

NORHAM NEWSROUND

MARCH 2026

Condolences to family and friends of Stephen Gibbon

Congratulations to Jacky and Eva Potts on their 64th wedding anniversary - 23rd March 2026.

NORHAM SURGERY

Even though there was a lot of nervousness about a new appointment system coming into place, we are now over two weeks in and it is working well for both patients and staff.

Thank you for all your support with our new system. I hope those of you who have used it have had a positive experience. We will be asking for feedback over the next few weeks but please feel free to give us any comments and constructive suggestions in the meantime.

We certainly have noticed a difference in being able to submit eConsults at any time during the day, rather than the 8.30am mad rush. Please remember that you do not need to phone Union Brae as we can help you with your eConsult at Norham, even if we don't have a Doctor in surgery that day.

If you are unsure about how to do an eConsult, please give us a ring or call in to see us and we will help.

Thanks again - from Debbie, Fee & all the Staff at the Surgery



NORHAM WI

The next meeting is on 5 March 2026 and we have the pleasure of Helen Cooper joining us to talk about the Howick Hall Kneelers. The members' competition is an item of tapestry or embroidery with the theme of Aladdin - with entries preferably made by the members. Doors open 1:30 pm. For further information please contact 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.

TABLE TENNIS CLUB

We meet every Tuesday from 10-11 am. to play Table Tennis in the village hall. Exercise certainly warms us up and invigorates us. Afterwards we usually go for a coffee or tea at one of our Norham pubs. Our numbers are slightly down at the moment. It would be lovely to welcome new players and those who have played in the past. Do join us for fun, friendship and enjoyable exercise

PILATES AND CALLANETICS

Classes are held on a Monday at 5.45pm and a Thursday at 5.45pm in Norham Village Hall. Other class venues are in Lowick on a Wednesday and Horncliffe on both Tuesdays and Fridays. Individual sessions for both pilates and Callanetics along with rehab pilates, reformer pilates, full studio pilates are available in my Pilates Studio in Norham.

For information please contact Carrie Lambert: - carrie.lambertpilates@hotmail.com.

NORHAM ARTS

We are excited to be able to share a flyer with you about Mo Healy's upcoming artist book workshops in Norham. Mo is a local artist/printmaker.

The sessions will take place on 5 consecutive Monday mornings from 4th May until 1st June. Numbers will be strictly limited.

If you'd like to book a place / have any queries please let me know: - Sue Churchill. norhamartsgroup@gmail.com



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

CONCERTS@ STCUTHBERTS

Firelight Trio

Sun 8th March 7pm (Doors open 6.30)

St Cuthberts Church Norham

Standard Tickets £15; U25s £10

NB Early bird booking until 9th Feb: Standard Tickets £12

<https://highlightsnorth.co.uk/events/firelight-trio/>



Hailing from Scotland, Firelight Trio play European folk music that is evocative, inventive, and endlessly exciting. With over 25 years of experience as professional musicians in bands including Moishe's Bagel, Gavin Marwick's Journeyman and more, Firelight Trio's repertoire is built upon a bedrock of European folk music, encompassing both traditional material and superb original compositions which are strongly influenced by the band members' individual, diverse and broad musical experience. Combining the many gifts of Phil Alexander's accordion, Gavin Marwick's fiddle and Ruth Morris's Swedish nyckelharpa, Firelight Trio weave a rich tapestry of lively Swedish polskas and Scottish reels, lilting French waltzes, toe tapping klezmer, dazzling original tunes and more. *'It's very hard not to think about Europe and be desperately furious*

about loss when listening to this incredible album by Firelight Trio. It's stuffed with Latvian marches, French Chapelloise, Balkan Polskas, Ukrainian klezmer tunes and German jigs.

At every turn it is joyous, deliriously uplifting, wildly inventive, it is breathtakingly beautiful, gently contemplative, wonderfully thoughtful. It is, in short, everything that makes European music so great. – Gavin McNamara (Tradfolk)

Refreshments available

CLEAN UP GROUP

Now Spring is just around the corner & hopefully getting warmer I'm thinking about getting started with a litter pick up at end March. Look out for date and time on Norham Life & Norham Craic.

FRIENDS OF NORHAM CASTLE

On Monday 6th April – Easter Monday – there will be an Easter Egg Hunt around the village and up into the castle as well as egg decorating in the hall. Event starts in the hall at 2pm. Everyone 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.

