



HEAR ABOUTS

MAY 2019

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

From the Editor

Getting away from Hear Abouts if you'll allow me (a benefit of being the editor is I can hijack this section).

Normally I love this time of year, the drab dead countryside has been replaced by shades of vivid greens and bursts of colour and beauty in blossoms and spring flowers temporarily grace us, a time I'm usually like a fat kid chocolate factory. However there is a cloud hanging over me... Time is ticking towards my exhibition in mid July and while I have plenty of work to show, the panic of the ticking clock is weighing heavy on me.

In the run-in to the exhibition have been some good things though, a first appearance in a photo magazine (*Digital Photographer*) in March and in a couple of weeks an interview on a highly regarded photography podcasts (www.thetogcast.com) who've recently just had Joe Cornish on!

So just to heap more pressure on here's a reminder of when it's on at the Old School Gallery in Alnmouth.

Andy



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SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Hear Abouts is all about you the reader within our Parish. It is written by yourselves (or by those just beyond our borders) and without those submissions there would be no Hear Abouts. Just a few things to note while submitting content to us which helps us out though.

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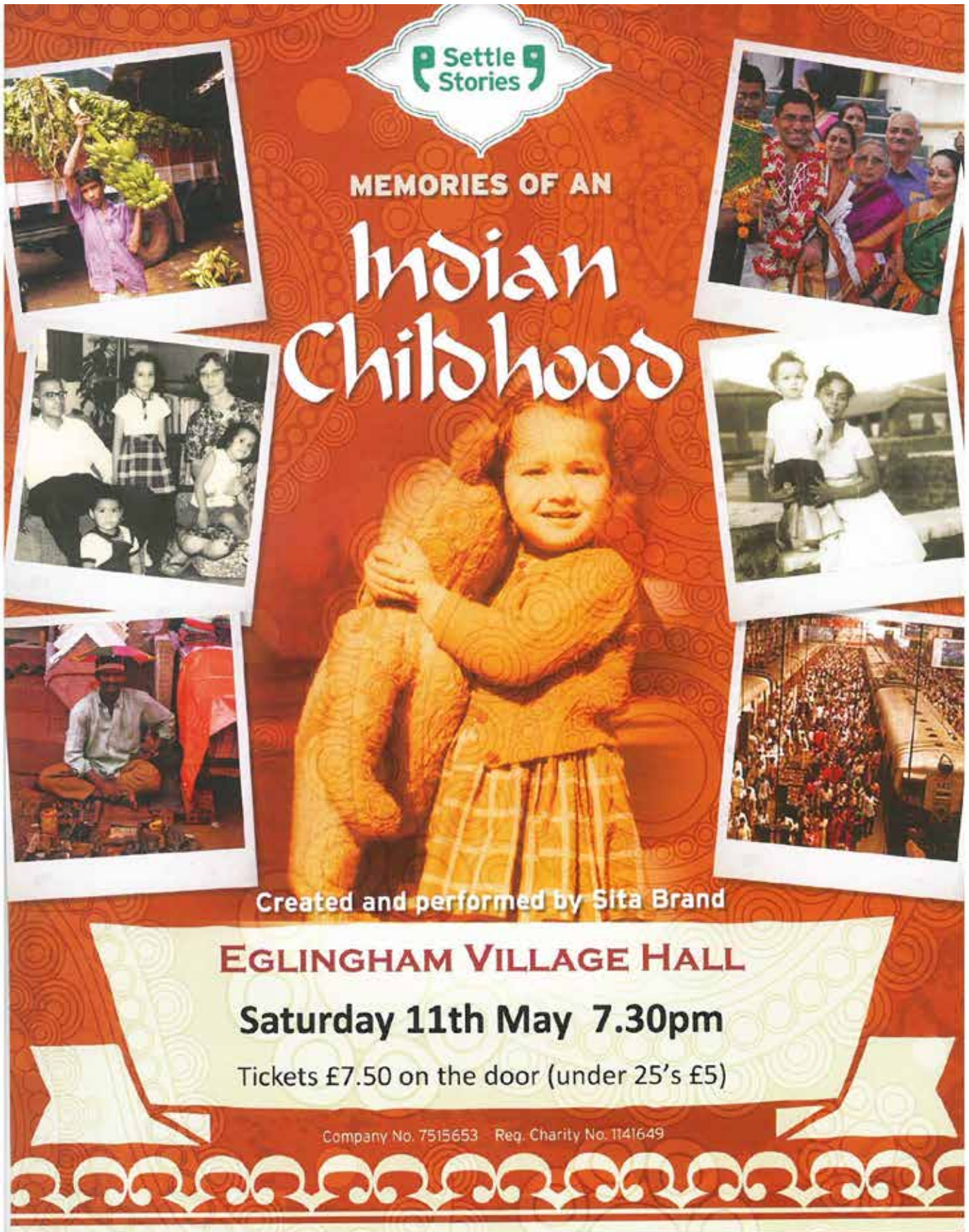
100 Club Results

