

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

From the Editor

The cricket season is done, the Ryder Cup has been and gone (back over the water), football is dominating the sports pages again, theres a chill in the morning air (this morning there was frost and lovely mists!) so that means autumn is here!

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Which means the jumpers come out

again, the fire is lit, the heating goes on, more events on in the evenings in our village halls and of course loads of crap "entertainment" on tv at weekends. So please do support all the various community groups and their events, they all need it - and anyways theres nothing on tv on a Saturday night these days anyway!;)

Cheers!

Andy

Next Month:

An Armistice Day Special with background details of some of the names of the fallen on both village's War Memorials, by both janwhin & Belinda Dance

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Eglingham Cricket Club

Eglingham Cricket Club are delighted with the new roller they purchased with a grant from the RWE Innogy UK Middlemoor Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund. It has made a great difference, enabling us to prepare a wicket befitting our picturesque ground and allowing our young, and not so young, players to bat and bowl with confidence.



The new Powerroll model replaces the converted steamroller that had served the club so valiantly for almost fifty years. It was rescued from the depths of County Durham by club stalwarts Geoff Humble and Billy Brown, "nursed" by the late Kevin Straughan, and has provided a wonderful upper body work-out for any member willing to take on its lack of power steering. Saying that there was a tear in the eye as it was carefully loaded and lashed on to the lorry for the long trip to the South West to join the fleet of the very enthusiastic restoration-man. It had stood out-side all of its life at Eglingham, however thanks to the great generosity of one of our vice presidents its successor has a new timber frame accommodation. We are very grateful to A&J Scott for the timber and impressed by the work of our local joiner and his "merry men".







Eglingham 100 club winners for September

which is drawn at coffee and chat first Saturday of the month

1st K Jackson 2nd G Bateman 3rd F Robson

Windfarm Fund

Apply now for a chance to receive funding from Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund

The RWE Innogy UK Middlemoor Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund is open for its next round of funding at the Community Foundation Tyne & Wear and Northumberland.

The Fund supports voluntary and community projects, and individuals based in the Parish of Eglingham. Applicants can apply for a minimum of £250 upwards, with the deadline for applications on **Friday 21 October 2016**.

The Fund aims to support charitable projects or to help support individuals living in the Parish of Eglingham. During the last round over £53,000 was awarded to complete refurbishment to the village hall, support repairs at Eglingham Church and help a resident complete their post 16 studies with an award for transport costs.

Pete Barrett, Interim Principal Advisor for Community Programmes at the Community Foundation Tyne & Wear and Northumberland said:

"I'm delighted to introduce myself as the Interim manager of the Middlemoor Wind Farm Fund.

"For residents and community projects in the Parish of Eglingham, the Community Benefit Fund is a fantastic opportunity to gain support, establish new projects, or help established projects grow. Through the fund we aim to create strong communities and support Eglingham in being a great place to live.

"I look forward to receiving applications to the fund, and I hope I can support the Parish in establishing some great new initiatives that gives further opportunity to local residents to engage in community."

For more information on how to apply visit www.communityfoundation.org.uk/apply

Or contact Pete Barrett at the Community Foundation on 0191 222 0945 or email <u>pb@communityfoundation.org.uk</u>.

Lunch Club

South Charlton Village Hall Wednesday, 19th October at 12 noon

Next one 23rd November

Join us for Soup and Pudding followed by a Cuppa All welcome!

53 CLIMBS FOR 53 YEARS - A CHALLENGE





My challenge is to complete 53 climbs in one day (safely), as soon after my 53rd birthday (January 2017) as the weather allows to raise money for **Cancer Research UK**.

We are all affected by cancer in some way during our lives, whether personally, a family member or a friend. For me, I've been lucky to survive twice, as has my brother and I have several friends who've had long struggles.

