

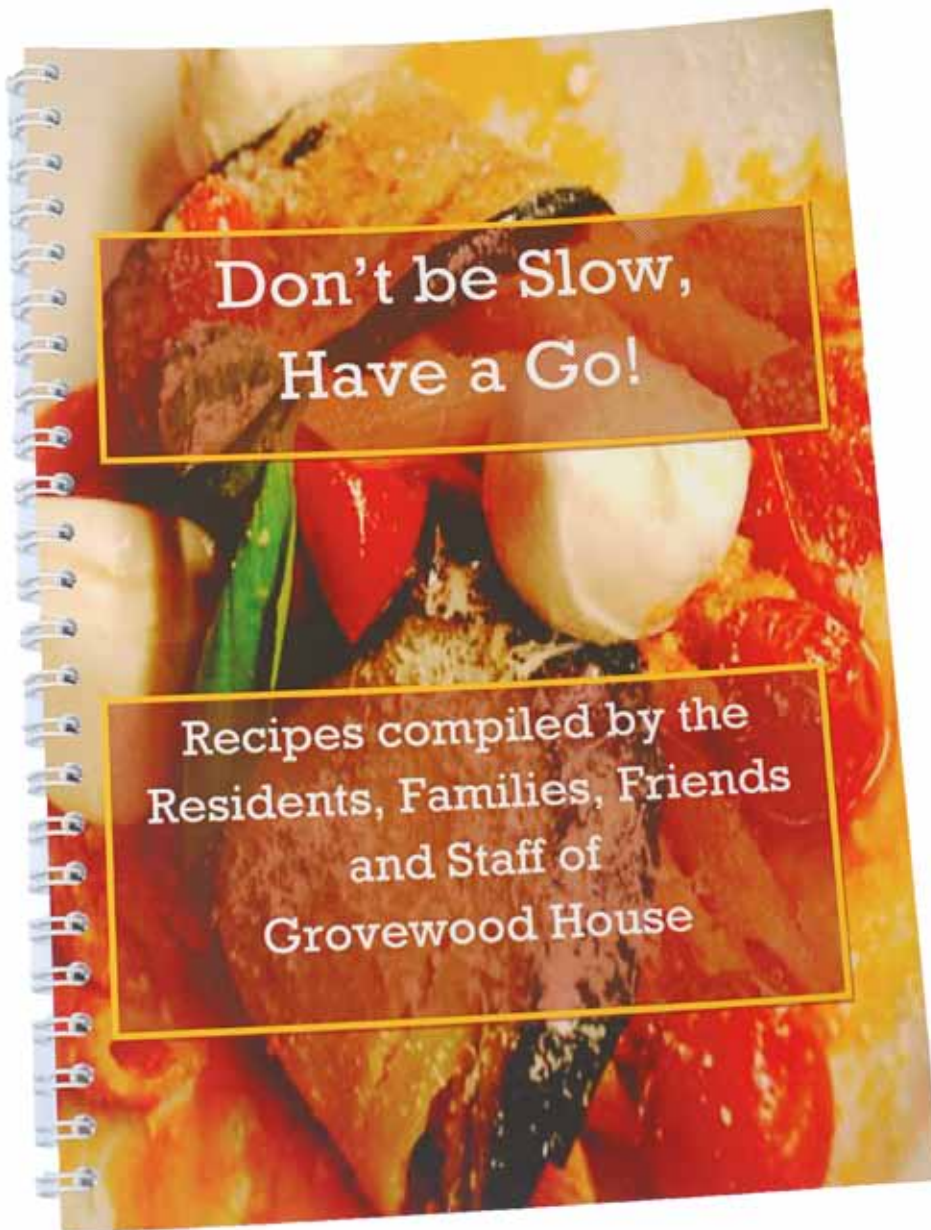
# Hear **Abouts**

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A Newsletter for the Civil Parish of Eglingham

<http://www.eglingham.info>

## Old Folks home take on Jaime Oliver and his Cronies



Grovewood House Retirement Home have entered the publishing market taking on names like Delia, Marco, Gordon and a couple of hairy fellas that ride motorbikes.