April winners

1st Prize £25 Number: 66 Margaret Wall

2nd Prize £15 Number: 49 Gordon Robson

3rd Prize £10 Number: 46 H & R Stafford



The poster has a red background with a subtle circular pattern. At the top center is the 'Settle Stories' logo, which consists of a green stylized 'S' and 'S' inside a white decorative frame. Below the logo, the text 'MEMORIES OF AN' is in small white capital letters, followed by 'Indian Childhood' in large, white, stylized script. The central image is a photograph of a young girl with curly hair, wearing a yellow patterned dress, holding a large, light-colored teddy bear. Surrounding this central image are six smaller photographs: top left shows a person in a purple shirt holding a large bunch of green grapes; top right shows a group of people, including a man in a red floral garland; middle left shows a family of four (man, woman, and two children); middle right shows a woman in a white dress holding a small child; bottom left shows a man in a white shirt and orange dhoti sitting on the floor; bottom right shows a large crowd of people gathered on a street. At the bottom, a white banner contains the text 'Created and performed by Sita Brand' in black, followed by 'EGLINGHAM VILLAGE HALL' in red, 'Saturday 11th May 7.30pm' in black, and 'Tickets £7.50 on the door (under 25's £5)' in black. Below the banner, the text 'Company No. 7515653 Reg. Charity No. 1141649' is printed in small black font. The bottom of the poster features a decorative white border with a repeating pattern of stylized arches.

Settle Stories

MEMORIES OF AN

Indian Childhood

Created and performed by Sita Brand

EGLINGHAM VILLAGE HALL

Saturday 11th May 7.30pm

Tickets £7.50 on the door (under 25's £5)

Company No. 7515653 Reg. Charity No. 1141649

Lunch Club

Next lunch (the last for the summer) is 12 noon May 15th
All Welcome!



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

A large gathering assembled for our meeting in Thursday 11th April. Ladies from Lancaster Park, Hedgeley and Doddington WIs had been invited to join us on that evening. They were welcomed by Brenda who then went on to give her report on the annual council meeting which had been held in Newcastle on 6th April.

When other formalities had been finalised our 'speaker' for the evening was introduced, Mary Wilkins. Mary, along with her husband, has for the last 15 years, been running a catering business as well as cooking classes and demonstrations from her home in Rothbury. She did her training, amongst other places, at the Dorchester and Savoy hotels in London. Mary has also worked with many of the top chefs. Whilst preparing the ingredients for the food she was about to cook Mary also gave us preparation tips. In about an hour she produced two dishes...Tuscan Panzanella salad with cod and Thai steamed mussels. Recipes for these dishes were available along with several items of kitchen equipment. Following a vote of thanks from Jane Hamilton, members were then able to sample both of the delicious dishes. It was then time for our usual wide variety of buffet food and the raffle.

Our next meeting is on Thursday 9th May.

Pat Ives



South Charlton celebrates Christian Aid Week with Tea and Cake

There will be no door to door collection in South Charlton, this year, but if you want to make a difference in poverty stricken areas around the world then 'Christian Aid' is a charity worth supporting.