Climbing is my obsession so hence the idea. Is 53 climbs in one day easy? No, usually it would be a push to do 10 in one day so it's going to require quite a bit of training and help from friends on the day. Is it a bit mad? Undoubtedly, but no climber can tell you why they climb.

All sponsorship will go to Cancer Research UK.

If you are interesting in sponsoring my attempt you can pledge my page on the BT website: https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/pauljackson8

"You can't do anything about the length of your life, but you can do something about its width and depth" - John Ellison, Founder of Climbers Against Cancer

Challenge rules (self-imposed):

- 1. Safety is paramount.
- 2. Each climb will be witnessed.
- 3. All climbs are those included in the Northumberland Climbing Guide 2004. No bouldering routes.

Paul Jackson

3 Ditchburn Rd, South Charlton



Who? Why? What?

Stories to follow.....
You decide the truth!

Curry and Quiz NightSouth Charlton Village Hall

Saturday 15th October
7.30pm
£5 per person
Quiz teams of no more than 4



This is a very informal curry night at the village hall followed by a very extraordinary quiz in aid of South Charlton village hall. There will be great prizes for the winners as well as wooden spoon prizes. There will also be a raffle and bar. This is a new event to which we welcome all from far and wide.

Tickets from Michael Stafford on 01665 579464 Or E-mail Michael-stafford@hotmail.co.uk



Mrs Wendy Kinghorn would like to thank all those who helped to reunite Harry the hedgehog with his family,

HARRY (only half knitted at this stage) managed to get into the car at Dunn's, traveled to south Charlton where he made a dash for freedom, thankfully he was retrieved and taken in, after many phone calls made to find his owner, Harry was finally reunited with mum who finished knitting his leg, stitched an stuffed him, eyes and ears attached ready for Swinton village show. Sadly no prize, but now dearly loved by Hazel the spaniel. A Happy Ending.

EGLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk; Amy Smith 01665 603755 Email; amycartmell@googlemail.com

Minutes of the meeting held on Friday August 19th 2016 at South Charlton Village Hall.

- Grit bin; NCC's highway inspector Nigel Brannen confirmed that a grit bin had been approved to be put in place at Harehope Hall Cottages.
- -Eglingham School staffroom sale; Cllr Robson reported that the terms of access had been amended on the sale document and it was ready to be signed and sealed. The chair and Cllr Purvis signed the document and the clerk will seal. The Parish Council gave their thanks to Cllr Julia Robson for all her work in the completion of the sale.
- The clerk reported EPC's official response to the proposed modifications to Northumberland Local Plan, Core Strategy consultation had been submitted and received by NCC.
- Eglingham War Memorial has been added to the List of Buildings of Special Architectural or Historic Interest at Grade II.

Middlemoor Windfarm Community Funds Applications;

- A Community Foundation grant of £29,725 to cover extensive refurbishment of Eglingham Village Hall had been approved and paid into EPC's bank account for transfer to Eglingham Village Hall Committee.

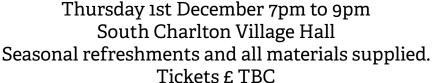
Local Transport Plan-The annual request for suggestions for the Local Transport Pan was discussed by councillors. It was agreed the clerk would reply to ask for traffic calming measures in Eglingham and South Charlton. The clerk will request a footpath on the bridge below Eglingham Village Hall and chicanes at Cockhall bank and the approaches to South Charlton.

Cllr Lawson raised concerns about the overgrowth at Mill Burn on the road from Shipley to South Charlton making it dangerous for drivers to see oncoming traffic. The clerk will contact the Northern area highways department.

The next meeting of Eglingham Parish Council was due to be held on Friday September 30 at Eglingham Village Hall.

Come and make your own Christmas wreath

With "Wild with Love".





From Sue Jackson 579470 (mobile 07793032697) Booking essential. Last day for tickets 23rd November.

