

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

From the Editor

Well its holiday time, from putting together Hear Abouts anyway. This is the last issue until September so I wish you all a safe and happy summer holidays and thank you for your continual support of Hear Abouts.

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written by the editorial team, it's written by you the residents of Eglingham Parish. Give yourselves a hearty pat on the back and enjoy your break from writing for us. We'll see you again in September!

Andy

PS here's some photos of Finn to fill in this space...







Eglingham Village Hall 100 Club Draws JUNE

1st - Yvonne McIver 2nd - Kathryn Jackson 3rd - Sally Black

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Leek Club BBQ

29th July
At South Charlton Village Hall
7:30pm
Tickets £10 from Bob Stuart
No later than 20th of July
01665 579317

Tattie in a Bucket Weigh-In

Sunday August 6th At South Charlton Village Hall

Times TBC

Brownieside and South Charlton Leek Club

Annual Leek Show 2017

Saturday 2nd September At South Charlton Village Hall

Opening times and auction of produce TBC Schedules available in due course

Speeding in Eglingham and South Charlton

Concerns have been raised at recent Parish Council meetings about the incidence of speeding through Eglingham and South Charlton villages.

The Parish Council are equally concerned about the number of speeding vehicles and have raised the issue with our new County Councillor Wendy Pattison. Together the Parish Council and Wendy are looking at possible speed restriction measures suitable for the villages.

However in the meantime it would be helpful if residents who are concerned about speeding vehicles could note the number of the vehicle, time and location then report it directly to the Police at:

Sharon.Wilmore-Greaves.8158@northumbria.pnn.police.uk

Only through building up evidence of speeding incidents will we be able to ask the Police to take enforcement action in the future. *Eglingham Parish Council*

T@3

Just to let everyone know, we are having a summer break from T@3. We will recommence Sunday, 3rd September at 3pm. Thank you,

St. James' Church, South Charlton



For pre-school aged children and their parents/ carers.

Discovering history, heritage and culture through play, music, art and stories.

Second Monday of the month, during term time 9:30 – 11:00 am.

2017 sessions: 12 June, 10 July, 11 September, 9 October, 13 November, 11 December.
£2 per child.

Places are limited so booking is essential – book by phone, online or in person by 12 noon on the previous Friday and pay on the day.

14 Bailiffgate | Alnwick | Northumberland NE66 1LX | t: 01665 605847 | e: ask@bailiffgatemuseum.co.uk

COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

COUNTY COUNCILLOR WENDY PATTISON wendy.pattison@northumberland.gov.uk – Tel. 07779 983072

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who voted for me and it is with very great pleasure that I look forward to representing the interests of Eglingham Parish residents for the next 4 years.

Eglingham

I am currently visiting all villages within Longhoughton Ward and meeting with Parish Councillors and residents to discuss any problems that may be of concern. I will be visiting Eglingham/Beanley with Mitch Young, Maintenance Engineer (North) very shortly and will contact a Parish Councillor/resident to meet with us on the day.

Speeding

I have made enquiries regarding SPEED INDICATOR SIGNS which Parish Councillors expressed an interest in installing on the entry/outskirts into Eglingham Village. It was felt that the current 30 mph signs were being ignored. Speed Indicator Signs are not something which Northumberland County Council would provide and they would have to be purchased by the Parish/Community Council. All signs must comply with Highways Agency technical specifications, fitted with EN12966 compliant LEDs and produced with high quality radar sensors and they range in price from around £4,000.

South Charlton

South Charlton speeding issues were also mentioned at the last Parish Council meeting, unfortunately, because there are not enough houses situated on the Main Street, the village will not qualify for 30mph signage. However, 'Warning Children' signage near to the village hall is to be installed shortly and also 'Warning Elderly residents' signage will be installed near to the Grovewood House Care Home. I have also requested if it would be possible to introduce SLOW signs painted onto the road. I have also brought to Highways attention the very poor state of the road on the bend entering the village and I have asked for this to be re-surfaced. I visited South Charlton with Mr Mitch Young and he was able to see for himself the very poor state of part of the main road entering from the A1 and also on entry into the village on the bend just past Grovewood House.