86p in every £1 raised goes to the point of need leaving only 14p to cover admin and fund-raising costs. This is an impressive statistic. However, when the earthquake struck Haiti a few years ago, a fund-raising event in Wooler raised over £3000 which was sent to the London office. Ten days later a letter was received from Haiti thanking the Wooler people for their gift of the exact amount they had raised. Every penny had been spent on emergency shelters, medical aid etc. How reassuring for those who worked hard to raise the money.

Last year Christian Aid worked with 495 partners in 37 countries, responding to environmental and humanitarian crises, delivering long-term development programmes and, through campaigning, advocacy and education, achieving long-term change for the world's poorest communities.

You can donate on-line. If you live in South Charlton Parish and would like an envelope to make a donation contact Lorna on 07599644610 or email: gavin@middlecroft.co.uk.

Whether you support Christian Aid or not, we would love to see
you at

AFTERNOON TEA

featuring Steph Courty's Showstopping Celebration Cakes

South Charlton Village Hall
Sunday, 12th May, 2019 at 3pm.

Free entry - Donations welcome

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



DRACULA

THE TRAVESTY!

Friday 24th May 2019 at 7.30 pm

Eglington Village Hall

Tickets: £7.50. Under 16's free. Available on the door

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South Charlton Textile Panels

WhichCraft, South Charlton's craft group that meets twice monthly on Fridays recently completed two textile panels to decorate the entrance lobby to the Village Hall after the recent redecoration left a "blank canvas" to work with and bring to life!



After securing funding from a pot from the Community Windfarm Fund the group of ladies have been working away since the spring of 2018.

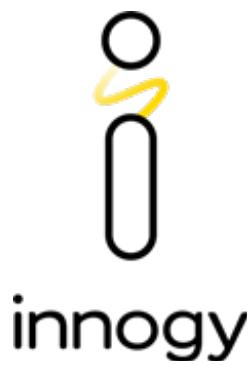
Working in collaboration with Donna Cheshire (donnacheshiretextiles.com), a textile artist from Newcastle that often works with community groups, Donna designed the panels after input from the group about what we'd like depicted.

Each panel shows a view of the village and its surroundings across the seasons, including various wild animals and birds.

During the project we have learnt many techniques over the last year including dying the fabrics, applique and free motion machine stitching.

Every time you look at them you can see something new. So, next time you are at South Charlton Village Hall please take a moment and see what you can spot in the panels.





Innogy Renewables UK Middlemoor Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund Will open for applications on Tuesday 16 April 2019

The deadline for submitting applications is Monday 27 May 2019 for consideration at the Panel meeting in July 2019

Applications are invited for the Innogy Renewables UK Limited Middlemoor Windfarm Community Benefit Fund at the Community Foundation.

Area of benefit:

- Priority consideration will be given to applications from individuals, groups, projects and activities based within the Parish of Eglingham.
- Consideration will also be given to applications from groups and organisations outside of Eglingham Parish that provide services and activities that are deemed by the Fund to be of benefit to residents of the Parish.

Who can apply?

- Individuals resident within the Parish of Eglingham.
- Constituted voluntary, community groups and charities based within the Parish of Eglingham.
- Consideration will also be given to constituted voluntary, community groups and charities which operate outside the Parish, if they can demonstrate that the project benefits people living within the Parish of Eglingham.

What can be funded:

- The fund will consider requests for both capital and revenue funding.
- The Fund will support requests that are charitable, educational, philanthropic and benevolent in purpose.
- It will make grants to community groups, voluntary/charitable organisations and schools (for non-statutory purposes only).
- Capital items with tangible, lasting benefit, including improvements to community buildings.
- Biodiversity and habitat conservation.
- Energy conservation and increased use of renewables.
- Other projects which are community based and/or community led.

Examples of what grants will be supported:

- Capital items (buildings, machinery, equipment, vehicles and tools etc.)
- Time limited revenue requests.
- Sessional worker costs, e.g. workshops, tutors.
- Repairs and/or refurbishment to community buildings.
- Start-up costs for new community groups.
- Out-of-school activities.
- Voluntary and community group activities.
- Community and environmental projects.
- Educational bursaries, apprenticeships, training courses.

This list is not exhaustive and all applications will be given due consideration by the advisory panel.