HISTORY HEARABOUTS By janwhin

11. IT'LL BE OVER BY CHRISTMAS

Even at the beginning of August 1914 the newspapers were optimistic that a pan European war could be avoided. Britain was hopeful that Russia would not mobilise its troops although the Newcastle Journal reported on 1 August that the ongoing tensions were having serious effects on the world of finance. The previous day the Stock Exchange had been closed and the Bank of England interest rate which 2 days previously had been raised from 3 to 4% was increased again to 8%. The newspaper was hopeful that the governors of the Bank of England "should do much to restore confidence, and to save this country from some of the evils to which Continental nations have already been exposed."

Optimism faded when the Germans invaded Belgium in order to reach France. Britain was a guarantor of Belgium neutrality and once German troops entered that country there was little choice but to issue an ultimatum. Germany rejected that ultimatum and Britain entered the war at 11pm on 4 August.

Soon the dominions of the Empire expressed their support and participation. Japan too declared war on Germany. The conflict moved from being a continental to a global battle which would destroy the old world order and cause its effects to dominate much of the rest of the 20th Century.

After the Territorials had been called up, recruitment for the army in general, and for the 7th Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers in particular, was designed to be attractive and to appeal to the patriotism of the local young men. At the outbreak of war the Battalion took over the Amble and Radcliffe Prize Band and stationed them at Alnwick where they played on the streets and in the Market Place four times a day, always concluding with "The British Grenadiers".

The Newcastle Journal (7 April) reported on a recruiting march through North Northumberland starting on 6 April 1915:

"The march started from Alnwick on 6 April. Three officers and about 150 men paraded in the market square and the first day's march was to Whittingham, Glanton, Powburn and Wooler. The full regimental band attended......The second day's parade will be from Wooler to Chatton, Lowick, Ford, Crookham to Cornhill....Tomorrow the march will be continued via Norham and Horncliffe to Berwick....On Friday the route will be via Haggerston to Belford and Bamburgh; and on Saturday the march will be via Seahouses, North Sunderland, Beadnell, Chathill to Alnwick. It is hoped as a result of the march that a number of recruits who have not hitherto come forward will be added to the ranks of the 7th Northumberland Fusiliers, 2nd line."

Off went the young men of the district to enlist at Alnwick; rabbit catchers, estate gamekeepers, ploughmen, farm horsemen, estate gardeners, lured by the thought of adventure and glory.

The farms and estates set about advertising for replacements: men unfit for military service and women!

The needs of agriculture meant that more innovative methods had to be sought especially at times of harvest. In October 1917 Roseden saw over 20 soldiers billeted to secure the hay and in 1918 the Newcastle Journal was reporting on an encampment of boys at Brandon from Barrow in Furness who were engaged in agricultural work on local farms.

Wooperton saw many of its young men march off to war and some did not return. Five are listed on the Eglingham War Memorial, Private John Brown of the Coldstream Guards; Private Robert Brewis of the Tyneside Scottish; Gunner William Henry Moore of the Royal Field Artillery; Air Cadet Cecil Gwyn Sutton-Jones of the Royal Flying Corps; RAF Clerk, George John Redpath.

The half yearly report of the Wooperton War Savings Association, presented in October 1918, revealed that there was a membership of 70 and that £2,610 19s 6d had been collected since the formation of the association.

Mr. and Mrs. Adam Smith of Wooperton kept the Berwick Advertiser up to date with the progress of their only two sons, both in the Army. Their youngest son, Adam, who worked on Wooperton farm, had enlisted in the Northumberland Fusiliers in November 1914 and after training at Darlington was sent to France and then on to Salonika. The oldest, James, who was employed as a woodman on the Wooperton Estate, had enlisted in Spring 1916, trained in Staffordshire, and gone to France. In 1916 he was wounded and in hospital in Kent. In March 1917 he was severely wounded, but by October 1917 he was awarded the Military Medal. Both survived the war.

