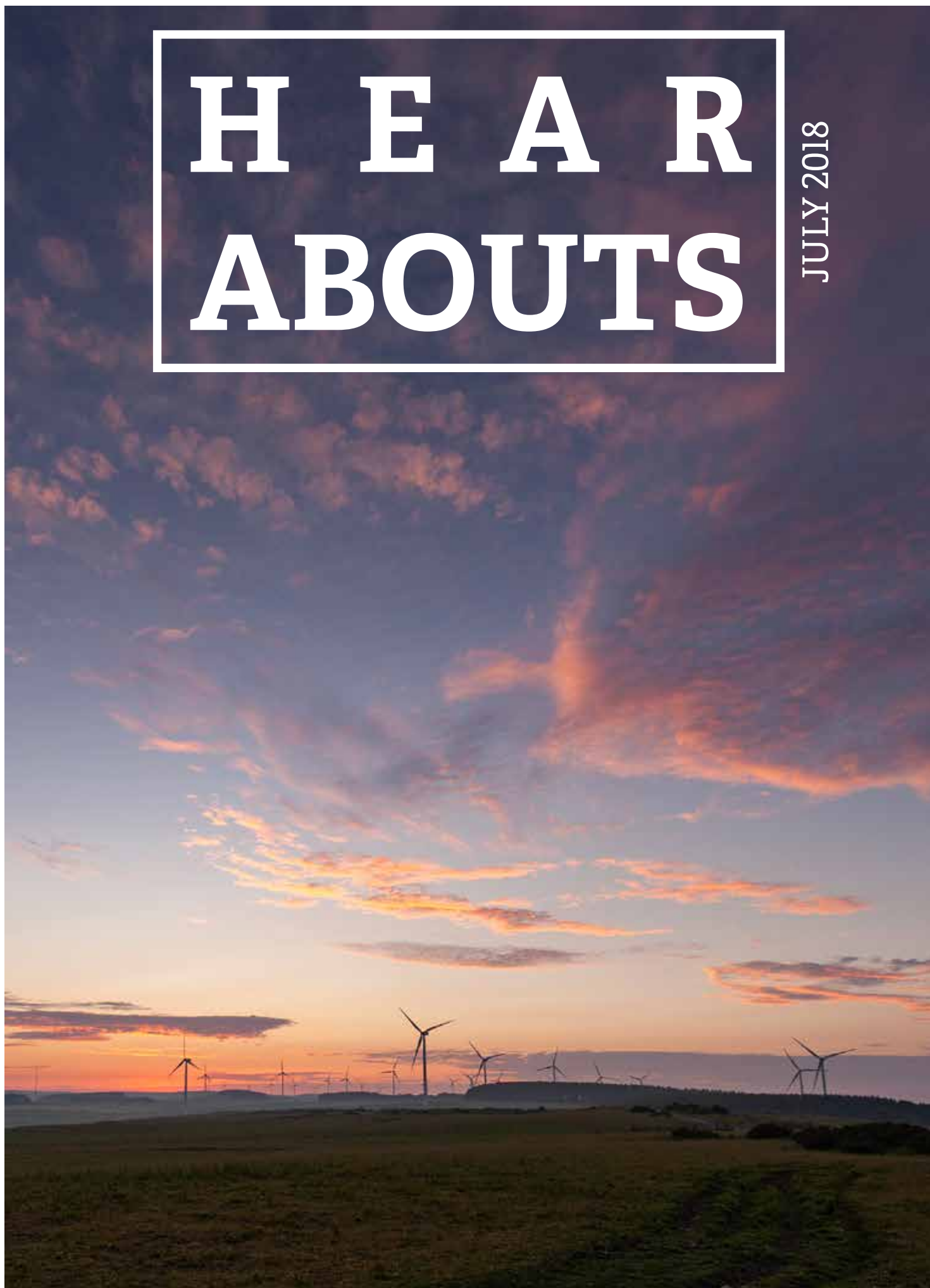


HEAR ABOUTS

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The Free Community Magazine for Eglington Parish
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Well thats another half year done! and by the time we return with the next issue in September it will mark my 7th year (or 8th, I've lost track) pulling this magazine together and formatting everything, I wouldn't call it being an editor really, I never edit anything - well except for trimming some of Wendy's council stuff for space reasons, most of which you'd find in the Gazette anyway...

