

NORHAM NEWSROUND

APRIL 2026

Sincere condolences to all the family and friends of Bryce Clark

NORHAM PARISH COUNCIL

The new Parish Council Website is now Live
norhamparishcouncil.gov.uk

Here you will find all information relating to the Parish Council including dates of meetings, Agendas and Minutes.

Norhamlife.co.uk will provide a link to this new website whilst providing details of all other village activities and events.

War Memorial Restoration

The War Memorial is starting to show signs of weathering and some of the names of our Lost Ones are becoming difficult to read. Having looked at various options the decision has been taken to preserve the names with the addition of a Bronze plaque. The estimated cost is approximately £4000 and the Parish Council has set aside £1100 towards this. We will shortly begin fundraising and any donations would be greatly appreciated. Look out for our donation buckets around the village or alternatively you can donate via BACS

War Memorial Restoration, sort code 20-58-17, Account number 90128511
YOUR SUPPORT IS GREATLY APPRECIATED - THANK YOU

FRIENDS OF NORHAM CASTLE

Follow the Easter Monday Egg Trail and claim an eggstra egg or two to enjoy! Trail maps will be available from the village hall if you need some help. Egg decorating and other related challenges will take place in the hall starting at 2pm and everyone is welcome!

On Friday 17th April there will be a Batwalk down by the river. This ever popular event will be run by Graeme Wilson. All ages welcome! Free to members and £2 for everyone else. If you are interested in coming along please contact us – friendsofnorhamcastle@gmail.com.

Bastles, Chapels and Castle communities will be the subject of a talk by Dr Will Wyeth, Curator of History for English Heritage, on Wednesday 29th April following our AGM at 7pm in the hall.

The Great Norham Easter Egg Trail!

Easter Monday - 6th April 2026



Collect your maps between 2pm and 4pm from the Village Hall and find the 13 eggs hidden on the trail!
Discover the hidden phrase and win an Easter Egg!

And if you don't fancy a walk, then enjoy our excellent Easter activities in the Village Hall
(eggs+eggs to be won)



Organised by the
Friends of Norham Castle

FRIENDS of NORHAM CASTLE
BATWALK Led by Graeme Wilson

FRIDAY 17TH APRIL 8PM

Meet at the War Memorial
Weather appropriate clothing - sturdy shoes!
Members free : Non-members £2

To book your place: email us at friendsofnorhamcastle@gmail.com
OR tel 01289 382736

FRIENDS OF NORHAM CASTLE

Spring Lecture & AGM

"Bastles, Chapels and Castle Communities: New work on English Heritage's medieval properties"

Dr Will Wyeth, Curator of History, English Heritage

Date: Wednesday 29th April 2026
Time: 7pm
Venue: Village Hall, Norham
Free to FNC members; £2 to non-members
Refreshments available

English Heritage have just completed the new edition of the Norham Castle guidebook. This should be delivered to FNC by the end of March and will then be available to be purchased at £6 from the shops and pubs in the village. It will also be available to order directly from FNC via the e-mail address shown above.

VILLAGE HALL

On Saturday 25th April the final plans for the refurbishment of the village hall will be on display from 10am until 1pm and will then remain in the hall. After much discussion and deliberation, it seemed very unlikely that we would get planning permission for an extension towards West Street so that part of the plan has been shelved. Having considered all the comments received and discussed various options, this latest proposal seems to offer most of what is wished for. New heating and lighting systems, as well as double glazing are also proposed. A cup of coffee and some cake will be waiting to welcome you!

The next **Community Lunch** will be on Thursday 23rd April from 12.30pm – 2pm. We have been delighted by the response to this event and to see so many people enjoying each other's company is very cheering. There is no specific charge for the lunch and although we welcome donations of £3 - £3.50 to cover our costs, we are glad to receive any amount you feel you can offer as we have received a grant to help us fund these lunches.

If you would like to use the hall for any activity or event whether for a group or as a private function, 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.

NORHAM ARTS

Norham Arts, in collaboration with Artist and Printmaker Mo Healy, is offering relaxed and fun workshops on 'The Art of Book Folding'.

These will take place in Norham Village Hall from 10am -12pm on 5 consecutive Monday mornings from 4 May to 1 June. You can sign up for one, a few or all of the sessions.

Numbers are strictly limited and places are filling up fast, so if you would like to take part or have any queries please contact me, Sue Churchill, norhamartsgroup@gmail.com



'The Art of Book Folding'
with
Mo Healy
a series of 5 workshops

NORHAM
ARTS GROUP

- Mon 4th May
- Mon 11th May
- Mon 18th May
- Mon 25th May
- Mon 1st June

• 10 am - 12 •
• Norham Village Hall •
• £5 per session all materials provided •

ANY QUERIES/ TO BOOK CONTACT SUE CHURCHILL
norhamartsgroup@gmail.com

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 feature inter alia Mussorgsky's Great Gate of Kiev, with Julian Bonia on 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.



St. Cuthbert's Church, Norham

Spring Concert

With Berwick Concert Band
Conductor: Gordon Campbell
Organ: Julian Bonia

Featuring Modest Mussorgsky's
Great Gate of Kiev

Sunday 3rd May, 3pm

Tickets £10 on the door, under 16s free
In aid of the St. Cuthbert's Concert & Charities Fund

Including tea and home baking

Sunday 23rd May 7pm



Coquetdale Chamber Choir
Music Director
John Casken

Anthems for St Cuthbert
Sacred Choral Music of the
16th to 21st Centuries

Saturday, 23 May 2026, 7.00pm
St Cuthbert's Church, Norham TD15 2LE

Sunday, 24 May 2026, 3pm
St Mary the Virgin, Holy Island TD15 2RX

Tickets £10 on the door

www.coquetdalechamberchoir.org.uk
info@coquetdalechamberchoir.org.uk

making music



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

written and performed by Julia Knight

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 win 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



NORHAM WI

We meet next on Thursday 2 April 2026 and the hall will be open from 1:30 p.m. Our speaker is David McLean and his talk is entitled 'A Runaway Slave in Dunse'. The members competition is 'Something related to Duns'. The theme is an Easter Bonnet or painted egg and there will be a walking egg and spoon race! Further information is available from the Secretary, Sally Baylis on 07570 792024.

