more or register visit <http://www.thepsr.co.uk/>

BERWICK STOMA SUPPORT GROUP

Berwick stoma support groups meets every third Thursday of each month, 10-12 at The William Elder Building, Castlegate, Berwick, TD15 1 JT.
The next meetings are on April 18th. and May 16th

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



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.

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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

Rides from Wooler/Milfield – search NE66

Rides from Branxton/Etal – search TD12

Or find out more by contacting
Mandy Hildred on 07731 503587
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Let's Ride throughout the Summer!

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All the rides are FREE to join and are created and led by a friendly, experienced British Cycling trained and insured ride leader and usually last about 2-3 hours, depending on the route.

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Third Saturday of every month starting 16th
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 Saturday May 18th 2.00 – 4.00pm

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Sat 13 April 7:00pm

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Church Services

Church Services for April in Ford, Etal, Lowick with Kyloe and Ancroft

Sunday April 7th
Lowick 9.15am Holy Communion
Ford 11am Holy Communion

Sunday April 14th
Lowick 9.15am Holy Communion
Ford 11am Holy Communion

Sunday April 21st
Lowick 9.15am Holy Communion
Ford 11am Holy Communion

Sunday April 28th
Lowick 9.15am Holy Communion
10.30am Annual Parochial Church Meeting
Ford 11am Holy Communion
Ancroft 11am Morning Prayer

Weekdays:
Morning Prayer is said at 8.30am

Monday at Lowick
Tuesday at Ford
Wednesday at Ancroft
Thursday at Etal

Evening Prayer is said at 5.50 pm
Wednesday at Lowick

Priest in Charge: Revd Charlotte Osborn
Lowick Vicarage ceosborn@mail.com
01289 388591
Curate: Revd Alex Firman
07935 732811 alex_firman@hotmail.co.uk
Permission to Officiate: Revd Margaret Sentamu
01289 763659 m.sentamu@gmail.com

Donaldson's Lodge Methodist Church April 2024

Sunday Worship 11.00am

7th Rev Ranald Wylie
14th Rev Barrie Cash

Communion

21st Mrs Sue Aspen

Church Anniversary

28th Rev Kim Hurst

Minister: Rev Kim Hurst
Superintendent 01289306291

Rev Barrie Cash (Pastoral)
01835822222

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

Church Services in April 2024 at Branxton, Cornhill and Carham

Sunday 7th	9.30am	Branxton	Morning Worship
Easter 2	11.00am	Cornhill	Morning Worship
Sunday 14th	11.00am	Carham	Morning Worship
Easter 3			
Sunday 21st	9.30am	Branxton	Holy Communion
Easter 4	11.00am	Cornhill	Holy Communion
Sunday 28th	11.00am	Carham	Morning Worship
Easter 5			

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

April at a glance.

April	Event	Time	Where	Page
Mon 1st	Duck Race	11.30am	He'Bridge	1
Mon 1st	Easter Party	12---2pm	CVH	6
Wed 3rd	Messy Play	10---11am	CVH	6
Sund 7th	Messy Church	3----5pm	Warm Hub	11
Tues 9th	Sleep	2----4pm	CVH	4
Wed 10th	Wheely Play	10--11am	CVH	6
Frid 12th	Film	7.30 pm	EVH	13
Sat 13th	Bowls	2pm	Wooler	3
Sat 13th	Repair Café	10---1pm	Chev Ctr	11
Sat 13th	Play	7pm	Norham	14
Sun 14th	Quigong	10.30am	BVH	4
Tues 16th	Quigong	10.30am	CVH	4
Tues 16th	Film+Tea	2pm	BVH	14
Wed 17th	Bell V Lunch	12 noon	Bows VH	7
Thurs 18th	Stoma	10--12am	W Elder	11
Fri 19th	Aroma Th	2--4pm	CVH	4
Sat 20th	Sewcial	10--12am	BVH	14
Tues 23rd	Brx Rec AGM	6.30pm	BVH	7
Tues 23rd	BellV Lunch	12 noon	Corn VH	7
Thur 25th	CVH AGM	7pm	CVH	6
Fri 26th	Film Club	7pm	CVH	6
Tues 30th	Book Club	2.30pm	CVH	

Regular events
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Knit & Natter 2nd & 4th Mon. 2--4pm CVH
Art Group 2nd & 4th Wed. 2--4pm CVH

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