The son of Mr. James Smith, farm manager at Wooperton, left as soon as he was 18 in 1917. He was a clerk at the British Linen Bank in Wooler and had acted as secretary to the Wooperton War Savings Association. He left with Private Brown who had been home on a short leave. Private John Brown would soon be added to the list of the local dead.

The Brewis family of Wooperton suffered more than most. Hannah Brewis had been widowed in her mid-40s and was left with a family of six children. Fortunately the eldest were able to work on the Wooperton estate but when war broke out three of her sons enlisted. In early 1916 her youngest daughter died and on 1 July 1916 she was informed that her son Robert had been killed in France at the age of 28 and that her youngest son, James, was ill in hospital in London having been transferred home from Salonika after contracting a disease when in the Dardanelles. He was fortunate to be discharged from the Army, his health having broken down. In 1918 Hannah was advised that her eldest son had been wounded.

At Hedgeley the Hall family saw two of their sons die in the conflict. Mr. Thomas Hall, a gamekeeper, was informed of the death of his third son, Richard Matthew on 1st July 1915. His commanding officer wrote to advise the grieving father that "he was killed in action and buried at night behind the trenches, together with two comrades who had also fallen." On 3rd September 1918 Richard's brother, Thomas, died in Jerusalem. He had contracted malaria in Egypt and died aged 25.

For women the war presented new opportunities which would eventually lead to them being given the right to vote. My mother's oldest half-sister from Warkworth went to work at a lyddite filling factory in Lemington near Scotswood in Newcastle. Lyddite is a high explosive and is composed of picric acid, a yellow crystalline solid which turned the workers skin the same colour, and hence resulted in the factory site being known locally as "Canary Island". It may be no coincidence that my aunt died of cancer in the 1930s.

The end of the war revealed the beginnings of an altogether different world order. Empires had tumbled; Russia was embroiled in a bloody civil war which would end in the triumph of communism; Britain and Europe were on their knees economically; the vindictiveness of the French, in particular, during the peace negotiations sowed the seeds of the emergence of a new and much more dangerous Germany. Even the British monarchy had changed its name.

In 1919 the Government declared a bank holiday to celebrate and mark the end of the war. There must have been mixed feelings about celebrating a war that had taken so many young lives. Peace Day was held on Saturday 19 July. In Eglingham over five hundred people from the parish joined in the event which began with homes being decorated and a march of children to open the proceedings in the afternoon. Sports events took place, there was a free tea, served by a "committee of ladies". Souvenir mugs intended for the children did not arrive having been held up owing to a railway strike but were presented at a later date. The evening ended with a fireworks display and the following Monday a victory dance was held in the village hall. The report of the event in the newspaper was carefully drafted to ensure proper feelings of patriotism and loyalty.

The genuine feelings of the population at large about the impact of the war can be summed up in the reactions of locals when councils were offered war trophies by the Government in 1919. As an example, Amble Town Council debated the offer of a war trophy and accepted it. However it was then made clear by the War Office that the trophy would actually be two German guns. The debate was furious with views ranging from "a valuable monument to teach children the difference between right and wrong" to "I don't want to see anything in Amble that had caused the deaths of hundreds of men". One recently elected councillor who had fought in France said: "I wouldn't vote for anything German and having been in close touch with these guns they always give me a feeling of hatred for anything German."

The guns duly arrived and were placed at opposite ends of the town. On 15 September 1920 the locals took action and hauled each gun from its position and dumped them in the quarry which was full of sea water. The Amble police inspector stated that: "..... the guns were accompanied by about 300 people, young and old, men and women." No action was taken as the view was that the removal "seemed to well suit the entire approval of the crowd" and apart from "the illegal action in removing the guns he must say the crowd was orderly and showed no sign of any desire to injure any private property. The presence of the police was tolerated with a great amount of good humour......" One member of the crowd informed the police inspector, "that was the gun that blew my leg off.