County Hall

Former Northumberland County Council Chief Executive Steven Mason has left the organisation to pursue fresh challenges. The current Deputy Chief Executive Daljit Lally will be the interim Chief Executive. Northumberland County Council is to remain at Morpeth and 150 trees have now been replanted to replace those chopped down by the previous administration. Seats and benches will be placed outside and general ground upkeep will also take place.

Small Business rate relief trade refuse charges

I have been asked by many residents what the criteria is re qualification for small

business rate relief re holidays lets.

Prices either 04/04/2017-30/10/17 (Band A) or 04/04/2017-02/04/2018 (Band B) the total price is for that period.

With Small business rate relief:

Band A- 04/04/16- 30/10/16 General waste- £35.40, Recycling- £28.20 + £12 admin Total- £75.60

Band B- 04/04/16- 02/04/17 General waste- £61.36, Recycling- £48.88 + £12 admin Total- £122.24

Without small business rate relief:

Band A- 04/04/16- 30/10/16 General waste- £42.15, Recycling- £33.75 + £12 admin Total- £87.90

Band B- 04/04/16- 02/04/17 General waste- £73.06, Recycling- £58.50 + £12 admin Total- £143.56

More guidence from the County Council is printed at the back of the issue.

Adult learning summer courses offer

Northumberland County Council - Summer Courses BOOKING NOW!

Over 400+ Summer Courses are now available to book through Adult Learning Centres across the region.

There are lots of great opportunities from skills based evening and weekend classes such as Italian Cookery for beginners in Morpeth, Hand Reflexology in Bedlington, Painting & Decorating for Beginners or Cycle Maintenance in Ashington.

A full list of courses and NCC Learning Centre details are available at: http://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Education/Learning.aspx#learningskillsnorthumberland

If you would like to enroll or know someone that would, please contact the local Adult Learning Centres:

Alnwick - 01670 623691, Amble - 01670 623691

From the otherside of the A1...

Rock Cricket Club Improvements bring record breaking performances

With our new roller arriving late last season we had the full off season to prepare our pitches with a roller that worked and didn't require a team of 6 to push and pull it over the square. The Rock CC pitch this year now has some bounce! Long known as a ground where your ankles were likely to be in danger, now most deliveries bounce over the stumps! (this isn't helping out bowlers though to be honest). A few weeks ago we also aquired some roll on, roll off covers which means that our now hardened pitches can now be protected against the typical british summer!

These "new" flatter batting tracks at home are also helping us away from home too! As we showed against Monkseaton a few weeks ago as three of our batsmen hit centuries in the same innings.

Captain Oli Page hit 115, 14 year old George Cockayne stroked 127 beautiful runs and then Vice Captain Paul Roberts bludgeoned 101 not out off around 35 balls to round off

the innings of 370/2 of 40 overs. An amazing score! We ended up winnig by 252 runs. Especially pleasing was young George's runs as he has played in our junior section for a number of years now, still just 14 he's now in his 3rd season of senior cricket at Rock. Not only has the senior team seen continued good fortune, but we are running successful ECB All-Stars sessions for 5-8yos, and have also got the ladies involved in "Prosecco Cricket" with teams being entered into festivals at Alnwick and Morpeth in the coming weeks.

For someone who has been around the club for almost 30 years seeing its struggles and seeing many other clubs folding, its very exciting to see the club thriving and so well supported by the surrounding community.

Andy Gray - Asst. Sec.

Concert Cancellation

It is with great regret that we have to cancel the Classical Violin Concert, 21st July in St. James'Church, South Charlton due to unforeseen circumstances.

This will be reviewed in the Autumn.

