

NORHAM NEWSROUND

MAY 2026

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NORHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Norham Parish Council has a new website and email address:

Website: <https://www.norhamparishcouncil.gov.uk/>

Email: clerk@norhamparishcouncil.gov.uk

Agendas and minutes are posted on the website as well as on the noticeboard at the Village Hall

The Clerk, Stephen Cozens, can be contacted via email or by mobile phone on 07747 341 986.

POST VAN

The post van is back in Norham and will come each Thursday from 9.50-11.50am. Rachel would be delighted to see you!

VILLAGE HALL

Thank you to everyone who dropped in for coffee on Saturday 25th to see the proposals for the refurbishment of the hall. The plans (2 copies) will remain posted on the wall in the hall for about 6 weeks for everyone to have the chance to take a look. Please note that in addition to the reconfiguration of the rooms the plans include double glazing, solar panels, new heating and lighting systems and a new ceiling in the main hall.

The next Community Lunch will be on Thursday 2nd May from 12.30pm – 2pm. This will be the last one before the summer – and they will re-start in September.

To book the hall please use the online booking system – hallbookingonline.com/norham/ or contact us via e-mail at norhamvillagehall@gmail.com. Table tennis and snooker can be booked on an ad hoc basis if the hall is not already in use.

FRIENDS OF NORHAM CASTLE

After very constructive discussions with English Heritage at the end of April we are now waiting to hear about their proposals for bridges, buildings, walks etc. that might be achievable in this financial year. Immediately they hope to open the Sheepgate in the next month. More information in next month's newsround.

NORHAM WI

Our next meeting is on Thursday 14 May at 2pm. Please note this is a week later than usual and is for May only. This month we will be 'Pottery Painting' with Lorna Walkinson, the members competition is a pottery item and the theme for the meeting is Bedknobs and Broomsticks. For further information please contact our Secretary, Sally, on 07570 792024.

CRAFT AND CHAT

We continue to meet on Wednesday afternoon from 1 to 4 p.m. If you are a crafter, this busy, happy and social group could be for you - just bring along your latest project whether it's knitting, sewing, crochet, diamond art or any other craft else you will be very welcome. Refreshments are freely available. A small fee of £2 is requested to cover the cost of hiring the hall and heating. For further information please contact Jan on 07777 611714.

NORHAM CLEAN UP

We plan to clean up the wall along by Jubilee Field on Tuesday 12th May 4pm-6pm. Any and all help would be much appreciated. Please bring cutting tools with you and wear appropriate clothing.
Moira Graham

NORHAM IN BLOOM

Planting across the village will be starting soon. If you would like to be involved, please contact Lynne Ellerby by phone 382187 or by email lpellerby@gmail.com

THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST CUTHBERT, NORHAM

Christian aid week 2026

Sunday 10th May marks the beginning of Christian Aid Week. A special retiring collection will be held for the benefit of Christian Aid at the end of the 10am Communion Service in Norham Church. Please remember to bring some extra cash to the service. (If you forget, then you can write an IOU!)

An outdoor service for Ascension Day

Bow Well Farm, Norham
6.00pm, Thursday 14th May

- by kind invitation of Sheelagh Hume.

Head west out of Norham, passing Norham School on the left. Where the road bends sharp right, carry straight on down Boathouse Lane. About 150m further on, just before a bungalow on the left, turn left onto the track that heads straight uphill.



The Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2026

will take place during a shortened service of Holy Communion
at 10.00am on Sunday 24th May The Day of Pentecost

For more info, contact the Revd Rob Kelsey, (01289) 382325

NORHAM AND LADYKIRK HISTORY SOCIETY

The History Society has two meetings in May.

On Monday 11th May Willie Robson of Chainbridge Honey Farm will be entertaining us with history and anecdotes from the Honey Farm.

On Thursday 14th May John Sadler will be talking on 'Norham Castle - Queen of Border Fortresses'

Both meetings will start at 7.30pm and be held in Norham Village Hall. Everyone is welcome. The annual subscription is £10 – otherwise the cost is £2 per meeting. We look forward to seeing many of you there.

ST CUTHBERT'S CHOIR

There will be a concert given by St Cuthbert's choir and St Cuthbert's Junior Singers on Sunday 14th June at 3pm. More information to follow.

**St Cuthbert's Fair
Saturday 11th July 2-4pm
Norham Village Hall and Green**

There's a while to go yet BUT.....
We need your help! And your STUFF!

IN ADVANCE

TOMBOLA

Bottles and jars of anything, boxes of chocolates, toiletries etc (everything must be unopened and within sell by date!) -nothing poisonous!

BRIC A BRAC

Good quality bits and pieces, toys, other stuff (clean and complete please!)
NO BOOKS OR ELECTRICAL ITEMS PLEASE

RAFFLE PRIZES

There will be a (big blue) box for donations for any of the above at the back of the church waiting for you from 3rd May onwards.