German Gun at top of the Wynd, Amble (courtesy of www. fusilier.co.uk)

The Warkworth gun was also dumped in Amble quarry and Alnmouth took similar action as the Morpeth Herald reported: "The German howitzers recently accepted by the Alnmouth Parish Council as war trophies and which were to have been fixed shortly upon a cement base in the village, were removed with great enthusiasm last Friday night by the lads of the village. One of the guns now lies on the Howle Kilne, one on the foreshore near the rocks, and

another smaller gun has been run into the Aln." In Wooler a German gun presented to the town was taken and thrown into the river.

During the War, coal mining had been taken over by the Government and output in Northumberland was at record levels. The Versailles Treaty and its punitive actions against Germany, however, was catastrophic for coal mining right across Europe. Reparation coal was to be produced by Germany, on starvation wages. This meant cheap coal competing against British production, a provision that started to bite by 1921 so that coal exports from England began to decline drastically. Northumbrian miners were either put out of work or on to short time, and the balance of coal markets right across Europe was destroyed. Strikes began in 1921 and culminated in the General Strike of 1926. The miners and their families were supported by soup kitchens set up

in the towns and villages across the county.

On Easter Sunday 1921 the war memorial was dedicated in Eglingham with the names of 23 men listed. It was unveiled by Mrs. Sutton-Jones who had lost her son in the war and whose name was on the memorial. The South Charlton memorial was dedicated in May 1921 with 3 names listed.



Dedication of Eglingham War Memorial (with thanks to Carolyn Brewster)

The lads were in the Tankerville chewing the fat about the state of the country... "Aye, poor old Geordie, jumps and shakes at any loud noise. Mind, he's better than when he first came back, used to drop to his hunkers, cover his ears, sweating and shaking... I remember him before the war, strapping young lad, walking the horses behind the plough... Aye, the horses went an'aal..."

"Aye, women don't know their place any more, they'll be wanting to come to the pub for a drink, and then what'll we do..."

"The Royal Family saved themselves by the skin of their teeth, stopped being German and became British. What sort of a name is Windsor though..."

"King George has plenty of sons mind, that eldest of his, David, nice lad. Bit of a one for the women but I've heard the pitmen like him. Been coming round visiting to see the state they're in. He'll make a grand king once he's married and settled down..."

"Can't see us having a King David though, he'll have to change his name, although I expect he's got a few, Edward, isn't that his middle name..."

"Germany's in a bit of a state mind. If they don't watch out it'll be taken over by them Reds..."

Quiz Nights Return!

Brownieside & South Charlton Leek Club's famed Quiz Nights return to their winter home starting on..

Wednesday 19th of October at South Charlton Village Hall

7:30pm start Supper included

Eglingham W.I. September 2016

After the summer break, the September meeting was well attended with members pleased to have a catch up with each other's news.

Our president and secretary took us through the business of the evening some of which was already looking towards next year!

Some members will be attending the Glendale Group meeting of W.I.s which will be held in Wooler later this month. It is always good to meet up with other W.I. members in our area at a shared meeting and hear about their year.

After the business part of our meeting had been concluded, Brenda introduced our speaker for the evening, who would be known to most members, John Blackmore.

John had already set up to give us a cookery demonstration. The chosen dish was a very special salmon en croute. This was no ordinary salmon en croute, (here I sound like an M&S advert!) its ingredients lifted it from the ordinary by using salmon, smoked haddock (naturally coloured, not the dyed stuff!) spinach and a large crevette (prawn to you and me) and finally avocado. These were carefully sliced, layered and seasoned and you would have to be there to know how - sorry - members perks! These layers were wrapped in puff pastry and one secret I will reveal is, the thinner the pastry the better.

We were then shown how to create a delicious white wine sauce with dill. The whole dish was served with thinly sliced, seasoned and roasted squash, sweet potato and leek. Yum! The bonus to this dish was that it could be prepared in advance and placed in the fridge ready to be egg glazed before placing in the oven. The added bonus was that we all got to eat some! Lots of tips too all of which you could have enjoyed if you were a W.I. member!

