

A close-up photograph of several brown, textured leaves covered in a thick layer of white frost. The frost is crystalline and clings to the edges and veins of the leaves. The background is a soft, out-of-focus mix of white and brown tones.

# HEAR ABOUTS

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

## From the Editor

Happy New Year!

Welcome to 2018 and the beginning of another year of Hear Abouts production (our 12th I think). I wonder if many of you have started some new year resolutions, some will probably have been broken

already... But my resolution this year was to start a YouTube channel for the particular style of photography I do as its quite unique. While other social media is easy, Twitter, Facebook, Instagram and the like just takes seconds - video I've found is HARD! Not just the time to put together, edit and then render for the internet but just speaking on camera!

I've never been much of a talker, indeed I'm lucky if I utter 100 words in a day so what surprised me was how hard it is for me to connect my brain and mouth long enough to form a sentence while looking into a camera half the size of a pack of Swan matches thats about 8 inches from your nose end.

If you'd like to see how un-BBC newsreader like I am, or just want to see me flounder then my channel can be found here - <http://bit.ly/andrewsgrayyoutube>

All the best for 2018!

Andy

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## Lunch Club

Wednesday February 20th 12noon

South Charlton Village Hall

All welcome for a choice of Soups and sweets amongst friends

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# *Abbey Strings*

## *With Ken Irvine (Piano)*



Friday March 9th at 7.30pm

St James' Church

South Charlton

Tickets £5 on the door.

Trained at the Royal Northern College of Music and the Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama, violinists Jessica Graham (right in photo) and Karen Wigham have over 20 years experience as professional violinists.

They have performed with many of the major Orchestras in the country, including BBC Philharmonic, Royal Northern Sinfonia, The Halle, The Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra and Opera North. They have toured all over the world, and broadcast on television and radio.

The programme incorporates two slightly unusual but wonderfully tuneful works - both concertos for two violins by 'giants' of the Baroque period, Vivaldi and Bach.

## **Leek Club**

Feb 21st - Quiz Night

March 14th - Quiz Night

March 16th - Evening of Entertainment (ft. Local comedian Ernie Coe)  
Pooled Supper

March 24th - Easter Bingo

March 31st - Easter Show (afternoon)

All at South Charlton Village Hall  
7:30pm unless stated



# *Northumberland Theatre Company*

## **The Disasters of Johnny Armstrong and other stories**



Wednesday 28th March at 7.30

Eglington Village Hall

Tickets £5 on the door

The Disasters of Johnny Armstrong: one of Wilson's fantastic Tales of the Borders is humorous, engaging storytelling theatre at its best, suitable for all ages to understand,

enjoy and celebrate the culture, tradition and history of the Borders region. Full of comedy and high drama as well as strong storytelling.

### **Eglington WI**

*Our December meeting was a meal at the White Swan in Wardenford where we had an excellent food in a very comfortable atmosphere.*

*Our first meeting of the year was on 11 January and we started proceedings discussing forthcoming events for our centenary celebrations. Other formalities over we then handed over to our speaker for the evening, Jessica Turner. Jessica is the Historic and Built Environment Officer for the Northumberland Coast Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty or AONB. The title of her talk was An Exploration of the Early Anglo-Saxon Bamburgh and the Court of St Oswald through the Osteology of the Bowl Hole Cemetery. She gave a fascinating talk about the skeletons found in graves around Bamburgh castle, which were carbon dated to around 650 to 850 AD. Although the skeletons could not be identified tests did show that some came from other countries. The bones were subsequently placed in ossuary boxes, which had been purchased in Italy. They were given a Christian burial, being taken to St Aidan's church in horse drawn carriage. They will now be kept in the crypt behind a specially commissioned gate. Jessica's talk was rivetting and her knowledge of this subject amazing.*

*We then sat down to our pooled supper during which the raffle was drawn and won by Carolyn Brewster.*

*Our next meeting is on 8 February and the talk will be on Oncology services in Alnwick district*

*Pat Ives*

# South Charlton Village Hall

## Notice:

South Charlton Village Hall will be closed between 12th & 19th of February to carry out overhaul the toilets, and then will be closed from the 1st to the 17th of April for further decoration work to the main hall.