CRAFT AND CHAT

Don't forget we are here every Wednesday afternoon from 1pm. We would love you to join our thriving group of crafters - just bring your current project, settle down to an afternoon of good company and refreshments. For further information contact Jan L'Argent on 07777 611714.

NORHAM COMMUNITY ORCHARD – REPORT FROM THE ORCHARD GROUP

The Orchard was planted in January 2020, just before the Covid lock down and 41 out of the original 42 trees are still growing strongly. We planted a variety of fruit trees – apples, pears, plums, damsons, gages, cherries, quinces and medlars. A mixture of heritage fruit varieties and modern varieties suitable to the local conditions was selected. The orchard was funded by a Community Chest Grant, provided by Northumberland County Council, and by people in and around Norham, who generously paid to adopt all the individual trees.

On a lovely spring morning on the 21st March, six of us from the Orchard Group met in Norham Community Orchard in the Jubilee Field to do some pruning and tidying of the site and check

whether there are any concerns about the trees. This has been done regularly over the 6-year life of the Orchard. We found little damage to the trees themselves. We cleared some of the long grass near the roots and pruned some branches where there were cross-overs or some minor damage. Each tree has a number on a small metal disc attached to it, as well as a larger metal label with the number, fruit type and name of the variety, e.g. Apple Isaac Newton. Some of the labels have now faded and we are rewriting these labels at the moment and fixing them carefully, so that the names are visible. We have a map of the orchard available along with information about the different trees and who adopted them.

MASSAGE THERAPY

Julie Baird is a qualified Pilates instructor and Massage Therapist with 25 years of experience in body therapy. She will see patients in her Norham therapy studio and offers home visits within a 20 mile radius of the village. The benefits of massage therapy include “the promotion physical health and well being; the repair of damaged or tense soft tissues; and the improvement of circulation mobility and posture.”

Contact her by phone – 07963 088112 or by e-mail: juliebairdtherapeutics@gmail.com



The St Cuthbert's Project Bulletin No. 12 April 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 now hope that the building works will get done in the latter part of July and August, not least because of a wedding, concerts and other events that are due to take place in June and July. One such event is an exhibition featuring a painting of Norham Church by the portrait painter, Susan Ryder (<https://www.susanryder.co.uk/>), around the middle of July. The exhibition is being planned in collaboration with Norham Arts, and is expected to include artwork by pupils from Norham Primary School and Longridge Towers School.

The Standing Committee of Norham PCC (Parochial Church Council) acts as the steering committee for the St Cuthbert's Project. We recently recruited an adviser to help with managing and evaluating the project. Her name is Lyndsey Clark, who describes herself as being 'dedicated to helping organisations create outstanding exhibitions, interpretation and engagement projects.' The cost of this role is covered by the grant from the National Lottery Heritage Fund.

The role of the adviser will include:

- Engaging the wider community and potential heritage partners.
- Supporting the PCC to connect to other heritage destinations.
- Supporting the PCC to recruit specialist heritage advisers.
- Reviewing feedback from project participants, visitors, and the community.
- Supporting the PCC to be reflective and learn from the project.
- Identifying key areas of learning to be shared with other churches.
- Producing a final project evaluation report.



**THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST CUTHBERT, NORHAM
HOLY WEEK AND EASTER 2026**

PALM SUNDAY, 29th March

10.00am, The Procession of Palms

plus Holy Communion

We gather at the Village Hall from 9.30am.

(If you're unable to walk that far, please wait in the church.)

MONDAY 30TH MARCH

2.30pm, The Stations of Holy Week

With Norham CofE Primary School.

MAUNDY THURSDAY, 2nd April

7pm Holy Communion

with the Stripping of the Altars and The Watch

GOOD FRIDAY, 3rd April

2.00pm, A Service of Devotion before the Cross

EASTER NIGHT, Saturday 4th April

9.00pm, The Easter Vigil

Including the lighting of the Easter Fire and Easter Candle,
the ringing of bells and the Renewal of Baptismal Vows.

EASTER DAY, Sunday 5th April

8.00am, Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion

10.00am, First Sunday Holy Communion

With the St Cuthbert's Junior Singers.

Services of Worship will also take place via Zoom
at 11.30am on Palm Sunday, Good Friday and Easter Day.
For more info, contact the Revd Rob Kelsey, (01289) 382325.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 2 nd April	WI meeting
Thursday 2 nd April	Maundy Thursday Service
Friday 3 rd April	Good Friday Service
Saturday 4 th April	Easter Vigil
Sunday 5 th April	Easter Day
Monday 6 th April	FNC Easter Egg Hunt
Friday 17 th April	FNC Batwalk
Thursday 23 rd April	Community Lunch
Wednesday 29 th April	FNC – Lecture and AGM

Mondays 4 th May - 1 st June	Norham Arts Workshops
Sunday 23 rd May	Coquetdale choir concert
Friday 5 th June	Songs of Joy and Justice
Sunday 14 th June	St Cuthbert's Choir Concert
Saturday 11 th July	St Cuthbert's Summer Fair
Probably 23 rd August	Family Fun Day
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 30th April