



Broomhaugh & Riding Parish Council

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NEWSLETTER

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Parish Council Information

Your local parish councillors are:

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*Dates for forthcoming Parish
Council Meetings*
7.45 pm
(public questions from 7.15 pm)

14th September 2020
9th November 2020
14th December 2020
8th February 2021
8th March 2021
10th May 2021
12th July 2021

Meetings are normally held in
Church Cottage but check
agenda for details.

Annual Parish Meeting
May 2021 – date to be
confirmed

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or check out the Minutes from
PC meetings

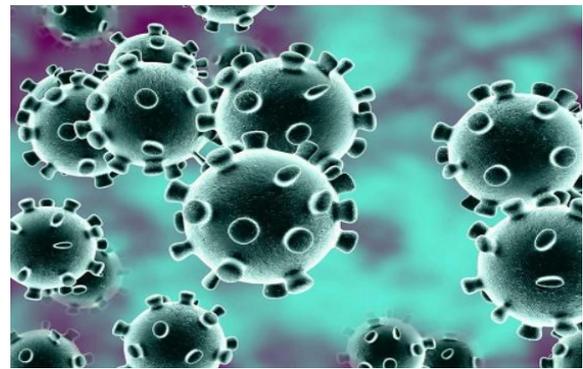
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Yearly Review

*Welcome to the Parish
Council's Newsletter
providing a review of our
activities over the last
twelve months and plans for
the next year. Our review is
broken into two parts – the
first written by Cllr. Andy
Dunhill, outgoing Chair of
the Parish Council who
reviews the activities in
2019/20; the second part
written by Cllr. Christine
Howe, newly elected Chair
of the Parish Council, who
outlines our plans for
2020/21.*

2019/20 - A Very Different Year!

In late March the Government declared a period of lockdown due to the Coronavirus pandemic. The Parish Council (PC) met with representatives of the Village Hall Trust (VHT) and the Church to discuss what plans could be put in place to help residents, especially those in the vulnerable sector. Within a few days, a group of volunteers was established, leaflets delivered around the whole Parish and plans developed. As a result, help has



been provided to include – shopping, ready-made meals, a weekly prescription run and someone to talk to – a full report can be found in the newsletter.

For a time, we were unable to hold PC meetings in person and instead held them virtually. The Annual Parish Meeting has not happened and probably will not do so this year. Nor were we able to organise the annual litter pick.

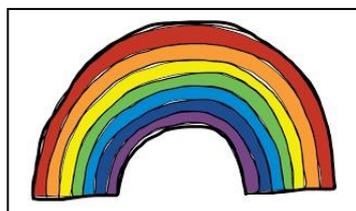
Our role is to maintain the Council's assets in the village and perform the duties required of a parish council. The key areas of activity this year have been:

Sports Club – The PC has agreed to project manage the proposed refurbishment works & submit any future grant applications. Northern Powergrid has installed the electricity supply to the Pavilion, the cost of which was mostly covered by a S106 Grant from

Northumberland CC. Internal improvement works to the Pavilion are nearing completion. The Sports Club hopes to start other improvement works shortly.

Website – We have a new provider so do have a look at the changes. The content has been updated to make it accessible for all, a legal requirement for all councils. The walks section has also been updated and a new section for local history added. We intend to add a section on wildlife

See the back page
for your guide to
what's on and how
to get involved.



Chairman's notes continued.

photos, initially those taken during lockdown but it would be good to continue this. Please send any photos to ridingmillclerk@gmail.com.

Climate Emergency – The PC declared an emergency and has set up a group to progress this initiative. A village meeting was held in Autumn where lots of ideas were put forward and it is hoped that some of these can be developed when circumstances allow.

Millfield Road Bridge – Maintenance works have been completed although a small area of painting is outstanding.

Mill Pond Restoration – A public consultation was held in the Millennium Hall last autumn. The Tyne Rivers Trust, which is advising the PC, is to provide its final report and recommendations.

Old Documents – We have lots! All have been scanned by a specialist firm to provide a permanent and more easily accessible record.

