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Upper Coquet Resource Group COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2024



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Newsletter Circulation

The newsletter has been available in an electronic format since April 2020 and it is great that we are still welcoming new names to our circulation list. Please can we ask you to continue to spread the word so that everyone knows and can sign up to the blind copied circulation list by contacting Tracey on the email below. Plus, if you are able to print a copy to share with someone without internet then thank you. Items for the newsletter can be sent in electronic form ahead of the monthly submission deadline to Tracey Boldy via stickypud@harbottle.net

Planned 2024 dates: submission deadlines with electronic distribution by the end of each month are:

Issue	Wednesday Deadlines 2024	
May	24 th April	
June	22 nd May	
July & August	26 th June	DOUBLE ISSUE
September	21 st August	
October	25 th September	
November	23 rd October	
December/January	20 th November	DOUBLE ISSUE

The UCRG monthly quiz sheets you may see in various outlets are coordinated by Margaret Ward (01669 650317) and they have been a fantastic steady way to boost our funds over the years. We continue to be grateful to Margaret and all those who support this fun activity.

Jigsaws! Lovely Jigsaws! Long weekend on the horizon and it is still raining.....contact Harbottle Community

GROUP as we can help! Yes we can! We continue to collect and sell both new and preloved puzzles, be they 300-2000 pieces. XL piece jigsaws are especially popular. Should you wish to purchase/donate, please contact Tracey Boldy, Jackie Bickmore, Pauline Bickle, Ann Hennessy or Margaret Ward. We have also tried our luck at selling online and this is proving a popular way to bring in additional income to the group. So if you have any unwanted, complete jigsaws we should be very grateful to receive them. *Many thanks to those who donated and supported our table at the recent Harbottle School Fair. It was a great morning with so much going on. Well done to all of the organisers for a great community event.*

Announcing the 2024 UCRG Shillmoor Duck Race

Sunday 9th June at 12 noon

£2 to sponsor a duck as it races hopefully to glory.

All profits go towards our efforts in continuing to support local groups and events.

Tickets on sale through Gail J, Pauline Burke, Margaret W, Susan R, Tracey B, Simon T, Billy G & Bessie R plus The Rose & Thistle and The Star Inn.

And there are Prizes for Placed Duck Sponsors: First: £50, Second: £30, Third: £20

All welcome to come along and watch the ducks race down the Coquet from Shillmoor, and then see how many of the organisers fall in trying to stop them escaping beyond the finish line. A great spot for a picnic and a splash around if you wish to make it more of a trip out.



Updated: Upper Coquet Resource Group First Aid Course Saturday 4th May - 9.00 until 3.00pm in Harbottle School

Only 2 places remaining!

The UCRG have organised a free first aid course which is open to anyone in the local Upper Coquetdale Parishes. If you are interested, be it for personal or work purposes, then please get in touch with Susan Rogerson to book your place : jsjrogerson@btinternet.com

Each course can accommodate 10-12 people. The certificate could be a bonus on Personal Statements and Job Applications for older teenagers.

SAVE SOME DATES

Further details for each event plus many more are detailed in the articles within this newsletter. Enjoy

Coquetdale Music Trust,
Thropton:

Wednesday 10th April: Will Finn & Rosie Calvert (p9)

Hepple WI:

Thursday 11th April: Queen of Cakes with Paula Colvine (p4).

Guided Walk:

Sunday 14th April a free guided walk to the famous Yardhope Oaks (p10).

U3A:

Monday 15th April: Pete Kerr, Northumberland Rivers Trust on the River Coquet and the WI's on their citizen science project (p12)

Netherton WI:

Wednesday 17th April: Dancing Demo with Ken Yung (p3).

Tiddly Painters:

Wednesday 17th April, 7-9pm, Harbottle Village Hall. A fun evening learning how to paint tulips. Pre-book your place. No experience required. All welcome (p7).

Harbottle First School:

Thursday 18th April: Bags2School collection (p5).

Coquetdale Music Trust,
Thropton:

Saturday 27th April: Fiona Ross and Christine Kydd (p9)

First Aid Course:

Saturday 4th May - 9.00 until 3.00pm in Harbottle School.
Free course, limited numbers so book your place, organised by UCRG (p1).

Outdoor Tai Chi, Rothbury:

Sunday 5th May, Mike Pratt, CEO of the Wildlife Trust, leading a free outdoor Tai Chi session, followed by a nature talk (p10).

Art Session, Rothbury:

Sunday 19th May a free art session led by Pam Stevenson (p10).

Fund raising Jumble Sale:

Sunday 19th May, 1-3pm in Harbottle Village Hall. Fundraiser for Harbottle First School organised by The Squirrel Dene Boys. All welcome. More details on p7.

St Michael & All Angels, Alnham:

Thursday 23rd May, 6.30pm: Talk on Adam Scott plus Pie& Peas Supper (p3).

Coquetdale Music Trust,
Thropton:

Thursday 23rd May: Earl Grey and the Charwallahs (p9)

Coquetdale Repair Café:

Saturday 8th June, 10-2pm, with last appt at 1pm. Please pre-book your slot (p11).

UCRG Duck Race:

Sunday 9th June, 12 noon from Shillmoor. Ducks on sale now for £2 (p1).

Harbottle School Bistro:

Every term time Thursday: Open to everyone, supports ever tighter school budgets. Can deliver to homebound Harbottle residents. Call 01669 650271 to book a seat or discuss delivery (p5).

The Star Inn, Harbottle

Music Nights, Folk Nights & Quiz Nights every month (p6).

NETHERTON VILLAGE

Netherton exercise class: Drop in and have a go at Chair Based Exercises, **every Monday 10am to 11am** in Netherton Village Hall. Everyone is welcome, £3 per person per session.

