

HEAR ABOUTS

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

From the Editor

Summer is done (was it ever here?), the nights are drawing in fast and our communities seem to come alive again. Those who do it, holidays have been taken and we start to bed down again for winter - or rather, start leaving the house loads as our winter entertainment begins in earnest.

Starting again are the Leek Club quizzes, both craft groups, lunch club, special events such as the coming Mediterranean Night, Guy Fawkes night. Hey! I might even get round to starting the photoclub up again! (Sorry been busy). No doubt I've forgotten other stuff coming up, but anyways, what I'm saying is that our communities really come alive once the summer buggers off!

A new addition are the watercolour classes run by the ECA and Frances Buckingham.

I attended the full day beginners class held on Saturday past, and even after not picking up a brush since school. Even after all that time, with the guidance of Frances I managed to knock this out! Pretty pleased with myself.

I really hope these classes go well and of course if you have any ideas for other evening classes, get in touch with the ECA for some advice. More info later in the mag... Andy



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Improved bus service through Eglington

As from Monday 4th September, the 470 bus service between Alnwick and Wooler via Eglington is being operated by PCL Travel and there is a new, improved timetable with four buses a day, six days a week, in each direction. This is a big improvement on the current timetable.

Departure times:

Eglington – Alnwick: 8.30am, 10.30am, 1.30pm, 5.10pm

Eglington – Wooler: 9.10am, 12.10pm, 3.55pm, 5.40pm

Full timetable available on PCL Travel website - pcltravel.uk

Coffee & Chats

South Charlton Village Hall
Saturday 7th October 10-12noon

All welcome

Eglington Village Hall

Sun 12th Nov

Christmas Market

1.30pm - 5.00pm

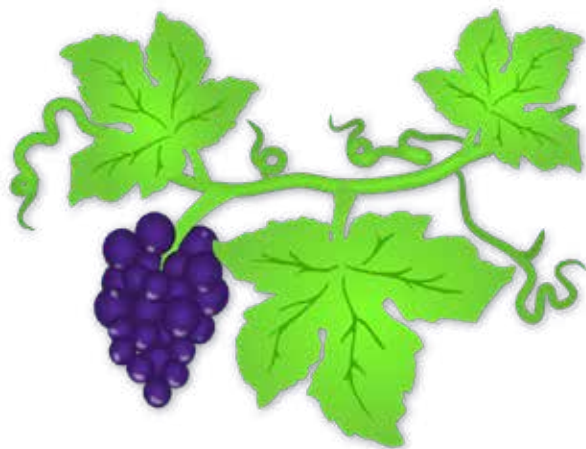
Proof of The Pudding
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Free entry

Ruby Tuesday
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Eglingham Village Hall

presents



Mediterranean Night

Saturday 28th October 2017

7.30 p.m.

3 Course Mediterranean Meal

Bar & Live Guitar



£12.50

Tickets from Jane: Tel: 01668 217179

email: jane.hamilton99@sky.com

LUNCH CLUB OPENS AGAIN

Wednesday 18th October at 12 noon
(and the 3rd Wednesday of each month til further notice)

at South Charlton Village Hall

All welcome for soup, pudding, a cuppa ...and a good old chin wag!

Leek Club Quiz Night

Moving to Friday in October!
7:30pm Friday 27th October at South Charlton Village Hall

All welcome
Supper provided, bar open.

CraftWorks

Meeting on Thursdays in Eglingham Village Hall

1:30pm - 3:30pm

Eglingham WI

Following our summer break our September meeting was back again in Eglingham village hall. Most of our members were there with just a few away on holiday. Our speaker who was to talk about Dementia, had been taken ill and was unable to attend. However, Jane Hamilton and Prudence Marks saved the day (or rather evening) by agreeing to tell us about their encounters with Dementia patients. Firstly, Jane talked about her work at Grovewood House where she takes her dogs as therapy for the residents. She then told us about her involvement with the Blue Cross charity and its origins. Prudence then talked about the work she does with the Dementia patients who attend a monthly meeting in the Alnwick garden. Given that it was not expected they both made their talks very interesting. Susan Cartmell gave the vote of thanks. This month's raffle prize of a House and Home voucher was won by Judith Price.