Tennis Club – The Club has proposed to undertake improvement works to its facilities on Millfield Road. A planning application has been submitted for a new sign at the entrance and screening around the courts and has recently been approved. The Club also wants to install flood lighting on the double courts which has proved to be controversial and has resulted in some heated arguments at PC meetings. The PC supports clubs improving facilities for residents but clearly recognised that this would prove controversial to some residents. No planning application has been made and any work would be subject to grant assistance. Further details can be found on the club's website <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/RidingMillTennisClub>

VHT – As a result of the pandemic both halls have had to close resulting in a financial problem for the VHT. The PC agreed an additional funding

package of an additional £500 per month up to £3,000 to help the VHT maintain the halls.

As I write this the easing of lockdown is starting. Let's hope it is a success so that we can return to some level of a new normal. Enjoy the rest of the year.

Andy Dunhill

2020/21 – Our Plans



Thanks must go to Andy for admirably holding the reins for the last 5 years or so. I take over at a rather unusual time and developments over the next year will inevitably be dependent on the progress of the pandemic.

As a villager of some 19 years standing, and with a background as an architect I feel well qualified to help the village through the next few years. My particular interests lie in the environment, both built and green; and I am hopeful that the following projects can make progress soon:

- A small extension to the sports club to provide much needed accessible toilets giving the club scope to expand their reach into the community; this is a community sports club and it would be good if there were more support for the cricket and football teams (and any other teams who would like to participate).

- Tidying up the Mill Pond area to give the village a second green space

- Completion of the village history project, resulting in a village trail with an informative map.

- Some movement on the green agenda - we haven't declared a climate emergency just for the sake of it; really good ideas emerged at the village meeting last year and we need to move on some of them - maybe electric car charging points in the Old Playground car park?

A more immediate issue within the village is the proposed planning application for Fold House, above Long Rigg. This would be for a paragraph 79 house and smallholding within the green belt, accessed from Church Lane. I am aware how divisive this proposal is and hope that we can work with residents to resolve the matter peacefully.

It's also pleasing that the Station Coffee Shop has expanded to more of a village shop during the pandemic, and we hope it continues to have a major role in the village.

As always, we welcome the input and support of all villagers (any takers for the parish council?) and hope that the spirit engendered during lockdown can continue for the future.

Christine Howe



FIREWORKS

Inconsiderate and thoughtless use of fireworks can cause disturbance or distress to people and animals. Whilst residents can anticipate fireworks on New Year's Eve and Bonfire Night, random events can cause great upset; please consider informing your neighbours if you plan to let off any fireworks.

SMALL GRANTS:

The PC can on occasion offer small grants to clubs and organisations in the village. Further information can be obtained from the Clerk and written requests should be submitted by **31st October** each year.

Last year, the Preschool and VHT Garden Invaders received a grant from the PC together with other local organisations such as Age UK, Tynedale Hospice at Home, Sport Tynedale and the Northumberland Domestic Abuse Service.

The Village Hall Trust now has its own website. You can find links to all the clubs and details of events happening at the halls, together with hire rates and how you can make a booking.



<https://www.ridingmillvillagehalls.org/>

A reminder: The Café at the Foyer has reopened on Monday mornings – please come along and support the VHT.

LOCKDOWN IN RIDING MILL

The last few months have really seen the village pull together. We're lucky, we haven't been as affected as some communities but the pressure of shielding and the fear of the pandemic made for worrying times, especially during the early part of the lockdown. Riding Mill has an elderly population and as news reports became ever more disturbing in early March, the Parish Council met with representatives of the Village Hall Trust and the churches to coordinate a village response. For the first few days, our key aim was to establish who had support nearby from family and friends and who might need volunteer support. We wrote to every home in the parish which prompted over 50 residents to sign up to offer their help be it with shopping, prescription requests or simply to make a regular telephone call. We agreed to set up a central phone number which residents could call if they needed assistance and which has been diligently manned for the last few months by Suzanne Barker, manager of the VHT halls, and we tried to establish links with local businesses which could deliver as it quickly became apparent that online supermarket shopping was at a premium. It was a frantic couple of weeks before we eventually settled into a routine of meal deliveries, prescription collections and weekly newsletters for our older residents.



Clockwise from top left: Meals and prescriptions ready to be delivered; Range of items on offer by the Coffee Shop; although slightly muted, the village still celebrated VE Day and Easter, A resident playing the bagpipes on a Thursday evening for 'Clap for Carers'

Some residents have decided to continue to shield for now and for those we will continue to collect prescriptions and the meal service will run until at least the end of August.