Staff, residents, residents families and someone called Jane (also known as the Duchess of Northumberland) have contributed recipes for this fund raising project. Proceeds from the sale go to the residents fund.

Coming up in April (15th 10am) Grovewood are holding a coffee morning where the recipe book will be available to buy. However if you want one before then, call in with your money and they'll happily sort you out with a copy!

*"Don't be Slow, Have a Go"* is available exclusively from Grovewood House for £8

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## Editors Notes:

Don't let this put you off, but in the end we had too much content this month! BUT we might have nothing next month so please continue to send in your submissions, news, dates and event reports.

So did anyone notice the incredibly bad grammar in the issue last month? It was of course on purpose to see if you are all awake out there! ...Or maybe it's because I barely scraped past my English GCSEs many years ago and have written in nothing more than "Text Speak" for the last 10 years...

Just to let you know, since the last issue we have had huge problems with the website host, and continue to do so! This means that email has been down too. Apologies to anyone who emailed content during this time, but got a "could not be delivered" reply. Hopefully everything will be back up and sorted in time for gathering the content for the next issue. In case we're still offline then, please forward all content to my work address [andrewsgradesign@gmail.com](mailto:andrewsgradesign@gmail.com). Thanks.

*Andy Gray*

**Deadline for content is 20th March (approximately). Please email content to [andrewsgraydesign@gmail.com](mailto:andrewsgraydesign@gmail.com) until further notice. Thanks.**

# NORTHUMBERLAND

Northumberland County Council

Take your voice with you when you move

Preparations are currently on track for a UK wide referendum to change the voting system for electing MPs to the UK Parliament.

The UK Government is holding a referendum on May 5. If you live in Northumberland and want to cast a vote on the day, you must be on the county's electoral register.

One in Northumberland and the results from the canvass are used to compile the electoral register. If you did not respond to this form, or if you moved after this time, even within the county, then you may have to update your registration.

This referendum will seek the UK public's views on whether the system for electing the UK Parliament should change from 'first past the post' to the Alternative Vote. The Electoral Commission will be posting out an explanatory leaflet to every household in the UK, nearer polling day, which will explain proposed changes to the UK voting system.

You can pick up an electoral registration form from any council contact centre, or you can print off a form from [www.aboutmyvote.co.uk](http://www.aboutmyvote.co.uk)

# Social Evening

at

Eglingham Village Hall

on

**Friday 25th March**

**7.00pm**

We thought that as so many new people have moved into the village that we should invite everyone, old and new to the hall for a glass or two of wine, so we can meet our new neighbours. Children are very welcome to join us. There will be opportunity for people to express an interest in the hall and how they want it to be used. We have been encouraged by the positive offers of help and enthusiasm for the hall.



## Groewood House

### Coffee Morning & Giant Raffle

In aid of Residents Fund

**Friday 15th April 10:00am**

an ideal time to buy your copy of the Cookbook from the cover

## South Charlton Church

### Coffee Afternoon

Old Photographs of the village and events from the past from the extensive collection of the late Ronnie Lowdon.

at The Croft, South Charlton (Anne & Andy Gray's)

**Wednesday 23rd March 2-4pm**

Raffle - Tombola - Cakes

# Coffee Morning

**On Saturday April 2nd** a coffee morning in aid of **St Maurice and Holy Trinity** will be held at the URC church hall in Wooler at 10.00am.

Raffle and tombola prizes can be left in St Maurice's the day before and all offers of cakes and help would be very welcome.

For more details contact Patricia Fleming on 01668 217009.

## Leek Club - Dates

The very successful and very competitive *Tattie In A Bucket* competition will be run again in 2011.

Contact Bob Stuart on 579317 for full details and to enter.

## Quiz Night – Wednesday 16th March – 7:30pm

Supper Provided

## A Day at the Races – Saturday 9th April

Not an actual day away at the races, but a "Race Afternoon/evening" in South Charlton Village Hall including a sweepstake for The Grand National.