Having secured funding from the windfarm fund the above works are being done to further improve the facilities we have and make it a more pleasant and functional space. Please come and see us as we get underway with events again in May including...

*You are Cordially Invited to the Wedding of  
Prince Henry of Wales and Miss Meghan Markle  
on May 19th  
(Timing Details TBC)*

*On the big screen in the Hall  
(Probably accompanied by some tea and cake)*

We also held a very successful Christmas Lunch just before Christmas in a real test of the new kitchen! It passed with flying colours. Well done to the ladies of the committee and their whole team for putting on such a fab Christmas Lunch!

I enjoyed hugely and was well and truly stuffed by the end, (I did have delicious 2nds of course...)

Andy



# Superfast Broadband

The Parish Council recently met with iNorthumberland to discuss broadband provision in the Parish.

Whilst a large number of properties in the parish can now access superfast broadband there are still some properties which as yet do not have that facility.

These properties fall into two categories: \_

Firstly those properties which have registered with BT Openreach community fibre broadband through their website, these properties will be included in future evaluation and survey by Openreach and will probably be offered community fibre broadband. This is currently taking place with the properties around the Shipley Hill area.

Secondly those properties which have not yet registered with the BT Openreach community fibre website. Until registration is undertaken no further action will be taken on these properties.

Should you fall into the latter category then the Parish Council would urge you to register as the current programme is likely to end in the first quarter of 2019.

It is possible that some of the additional costs associated with the community fibre programme could be met by grants from the Innogy community windfarm fund and other sources accessed by iNorthumberland.

*Eglingham Parish Council*

## Superfast creeps forward ... superslowly

You will see the Parish Council above urging everyone who doesn't have superfast to register on the iNorthumberland website. That's important and you should do it, but as a separate initiative we are continuing to progress community fibre schemes, where we take a more active role.

It's nearly a year since I had anything much to report. Last time, we had got to the point where Eglingham, North Charlton and South Charlton villages were connected but we were trying to extend fibre out from North and South Charlton to the outlying farms in that part of the Parish.

It's been a frustrating time but things have now changed for the better. Some time last year BT/Openreach had a bit of a shake-up, perhaps because of increasing pressure on them from Government. Some senior management people from BT were moved into Openreach. Openreach is the engineering part – they build the network but they don't deal with users. A bit like Network Rail operating the tracks but not running trains. Our problem has been that to get fibre installed we have to deal with Openreach and traditionally they don't speak to anyone outside their organisation. Anyway, they had a shake up and a big high level meeting and I got to speak to the new Managing Director, and the man in charge of delivering community fibre in the UK, and the man who works for him in the North of England, and so on. And the result was that they agreed to have an on-site meeting with all the relevant people to discuss the South Charlton extension. We spent a pleasant winter's day plodding about in the clarts looking up poles and down manholes and by the end of it we had a plan to connect up all the properties from South Charlton Village Hall to Shipley Smallburns and (we hope)



Shipleymoore: that's nearly back to Eglingham again. This will be a 'community dig' scheme. The farmers involved will have to mole-plough several miles of fibre into the ground, which BT will supply. The cost will be shared between BT and the residents, so they will need a bit of funding but it's all looking quite realistic now.

There have been some technical advances, too. Openreach may be terrible at dealing with the public but they have some brilliant engineers. They have developed a system where you can just plug lengths of fibre together, instead of using highly-skilled engineers to splice them. They don't need ducts any more. They have developed an armoured fibre cable, thinner than a garden hose, that you can just bury. So it all becomes a bit easier and cheaper. I want to seize the moment and try to get some sort of plan to connect the remaining areas of the Parish: East Ditchburn; the Old Vicarage and School House; Harehope Farm and the other properties on Wooperton exchange; and more. I know that many of you have contacted me in the past to register an interest in getting a superfast broadband connection, but things change and I would like an up to date list. So, if you haven't got an acceptable connection please email me on [david@eglingham.org.uk](mailto:david@eglingham.org.uk). I need your full address and postcode and your landline telephone number. I'm not saying it will just happen. For the isolated properties we are going to have to go for community schemes, and that means that the residents of those areas will have to put in some time and effort, but this is a moment when we may really be able to achieve something.