For more information call Charlotte on 01669 640265 or email Charlottebx@gmail.com

Netherton Village Hall Coffee mornings: the Hall Coffee mornings are normally held on the **First Monday in each month from 11am until 12noon**. Everyone is welcome, sanitisers are available and masks may be worn if desired.

The Netherton Craft Group: We meet in Netherton Memorial Hall at **2pm until 4pm on the 3rd Thursday of the month**. Come along and join us for chat and an afternoon spent with like-minded company. Please bring along anything you are currently working on. We also knit small blankets, cardigans and hats for premature babies. We very much look forward to welcoming you to the Group so if you require any further information please contact Judith on 01669 631189 or email judith_barton256@btinternet.com



Netherton WI:

As you can see from the exciting 2023-24 programme there are lots of activities and regular meetings, including guest speakers. New members always welcome. For further information please contact Joan Blakey.



ALNHAM VILLAGE

**ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS
ALNHAM**

Talk on Adam Scott

By David Weatherstone from Discovery Museum in Newcastle

**Please join us for an Alnham evening of
good talk, good food and good company**

**Thursday 23 May 2024
6.30pm**

Followed by
Pie and Peas Supper

**£10 per head
Pay Bar
In aid of church funds**

For tickets contact:
email - alnhamchurch@gmail.com

Please pay for tickets in advance to:
Bank Details:
Alnham District Church Council
Account Sort Code: 30-99-50
Account Number: 34157460
Please put your name as the reference



After a distinguished career fighting in the Boer War, leaving for South Africa in 1900, Adam returned to train and race horses from Alnham where he was well known and respected. The talk will be about Adam's life and career, his horses and love of the area. Adam is buried in Alnham Church Yard.

HEPPLE VILLAGE

Hepple WI: regular Thursday meetings and activities, including guest speakers. Meetings start at 7pm in Hepple Village Hall with pooled supper. Visitors welcome £5. New members always welcome. Contributions to monthly raffle prizes gratefully received.

April 11th: Queen of Cakes with Paula Colvine (Competition: Dessert in a Glass).
May 9th: AGM

Northumbria Basketry Group meets monthly, mostly, on the 3rd Wednesday of each month between 10am-4pm. New members are always welcome. Please contact Gill Phillipson for extra details and queries.



Table Tennis is back to normal at Hepple Village Hall on Tuesday evenings at 7pm. All welcome.



Chair Based Exercise in Hepple: Chair based exercise will benefit everyone; you don't need to be chair bound to benefit.

Fitness for all in Hepple village hall: Thursday mornings between 10-11 am, £3 per person per session. For information about Hepple afternoon sessions contact Chris Wilson:

01669 640012 or Chris.wilson601@btinternet.com

CLENNELL



NEW: Clennell Hall Hotel & Bar

Updated information available on the Facebook page.

Clennell Hall
UPCOMING Live music 2024

SAT 23rd MARCH	- WRY NOT	8.30 PM
SAT 30th MARCH	- TINY AFRO	8.30PM
SAT 6th APRIL	- THE USUAL SUSPECTS	8.30 PM
	ROZ'S BIRTHDAY BASH	
SAT 13th APRIL	- MICHAEL ROLF	8.30 PM
SAT 20th APRIL	- DPLUS	8.30 PM
SAT 27th APRIL	- PRIVATE EVENT	

HARBOTTLE VILLAGE

Harbottle Bowls: the equipment and venue are ready when you are.

School Community Group Plea for Help: *A new growing season approaches and we are on the lookout for some young saplings to take over the reins from some well-seasoned helpers! We would welcome anyone from the school and local community to come along to help. No set times so it can be daytime or weekends, an hour or a morning....whatever suits. Jobs could include weeding, bed clearing, tying back, tidying, painting etc.* So if you enjoy a bit of gardening in your spare time and would like to join us to look after our local school gardens, then please contact Margaret Ward for more information (01669 650317).

HATHA YOGA CLASSES: Thursday Evenings 6pm – 7:30pm in Harbottle Village Hall.
Contact info@judaliyoga.com or see www.judaliyoga.com for more info.



Iyengar Yoga in Harbottle Village Hall on Monday evenings from 6.00pm to 7.30pm.
This is a general Iyengar class suitable for all abilities including beginners. For more information call Margaret on 650281 or email margaret@ranken.co.uk

Harbottle Badminton & Short Tennis: the equipment and venue are ready when you are.

CANINE PARTNERS: Please continue to save your used postage stamps for the charity, Canine Partners, in order to help towards the cost of training even more puppies to develop into helping dogs for disabled and injured people. Karen has kindly agreed to keep the collection bag at The Star Inn, Harbottle. The charity is very grateful for all your hard work. It has helped so much.

<https://caninepartners.org.uk/get-involved/fundraising/recycle-used-postage-stamps/>

HARBOTTLE FIRST SCHOOL NEWS



Harbottle C of E (Aided) First School
Harbottle, Morpeth, NE65 7DG
Telephone: 01669 650271
hfs.cheviotlt.co.uk



Dear all

Our next Bags2School collection will be on **Thursday 18th April**. Please ensure all items are dropped within the school gates early on the morning. In case of bad weather or an early drop off the day before, then please leave under the outdoor sheltered area to the left of the front door from the day before. Thank you.



Our Bistro continues **every Thursday** until the end of term. The cost of a two-course freshly cooked hot meal followed by tea/coffee is £7.00. Also, a great way to meet up with people! We can also arrange **takeaways to homes in the village**, delivering around 12 noon on a Thursday. If you would like to book a place or a takeaway then please let us know tel: 01669 650271.

From everyone at Harbottle School we would like to wish you all very Happy Easter!