Our next meeting is on 12 October with the subject being Mellow Fruitfulness. Chris Cann will be giving a demonstration inspired by the hedgerow and fruits of autumn.

Pat Ives

Leek Show Results

- 1st D Stuart (169.14 cube) *Highest Lady
- 2nd A Warnaby (198.89 cube) *Best Leek
- 3rd R Stuart (151.81 cube)
- 4th R Nelson (148.67 cube)
- 5th M Robison (84.61 cube)
- 6th S Robison (76.87 cube)



Tattie in a bucket Results

- 1st P North 4.96lb
- 2nd P North 4.26lb
- 3rd I Gibson 4.17lb
- 4th R Stuart
- 5th D Stuart
- 6th R Stuart

Full results available on request
A total of 79 buckets were weighed.
Well done everyone!

Giant Cabbage Results

- 1st D Stuart 40.46lb
- 2nd D Stuart 36.60lb
- 3rd R Stuart 36.49lb
- 4th R Stuart 34.24lb
- 5th J Johnson 27.96lb
- 6th J Johnson 25.80lb
- Last Andy Gray 0.77lb (*Ed. Undeclared as worst cabbage grower!!*)

Watercolour Painting Evening Classes



Evening classes in Landscape watercolour painting have started in Eglington Village Hall on a Monday night, 7pm to 9.30. There is a lesson charge of £10, making it probably the cheapest art classes ever conducted (spaces still available if you want to join in). This has come about through grant funding from RWE Innogy benefit fund, where things like evening classes can be subsidised until they get established, or to find out if there is the desire for the class in the first place.

If you have an idea for an evening class that you would like to see in one of our village halls, please contact the Community Foundation for details on how to make an application.



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Come and make your own Christmas wreath

With Chris Cann

Thursday 30th November 7pm to 9pm
South Charlton Village Hall

Seasonal refreshments and all materials supplied

Tickets £25

From Sue Jackson 579470 (mobile 07793032697)

Booking essential

Last day for tickets Monday 20th November



HISTORY HEARABOUTS

By janwhin

14. DREAMBOATS AND PETTICOATS

In the century following the death of the last Tudor queen, Elizabeth I, the country was divided in matters of both religion and politics. The crowns of England and Scotland had been united by the accession of James VI of Scotland to the English throne as James I of England which began the Stuart dynasty. That was not too bad as he was a very strong protestant but discontent was always near the surface as he appeared to favour the Scots at Court. His reign did see the Gunpowder Plot when Roman Catholics tried to blow him and the Houses of Parliament to smithereens. Matters then took a turn for the worse with the accession of Charles I with his belief in the divine right of kings and his flirtation with Catholicism. So we chopped his head off and had a go at being a republic, run by parliament and a bunch of miserable puritans. That didn't go down too well, especially when all the inns and playhouses were closed down. The monarchy was brought back and things went along relatively calmly under Charles II

but on his death the crown passed to his Roman Catholic brother, James II.

James II lasted a short while but eventually it was realised that he was trying to re-introduce Roman Catholicism as the official religion of the country and he was evicted from the throne. This revolution, known as the Glorious Revolution, was bloodless, his daughter Mary, and her husband William of Orange, being invited by Parliament to take the throne. Good protestants both and still apparent to this day with the Orangemen in Northern Ireland. Dying childless, Mary was succeeded by her sister, Anne. Under Anne's rule the two nations of England and Scotland were united in 1707 and the national flag, the Union Jack, came into being. The Union was made possible since the Scottish economy was going nowhere and England was doing very nicely having acquired its colonies in North America and the West Indies. To cement the Union, a significant amount of money passed north of the Border.