Please accept my sincere apologies. Thank you for all your interest.

Lorna Turner



Help!

In Barter Books there is a larger version of this photo in one of the rooms. There is a note underneath saying the farmer/shepherd is someone with the name Stoddart. I love the photo and had a look on ancestry.com to see if I could find whereabouts he was from. The only Stoddart I could find who was a farmer or shepherd was Robert Stoddart, married to Margaret and in 1911 they were living on Eglingham Moor. His birthplace is given as Harehope. Does anyone know any more or have I got it all hopelessly wrong? I'm intrigued!

Belinda Dance

Eglingham Parish 9th Annual

Parish Walk & Afternoon Tea Sun July 23rd

This year's Walk starts and finishes at Eglingham Village Hall and follows some rarely used bridleways towards Kimmer Lough and East Bolton. The circular route is mostly flat but strong and waterproof footwear is advised as there a couple of burn crossings.

The main walk is approximately 6.5 miles long, but there will also be a shorter 2 miles "out and back" route available.

Registration will be in Eglingham Village Hall from 1.30pm to 2.00pm and a leaflet with a route map and information will be provided.

The now traditional sumptuous Afternoon Tea will be provided in the Village Hall from 3.00pm.

Please be aware that the route crosses farmland and there may be livestock in adjoining fields. Therefore, we would ask that if you bring dogs they are kept on a lead at all times.

Cost is £4 adults and £3 children (14 and under) which includes free walk leaflet and map and the amazing tea. If you don't fancy the walk just come along for the tea. Proceeds to the village hall.



A picnic with music.

Featuring local musicians

On the Community Field

Sat 9th Sept Gates open 2.00pm

Bring a chair/rug, picnic and your favourite tipple



Free entry
Free hotdog

Eglingham Community Association

It's been another busy year for the Association. Although managing the Community Field for the Parish Council is only part of our activities it did take up quite a lot of our time due to the ravages of storm Desmond the previous year. We co-ordinated the repairs to the tennis court perimeter fence and then had to organise the refitting of the repaired toilet and shed. We refelted the old shed as well. Once repair and restoration had been done we turned our attention to maintenance and planting of the field. Much more satisfying to make improvements rather than repairs!

We had a stall at the excellent Christmas Market in Eglingham Village Hall where we showcased local crafts and also sold the ever popular village calendar. We had created the calendar this time on a vintage theme using the old postcard collection of Ken Brown. We also sold framed enlarged prints and packs of notelets.

After checking with Northumberland CC we also undertook a tidy up of some village signs; clearing around them and then replanting with bulbs. We



also spruced up the milepost near the bottom of The Terrace. This is part of a rolling programme to show off the village to its best.

As this goes to press we are finalising details of the Parish Walk on Sunday 23rd July. We offered to take on the practical organisation of the Walk, which is a Hear Abouts initiative. This year Eglingham Village Hall hosts the traditional tea at the end of the walk.



Going forward we want to "showcase" the field to make the best of this valuable community asset. To that end we are organising a "Festival on the field" on Saturday 9th September. Bring your picnic and a bottle or two and enjoy an afternoon of music from

our talented local musicians. It is free entry and we will be supplying free hotdogs. We always welcome new members to help out with our increasing projects, so if you're interested get in touch with our Secretary, Bill Penfold.

The following has been received by the Parish Council from the County Council:

Wooler Supported Bus Services

Northumberland County Council has recently completed a re-tendering exercise to deliver supported bus services to/from Wooler. The services subject to the re-tendering exercise included:

470 Wooler to Alnwick 473 Wooler to Alnwick 464 Wooler to Berwick 267 Wooler to Berwick

The services mentioned above operate Monday to Saturday, and provide key links to employment for individuals expecting to start work before 0900 and finish after 1700. The services also carry entitled and fare paying scholars to their educational establishments in both Alnwick and Berwick. The services also provide links for shopping and/or social needs during the daytime off peak periods.