On Wednesday 29th April we will be holding our AGM in the hall. This will be enhanced by a talk about 'Bastles, chapels and castle communities' from Dr Will Wyeth, the Properties Historian from English Heritage.

On Monday 2nd March, work will begin on the wall of the car park building adjacent to the road. This is essential repair work and English Heritage is grateful for your patience with the inevitable consequent delays to road travel.

VILLAGE HALL

If you would like to use the hall for any activity or event please use the online booking system – hallbookingonline.com/norham/ or contact us at norhamvillagehall@gmail.com. Table tennis and snooker can be booked at anytime if the hall is not already in use

THE LENT DISCUSSION GROUP' 2026

On four Sundays in Lent, during the Sunday morning service, the Vicar will give a short (five minute) address, followed by a brief (two minute) Q&A session. Those who wish can continue the discussion at 6pm the following Tuesday, for up to three-quarters of an hour, in the Tower Room at the back of church.

The topics will be as follows

Date	Topic	Follow-up for those who wish at 6pm on
22nd February	The nature of the church: lifeboat or lighthouse?	Tue 24 th February
1st March	To be decided	Tue 3 rd March
8th March	What is a sacrament, and why does it matter?	Tue 10 th March

22nd March	What are we doing when we pray?	Tue 24 th March
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ADVENT WREATHS

The organisers of the Advent Window event in December 2025 would like to say a sincere Thank You to all those who so enthusiastically decorated their windows and also to those who tramped the village streets counting stars in order to enter the competition. Liam Johnson and the Keeley family were the lucky winners of the star count which got them each a prize supplied by the Masons Arms. Many thanks to the Masons Arms for their generosity.

The door wreaths were also well admired so thanks to those participants for their support. Between window decorating, star counting and wreath hanging these are just some of the ways which make our village a very special place to live.

If you want to grab a window number for 2026 please let Sheila Johnson know anytime between now and mid November at 28 West Street sheila.johnson@hotmail.co.uk



The St Cuthbert's Project

Bulletin No. 11

March 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.

The grant of £245,000 from the National Lottery Heritage Fund has been formally accepted, and we have recently received additional grants from:

- The Catherine Cookson Charitable Trust
- The William Leech Charitable Trust
- The Benefact Trust

Further grant applications are in progress or being planned.

Unfortunately, despite the best efforts of the Standing Committee, we have missed out on the opportunity to reclaim VAT from the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme. This is because the scheme is due to close at the end of this month; it is only possible to reclaim VAT on payments that have already been made; and the limited funds available have already been allocated. Thus, we now need to find an additional £15,500 to cover the cost of VAT.

Despite this, the Standing Committee have agreed in principle that we should 'aim high' where the heating provision is concerned (in the expectation that where there's a will, the funding will follow), rather than scale back our ambitions. The current aspiration is to complete the building works by the middle of July.

We are in the process of recruiting an advisor to help with developing the heritage interpretation at Norham Church, in partnership with other groups and organisations in the wider community. The cost of this role is covered by the grant from the National Lottery Heritage Fund.

For more information, please contact:

1. Churchwarden, Lucy Carroll, 07974 416692
2. Churchwarden, Nick Ellis, (01289) 382754
3. The Vicar, the Revd Rob Kelsey, (01289) 382325

THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST CUTHBERT, NORHAM
You are invited to
A Healing Service
6.00pm Sunday 1st March 2026



The service will be quiet and low key, with the opportunity to light a candle and, if you wish, ask for prayers for healing and wholeness for yourself, or for someone you know. The Vicar will be available to pray for you (perhaps alongside a member of the church), and confidentiality will be assured.

Mothering Sunday 10.00am, Sun 15th March 2026
With the St Cuthbert's Junior Singers



Pots of daffodils will be given out during the service in church to everyone present who is or has ever had a mother.
The remaining pots will be left at the back of church. **Please help yourself.**

The Church and Parish 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
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

Sunday 1 st March	Healing Service
Thursday 5 th March	WI meeting
Sunday 15 th March	Mothering Sunday
Thursday 19 th March	Community Lunch
Sunday 29 th March	Palm Sunday
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
Wednesday 29 th April	FNC AGM & lecture
Mondays 4 th May - 1 st June	Norham Arts Workshops
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 APRIL 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 26th March