## Easter Show – Saturday 23rd April

Schedules available from Bob (579317)

## 90th Birthday Party

One of the eldest inhabitants of Eglington, **Barbara Slane Fleming**, had her **90th Birthday party** at the Hall last month. April Potts, her daughter Lucy and Kate Hesketh-Hervey organised everything and cooked a brilliant lunch. Among the 50 people present were several of her equestrian friends from many different parts of the country including four Fellows of the British Horse Society.

Mick Walmesley-Cotham, Barbara's nephew and Kate's cousin, proposed the toast.



Barbara joined the F.A.N.Y's during the war and worked for S.O.E. in London. She retired from judging and teaching horses and riders when she was 80 years of age. Comments on the party were in "Horse and Hound" recently.

## Fish and Chip Night

50 people filled the hall ready to devour the sweet smelling Fish and Chips being cooked in the van outside the hall we'd all walked past. Firstly we were treated to entertainment by amongst others the Riddle twins which everyone enjoyed. Maybe a comedian to vary the styles would have spiced things up but unfortunately all the comedians we tried were booked up. Rest assured that we have one booked for the Burn's Supper 2012!!



After salivating for what felt for too long, but was only minutes, the Fish and Chips started to arrive and boy were they good! Well done to the chippy van for pumping out 50 sets of fish and chips in about 10 minutes, thus avoiding a rebellion on the scale of Egypt as those who were last to be served were fed quickly and efficiently.

Thank you to all who came and enjoyed the evening, and especially those who helped out.

If anyone has any suggestions for a good night next year to celebrate the 40th year of the Leek Club it would be very welcome.

*Bob*

## Coffee & Chats

It was great to see so many at the coffee and chats on Saturday in Eglington village hall. This monthly event (first Saturday 10 - 12) is really established now and as well as the regular die hards there are a lot of folk who drop by. Last time there were more than 20 enjoying a catch up with friends and neighbours. It went ahead despite burst pipes meaning no running water. Amanda, Janice and Penny are much too determined to let minor problems like no water (or as



previously no electricity) stop them. They just quietly get on with organising a valuable community event. The age range from 8 to 80 is also great to see and apart from the children being genetically incapable of closing doors everyone gets along just fine. The chat is so varied too and I caught snippets of conversations ranging from tales of broken guttering through local history to car maintenance! Come along next month and have a natter.

## South Charlton Village Hall Games Night

The Village Hall Committee organised a Games Night on the 12th February. Those brave souls who turned out enjoyed a varied programme with all sorts of games on offer, (the Jenga seemed to be very popular this time) starting as seems traditional with a Beetle Drive, which was won by Martyn Robison. A pooled tea was enjoyed halfway through the night with plenty left over for topping up as the evening went on. Everyone took part in the domino competition which was eventually won by **Eleanor Clark** and the darts tournament was won by **Ali Grant**. This was another chance for everyone to catch up with all the news, have something to eat and enjoy a drink with Martyn again providing the bar.

Many thanks to all who helped in every way.

## Eglingham Village Hall Clean Up

A hardy bunch of volunteers have started to make inroads into sprucing up Eglingham village hall. On two Saturdays in February there was a frenzy of dusters, Hoovers and mops. Black bin bags were filled with assorted rubbish, much of which would have interested Tony Robinson and his Time Team. There are now plans afoot to paint and refurbish the kitchen. The committee are also organising a social event in March (see elsewhere in this edition for details) for anyone interested in the hall's future to meet up and discuss what happens next.



## Friends of Eglingham Village Hall

Another idea to help the hall was to have an email list for anyone interested in the hall and its future.