Recognising the important links that these services provide to the residents of Wooler and the communities served by these services. Northumberland County Council chose to recommission these services at current service levels, whilst requesting that operators interested in bidding for the service(s) consider changes or amendments to the route/timetable that would best meet the needs of the community and grow the services.

In response to our tender specifications, 5 local operators submitted bids for the work with a range of good quality and innovative proposals.

Following a detailed review of the bids, Northumberland County Council has chosen to contract with the following operators:

Border Buses (formerly Perryman's) will now deliver the 464 and 267 services from Wooler to Berwick. Each service will include 6 return trips per day, which represents an increase on the current service levels. The buses will be a low floor DDA compliant vehicle equipped with seat belts, and users will have access to Border Buses App which allows passengers to track their bus using a mobile device.

PCL Travel will now deliver the 470 and 473 services from Alnwick to Wooler. Each service will include 4 return trips per day, which will interwork to provide an hourly daytime frequency between Alnwick and Wooler.

Additionally using the downtime on the vehicles PCL travel will provide a new service offering 2 trips per day between Alnwick and Longframlington. The buses will be a low floor DDA compliant vehicle equipped with seatbelts, users will also benefit from a range of discounted ticketing including a bespoke ticket for scholars.

The revised timetables and fare tables will be disseminated once finalised, however if anyone has any question or would like to discuss these services further than please do

not hesitate to get in touch using the details outlined below:

Kirsten Francis

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Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday May 10th 2017 at South Charlton Village Hall.

Present – Chair D Alston, Cllrs J Lawson, P McIver, H Stafford, A Gray, J Robson, D Biesterfield. County Councillors Wendy Pattison.

Matters arising from the Minutes of the meeting held on Friday April 7th;

- -Eglingham Community Field: Cllr Robson raised a concern that the handrail on the school field had not yet been fully removed and was in a dangerous state. The clerk will contact the owner of the Eglingham School to confirm that the railings and path will be fully removed and the land regrassed as previously agreed.
- -Speeding; Neighbourhood Sgt Sharon Wilmore-Greaves has arranged for Northumbria Police's Speed Watch Volunteers to have a presence in Eglingham Village following reports of speeding. The volunteers will then update the clerk.
- Cllr Biesterfield raised the possibility of permanent speed cameras for the village and whether the Community Foundation would fund this but it was explained by the chair that speed cameras were a statutory responsibility and the County Council had previously said no. Cllr Pattison said that Powburn was in the process of securing a fixed speed camera and she could pursue the matter for Eglingham Parish Council if asked to do so. Following discussion it was agreed that Cllr Pattison would investigate the possibility of a countdown camera for both Eglingham and South Charlton Village. She will also pursue the previous county councillors efforts to have children and elderly people signs in South Charlton.
- -Lime Trees; The clerk reported that she had provided Barry Wilson Northumberland County Council's tree and woodland officer with a report of the proposal to cut down the Lime Trees in Eglingham Church Lane and replace with smaller ornamental trees, and the historical background of the trees. She is awaiting developments. Cllr Biesterfield raised the question of what would happen to the timber in the event the trees are felled by Northumberland County Council.
- -Getabout Scheme/C.A.N meeting; Cllr McIver reported back on the C.A.N (Community Action Nothumberland) meeting he had attended when the Getabout transport scheme was discussed which looks to aid vulnerable people living in rural areas who haven't got cars. A discussion followed on that it would be a positive asset to Eglingham

Parish Council to have a church representative at some meetings who might be able to highlight any community responsibilities within the parish the parish council may be able to meet. An approach will be made to Revd Marion Penfold.

County Council update;

Newly elected county councillor Wendy Pattision introduced herself to Eglingham Parish Council following her first few days in office. She said that she would be intending to come along to all future parish council meetings.

