The FOURUM team hope you enjoy this edition and find it useful. We are looking at more efficient ways of making the FOURUM available to everyone.

We would like to encourage more readers to take the g-mail version instead of the printed one and perhaps print it for themselves. To get the electronic version simply send a message to thefourum@gmail.com and we will add your e-mail address to our mailing list. This list is not used for anything else. This would save our volunteers printing and delivering to those who have on line computers. We would like those people to tell the volunteer who delivers to them that they will get the g-mail version in future. If you cannot contact your volunteer then please tell us at thefourum@gmail.com and we will let them know.

Best wishes from the FOURUM team.

Congratulations to Clive Hallam-Baker on winning The Battlefields’ Trust “President’s Award 2014” for his work on The Battle of Flodden.

This is awarded annually by the President, Robert Hardy, not only one of Britain’s finest actors, but an acknowledged expert on the Longbow.

This is the fifth award won by the Remembering Flodden Project, led by Clive.

Plant supports
Etal Basketmaking Group will be making plant supports at Etal Village Hall from 10-4 on Sunday May 11th.

Please come and join us. Willow and instruction will be provided and you should be able to make two structures. The cost for those who are not already members of the group will be £35 but you need to book a place by emailing: mary.barber@virgin.net or ringing 01289388293. Usual rates apply to group members.

PLANT SALE

on Saturday May 17th at 10.00am
in Branxton Village Hall

Deadline for the June issue of The Fourum Monday 12th May

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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

IMPORTANT NOTICE

There will be an Annual Parish Meeting in the Lady Waterford Hall at 6.30 pm on 6th May, at which an update will be given on the Community Fund generated by the Barmoor Wind Farm. Residents are invited to propose schemes which could benefit from the fund of £60K per annum shared with Lowick and Bowsden PC's. Light refreshments will be served.

This will be followed by the AGM and the normal bimonthly meeting.

Website: www.wooler.org.uk/fordpc

Ford Preschool

Applications are now invited for places at Ford Preschool from September 2014.

2, 3 & 4 year old funded places available.

To request an application form, e-mail: carolatpreschool@aol.com or call 07929 403 411

Ford 0-5's
Stay & Play
every Thursday - term time - in the Main School Hall, 9.30 am - 11.15am 50p per family.

All are Welcome.

Ford School News

Local information and tourist news

Ford School PTA

The Spring Craft/Food Fair was held on the 29th March at the school. A variety of stalls selling chocolate, cakes, gifts, cards, bags, plants and much more were in the hall while Beech classroom served as a very popular tearoom. We had children's activities including a treasure hunt, cake decorating and face painting. The day enjoyed support not only from some of the parents and their families attending but lots of locals and also visitors to the area.

£680 was raised and we would like to thank everyone involved for helping to reach this excellent amount. Part of this money will be used to replace and add to the musical instruments in the school.

THANK YOU

Ford School PTA 100 Club Prize Draw

The March draw took place at the school on the 28th at the Mother's Day Assembly

1st Prize No. 69
2nd Prize No. 28

Prizes have been claimed

Money raised from the 100 club helps toward the costs of school transport for the children, such as field trips, swimming lessons and the Christmas outing.

Please contact us if you would like to help by purchasing a number.

Email: info@fordschoolpta.org.uk or Tel:07900827223
Focus on......

Crookham Gardening Club was formed in 2008 with 27 members. The aim was to meet monthly with speakers during the winter, and visits to local gardens in the warmer months. We have had many interesting visits including Herterton House, Floors Castle, Howick Hall, Lilburn, Etal Manor and New Etal to name but a few, also a bus trip was organised to RHS Harlow Carr near Harrogate.

Every summer we have an afternoon visiting some of the members' gardens; a scrumptious tea at the end is one of the highlights!

In 2009 work began on the Village Hall garden with the help of a £1593 grant and this area has proved to be a real asset to the Hall and the village; last winter members planted bulbs at the Crookham junction which are now in flower and will give a lovely display in years to come.

. Thanks to all who worked hard to make these projects possible. In 2012 we were lucky enough to host Radio 4's Gardeners' Question Time, tickets were a sell-out for this most entertaining event. During the 2013 year of Flodden commemorations the Gardening Club organised a Flower Festival in Crookham URC.