This way people can be kept informed of events and be contacted when help is needed for any of the tasks. If you'd like to help in any way or just be kept up to date with what's happening please send an email to [eglinghamvillagehall@gmail.com](mailto:eglinghamvillagehall@gmail.com)

## Junior Helpers

Amongst the helpers at the hall clean up day were two young residents of the village. Here is what one of them, Charlotte, wrote after the day:

“As you should know the village hall will soon start to look its best. The people say it will take time as we do not have any money to make it look 5 star above what it is now. As you can see from the photo Charlotte Osmond and Harriet Robson are mopping the floor and did lots and lots of jobs that day.”

by Charlotte Osmond

# Rural View

Every now and again the governing bodies to British agriculture decide that farmers get bored easily and love change, they presume that to add some interest into the obviously lonely agricultural life would lift our spirits and therefore they should invent some new and exciting rules for us farmers to adhere to. In recent years the top cats looked at sheep farmers, they watched them wondering around looking quiet disheartened with the lack of rules they have to follow and needed to invent some master plan. At the same time they noticed that sheep do in fact have a lack of plastic ear tags attached to them, ahhh now here's a plan. Last year the powers that be brought out new sheep identification rules and also a 2000 page hand book to advise us on what to do. This is why sheep have ears which are so laden down by various Technicolor plastic objects they look like extras at a West End performance of Joseph!

Cattle now have so many pieces of paper which must travel with them at all time there is no room left in the trailer for the cattle once you get the passports in, not to mention food chain declaration forms and TB status declarations too. This is why the large twin decked cattle trailers were invented, the cattle are on the lower deck and paper work is on the top one.

Tomorrow I attend a work shop which explains how to fill out the latest paper chasing, form filling, non farming, and non income generating offering from DEFRA. The booklet in question is for us to record what happens with the soil on the farm throughout the year with a view to protect it from erosion and the like. Soil, to my knowledge was invented at least 100 years ago may be even more, (I googled an exact date but could not fine one, someone on a forum suggested it was a Thursday) and it has survived quiet happily up to now, I'm just looking out the window now to see if it is still there.... yes it is. DEFRA however do worry that if we don't look after the soil it could has devastating effects, badgers would have nowhere to live, ragwort (the poisonous yellow flowering plant the county councils love to grow on central reservations) would have no home and the reduction in the construction of new green field developments would spell disaster to mankind.



*Looking rather happy anfter hunting down a DEFRA Policy maker and taking vengeance*

I therefore as a custodian of the land promise to attend the meeting in an optimistic manner, adopt and adhere to all the rules and regulations presented to me in order to make the country better for all my fellow countrymen, or until next year when the new updated system is developed and we will do that instead!

*Michael*

# *In the Country...*

Hayheck decided to take a winter break away from the glue like glar that is farming in the Parish. A few days away from it all; I would see what a spa up a mountain could bring. And what did it bring? SNOW. The last time I mentioned mud, the same thing happened.

Buxton in the Peak District is the highest town in Britain, it claims. Not unlike Alnwick, it has a large mixture of café's and an even wider choice of charity shops amidst the usual chain stores. There are also many people of a different hue from us parish types. Sherpa's, I assumed, given the altitude. Victorian architecture abounds.

The town really boomed once the railway arrived in the 1850's. By the 1870's brand new locals in their large country houses wanted to build a park. The Duke of Devonshire gave them 9 acres of land (subsequently increased to 26 acres) and by public subscription they built Buxton Pleasure Gardens, Pavilion and Opera House. And to this day, even if it is a miserable wet sleety one in February, it is still impressive. Everything still works. You can see Rossini's Barber of Seville at the Opera House in March or, more to my taste Wilco Johnson (ex Dr Feelgood) in April. The gardens are open all year round for very bracing walks amongst the ducks and geese. All this because a few people pulled together back in 1870.



If we could have a little of that community spirit, that will get things done, that drive to improve what you have got, not only for yourself but for the benefit of all, how much better would our Parish be? If for example we could get together and sort out the myriad problems with Eglington Village Hall it would be a much more useful asset to the community than it is at present. It needs the South Charlton makeover. And to do that it needs people

with a range of skills, from dealing with planning authorities to applying for grants. It needs hands on people too, to improve the infrastructure and make it useable. It needs fundraisers, to get it all going and put some impetus behind it.

