

## Crookham Woodland Creation

Ford & Etal Estates are looking at how the Estate can play a role in the widely supported national goal of significantly expanding the area of woodland in the UK. Scottish Woodlands Ltd are working on behalf of the Estate to take forward a woodland creation site near Crookham village (GRN: NT917 376, W3W: parsnips.reported.copy).

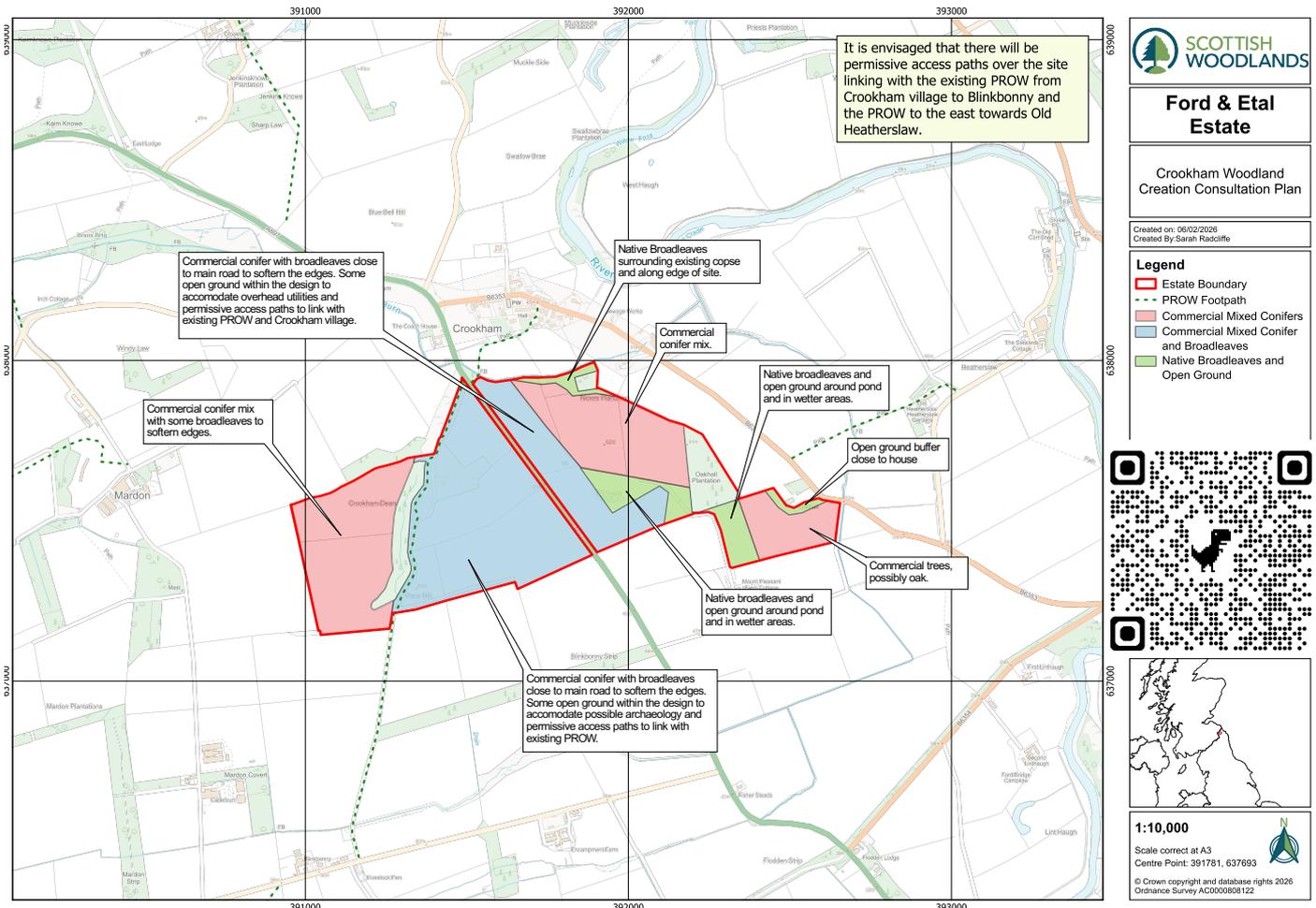
Climate change and the acknowledged role woodland can play in carbon capture are the current focus of attention, but multipurpose woodlands have traditionally delivered a range of other benefits including clean rivers, flood reduction, recreation, timber production and biodiversity.