What will not be funded:

- Retrospective grants.
- Activities that are the current responsibility of statutory authorities (e.g. School curriculum activities, road repairs etc).
- Political campaigns.
- Religious campaigns.
- Individuals full-time resident outside the parish of Eglington.
- Projects, activities within the parish of Ellingham (for so long as a dedicated community wind farm benefit fund exists within Ellingham Parish).
- Projects whose purpose is to generate income for personal gain.
- Repayment of loans or debts.
- Funding for third party distribution.
- Anti-renewable energy/windfarm activities.
- Activities likely to bring the reputation of the Community Foundation or Innogy Renewables UK Ltd or its subsidiaries into disrepute.

How to apply

Please apply online at www.communityfoundation.org.uk/apply

For further details please contact:

Pete Barrett,

Senior Programme Advisor,

Community Foundation Tyne and Wear & Northumberland

Email: pb@communityfoundation.org.uk

Tel: 0191 222 0945

The Busy Month of May

Hope you like my smart hair cut! My name is Bella and I am here to report on all the activities at Alexa's Animals this month. The eponymous Jack #1 has found a home in Whittingham but he was rapidly replaced. Jack #2 is a Parson's Jack Russell and he uses those longer legs like springs to entertain us all. Not that it is ever quiet - the builders are making progress, we have new drains and smooth concrete in the oldest part of the kennels but there's more to do. Our furry, wrinkled friend – the Shar Pei – has moved out on trial and we hope he settles well at his new home in the South of the county.



The better weather means that human fundraising efforts have gone into overdrive; as well as being adopted by the big Pets at Home at Kingston Park we have our finale at Sainsbury's, an inclusive dog show at Rothbury and our new retail venture in Wooler. Sainsbury's in Alnwick have been supporting us as their chosen charity and there will be lots of us at the store on May Day weekend to celebrate the success of that relationship. Tom (a dedicated fundraiser) will be running a Fun Dog Show at Rothbury Fair on the 27th May; we hope lots of you will be entering but I prefer the scrap and scrabble of a traditional Terrier Race myself, arf, arf.

Our shop in Wooler opened at Easter and it sells pre-loved goods in aid of us pre-loved pets; there will be clothes, glass, books, china and linens for you to peruse and purchase. It opens on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays. If you have been spring-cleaning and found anything that we could sell please contact us on **07563 491 841**. Unfortunately we can't take furniture but pretty much anything else would be welcome; we'd especially like some volunteers to staff the shop. Previous retail experience is not needed and this would be the ideal opportunity either to build up some work history or to support us canines without having to shake a collection tin or walk dogs in all weathers. To offer your time to support our new venture please contact us at Alexasanimalscharity@gmail.com or ring us on the number above and we will make sure a human gets back to you.

EGLINGHAM WI

DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHIC CENTENARY QUILT 2018

Have you seen Eglingham WI's Centenary Quilt which is now proudly hanging in the Village Hall? After starring at the **Proud to be 100** exhibition (celebrating the centenaries of seven WI's in North Northumberland) at Bailiffgate Museum, it is now on permanent display at the back of the stage.

Over 160 images were selected from the archive, members own photographs and a number of specially commissioned shots taken by Andy Gray at the Centenary events. These were digitally printed on the fabric Quilt by OWCo DISPLAYS LTD.



Illustrating almost 100 years of history (the earliest image is from the 1930's); it is a permanent and accessible record of member's interests, achievements and awards. Brenda Robertson features more than anyone else having been a member for over 40 years. No one will be surprised to see lots of birthday cakes – most of them made by Brenda! It also provides lots of other interest; changing fashions, key events in village life, and brilliantly reflects the significant place Eglingham WI has had and continues to have in the wider community. More than anything else, it is a positive life affirming image with hundreds of happy smiling faces.

On view at Hall events, come and see for yourself – I can guarantee you'll find someone you recognise!

Carolyn

The quilt was generously funded by the Percy Family Trust through the Community Foundation (serving Tyne and Wear and Northumberland)

COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

wendy.pattison@northumberland.gov.uk – Tel. 07779 983072 and on Facebook Cllr Wendy Pattison



South Charlton - Ditchburn Road and the road to East Ditchburn Farm – On Friday 22nd March I made a site visit to Ditchburn Road and to the Farm Road with NCC North Area Highways Officer, Mitch Young.