If we don't bother, then it will degenerate into an unusable condition. That time is not far away. So, do we want to help ourselves to ensure a key village amenity remains viable and useable as the good folk of Buxton and South Charlton have done with their assets? Or do we sit back and watch another front tooth drop out of the village smile. First the shop. Then the school. Then the hall? Church? Pub? Cricket Club? It is not many steps to being toothless, so let's get together and put things right.

*Hayheck*

## Joe Bowden Recalls Harsh Winters of the Past

I have been asked several times lately if I can remember a winter like the recent one. The answer being “Yes”, many of them.

Most winters were severe, as anyone “over the hill” will tell you. Winters used to last until the middle of March and February was always a bad month. Remember the saying “February fills the dyke” and often the snow DID fill the dykes.

One such winter I was in the Army in 1943 training extensively near Fort William. I went on leave, catching the train from Fort William. I got off at Berwick Station, caught the bus to Belford but the snow was so deep the bus could go no further. I still had to get to Charlton Mires to get home to South Charlton. So I set off at 120 steps to the minute but soon the snow was past my knees. Being a grand moonlit night and fair weather I plodded on, I saw no one not even a rabbit on the road. I arrived home in the early hours.

The next storm I remember was 1944 in the Ardennes in Belgium, the locals said it was the hardest winter on record. The Germans had broken through a weak section of the American lines on December 16th (start of the Battle of the Bulge), the situation was bad.

Our regiment and others were sent to stem the gap. We tried to dig fox holes for ourselves, it was nigh impossible, the ground being so frozen. We found a pick between ten of us and eventually gained cover in some fox holes.

I remember it was 6:40pm on Christmas

Night when our ration wagon managed to locate us having being lost and stuck in the snow. Bully beef and cheese sandwiches washed down with luke warm tea never tasted so good. A lad in the next fox hole started singing Silent Night, until we lobbed some snowballs at him. About 3am, always a bad time when on duty, we heard a shuffling about 20 yards away. Bren gun lined up ready only to find a wild boar (looking for the food likely) kept coming and we didn't want to shoot it for giving our position away, so we pelted him with snow balls until he went squealing off into the forest.

In 1947 I was demobbed and the old timers will remember the dreadful winter. This B6347 was blocked with snow hedge to hedge, the terrific wind blew the snow off the fields. As soon as day came the lengthman and I gathered about eight people from the village to cast snow because we were cut off. Joe Steele (Anne Gray's father, and therefore Editor Andy's grandfather) and Eleanor Clarke's father were two I remember.



*American Troops in defensive positions  
in Ardennes Forest Dec. 1944*

We did not make much headway as the snow was so deep but we managed a pathway to Charlton Mires. Bread etc. could and was left there where villagers could pick up rations. Reinforcements arrived about Chester Hill to help us make a wider path. Mostly men on the dole were enlisted to snowcast and I remember horses pulling a wooden plough to clear the roads. We would sit on the plough to weight it and when stuck we just jumped off. No health and safety then!!

1963 – This was a rough winter. I remember gritting on Heckley Bank in a dreadful blizzard blowing straight from the North. Out of the blizzard came this white figure who turned out to be Dr. Barbara Moore. She was tired out and almost done for by the snow, and the snowflakes were clagged to her clothes. I said to her, “It’s my bait time, would you like a drink of tea?”. So we moved into the shelter CVU (Sea view), my homemade shed on top of Heckley. I always carried two flasks, one for soup (Ruby always made good broth, “the real I AM”). So Barbara had a bowl of that but refused a bacon sandwich as she was a veggie.



*Dr Barbara Moore on one of her many Charitable Walks*

After the broth and tea she disappeared into the snow again. Barbara was walking the length of Britain in aid of charity. Hopefully the weather would improve. What a brave woman! The last I heard of her was from a wagon driver who drove daily from Berwick to Newcastle with Bero Flour and he had seen her making into Preston Pans. I’m sure she would accomplish her mission for charity (*Ed. She did indeed, she even walked across America!*)

I’m now waiting for the first sighting of the swallows. They usually arrive in April, then we know it is Spring!

