

# HEAR ABOUTS

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The Free Community Magazine for Eglington Parish  
North Charlton | South Charlton | Eglington | & Everywhere Between

## From the Editor

Packed issue this month after last months more basic edition.

So I'll just take these few lines to wish you all a Happy Easter for when it rolls around!

Andy

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## Lunch Club

Next lunch is 12 noon April 17th

All Welcome!

## Easter Bingo

South Charlton Village Hall

April 6th

Doors 7pm

Eyes Down 7:30pm

## Easter Show

South Charlton Village Hall

April 20th

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# 100 Club Results

## March winners

1st Prize £25 Number: 80 Colin Bell  
2nd Prize £15 Number: 47 George & Mary Elliott  
3rd Prize £10 Number: 45 John Hunter

*Eglingham Village Hall*



## Children's Film & Afternoon tea



*Saturday  
13th April  
2pm*



*Tickets on the door  
£2 per child or £3 per family*

*or Contact Janice 01665578967 / Yvonne 07711294054*



## **Vicar Retires!**

Our current Vicar **Marion Penrose** who presides over the Breamish & Till Benefice which covers churches at Eglingham, South Charlton, Ingram, Chatton, Chillingham, and Old Bewick will be leaving us and retiring this Summer.

**Her last Service will be at St Michael's Ingram on the 9<sup>th</sup> June 2019 at 4.00 p.m. followed by Afternoon Tea at Ingram Village Hall.**

If you want to make a donation towards a leaving present, please contact: Ruth Hunter 01665 578944 or Patricia Fleming 01668 217009 or Brenda Robertson 01665 579337. Thank you

# *Eglingham Village hall Spring Artisan Fair*

*Sunday 5th May  
1.00pm to 5.00 pm*

*Artisan Bread*

*Sloe Gin*

*Bee Products*

*Cheese & Deli*

*Spices*

*Wildlife Artwork*

*Sea Glass Craft*

*Textiles*

*Needlecraft*

*Horticulture*

*Photography*

*Soaps*

*Chutneys & Marmalades*

*Cakes*

*Refreshments available  
Free entry*





SAT 7TH MAY  
EGLINGHAM VILLAGE  
HALL  
ENTRY £7.30  
UNDER 16 - FREE

# MEMORIES OF AN INDIAN CHILDHOOD

An extraordinary personal narrative mixed with traditional tales  
*Written and performed by Sita Brand*

Be transported to Bombay... dusty, crowded and vibrant... Welcome to Sita's world of large families, stubborn hairdos and romantic train journeys. Slowly the light-hearted stories about friendships and games give way to darker more painful memories. Her father's gruelling exodus at the onset of World War II and later the Indian Emergency, precipitating the need to leave India and come to Britain. Atmospheric, intimate, funny and moving, Memories of an Indian Childhood is an autobiographical show in which Sita's own experience of growing up in India is intertwined with the folk tales that influenced her childhood, and is consummately told from a cross cultural perspective.

Sita Brand was born in India to an Indian father and an English Mother and came to the UK at age 15. She has worked nationally and internationally as a storyteller, actress, director, writer and producer. From her base in the Yorkshire Dales, she founded Settle Stories in 2010 and soon after, the annual Settle Storytelling Festival which has grown to become the largest storytelling festival in the north of England. Her work has been featured in the Guardian, Radio 4 and Yorkshire Life. Sita is an accomplished storyteller who blends the myths and folktales that have shaped human lives over thousands of years with the current stories that matter.

*"I'm struck by how well Brand retains the attention of her audience"*  
-The Guardian

# The Northumbrian Ranters

St Maurice's Church – 15th March 2019

It is twelve years since Richard Johnstone created The Northumbrian Ranters, following a visit to Scotland with a small group of folk musicians from schools in Northumberland. It was during that trip that they first saw a mighty Fiddle Orchestra. It blew them off their feet. 'We need a bigger band' thought Richard.



It is a long time to keep something going, twelve years. Especially when your best players keep leaving for college. The concert at Eglington featured a whole raft of new Ranters, as half of last year's band had left for University. The majority looked in the 13-14-year old age group, feeling their way in to the orchestra, becoming better and braver with each concert.