Thank you to everyone involved with our glorious School Easter Fair last week which show cased the community spirit that supports our rural school with a big heart. It was wonderful to see the current team of parents expertly organising the event, as well as the local businesses supporting through their presence with tables of produce to packed rooms full of chatter throughout the school with staff, governors, parents past and present, ex-pupils, local community and most of all excited, happy youngsters joining in the fun. Well done to everyone. And you raised lots of money!
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*We welcome walkers, cyclists, tourists, bikers, local residents
and their families, friends and dogs!*

We are now open 7 days a week, serving food all day between 12 noon and 8.30pm including a traditional Sunday Lunch every Sunday with local meats from Greens of Longframlington. Bookings are advisable on Saturday nights and Sunday afternoons, and also on other evenings as the Spring/Summer season gets underway. However, walk-ins are always welcome and we will try to accommodate wherever possible.

The shop is open at 9am every day (10am on Sundays) until the pub closes.

It feels like it has been a long, wet winter so we are looking forward to some nicer weather soon... and the opportunity to do some outside cleaning and tidying jobs so that customers can enjoy our courtyard once again.

Thank you to everyone for your ongoing support, it is very much appreciated.

Thank you

Karen

<https://thestarinnharbottle.co.uk>

<https://www.facebook.com/TheStarInnHarbottle/>



WHAT'S ON IN APRIL

Thursday 4th April from 8pm
Quiz Night in aid of Harbottle Show

Saturday 6th April from 8pm
Live Acoustic Music Night in the Bar

Thursday 18th April from 8pm
**Quiz Night in aid of the Churches of
Alwinton and Holystone**

Saturday 20th April from 8pm
Cheviot Folk Night in The Courtyard Barn

Saturday 27th April from 8.30pm
Live Accordion Music Night in the Bar

Harbottle Village Hall:

Harbottle Village Hall: a local amenity for the community of Harbottle, Alwinton, Sharperton & Holystone.

Want to do a bit more exercise but the weather is stopping you? Please don't forget that all of the equipment for badminton, soft tennis and indoor carpet bowls are available in Harbottle Village Hall.

This community resource, with comfy new chairs, can be booked for private and community events. It is a great space for parties, discos, auction of promises, coffee mornings or perhaps even a new venture? Please chat to Janet Wood for more information and to make a booking. The past generations have used it for fund raising Coffee Mornings, Jumble sales, Discos, Auction of Promises, Village Pantomimes, Ceilidhs, Private Parties, Art Groups, Sewing Groups and Music Evenings. It can happen again.

Forthcoming events in Harbottle Village Hall:



JUMBLE SALE

Harbottle Village Hall
NE65 7DG
Sunday 19th May
1:00 - 3:00pm
Fundraiser for
Harbottle First School

£1 Entry

Jumble Drop Off / Collection:

- Drop off at the Hall: 11th May (10 - 11:30am)
- Drop off at Squirrel Dene: Anytime (just leave on the front steps marked 'Jumble')
- Harbottle door to door collection: 10th May (please leave on your door step marked 'Jumble' for the Squirrel Dene boys to collect!)
- Raffle prizes gratefully accepted

JUMBLE SALE



Tiddly Painters
is coming to Harbottle!

WHEN: Wednesday 17th April
WHERE: Harbottle Village Hall
TIME: 7:00 - 9:00pm ish
COST: £25 per person
No experience required.
All materials and step by step instructions supplied.
Bring Your Own Beverage.
* Limited spaces
TOPIC: Tulip

CONTACT INFO:
Karen
www.tiddlypainters.co.uk
Email: tiddlypainters1@yahoo.com
Tel: 07801 496706

Tiddly Painters Live!



Forever Yung Dance Classes in Harbottle Village Hall



Social Community Dances at Harbottle Village Hall

Saturdays: 13th April: Social dance with half hour Quickstep workshop
 22nd June: "Think Pink" dance with half hour Viennese Waltz workshop
 31st August: "New York, New York" dance with half hour Hustle workshop
 26th October: "Spooktacular" Halloween Dance with half hour Quickstep workshop*
 7th December: "Christmas Dance with half hour Viennese Waltz workshop"

Also: 30th November: "Classic Christmas" with half hour tango workshop @ St Michael's Parish Hall, Alnwick*

6:15 - 9.15/9:45* pm

Please purchase tickets in advance

- Door prize
- Refreshments & finger food buffet included, but feel free to "pool" a little something
- Everyone is welcome
- No dance experience or partner required

Ballroom & Latin Line Dance Classes, Harbottle Village Hall:

The ongoing weekly pay-as-you-go Wednesday morning line dance classes (£5 pay at the lesson) are a non-partner form of Ballroom & Latin Dance, provide great exercise & are lots of fun:

Waltz	Greek	Mambo	Samba
Tango	Rumba	Hustle	Jive
Cha Cha	Foxtrot	Viennese Waltz	
Paso Doble	Quick step		

Don't be shy; give it a try as it will help to get your Wednesday off to a great start. All welcome.

Beginner class: 9.30-10.25am.

Beginner plus class: 10.30-11.25am.

ADULT
 Ballroom, Latin, Salsa, Line
Dance Classes
 Harbottle Village Hall

Ballroom & Latin Beginner Friday Evenings 6:00 - 8:55pm Fun & Welcoming. Learn Foxtrot, Jive, Waltz and Cha Cha.	Salsa Beginner Friday Evenings 8:00 - 8:55pm Fun & Welcoming Dance Classes for Beginners. Immerse yourself in the rhythms of Latin America.	Ballroom & Latin Modern LINE DANCE Beginner Wednesday Mornings 9:30 - 10:25am Beginner PLUS Wednesday Mornings 10:30 - 11:25am Non partner form of Ballroom & Latin Dancing. Great exercise and lots of fun.

£40 per 8 week program... £5 per class
NO Partner Required. 8 week programs.