Anne Bagley won the monthly competition of, "your most unusual kitchen implement." Brenda Robertson won the raffle.

There was more catching up with members over a beautiful buffet supper until it really was time to go home.

You may wish to join us as a visitor at our next meeting which is on Thursday, October 13th, at 7.00pm in Eglingham Village Hall when our speaker will be Jill McConnell Wood. Her topic is: one woman's journey from glamorous designer to charity volunteer in Belarus.

Romaine Barclay-Kim

Leek Show Results



1st - Richard Nelson 2nd - Ernie Pringle 3rd - Karen Gardener

Best Leek in Show - E. Pringle Highest Lady - K. Gardener

Most Points In Veg Classes -Bob Stuart. Most Points In Industrial Classes - Sue Jackson



Giant Cabbage Results

- 1 D Stuart 50.75lb
- 2 R Stuart 46.61lb
- 3 A Warnaby 41.12lb
- 4 R Stuart 39.16lb
- 5 R Nelson 35.96lb
- 6 D Stuart 34.90lb
- 7 J Rutherford 23.61lb
- 8 Judy Rutherford 16.84lb
- 9 S Jackson 15.86lb
- 10 P North 14.37lb

Last - Andy Gray 0.65lb (still waiting for my wooden spoon prize! - Ed.)

EGLINGHAM VILLAGE HALL RACE NIGHT

On Friday, 2nd September, Eglingham locals and visitors alike gathered in the Village Hall in anticipation of the third Race Night; the previous 'meetings' had been so well received that it was back by popular demand!

The scene was set and punters arrived duly attired for a night at the races – fascinators in place and binoculars at the ready. In advance of the event, local companies kindly sponsored each race and people willingly parted with a small amount of cash to become the proud owner of their very own thoroughbred.

After ensuring beverages were purchased (courtesy of The Post Office Bar) and bets placed the races commenced. Once under starters orders lots of noisy encouragement ensued from the rails and euphoria for the subsequent winners and owner of each successful animal.

Half way through the proceedings racing was halted so that the supper of pie and peas could be served – Turnbull's pies went down a storm and those with larger appetites were offered 'seconds'.

By the end of the evening the excitement reached a climax with much hilarity when the Pig Race was run. By the end of the evening it appeared that Race Night, once again, been successful and a substantial amount raised (over £700 without the bar takings) to help keep the village hall running and at the heart of the community.

On behalf of the Village Hall, our thanks to the Sponsors, 'owners' and attendees for their generosity. Thanks must also be given to the team on the Events Committee for their sterling efforts before, during and after the event.

For those who weren't able to make it, other social evenings are planned and it is hoped that they will come along and support future events in order to ensure that the Village Hall remains a vibrant part of village life.

Joan Sharp Member of Events Committee

Church Services

Services for 9th October

9.30am Harvest Festival Eglingham (If you would like to donate any gifts or flowers please leave them at the back of church)

9.30am Chatton

11.30am Harvest Festival at Ingram followed by Soup and Nibbles after the service 6pm Harvest Festival at Chatton (Chattons Harvest Supper will be on the 29th October in Chatton village hall followed by an Auction. One of the Lots "More Tea Vicar"

In November we will be holding Toy Sunday again as you know we support Children North East in our churches and this is the Sunday where we ask for your generosity of donating new toys for this charity. This charity is really dear to the hearts of our local communities, so nearer the time there will be more information from Eileen and myself, so watch this space.

Lets make a child smile this Christmas.

It is hoped that our new Bishop Christine will be with us on Toy Sunday 20th November.

Thank you once again for your support,

Yours as ever.

Rev. Marion

PhotoClub

Winter Meetings begin on Thursday October 6th - 7pm at South Charlton. Full Itinery to follow.

Coffee & Chats

10-12noon first Saturday of each Month. Next one - 5th November

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.

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