Music is where aspiration lives. It gives you the belief that you can be part of something amazing. It lifts you up and makes you feel anything is possible. It breeds the confidence to go out there and take life by the scruff of the neck. And these young people were about to share that hope, that desire, that ambition with an audience of 70 squeezed in to Eglington Church.

They started carefully, with a few jigs, a reel or two, something a bit more modern and a gorgeous acapella song. Not getting out of their comfort zone, eyes glued to the music. For some of them, it was their first night and they wanted to fit in, be part of the team, not let the side down. And so it carried on until the coffee and biscuit interval. All very nice, all very safe.



After the interval, the gloves came off and Richard started to show us what his band is capable of. First up, a clog dance. More Lancastrian than Northumbrian, but it is rare we get treated to a bit of clogging up here so what's not to like. Boards were laid up the aisle, five young girls donned the footwear and off we went, clogging along to the Northumbrian small pipes. Brilliant.

We then helter skeltered through a whole series of jigs, reels and polkas as the audience were moved through the gears from toe tapping to clapping to foot stamping to full out whooping with pleasure at the music this band were wringing from their instruments.

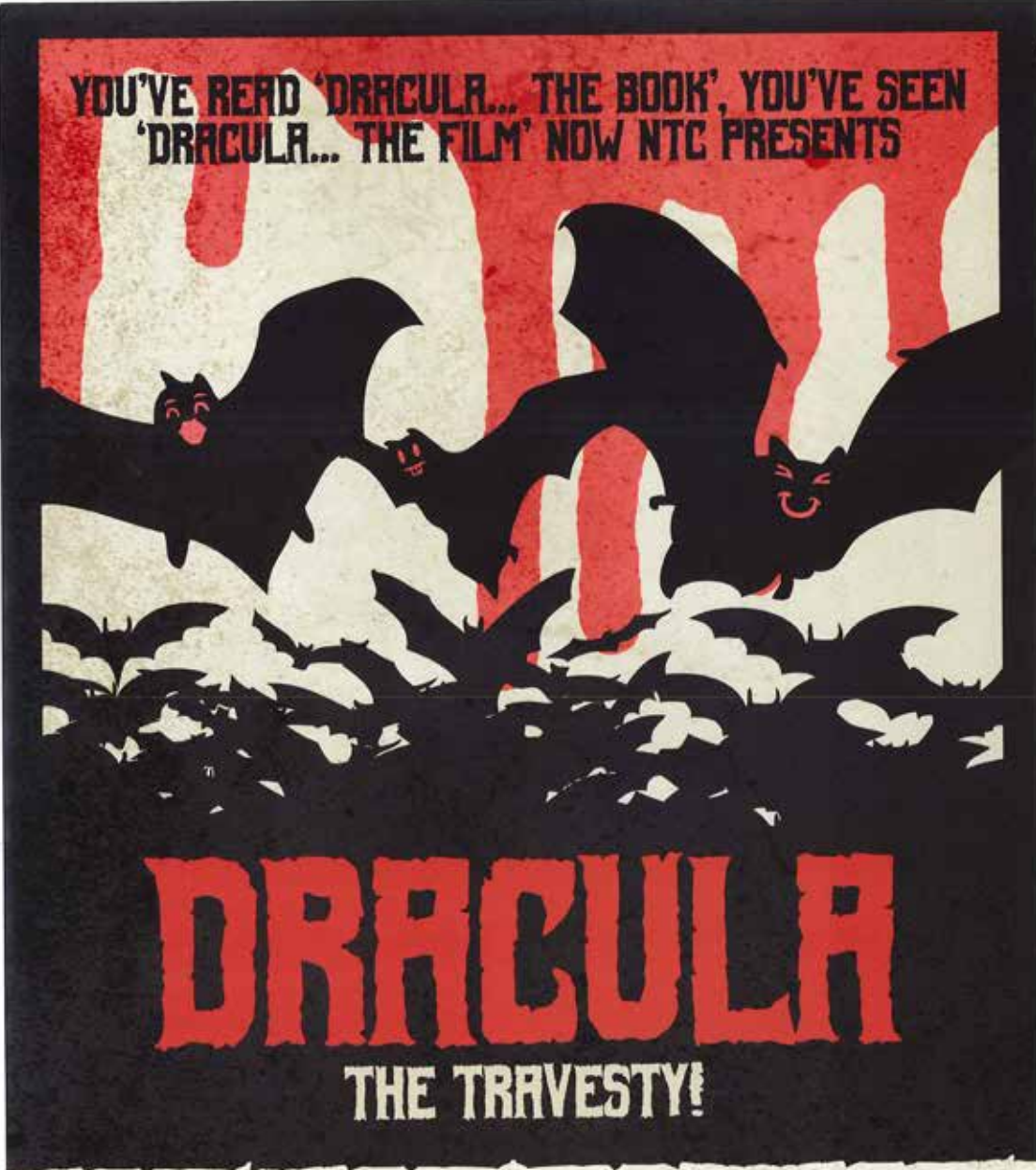
The Alnwick Suite was my pick of the night. Written for the opening of Alnwick Gardens, the tune starts off with a view from 'Corby Crag', beautiful and lilting. Then it is on to 'Alnwick Cobbles' where it jumps and skitters along in a breezy tempo. Next, 'The Pastures',