Middlemoor Windfarm Community Funds Applications;

-The clerk had received the first iNorthumberland instalment of £6094 with a further £3047 from the Community Foundation to pay for the broadband extension at North Charlton. She was due to receive an invoice for the amount from BT.

Planning;

There were no planning matters.

Any other business;

-Cllr McIver raised the matter of the Parish Council's role as a conduit for Community Foundation applications discussed at the March meeting of EPC. It was agreed then that the chair would clarify the PC's role with the Community Foundation when acting on behalf of other bodies to secure grant money. The chair confirmed that in a grant panel meeting with the Community Foundation he had clarified the Parish Council's role in acting as a conduit and it was agreed that the PC could not be held liable for the recipients of grants.

-The clerk reported that following concerns the Eglingham Community Field had not been cut she had contacted Greenfingers who had been delayed but said they would be cutting it within the next few days. The chair took the opportunity to clarify for new councillors that the Community Field was gifted to the Parish Council by Northumberland County Council. The PC is now responsible for its maintenance and grass cutting costs although the Eglingham Community Association manage its use. The chair said it has been hard to establish evidence of use of the field. Cllr Biesterfield added that it was an asset to the Parish Council. The chair also explained that Eglingham Parish Council is leaseholder for both Eglingham and South Charlton Village Halls.

-Former county councillor Kate Cairns had emailed all members of the Parish Council to give her thanks for their support over her term.

Date of next meeting – The dates and regularity of future meetings was discussed with the new councillors. It was agreed to continue holding a meeting roughly every six weeks but that a Wednesday evening would be preferable to a Friday evening.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday June 21st at Eglingham Village Hall (provided work on the hall is completed). The meeting was closed at 8.30pm.

Eglingham WI

Chatton village hall was the venue for this month's meeting due to the election. The format was slightly different in that we had a talk before the usual formalities. Our speaker was Tony Brown who has been the Practice Manager at the Bondgate surgery for the last 14 years and was to talk about the proposed changes following the merger of Bondgate and Infirmary Drive surgeries. He told us many facts about the two practices such as receiving 160,000 phone calls, 55,000 repeat prescriptions,20,000 blood samples, 30,000 letters scanned and around 90,000 patient appointments, on an annual basis. We were told of the planned new systems and staff training and now that the doctors are arranging their own appointments on a daily basis there are far fewer missed appointments. The merger has yet to be formally approved by the relevant Health Authorities but it is hoped the new systems will start in the Autumn. Tony was an excellent speaker giving us many facts and figures but made the talk and subsequent question and answer session very interesting.

It was then on to the normal business. The minutes of the May meeting were approved and signed and then Jill Archer gave a full and very entertaining report on her visit to the Annual Meeting, which this year was held in Liverpool. Supper was followed by the raffle, which was won by Catherine Lister.

Our next meeting, back to South Charlton, will be on 15 July, when Jane Mann and Hilary Waugh will be taking us through a fun look at fashions and life in the 50's and 60's. At ghat meeting we are being joined by visitors from Lancaster Park WI. Pat Ives

Small Business Rate Relief information and guidance Eligibility

To qualify for Small Business Rate Relief with effect from 1 April 2017 you must meet the following criteria.

The property must have a rateable value below £15,000.

The property must be occupied;

The property is the only property the ratepayer occupies; OR

Any other properties occupied have rateable values of less than £2,900 and

All occupied properties have combined rateable values not exceeding £19,999

To qualify for small business rate relief for the period to 31 March 2017 your property must at that time;

have a rateable value below £12,000

be occupied

be the only property the ratepayer occupies or

any other properties occupied have rateable values of less than £2,600, and all occupied properties have combined rateable values not exceeding £17,999 Relief may now only be backdated to 1 April 2010. Any application for relief back to this date must be received by no later than 30 September 2017. Applications received after this date cannot be backdated.