Meanwhile, the residents' mailing list run by Hear Abouts continues to link us all together. We have had a few minor technical issues but on the whole it has been working well. Things get bought and sold quicker than on Ebay – particularly when they're free! If you are resident within the Parish boundary and aren't on the list, send me an email with your name and address and I'll add you.

*David ([david@eglingham.org.uk](mailto:david@eglingham.org.uk))*

## COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

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### EGLINGHAM PARISH

**Lime Trees, near to Eglingham Church** – NCC Tree and Woodland Officer, Mr Barry Wilson examined the 5 Lime Trees situated near Eglingham Church on Friday 12th January. Mr Wilson has been able to carry out Resistograph drill tests on 3 of the Lime trees with pruning cavities on Church Lane in Eglingham. Whilst 3 of the 5 trees have cavities and some decay associated with pruning of large branches, they all have sufficient sound wood to indicate there is no requirement to recommend their removal due to health or condition. As discussed on an earlier site visit, NCC can still carry out some pruning to clear low branches from near the adjacent properties if required.

**Speed Monitoring Strips** – On December 21st 2017, Cllr David Alston, NCC Traffic Manager, Neil Snowdon and myself, met in Eglingham village to discuss the recent speed monitoring results which were considered by Mr Snowdon to have been taken too near to the 30mph signs at the North End of the village. It was decided to do

the speed survey again and position the speed strips more centrally and near to the Tankerville Arms. Passing traffic is not as frequent at this time of year and the recent icy conditions slow traffic down considerably. Speed readings taken in January/February may not be entirely accurate in reflecting average speed issues throughout the year. However, if the Parish Council would like the speed monitoring put back into place now, please do let me know.

**Weed Control and Blue Weeds** – Effective weed control in public places is challenging and there has to be a certain amount of weed growth before it can be treated. In recent years it was nationally decided that decades of residual weed killers which by their nature are highly toxic led to a build-up of chemicals in rivers and water courses. As a result, EU rules and legislative changes in the UK meant that residual herbicides were withdrawn leaving local authorities with the option of using only 'contact' treatments, so that only authorised products which are predominantly glyphosate based and are only effective on actively growing plants. In order to deliver improvements to weed control operational resources will be increased with 2 additional seasonal employees in all five Area Council areas. As part of the weed control activity NCC will be adding blue dye (harmless) to the herbicide used. This is completely non toxic and provides visual assurance to everyone that the weeds have been sprayed and no areas missed. The dye breaks down over time and is no longer visible. This approach has been used successfully by Durham County Council for the past 5 years

**Potholes** – I apologise to all residents regarding the large amount of potholes not just in Eglington Parish but all over the Ward. I will be out and about in the Parish and other areas of the Longhoughton Ward with NCC Highways Portfolio Holder, Cllr Glen Sanderson in and around 12th January and will ensure all the potholes are noted and listed

Wendy

## EGLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting held on **Wednesday January 24th 2017** at South Charlton Village Hall.

Present – Chair D Alston, Cllrs J Lawson, D Biesterfield, P McIver, J Robson, A Gray, G Grahamslaw, County Councillor W Pattison.

Apologies for absence. Cllrs H McIver,

In attendance - Amy Smith (clerk), Nicky Dickinson, Sylvia Pringle of iNorthumberland. A resolution was made to co-opt Geoff Grahamslaw onto Eglington Parish Council. This was agreed and seconded.

**Invited speaker Sylvia Pringle of iNorthumberland;** Sylvia gave an informative talk



on iNorthumberland's community fibre project which is due to finish at the end of the year. She provided a map of Eglingham Parish setting out where Superfast broadband is available, under evaluation and currently not in plan. Ms Pringle urged residents who had expressed an interest but done nothing further to contact iNorthumberland. The chair agreed to speak to two properties in Eglingham where Superfast broadband was not yet provided but could be set up.