*Joe Bowden*

PS. I’ve just seen the photo of “Big Mack” in last months issue, this was the large wagon that pushed the snow plough. My cousin used to drive it. Sometimes in deep snow I had to lookout for obstacles on the road so the plough could get through. Cars etc. were often abandoned and proved hazardous to the plough getting through.



# Richard Faulkner

## PARISH PORTRAIT

### About You:

Born and bred in Burnley, I went to Leeds Met University after which I moved to Newcastle. I jumped on the property bandwagon, set-up a property company and started buying houses, but little did I know what was about to happen... Fortunately I had gained valuable experience in electrical work, undertook an apprenticeship and now trade as an electrician (RSF Electrics), but you can often see me at Forge Cottage surrounded by 7 computer screens trying to take over the world/trade the currency markets. It was during my time in Newcastle I met local girl Diane Gray, married her, moved to Eglington and never looked back since.



### Where were you born?

Burnley

**Education:** '87-'92 Malsis, '92-'97 Sedburgh School, '97-2001 Leeds Met University.

### What was your 1st Job?

Working in a wool factory

### Current occupation?

Electrician

### What do you most like about your current position?

No office politics

### What is the most influential piece of advice given to you?

Imagine what you could achieve if you knew you couldn't fail!

### ...and what piece of advice would you pass on?

Unfortunately at the ripe old age of 32 I don't feel qualified enough to be passing advice on.

### If you could pick any job in the world, what would you do?

Foreign Exchange Market Maker

### What is your favourite?

**Film:** Happy Gilmore

**Book:** Not read a book for a long time...

**Music:** Dire Straits

**What is your favourite or most interesting experience?**

3 months snowboarding in Mont Tremblant, Quebec, Canada

**If you could invite four famous people (alive or dead) to your next dinner party, who would you invite?**

George Soros, Steve Mauro,  
John Belushi & Johnny Cash

**If you could improve one thing in the parish what would it be?**

Have a high speed internet connection

**Downtime:**

Running, the occasional trip to the Tanky for a pint, golf and shooting.

## Rural Broadband Price Changes Coming?

Rural parts of the UK could benefit from cheaper broadband after Ofcom proposed significant reductions in the wholesale price BT can charge rival internet service providers.

The media regulator today said that BT Wholesale should charge rival ISPs less in parts of the country where it is the sole provider of broadband services. Under Ofcom's new model, BT would have to accept a price reduction of between 10.75% and 14.75% below inflation in the affected areas.

The watchdog believes that the move would increase competition between ISPs, leading to a reduction in prices for consumers and potentially better quality, faster services.

Around 12% of UK households would be covered under the new model, constituting around 3 million homes and businesses in mostly rural areas, including parts of Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland, as well as the South West of England, Norfolk, Yorkshire, Cumbria and Northumberland.

The announcement follows a decision by Ofcom in December to lift wholesale regulation in areas of the country where broadband competition is working well for consumers.

Today, around 78% of UK households - mainly in urban or densely populated areas - are served by effective competition. This is predominantly due to the continued success of local loop unbundling, in which ISPs such as Sky or TalkTalk offer services over BT's copper telephone network.

According to figures released last year, the number of unbundled lines in the UK has passed the 7 million mark, up from just 123,000 in late 2005.



## Eglingham W.I. Press Report

The February meeting for Eglingham W.I. was well attended by members. There was a fair amount of business to get through due to the Christmas dinner in December being cancelled due to the snow and reset instead of the January meeting.

Our President, Mrs Catherine Lister was pleased to announce that £100 had been raised at the Christmas dinner to send to the “*Send a Cow*” charity.

Some of our members had attended a session of “Circle Dancing” at Shilbottle and had thoroughly enjoyed the event.