The Parish Council would like to acknowledge the local volunteers who have been fantastic – whenever an email was sent out asking for someone to help with a task, we were flooded with offers. Your help has been much appreciated by all – thank you.

We could also mention a host of businesses but we would like to highlight two in particular: Virginia Steer Catering has been providing on average 70 meals a week for older residents in the village. Virginia has previously catered for events at the Parish Hall and was keen to help. She has given

her time free of charge and has produced fresh, delicious meals each week for residents to enjoy. Secondly, Pam and Chris at the Station Coffee Shop – they expanded their suppliers and adapted the café so that they could offer basic groceries – they became the village shop and their service has been invaluable. Huge thanks to both businesses.

Lockdown coincided with a lovely spring and it made us appreciate what a truly beautiful village we live in. We also live in a kind and caring community for which we should be thankful. For now, we'll hold onto the information gathered in March and should further lockdowns be required then we have the support system ready to help again. Let's all hope that it's not required.

RECYCLING CHANGES

Have you noted the changes to what can and can't be recycled?

If it's a bottle – any colour, any size - then include it (including top or trigger and preferably rinsed).

The County Council **don't** want any plastic pots, tubs or trays as they are more likely to contaminate other recyclable items, plus they are low-quality plastic.

For more information see the website: <https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Waste/Recycling.aspx>



INVASIVE SPECIES

We live in a beautiful village but not all our visitors are friendly. Philip Latham, our local beekeeper, has asked us all to be on the alert for sightings of the Asian Hornet. It's a highly aggressive predator of native insects, posing a significant threat to honey bees and other pollinators. A number of sightings have been recorded in the UK since 2016. Should you see one report it here:

https://www.brc.ac.uk/risc/alert.php?species=asian_hornet



Where might I see it?

Most likely to be seen close to bee hives - bee keepers should be alert. Active from February to November in suburban areas in the south of England and Wales, or around major ports.

What does it look like?

Distinctive hornet, smaller than our native species. A key feature is the almost entirely dark abdomen, except for the 4th segment which is yellow.

- Slightly smaller than native hornet
- Dark abdomen, 4th segment yellow
- Bright yellow tips to legs (native hornet dark)
- Entirely brown or black thorax (native hornet more orange)

Asian Hornet abdomen



Native Hornet abdomen



Himalayan Balsam

Last year, a group of volunteers made great inroads taking out hundreds of Himalayan Balsam plants during the summer months along the March Burn. These lovely looking plants are found on the riverbanks but they outcompete our native species and when they die back, it causes the riverbanks to be eroded away.

This year, the volunteers have continued to remove the Balsam – removing thousands of plants - both from in the village and further upstream. They have identified patches of Balsam on the Healey Burn and other small

tributaries which feed into the March Burn and until all these sections are cleared upstream, the problem will simply return each year.

The plants are shallow rooted and are easy to remove. If you would be prepared to help with this task each year please contact the Clerk. Hopefully, our volunteers will be able to work with the Tyne Rivers Trust and local landowners to tackle the problem systematically from source so that eventually the plants can be removed from beside the River Tyne.

A special mention to Rob and Bridget Jones and Linden Stephenson who have spent many hours on this task this year. Thank you.



TREE MANAGEMENT

One of the roles of the PC is to maintain its assets, one of these for us being our woodlands. We ensure regular inspections are undertaken and manage a programme of trimming, pollarding and felling followed by replanting each year. Homeowners should be aware that if they own trees which overhang roads or footpaths then they too need to regularly inspect the trees and take appropriate action to remove dead wood and protruding branches where necessary. Hedges also need to be maintained so that residents wheeling prams are not forced to walk in the road to pass. Whilst only the County Council can take enforcement action over overhanging trees and bushes, the PC plans to be more proactive in dealing with these problems and may occasionally write to residents to ask for their assistance.



ASH DIEBACK

We are saddened to report that a number of ash trees in the village are suffering from dieback. Ash dieback is a highly infectious fungal disease. The majority of mature trees are expected to decline and die over a 10-15 year period.