So yes, its half time for 2018 which means its holiday time for the Hear Abouts team as we take our summer break. At the minute its been hot and sunny for 2 weeks and going by the BBC long range forecast its to stay the same as far into the future as that app displays.

Sun or rain, I hope you have a good summer - see you in September!

Andy

Note: the Hear Abouts AGM will be on August 22nd, 7:30pm @South Charlton Village Hall

2018 Leek Show

Saturday 1st of September
at South Charlton Village Hall

Staging 11-12noon
Opening time TBC, followed by produce auction
Don't miss it!

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Forthcoming Events in Eglingham Village Hall

Friday 7th July 7pm Film Night and Supper.

This will be a great night. (I only said blow the bloody doors off) Need I say more!!!. and Mama's famous pasta that she says "you willa lika or the boys may have to take you for a ride" probably in a mini to a car park in Newcastle.

Sunday 22nd July 10am – 2pm Car Boot and Table Top sale.

A great opportunity to have a rummage through your garage and attic and dig out all those things that you never use and convert them into some beer (or wine) money But if you want to sell stuff book a table early (£5 outside and £7 in the hall) contact Peter on 07771905936. There will be loads of lovely grub and tea/coffee. Sorry no beer unless the girls can get a licence.

Saturday 18th August Time TBA Race Night.

The world famous Eglingham Cup up for grabs second only in notoriety to Royal Ascot but you will have to bring your own strawberries and cream. However the bar might have some bubbly for sale (not at Ascot prices),

Saturday 27th October Time TBA Halloween/ sixties night.

With the seven piece band 'Come Together' and that is what we are doing for a great night of dancing and sixties music. Fancy dress optional but if you are up for it then Count Dracula or a teddy boy outfit is the order of the day. Girls dig out that skirt and the bobby socks.

Sunday 2nd December Time TBA Christmas Market

As always there will be a great range of local produce and crafts up for sale at bargain prices. Gluhwine will be available. Come and stock up on Christmas presents locally made and have a chat over a cup of tea. If you want a stall contact Jane on 01668 217179 but book early as they always go quickly.

More information on events available via our Eglingham Web Site and watch this spot over coming months for updates and even plans for 2019.

If you have any ideas for events or if you wish to hire the Village Hall for a private function

please contact Jane 01668 217179

20th July
St James' Church
South Charlton
7.30pm, Tickets £8
Bar and Raffle

An exciting fusion of pipe band music with a
twist of beats and rhythms that'll get you
stomping your feet.

Northumberland Scottish
Pipes and Drums



Tel Andy, 07585605607

Northumberland Scottish Pipes & Drums

Formed in 2012 the group consists of family and friends 3 of which (Andy, Ali and Rhys Grant) live in South Charlton. The band initially set out to compete and within its 2nd year of doing so, had won top prizes in some major competitions as well as local border events. In 2016 the band travelled south to Derby and Chatsworth House where the all English Major championships were being held and after a hard day competing, walked away proudly winning the competition and put Northumberland right in the heart of the Pipe Band world.

However, the group decided to try something unique and with the talent of the youngsters, set out on an ambitious and exhilarating journey of bending traditional pipe band music to that of Latin America and more. With lots of twists, fun and quirky tunes and rhythms that'll have you stomping your feet, our bending tradition tour coming to St James' Church, will hopefully leave you wanting more.

A Scottish Pipe Band, based in Northumberland playing Brazilian music in South Charlton on 20th July, St James' Church @ 7.30pm.

Refreshments will be available on a donation basis

See you there.



RESIDENTS DAYS OUT

SUPPORTED BY THE WINDFARM FUND
DAY TRIPS FOR OUR ELDERLY OR IMMOBILE RESIDENTS

AFTER THE SUCCESS OF THE BEAMISH MUSEUM TRIP,
WE'RE NOW OFF ON A...