Modern forest design is required to meet the UK Forestry Standard (UKFS), and the Forestry Commission will only approve a project which meets these requirements. The UKFS ensures productive woodlands deliver multiple objectives by specifying proportions of open ground, native woodland, diverse conifers as well as Sitka spruce. In addition, buffer zones are specified to protect archaeology and high value habitats.

An essential part of the design process is to seek specialist advice and local knowledge to guide the design to best deliver a multi-purpose forest that meets local as well as national aspirations.

We would therefore welcome your feedback on the principle of creating a new woodland at this location. Your feedback will then be used to inform an initial design which will be submitted to the Forestry Commission.

<https://www.scottishwoodlands.co.uk/public-consultations/crookham-woodland-creation-proposal/>



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Kate Allport

Wednesday 4 March 2026

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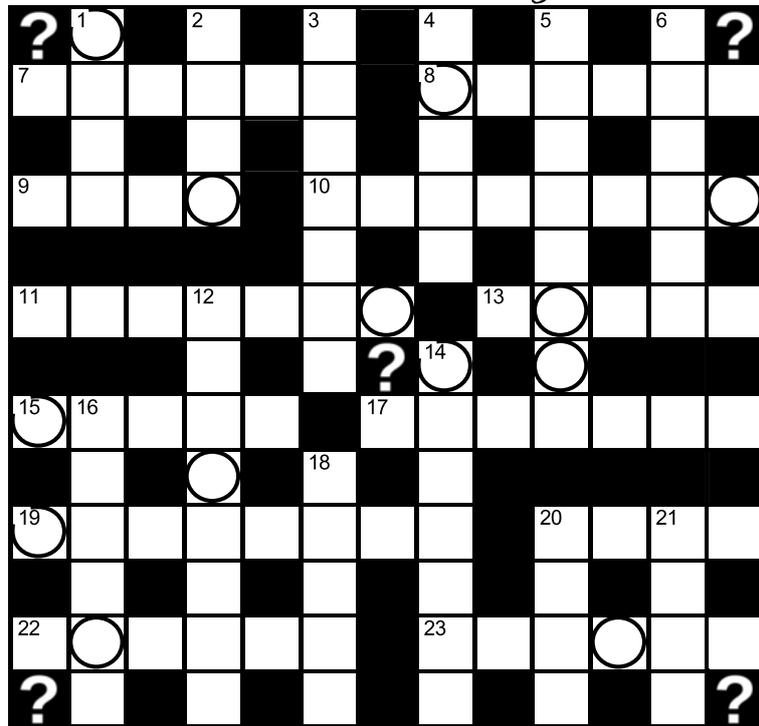
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# The Fourum Crossword by Cromwell



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## ACROSS

## DOWN

- 7 & 19 Soldier and Lord Protector of the Commonwealth (1653 - 1658) (6,8)
- 8 To stop a horse by pulling (4,2)
- 9 An alcoholic beverage made by brewing and fermentation (4)
- 10 & 20 Military force commanded by 22 across (3,5,4)
- 11 The debut single by the Scottish band Fairground Attraction (7)
- 13 The unit of measurement of magnetic induction (5)
- 15 A central public space in ancient Greek city-states. (5)
- 17 See 22 across
- 19 See 7 across
- 20 See 10 across
- 22 & 17 Commander of the 10 & 20 across (6,7)
- 23 Decisive battle won in 1645 by 22 & 17 across (6)