The disease causes leaf loss, dieback within the crown and lesions where branches join the trunk or at the base. New cases of the disease should be reported to the Forestry Commission through the Tree Alert Scheme (<https://www.forestryresearch.gov.uk/tools-and-resources/tree-alert/>). Trees do not need to be felled immediately unless for public safety as there is evidence that a small proportion of trees will be able to tolerate the disease and recover. Trees should however be monitored as the disease progresses by a qualified tree

surgeon/arborist, and should be pruned or felled if they become a risk. In particular, owners should watch for basal lesions or fungus near the bottom of the trunk which can weaken the tree and make it more likely to fall.

If composting ash leaves in an area where ash dieback is known to be present, the Forestry Commission recommends covering them with a 10 cm layer of soil or a 15-30 cm layer of other plant material, and leaving the heap undisturbed for a year (other than covering it with more material). This is likely to prevent any spore dispersal and may help to slow the spread of the disease in an affected area.

The best time to inspect an ash tree is from July to September.



DOG FOULING

We've had numerous reports of dog fouling in the village during lockdown. Reporting it to the County Council and having it removed is time consuming and costly for them, so we appeal to the minority of dog owners who fail to pick up to be more considerate. Recently, the problem area is the snicket leading from Marchburn Lane to Sandy Bank. This is causing great distress to a number of people so the Parish Council is working with the County Council to explore enforcement options with the hope that we can obtain a prosecution against those irresponsible dog owners.

**BE WARNED IT CAN BE A
£1000 FINE – PLEASE
PICK IT UP.**





Yearly Accounts

We publish our accounts each year on our website and the notice board. As a resident of the parish you have the right to view the accounts at certain times each year. To help make our work more transparent we have summarised last year's accounts for information.

Notable expenses in the last financial year:

- Full tree inspection
- Valuation of War Memorial
- Feasibility report for Mill Pond project
- Website update to ensure we meet Accessibility Standards
- Scanning of old documents
- Play Park repairs

Expenditure		
	2019/20	2018/19
Staff Costs	£5,898	£5,620
Insurance	£2,551	£2,637
General Admin (Stationery, room hire, subscriptions and website costs)	£3,185	£1,731
Professional fees (legal, audit and statutory inspection fees)	£2,160	£3,052
Donations *	£17,840	£5,720
Maintenance (Grass cutting, tree works, maintenance of assets including Play Park etc.)	£11,364	£18,096
Capital Expenditure	£2,872	£3,577
Miscellaneous	£482	£633
Transfer to the reserves **	£2,000	£1,500
TOTAL (excluding VAT)	£48,352	£42,566

Income		
	2019/20	2018/19
Precept	£42,000	£37,500
Interest	£196	£167
Rents, Covenants, Wayleaves	£357	£375
Grants and donations *	£12,000	£2,100
Miscellaneous	£202	£411
TOTAL (excluding VAT)	£54,755	£40,553



Understanding more about living with dementia is important at any time and, at this critical time, it is all the more important that we are all able to recognise the challenges faced by those living with dementia and those who care for them.

The isolation of the lockdown has been difficult for all of us, but so much worse when living with dementia, unable to welcome the company of family and friends and helpers which, in normal circumstances, is one of their main lifelines.

In the same way that the lockdown has prevented us playing our usual parts in the village community, bringing about a feeling of being left out of normal life, having

dementia can exclude people. It can make it more difficult for them to feel part of the community by limiting what they are able to do and where they feel at ease to go.

There may be other people already living with dementia and managing well, with the help of family and friends. But there are also more who manage, but only just, for example they may lack company they feel at ease with. We need to be aware of how we can do more. That's why we all need to be fully aware of dementia, to understand its effects and to recognise how we can help and support those living with dementia and those who care for them.

To achieve our aim of working towards a Dementia Friendly Riding Mill our first objective is to encourage the members of our village clubs, organisations and

faith groups to become Dementia Friends.

It's simple, can be done individually or by taking part in a group information session, depending on preference. The session only lasts between 45 minutes to an hour depending on the number and length of discussions or number of participants. Methods are very flexible in view of Covid-19.

If you would like to know more about how to become a Dementia Friend, please look on the village noticeboards or very simply use this link to the Alzheimer's Society website: <https://www.dementiafriend.org.uk/>

One small request, if you go on to register as a Dementia Friend, please either give us a call or leave a note of your details in the Parish Hall

CHURCH COTTAGE is available to book as a small, cosy meeting place.

