

# *Eglingham Community Association*

ECA is a voluntary group that manages Eglingham Village Field on behalf of the Parish Council and undertakes the organisation and management of various other events throughout the year. This report gives a flavour of some of the things we have been doing over the last few months.

## *Eglingham Village Field*

ECA organised and managed the grant application and subsequent building of the new toilet facilities and secure storage shed at the Village Field. The construction was allocated to the most local team possible, with Adam Wilson completing the ground works and concrete plinth, Henry Prytherch and Peter Morgan putting up the buildings. A superb job has been done. They have taken the spec higher than provided, by replacing ordinary roofing felt with top quality green mineral felt, spraying the sheds with two coats of cuprinol and incorporating sliding bolts and other necessities all within their original quote. We would like to offer our sincerest appreciation for their efforts.



These facilities offer more than even we imagined at the outset. The Eco toilet for example, is fitted with a solar panel that not only runs the light and water pump inside, but also provides a mobile phone charging socket with multiple adapters to fit any current phone!

The shed provides secure storage for the maintenance equipment for the field and allows us to leave the other shed with open access so that people can store sports equipment, clothes or such like whilst playing tennis. Users must be aware that anything they leave in the shed is their responsibility.

ECA also organised a Spring Tidy of the field area when six wheelbarrow loads of moss were removed from the tennis court. The court has also been extensively treated with moss killer in an attempt to get on top of the problem. In addition to this, a brand new tennis net has been fitted.

Also on the Spring Tidy, several Michaelmas daisies were planted on the banking, an area we would like to fill with colour. If you have any spare flowering plants or bulbs, particularly spring and early summer varieties like daffodils, tulips, poppies, bluebells, primroses, etc that you would be happy to donate, please get in touch with any ECA member.

Future improvements/projects that ECA are looking into at the field are signage, relining the tennis court and event promotion. The first of these events we hope will be our first Village Barbecue in August, when everyone is invited to come to the party. More details in Hear Abouts closer to the time.

## *ECA Calendar*

ECA asked for photographs for a possible calendar and the village responded magnificently. The subsequent calendar sold 120 copies in one of our most successful undertakings yet.

### *Helping new groups*

From assisting the Swing Dance group to a successful start-up, ECA have decided to make a grant of £50 available to any new groups who wish to establish new activities in the Parish. The new Photography Club is the first to take advantage of this scheme.

### *ECA Assets*



There is a fully portable state of the art Public Address (PA) System, housed at Eglington Village Hall available for use by any properly constituted group in the Parish for free. For private use or for those outside the Parish, there will be a small fee. There is also a CD/multi device playing deck that can take iPhones, MP3

players or anything other than vinyl. Please contact any member of ECA should you wish to enquire about them.

### *Treasurer's Report (highlights)*

Current Account Balance - £866.01. Calendar sales - £670. Firework collection - £135. Assets - £900.

### *Getting involved*

If you would like to join ECA or get involved with any of the activities, please contact any of the members.

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