A visitor once said “What on earth do you do round here?” She was handed the Fourum and was amazed at the range and variety of the listed activities. At a time of many Annual General Meetings let us say a big “thank you” to all the volunteers who make things happen in our area, serving on Parish committees, clubs, and societies. Consider the, often unsung, secretaries, treasurers, chairmen and individual volunteers who give their time and energies to providing the wealth of activities which we enjoy and which helps to ensure a strong community spirit.

Norham Group of the Mothers’ Union

Monday, 10th March at 1.00pm.
Lent Lunch
Tickets £4 available from Eileen Turnbull
Tel: 820 222
Branxton Village Hall.

All welcome.

ETAL ONION CLUB
Annual General Meeting
Wednesday 12th March at 7.30pm
in the Black Bull, Etal

Quiz Night
Friday 14th March 7.30pm
Etal Village Hall
£8 per team

CROOKHAM GARDENING CLUB
Saturday, 29th March 10.30 a.m in Crookham Village Hall

TALK/DEMONSTRATION by SUE MALLOY
Members and friends welcome
For further information phone
Mary Lockie 01890 820226

TillVAS
‘Magic Metals’
Bronze Age High Society in the Borders.

A talk by Trevor Cowie
on Wednesday, 5th March at 7.30pm in Crookham Village Hall.

All welcome

Members free of charge, Visitors £4.

Join TillVAS for £10.

This covers all talks – apart from the James IV Memorial Lecture – most walks and outings and covers taking part in field-walking and excavations for one year.

Deadline for the April issue of The Fourum Monday 10th March

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NOTE the spelling which is a play on the word Forum.

Please indicate the issue as the subject. Preferred file formats are: text (.txt); Word (.doc or .docx); photographs (.jpg); Acrobat (.pdf)
Ford Parish Council news

Construction of the Barmoor Wind Farm is due to start in April and the Parish Council is supporting the Governors of Ford School in their request for construction traffic to avoid Ford village during the dropping off and picking up times, and are also asking for lorries to avoid Crookham altogether and use the B6354. The turbines themselves will not come through our area /CharA0 and we are still awaiting information on the frequency, if any, of HGVs carrying cement, etc., through the Parish.

We are currently looking at repairs to the Crookham bus shelter on the A697 and hopefully work will start when the weather improves.

At present the councillors are Tom Turnbull, Richard Baker, Valerie Keating, Mark Cuddigan, Alan Rogerson, Joyce Guthrie, Mac Bell and Alan Holmes (Chair).

The Clerk is Steve Taylor. Tel: 01890 820566
email /CharA0 clerkfordpc@btinternet.com

On May 6th we are to hold an Annual Parish Meeting of which further details later.

Our next meeting is at 7pm on 11th March at Crookham Village Hall - all residents are welcome to attend.

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ADVANCE NOTICE OF
WORLD WAR 1 ANNIVERSARY VISIT 2014

The Royal British Legion, Northumbria, are organising a pilgrimage to The Somme area of Northern France from 7th to the 12th of September 2014. Coaches will take you from selected stop off points in the north east to Hull, where you will sail for Zeebrugge. A cabin, Dinner and Breakfast will be provided on the Ferry (both ways) and 3 nights accommodation with Breakfast and Dinner each day will further enhance your stay. Whilst there, the coaches will take you to all the major battlefield sites in Northern France and Belgium.

Please note that the cost of a tour guide and entrance to museums etc will be charged extra.

PRICE £390 per person
Deposit of £30 per person (non-refundable) will secure your place on this fantastic tour.

Please contact: Mr Derek Bland Tel 0191 581 5247
07947826511 Email: derekbland@hotmail.com
Fond Farewell

Ian Cairns and Yvonne are leaving Crookham to take up tenancy of Broom House Farm in the south of Northumberland. Heather Pentland asked them to tell us what exactly was going to happen. We wish them good luck in their new (ad)venture!