Contact Ena Clark on 682550 for details or email enaclark550@gmail.com

* This year in addition to our yearly grant to the Sports Club, we loaned the Club £12,000 to help fund the electricity installation. They then received this back in the form of a grant from the County Council and were able to fully reimburse the PC.

** The Parish Council has a sinking fund for the eventual replacement of Millfield Road or Marchburn Lane bridges. We aim to allocate 3 - 5 % of the Precept to the fund each year.

letter box or in the hall (if open) as we would like to record the growing number of Dementia Friends for our own records.

If you need any help or would like any contact details we can help with, please telephone:

Jan Walmsley
tel: 01434682168 or 0795630802
jwalmsley.bb@gmail.com
or

Suzanne Barker
tel: 07587068210
suzanne.barkerrmvht@btinternet.com



Three successful years so far for Riding Mill Scout Group – and we're stronger than ever! If you have been able to follow us on our Facebook page, you'll have seen a constant record of the exciting range of activities week by week, including some special highlights provided by camps and residential experiences, delivered by our super Leadership Team.

Increased activity, challenging programmes and a whole lot of fun does mean that we have a real need for more trained leaders. We still need another 2/3 leaders to support our younger sections in particular, so please do feel free to contact me on 01434 682771 (email gwyn@hadrianscouts.co.uk) if you think this is for you and you'd like a chat. You'd be very welcome and a great time is guaranteed!

Then came Covid19 and face to face activities, which in our case meant weekly meetings had to stop. However, Scouts are nothing if not resourceful and very quickly embraced remote programming and videoconferencing. The transition to activities on line was co-ordinated locally with the guidance of the National Scout Association but very much through the imagination of our own talented leaders who, together with our young people, are now experienced 'Zoomers'.

At the time of writing (July 2020) we are coming gradually out of Lockdown. Our Leader team will be keeping in touch with our young people over the summer holiday and we will then review the situation at the end of August.

Gwyn McKenzie
Group Scout Leader

GREEN RIDING MILL

Since our last newsletter, the Parish Council has declared a Climate Emergency alongside many other town and parish councils. We've made this a standing item on all future agendas and we are proactively looking at ways in which we can pursue projects aligned to our green aims. To view a copy of our dedicated climate change page and declaration please visit our website:

<https://ridingmill.org/climate-change/>

The necessarily postponed Annual Parish Meeting planned for 14th May was earmarked as the ideal opportunity to review progress since our village open meeting in the autumn of 2019.

A lot of people responded to the initiative and some excellent suggestions were made – and circulated -to the group members.

Briefly, commitments were made to look closely at three key areas:

1. Sustainable transport
2. Green energy sources
3. Carbon capture measures

Our overriding principle remains as: think global, act local.

The coronavirus crisis, whilst requiring a hold on our plans to meet, has nevertheless engendered some interesting discussion points.

Although it is clear that this worldwide pandemic is top priority for the moment, the climate crisis has not gone away. Whilst Greta Thunberg may be in lockdown, the ice caps are continuing to melt. Despite the marked improvement in the quality of our atmosphere when cars were absent

from our roads and the skies devoid of aircraft, we are now heading back to 'the new normality', which clearly encompasses what will doubtless become the same old traffic choking up our roads and our lungs. Whether we will as a nation and a world learn to appreciate and even replicate the positives which have emerged from the pandemic and apply them to the climate change crisis remains to be seen.

What we in Riding Mill can do, in tandem with like-minded people across the globe, is hold on to what has been shown to be possible in terms of protecting our planet through global action and do what we can to encourage the decision makers to do what is difficult, painful but undoubtedly right. This means acting locally, in whatever way we can, but thinking globally and holding our politicians to account.

It is important simply to keep the dialogue open.....



We're often asked if it's possible to donate a bench as a memorial to a loved one. Our problem is we already have quite a few to maintain – 18 at the last count not including picnic benches.

Our planters are getting old and starting to need major repairs. If anyone would like to help fund a new one as a memorial to someone special please get in touch with the Clerk.

We'd also be pleased to hear from businesses looking to sponsor our yearly floral displays.



STATION COFFEE HOUSE

The Station Coffee House is an important village facility - please support it whenever possible so that it can continue to offer groceries.