SEASIDE FISH & CHIP ADVENTURE

VISITING SEALIFE CENTRE AND
NEWLY RESTORED (JUST HOPE IT'S FINISHED) SPANISH CITY

*COORDINATED BY GROVEWOOD HOUSE
USING UPPER COQUETDALE COMMUNITY
TRANSPORT MINIBUS*

TUESDAY, JULY 10TH

DEPART FROM GROVEWOOD APPROX 10:15AM, RETURN 4PM

LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE
CONTACT JOHN RUTHERFORD 579316 OR AYMAN BAKR 07732 440746



**We're filling this village with music
at the Festival on the Field.**

**Free bands, use of barbecue and more on the Community Field.
Saturday 14th July, 4.00pm - 7.30pm.**

The Festival on the Field returns for 2018 with a wonderful line-up of musical talents. Bring your favourite tippie, something delicious to put on the barbie - and, of course, your dancin' shoes.

See you there!

We don't like Hi-Vis!

Well the good news is that Harvey, last month's author, has been re-homed to Darras Hall; with that smart hair cut we think he will fit in well. His brother Edward found a new family in Alnwick and has already posted photos of him lounging, very comfortably, with his new humans on our Facebook page.

This week we learned that none of us like high visibility clothing. The surveying team for the dual carriageway programme have been up and down the A1 at Charlton Mires with their measuring gear; we've told them over and over again that we don't like their fashion choices but they take not a jot of notice.

Usually when we dogs find our way here to Patterson's Cottage our humans are very upset to part with us. My sister, Tess, and I lived with

our chap all our lives but he is now nearly as old in human years as we are in dog years (we are jointly 189!) so our family has been split up and he has had to go and live in a home for humans. Nice gentleman though, he made sure we got all our vet treatments up to date before we parted company.

That's not always the case; Blaze the lurcher has been very miserable since learning that his old human has got a new puppy. The man told people here he couldn't look after Blaze because he hadn't got time for a dog any more – harrumph! Looking at the sores on his bum from sleeping on concrete, maybe Blaze is better off here with the chance of a nice new carer. It's tough being an old dog looking for a home – even if you don't have to learn any new tricks - so if you would like to take in somebody like me who doesn't need much exercise and is already house trained please come and look at who is available at alexasanimals.com then organise a visit.

Yours respectfully,

Jake



July 100 things you may not know about Eglingham WI

The WI has very close ties to the community and our sixth delve into the archive explores the work it does to promote community cohesion.

51. WI's are embedded in their local communities and this is even more so where, like Eglingham, the WI is small and the community rural and sparsely populated.

52. Apart from their near continuous backing for Eglingham Village Hall, the WI has chosen to support other endeavours which have enhanced or promoted community life. Selected here are some examples of the WI's activities which have brought benefit to and had a positive effect on the wider community.

53. In 1934, the WI's national AGM passed a resolution asking for improved water supplies in villages. The summers of 1932 and 1933 had been long and hot, and the sources in wells and streams in villages around the county had dried up. To support the need for improvements, WI's throughout Northumberland undertook a water survey, and the results were published in the WI magazine Home and Country as an example to other County Federations.

54. Eglingham WI has a tradition of marking major events by planting commemorative trees. For the Golden Jubilee of the (national) WI in 1965, two cherry trees were planted, one in front of the Village Hall, and the other on the opposite side of the road in the corner of a field at Village Farm. Together, they provide a stunning display of pink blossom arching over the road in the spring. The press photo shows WI President, Mrs Grahamslaw, planting the tree at the Hall on the afternoon of the children's Christmas party, and watched by other members,



55. In 1965, the Committee began to think about how they were going to mark their own Golden Jubilee in 1968. At this time, many Members who lived outside the village came to meetings on the bus, so they decided to provide a seat at the bus stop opposite the shelter in front of the school. A wooden bench was ordered from Scott's ironmongers. It was vandalised in 1979, and repaired by Mr S Woodcock, but by 1985 it had deteriorated so far that it was beyond repair. So, to mark their Golden Jubilee, it was agreed to organise a more substantial replacement. Mr Dickinson of Kirknewton was given the job and Members raised the money to pay for it by holding a coffee evening and film show. The bench ends have the letters EWI crafted into the metal work. The press photo shows Members after they had attached their commemorative plaque. Further restoration work was carried out in 2014 by David Robinson (Sneck) with oak kindly donated by Andy Scott.