**Tennis Court;** Nicky Dickinson spoke to ask Eglingham Parish Council to ask them to confirm it would submit the application she had prepared and circulated for a £12,000 grant from the Innogy Middlemoor Windfarm Community Fund for the refurbishment of the tennis court surface at Eglingham Community Field. It was agreed that the PC would submit the application.

**Community Asset Registration-** As a member of Eglingham Village Hall Committee, Cllr McIver spoke on their behalf to give agreement to plans by the Parish Council to seek to register the village hall as a community asset. The next step will be to write formally to the landowners of the village halls and Eglingham Village pub, informing them of the PC's intention.

#### **County Council update;**

**Lime Trees, Eglingham** - County Councillor Pattison had received an update from NCC's trees officer Barry Wilson who had made an assessment of the health of the Lime Trees in Eglingham Church Lane. He found that although there was some decay "they all have sufficient sound wood to indicate there is no requirement to recommend their removal due to health or condition." He said some pruning to clear low branches from near adjacent properties could be carried out if required.

**Speed checks**-Cllr Pattison also reported that speed checks carried out in the village had shown speeds over 30 miles per hour but it was considered that a further assessment should be carried out following the winter months with speeding equipment in a different position away from the 30 miles per hour signs.

**Potholes**- Cllr Pattison and the clerk will contact NCC regarding the state of roads in the parish due to existing potholes with particular mention to the Eglingham to Alnwick road near the Shipley Road turn off and on the road from Eglingham to Beanley.

**Correspondence;** The clerk had received a letter from Eglingham W.I. inviting two members of the Parish Council to the organisation's Centenary celebration meal and entertainment on May 10. It will be discussed at the next meeting.

**Any other business; Bus Shelter-** Cllr Pattison had raised the concerns of a North Charlton resident about potentially protecting a disused wooden bus shelter on the old A1 in light of plans to further dual the A1. The Parish Council felt it would have no objection to the parishioner seeking to apply for funding to protect the bus stop.

**Date of next meeting** - The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on **Wednesday March 7th at Eglingham Village Hall from 7.30pm.**

# 100 things you may not know about Eglington WI

The Women's Institute is now the most influential women's organisation in the UK, and its history is well recorded ([www.thewi.org.uk](http://www.thewi.org.uk)). This year, Eglington WI is celebrating its Centenary, and for the first time, in a series of 10 special celebratory articles in Hear Abouts, our WI Archivist will set out 100 facts designed to give an insight into its long and significant role in our local community. The information will mostly revolve around key themes rather than presenting a chronological record, but this month, we start at the beginning:

1. Founded in Canada in 1897, Stanley Baldwin said the WI was 'the greatest idea that has come out of the colonies to the Motherland'.

2. The first UK WI met on Anglesey in 1915, and in Northumberland, the first Institute was formed in 1917 at Heddon on the Wall. In the early days, their aim was to revitalise rural communities and to encourage women to become more involved in producing food during the First World War.

3. In Britain, the two most important criteria were that the WI should be a non-sectarian and non party political organisation. Although closely linked with the campaign for suffrage, the WI was primarily to be a women's movement dedicated to 'Home and Country'.

4. Eglington and District WI was formed in March 1918 and was amongst the first 10 to be established in Northumberland. Eglington Village Hall (then called the Parish Hall), had been built in 1914, and was a readymade home for their meetings. As with many other WI's the founder member and first President, Lady Milvain, was also the Lady of the 'Big House' in the days when class and education inequalities were the norm. In working together, the WI helped break down these social barriers.

5. The Institute's early activities were in support of the War effort. In June 1918, the local Alnwick paper reported that Lady Milvain had bought a potato spraying machine through the auspices of Eglington WI for the use of villagers and tenants. At the same time, the Institute was also involved in saving and recycling paper which was collected at the village Post Office.