Missed bin collection?
Street light not working?
Grit bin needs refilling?

Report these problems on the Northumberland County Council website with just a few clicks

Go to:
<http://www.northumberland.gov.uk/> and click on REPORT on the header bar

Alternatively, you can phone 0345 600 6400

08:30 – 17:00
(Monday – Thursday)
08:30 – 16:30
(Friday)



To book either the Parish Hall or the Millennium Hall, please contact Suzanne Barker on

07587 068210



Riding Mill Sports Club

CRICKET: Why not spend an hour walking round the pitch chatting to the players and taking part in the local cricket club that's been going since 1987?

Refreshments are available and we'd love to see you supporting your team.

Steve Kent - steve.kent@ridingmillcricket.co.uk

September Fixtures:

- ~Sat 5 Ryton League (Home)
- ~Sun 6 Ovingham Friendly (Home)
- ~Sat 12 Consett League (Away)
- ~Sun 13 United Stars Friendly (Home)
- ~Sat 19 Lintz League (Away)
- ~Sun 20 Chairman's XI Friendly (Home)

Follow both clubs on social media:
[/ridingmillcc](#)
[/ridingmillfc](#)
[#UPTHEMILL](#)

FOOTBALL: Riding Mill Football Club are proudly competing in Division 1 of the Hexham and District Sunday League.

After a strong start in 2018, gaining promotion in our first ever season, we are working hard to establish ourselves as a top team within the region and strive to win some silverware this season. We also hope to secure investment in the facilities so we can welcome FA affiliated youth football to the village within the next 3 years.

Providing fun, safe and competitive football for both youth and adult generations is a key focus for us as we move forward, with the likes of Corbridge, Stocksfield, Prudhoe, Hexham and Haydon Bridge already thriving in this area, our goal is to also see this type of success story here in Riding Mill.

We would like the develop the club into something that all Riding Mill and Broomhaugh residents can be very proud of and encourage everyone to come down and support the team when possible.

Our profile in the sport and on social media is growing all the time and we now have a small group of fans that come to support us both home and away which is truly great to see.

We hope to see you soon and if you are interested in supporting our club through investment or sponsorship, please don't hesitate to get in touch with club Manager Mark Robinson - markjamesrobinson@hotmail.co.uk



The Community Centre
 Gilesgate
 HEXHAM
 Northumberland
 NE46 3NP
 03444 111 444
 01670 339985 (to cancel or rearrange appointments)

Advice Line 03444 111 444
 Debt Line 01670 339960

Drop-in and Appointments:
 Fridays 09.30 - 13.30



Need help with transport to medical appointments, church, lunch clubs, shopping or social outings?

Adapt (North East) may be able to help. To speak to an adviser please contact

03333 441 740

Useful Contacts

Northumberland County Council

0345 600 6400
 01434 400388
 Remember you can report problems via the website www.northumberland.gov.uk

Member of Parliament

Mr Guy Opperman
 01434 239205 email: teamoppy@gmail.com
 020 7219 7227 email: guy.opperman.mp@parliament.uk

Hospitals/Doctors

Corbridge Medical Group
 01434 632011

Branch End Surgery
 01661 842626

Hexham General Hospital
 0344 811 8111

Northumbria Specialist Emergency Care Hospital
 0344 811 8111

Newcastle RVI / Newcastle General Hospital
 0191 233 6161

Emergency 999,
 Non-Urgent 111

Police – 999 or 101 for non-emergency

Utility Services

Gas Emergency
 0800 111 999

Electricity – loss of power 105

Northumbrian Water – report a leak -
 0800 393 084
 report water and sewerage flooding-
 0800 328 7648

Environment Agency:
 Floodline – 0345 988 1188
 Incident Hotline – 0800 80 70 60

Schools

Broomhaugh First School
 01434 682374
 Corbridge Middle School
 01434 632191
 Queen Elizabeth High School, Hexham
 01434 610300

Squirrels Breakfast & After-School Club
 Yvonne Stokoe – 07933 901732

Travel

Go North East
 0191 420 5050
 Northern Trains
 0800 200 6060
 National Rail Enquiries
 03457 48 49 50
 Newcastle Airport
 0871 882 1121