Scotland was itself divided. The Lowlands being protestant were happy with the boom in trade that the Union brought, but the Highlands, being Catholic were only kept quiet with money. The royal family, being of Scottish descent also kept a lid on affairs but this was not to last. Queen Anne died childless in 1714 and there was no clear heir to the throne. Her father, the former James II, who had died in 1700, had set up a court in exile in France, remarried and, unfortunately had a son, another James. The Parliament had decided to debar the Stuarts from ever again taking the British throne and turned to the family of the remaining granddaughter of James I who were Electors of Hanover and protestant. George, Elector of Hanover, was invited to take the throne and so the Hanoverian dynasty began.

It didn't take long and the Scottish Highlanders and northern Catholic English gentry declared for the "King over the Water", James, son of James II. He became known as the "Old Pretender" and his supporters were called Jacobites (Jacobus being the Latin version of James). In 1715 the Scottish Jacobites raised the standard of rebellion. The Rising was wrapped about with romanticism, secrecy and colourful Highlanders hiding in mountain glens. In contrast the Hanoverians represented stolidity, safety and German seriousness.

The leading lights of the Northumbrian Jacobites were James Radcliffe, the Earl of Derwentwater, and Thomas Forster, a member of parliament and a member of the Forster family of Bamburgh Castle. Forster was to become the general in charge of the English Jacobites. The Northumbrian Jacobites gathered near Rothbury and raised the standard of rebellion at Warkworth. One of the beams in the ceiling of the Mason's Arms at Warkworth records the gathering there. James Radcliffe was a romantic figure, a relatively young man, handsome and gallant, with a stately home at Dilston on the Devil Water, a tributary of the Tyne. His brother Charles also joined the rebellion. The government had not been inactive and potential supporters in the North West of England were arrested, leaving the Northumbrians very much on their own.

The Scottish Highlanders were contained in Scotland by the Redcoats of the British Army but the Northumbrians, together with a contingent of Scottish Lowlanders joined forces and marched as far south as Preston in Lancashire where they were soundly

beaten in 1716. The Old Pretender landed too late in Scotland to be of any assistance to anybody and retreated rapidly back to France. The success of the Jacobite force in reaching Lancashire shook the establishment and harsh measures were taken. The Earl of Derwentwater had his head detached from his body in short order in February 1716 at Tower Hill and General Forster was destined to suffer the same fate. However, Forster was saved from death by the intervention of a determined Northumbrian lady, his sister Dorothy Forster. She braved the winter roads, travelling from Adderstone near Bamburgh, and managed to reach London, riding pillion behind a blacksmith friend. Having managed to get an imprint of the key to his cell at Newgate, her blacksmith made a copy and Thomas effected his escape, dressed as a woman, with Dorothy.

The Jacobites rose again in 1745 when the “Young Pretender”, Bonnie Prince Charlie (grandson of James II), joined the Scots. Charlie caused much beating of ladies’ hearts and the Rising was again turned into some sort of romantic idyll. Very few English joined the initial rising but the rebels still managed to reach Derby before retreating due to the winter weather setting in and a continuing absence of significant English support. The Scottish Jacobites carried on their retreat pursued by the British Army and were virtually wiped out at the Battle of Culloden, near Inverness. Anyone thought to have participated in the rebellion was hunted down and the consequences of this last uprising saw the demise of the clan system in Scotland. One English Jacobite to be relieved of his head was Charles, the Earl of Derwentwater, brother of the ill-fated James who had been beheaded for his part in the first Jacobite rebellion. The Derwentwater Estates passed to the Crown.

Near Amble there is a tiny village, once a thriving pit community, called Radcliffe. This was originally part of the Derwentwater Estate.

So ended the last attempts to return the country to Stuart rule. The stage was then set for the development of a constitutional monarchy bound by the wishes of the people as represented by Parliament. A monarchy which has continued to the present day.

LABRADOR TALES A Travellers’ Story

As some of you may know, I am an Education Volunteer for Blue Cross animal charity. I visit schools, teaching an age group of 4 – 11 year olds how to care for pets and how to keep safe around dogs. My present lovely Labradors have been temperament tested to accompany me. This story illustrates the challenges of working with children and animals!!