- 1 Fruit of the blackthorn used to flavour gin (4)
  - 2 Six deliveries in cricket (4)
  - 3 South American river linked to a womble perhaps? (7)
  - 4 The....what 7 & 19 was offered by Parliament in March 1657 (5)
  - 5 A huge reptile, now extinct (8)
  - 6 Female foxes (6)
  - 12 Famous battle fought at a fortified homestead site in Alabama, USA during the Creek War of 1813 (4,4)
  - 14 A young tree (7)
  - 16 A Nepalese soldier (6)
  - 18 Fungi used in the production of 9 across (5)
  - 20 A semicircular recess in a church, cathedral (4)
  - 21 Large groups of people, usually unruly (4)
- Solve the anagram you can make by collecting and rearranging the letters in the circles.

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(Hint : 4 Down)

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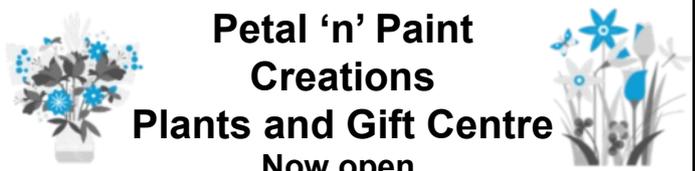
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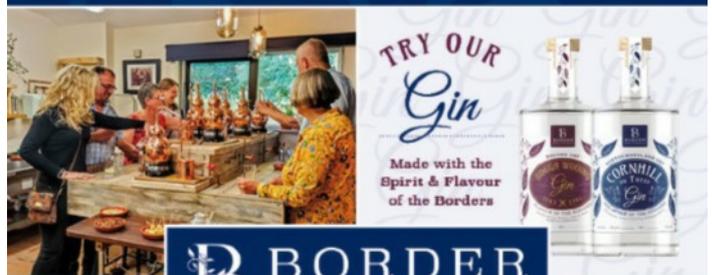


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Any queries please contact Bobbie on 07714479320

## **Ford Parish Council**

The next meeting of the Council

Will be on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March

At 7.00pm

In Crookham Village Hall.

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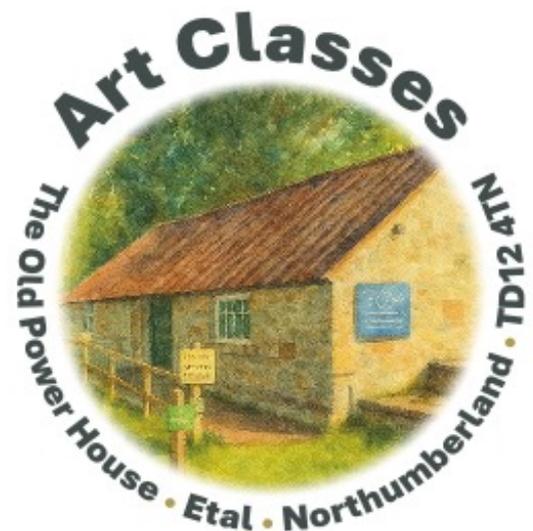
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Fake children's toys in particular, including dolls, often don't meet safety standards and can pose choking hazards - poor manufacturing can mean small parts are easily detachable.

Counterfeit goods are fake products designed to mimic the authentic ones sold by genuine brands. Sometimes it's easy to spot a knock-off, other times it can be harder to tell.

It's not just toys and games - things like clothing, footwear, e-cigarettes, perfumes and media devices can also be counterfeit.

Things to watch out for include strangely low prices from well-known brands and signs of poor quality - like missing security seals, bad or non-existent packaging, blurry logos and poor stitching. You may also spot some spelling mistakes in the advert or on the packaging.

Looking at photos from official sellers can help when making comparisons, and it's important to only buy products from reputable sellers.

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To report counterfeit goods or get help getting your money back, contact the [Citizens Advice Consumer Service](http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk). You can also report a seller to [Trading Standards](http://www.tradingstandards.gov.uk), which investigates criminal activity.

