

## **NORHAM NEWSROUND**

**NOVEMBER 2025**

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### **THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL 2025**

The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal is once again underway.

Moira & Gwen will be doing their usual door to door collection and poppies are available in the village shops & at the Masons Arms & Victoria Hotel. They will also be on sale outside the Village Hall on Saturday 1st November from 10am - 12noon.

Many thanks once again in anticipation of your support.

### **ST CUTHBERT'S CHURCH**

#### **Remembrance Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> November**

The Service for Remembrance Sunday will take place as usual this year, with the Remembrance Service in Norham Church at 10.00am, followed by the Act of Remembrance beside the war memorial from 10.45am.

#### **Remembrance Day, 11<sup>th</sup> November**

Norham Primary School will take part in a commemoration for Remembrance Day, starting at 10.50am on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November, beside the war memorial. Everyone is welcome to attend.

### **THE NORHAM LIVING NATIVITY**

**3.00pm, Sat 20<sup>th</sup> Dec 2025**



The Vicar would like to involve another one or two people in planning this year's Living Nativity. If you would be willing to be part of the group, please contact Rob Kelsey on (01289) 382325.

### **CLEAN UP GROUP**

Thank you to all the volunteers who came along last month to tidy the Church Yard wall & grass area. It was hard work but produced very pleasing results. Many thanks to William Jackson for use of trailer & disposing of all cuttings.

Moira Graham

## **NORHAM WI**

Sophie Kirkup of Todburn Soaps will be talking about 'Goats & Soaps' on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November. The competition will therefore be anything goat or soap related! Sophie will also bring some products to sell after the meeting closes. She will bring her own laptop & projector and her fee is £40.

As the theme is to be 'Bonfire Night', Connie would like members to make a Guy Fawkes as an extra competition.

## **CRAFT AND CHAT**

If you like to craft you are invited to join our really social group who just love crafting of all sorts. If you sew, knit, crochet, make cards or anything else we would love to welcome you into our group. Want to know more then give me a call, Jan L'Argent on 07777 611714.

## **NORHAM COMMUNITY WEBSITE ASSOCIATION**

Annual General Meeting - 10.30am, Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November in the Tower Room at the back of Norham Church. Everyone is invited to attend this meeting. For more information, please contact Rob Kelsey, (01289) 382325

## **ADVENT WREATHS**

The village always looks so festive with so many Christmas door wreaths so if you would like to join in, simply hang a seasonal wreath/ garland/ decoration on your front door/gate/railings during November.

## **NORHAM'S ADVENT CALENDAR**

There are still 3 Advent Windows to be filled so why not complete the Norham Advent Calendar by offering to be one of the remaining 'days'. Decorate your own window in a Christmas theme representing that day and then revealing it when the time comes. By December 24<sup>th</sup> there will be 24 windows on display.

Please contact Sheila Johnson at 'Abbotsford' 28 West Street or by email [Sheila.johnson@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:Sheila.johnson@hotmail.co.uk) before November 14<sup>th</sup>

## **ST CUTHBERT'S CHOIR**

The choir have already moved out of the church to a warmer rehearsal place! We will be singing a lovely anthem by Mendelssohn on Remembrance Sunday and on Advent Sunday (30th November) there will be another treat when two of our outstanding singers will be singing a piece by Karl Jenkins as the anthem.

If you shop at Morrisons please keep Saturday 6th December in mind, as we will be singing carols there to raise money for North Northumberland Hospice Care, starting at 10 am. If you forget to have some cash to hand, don't worry as we usually have a portable card reader as well as collection boxes. If you enjoy singing carols and would like to come along and sing with us, you would be most welcome. After that it will be all-systems-go for Christmas.



**SILENCED BELLS-DISTANT VOICES**  
**St Cuthbert's Church Norham**  
**6th-14th November 10am-4pm**

St Cuthbert's Church in Norham will be the setting for an extraordinary remembrance themed installation of art and music between 6 and 14 November. A sculpted artwork, *Distant Voices*, by Keith Roberts will be on display alongside a recording of *Memorial* by John Casken, a choral work he wrote for Coquetdale Chamber Choir in 2014.

Keith Roberts' broken and fractured life-size church bells represent the chaos and destruction of war. The bells have no tongues; they are silenced and have no voices. These are not bells that will ring out in celebration, but nine fragile and damaged bells which nevertheless speak to us of loss -and simultaneously ask us to consider what it is to be silenced.

*Memorial* is a choral work about twelve men from Upper Coquetdale who were lost during the First World War and who lie with no graves. Their names, ages and villages where they lived form part of John Casken's own text for the music, his memorial for the fallen and lost. The recorded work will be played every hour on the hour Monday to Saturday from 10am until 3pm, and by candlelight at 4pm. On Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November, Remembrance Sunday, it will be played from 12 noon, and every hour until 4pm thereafter.



**CONCERTS@ STCUTHBERTS**

A Special Date for Your Diary!

A Candlelit Concert at St Cuthberts!  
Gina McCormack and Marianna Abrahamyan  
6th December 7pm  
Tickets £15 (U16s Free)

**Available from <http://www.ticketebo.co.uk> or on the door subject to availability** In Aid of the St Cuthbert's Project

Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to hear two truly world class musicians on your own doorstep!

