

The Fourum

June 2026



The newsletter for Ford, Etal, Crookham, Branxton and surrounding

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FORD AND ETAL CYCLISTS GET NEW TEAM JERSEYS

Thanks to a wonderful donation and sponsorship offer from Ford and Etal Estates, members of the Ford & Etal Cyclists group are pleased to show off their new jerseys! Based on the scarlet and gold of the Northumbrian Flag, there'll be no missing us as we explore the local roads and places of interest.

Since our first group ride in April 2019, our little gang has slowly grown into the Ford and Etal Cyclists group with over 30 members. We are a British Cycling Let's Ride Community Group and ride most Thursday evenings through the summer, with occasional longer rides on weekends.

We're a small, friendly group based in Etal, where we start all our rides. We host local rides exploring the Ford & Etal estates, the Cheviot foothills, and the surrounding moorlands. We always ride as fast as the slowest rider and never leave anyone behind.

It's free to join the group and free to participate in the rides; cyclists of all abilities are always welcome to join us.

The guided rides are planned, risk-assessed, and led by Graham, a British Cycling Level 2 Ride Leader with nearly 10 years of experience leading and assisting on guided rides.

You can find more information by following the link: <https://www.letsride.co.uk/groups/ford-cyclists-northumberland>

We would all like to thank Lord James Joicey and Ford and Etal Estates for their generosity and support.



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Crookham
Film Club

Presents

SUMMER HOLIDAY



Cliff Richard stars in this classic feel good British musical. Faced with a miserable British summer, Don (Cliff) and his friends head off on a European holiday in a red double decker bus, which they convert into a holiday home.

As they head for Athens, the boys pick up three stranded girls in France. **With Hank Marvin, Melvyn Hayes, Teddy Green, Una Stubbs and music from Cliff and the Shadows.** Songs include Summer Holiday and Bachelor Boy.

Friday 26th June
6.30 for 7pm start

Suitable all ages
1hr 04 mins
Entry by donation

Crookham Brunch

Saturday 6th June **£8 per person**
10.30am -12.30pm

Coffee Mornings Every Saturday In June

10.30am-12.30pm

£3

Why not pop in for a
delicious coffee and
a friendly chat?



Tea also available on request.



**CROOKHAM
90**

June Winners

1st Jim Kearney 5
2nd Ian Ainslie 31



Do you have a keen eye for a great photo?

Crookham Village Hall needs your help to
make our **2027 Fundraising Calendar**
the most spectacular one yet.

This year, we are celebrating the ever-changing beauty of our surroundings with the theme: "The Seasons." Whether it's the first bloom of Spring, the golden glow of a Summer afternoon, the fiery hues of Autumn, or a crisp, frosty Winter morning—we want to see it through your lens.

It's time to get snapping or dive into your archives for those hidden gems!

Submission Details

To ensure your masterpiece fits perfectly, please keep the following in mind:

Orientation: All calendar photos must be in landscape format.

Enter from 15 June. Deadline: Entries must be submitted by 14 September 2026.

The Reward: There are no prizes, just the pure "glory" of seeing your work in print and helping a great local cause.

A Second Chance at Glory! We are also producing a Fundraising Christmas Card. If your photo doesn't quite make the calendar cut, it might just "come up trumps" as a festive greeting card! Card entries only can be in landscape or portrait format.

Ready to Enter?

Don't hide your talent! Get an entry form and read the full rules on the Village Hall website,

<https://northumberlandvillagehalls.org.uk/crookham-village-hall/documents>

or get in touch via email at:

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We can't wait to see your favourite seasonal moments!





National Theatre Live

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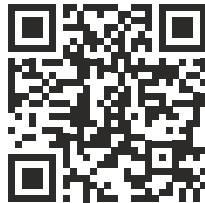
by Christopher Hampton
based on the novel by Pierre Choderlos de Laclos

A production from
National Theatre

LIVE SHOWING AT LADY WATERFORD HALL AT 7PM ON THURSDAY 25 TH JUNE

TICKETS ARE £14 PER PERSON AVAILABLE ON THE FORD AND ETAL WEBSITE EVENTS - FORD AND ETAL.

**CONTACT FIONA
07879518062**



In aid of



Bingo!

Join us for a fun filled 'Night at the Bingo' on the 18th June in Cornhill Village Hall. TD12 4XN

Doors Open 6.30pm
Eyes Down at 7.00pm

Bring your own refreshments

Raffle and Prizes

Organised by The Kelso Fundraising Group for Guide Dogs.