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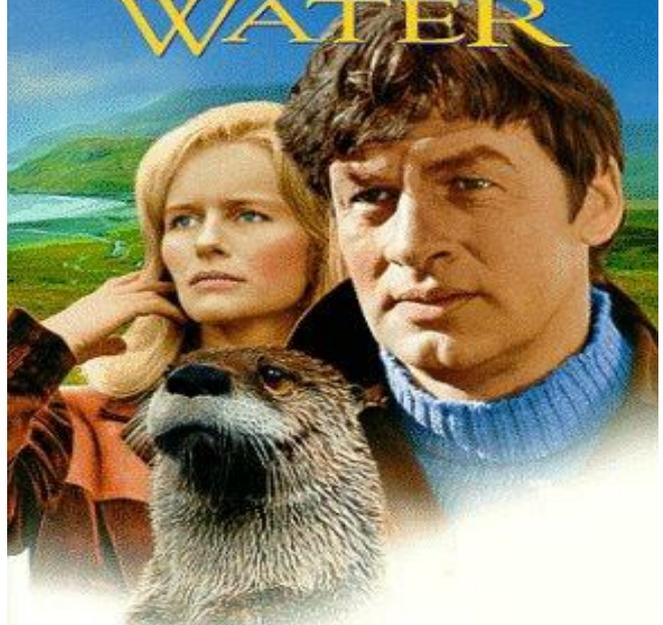
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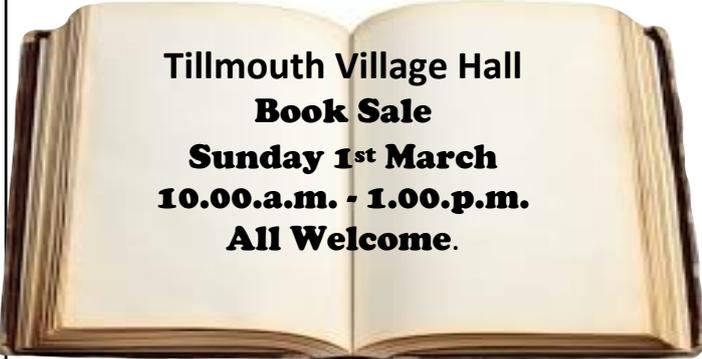
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Val's famous cakes!

Tea/coffee and biscuits

BRANXTON  
VILLAGE HALL



Branxton Hall £12 per hour + £5  
per session for the use of the kitchen.  
[branxtonvillagehallcommittee@gmail.com](mailto:branxtonvillagehallcommittee@gmail.com)



Tillmouth Village Hall  
**Book Sale**  
**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March**  
**10.00.a.m. - 1.00.p.m.**  
**All Welcome.**

### **Branxton Parish Council.**

The next meeting of the Parish Council  
will take place on  
Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm  
In Branxton Village Hall

# Northumbrian Cider & Wine Company



Our Cidery, visitors Centre & Tap shop are now open, come along and read about the history of cider making.

The rare breeds of animals you can see on your visit to the Estate.

Wildlife & Fishing on the River Till.

A little about the History of Etal Castle and the Bloody Battle of Flodden.

Enjoy a sample of our many award winning 100% pressed juice, Ciders & Wines.

And if you're really lucky you could hit on one of our many pressing days and taste some apple juice

WELCOME straight from the press.



**WE ARE  
DOG  
FRIENDLY**



### Opening Times

10am to 5pm  
7 days a week

*If our door is open  
We are open*

## LADY WATERFORD HALL

### Exciting news.

Thanks to a grant from the Barmoor wind farm, we will soon be able to buy the equipment that will enable us to relay live and recorded performances from the Royal National Theatre.

We will also show some art based films.

With a seating capacity of up to 80 people, we anticipate welcoming around 40 patrons for each show. Our goal is to provide local residents with the chance to enjoy world-class productions without the hassle of long travel.