Clubs & Societies *Your comprehensive guide to what's on in the village ...*

Club	Contact Details / further information
Allotment Association	Sally Rogers - sallyrogers2306@gmail.com
Angling Association	Peter Wood – 01434 682509 peterawood22@gmail.com
Art Club	Janet Bennett – 01434 682478 Meets 1 st & 3 rd Wednesday of each month at 7 pm in the Millennium Hall
Baby Group	Liz Charman – 01434 682538 Meets Thursday morning in Church Cottage
Badminton Club	Evelyn Downs – 01434 682536 Meets Thursday morning in the Parish Hall
Body Grooving	Allison Austick – 07502 121617 Held Saturday morning in the Millennium Hall
Bridge Club	Pam Niven – 01434 682394 /email: nivenpam@gmail.com Meets Friday afternoon in the Parish Hall, September - June
Carpet Bowls Club	Graham Walmsley – 01434 682168 / 07593 215785 Meets Monday afternoon in the Parish Hall
Choral Society	http://ridingmillchoral.org.uk/contact-us/ Meets Monday evening in the Parish Hall
Dog Training	Jenny Sandiford – Happy Hounds Dog Training – 07808 218999 Meets Thursday evening in the Millennium Hall
Drama Club	Email – rmdcsales@gmail.com Website http://www.ridingmilledramaclub.com/
Exercise Class for the over 50s to over 90s	Linda Shepherd - 01434 682069 Meets Friday morning in the Parish Hall
Golf	Rob Archer – 01434 682689 Meets once a month April – October
Film Club	Judy Wilthew – J19Wilthew@hotmail.com 2 nd Friday evening of the month
Karate Class	Run by Peter Atkinson of Seiken Ryu – 07912 533164 / email: peteratkinson89@icloud.com Monday evening in the Parish Hall
Men's Breakfast	David McKenzie – 01434 682771 Meets Saturday morning 4 times a year
Northumbria Healers	Pam Down – 07960 380636 /pam@northumbriahealers.com / http://northumbriahealers.co.uk/ Meets last Saturday of the month in the Parish Hall
The Photography Group	Rosie Cunningham – 07415 912237 / rosie.cunningham@ymail.com Meets 2 nd Wednesday of the month in the Parish Hall @7pm
Pilates Class	Paula Bennett – 07990 774069 / http://www.pilateslife.co.uk/ Held Wednesday morning in the Millennium Hall
Pot Luck Lunch	Christine Andersen – 01434 682535 / Anne Lawrence – 01434 682351 Held monthly in the Parish Hall (usually 2 nd or 3 rd Tuesday of the month – 12 'til 2)
Preschool	Pre-School leader – 07368223910 (term-time only) /Email: leader.rmop@outlook.com Carole Smith – 01434 682232 /chair.rmop@outlook.com (Chair of Management Committee)
RM Notables (Ladies who Sing)	Judith Anderson – jud2bandy@gmail.com Wednesday 1.30 – 2.30 in the Parish Hall
Scouts	Gwyn McKenzie – 01434 682771 / Email: gwyn@hadrianscouts.co.uk Tuesday & Friday in the Millennium Hall
Spanish classes for children	Paula Pocock – 07885 468566 / Email: solecitospanish@gmail.com Held Monday afternoon in the Parish Hall
Sports Club	Cricket enquiries: Steve Kent – 07910 035715 Football enquiries: Mark Robinson – 07810 580140
Table Tennis Club	Mark Twelftree – 07764 221942 / Monday evening in the Millennium Hall or Anne Lawrence – 01434 682351 / Tuesday afternoon in the Parish Hall
Tennis Club	Rob Archer – 01434 682689 / 07957 509514 Website: http://ridingmilltennis.co.uk/
Tynedale Chess Club	Tim Wrigley – 01434 681487 / https://tynedalechess.wordpress.com/ Meets Thursday evenings (September – April) at Corbridge Parish Hall
Tyne Valley Youth Theatre	General enquiries – 0191 580 1250 / Email: info@mortalfools.org.uk Various classes – see website for details http://www.mortalfools.org.uk
Women's Institute	Barbara Nelson – 01434 682739 / barbara.lambert.nelson@gmail.com Meets 1 st Thursday of the month in the Parish Hall
Yoga Class	Clare – hopeyoga2018@outlook.com Held Wednesday evening in the Parish Hall



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