Forever Yung DANCE
 CONTACT INFO:
 Tel: 01669 650186
 Email: yungdance@icloud.com
 Website: www.foreveryungdance.co.uk

If you wish to know more or join any of the classes then please contact Ken & Lisa:

Tel. 01669 650186

Email: yungdance@icloud.com

Please check our Facebook page for updates: <https://www.facebook.com/foreveryungdance/>

Also on offer are a full range of private lessons, group classes in Alnwick, Ellingham and Wingates Village Institute plus lessons for wedding first dance & father of the bride. Please refer to the website for additional information:

www.foreveryungdance.co.uk

<https://www.facebook.com/foreveryungdance/>

<https://www.foreveryungdance.co.uk/wedding-day-dance>

Kidlandlee

Kidlandlee Holiday Cottages have teamed up with Catherine Phillipson from Loved Up, Elsdon and together they have created some wonderful treatment packages that you can enjoy in an inviting space at their rustic wooden cabin, gently heated with wind-felled logs, on site at Kidlandlee.

	
Whow Neals Yard Organic Facial	1HR £45
Crystal Facial	1HR £45
Prescriptive Aromatherapy Massage	1HR £40
Reflexology	1HR £40
Indian Head Massage	1HR £30
Pregnancy Massage	1HR £40
Balinese Massage	1.5 HR £50
Swedish/ Deep Tissue	1HR £40
Hot Stones Massage	1HR £45
Acupressure Massage	1HR £40
Crystal Massage	1HR £40

KIDLANDLEE
HOLIDAY COTTAGES



Come and join the team!

We are expanding our Award-Winning House Keeping Team

Mondays and Fridays with additional Wednesdays and Saturdays also available

We are all one big team; we work hard but laugh a lot too!

Good rate of pay and flexible rota.

Email stay@kidlandlee.co.uk for more information.

You can browse and book treatments at: www.kidlandlee.co.uk

Full details of the extensive indulgent treatments each lasting a few hours, including Cloud 9, Moonlight, Happiness, Mother & Daughter, are fully detailed on their website. Catherine can also bring these treatments to your home as well.

Award winning Kidlandlee Holiday Cottages are expanding their House Keeping Team and invite anyone interested to get in touch.

News from the Valley

Messages from Rothbury GP Practice

The Rothbury Practice
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#AppyEaster

Make sure you're prepared ahead of the #Easter weekend.

Order your repeat prescriptions through the NHS App in advance.

Just tap the app!

<https://www.nhs.uk/nhs-app/>



The Rothbury Practice
20 March at 18:30 · 🌐

We're always looking for patients to join our patient participation group (PPG).

Our PPG is a group of people who are patients of the surgery and want to help it work as well as it can for patients, doctors and staff.

The PPG meets a few times a year to provide feedback to the practice. You do not have to attend every meeting and can join remotely via Microsoft Teams

If you're interested in joining, please speak to a member of our reception team.



Providing NHS services

Northumbria PRIMARY CARE
For Primary Care, by Primary Care

A PPG should be a diverse group with participants from all walks of life

Our PPG, like our practice, is for everyone

Speak to our reception team to find out more



Rothbury Community Hospital, our local hospital: If you, or a loved one, are interested in a residential place please either email rothbury@pfcare.co.uk or telephone People First Care at their Wooler site on 01668 281 662; ask for Amanda Cowell. Here is a link to a virtual tour of the facility, you can see how lovely and homely it is: <https://youtu.be/Aw5UkCMj9Yo> Or find Rothbury Cottage Care on You Tube.

NEW: The Coquetdale Music Trust
Thropton

Wednesday 10th April:	Will Finn & Rosie Calvert
Saturday 27th April:	Fiona Ross and Christine Kydd
Thursday 23rd May:	Earl Grey and the Charwallahs

www.coquetdalemusictrust.com
lesleyhallcoquetdalemusictrust@gmail.com

Retired? Or semi-retired? Thought about joining U3A?



Apart from the interest groups, u3a members meet at **10:00 a.m. on the 3rd Monday of the month in the Jubilee Hall, Rothbury** to hear a wide variety of talks and to chat over a cuppa. These meetings are open to visitors too, so do drop in; you'll be given a very warm welcome!

Here's the programme of talks for the first half of 2024:

15th April **Pete Kerr, Northumberland Rivers Trust on the River Coquet and the WI's on their citizen science project**

20th May Walter Riddell on Rewilding the Hepple-Whitefield Estate & Hepple Gin

15th July Nick Lewis, National Trust on Sir Edwin Lutyens & Lindisfarne Castle

If you would like any further information, take a look at our website <https://u3asites.org.uk/coquetdale> or send an email to coquetdale.u3a.comms@gmail.com

Joining your local u3a is a great way to find and develop new interests and make friends in a relaxed environment. We have monthly get-togethers, quiz nights and trips and visits. But it's the interest groups that are the lifeblood of an u3a. At Coquetdale u3a we offer a broad range of groups so whether you are an active, outdoor type or whether you enjoy more indoor pursuits, there is bound to be something for you, just look at the list below!

Art Appreciation	Book Groups	Ceilidh Dancing	Creative Writing
Cycling	Discussion Group	Dowsing	Food and Drink
Gardening	Music Appreciation	Nordic Walking	Photography
Railways and Modelling	Spanish Conversation	Table Tennis	Poetry
Vegetarian Food	Walking Group		

If you would like any further information, check out our website <https://u3asites.org.uk/coquetdale> or send an email to coquetdale.u3a.comms@gmail.com



COQUETDALE LEAGUE OF FRIENDS

Reg. Charity No. 508289

About us

The Coquetdale League of Friends, a local registered charity, has been run for the last 46 years by volunteers. Our aim is to support health providers and those who rely on their services in the Coquet Valley. We do this by raising funds and managing donations so that we can help our health care providers give their patients the best health services in this very rural area.

History

Founded in 1978, the League raised funds to provide equipment for the Old Rothbury Hospital, the GP surgery and the District Nursing team. The League continued to support the Hospital when it moved into the new building across the river, purchased items for the new hospital ward.