Contact Tory Craig if pick up of large quantities/items is required

ON THE DAY

HOME BAKING

Sweet or savoury/small or large

PLANTS and PRODUCE

~Fresh fruit or veg, jams, jellies etc.

Please bring plants and fresh baking/produce to the hall on the morning of 11th July.

AND WE NEED YOU!

We would be hugely grateful if you could lend us a hand on the day for an hour or two! Or the night before - just putting up and/or taking down gazebos, stewarding etc. The more help we have the less there is to do!

Please contact Tory Craig torylintoncraig@aol.com 07745130987 for more information.

CONCERTS@ STCUTHBERTS

Sunday 3rd May 3pm

Berwick Concert Band Spring Concert
Tickets: - £10 on the door; U16s free
Tea and cake included!

The concert will include Mussorgsky's Great Gate of Kiev, with our own Julian Bonia on the organ.

Gordon Campbell, leader of the Berwick Concert Band, is one of the UK's most distinguished and experienced trombonists.

Julian Bonia is an extremely well known organist, awarded the Royal School of Church Music's Certificate of Special Service in 2018.

We are delighted to have two such consummate musicians head up what will be undoubtedly be an invigorating and lively concert which will blow the roof off, and the cobwebs away.



Saturday 23rd May 7pm



Coquetdale Chamber Choir
directed by John Casken

Anthems for St Cuthbert

The programme includes Sacred Choral Music from
16th - 21st Centuries and readings from "Cuddy" by
Benjamin Myers

Refreshments available

Friday 5th June 7pm

Julia Knight - Songs of Joy and Justice

Quirky musical comedy songs reflecting on life's ups and downs. Julia Knight is a musician, singer, improviser and psychologist. Her first solo show, "I Am Not Victoria Wood" had sell-out runs at Brighton and Edinburgh fringe festivals. Her second solo show, "Zeit-Heist: more than a feeling" premiered at Dundee Fringe and received 3 award nominations prior to winning an award at Liverpool Fringe festival in 2023! She is a regular comedy performer of self-penned comic songs on the Dundee comedy circuit and beyond. She lives in Fife, with her husband and her dog, Pepita.



Tickets £10 - available on the door
Refreshments available

ART EXHIBITION

Local artist Alex Ratcliffe is to hold an exhibition of his geometric artworks in the Village Hall on Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st June from 10am – 4pm each day.



NORHAM VILLAGE BAND

The Band will hold a Concert on Tuesday 26th May from 7-9pm in Norham Village Hall. We have some talented musicians and a wide variety of music so hope you will come to meet up with others and be entertained.

There will be delicious home made cakes, tea and coffee available and entry is by Donation.



The St Cuthbert's Project

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May 2026

The St Cuthbert's Project aims to improve the heating, lighting, seating and heritage interpretation at Norham Church, to make the church building more user-friendly and more useful to the wider community.

We are now making good progress towards our initial fundraising target of about £369,000, with the help of the following generous contributions:

Barbour Foundation	£2,000
Benefact Trust	£22,000
Catherine Cookson Charitable Trust	£5,000
Community Foundation (Barmoor Wind Farm)	£10,000
Garfield Weston Foundation	£30,000
Liddell-Simpson Trust	£2,000
National Lottery Heritage Fund	£245,000
Northumberland Historic Churches Trust	£10,000
William Leech Charity	£5,000

An anonymous donation of a Britannia 1oz gold coin and other fundraising activities should help to make up the shortfall. We are grateful for all that has been received and achieved to date, and are now turning our minds to the additional works in phase 2 of the project.

A very positive meeting took place on 20th April, involving a representative sample of the groups and organisations in the wider community. Lots of ideas were generated, which will help to shape our heritage interpretation. More information to follow!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 3 rd May	Berwick Concert Band
Mondays 4 th May - 1 st June	Norham Arts Workshops
Monday 11 th May	History Society
Thursday 14 th May	WI meeting
Thursday 14 th May	Special History Society lecture
Thursday 21 st May	Community Lunch
Saturday 23 rd May	Coquetdale choir concert
Tuesday 26 th May	Norham Village Band Concert
Friday 5 th June	Songs of Joy and Justice
Sunday 14 th June	St Cuthbert's Choir Concert
Saturday 20 th / Sun 21 st June	Geometric Art Exhibition
Saturday 11 th July	St Cuthbert's Summer Fair
August Bank Holiday	Family Village event
Friday 20 th November	Little Norham Christmas

ITEMS FOR MAY NEWSROUND

All contributions to be sent, in a word /jpeg format please - not pdf -
to Janet Young –
Janetyoung.lazda@gmail.com
by 6pm on Thursday 28th May
Thank you