The potholes towards the farm (which are many) are to be dealt with asap and signage is to be refreshed. Ditchburn Road is slightly more problematic as the road would have to be closed should approval be given re resurfacing work. I will keep the parish council and residents informed regarding progress. Ditchburn Road resurfacing will be requested later in the year re my Local Transport requests.

Update 26/4/19: NCC has just completed work to clean out the cattle grids and the potholes at East Ditchburn will all be filled next week/week after. Potholes were also filled at West Ditchburn.

Speed Monitoring - I have requested traffic speed monitoring strips to be laid in South Charlton in order to check how fast traffic is going through the village.

Eglingham – Residents and also Eglingham Parish Council have expressed concern at the speed of the traffic through the village. The 30mph flashing sign at the North End of the village doesn't appear to be working properly and is possibly nearing the end of its life span.

In order to achieve the best solution for the village and to ensure the safety and well-being of all residents I have requested NCC Traffic Managers look in depth at the village layout and draw up a suitable traffic management design plan which will benefit the village in the long term. In order to do this I will give £2,000 from my Members Allowance for this work to be done. Once the design plan is completed it will be brought to the Parish Council and all residents for opinion/consultation.

The Terrace and West Ditchburn Road – I continue to request pothole repairs and improvements to both roads. Repairs to both roads will be requested in my Local Transport Plan requests later this year.

Cllr. W. Pattison Members Schemes 2018 to 2019/ Longhoughton Ward Report Date 01/03/2019

HO186396 - Contribution towards reconstruction of the car park at Breamish Village Hall, Powburn £2,000.00 - completed. Contribution to the Breamish Hall, Powburn made on 24 July 2018.

HO186397 - Contribution towards the Breamish Valley War Memorial Project £2,870.00 - completed. Contribution to Breamish Valley War Memorial Project made on 7 June 2018.

HO186405 - Contribution towards new electrical wiring, new wireless disabled access door push pad and purchase of new fridge/freezer and extraction system at Longhoughton Community and Sports Centre £2,131.00 - Contribution to Longhoughton Community and Sports Centre Trust made on 19 June 2018.

HO186428 - Contribution towards kitchen refurbishment at Embleton Parish Room £2,210.00 - completed. Contribution to Embleton Parish Room made on 8 August 2018.
HO186446 Traffic calming (Speed reduction measures) B6347/B1340 Christon Bank - Phase 1 £2,000.00 - Design brief to be issued.

HO186485 - Contribution towards footpath resurfacing, B6347 Christon Bank Main Road £3,789.00 Waiting for permission from Network Rail to action the work.
Match funding provided from North Area Highways for further pavement resurfacing in Boulmer (now Completed)

Total = £15.000

COMMUNITY LITTER PICKING

Here you will find information on getting involved with community litter picks.

Northumberland's face is its fortune. The cleanliness of the county is an important part of the quality of life of residents and in encouraging visitors.

Rubbish is the first thing we want to tackle. You can help by organising a litter pick in your area.

- NCC will help by providing equipment and advice and taking rubbish away.
1. Choose an area you want to clean up. If it's public land maintained by Northumberland County Council, telephone 0345 6006400 and let us know the area you intend to litter pick. If it's privately owned land, get permission from the landowner(s).
 2. Decide when you want to do it.