During the closure of our hospital the League continued to fund vital health related services in the community – support for patient transport, bereavement counselling and the Community Nursing Team. We also supported the Save the Rothbury Hospital Campaign and are delighted that NHS funded beds have been restored with the addition of much needed care home accommodation.

Current activities

Last year we donated two smart TV's to Rothbury Cottage Care especially for use by NHS patients and those on respite care who would otherwise not have a TV in their room. We contributed towards a defibrillator at Rye Hill and set up a grant to meet the top up fees for anyone using the new Care Home for respite care who was eligible for NCC support.

We will be considering our grants for 2024 at our meeting in May and welcome any organisation that provides health related support locally putting in a request to be considered. (Send details to the Secretary – email address below)

Join

We are always very happy to welcome new Friends. If you would like to get involved please contact the Secretary at cathyjacob@hotmail.com. We are particularly in need of anyone with social media or web building skills.

Donate

We are only able to continue our work supporting the nurses and doctors working in the Coquet Valley and their patients because of the money generously donated by the public. If you would like to donate our bank account details are as follows:

Lloyd's Bank, Sort code: 30-99-50, Account number: 20679463

Thank you.

Cost of Living Sources of Information

NEW: Alnwick District Food Bank:

FOOD EMERGENCY GOES ON!!

As is happening all over the country, stocks of food are continuing to fly off our shelves as we battle hard to feed upwards of 55 people, including 23 children.

We are so grateful for ALL YOUR DONATIONS especially tins of soup /vegetables/ fish/meat /fruit /pasta sauce/UHT Milk /rice/cereal /jam/honey plus anything else you can spare.

THANK YOU for continuing to feed so many hungry people and children.

Our drop off points are the Rothbury Co-op (next to the door) /Thropton Spar/All Saints Parish Church/The Star Inn Harbottle /The Running Fox & St Mary's Longframlington.



ARE YOU FINDING THINGS HARD WITH THE COST OF LIVING?

It is especially hard at this time of year but HELP is available. We are the Coquetdale Food Hub and we're here to give a helping hand.

Please give us a call on 07957 298057 and leave a message or email us at coquetdale.hub@gmail.com

NO FOOD IN THE CUPBOARD IS A TERRIBLE HARDSHIP.

PLEASE, next time you go shopping would you donate a few items to the Foodbank to feed hungry people and children?

To keep running we will always badly need:

Long life milk	Dried pasta/rice	Baked beans	Custard	Washing liquid/powder
Tinned vegetables	Rice pudding	Sponge pudding	Toiletries	Tinned vegetables
Tinned fish/meat	Pet food	Cereal	Pasta sauce	Soups



THANK YOU SO MUCH, Alnwick District Food Bank can help you.

The Citizens Advice Service for free, confidential information and advice on benefits, debt, housing and employment problems. You can obtain help from us in a number of ways:

- By telephoning Northumberland Advice line on 0808 278 7944
- For energy advice 01670 339749.
- Help claiming universal credit 0800 144 8444. Open Monday to Friday 9am to 4.30pm. Closed Bank Holidays.
- By calling into our drop-in sessions: 10-12 on **Tuesday mornings.**

Debt advice is also available:

- **Monday to Friday on 01670 339960 or text DEBT to 81400**
- By going on-line at www.citizensadvice.org.uk/northumberland



Warm Hubs: created by CAN as places within the local community where people can be assured of finding a safe, warm and friendly environment in which to enjoy refreshments, social activity, information and advice and the company of other people'. The local Warm Hubs currently available are in The Star Inn in Harbottle, Hepple, Rothbury Jubilee Hall, Longframlington and Thropton Luncheon Club.

Did you know.....there are cheaper social tariffs out there for broadband?

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/cheaper-broadband-for-struggling-families-14-august-2022>

Travelling to the EU? Check your EHIC expiry date. If expired, apply for a free GHIC via the NHS site to provide access to state run hospitals and GPs in the EU for the same price as a local. Travel insurance is still advisable.

<https://www.nhs.uk/using-the-nhs/healthcare-abroad/apply-for-a-free-uk-global-health-insurance-card-ghic/>

Energy Advice in Rural Northumberland:

<https://energyadvicenorthumberland.org.uk/our-work/>

Pension Credit:

To calculate if you are eligible use:

<https://www.gov.uk/pension-credit-calculator>

For more information:

<https://www.gov.uk/pension-credit>

Don't miss out if you are eligible. If in doubt then check it out.

It is always worth checking in with **Moneysaving expert Martin Lewis** to read about his latest advice on energy bills, rising mortgages and the cost of living crisis. If you need a guide on possible sources of financial help for energy bills: <https://www.moneysavingexpert.com/utilities/how-to-get-help-if-you-re-struggling-with-your-energy-bills/>

Update on EES / ETIAS and Travelling to EU in 2024:

<https://commonslibrary.parliament.uk/the-eu-entry-exit-system-and-eu-travel-authorisation-system/>

This is a much delayed scheme and is now scheduled to be operational from early October 2024 for EES and mid 2025 for ETIAS. Citizens from the UK will be required to complete an ETIAS application prior to boarding an aircraft, sea carrier, or coach vehicle for Europe, and this includes travellers who will only be transiting in Europe en route to other destinations. British citizens can expect their ETIAS application to normally be processed and approved within minutes, and the authorisation is sent by email in the form of a PDF document. There is no need to print or present any documents as the ETIAS is stored electronically against the passport details.

NEW: Travelling to Europe? Don't get caught out by the 10 year rule

UK travellers used to be able to carry up to nine months left on an old passport over to a new one.

This meant that a passport could be valid for more than 10 years.

This did not matter when the UK was a member of the European Union (EU).

But the rules changed after Brexit, and the majority of EU countries no longer accept British passports which were issued more than 10 years before the date of travel.

This is known as the "10-year rule".