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SAT 27 JUNE
1pm - 8pm



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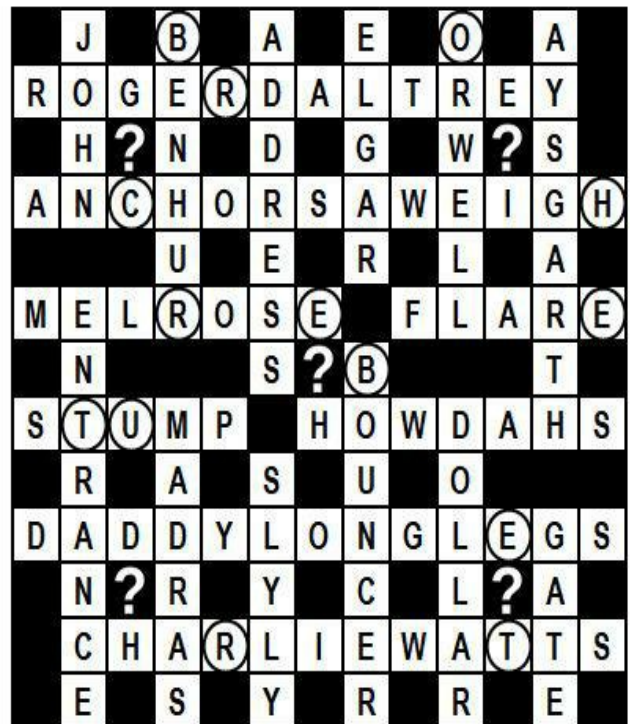
TICKETS: cheviotbrewery.co.uk/fordfest

EARLY BIRD OFFER = £12 PER ADULT (before 1st June 2026)
PRE BOOKED TICKET = £15 PER ADULT // ON THE DAY PRICE = £20 PER ADULT
KIDS GO FREE (but must have a booked free ticket)

Garden Visit

For our June event, Crookham Gardening Club are visiting the extensive gardens of **Lorbottle Hall, Whittingham. NE66 4TD** which are open to the public on **Saturday 13th June** in aid of Hospice Care. The entrance fee is £6 for adults, children under 12 are free. The gardens are open from **11am to 4pm** and we propose to arrive at **1pm**. There is some wheelchair accessibility. There will be refreshments available along with a plant sale, a raffle and more. **Why not join us?** It is a dog (on a lead) friendly event with a fun "companion" dog show.

May 2026 Solution



Anagram is Robert The Bruce
and the letter A appears 13 times



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Etal (Black Bull)	4.45 to 5.25
Ford (Village)	5.30 to 6.00
Lowick	6.30 to 8.30

**Geoff Allan Catering,
 28 South Road, Wooler. NE71 6SN.
 Carol 07786954664/01668 282262
 and Geoff 07876506837,
geoffallancatering@tiscali.co.uk**

RagBag Theatre presents

'Mud, Blood & Ale:

A Story of Flodden'

Local amateur theatre company RagBag Theatre delights in bringing original plays into our communities. In 2018 the company staged *'Below the Stones'* at the Duddo Stone Circle, and in 2024 they made a tour of local village halls and community spaces with *'Previously Loved'*.

Now, in the summer of 2026, RagBag brings *'Mud, Blood & Ale'* to Flodden Field.

This original play (written and directed by Cheryl Stewart) brings to life the human-interest elements behind the battle, telling an imagined story of a local family during the build-up and aftermath, and the impact that day might have had on a small, Northumbrian community. Featuring traditional songs and music, arranged for the play by Susie Cochrane and sung by Wooler-based group Tribe, it will be performed beside the Flodden Memorial, against the backdrop of the battle site.