Please note that if you occupy more than one business and meet the eligibility criteria above, Small Business Rate Relief will only be granted in respect of ONE

property. This will be the MAIN property i.e. the one with the highest rateable value If you are eligible to receive Mandatory Relief as a Charity, Community Amateur Sports Club or a Rural Business, you will not be eligible to apply for Small Business Rate Relief. For further information please contact us.

Level of Relief

From 1 April 2017, the Small Business Rate Relief will permanently double to 100%. The thresholds for

relief have also been increased following the 2017 Revaluation.

For those with a rateable value of £12,000 or less, relief will be awarded at 100% For those with a rateable value between £12,001 and £14,999, relief will be awarded on a sliding scale from between 100% and 0%.

If the rateable value is between £15,000 and £50,999, no relief can be awarded, however as with all properties with a rateable value of £50,999 or less, the small business multiplier is used to calculate the charge.

Level of relief 1 October 2010 to 31 March 2017

The level of relief for the period from 1 October 2010 to 31 March 2017 was doubled, and so those with rateable values of £6,000 or less receive 100% relief.

For properties with a rateable value above £6,000, but not more than £12,000 the level of relief is reduced by 1% for every £120 of rateable value above £6,000, but not more than £12,000. If the rateable value is between £12,000 and £17,999 no percentage relief can be awarded. As with all properties with a rateable value of £17,999 or less, the small business multiplier is used to calculate the charge.

For those ratepayers who are not entitled to any another mandatory relief and occupy a property with a rateable value which does not exceed £17,999 will have their bill calculated using the lower small business non-domestic rating multiplier, rather than the national non-domestic rating multiplier. You need do nothing further concerning this.

Additional Support for Expanding Businesses

Additional support is available to small businesses that take on an additional property from 14 February 2014, which would normally have meant the loss of small business rate relief. This support will allow the ratepayer to continue to receive relief on their existing premises for a period of 12 months from the date the additional property is taken on.

Applying for the Relief

The application form must be signed by one of the following. But this does not include agents. This is because the ratepayer is criminally liable if any information on the form is false.

The Ratepayer;

In case of a partnership, a partner of that partnership;

In the case of a Trust, a trustee of that Trust;

In the case of a corporate body, a director of the company;

Any person duly authorised to sign on behalf of the Ratepayer.

Applications <u>cannot be accepted</u> if signed by Rating Agents or other Representatives. Relief can presently be backdated to 1 April 2010, however applications must be received within 6 months of the end of a valuation period. The current valuation period will end on 31 March 2017.

To apply for Small Business Rate Relief you will need to complete and return the

application form to;

Business Rate Section, Wansbeck Square, Ashington, Northumberland, NE63 9XL

Changes in circumstances

Should your circumstances change after you have made your initial application, you will need to complete the change of circumstances section of the Small Business Rate Relief application form. For this reason, please ensure that you retain a copy of the form for your records.

You are obliged to notify the council if either of following occurs:

- You occupy a further business property anywhere in England;
- there is an increase in rateable value of a property that you occupy elsewhere in England that you have already notified the council of.

The Business Rates Section must be advised of these changes within 4 weeks from the date of the change. If you do not notify us of a relevant change in your circumstances then you will no longer be entitled to the relief. If you notify us after the 4-week period, you will lose relief from the day after the date of change until the day on which you notified us. If the change of circumstances is such that you will no longer be eligible for the relief your relief will be ended from the date of change.

Contact Us

If you require any further information regarding the above, a small business rate relief application form to complete or need to inform us of any other change of circumstances please contact us by;

Visiting the council website at www.northumberland.gov.uk

Email to businessrates@northumberland.gov.uk

Telephoning the Business Rates Section on 0345 600 6400

Writing to Business Rate Section, at the above address or by Visiting any of the Council Information Centres.

Coffee & Chats

10-12noon first Saturday of each Month Held at South Charlton Village Hall until further notice

Residents@EmailList

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 and you will get added.

Next Issue:

Early September 2017 (No issue in August)
Content Must be submitted by 20th August