To enter those countries now, your UK passport must:

- have been issued less than 10 years before the date you enter the EU country (i.e. the "date of issue")
- be valid for at least three months after the day you plan to leave (i.e. the "date of expiry")

If your passport does not meet these requirements, you will be refused entry.

Updated: Landlines are changing

Further to our article in last month's newsletter, many of you will have recently received leaflets from Northumberland County Council in with your latest Council Tax bill detailing many options that need to be considered during the proposed digital phone switchover. It is worth a read and don't forget to contact your telecom provider such as BT if you feel there are problems for you eg no mobile signal, no internet, issues in power cuts, use telecare device etc.

As a reminder.....the old copper landline services are changing. You can still have a landline in your home but the technology that powers it will be different. You should be able to keep your old landline number. Most existing (digital) handsets should work , but if they don't your provider can advise. You shouldn't face any extra costs for the service itself.

However, aspects to note:

- a) It won't work if there is a power cut as they need electricity to function. They are relying on you having a mobile phone and signal as back up in such circumstances.
- b) There is a possibility of the providers offering a "resilience solution" of a free battery pack for the landline connection in these power failure situations for certain individuals....however as our area can have power outages for days at a time there is some concern as to actually how resilient this offer is in reality. They are currently offering up to an hour of back up.
- c) These new digital landlines use your internet connection to make and receive calls. So, they are relying on you having a (reliable) internet connection at home. However, your phone network provider is able to provide you with a connection to support this new system at NO EXTRA COST to yourself if you don't already have an internet router.
- d) So if you are concerned by any of the above, fall into any of the categories below or don't wish to be changed over automatically then PLEASE INFORM YOUR PROVIDER THAT YOU WISH TO RETAIN YOUR CURRENT COPPER LANDLINE. **The BT contact number is 0330 1234 150:**
 - Are 75 and over.
 - Consider yourself to have some additional needs eg medical need, possibly isolated, single and feel vulnerable, medical issue that needs access to 999 quickly etc.
 - Only have a landline and no broadband.
 - Need of (or possibly will need in near future) a telecare personal safety alarm (ie those alarms worn around the neck and wrist in case of falls or personal emergency). Telecare systems do work with digital landlines BUT a power cut or internet drop out can cause them to fail.
 - People with no mobile signal at home.
 - People with no mobile phone at home.

[Please can everyone make sure their more vulnerable neighbours are aware that they don't have to do this and a simple phone call to the provider to stop this is all that is needed at present. Why not help them make that call if it helps to alleviate worry and anxiety? Thank you.](#)

Some Ideas for the Coming Weeks



Cragend Farm:

Booking for 2024 now open: Day Visits, B&B and Self Catering Accommodation. All visits must be booked in advance.

We look forward to welcoming you.

Lou Renwick, Cragend Farm

www.cragendfarm.co.uk 01669-621533 lourenwick@cragendfarm.co.uk Instagram, twitter and Facebook @cragendfarm

Updated: POT HOLES, POT HOLES EVERYWHERE & THEY DON'T REPORT THEMSELVES!

Have a go after every journey as it is very easy to do. www.northumberland.gov.uk , scroll down and click on Report a Pothole. Alternatively phone 0345 600 6400.

How easy is that? Go on, have a go at reporting at least two after each journey. There are far too many reports of tyre and car damage occurring locally in the recent months. And don't forget that you can make a claim for the damage.....look for evidence on the above website in case your demon pothole has previously been reported but not repaired. And don't give up on the first refusal letter.

Out-reach Post Office Services (aka Find Bessie)



Day	Location	Time
Monday	Hepple Post Office	9.00 am - 10.00 am
	Netherton Village Hall	11.00 am - 12.00 noon
	Holystone Church	12.30 pm - 2.30pm
	Hepple Post Office	3.00 pm - 5.30 pm
Tuesday	Thropton Village Hall	10.00 am - 12.00 noon
	Hepple Post Office	2.00 pm - 5.30 pm
Wednesday	Hepple Post Office	9.00 am - 10.00 am
	Netherton Village Hall	11.00 am - 12.00 noon
Thursday	Rochester Village Hall	9.15 am - 11.15 am
	Otterburn Village Hall	12.00 noon - 2.00 pm
	Hepple Post Office	2.30 pm - 5.30 pm
Friday	Hepple Post Office	9.00 am - 1.00 pm
	Hepple Post Office	2.00 pm - 5.30 pm
Saturday	Hepple Post Office	9.00 am - 12.30 pm

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COQUETDALE TRANSPORT

1. UCCT Services 16a and 16b run Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Fares are £2 single/£4 return for adults, and £1 single/£2 return for children.

<i>X14 (from NCL) arrives Rothbury*</i>	<i>0723</i>	<i>1438</i>	<i>0723</i>	<i>14.38</i>
<i>471 (from Alnwick) arrives Rothbury**</i>	<i>NA</i>	<i>1435</i>	<i>NA</i>	<i>14.35</i>

Tuesday Service

16a 16a

Rothbury, Queens Head	08:15	14.45
Thropton, Cross Keys	08:21	14.51
Snitter, The Cottage	08:25	14.55
Netherton, Old Coach House	08:35	15:05
Alwinton, Phone Box	08.49	15:19
Harbottle, First School	08.55	15:25
Holystone, Mill	09:02	15:32
Hepple, Post Office	09:10	15:40
Thropton, Three Wheat Heads	09:19	15.49
Rothbury, Queens Head	09:30	16:00

Thursday Service

16b 16b

08:15	15:00
08:21	15:06
08:25	15:10
08:35	15:20
08.49	15:34
08.55	15:40
09:02	15:47
09:10	15:55
09:19	16:04
09:30	16:15

This service will not operate on Christmas Day, Boxing Day or New Year's Day

<i>X14 (to NCL) arrives Rothbury*</i>	<i>10.00</i>	<i>17.05</i>	<i>10.00</i>	<i>17.05</i>
<i>471 (to Alnwick) arrives Rothbury**</i>	<i>09.33</i>	<i>NA</i>	<i>09.33</i>	<i>NA</i>

**Run by Arriva **Run by Phoenix. Check their websites for up to date information, as times can vary.*

2. Rothbury Shopper's Route

It is essential to book your place via Lesley to avoid disappointment. This **FRIDAY** only service is aimed at the elderly or mobility- impaired, providing door to door service and arrives at Rothbury at approximately 9.45am and leaves around 11am.