Gina McCormack is one of Britain's leading artists, with regular performances as a soloist and chamber musician at venues across the country and abroad. Gina has performed at the Wigmore Hall, and as soloist with the Hallé, Royal Philharmonic and Scottish Chamber Orchestras. She was the leader of the Sorrel Quartet for many years, and, more recently, spent two years as first violinist of the Brodsky Quartet. She is currently teaching at the Royal Northern College of Music, Manchester.

Armenian pianist Marianna Abrahamyan is an internationally recognised award-winning pianist and collaborative artist. In June 2024, she was awarded the degree of Doctor of Performing Arts by the University of St Andrews, and, in addition to her performing activities, she is a piano lecturer at the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland.

The St Cuthbert's Project aims to improve the heating, lighting, seating and heritage interpretation at Norham Church, in order to make the church building more user-friendly and more useful to the wider community. This concert will be the first to benefit from the stage curtain behind the chancel arch, which should reduce draughts and improve heating in the church, and is due to be installed as part of the St Cuthbert's Project.

### **FRIENDS OF NORHAM CASTLE**

Good news! Scaffolding has now gone up around the Sheep Gate and work on the masonry around the gate is now in progress and is hoped to be completed before Christmas 🙌🙌

English Heritage would like to hold a 'Maintenance Workshop' in the spring and engage volunteers to work on projects at the castle. As yet there is no definite plan about the bridges

In January there will be a talk by John Castling from Bishop Auckland about his archaeological work there. 'The Bishop's Palace Beneath the Lawns: Rediscovering Auckland Castle'. Norham Village Hall on 21st January 7pm. Details next month.

Looking for an idea for a stocking filler for Christmas? FNC have playing cards on offer for that very purpose! Contact '[friendsofnorhamcastle@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofnorhamcastle@gmail.com)' for details



### **NORHAM AND LADYKIRK HISTORY SOCIETY**

The Norham and Ladykirk History Society will meet in the Village Hall on Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30 to hear Phil Rowett talk on the Three HMS Berwicks of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century. Non-members very welcome. Also, on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> November there will be a visit to Norham Station. Anyone interested in joining this visit should email Chris Neville-Taylor as numbers are limited ([chrisnevilletaylor@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:chrisnevilletaylor@yahoo.co.uk)).

Our December talk on 8<sup>th</sup> December will be a joint meeting with the Friends of Norham Castle to hear John Sadler of the Time Bandits, speak on The Border Reivers 1513 – 1610. As usual, all are welcome.

### **COMMUNITY LUNCH**



A Community Lunch was held in the hall on 30<sup>th</sup> October. This proved to be very popular, so why not come along to the next one on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November at 12.30pm? Meet new and old friends and enjoy a hot meal in good company.

## **A LITTLE NORHAM CHRISTMAS 2025!**

**Friday 28th November 6-8.30pm**

**Norham Village Hall**

**Tickets on sale now!**

Your favourite festive fair is only a few weeks away -  
so time to grab your tickets while you can!



We have some old favourite stalls, and some new and exciting ones to explore, and a fabulous raffle. So come along, enjoy your complementary glass of fizz and canapés (included in your ticket price), meet up with friends, do some Christmas shopping and STILL feel virtuous in the knowledge you are helping two very good causes - Berwick Cancer Cars and Northern Soul Kitchen. What's not to like!

Tickets £7 each (Over 18s only) available from Norham Village Shop, RG Foremans, The Masons Arms and The Victoria , all in Norham, and Straight Lace in Castlegate, Berwick. Or contact Tory Craig 07745130987: [torylintoncraig@aol.com](mailto:torylintoncraig@aol.com)

**AND** another way to help those good causes.....

we have a festive food/produce stall - any contributions to it would be gratefully received - so any home-made cakes, jams and jellies, savoury or sweet, cookies, mince pies etc etc - all most welcome!

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday Worship
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	Mobile Library
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	WI meeting
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Silenced Bells – Distant Voices
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	Remembrance Service: - Church 10am War Memorial 10.45am
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	History Society meeting
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	School Commemoration War Memorial 10.50am
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> November	Mobile Library
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	Little Norham Christmas
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Candlelit Concert
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	History Society / FNC meeting
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Mobile Library
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Living Nativity
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2026	Mobile Library
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> January 2026	FNC lecture

### ITEMS FOR DECEMBER NEWSROUND

All contributions to be sent, in a word /jpeg format please - not pdf -  
to Janet Young – [Janetyoung.lazda@gmail.com](mailto:Janetyoung.lazda@gmail.com)  
by 6pm on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November

## NORHAM INDUSTRIAL SHOW 2025

We had a superb Industrial Show in Norham Village Hall on October 5<sup>th</sup> 2025.

There was an amazing display of 'Hats for the Homeless' which were knitted by Jo Paish, an army of her volunteers and a few other people besides which brought the total in excess of 200. Many thanks for organising that Jo.