56. In European Conservation Year 1971, the WI planted a Copper Beech in the churchyard. Planting a tree to celebrate major events makes a long-lasting and vibrant memorial as trees are an integral part of the character and identity of the village. This tree in the SE corner of the church yard is now a magnificent specimen. As their contribution to the Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations in 2012, the WI paid for and then helped plant Daffodil bulbs along the main path from St Maurice's church gate.

57. In 1994, the Northumberland Federation jointly published The Northumberland Village Book with Countryside Books. It was one of many in the Villages of Britain series. Heather Gregory, latterly of East Lilburn wrote Eglington WI's contribution with information provided by Enid Grahamslaw. The many various aspects of life, past and present, which gave each village its individual character, are included with the advantage that the authors knew and loved the subject they were writing about. A full transcript can be found on the WI page of the parish website.

58. When public access defibrillators became widely available, the WI decided to facilitate the funding and installation of machines at Eglington and South Charlton Village Halls. Under the auspices of the Parish Council and with the help of both the Stephen Carey and Middlemoor Community Windfarm Funds, the defibrillators were installed in March 2015, and community training followed soon after. These potentially lifesaving machines significantly increase the survival rates following a cardiac arrest as the quicker the intervention the better the outcome, and are a really significant asset to our rural community where it can take much longer for an ambulance to arrive.

59. In recent years, one of our annual monthly meetings has been open to the community with the Programme Secretary choosing a speaker to appeal to a wider audience. Here are some examples: 2018 Canine Partners; 2017 Air Fighting in WW1; 2016 Jewels for a Royal Occasion 2015; Archaeology talk followed by site visit to Bradford Kaims, and 2014 RAF Boulmer talk followed by visit to their base. Selected WI trips have also been offered to family, friends and the wider community. Recently, two enjoyable and informative visits have been made to A&J Scott's wood yard at Wooperton and Hutton Stone near Berwick.

60. Our Centenary project is to create a large modern day quilt and which will hang in Eglington Village Hall and will be a visual showcase of the significant place the WI has had in the wider community.



If you've missed earlier articles, catch up on the Eglington Parish website www.eglington.info

COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

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Eglingham Parish

South Charlton Road Resurfacing – Resurfacing work on roads through South Charlton was completed on Friday 8th June 2018. I am delighted for local people and visitors alike who will benefit from a much smoother car journey and without the bone shaking dips and holes in the road which has been an ongoing issue for over 10 years.

Eglingham Speed Surveys – The results of the recent speed survey in Eglingham Village will be available very soon.

9 Parish Chairman Meeting – The next group meeting for all 9 Parish Council's will be held on Friday 5th October at 6.30pm at the Thrunton Trout Fishery.

A1 closure – Cllr Glen Sanderson, NCC Cabinet Member for Highways, requested a meeting at County Hall to discuss the postponed A1 Road Closure which is now due to take place in March 2019. The meeting included Highways England representatives, NCC Highway Officers and local County Councillors. It was decided that a full consultation will take place shortly with Parish Councils and residents.

Free Post-16 Student Travel

Free post-16 transport for students across Northumberland have been reintroduced after the council scrapped travel charges.

The County Council's Cabinet unanimously gave the green light to remove charges for the start of the new school year in September.

Since 2014 students have been required to pay for their own travel if they can access their chosen learning provider via local bus and rail services.

For those students who cannot access a viable public transport network, subject to eligibility criteria, arrangements are made for them to travel on school buses/taxis contracted by the Council at a cost of £600 a year per student.

The current administration vowed to abolish charges for students meeting the eligibility criteria, with a one-off £50 fee being introduced to help cover costs.

Deputy Council Leader Wayne Daley, who is also Cabinet Member for Children's Services, said: "We're delighted to be able to reintroduce free post 16 transport for many youngsters. We have huge ambitions for our young people and we want all our students to have equal opportunities.

"Delivering a good quality sustainable education in Northumberland is vital and part of that is about ensuring students can travel easily and cheaply to where they need to study.

Verge Works Start

This year's programme of verge cutting is getting underway as the county gears up for the main tourist season.

Vital grass cutting along highway verges will be taking place across Northumberland

over the coming weeks.