3. Upper Coquetdale Community Healthcare Transport

Visiting Rothbury Hospital or a local surgery? Having trouble getting there? Need a lift?

Upper Coquetdale Community Transport offers a friendly and cost effective Healthcare transport service to help those with no transport to get to their **GP appointments**:

£2 for journeys under 5 miles **£5** for journeys 5-15 miles **£10** if the journey is above 15 miles

We also go to various **regional hospitals**:

Alnwick **£15** Wansbeck/Morpeth **£20** North Tyneside/RVI,Cramlington/Freeman/Hexham **£25**

Opticians/Dentists/Podiatry/physio and other essential appointments work alongside pricing for regional hospitals according to their locations (unless at Rothbury hospital).

4. **DRIVERS NEEDED:** UCCT are looking for volunteer drivers for both the car and the minibus services. If you feel that you could help then please contact Lesley in order to help keep these much valued services on the road.

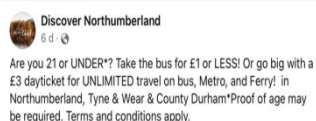
To book seats or make an enquiry please contact Lesley Leeson, Transport Manager: 01669 622264

Email: UCCT3@hotmail.com

Web page: www.ucct-transport.co.uk

Also on Facebook!

Lesley's working hours are Mon-Fri 12-3pm, with an answer phone for other times of the day which is checked regularly for emergencies.



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ARE YOU VOTER ID READY?
AND DON'T FORGET TO TAKE IT WITH YOU WHEN YOU VOTE**

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**DON'T BE CAUGHT OUT AS ONE THING IS CERTAIN.....
THE GENERAL ELECTION IS GETTING CLOSER.....
HAVE YOU GOT YOUR PHOTO ID READY?
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How to apply for a free Voter Authority Certificate:

<https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/voter/voter-id/applying-a-voter-authority-certificate>

Get help with electoral registration: Send your postal and proxy vote applications to **your local electoral registration team** (and not a political party). You can also contact them to find out if you're on the electoral register, to opt in or out of the open register that is available to anyone who wants to buy a copy, and if you already have a postal or proxy vote.

*Northumberland County Council
Electoral Registration Officer
County Hall, Morpeth, NE61 2EF*

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For more details e-mail: rcvbarn@gmail.com

New: Local Private Hire Taxi Service

I've just set up as a Private Hire taxi service here in the valley. I live in Netherton so I'm local for the needs of people living and working here. My contact details are as follows:

Mobile number 07718 585508 and email rickyvph24@gmail.com

Web site details will follow shortly.

I have all my NCC licences and insurance in place and started the service recently. Please get in touch and I will get you to where you need to be!

Richard Lawrence

PARISH OF UPPER COQUETDALE

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

April 2024



200 Club Winners	
April 2024	
£20	Roz Grey
£15	Anne Bell
£10	Izzie Bickmore



The Parish of Upper Coquetdale runs a website that provides details concerning many local churches and their history, alongside details of currently “what’s on” in and outside of church through their news sheet. For further information please refer to: <http://coquetdaleanglican.org/>

They also kindly load up our newsletter onto their welcome page each month to help widen circulation. Thank you.



And finally

Thank you to all who contributed. There is so much going on and to look forward to. There is wild garlic pesto to make and just a remote, outside chance that one day soon the wellingtons can be removed and muddy doggy paw prints are no more!

We are still trying to widen the Newsletter coverage, as well as our contact database. We don't have a complete set of contacts for all households in the area. PLEASE CAN YOU HELP? We are grateful to the many that we know of who already print and share copies with their neighbours, especially for those living “off the net.” Also, if you have new or old neighbours ask them if they wish to join the blind copied distribution list by asking them to email me, Tracey, on stickypud@narbottle.net and I will add them to my list. Susan also has a distribution list and posts the latest copy on some local social media outlets. It isn't perfect but at least we keep trying to improve it. Thank you.

Wishing you all a wonderful, safe Easter break. Look after yourselves.

The UCRG has been established over 20 years as a registered charity. We promote the benefit of the inhabitants of the Upper Coquetdale area, consisting of the parishes of Nethererton & Biddlestone, Harbottle, Hepple & Alwinton. The charity provides facilities in the interest of social welfare for recreation and other leisure time occupations. Throughout the pandemic we were able to continue with our community newsletter in electronic form enabling isolated communities to keep in touch, and renewed batteries and consumables for the Alwinton & Nethererton defibrillators in 2021.

In 2022 we funded the provision of a defibrillator in Harbottle village at a cost of £1510 plus the cost of several first aid/defibrillator training courses open to anyone in the local parishes. In 2023 we have recently assisted with the training of members of the local Archery Club and again run a free First Aid Course for 7 locals. We are collecting names already for the next one. So if you are interested be it for personal or work purposes then please get in touch. They usually run in June but can be scheduled for earlier if sufficient numbers allow. Each course can accommodate 10-12 people. The certificate also looks good on Personal Statements and Job Applications for older teenagers.

If you know of a group that may benefit from some funding and they meet the above criteria, then please contact us via jsrogerson@btinternet.com

If you would like to advertise your business in return for a small donation and reach many local households each month, then please contact Susan Rogerson: jsrogerson@btinternet.com All funds raised, plus extra donations and money provided via fund raising events, help The Upper Coquet Resource Group (UCRG) to keep this voluntary community group going.