Next years charity project is 'Teddies for tragedies'...what shall we set the target for?

The winners of all the classes were as follows:-

Cookery		
	Jam	<i>Joyce Luby</i>
	Marmalade	<i>Liz Towner</i>
	Chutney	<i>J Luby</i>
	Bread	<i>Emily Sturrock</i>
	Gingerbread	<i>Victoria Dickson</i>
	Victoria Sandwich	<i>Ailsa Dickson</i>
	Cherry Cake	<i>A Dickson</i>
	Chocolate Cake	<i>Dorothy White</i>
	Egg	<i>Susan Hay</i>
	Dropped Scones	<i>V Dickson</i>
	Cheese Scones	<i>A Dickson</i>
	Ham and Egg Pie	<i>Moir Graham</i>
	Girdle Cakes	<i>Sheila Johnson</i>
	Apple Tart	<i>M Graham</i>
	Gluten free traybake	<i>V Dickson</i>
	Soup	<i>Emily Sturrock</i>
	Health Bars	<i>Jeanette Watson</i>

Handicraft		
	4 ply knit	<i>Yvonne Balfour</i>
	DK knit	<i>Jo Paish</i>
	Snood	<i>S Johnson</i>
	Soft toy knitted	<i>J Paish</i>
	Homeless Hat	<i>Y Balfour</i>
	Prem baby hat	<i>J Luby</i>
	M/c sewn article	<i>J Luby</i>
	Patchwork	<i>Mary-Rose Blythe</i>
	Table runner	<i>Jan L'Argent</i>

Toy sewn	<i>J Luby</i>
Crocheted article	<i>J Luby</i>
Handicraft with stitching	<i>Nancy Smith</i>
Other handicraft	<i>J Paish</i>
Cross stitch	<i>A Dickson</i>
Upcycled article	<i>J Luby</i>
Card (incl sharp wrongly placed)	<i>S Johnson,</i>
Diamond painting	<i>A Dickinson</i>
B&W photo	<i>J Luby</i>
Snap 'A great invention'	<i>Pauline Kerr</i>
Snap 'Single flower'	<i>S Hay</i>
Humorous snap	<i>Emily Hay</i>
Floating bowl	<i>J Paish</i>
Floral arrangement	<i>Lynne Ellerby</i>
Herbs	<i>Liz Cameron</i>
3 Fruit/veg	<i>J L'Argent</i>
3 apples	<i>R Kelsey</i>
Collection of fruit/veg	<i>Liz and Jim Cameron,</i>
Family exhibit	<i>Olivia and Sheila Johnson</i>

<b>Children's classes</b>		
	Norham school handwriting	<i>Daisy, Bella, Harvey, Binnie, Beth, Joshua</i>
	Handwriting	<i>Maddy W Olivia J</i>
	Printing	<i>Daisy, Bea W</i>
	Space picture	<i>Bradley R, Bea W, Olivia J</i>
	Any handicraft	<i>Maddy W, Ailsa J</i>
	Fruit scones	<i>Luna D, Eve J</i>
	Buns	<i>Archie S, Eve J</i>
	Flowers	<i>Bea W, Eve J</i>

The committee were very happy to see so many entries from new entrants. Hopefully those competitors will enter again next year now that they have a taste for it.

This year's judges were very impressed with the quantity and quality of cookery exhibits, especially those lush chocolate cakes. The handicraft entries were slightly down but there were still some impressive items.

The 'Best in Show' was a crocheted apron made by Joyce Luby which must have taken her many hours to complete.

Visitors are always intrigued by the huge variety of organic fruit and veg displayed on trays. Competition was stiff but Jim and Liz Cameron were the winners of the Graham Toward Cup.



Joyce Luby will need a full tin of polish for all the silver ware she went home with – the Walker and Hall rosebowl; WI/ Scottish Rural trophy; Best in Show and Most handicrafts shield. She is a great all-rounder as demonstrated by her jam, chutney, knitting, toy making, crochet and upcycled cushion.

Olivia Johnson was delighted to win the Family Cup with a wee bit of assistance from her Granny. That decorated biscuit was superb Olivia.

The Childrens' shields were well fought over this year, and in the end nothing could separate Maddie W and Bea W for the Norham School shield and the Jasper Moody memorial shield. Well done girls. Success came because you both entered every single class with great exhibits.

Emily Sturrock is a young lady to watch. Even though she is still at school she still beat all the adults and won the shield for most adult cookery points. It was worth practising that bread and soup Emily.

Every year there is a schedule cover colouring competition. There are always a good number of entries and this year's winners were Beth T, Ailsa J and Victoria Dickson.

It is planned to hold the next Norham Industrial Show on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2026, with the theme of 'Harry Potter'. If you would like a preliminary schedule so that you can start your craft entries now, then please contact the show secretary Sheila Johnson at 28 West St or email [Sheila.johnson@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:Sheila.johnson@hotmail.co.uk)

Many thanks to Participants, Visitors, Tea Ladies, Judges, Raffle ticket sellers, Tidy uppers and Ailsa D for all their help on the day, without whose help the show just wouldn't happen.

Hopefully we will see you all next year.