Of note was a letter from Taylors Tea which brings to an end their association with the W.I. nationwide. Each year we have received a large box of teabags which sees us through the year (this is done for every W.I.) and there was always a monthly competition with a prize. Taylors was one of the companies targeted by W.I. National Headquarters for not being “Fairtrade.” Last year we had a long discussion about the situation and Taylors’ ethical status - for example they have been supporting the protection of the rainforest for many years. We decided to send a letter to National Headquarters stating our disappointment with their campaign against Taylors. We knew that Northumberland Federation of W.I.s had also made representations to National.

It was not surprising therefore to receive the letter from Taylors, sadly bringing their association with the W.I.s to an end. We felt it appropriate to send a letter of thanks to them and also a copy of the letter which we had sent to London last year.

There was some lively discussion about the nature of the monthly competition. It is always good to have a review of ongoing procedures!

It was noticed that Mrs Brenda Robertson had won 2nd prize in the Northumberland Federation 100 Club!

Eventually we were able to welcome our speaker, Mrs Mary Pinder who gave us a most educational and entertaining talk on hats. She not only gave us a whistle stop tour of the history of headwear and hairstyles from Saxon times to the present day but was also able to show us a large collection of hats which she had brought along. The talk was made all the more enjoyable by Mary’s frequent anecdotes which had us all laughing. Just what you all need on a cold winter’s night!

The talk was followed by our usual, amazing, pooled supper when there is time to catch up with other members. The raffle was won by Mrs Val O’Reilly and the monthly competition of a scarf was won by Miss Marion Wilson.

Our next meeting will be held on **10th March at 7.00pm in the Village Hall**. Our speaker will be Mrs Langford who will be giving, I’m sure, a very interesting talk on, “*Childhood under Occupation*”. **Visitors are always welcome.**

## Future Speakers

**14th April 2011 7.00pm** at Eglingham Parish Hall

Speaker- Mr Andrew Sawyer on “*The Armstrongs at Home*”.

# Church Business

## Eglingham & Old Bewick

### Lent Services and Discussion Group in Eglingham

At the start of Lent there will be an Ash Wednesday service on **9th March at 7.30pm**. The service will include the imposition of ashes.

There will also be a discussion group based on a book about St Matthew by Bishop Tom Wright. Copies can be purchased in St Maurice's for £3.50. The first meeting will be held at Sylvia Williams' home in Branton on **Thursday 17th March at 7.30pm**. If you would like more information (or a lift to Branton) please feel free to phone Sylvia on 01665 578559

### AGM of the Parochial Church Council

On **Monday 28th March** the AGM of the Parochial Church Council for St Maurice, Eglingham & Holy Trinity Church, Old Bewick will take place. The meeting starts at **7.00pm** in St Maurice's church and is open to everyone. The Council is in need of two new Churchwardens and also more people to join the PCC.

After 10 years in the job the Treasurer, Marian Levy, is retiring from the job. The PCC and congregation would like to thank her very much for all her hard work. This does however mean that the Parish is

in need of a new Treasurer! A suitable candidate doesn't need to be a church member and any local resident who has experience with accounts or handling money would be a welcome applicant.

If you are interested in supporting the church in any of these ways please ring Ruth Hunter on 578944.

### Mothering Sunday

Mothering Sunday is on Sunday 3rd April and at Eglingham the service will include the giving out of posies. In preparation for this there will be a Junior Church Workshop on Saturday 2nd at 2.00pm. This will take place in St Maurice's and all children in the area are very welcome to join in with the activities.

## South Charlton Services

6th March - 11am - Holy Communion  
Rev Bob Burston

9th March - 6pm - Ash Wednesday Service

20th March - 11am - Holy Communion  
Raymond Best

27th March - 6pm - Child Friendly Service

While we are still "Vicarless", if you need to speak to someone about Church matters, please contact to one of the churchwardens, namely:

Eglingham:	Ruth Hunter, (01665) 578944
Old Bewick:	Patricia Fleming, (01668) 217009
South Charlton:	June Lawson, (01665) 579207 Eddie Stafford, (01665) 579262

If you need the services of a priest, please contact, in the first instance, the Team Rector: The Revd Bob Burston, (01668) 281551.

