

Food Appreciation Group (FAG) Updated Programme 2025/26

Date	Event	Coordinator
2025		
July Tuesday 22 July, 10.00am – 11.30am.	Visit to Northumberland Cheese Company , Blagdon NE13 6BZ. Cost: £10pp. Includes talk, tour, tastes of 4cheeses, tea/coffee and a piece of cake or scone. A max of 18 people can be accommodated.	Judy Smith
August	There will not be a FAG event this month	/
September Friday 26 September, 10.30am – 12.00 noon. To be re-arranged	Visit to Baristocracy Coffee in North Shields https://baristocracycoffee.com Cost: £15pp. Includes talk, tour of roastery, tastes of coffees. Opportunity to buy a coffee at a 'mate's' rate. Coffee beans can also be purchased. A max of 20 people can be accommodated.	Barbara Skelton
October Friday 10 October at 7.00pm	Harvest Supper – Joint event with Gardens Group, at LVH Please bring a sweet or savoury dish to share, using seasonal produce grown or foraged locally if possible. Try to avoid the use of fresh imported produce please.	Dy Davison with FAG coordinators
November Friday 21 November, 2.00pm to 4.00pm	Food Tasting – is “The Best” always the best? at LVH (Elphick Room) Blind food tasting of several food products, comparing ingredients, nutrition, cost, taste, to determine best value.	Sue Hardimann
December Thurs 4 December at 10.30am to 12 noon	Christmas themed coffee morning with the Social Group, at LVH Small snacks (sweet and savoury) based on a Christmas theme to be provided. Cost £4 pp to include free entrance to raffle.	Judy Smith
2026		
January Friday 9 January at 7.00pm – 9.30pm	FAG/WAG Shared supper at LVH. Please bring a sweet or savoury dish to share.	Judy Smith and Peter Coates

<p>February Friday 6 February 2026 at 10.30am to 12 noon</p>	<p>Demonstration of Cake Icing and Decorating at 'Made of Crumbs', Newgate Street, Morpeth Cost: £10 pp Includes demonstration, a tea/coffee and a piece of cake. A gluten free brownie will be provided for those requiring this (must be booked in advance). A maximum 20 people can be accommodated. NB: Those attending must be able to climb a short spiral staircase within the venue.</p>	<p>Judith MacMorran</p>
<p>March Session postponed There will not be a FAG event this month</p>	<p>Food Nostalgia at LVH. A session exploring our collective food memories, regional foods, popular cooking methods and equipment, as well how we used food leftovers</p>	<p>Sue Hardiman and Barbara Skelton</p>
<p>April Thursday 23 April, 10.30am – 12.30pm</p>	<p>Food Foraging Walk along the River Wansbeck (Exact route TBC). Cost: £20pp. Payment will be in advance via a unique weblink. The Cramlington Food Forager Gemma Gee (www.cramlingtonforager.co.uk) will lead a guided walk to highlight foods that can be foraged enroute, with information on preparing foraged items, preservation, and an opportunity to taste some foraged foods. A max of 15 people can be accommodated. Attendees must be mobile and able to manage a 2 hour walk. NB: If oversubscribed it may be possible to repeat the session in the Autumn 2026.</p>	<p>Judith MacMorran</p>
<p>May Thursday 14 May at 12.30pm</p>	<p>Lunch at Sambuca, 7 New Market, Morpeth Join FAG members for a reasonably priced meal of your choice. Individuals will order and pay for themselves. Pre-booking and a £5 per person deposit essential to secure your place.</p>	<p>Judy Smith</p>
<p>June Friday 19 June at 12.30pm</p>	<p>Picnic at Druridge Bay Country Park Bring your own picnic, cutlery, crockery, chairs, table and drink.</p>	<p>Coordinating group</p>

	Hot and cold drinks and snacks can be ordered at the onsite café if preferred.	
July Friday 9 July at 10.30am – 12 noon	Coffee morning with annual review and planning/ideas for the next year at LVH (Elphick Room)	Coordinating group

NB: Where a session is held in LVH a small fee will be charged to cover room hire and other relevant costs. Fees will be announced on each event flier issued.

Acronyms used:

TBC: to be confirmed

LVH: Longhirst Village Hall

FAG: Food Appreciation Group

WAG: Wine Appreciation Group