We are always pleased to welcome new members to join our group, or visitors can come along to single visits or talks, ring Mary Lockie on 820226 for further details.

If you would like your Club or Group to be featured in a future edition of the Fourum, please send your submission to thefourum@gmail.com.

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TillVAS
Till Valley Archaeological Society.

At the AGM held on 2nd April, Antony Chessell from Coldstream was elected to the post of Chairman of TillVAS. The rest of the committee remains the same with Mike Keating as Treasurer, Maureen Charlton as Secretary and Alan Urwin as Membership Secretary. Carol Chapman, Abby Farndale Brown, Diana Smith and Heather Pentland are also on the committee. It has been gratifying to have almost everyone renew their membership and, so far, three new members have joined during April.

Some members joined the Flodden 500 Wark Castle excavation. It was a very wet but rewarding few days. The biggest exciting find was a 16th century bodkin arrow head, plus lots of medieval pottery, flints and a wall which requires further investigation.

TillVAS thanks the people who have contacted us with information about relatives from the First World War. We are still interested in information, photographs, newspaper articles and letters. Please contact Maureen Charlton or Heather Pentland with any information you might have. At present, we are researching the Crookham Post of the Comrades of the Great War – the forerunner of the British Legion, founded in 1918, in Crookham, before the end of the War.

Ford and Etal Estates have kindly allowed us to use the Bakery for another TillVAS Exhibition this year and we are in the process of sorting and collecting material for the display. It will be entirely different from last year. We hope to open in May – more information in next month’s Fourum.

Finally – on Wednesday, 7th May at 7.30pm our chairman Anthony Chessell will give a talk with the intriguing title of:

Coldstream Priory and the Tweed Ford

All are welcome, members free of charge, visitors £4.
TillVAS contact: Maureen Charlton 01668 216091.
Welcome

and Congratulations to Brian and Laura at Ford Post Office on the birth of a baby boy born at 1.30am on 22nd April.
He weighed in at a very healthy 8lbs 10ozs. At the time of going to press, names were still to be decided. Best wishes to all.

ARE YOU GOOD WITH YOUR HANDS?

Macmillan Cancer Support are once again going to hold a fair in the Berwick Guildhall in November this year, and I have volunteered to take a stall, with all proceeds going to Macmillan. My aim is to have as many HANDMADE goods as I can gather on the stall - but most likely not foodstuffs. So far I have had a few promises of items such as lavender bags, aprons, cushions, knitting and cards. So, if anyone feels that they can help me by offering articles for sale in support of Macmillan's valuable work I would be extremely grateful! For more information please get in touch with Harriet Joicey - 01890-820 205

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Thank You

to all who braved the cold to walk around Oakhall garden before enjoying a cup of tea and a gossip on Daffodil Day.
Together you raised a very generous £38 towards the production costs of the Fourum

Snooker News
Ford Snooker 100 Club

April winners
Bobby Jeffery £35
Colin Turnbull £15
Mel & Pat Hodgson £10

Winnings may be collected from Ford PO.

End of a Summer Tradition?

Sadly, Alfreda and Amanda have decided they are unable to carry on organising the summer Fete.
If anyone else would like to take on the organisation of this event, please contact Amanda on 01668 216271.
If no-one comes forward then the monies saved to date will be donated to various local good causes.
Many thanks to all the people who have put in time and energy in the past to make this a really fun event.

Dog Fouling in Crookham Village.
Please would dog owners be responsible and “Pick Up” after their dogs, particularly on footpaths in and around the village.

The Lavender Tearooms & Shop
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Church News

The Parish of Ford and Etal
St Michael and All Angels, Ford.

Sunday May 4th – a service for all ages.

Services are at 10.30am every Sunday.

Welcome the Word, a service for children – every Sunday at 10.30am, except for the 1st Sunday of the month.

Refreshments after all services.
You are always very welcome to join us.

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

Branxton, Carham and Cornhill

St. Paul’s Branxton
Holy Communion 9.30am. May 4, 18, 25.
Morning Worship 11.00am. May 11.
Rogationtide Service 3.00pm May 25.

St. Cuthbert’s Carham
Holy Communion 9.30am. May 11
Morning Worship 11.00am. May 25.

St. Helen’s Cornhill
Holy Communion 11.00am. May 4
Morning Worship 11.00am. May 4.

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Mass every Sunday at 9am.