6. One of the first social events to be organised by the newly formed WI was an October BALL in the Parish Hall with musicians, Mssrs Short and Thompson, and light refreshments. Admission was 1s, and an impressive £10 profit was made for Institute funds. Local newspaper correspondent Curlsheugh reported:

'The ball was a great success. The whole of the arrangements were entirely in the hands of the ladies, and most excellently did they perform their duties. It was quite a unique experience to be present at a function so completely under the management of the fair sex, but I think all will agree that the manner in which everything was carried out demonstrated very forcibly what the ladies are capable of accomplishing, and augers well for the success of our local WI.'

7. The WI was closed for the duration of WW2 and reformed in December 1947 by a Mrs Marshall. Unfortunately, little more is known about the early days as all the meeting records before this date were burnt.

8. A glimpse of WI life in December 1934 is given in a local newspaper report.  
'The monthly meeting of the Women's Institute was held in the Parish Hall on Thursday last, when a large attendance of members was presided over by Mrs Ainger, vice-president, in the absence of Mrs Bridgeman. A letter was read from Mrs Carr-Ellison thanking members for the Northumberland County Guild work. Mr Wannop gave a splendid lecture on stock breeding, and he was thanked on the motion by Rev. Canon Ainger. Supper was served by Nurse Jackson, Miss Rogerson and Miss Rough.'

9. In 1937, to celebrate the coronation of George VI, an avenue of 152 Horse Chestnuts was planted on the Great North Road (now the A1) near Tritlington some miles north of Morpeth, one for every Institute in the county. A few have survived subsequent road widening schemes.

10. 2018 marks a number of other special anniversaries for women:

100 years since the Representation of the People Act 1918 gave women over 30 the vote for the first time

90 years since the Equal Franchise Act was passed, giving all women the vote at age 21

60 years since the Life Peerages Act was passed, allowing women to sit in the House of Lords

## Labrador Tales

### Our Blue Planet Experience



We hadn't been to the beach for a few days. When we got there, we were lucky enough to have it to ourselves. The dogs ran off and I saw them messing with what I thought was an old tyre. It was a grey seal pup. It still had its fluffy white coat although some dark bits of grey were coming through. From what I know, this meant that it was older than three or four weeks. This is all the time it has to feed from its mother before she sends it off to fend for itself so she can get pregnant again. As we'd had some high winds, I guessed it had been washed up by the big waves. It was alive but thin and seemed very weak to me. Even so, I know that seal pups can give a nasty bite so I called Paddy. Always eager to please, he came straight to me. However, my old dog Chi, having the benefit of 11 years of experience, has learned that doing her own thing is far more rewarding than the millisecond of euphoria she gets from a dog biscuit. She kept sniffing at the seal pup, particularly at its bottom. It kept swivelling its head around and hissing at her. I was scared in case it bit Chi. Finally, because it hadn't been



dead for at least a couple of weeks and wasn't stinking enough, she decided to leave it and came to me.

I was concerned that as the seal pup was so far from the shore, dogs might maul it. As we go to the beach so much, I should be efficient and carry relevant telephone numbers with me. Of course I hadn't any so I called the non urgent police line – 101. It lived up to its name, because nobody answered. I braced myself for a telling off from the operator and dialled 999. The lady was so pleasant and gave me the RSPCA number to ring. I waited on the beach until Brian, an RSPCA inspector, called me. Brian was ringing from Newcastle. As it was already 2pm, he said he might not be able to get to the beach before it got dark. He said that RSPCA health and safety regulations did not allow him to go on the beach when it was dark. (I think dog walkers must be exempt from that legislation!) In the meantime, I couldn't do anything more other than warn a few people with dogs, and I took mine off for their walk and to play ball. The seal pup looked like it was going to die to me. I don't know how David Attenborough can make that programme. He must have a heart of stone. I found our little episode quite upsetting.

When I got home, Brian called me. He had made it to the beach and found the seal pup. He said that although it was thin, it was quite feisty. He found its eyes to be clear and its breathing, fine. He said that often when they are so young, seal pups come up onto the beach for a rest. He sprayed it with some paint so that he could recognise it again and said he would come back the next day to see if it was still there. If it was, he would arrange to take it to a vet and then a seal sanctuary. I was really tempted to get up early the next morning and go and check myself. But, I knew David A wouldn't have gone. So I took a leaf out of his book and had a lie in instead.