I was recently asked to do a talk to a school some distance away. (I won't disclose the school's name for reasons which will become obvious!) I love this work, particularly in North Northumberland where the schools have small numbers of children. I don't have any formal teaching experience and nor did I have any children – just puppies, kittens, the odd



rabbit and budgie. But, having a great love of animals and being a sort of older child myself, I find the work a novelty and great fun. Before I called the head teacher to discuss the requirement, I did my homework and read the Ofsted report. It was dire and said that the standards of language and literacy were poor. Ready for the challenge, I phoned the head who was new to her position and had received praise in the report. She explained to me that most of the 25 children in the school were from Traveller families, the poor standard of language was nothing to do with grammar and that the children all had oodles of dogs and horses. The head wanted to encourage the values of care and commitment. Having watched almost every Big Fat Gypsy programme that has ever been made, I was a bit apprehensive but keen to go!

On the big day, I came down into the kitchen to be greeted by that smell that all dog owners dread! Paddy, who had been on the beach the previous day and drank sea water, had had the biggest of accidents. I let him out into the garden where he did it again. As we donned our uniforms to get in the car, he had another episode. We managed the one hour's journey where Paddy couldn't wait to get out and go again. This really didn't bode well for the next couple of hours.

We set up in the hall and the head came to meet us. She said she had let the children outside to let off some steam before they came in and sat down! I convinced myself, that as an adult, I had nothing to worry about. They were only children. Indeed, I was more worried about Paddy's inability to contain himself for any length of time! So I sussed out the fastest exit route just in case and confidently greeted the children as they came into the hall. The little girls were beautifully turned out, all with long hair and massive bows across the tops of their heads reaching from ear to ear. The boys were not exactly wallflowers and very keen to contribute! It was strange to hear so many Irish accents in such a small space and in the north east!

The school's smart alec, was a big burly lad called JJ. When I opened the session by asking who had dogs – JJ put his hand up and said he had 10 Lurchers. I didn't ask him why he had so many and why they were all that breed, but I did suspect that he was going to be a bit sceptical about my talk! I like to involve the children in doing stuff, so I had just the job for JJ. I explained about Paddy and gave JJ his lead. I said that Paddy would tell him when he wanted to "go" and that JJ should get him out as quickly as possible. That was JJ sorted as he watched Paddy like a hawk, not daring to take his eyes off him in case he failed in his task! And low and behold, JJ got his opportunity to shine. Paddy ran over to me and put his head on my lap which is lab language for "I need a poo". So JJ legged it like Usain Bolt dragging Paddy with him to the exit. JJ really felt like he'd saved the day and in truth, he probably did!

The youngest child, aged only 4, was little Ollie. Ollie had never attended an assembly before as he had one of those disorders where he couldn't sit still for 2 seconds and had the attention span of a gnat. He ran around the floor and on the chairs around the hall. Ollie had his own teaching assistant. I called Ollie to me and asked him to look after Chi, my ex guide dog. He got fed up with that almost the moment he said he would. So, I gave Ollie my roll of Blue Cross stickers and showed him how to peel them off one at a time and stick them on. In my talks each child takes an item out of a big sack, and explains to the others how that item is used to care for a pet. They then get a sticker. Well little Ollie had found his vocation, peeling stickers off one at a time, and sticking them on each child's sweater. He threw himself into it, even making a little speech like the queen when giving a knighthood – "Willow, here is your sticker

for being such a good girl”!! Ollie did this devotedly for over an hour, each time the staff took his photo and giggled out loud.

I finished off the session by talking about dogs and the law. I don't normally include that but as I had a captive audience, thought it might prove useful! The children were interested to see what a microchip looked like and as you might expect the boys, particularly, loved picking up a plastic turd with a poo bag.

The head closed the talk and as the children filed out, each one, totally unsolicited, said thank you and goodbye. So, my experience of this school wouldn't have made a Channel 4 TV programme. It was like any other. In a way, I was slightly disappointed that it wasn't more colourful than that!!