Each year over 7,000 km of verges are cut during the summer months. Last year this was done more quickly than in previous years and again in 2018 it's the council's aim to have cut all the verges once by late July or early August as this will enable a second cut of key junctions and other areas.

The work is vital to ensure that vegetation does not restrict visibility for drivers, cyclists and pedestrians. In addition to the road safety benefits, these works also improve the look of an area and keeps the network in better condition by preventing plants taking hold on the side of roads.

Once again the council is leasing a tractor with special cutting equipment over the summer and has bought another machine to ensure that it completes all scheduled cuts without delay.

There are a small number of verges that will be left intentionally uncut to maintain flower-rich habitats in specific areas of interest and these will be cut later in the season. The verge works complement the weed treatment programme which is in full swing in the county's towns and villages, where the County Council is investing £125,000 in improving its coverage.

In recent years most weed spraying treatments have been contracted out, this year the council is employing ten extra staff to ensure the in house teams have the capacity to undertake the work themselves.

For the first time the council will be adding a harmless blue coloured dye to the treatment so the public can see for themselves where has been treated.

New Local Plan approved for public consultation

Northumberland County Council's cabinet has approved a full draft of the new Northumberland Local Plan for public consultation.

A six week consultation will open on Wednesday 4 July and run until Wednesday 15 August.

During this time the council will run 23 drop in events at venues across Northumberland, where members of local communities will be able to come along to discuss and ask questions about the plan.

Feedback and comments on the plan will be invited by all interested parties.

The plan includes policies and proposals aimed at creating up to 15,000 new jobs in the county by 2036.

It sets out strategic planning policies and planning principles for the whole county, the general scale and distribution of new development, and the detail of where new homes, workplaces and facilities will be located.

It will promote choice in the housing market and ensure that all communities are supported by adequate services, facilities and infrastructure, including education, transport, health, social care and sport and recreation.

Cllr John Riddle, cabinet member for planning, housing and resilience said: "This plan will provide wide choice in the housing market in Northumberland, but without proposing new housing allocations in the Green Belt. "It will meet the needs of Northumberland's population, including the young and ageing populations, as well as providing attractive housing options for those moving into the county to boost the economy.

"When it is published on 4 July I encourage people to have a look and express their

views.

Everyone with an interest in the plan will be able to view it online and in local libraries and information centres across Northumberland. You will be able to make comments online or in writing to the council's planning strategy team.

Details of events will be available online and in a leaflet which will be delivered to homes and businesses in advance of the consultation events.

To find out more about the local plan visit www.northumberland.gov.uk/localplan

Weddings and Walking Hadrian's Wall!

My spasmodic contributions to Hear Abouts have invariably been somewhat agriculturally orientated with my invariably slightly cynical spin on what's happening. Slightly contrarily this time I'll share what has been for my family and I, a fantastic and busy Summer so far:

On 25th May, at St. Maurice's here in Eglingham, the Church where she was christened and confirmed, our daughter Katie was married to Alistair Mcleod. The Reverent Marion conducted the most beautiful service and afterwards Katie and Alistair walked down the village, following the piper, to the reception in a tent at our house. Nicky and I were so proud and grateful. So many thanks to all in the Village who helped us and put up with all the disruption we caused. I've attached a few of 'paparazzi' Marion Wilson's picis:



Then three weeks later I'd committed myself to walking Hadrian's Wall for the Cancer Research charity I've been helping for the last 19 years.

It's hard to believe that it is two years since we organised, and I staggered the 75 miles 'Walk to Wark', raising over £16,000 for Cancer Research UK, and that this year's walk will be the eleventh organised by the 'Walk the Wall' group. I have

now done 9 of them and in that time collectively we have raised over £186,000 for the charity. In 1999 I lost two close friends and contemporaries to cancer. This spurred me into doing something. We have all had friends and relatives affected by this horrible disease, so I feel we must continue our efforts to raise money to fund the latest treatments and research.

This year's challenge was to walk Hadrian's Wall, which is where our walking group began our fundraising efforts back in 1999. Then a small group of friends got together to raise money for Cancer Research having all lost a close friend or relation to the disease.