Hi Heather,

Here is some information about the farm and what we plan to do. Broom House Farm sits on the National Trust Estate at Wallington Hall, near Cambo. The parkland, grass and arable fields lie on three sides of the property at Wallington Hall and must be one of most scenic spots in Northumberland. We plan to run the farm with a large sheep flock and small beef herd and will open a visitor attraction at Broom House, with different events throughout the year. The farm needs lots of investment, so this will be a three year process, but we are starting off with lambing open days each day of the school Easter Holidays this year - starting on 5th April. Visitors will be transported to and from the farm from the Wallington Hall car park.

We hope that we can develop the farm to demonstrate how farming bridges the gap between food production and responsible long term land management. We will miss Crookham, but plan (you must have a plan!) to come back to Crookham Dairy when the tenancy agreement at Broom House expires in 15 years time. We hope that many of you will be able to come and visit us at Broom House in the meantime - you will be very welcome!

Ian & Yvonne
ircairns@outlook.com
New Phone number: 01670 774830
Mobile: 07786171819

Northumberland Residents Festival

What is the Residents' Festival?

Over the festival weekend, Saturday 29th and Sunday 30th of March 2014, Northumberland residents can enjoy free or discounted entry to top attractions across the county including castles, gardens, stately homes and museums. 'Our people- our places' is organised by Northumberland County Council in partnership with leading visitor attractions and has become a firm favourite with local people.

Etal Castle, Heatherslaw Corn Mill and Lady Waterford Hall are all taking part in the Northumberland Residents Festival – see: http://www.northumberland.gov.uk/default.aspx?page=9494 for more information.

Also for the Residents’ weekend, the Flodden Education Team will be hosting ‘War Horses of Flodden’ - fun and free family activities in the building opposite Heatherslaw Mill. There’ll even be a horse dressed for battle!

For more information visit: www.ford-and-etal.co.uk

Did you know that the rural areas of Northumberland National Park and Kielder Water & Forest Park have the darkest skies in England?

It is estimated that 85% of the UK population has never seen a truly dark sky or experienced the sense of wonder that a clear night crackling with billions of stars can give. The International Dark Sky Association (IDA) is the leading international organisation combating light pollution worldwide and the Northumberland National Park Authority, Kielder Water & Forest Park Development Trust and Kielder Observatory Astronomical Society were awarded the title of Northumberland Dark Sky Park in December 2013. This means nearly 1500 square kilometres of Northumberland has been designated an area to conserve and enjoy, making Northumberland, Europe's largest Dark Sky Park.
**Thank You**

to all those who ran and supported the Bingo in aid of the FOURUM on Wednesday 29th January.
A wonderful £293 was raised which will enable the FOURUM team to print about 6 editions.

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**Thank You**
to all who supported the Coffee Morning in Wooler on 1st February.
£405 was raised for Ford and Etal Church funds.

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**Thank You**
to everyone who supported the charity Coffee Morning in Crookham Village Hall on 8th March.
£555 was raised for Ford and Etal Church funds.

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**Welcome**
to Darcey Jean, a ninth grandchild for Don and Janet Stewart of Crookham.

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**Miaouw**

My name is Peter Guthrie and my family have recently taken in a stray cat which we have named Honey. My mum first sighted her in December and other neighbours have also sighted her. Last night we tamed her in, when we saw her near our door. We think she is a stray, but she could have belonged to someone. She appears to be very friendly to human contact and has used a litter tray we have put out for her. She has very matted fur and is long haired, so I am having quite a job unmatting her. We also think she is pregnant. Basically we are wondering if she was someone’s pet. She is long haired, mainly ginger (with ginger on her nose, back and ears) with white.

Contact Joyce, Laurence and Peter Guthrie on 01890 820 709

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**Ford & Etal Estates**

Letham Hill Sawmill
01890 820 304
Monday to Thursday 8.30am - 4.00pm
Friday 8.30am - 3.00pm

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**Etal Shop**

Winter Fuel Price List:

- 20Kg Best Coal £10.00
- Heat Logs (Hot Max) £8.00
- Net of Hardwood Logs £7.00
- Peat Briquettes £6.00
- Kindling £4.75
- Fire Lighters 95p

Keep it local!
The Parish of Ford and Etal
The Chapel of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Etal.

Sunday, 2nd March.
All Ages Service 10.15am.