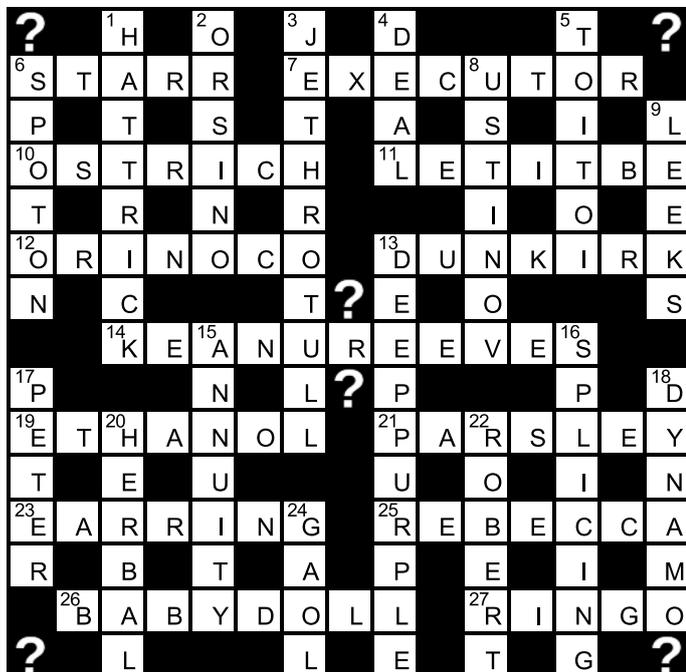
The license allows us to present six National Theatre productions each year. Ticket prices are still being finalized but will align with local showings, and will soon be available on our website and promoted locally as the dates approach.

Mark your calendars! The productions will coincide with National Theatre's launch dates, kicking off on April 16th with All My Sons, followed by The Playboy of the Western World on May 28th.

<https://www.ford-and-etal.co.uk/events/>

Contact: Fiona Willoughby on

[ladywaterfordhall@ford-and-etal.co.uk](mailto:ladywaterfordhall@ford-and-etal.co.uk)



## FEBRUARY CROSSWORD ANSWERS.

**Crookham Gardening Club**  
**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March 10.30am**  
**Crookham Village Hall**  
**A talk by Elizabeth Devon**  
**The life and times of fungi**  
**All welcome- Refreshments available**

*Bowsden History Group*

## Lost Buildings of Lindisfarne

a talk by  
**John Woodhurst.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> March 7.00 for 7.30**  
**Bowsden Village Hall, TD15 2TW**

**Annual Membership £10.**  
**Individual events: £2 per event. Visitors welcome**

# CHURCH NEWS

## Ford, Lowick, Ancroft, Kylloe and Etal Services in March 2026

### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup>

Lowick 9.15am Family Communion (in Lowick Village Hall)  
Etal 11am Family Communion

### Sunday 8<sup>th</sup>

Lowick 9.15am Holy Communion  
Etal 11am Holy Communion

### Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> Mothering Sunday

Lowick 9.15am Family Communion  
Etal 11am Family service

### Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>

Lowick 9.15 Holy Communion.  
Etal 11am Holy Communion

### Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> Palm Sunday

Ford Village 10.30am for procession to church  
Ford 11am FLAKE service  
Holy Communion with the Passion Gospel.  
No service at Lowick or Ancroft

Revd Charlotte Osborn - 01289 388591  
[ceosborn@mail.com](mailto:ceosborn@mail.com)  
Curate: Revd Alex Firman -  
07935732811  
[alex\\_firman@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:alex_firman@hotmail.co.uk)

## The Flake Churches



*A warm welcome to ALL at all of our services.*

### Donaldson's Lodge Methodist Church

Dates for March.

1<sup>st</sup>. No service.  
8<sup>th</sup> Lord Alan Beith.  
15<sup>th</sup> Rev. Tim Moore.  
22<sup>nd</sup> Mr. George Scott.  
29<sup>th</sup> Rev. E Sykes.