where the music reflects the rolling beauty of the countryside, then in to the Garden with 'The Cascade'. Then, magically the 'Alnwick Cobbles' tune is marched through 'The Pastures' and back again. I loved it.

By the end, the whole audience were on board the Ranters Express as they launched in to their finale, a suite of Scandinavian Reels that brought the house down. A fitting end to a glorious night. The encore brought a standing ovation and cheering from the pews.

This is what the band can do in its relative infancy. Imagine what they will be like in a few years' time when they are full of confidence and really going for it. I, for one, want to be there.

*Hayheck*




**YOU'VE READ 'DRACULA... THE BOOK', YOU'VE SEEN  
'DRACULA... THE FILM' NOW NTC PRESENTS**


**DRACULA**  
**THE TRAVESTY!**


Friday 24th May 2019 at 7.30 pm  
Eglington Village Hall  
Tickets: £7.50. Under 16's free. Available on the door

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## Mobile Library, Eglington Village

At the present time a mobile library van visits South Charlton village but not Eglington village. The parish Council have been approached to ascertain if there was a desire for the van to visit Eglington Village.

The van could come through Eglington Village monthly on a Wednesday afternoon stopping outside the pub around 5.15pm. However the Council require at least 5 people to register an interest via [mylibrary@northumberland.gov.uk](mailto:mylibrary@northumberland.gov.uk)

## LITTER BIN IN EGLINGTON

Recently concern has been expressed about the amount of litter being left at the bus shelter in Eglington. The shelter is principally used by young people waiting to board the school bus in the mornings.



The Parish Council consulted with residents on the possibility of installing a litter bin in or adjacent to the bus shelter. Seven responses were received, two opposing the installation and five supporting it.

The Parish Council discussed the installation of a bin at its meeting of 13th of March and agreed to install a wall mounted black bin on the west wall of the bus shelter. This will be emptied on a regular basis by the County Council.

The Parish Council would ask for the support of all residents in keeping our villages and surrounding areas litter free.

## WhichCraft

Come and see the new panels Whichcraft have been making for South Charlton Village Hall in conjunction with Textile Artist Donna Cheshire.

2-4pm Friday 5th April 2019  
Tea/coffee and Cake available

The project has been funded by the RWE Middlemoor Windfarm Community Fund.



## Tennis Club

Spring is here and its time to dust of your rackets and trainers and start enjoying the newly resurfaced tennis court.

The Eglingham Tennis Club has started to organise activities for 2019 and we would love you to join in whatever your ability.

Commencing Tuesday April 16th, Grant Watson, Alnwick tennis coach will be starting group tennis lessons for adults from 10.30am-12.00 on the community court.(all abilities)

Anyone interested in having a knock about, then come along to Social Play. Every Wednesday evening 7-9pm starting 17th April.

Toddler tennis will be up and running again after a very successful 2018 season towards the end of Spring/beginning of summer.