Crookham United Reformed Church
Flodden Peace Centre at Crookham 2014
Grid Reference: NT 917382 Sat Nav Post Code TD12 4SY

Directions: Approaching from the south and the north on the A697, follow the directions into Crookham Village. The Peace Centre is 100 yards into the village on the right hand side.

May 8th - Red Cross/Red Crescent Day and 1st Anniversary of Flodden Peace Centre. European Election Hustings and guided tour of Peace Garden. General public 6.30pm a Peace Garden Tour for visitors. Free
7 - 8.30pm Election Hustings: meeting the candidates for the European Parliament in preparation for the Euro elections on the 22nd May. Come and ask your questions and listen to candidates speaking on peace and global security.

A collection for The Red Cross will be taken.

Looking Ahead.

August 4th Monday 100th Anniversary of start of World War I - The Centre will mark the anniversary with members of the community. Free. Further details at www.flodden1513.com

6th August Hiroshima Day - 7 pm Book discussion: Eric Lomax’s The Railwayman. The evening will start with a short ceremony in the Peace Garden. Free

August 22nd Friday 150th Anniversary of Adoption of Geneva Convention 1864 to protect the sick and wounded in armies in the field which paved the way for the 1949 Geneva Conventions, of which Japan was not a signatory.
Film Evening: The Railwayman 7.30pm. Free.

September 5th pm Peace Centre Guest Speaker. Details: www.flodden1513.com nearer to time.

Sept 9th Tuesday 3pm 501st Anniversary of Battle of Flodden - Scottish Independence Referendum Election Hustings, hear the case for the yes and no vote and ask your questions.
Also 2.30 and 5pm public tours of the Flodden Peace Garden. Free

Sept 13-14 Sat and Sun 11- 3pm both days Open Heritage Days: Flodden Exhibition, Guided Peace Garden tours. Free

Sept 14th 11am: worship focused on Racial Justice Sunday - Details closer to the date www.flodden1513.com

September 21st Sunday 6pm International Day of Peace: An evening of Garden Tours, screening of’Peace One Day’ DVD (86 min), and Music. Free. Details www.flodden1513.com

24th Friday October United Nations Day - One World Week. Guest speaker. Details available nearer the time: www.flodden1513.com

Sunday 26th October - 11am One World Week Sunday service.

November 14th 7.30pm Berwick Male Voice Choir and Crookham Cuckoo. Proceeds for Margaret Kerr Unit

December 24th Wednesday 4 - 5.30pm Carol Singing around the village of Crookham - donations to The Red Cross. Refreshments in the Flodden Peace Centre
Flicks in the Sticks
May 9th in Etal Village Hall
at 7.00 for 7.30pm
wine and nibbles
Searching for Sugar Man
86 mins pg13
Two South Africans set out to discover what happened to their unlikely musical hero, the mysterious 1970s rock 'n' roller, Rodriguez.

Music at Etal Hall

Coope, Boyes & Simpson
In Flanders Fields

Saturday 17th May
Haunting and irreverent, the words and music of In Flanders Fields catch the indestructible spirit that defied one of the greatest human tragedies of the twentieth century. Featuring the outstanding acappella singers, Coope Boyes and Simpson, the production is a tribute to lives caught up in the War to end all Wars and brings together the poetry which turned experience of ‘the pity of war’ into a lasting memorial. The biting humour of the soldiers on the Western Front who contributed to Trench magazine, The Wipers Times and – most evocative of all - music of the time and specially commissioned songs.

Tickets for this show are £12 and are available from Helen or Steve.
Telephone 01890 820566
E-mail hmoffitsvq@btinternet.com

To avoid disappointment please book and pay for your tickets in advance as we expect that this concert will sell out.
http://www.coopeboyesandsimpson.co.uk
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- Beavers/Cubs: 6pm Wednesdays
- Scouts/Seniors: 6pm Thursdays
- Branston Village Hall
- Contact Joanne 01890 882150 or Nick 01890 820219
- Email: 1stfloddenbpscouts@gmail.com

### Crookham Art Group
- CVH
- Thursdays 2 – 4pm

### Branston Exercise Class
- Tuesdays at 10.30 -11.30am

### Plant Sale
- Saturday 17th May 10.00am BVH

### Snooker
- Every Wednesday at 7.00 in Crookham Village Hall
- Tel: 01890 820 201

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