3. Tell your friends, family and neighbours you need their help.
4. Northumberland County Council will provide litter pick packs for up to 20 people. These include:
 - litter pickers
 - rubbish sacks
 - high-visibility waistcoats
 - gloves
5. Contact Northumberland County Council. Call 0345 600 6400 to:
 - arrange a collection point to have the collected rubbish taken away
 - get advice on storing the rubbish safely until it can be collected (if necessary)
 - obtain facilities to recycle items you collect on your litter pick, such as plastic bottles, drink cans
6. Complete a risk assessment. This simple procedure ensures you have considered any safety issues and taken necessary precautions to try and prevent them.
7. Prepare yourself and your helpers for the day:
 - Decide where you will meet and at what time.
 - Think about how to split the group up to cover the area.
 - Decide how long you will litter pick and when you will take breaks.
 - Think about refreshments and what toilet facilities are available.
 - Think about first aid, safety and hygiene. Is there a first aider in the group? Do you have a supply of antibacterial wipes or hand gel? Take some plasters and antiseptic for any cuts or grazes.
8. Go through an activity planning checklist to make sure you haven't forgotten anything.
9. Contact Northumberland County Council communications team on 0345 600 6400 and let them know what you are doing. They may want to include your litter pick in the local papers or Northumberland magazine.

STEP INTO SPRING AND AGE WELL

The above event will be a great opportunity for people to get together over a cuppa for a chat and to find out more about staying active, involved and well. They will also be able to find out more about groups, volunteering opportunities and activities that are available in their neighbourhood.

Local and voluntary organisations, housing associations and leisure and health services will all be present to offer helpful advice and support.

An Ageing Well Fair will take place at Longhoughton Village at the Westfield Centre, Park Road on 12th June 2019 from 10am to 12 noon.

Cllr Veronica Jones, cabinet member for adult health and wellbeing said: "We want people to stay healthy as they grow older. By supporting people to have an active and healthy lifestyle we can help them achieve this."

The events are organised by Ageing Well Northumberland which works to promote the health and wellbeing of older people within their local communities and ensure the county is a great place in which to grow old. It is delivered in partnership between Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust and Northumberland County Council

POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONERS COMMUNITY FUND

Commissioners Community Fund 2019/20

Grants of up to £2,000 are available to Charities, Community Groups, Voluntary Groups and Social Enterprises throughout Northumberland.

The main focus this year is to tackle hate crime, reduce anti-social behaviour and build community confidence.

To apply for a grant, groups should submit the application form (which can be found on the link below) telling advising what you wish to achieve from your project and how it will specifically help to deliver the Crime Commissioners Police and Crime Plan.

<http://www.northumbria-pcc.gov.uk/police-crime-plan/commissioning-services-grants/>

For more information, contact Ruth Durham at the Police Crime Commissioners Office ruth.durham@northumbria-pcc.gov.uk or telephone 0191 437 5371

The Painter's Bill

When the authorities of an Old Church in Wales decided to make some repairs to its interior, an artist was employed to touch up and renovate a large mural and some church statues. The artist presented his bill in due course, but payment was refused as the full details of the work were not specified. The next day the account was presented, itemised as follows:



<i>Putting tail on rooster of St. Peter and mending his comb</i>	<i>6 shillings</i>
<i>Re-pluming and re-gilding left wing of Guardian Angel</i>	<i>6 shillings</i>
<i>Washing the High Priest's Servants</i>	<i>5 shillings</i>
<i>Cleaning out St David's ears</i>	<i>2 shillings</i>
<i>Renewing Heaven, adjusting the stars and cleaning up the moon</i>	<i>7 shillings</i>
<i>Brightening up the flames of Hell, putting a new tail on the Devil, mending his hoof, and doing several small jobs on the Damned</i>	<i>12 shillings</i>
<i>Touching up purgatory and restoring Lost Souls</i>	<i>7 shillings</i>
<i>Repairing the shirt of the Prodigal Son</i>	<i>3 shillings</i>
<i>Embellishing Pontius Pilate and adding new ribbons to his hat</i>	<i>8 shillings</i>
<i>Touching up Pharaoh's Daughter</i>	<i>2 shillings</i>

Anon
(found in an assortment of greetings cards and memorabilia left by my late mother who died aged 90, several years ago.)

Useful Contacts

Local Councillor

Wendy Pattison: 07779 983072

Clerk to the Parish Council

Amy Smith: 01665 603755

Vicar

Rev. Marion Penfold: 01665 578250

South Charlton Village Hall (bookings)

Andy Gray:

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Eglingham Village Hall (bookings)

Julian Tyley: 01665 578460

Oil Buying Group

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residents@ Email List Admin

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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 June 2019

Content Must be submitted by 20th May