19th June: The Strawyard, Berwick, 7pm

20th June: Flodden Memorial, 7pm

21st June: Flodden Memorial, 7pm

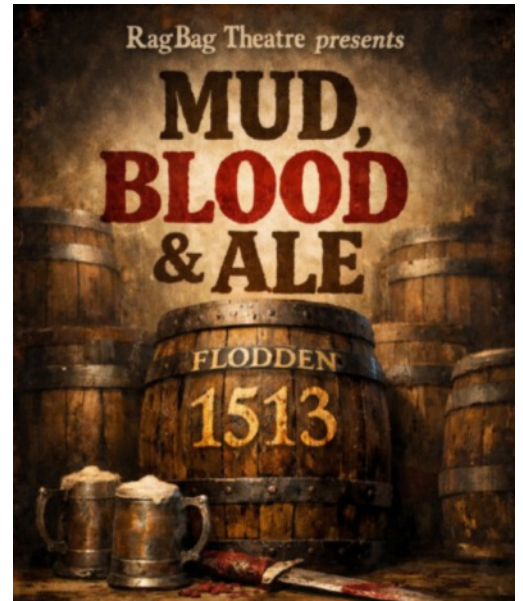
All performances are outdoors come rain or shine, so please prepare for the weather and dress appropriately (no umbrellas!).

At Flodden: Bring a chair, cushion or blanket, as seating is on the grass. BYO food and drink.

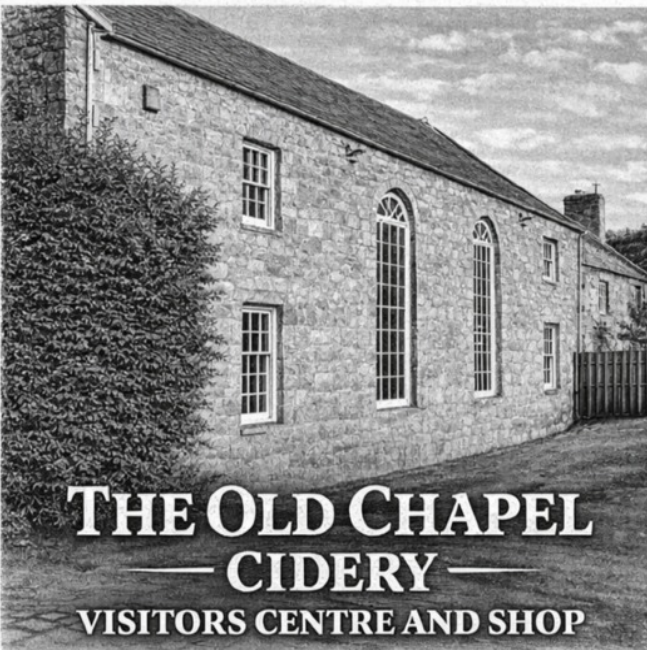
At the Strawyard: Seating provided. Drinks available to buy at the bar. BYO food.

Pay as you feel.

Tickets for all performances available from the Strawyard: www.thestrawyard.co.uk



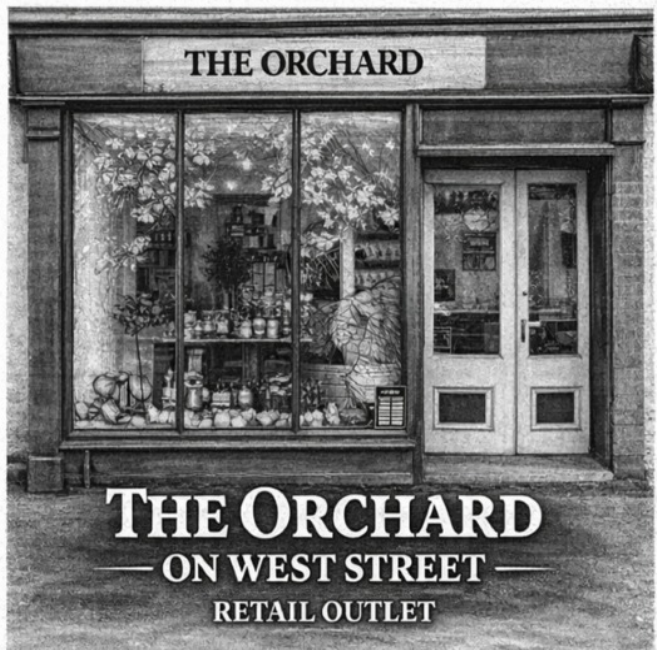
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**FORD COMMUNITY GROUP PLANNING EVENT
FORD WALLED GARDEN - MAIN GATE
19TH JUNE 10AM TO 7PM**

Following up our recent questionnaire gathering people's views on what the Walled Garden might look like in future, the Group are holding an all-day planning event.

We want as many people as possible to attend to give their thoughts on what the Gardens might contain within the walls.

Call in at any time over the 19th of June, there is no need for an appointment, and you will also be able to view part of the Gardens as they are today to see the scale of the opportunity and the possibilities the Gardens present.

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