Otherwise contact: The Revd Jeffry Smith, (01668) 281468.

## ...and finally a load of jokes

My wife has worked as a magician's assistant for years now. I think she has picked up a few tricks. I came home from work early today and she was in the bedroom. She said, "Abracadabra!" and my mate, Dave, came out of the wardrobe, stark naked. Poor bugger must have wondered what the hell was going on.

My mum always used to say to me "Always go for ugly girls, that way you know they'll always be faithful!"

Clearly she's never watched the Jeremy Kyle Show.

I've bought two 100m tickets for the 2012 Olympics.

You should have seen the size of the envelope they came in.

I read in a marriage guidance magazine that if your partner is having an affair, she'll make up pathetic excuses to go out late at night.

I'm looking forward to having the house to myself tonight actually. The wife's off to take her ferret for a midnight yodelling lesson.

I got chatting to a lumberjack in a pub. He seemed like a decent feller.

I've just heard that Victoria Beckham is going to the Royal Wedding...

For God's sake, Will! At least invite someone who will eat the buffet we are all paying for!

I've started dating a woman jogger. She's been around the block a few times but she's well fit.

A beautiful woman came up to me in a bar and said, "I'm looking for Mr Right and you look like you could be him." I said, "You must have me confused with someone else". As she slowly rubbed my leg she said, "Oh I don't think so sexy. It's definitely you". That's when I got my passport out and said, "Look... *Mr Jones*, you silly bitch!"

"Now pay attention, 007; this looks like an ordinary suitcase but, if you push this button, a handle comes out and you can wheel it."

I hired a brass band to celebrate the birth of my child. I enjoyed it, but I think my wife was a little annoyed with the 15 hour drum roll.

Sky News - 'US: Gaddafi 'Delusional And Unfit To Lead'

That's rich, coming from a country which put George Bush in charge...

Just went to Sainbury's and bought a packet of Jamie Oliver's mini sausages. On the back it said "prick with a fork".

Can't argue with that really.

Bloke from Barnsley with a sore backside asks chemist "Nah then lad, does tha sell arse cream?"

Chemist replies "Aye, Magnum or Cornetto?"

My granddad just phoned me and said, "Where are you?" I said, "I'm in a strip club, getting drunk and snorting cocaine, why?" He said, "I think somebody has stolen my wallet". I said, "Don't be stupid, who would steal £185.57 from an old man?"

## Late Breaking

Does anyone recognise this wedding? Eileen Duncan has several more pics in her uncles collection and would like to give the negatives to the family if they can be traced. Get in touch with us if you know. Thanks!



## Useful Numbers

### Village Hall contacts:

#### South Charlton

Alan Hodgson 01665 579494

#### Eglingham

Penny Blackmore 01665 578327

#### Local Councillor

John Taylor 01665 603825

NHS Direct: 08 45 46 47  
[www.nhsdirect.nhs.uk](http://www.nhsdirect.nhs.uk)

Consulting Rooms 01665 602388  
Bondgate Surgery 01665 510888

#### Parish Council Chair

Bill Purvis 01665 579255

#### Clerk to the Parish Council

Alan Hodgson 01665 579494

## Summer Walk

It has been suggested that Eglingham host the event again this year, as South Charlton hosted it for the first two years.

Hear Abouts will once again be involved in arranging and sponsoring the event, however we will need extensive help to run things on the day.

Please get intouch if you are able to help in any way.

More details to be confirmed in due course.

## Advertise In Here

'1/4' page advert (60mm x 70mm)  
£25 (business in parish) or  
£30 (business outside parish)

A5 leaflet or flyer  
Commercial: £15 to deliver 200  
copies (1/4 page ad also to be  
taken)

'Hear Abouts' design & print:  
£38.00 produce & deliver 200  
copies (no ad required)  
'not for profit' organisation in  
the parish ; no charge for  
delivering your leaflets  
ring 01665 579479

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