

HEAR ABOUTS

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

From the Editor

Welcome to June everyone!

A slightly smaller issue this month, your editorial team has been busy away from Hear Abouts production so there wasn't the same effort going into chasing content this month. Hopefully this will get better after the summer break. Remember July's issue is it until September so get your notices etc in asap.

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South Charlton Village Hall
July 13th
More Details to follow

...and again abusing my position as editor to remind you of my exhibition at the Old School Gallery in Alnmouth, coming in late July!



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SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

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Also please be aware that Hear Abouts is made available online digitally at www.eglingham.info and is searchable worldwide, so any information you provide will be published "beyond our borders".

100 Club Results

May winners

1st Prize £25 Number: 38 Marcus Lee

2nd Prize £15 Number: 42 Julian Tyley

3rd Prize £10 Number: 47 G & M Elliot



Vicar Retires!

Our current Vicar **Marion Penfold** 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 9th 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 WI

Our meeting on 9th May opened with the presentation of a cheque for £2000 to Brenda Longstaff and Cath Johnson, from Northumbrian Health. During the course of last year our members had raised £1000 for each of the Alnwick Oncology and Wansbeck Palliative Care units, in memory of our sadly missed member Fiona Robson.

The minutes of our April meeting having been approved and signed, Brenda read out invitations from four other WIs for our members to attend various events.

We had no speaker for this meeting but were entertained by our local resident musician Morrison. He played a wide range of songs with many old favourites, and all our members and the two guests joined in for a singalong. A thoroughly enjoyable evening was had by all. Jill Archer who had accompanied Morrison on a tambourine gave him a vote of thanks. The raffle was won by Janice Myers.

Our next meeting on 13th June will be a visit to Lilburn Tower gardens.

Pat Ives



RESIDENTS DAYS OUT

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

COAST & CASTLES TOUR

WITH LUNCH SOMEWHERE TBC

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

THURSDAY, 27TH JUNE

DEPART FROM GROVEWOOD APPROX 10:00AM, RETURN 4PM

LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE
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Eglingham WI celebrates centenary year and raise £2,000 to support hospitals

To mark its centenary year, Eglingham WI spent 2018 raising funds for two hospital units in memory of former member Fiona Robson.

Brenda Robertson, president of Eglingham WI, said: "We wanted to do something special to remember our dear friend and colleague Fiona in a way we knew she would have approved by raising funds for the oncology day unit at Alnwick Infirmary and palliative care unit at Wansbeck General Hospital which both looked after Fiona and her family so well.

"We have raised an amazing £2,000 in thanks to the people who provided that care." The funds were raised from various fundraising activities, including two Christmas markets, raffles and a special 100th birthday party.

Catherine Johnstone, specialist nurse at the Alnwick oncology day unit, accepted the WI's cheque on behalf of both units.

She said: "We are incredibly grateful to everyone at Eglingham WI for their fantastic support and appreciate the tremendous efforts that went into the fundraising.

"The funds are greatly appreciated and will go towards improving the experiences of patients in our care.



Brenda Robertson, president of Eglingham WI (left), presents the cheque to nurse Catherine Johnstone (right) with members of Eglingham WI

Yoo hoo!

It's the dynamic duo of Ben and Oscar reporting this month and boy are we pleased to finally get our turn. As you can see we have been enjoying the sunshine and now that my stitches have healed I don't need the arty polo neck. Ben displays more of our Border terrier genes while I favour the Yorkie side of the family. We've been here for about two months and I have had all of my ailments addressed so we are ready to move on; we are a happy team and would like to stay together if we can. If not then... I suppose at six years old I really should be able to manage a human on my own and maybe I'd get more dinner without Mr Trough-a-lot sticking his nose in my bowl.

Bella, who featured last month, had a massive response to her request for a new family and she, Bess the hairy lurcher, Molly the smooth lurcher and Ted the pug have all packed their leads and left town. They have been replaced by a small and gentle lurcher lady called Millie, Max the one-eyed Westie and (our perfect cousin) Kevin. Kev is a fast moving black and brown terrier with escape expertise; Ben and I think he might be part-ferret but he is a very nice chap.

Those of you who enjoy a quiz might want to put the evening of Saturday 7th September in your diaries. Our fundraising humans will be hosting a big quiz at the Hindmarsh Hall in Alnmouth then so you should get a team together and start revising because the prizes will be fab. If you can't wait that

long to get involved you could call in to our shop in Wooler which is going great guns and has some real bargains; if you have donations please take them to the shop or arrange collection by phoning 07563 491 841.

Licks and wags, Oscar

PS One Eyed Westie is not a breed it's a description and not a very polite one. Sorry, the lad gets carried away and, for the record; I'm fit as a fiddle and just cuddly plump as befits an older gentleman.

Kind regards,

Ben.



Sita's Stories from India to Eglingham

The traditional Art of Story-telling seems to be less common in these days of electronic devices, texts and on line conversations.