March 5th.
Ash Wednesday service, TBA

Sunday 9th, 16th and 23rd March.
Holy Eucharist at 10.15am.

Sunday 30th March
Mothering Sunday 30th March
Service at 10.15am.

Welcome the Word, a service for children
takes place every Sunday at 10.15am except
on the first Sunday of the month.

Refreshments after all services.

You are always very welcome to join us.

Women’s World day of prayer Friday 7th
March 2.00pm Etal Church

St Ninian’s Church, Wooler.
Mass every Sunday at 9am.

St Paul’s Branxton
Holy Communion 9.30am. March 2, 16, 23
Morning Worship 11.00am. March 9

St Cuthbert’s Carham
Holy Communion 9.30am. March 9
Morning Worship 11.00am. March 23

St Helen’s Cornhill
Holy Communion 11.00am. March 2
Morning Worship 11.00am. March 16

Joint service for all three parishes
11.00am. March 30

Norham Parish Church and the Rural Churches Group of Carham, Cornhill and Branxton.
Learning in Lent 2014: What are we doing when we pray?
A series of four sessions (subject to variation) led by the Revd. Rob Kelsey

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Flodden Peace Centre at Crookham United Reformed Church

The next meeting of the management group is on Friday 28th February at 5.30pm. A range of garden tours, peace speakers and new and thought provoking activities and challenges is being prepared relevant to this year.

March 29th/30th, the Northumberland Residents Weekend - on Saturday 29th March we are holding guided tours around the Peace Garden at 11am and 12 noon, and on Sunday 30th we are having a Mothering Sunday service at 11am, followed by a simple Daffodil Lunch, with guided walks around the Peace Garden at 12noon and 1pm. There will also be a Battle of Flodden exhibition on display in the Church from 11am until 2pm on both days.

Services at Crookham URC will be held at 11am on Sunday 2nd March, 23 March, and 6 April. Easter Sunday 20th April at 2pm, then 27 April at 11am, and 25 May 11am; thereafter we will have services on the 4th Sunday of every month at 11am through the rest of this year.
Daffodil Day
at Oakhall
on Saturday 29th March
from 2pm – 5pm.
Free entry, walk
round the garden
– enjoy a cup of tea –
Plant stall and raffle.
Park & Ride from
Crookham village
In aid of the Fourum

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ETAL FLOWER SHOW
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Saturday, 8th March
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Crookham Village Hall
Raffle, cakes, produce stall
Contact:
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01890 820226

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Flicks in the Sticks

Etal Village Hall at 7.00 for 7.30pm

Winter Programme.

March 7th ... Cloud Atlas.  
(172 min Adventure/ Drama /Sci-Fi 15 )
An exploration of how the actions of individual lives impact one another in the past, present and future, as one soul is shaped from a killer into a hero, and an act of kindness ripples across centuries to inspire a revolution. Tom Hanks, Halle Berry, Hugo Weaving.

April 11th ... A Separation. ( 123 min - Drama - (Iran) PG)
A married couple are faced with a difficult decision - to improve the life of their child by moving to another country or to stay in Iran and look after a parent with Alzheimer's Disease.

May 9th  Viewer’s Choice.

The Ford and Etal Beavers

meet at Ford Scout Camp Site on Wednesday evenings between 4.45 and 6.00pm, during term time. Adult assistance would be most welcome.

Cubs and scouts meet on Thursday evenings.

The group would like to show you their new Scout Campsite at Ford and are holding a Craft and Food Fair on Sunday 2nd March from 11am until 3.00pm.

Free Entry
All Welcome
Over 20 Stalls

Please support us and come to admire our new Ford Scout Campsite
### What’s on? at a glance

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Contact Joanne 01890 882150 or Nick 01890 820219

Email: 1stfloddenbpscouts@gmail.com

### Crookham Art Group

**CVH Thursdays 2 – 4pm**

### Branxton Exercise Class

**Tuesdays at 10.30 -11.30am**

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### Snooker

Every Wednesday at 7.00.

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### Carpet Bowls

Every Monday

At 7pm. LWH.

### Whist afternoon

First Wednesday at 1.30pm BVH