It's a tough life being a grey seal pup. Your mum only wants you for three weeks and then you're out on the waves! If you saw tonight's episode, our little seal pup is hopefully chasing yellow fin tuna around the Farnes. Either that or it should have been born a Labrador – there's never a dull moment!

*Jane*

## Thank you from the Eglington Carol Singers

There was a good turn-out of people, all in very good voice, who gathered for the traditional Christmas carol singing around Eglington Village. The weather was much better than in some recent years so the singers' voices held out all the way to The Terrace. The very generous donations made by residents resulted in a collection of £110 which is being sent to the charity Children North East.

A big thank you to all the singers, donors and to Andrew and Frances for providing soup and shortbread at the end of the evening.

*Helen Osmond*

## Eglingham Oil Group

Since May 2011 the Eglingham/South Charlton community has benefitted from a free service to bulk purchase kerosene for domestic heating. With a lack of mains gas most people in these rural areas rely on kerosene to heat their homes. In that time the price of heating oil has varied from a peak of 62 p/litre in February 2013 down to 24.5 p/litre in January 2016, oddly, as this is usually the time of year when prices peak. While these have been actual prices, the savings achieved for the group have consistently been around 10% compared with an individual order for the minimum delivery of 500 litres. Group orders have varied from about 5,000 litres up to 17,000 litres which, for the supplier, means one trip for 8 to 18 homes - how many tanker miles has that saved?

Just a few more statistics - from May 2011:-

Total fuel ordered - 350,000 litres

Total cost of fuel - £155,000

Saving, approximately - £15,000

The reason for blowing this particular trumpet is that the undersigned is moving away to pastures new but is happy to report that the Community Association has agreed to carry on the good work. So if you would like to join the group or continue as the case may be, please make contact with Geoff Osmond at [geoffosmond2@gmail.com](mailto:geoffosmond2@gmail.com) who will be coordinating things in future. Information has already been sent out on the residents@ email and I do hope the group continues to enjoy and build on the benefits of bulk buying.

*David Jackson*

## Eglingham Craft Group 2018

Trips to Craft Fairs, tutor led workshops and visits to Art and Craft centres are some of the things planned during the year by Eglingham Craft Group. The Craft Group meet every Thursday at 1.30 pm - 3.30 pm in Eglingham Village Hall and, with some assistance from the wind farm fund, are planning forthcoming activities.

On 8th February, Ruth Bull will be providing a workshop on Silk Painting where the aim is to make and decorate silk cards. The paints and materials will all be provided by Ruth, and if you would like to come along and have a go you will be more than welcome (small cover charge for materials for non - members).

Later in the month, Linda Jobling will be holding a class to make a patchwork needle case. Again, all the materials needed will be provided, (small cover charge for materials for non - members). You will



need to bring your own sewing kit.

We had planned a trip to the Edinburgh Knitting and Stitching show at Ingleston in April with Travelsure, but unfortunately the event has been cancelled. We are intending to go to Harrogate Knitting and Stitching Show in November, which is one of the best exhibitions for lovers of textiles in the UK. Hopefully it will not suffer the same fate as the the Edinburgh Show.

There will be more tutors and trips as the year progresses, including a visit to Biteabout Arts at Lowick for an on site Craft Class. If you would like to join Eglington Craft Group, please drop by on a Thursday afternoon or contact Catherine Lister on 01665 215465 for further information. You will be made very welcome.

## HISTORY HEARABOUTS

By janwhin

### 15. LOCAL PLACE NAMES

Not many people know this, but there's a group of worthy local citizens who give up their time as an editorial board to get this magazine rolling off the printing presses on a regular basis. A while ago they came up with a bright idea to start exploring why local places got their names. I was asked to kick it off with the hope that you dedicated readers would come up with your own names and explanations. Anyway, here goes.