**Minister: Rev. Tim Moore.**  
**Superintendent.**  
**Tel. 01665497561**

### Church services in March. Branxton, Cornhill & Carham

Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> Lent 2	Branxton	9.30	Holy Communion
	Cornhill	11.00	Morning Worship.
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> Lent 3	Carham	11.00	Morning Worship.
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Branxton	9.30	Morning Worship
Mothering Sunday	Cornhill	11.00	Holy Communion
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Lent 5	Carham	11.00	Morning Worship
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Branxton	11.00	Morning Worship
Palm Sunday	Joint Service		

Rev. Rob Kelsey, 01289 382325 [robert.josephkelsey@live.com](mailto:robert.josephkelsey@live.com)



Donaldson's Lodge  
Methodist Church

Easter Coffee Morning



**Tuesday**  
**31<sup>st</sup> March**  
**10.30 – 12.00**



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### St Ninian's Wooler

Sunday Mass 9.00 am  
Monday 9.30 am  
Thursday 9.30 am  
Friday 6.30pm

Your contact is  
Rev. Fr. David Phillips  
Telephone 01665 574240

## March at a glance.

Sun	1st	BookSale	10-1pm	Till Vhall	p13
Mon	2nd	History	7.0pm	BowsVH	p14
Wed	4th	TillVas	7.30pm	CVH	p2
Sat	7th	Brunch	11--1pm	CVH	p5
Sun	8th	Concert	7pm	NorChurch	p2
Tues	10th	PCo Branx	7.30pm	BVH	p13
Tues	10th	PCo Ford	7.0pm	CVH	p9
Fri	13th	Flicks	7.30pm	EVH	p12
Tues	17th	Film+tea	2pm	BVH	p13
Wed	18th	OnionClub	8pm	Bbull	p2
Thurs	19th	StomaMtg	10--12	Wm Elder	p9
Thurs	19th	RBL talk	7pm	LWH	p6
Fri	27th	Film+tea	6.30pm	CVH	p5
Fri	27th	Ceilidh	6pm	EVH	p2
Sat	28th	Spring Fair	10-12.00	BVH	p13
Tues	31st	CoffeeMor	10.30--12	DonLodge	p15

## BORDER BUSES

February is the month of Valentine's, and so we're sharing the love with our drivers by relaunching our annual "Share The Love" campaign

This campaign offers the chance for customers to show their local drivers how much their hard work and friendly faces means to them by nominating your favourite drivers. Those with the most votes will be given some well deserved prizes.

You can nominate your drivers by visiting our website or our facebook page. Nominations are open until the end of February, and selected drivers will receive well-deserved rewards.

Let's show our drivers some love!

We were proud to meet with Andy's Man Club to present a donation on behalf of our Berwick and Galashiels depots. This charity was chosen by our drivers as their preferred organisation to support, and we're pleased to help the vital work they do for men across the UK.

Andy's Man Club provides free, confidential peer-to-peer support groups, helping men to talk openly about mental health and wellbeing. Sessions take place every Monday at 7pm, and you can find your nearest group here: <https://andysmanclub.co.uk/groups/>

## Regular activities.

### CROOKHAM Village Hall

#### Regular Activities

Art Group Wednesdays 2-4pm  
Knit and Natter 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays 2-4pm  
Book Club - last Tuesday of the month 2.30pm  
Thursday Zumba/Dance fit - 5.45  
Thursday Functional Pilates - 6.30  
New Age Kurling - Fridays 1.30 - 3pm

### ETAL Village Hall

#### Regular Activities

Yoga class Monday, 6-7.30pm  
Pilates each Tuesday 9.30-10.30am

### BRANXTON Village Hall

#### Regular Activities

Film & afternoon tea 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of month  
Sewcial 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of month 10-12 noon

### CORNHILL Village Hall

#### Regular activities

Cornhill Community Choir every Tuesday 7.30- 9pm

### **Proof Reader team:**

**Mary Lockie, Nicola Gibb,  
Kathleen Holmes,  
Brenda Taylor,  
Frances Schamberg.**

**Production: John Pentland, Steve  
Taylor & Shaun Beattie.**

**Deadline for the April  
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**Monday 9th March 2026**

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