How many of us remember those times with our parents, grandparents, and family members 'telling the tale'. We would hear of family incidents, from their childhood, our childhood, and other people they knew: the scandals and back stories, separation and loss, sad times, happy times, punctuated with laughter and sometimes tears. Sita Brand held the stage at Eglingham Village Hall on 11th May, and told us of her childhood growing up in Bombay, she too was 'telling the tale' with energy and focus. For nearly an hour Sita moved through her experiences of school, family life, travel, and relocating to the UK when she was 15 years old. The political situation in India meant her father was exiled from his native land, her English mother was repatriated to her native land, and this duality had a profound effect on Sita and her brother.

We also heard folk tales and legends, with dramatic delivery, exotic sounding language, and those recognisable Indian accents, (while Sita herself speaks without indication of her formative years in Bombay.) We heard her child-like voice as she role played talking with her mother, the heavily accented voice of her father, her voice modulating from almost a whisper, to the frighteningly loud and authoritative voices from her childhood. As she recounted her father's traumatic experiences in the second World War and his political stance during the 'Indian Emergency' in the 80's Sita moved around the stage sitting at different levels, on travel bags, on benches, tables, carrying a case at one stage, keeping us all enthralled.

Sita is an experienced performer, trained in Dramatic Art, as well as a writer and producer.



After a short break we were able to ask questions, as well as become involved in some audience participation. We were encouraged to give our own opinions about the life she lived, and which parts of her autobiographical account had been significant for us. We had a chance to look at photographs from India, and also buy her children's book re-telling a Folk Tale from her own childhood. The stage was set up with her own props, and a vibrant orange backdrop, and in the hall we had laid out circular tables with flickering tea lights in colourful glass mantles, some Indian vases and artefacts, bright flowers, set off by some authentic embroidered mats – and the bowls of Bombay Mix of course! It was all so atmospheric, we 'lived' those detailed experiences and memories with her, and gained an insight into such a different childhood across the other side of the world. Quite memorable!

Margaret

COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

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South Charlton

Traffic speed monitoring strips (a traffic counter is a device, electronic in nature, used to count, classify, and/or measure the speed of vehicular traffic passing along a given roadway) are now in place in the village and I will let residents know the results once they are analysed.

Assisted Waste Collections

If you are having trouble bringing out your bin for waste collections, you may qualify for help and assistance from Northumberland County Council trade refuse department

This service is for NORTHUMBERLAND Residents Only

Please note: To qualify for this service there must be no other able bodied person over 16 years of age living at the address

A form to complete is available online on Northumberland County Council's website or telephone NCC on 0345 600 6400 and ask for the trade refuse department.



Vehicle Electric Charging Point

NCC is leading the way when it comes to creating electric vehicle charging points, with the fifth highest number of all the UK's local-authority areas. This vehicle charging point as below is the latest addition to the Craster Car Park and Cllr Glen Sanderson, Cabinet and Portfolio Member for Highways and also myself were on hand to see the installation.



NEW MARKET TRADER INCENTIVE SCHEME LAUNCHED ACROSS NORTHUMBERLAND

A new financial incentive scheme has been launched by Northumberland County Council to encourage would-be- traders to take a stall at one of the county's vibrant markets.

Under the scheme, new traders are being offered up to ten weeks rent free on their market stall, followed by ten weeks rent at half price.

The incentive is intended to offer a low cost way for budding entrepreneurs to enter into market trading and test their products, without incurring high costs.

Lapsed traders who last traded more than eight months previously are also eligible for the discount.

Northumberland County Councillor Glen Sanderson, cabinet member with responsibility for local services said:

"We are always working to keep the county's markets popular and vibrant and we have introduced the New Trader Scheme to encourage new stallholders to come along and give market trading a try.

"Running a market stall can be a simple and flexible way to start and run your own retail business. There are no big overheads and it can also fit around other work commitments too, so it is ideal if you have a part time job."

Those who are interested should contact the county council's market manager Neil Brown for more information on neil.brown@northumberland.gov.uk or 07909 688174.

You can find out more on the council's website at www.northumberland.gov.uk/market-traders

Wendy

Queen Rules!

Freddie Mercury returns! On 26th April 2019 Eglington Village Hall came alive to the sound of 'Queen' on the big screen. This was another of our regular Film Nights and it was very well-attended. After a delicious home- made curry with home-made pickles, naan bread, and a glass of something from the Bar, we settled down to a vintage performance of 'Bohemian Rhapsody, the story of the formation of the group, and the emergence of the iconic Mercury. It was a visual delight too - a flashback to the 80's and 90's with all the fashion and hairstyles. The compelling pulse of 'Radio-Gaga', and the hand clapping to 'We will, we will rock you' among many others, made it a sing-a-long evening at times!! Remi Malek gave an award- winning performance as the legendary Freddie. Dr. Brian May, who was an academic, a physicist in his 'real life', (quite rare in the Music Industry?) was well cast too, the likeness was uncanny.

All four musicians/actors appeared to play their own instruments, and the sound track, directed by Brian May was so powerful. We all know about Freddie's untimely death from an AIDS related illness, but the significance of his immigrant family background, and his long standing girl friend is lesser known, and an important part of this biopic

film.