If you would like to book the court for private use there is a booking diary in the sports hut.

If you are interested in any of these activities or would like some other tennis activities organised please contact Nicky 07919172355 for adults and Paula 07931339693 for toddlers, or just come along and join in!



## Eglingham Village Hall



*with a*

*Curry Supper*

*Friday 26th April*

*7 pm*

*Licensed bar*



*Tickets £5.00 on the door*

*or Contact Janice 01665578967 / Yvonne 07711294054*

## Eglingham W.I. Report for March

I do like a bit of cheese as Wallace and Gromit might say and cheese there was aplenty for Eglingham W.I.'s March meeting.

Firstly, we had the business part of the meeting and it was good to hear that our fundraising efforts for our Centenary charity over the last year or so came to a total of two thousand pounds. This money was raised in memory of a past resident and member of Eglingham W.I., Fiona Robson. One thousand pounds will go to the Palliative Care Unit, Wansbeck and the other thousand to the Oncology Unit, Alnwick. This year the charity which members will be supporting is the Redbox North Northumberland which provides sanitary items for women/girls who experience sanitary protection poverty. There are three collection points in Alnwick where people can donate: Alnwick Infirmary, Sainsburys and Costa Coffee. Our collection will be taken in by Helen after each meeting.

Arrangements were made for members to attend various W.I. meetings. The main one being the Spring Council Meeting in April held at The Royal Grammar School, Newcastle.

On completion of all business, Brenda, our President, introduced our speakers for the evening, Andrew and Craig who worked for the Northumbrian Cheese Company based on the Blagdon Estate.

Andrew gave us a little history of the company. It had been founded in the early 80s by Mark Robertson, of the famous jam family, who had started a sheep farm in Redesdale. He travelled to Europe and the Netherlands to learn about cheese making and converted a barn into a dairy. The move to Blagdon was motivated by wanting more footfall and the room to grow- and grow it has! They now boast sixteen artisan cheeses including sheep, goats, Jersey milk and cows' milk from the Blagdon estate.

They work five days a week with two batches made each day. These are traditional, hand-made cheeses, quite labour intensive, for example, whilst the circular cheeses are maturing in their vacuum packs, they have to be turned once a week. As there are 13 thousand of them it is a full time job! Apart from the making of the cheeses, dispatch and selling can be very intensive if, like at Christmas, there were thirty thousand wedges to dispatch! That called for twelve hour shifts! The cheese is sold nation wide and as far flung as Australia. The company seems to keep abreast of innovative ideas as they have even made cheese wedding cakes with various tiers of circular cheeses with carvings of little mice! The company hopes to gain investment to extend their buildings and modernize their machinery. At the same time there is a wish to keep the company family based and workers (seven at the present time) to have the benefits of being shareholders.

Then for the cheese tasting! Craig came around with piled plates of Redesdale (sheep's cheese) Nettle, Smoked, (both from cows' milk) and Elsdon (a mild goats' cheese.) Delicious! Neither the smoked cheese nor the goats' cheese were over-powering but a delicate flavour. The former is sent down to North Yorkshire where it is oak smoked – and no – Robsons at Craster, although local, would not be a good idea unless you wanted a kipper flavour!

All the Northumbrian Cheese Company's cheeses have won gold awards over the years most notably at the famous Nantwich cheese awards. The Cheese Farm Shop and Cheese Loft Cafe are open daily and there are opportunities for dairy tours and

cheese making.

Top tips which you probably already know is to always get your cheese to room temperature to taste the full flavour; to keep your cheese in the fridge, wrap it firmly in tin foil and lastly, you can freeze it.

The vote of thanks was given by Romaine.

Ladies were given the opportunity to buy some cheeses and there was a great deal of cheese cubes left which were added to the supper table. Needless to say there was no sign of any cheese left at home time!

A convivial supper ensued and the raffle was drawn.

The next meeting will be on Thursday, 11th April at 7.00pm in Eglington Village Hall.

The speaker is Mary Wilkins who will be giving a cookery demonstration with tasters.

There will be invited guests from other W.I.s but visitors are welcome.