The walk was along the spectacular World Heritage Site stretching from Bowness on Solway to Wallsend. We undertook the three days walk along the Wall starting in the west & headed east. The Wall was too long to complete in 3 days, so we propose to finish the walk in 2019 with a final, single day walk to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the launch of 'Walk the Wall'.

I joined 18 others on the 3-day walk, which took place on Friday 15th June, and finished on Sunday 17th. It would be great if you could help us to raise as much money as possible either by sending a cheque to me, made payable to 'Walk the Wall' or visit our web-site at www.walkthewall99.wordpress.com where we have a link to a 'Just Giving' page and a 'PayPal' account. Just click on the 'Donate' tab at the top of the page.

After we limped into at Chollerford, Carolyn Reynolds, an executive from Cancer Research UK, heartened us with news of the amazing progress being made in Newcastle at the Bobby Robson Centre and particularly the Freeman Hospital. I've attached some pictures of this year's adventure:



James Logan



A little less litter in Eglingham

Despite the fact that it clashed with the England team's World Cup opener, a good number of locals turned out for an organised litter pick this month, collecting a large quantity of rubbish from the hedgerows in and around Eglingham village. Amongst the detritus that was discovered lurking in the undergrowth were several abandoned roadworks signs, discarded items of clothing, the back shelf out of someone's car and, of course, a considerable quantity of ubiquitous McDonald's packaging.



By the time a well-earned tipple in The Tankerville Arms was required, there was a significant pile of filled rubbish sacks ready for the Council to take away, which they duly did the next morning, having also kindly provided equipment such as pick sticks, gloves and bags.

Another litter pick is planned for over the winter, so if you'd like to do your bit too keep an eye open for details closer to the time.

A Beamish Day Out

Back on the 12th of June the first funded trip out for our elderly residents got underway. Organised by Ayman Bakr from Grovewood House Care Home and John Rutherford, they secured funding from our Windfarm fund to put on days out away from the parish that would normally not be available to those with limited mobility. You will have seen the advert for the next one near the front of the magazine that will head for the coast!

The minibus, from Upper Coquetdale Community Transport, was loaded up with villagers, Grovewood residents and their carers including all the wheelchairs to keep everyone mobile - and we were off!

Once there, Ayman sorted out us all getting through the doors and as I had gone along to take my own style of images of the various





“landscapes” depicted in the museu.. err... ..sorry I mean, to wheel my mother around it all while she enjoyed her day out. I... err... had a few shots worked out that I wanted to capture in the few hours we were there, so no time to be sociable, off we went at a rate of knots! The 1820s landscape of “Pockerley was 1st port of call. The main house was full of school kids who promptly emptied out onto the front to have their lunch. Shot no.1 abandoned. A rough decent

ment for wheelchairs and we had the glorious view of the rebuilt church. Alongside workmen were working on the roof of the newly built Quilters cottage and behind more construction fences, foundations were being laid for a Coaching Inn - a great excuse to return in a year or so!

Up the hill to the 1900s town, passing more fencing where groundworks for the new 1950s town were being worked on, Beamish will definitely be worth



a visit once that's finished too! We met up with everyone else next to the bandstand where we had lunch as supplied by Grovewood House - loads of school groups were also having lunch at the same spot, very lively even on a Tuesday. A quick look around the shops in the town, then worked our way round the rest of the site looking at the train station, up to the 1940s farm (which didn't look that much removed technology wise from the farm I grew up on and left in the late 90's - just no horses on ours and everything of ours was rustier).

With time running short, and my fitness struggling with pushing a wheelchair up the “hills” we skipped the mining village and headed back to the waiting bus.

A really enjoyable day out for everyone on the trip, don't miss out on the next one (see the ad at the front). Can we go again next year please John?

Andy



My interpretation of the 1820's Pockerley landscape

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Have you found the Parish Website yet?

It has pages for all the local organisations, back issues of Hear Abouts, Parish Council meeting notes and much more. It now has a new feature "Upcoming Events" which lists, well, upcoming events.

The web address is: www.eglingham.info

Once there you use the menu 'hamburger' in the top right corner (depending on the size of screen) to select which page you want.



The website is now being updated with new content more frequently so why not bookmark it in your browser and keep in touch with all that is going on in the Parish.

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 and you will get added.

Next Issue:

Early September 2018

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