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White & McCarthy for kitchen/cooking appliances and repair service. Take the appliance to them and it will be assessed for free as to whether it can be repaired and the estimate of the cost provided. They saved my tumble dryer yet again from a final trip to Alnwick tip. Based on Coopies Lane, Morpeth and can be contacted on 01670 512993 or www.whiteandmccarthy.co.uk Excellent service recently for a dishwasher purchase.

Wag & Co: We are the only visiting dogs charity befriending older dog lovers in their own homes as well as in care or in hospitals. For further details either to volunteer with your dog or ask us to visit, then please check our web site:
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<p style="text-align: center;"><u>DRAKESTONE BUILDING SERVICES</u> Joinery, General Building, Tiling & Decorating Work</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Billy Gibson</u></p> <p>Tel: 01669 650206 OR 07979042499 Email: feeshearer@googlemail.com</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Collins Fish Van</u></p> <p>Visits the area on a Thursday: Hepple Post Office: 8.00am Sharperton (on the hill): 8.30am Alwinton Village Green: 9.00am Harbottle (Chapel end then Pub): 9.10am Holystone Post Office: 9.40am</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Northumbria</u> <u>Pet Crematorium</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beautiful Peaceful Environment • Compassionate and Caring Service • 100% Guarantee Your Pets Ashes Back • Pick Up & Delivery Service • 24hr Ashes Return Service <p>Tel: 07393 481 561 Email: northumbriapetcrem@gmail.com www.northumbriapetcrematorium.co.uk</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>POT HOLES DON'T REPORT THEMSELVES!</u></p> <p>Have a go after every journey as it is very easy to do. www.northumberland.gov.uk, scroll down to TOP TASKS and click on Report a Pothole. Alternatively phone them on 0345 600 6400. How easy is that? NCC defines "an actionable defect" as a pothole of at least 40mm (1.5 inches) deep and a minimum of 300mm (1 foot) in diameter. However, we think that if you aren't happy, then report it!</p>

RMAC Heating: Small business focussing on quality not quantity. With extensive experience in the Heating industry working as engineer and service manager I decided a few years ago to go solo and concentrate on the installation, service and repair of oil, gas and LPG boilers and heating systems. Undertaken work in Upper Coquet area as well as Alnwick & Morpeth. **Trades:** Gas Work, Central Heating & Plumbing. I can also organise specific dates to visit the area to service boilers if you wish to coordinate timings with neighbours.



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LOCAL EV CHARGING POINTS:

***ALWINTON CAR PARK *HARBOTTLE: IN FRONT OF THE SCHOOL**

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Reminder from Northern Power Grid:

Support available for our customers

If you experience a power cut, the easiest way to report and access the latest information is via our website www.northernpowergrid.com/power-cuts. Alternatively, our teams are here for you 24/7 by calling **105**.

You can also find some useful hints and tips on our website at www.northernpowergrid.com/what-to-do-in-a-power-cut. Our customer support vehicles are prepared and ready to go out into local communities, where possible.

Power cut advice and tips include:

- Bookmark Northern Powergrid's online power cut map and reporting service on your mobile devices – www.northernpowergrid.com/power-cuts
- Have a charged mobile phone with important numbers saved, including 105, the free national power cut phone line.
- Turn off electrical appliances at the socket (this is particularly important for heating or cooking appliances as your power could be restored at any time and potentially cause a safety hazard).
- Keep one light switched on so you know when power is restored.
- Keep a battery-operated or wind-up torch handy – they're much safer than candles.
- Check on your elderly or sick neighbours and relatives.
- Ensure you have warm clothing and blankets handy and some food and drink in your home that does not require electricity to heat or prepare it.
- Call 999 in the event of a medical emergency.

If you have additional needs due to your medical or personal circumstances, and are not part of our Priority Services Membership, you should consider joining for **free** by visiting [Priority Services Membership](#) or **calling 0800 169 2996**. This will help us to support you during a power cut. This will include regular updates on the situation and consideration of any need for provision of hot food and alternative accommodation.

Those who can join include customers:

- Of pensionable age
- Who have a hearing or visual impairment
- Who have additional communication needs
- Who are in a vulnerable situation
- Who have young children at home
- Who are disabled, chronically sick, or have a long-term medical condition

Please remember to check on neighbours, friends and family members who may need additional support.

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An Updated Message from Harbottle Parish Council

CIVIL EMERGENCIES PLAN FOR HARBOTTLE PARISH

Emergencies resulting in loss of power, telephone, mobile telephone, water.
Damage to property

In the Event of Electricity Failure

The Emergency Hub at the Star Inn will come into operation in the event of a long power outage, especially if there is no indication when power will be restored.

A varied response will be needed according to the emergency, but as a general rule:

Loss of power overnight: Emergency hub will open up in the morning and remain open as long as needed.

Loss of power during the day: Emergency hub will open late afternoon/early evening to provide hot food, drinks and hot water.

A sign will be placed outside the Star to indicate that the Hub is open and we will endeavour to spread information by word of mouth or telephone if they are working.

Emergency Centre:

Star Inn, Harbottle: Telephone: 01669 650221
Equipped with generator and providing shelter, heat, hot water and food.

Main Contacts:

Harbottle:	Sue Bolam:	The Old Mill, 01669 650360
Holystone:	Stuart Wardlaw:	Lanternside, 01669 650409
Sharperton:	Joe Ormston:	North Sharperton Farm, 01669 650321

Other contacts:

Simon Kenny, Park House Farm:	01669 650250
Alan Stripp, Well House Cottage:	01669 650324
Northumberland County Council:	01670 627599; 0345 6006400

Other Resources

Two tents, 10m x 15m and 3m x 4m with lights and heaters
Contact: Simon Kenny

Parish Emergency Fund

Held by Harbottle Parish Council
March 2024