#### **The Coal Burn and Coalburn Cottage**

These names are straightforward. The Coal Burn flows out of Eglington Moor towards the Eglington Burn, passing the old coal workings round Tarry as well as those near Bannamoor. The water from the burn could have well been used at the old pit workings and no doubt filled up with slag and suchlike.

#### **Tarry Lane and Tarry House**

Again, straightforward. The coal from Curlsheugh and Tarry Colliery having a high tar content.

#### **Jenny's Lantern**

Now there are two versions as to why Jenny's Lantern hill (144 m), near Bolton, got its name. First, close to a hill fort is a ruined shepherd's cottage. Jenny was the shepherd's wife who lit a lantern to guide her husband back across the moors from the pub in Eglington. The original Alnwick road would have passed closer to the cottage than it does now. Second, which I only heard of fairly recently, was that Jenny was the local loose woman who lit the lantern to guide her punters to the cottage. By the time they found their way there I doubt they were capable of very much!

#### **Tankerville Arms**



I'm sure most people know how the pub got its name, but just in case.....The land and properties in Eglingham were divided between two local landowners, Ogle and Tankerville. The Ogles were in Eglingham Hall while the Tankervilles were in Chillingham Castle. The properties on the north side of the main road housed the tenants of the Ogles who were obliged to sup in the Ogle Arms on that side of the road (now Ogle House). The houses on the south side were occupied by the Tankerville tenants who spent their ale money in the Tankerville Arms.

### **Cateran Hill**

An 1825 estate map of Harehope names the highest hill in the locality as Catherine Hill but by the late 19th Century it had acquired its current name. We don't know why it was called Catherine but we have a better idea of the name "Cateran" which is a Scottish term for thieves. Perhaps the name came from the discovery of Cateran Hole and the associated stories of it being a spot where robbers hid and stowed stolen goods.

### **Ticket Hill and Cockhall**

The old maps name this "The Ticket Hill" but it is unclear why. The farm below the hill, Cockhall, most likely derives its name from the gamebirds (woodcock) that were kept on the hill behind the farm for the Shoot. Perhaps individuals needed a permit (or ticket) to access the hill?

### **Hagdon**

According to Godfrey Watson in his lovely book about Northumberland place names, "Goodwife Hot & Others", Hagdon derives from the local word "hagg" which has several meanings. The suffix "don" means a settlement. Watson believes that Hagdon is the name for a settlement near either a wood marked for cutting or a wood used for sheltering cattle.

### **Blawearie**

Given its situation, Blawearie could well be translated as "sick of the wind". However, "wearie" also means troublesome. So, the name could equally mean a troublesome wind.

It's now over to you folks to give us your interpretations of the many special names we have around Eglingham and South Charlton.

Send in your suggestions to [hearabouts@outlook.com](mailto:hearabouts@outlook.com) and we'll pass them on for research!

## **T@3 - a 'café church' initiative in South Charlton Village Hall**

Join us, on the first Sunday each month, for a Cup of Tea and a scone (or similar) followed by a short talk. Guest speakers are from all walks of life, some local to South Charlton for many years, others further afield in education, politics, religion – all with one thing in common - a Christian faith, but not necessarily a formal religion.

There is no charge, but we have a donation box.

March 4th: Jonathon Friend, Chartered Surveyor, Street Pastor in Newcastle

## Useful Contacts

Local Councillor

Wendy Pattison: 07779 983072

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Amy Smith: 01665 603755

Vicar

Rev. Marion Penfold: 01665 578250

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Andy Gray: 07730 559223

Eglingham Village Hall (bookings)

Julian Tyley: 01665 578460

Health:

NHS Direct - 111

Consulting Rooms - 01665 602388

Bondgate Surgery - 01665 510888

## Parish Website

[www.eglingham.info](http://www.eglingham.info)

Please remember that the Parish DOES have its own website, run by the Parish Council. On it you will find past minutes for Parish Council meetings and Parish Council business along with pages for all the main groups in the Parish, the ECA, both Village Halls, both Churches, the Leek Club, the WI, and even Hear Abouts! Where you can download the latest and older issues of the magazine - along with registering to get your copy by email. Please check it out regularly as it is now being updated regularly!

## 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.

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