*Romaine Barclay-Kim*

## Concrete capers

According to some of the volunteers "Building work always takes longer than you think" and that is certainly the case here at Patterson's Cottage. We've had something called a Septic Tank put in which involved a lot of earth-moving and a lorry-load of concrete; I thought "septic" was what happened to me after I chewed my little operation scabs but this must be something different. Now Alf and the lad are having to dig new drains, we all offered the use of our paws as digging is something we're pretty good at but they haven't taken us up on this so far. The electric has also switched over to a better supply and Sue is enjoying putting both washing machines on at the same time without blowing the system.

I rejoice in the name of Sphynx and it is true that I am pretty inscrutable but it's not the easiest of monikers so I answer to Spinky. To be honest I am ready for a change of scene, it is all very well here but I'm keen to get some humans of my own to train in the important art of belly-scratching. That's why I have blagged my way into the Hear Abouts job and am hoping I will be chosen to go along to the opening of our shop in Wooler at Easter; apparently "It pays to advertise!"

Oscar, who wrote to you last month, has been adopted as have Chase the husky (finally, he had been here for seven months), Kobi the Doberman and Bonnie the Border terrier. Two of our bigger kennels are out of action at the minute due to the renovation work and fortunately most of my fellow residents are smaller dogs; we've got two pairs of Border/Yorkie cross terriers, a very large Jack Russell (called Jack...but there's something to be said for the obvious), three Staffy types including me and a big furry wrinkly thing that I am told is a Shar Pei.

One of my predecessors at this job mentioned our lovely Northumberland Dog Wardens and they have asked us to let you know about their Green Dog Walker scheme. This encourages responsible dog ownership, if you pledge to always clean up after your dog and to encourage other people to do the same you can have a badge and a free supply of poo bags. To find out more or to sign up please visit [www.northumberland.gov.uk/greendogwalkers](http://www.northumberland.gov.uk/greendogwalkers)



# Heritage Fund

## Eglingham & Old Bewick Church and Churchyard Funding

Eglingham is very fortunate to have the beautiful and historic church of **St Maurice** dating back to 1350, and a short distance away in Old Bewick, Holy Trinity which is even older, and built in the 12th Century.

The Church of St Maurice is a Grade II Listed Building with Medieval and post Medieval features, the West Tower has been identified as 13th Century, and may have been constructed by the same craftsmen who were building Alnwick Castle Barbican around this time.

The current structure is a 17th Century rebuild, the vestry added in 1828, the porch 1867, and the steeple 1870.

**The Chapel of Holy Trinity** at Old Bewick was built in the 12th Century, and after damage inflicted during the Scottish Invasions of the late 13th Century was restored in the 14th Century. The Chapel was left as a ruin in the 1700's, with no roof, until its restoration in 1866. The external stonework reveals evidence of rebuilding over the centuries, but two original Norman arches still remain intact in the chancel.

These churches and their surroundings add immeasurably to the historical importance of our parish, which is now part of the Breamish and Till Benefice, and are part of our village life.



Our Heritage Fund is completely separate from the church finances which cover the active life of the church, its running costs, financial commitments to the diocese, clergy salaries and expenses etc.

Unfortunately it costs about £10,000 each year to maintain and improve church buildings and churchyards.

Repairs and decoration, grass cutting and tidying the churchyards, tree pruning, pointing and repairing boundary walls, and the maintenance of the church clock have to be financed. The Heritage Fund was set up to cover these.

Expenses for upkeep of the fabric of the building are not currently covered by those regularly using the churches, and so extra donations, legacies, and fund raising events are necessary. Several one-off donations have been forthcoming this Financial Year, and one legacy.

There have been continuing contributions from members of the church this year, but the Congregation of church goers is small. During this time, the account has been active, paying for necessary work in and around the churches, and as a result our

funds have been depleted.