It was a good night, and tickets were only £5.00 including food.....look out for the next one, which will be advertised shortly, and trot along to your local pop -up cinema in the Village Hall

Margaret

EGLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday May 1 2019 at South Charlton Village Hall. The meeting was preceded by the annual Parish meeting.

Election of Chair The clerk invited nominations for Chair. Cllr Alston was proposed by Cllr Gray and seconded by Cllr Biesterfield. Election of Vice Chair The chair invited nominations for Vice Chair. Cllr McIver was proposed by Cllr Alston and seconded by Cllr Biesterfield.

Traffic management plan; Eglingham; Following communications with Cllr Pattison between meetings it was resolved that the next step would be to invite NCC officer Neil Snowdon out for a site visit with councillors to discuss the village's requirements.

Northumberland Estates meeting/Development of land East of St James Church; Cllrs Biesterfield, Gray and Alston had met with Barry Spall from Northumberland Estates at South Charlton on April 15 to discuss the proposed housing application. Cllr Robson declared an interest although she was not at the meeting. Cllr Alston said the meeting was very productive and the Estates appear to be open to discussion about its plans, including size and materials of the build. Cllr Gray had one concern that the plan for the three larger units are self build which could mean three different planning applications and they would be more visible. It was resolved Cllr Biesterfield will write to Mr Spall stating the PC's considerations that any outline consent should be to cover all external design aspects in relation to the larger units. Overall across all units the PC would expect to see the application of strict conditions governing their scale, height and external dimensions and the materials to be used. It was also agreed that in general Eglingham Parish Council would expect to see any developments measured to the high standards of Northumberland Estates developments at Chatton and Lesbury (first phase on the Lesbury to Foxton road).

Litter bin; Cllr Alston had received the litter bin for Eglingham bus shelter and asked that the clerk arrange for NCC officers to put it in position as a special key is needed to fix it.

Middlemoor Windfarm Community Fund; Cllr McIver had met with Pete Barrett from the Foundation to discuss a funding application for work to Eglingham Village Hall kitchen to enable food to be cooked on the premises.

County Council update; Cllr Pattison's report had been circulated prior to the meeting. Cllr Alston reported that himself and the clerk had attended the Nine Parishes meeting organised by Wendy last month. NCC's new head of planning Rob Burnham had spoken at the meeting and had seemed keen to make changes and engage with Parish Councils.

Invited speaker; Chris Anderson, planning officer at NCC, to speak about Neighbourhood Plans. Mr Anderson gave a very informative presentation about Neighbourhood Plans and how a Parish Council could best undertake to complete one. He said 37 parishes in Northumberland are now designated and once a Neighbourhood Plan is passed referendum it becomes part of the overall development plan for Northumberland. He said that a Plan is a way of promoting sustainable growth, maintaining a Parish's character with local green space designated for protection and it could reinstate a settlement boundary. Mr Anderson explained that a Neighbourhood Plan could be kept simple for example with just one policy. He explained a plan must be created within a corridor of restrictions in that it must be in line with the strategic policies of the county council and national planning policy. He suggested a team of 3/4 key people to lead it with other residents coming into it. Funding can be secured to support the development of the plan and it would have to go out to consultation. Following the presentation Cllr Biesterfield proposed that the PC should have a Neighbourhood Plan as it gave scope for greater control in planning as creating policies would mean that NCC would have to take notice. He said he was happy to take the active role in its creation. It was resolved to have Eglingham Parish Council designated and Cllr Biesterfield will lead the application.

Financial; Annual Governance and Accountability Return for 2018/19; To consider and agree any actions from the internal auditor, to approve the Annual Governance Statement, to approve the annual accounts, Accounting Statement and Explanation of Variances. The clerk had met with Ian Gibson for the internal audit and he had reviewed and approved the accounts, checks and balances and signed the paperwork. The PC was not eligible for a Certificate of Exemption this year as with wind farm monies its income and expenditure were both greater than £25,000, therefore the AGAR will be sent to the external auditor for review. The accounts had been circulated prior to the meeting and were approved by the PC and the chair read and signed the AGAR. The accounts will be available for public inspection and on the Parish website from June 16th.

Planning matters; 19/00223/FUL 1.5 storey extension, Shipley Lane Cottage, granted. 19/01070/Ful Rock Midstead Farm Change of use to woodchip production. The clerk had submitted a response to NCC with the PC's objections to the plan which was considered between meetings. The PC's concerns were the level of noise from the plant for residents and the increased level of heavy traffic on the surrounding county roads, including through South Charlton. It was resolved that the clerk will write to Mr Burnham at NCC raising the Parish Council's concerns about the increased number of heavy lorries travelling through South Charlton to Shipley.

Any other business; Cllr McIver raised the issue of the proposed children's play area and adult training circuit proposed for the community. Cllr Alston asked that suggested plans for Eglingham Community Field suggested by the ECA be discussed at the next meeting. It was also resolved that an article would go in the May issue of Hearabouts asking Parish residents for their opinion on proposed ideas for the Field.

Date of next meeting; - The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday June 12th at Eglingham Village Hall.

Useful Contacts

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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 July 2019

Content Must be submitted by 20th June