- There has been work on the trees in Church Lane: the Lime trees have been pollarded.
- In June 2018 loose paint was removed from damaged areas in the Ogle Chapel, after some water damage appeared, and breathable paint was applied.
- You may have noticed that our Church Clock in Eglingham has fallen silent recently (Feb 2019) and the evocative chimes no longer ring out across the village. It is hoped that the clock will be repaired and a service carried out this Spring 2019 using money from Heritage Fund.
- The Church Spire was damaged during Storm Ali in September 2018 and the cost of repairs was over £5,500.00. The Heritage Fund has covered some of these: the enhanced lead, and additional clips as well as some of the excess from the original specification.
- Church buildings have to be inspected regularly. This was undertaken in October 2018 and the Architect's fees for the Building Inspection and Report came from the Fund.
- In January, two free-standing Candle Holders were bought, one for each church.
- There are plans for toilet facilities within the church building at St Maurice, and a provisional survey of the location and condition of sewers and drains has been carried out and paid for from the Fund. The Parochial Church Council (PCC) will apply for a Grant for the eventual cost of the installation.



Comments in the Visitor's Book, and from those who attend the churches for Weddings, Baptisms, Funerals, Concerts etc., indicate that people appreciate the good order, and the preservation of these buildings.

We hope we can continue to do this on behalf of the Community. The donations we receive are so welcome, and necessary to maintain the good condition of our churches. We wish to thank those who have given so generously in the past, and who continue to make regular donations.

We still need more to enable the maintenance and renovation to continue. If you feel you can donate to the fund, BACS details can be forwarded to you, or send a cheque made out to: 'Heritage Fund Eglingham & Old Bewick.'

Thank you.

You can contact us :

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# COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

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## **RURAL BUSINESS RATE RELIEF**

You could get rural rate relief if your business is in a rural area with a population below 3,000.

You will not pay business rates if your business is in an eligible area and either:

- the only village shop or post office, with a rateable value of up to £8,500
- the only public house or petrol station, with a rateable value of up to £12,500

Contact Northumberland County Council to check if you're eligible and to apply for rural rate relief.

## **NORTHUMBERLAND CELEBRATES ITS 2,000TH GREEN DOG WALKER**

A scheme which encourages responsible dog ownership in Northumberland has signed up its 2,000th member.

The Green Dog Walkers scheme is a community-led programme to reduce dog fouling by promoting responsible dog ownership across the county.

Dog owners are encouraged to join by signing the Green Dog Walkers pledge. Those signing the pledge agree to always clean up after their dog and put the bag in a bin and to use a friendly approach to encourage other dog walkers to do the same.

Those who sign up are sent a green dog walkers badge to wear when walking their dog to help draw attention to the scheme as well as distribute green doggy bags.

The council also provides a Green Dog Walkers support kit to local community groups and individuals who want to get involved.

Councillor, Glen Sanderson, cabinet member for the environment and local services at Northumberland County Council said: "Dog fouling is one of our top environmental priorities and one of the issues most commonly raised with us by residents.

"Green Dog Walkers is intended to be a friendly and non-confrontational approach to changing attitudes to the problem of dog fouling.

"It compliments other council approaches across the county including issuing fines when irresponsible dog owners are caught allowing their dogs to foul without picking up after them and educational initiatives promoting responsible dog ownership.

The council will be running a series of events across Northumberland this coming year to promote the Green Dog Walkers scheme. The next one is to be held at Cramlington Eastfield Playing Fields on Saturday 27th April 2019 from 10am -2pm

Those attending will be able to sign up to the scheme, get their dog microchipped for free, or have their existing microchip checked.

If you are interested in becoming a Green Dog Walker, please email [greendogwalkers@northumberland.gov.uk](mailto:greendogwalkers@northumberland.gov.uk), or visit [www.northumberland.gov.uk/greendogwalker](http://www.northumberland.gov.uk/greendogwalker)

# EGLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk; Amy Smith 01665 603755 Email; amycartmell@googlemail.com

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday March 13th 2019 at South Charlton Village Hall.

Matters arising;

-Speed Sign; Following a visit to Eglingham by Cllr Pattison she suggested the PC might request the drawing up of a traffic plan from NCC, which could include the new speed sign to replace the broken one at the north end of the village, which Cllr Pattison has agreed to fund. The clerk will write to Neil Snowdon requesting the drawing up of a village traffic management design plan. It was also agreed to request speed monitoring strips at South Charlton. Cllr McIver also suggested that, regarding the new speed sign as part of the traffic plan, it should be ascertained whether the old sign was in the best place and whether the new sign should be moved to a different location. Cllr Pattison also suggested that when the old one is taken down if it was fixable it could be relocated elsewhere in the village. Cllr Biesterfield mentioned that there was once again ponding on the road by Cockhall Farm. The clerk will write to Mitch Young to ask that the area is drained and that all drains are cleared.

Ditchburn Road/Eglingham Terrace; The clerk had written to Graham Bucknall at NCC following January's PC meeting to highlight the ongoing and worsening problem of potholes but had received no response. The clerk will now write to Glen Sanderson, following Cllr Pattison's suggestion.

-Litter bins; The chair had requested residents' feedback on plans for a litter bin at Eglingham Village bus stop. The general feedback received so far had been for a Heritage style bin within the bus stop. It was agreed to put an article in Hear Abouts in an endeavour to help to address the problem and to proceed with installation of a litter bin.

Neighbourhood Plan; Chris Anderson, a planning officer at NCC, had agreed to attend the Annual Meeting of Eglingham Parish Council on May 1 to talk about a Neighbourhood Plan. The clerk will ask that he attend at 8pm to allow for other business first.

-Northumberland Estates; Cllr Gray said he had been around most residents in South Charlton seeking views on Northumberland Estates proposed plans to build six homes. He said there were no *major* objections at this stage but did query whether more homes were needed as properties are currently standing empty. The clerk confirmed that Barry Spall of Northumberland Estates was going to get back to her with dates at the end of March/beginning of April when he could come out to the site and meet any councillors and residents.

Defibrillator maintenance; Cllr Gray confirmed that Paul Jackson had volunteered to keep up the maintenance of South Charlton's defibrillator. The clerk confirmed a letter of thanks had been sent to Gordon Plews.

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Sponsorship of Festival on the Field; It was proposed by the chair and unanimously agreed to support the festival at Eglingham agreeing the requested donation of £100. Community Asset Registration; The clerk had received confirmation from NCC that following the Parish Council's applications both Eglingham and South Charlton Village Halls and the Tankerville Arms in Eglingham had been added onto the Public Register of Assets of Community Value for a period of five years with effect from 5th February 2019.

Northumberland Local Plan response; Cllr Biesterfield confirmed he had submitted the Parish Council's objection to the Local Plan. He said there would be a public examination in September and that representatives of the PC should attend. Cllr Pattison said she thought some of the PCs had supported the Northumberland and Newcastle Society's objections. Cllr Biesterfield said many respondents had found it difficult to use NCC's online system for submitting views. Cllr Biesterfield drew attention to the statement of Councillor John Riddle (Chair of Planning at the County Council) that; "NCC are committed to ensuring that everyone with an interest in this plan has the opportunity to have their say and help shape the future of the county and this final phase of public engagement will provide an opportunity for people to review the final details and tell us about its soundness." Cllr Biesterfield pointed out the yawning gap between NCC's implied willingness to 'listen' to local communities and NCC's continued 'Identification of Suitable Areas for Wind Turbine Development' covering some 66% of the County's land area (excluding the National Park & AONB's) including virtually all of the area comprising and surrounding Eglingham Parish.' The PC and many individual residents had made clear that such 'Identification' was both unwanted and 'unsound'.

North Charlton Bus Stop; The clerk had contacted NCC and was awaiting a response, regarding the future of the bus stop and the solar lighting erected there by the Parish Council, as the bus stop has to be resighted due to works on the A1.

Planning; Application 19/00223/FUL 1.5 Storey extension, Shipley Lane Cottage, circulated between meetings, no objections.

Date of next meeting - The next meeting of the Parish Council, which is the Annual Meeting, will be held on Wednesday May 1st at South Charlton Village Hall.

## Residents @ Email List

A resident of the Parish? Then if you haven't already... Sign up for our community email list!

Our very successful email list is open to any resident within our boundaries, just send an email to [david@eglingham.org.uk](mailto:david@eglingham.org.uk) and you will get added.

**Next Issue:**  
**Early May 2019**  
**Content Must be submitted by 20th April**