Jane Hamilton

Parish 'warden'

The services provided to the Parish by the County Council have over recent years decreased considerably in line with the austerity measures promoted by the government. The expectation has been that Parish Councils would start to provide services to cover this loss. A number of Parishes across Northumberland have started to employ a Parish 'warden' to be responsible for providing some of the services previously supplied by the County Council and additional services unique to those parishes.

We would like to be able to follow this model and to contract with someone to provide services to the Parish. The funding for this post to be made possible by a grant from the RWE/Innogy community windfarm fund.

The contractor chosen could carry out some of the grass cutting, carry out maintenance of the public buildings and help to maintain some of the common areas of the Parish plus a workload to be determined by residents of the Parish. It is anticipated in the first instance the contractor would be commissioned to work for one day a week for the first year.

In order to make this happen the Parish Council would like to form a small group of residents to take this forward and to oversee the process, to determine the workload for the first year and to make the initial grant application.

To this end the Parish Council is seeking volunteers to form a group along with a Parish Councillor to make this happen. This group would ideally consist of one person from North Charlton, one from South Charlton and one from Eglingham.

If you are interested then please send your name to the Parish Clerk Amy Smith at: amycartmell@googlemail.com or write to 25 Blakelaw Court, Alnwick, NE66 1 BY, by the 1st of November

Eglingham Parish Council

COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

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Working together to Inspire great ideas - 7 Representatives from the 9 Parishes located within the Longhoughton Ward. On Friday, September 1st at the Thrunton Trout Fishery, an informal meeting took place with 6 Parish Council Chairmen representing,

Craster, Newton by the Sea, Eglington, Embleton, Edlington, Hedgely/Powburn and one representative from Longhoughton Parish Council. Ellingham Parish Council was not represented.

The meeting was extremely successful and new contacts were made and everyone will meet again next year in March 2018.

Eglington Lime Trees – The Parish Council made a request for 5 Lime Trees to be removed which are situated near the entry point into Church. On September 14th, I met with Cllr McIver, Barry Wilson, Trees and Woodland Officer NCC, and Mrs Carolyn Brewster to look at the trees. I do not profess to be a tree expert and I therefore speak from the heart on this matter. When I see Lime Trees which are over one hundred years old and have a potential life span of a further 200 years, I personally cannot give my personal support to removing the trees. As the trees are within a conservation area, Planning Officers must visit the site and make an informed decision. They can refuse the request and they can also issue tree protection orders on some/all of the trees should they wish to do so. If the planners have no objection to the trees being removed, I will seek a final opinion from Cllr Glen Sanderson, Environment and Local Services portfolio holder as this will be a costly operation to undertake. Mr Barry Wilson will also make a further check of all five trees to ensure there are no concerns regarding safety issues and/or disease.

Traffic monitoring strips – I have been advised that the officer responsible is away on holiday and currently has a very large workload. I am hopeful the strips will be laid in Eglington very shortly.

South Charlton - Road through South Charlton coming from the A1, the road continues to deteriorate in three places in particular, leaving the A1, by the church in the village, and, at the top of the bank heading out of South Charlton. I have reported these problems many times to the Highways Department and I will endeavor to do so again and again until we achieve a better road for the people of South Charlton.

General agreement has been reached by my speaking with Traffic Management that it may be possible to introduce a 40mph speed limit through the village in 2018.

Post 16 Home to School Transport – I am a member of the Committee discussing Post 16 Home to School Transport which is chaired by County Councillor Glen Sanderson. Discussions are going well and I will report back to the Parish Council once a final decision has been made.

A1 dualling – Highways England have announced the route(s) they have chosen, enabling the project to move on to the planning phase, and the works to remain on schedule.

They have declared that their Green route option will be the preferred route between Morpeth and Felton, and the Orange route option will be the preferred route between Alnwick and Ellingham. For Morpeth to Felton, this involves constructing a new stretch of dualled carriageway to the west, and for the section between Alnwick and Ellingham, the existing road will be widened. In both cases the choices represented the favourite option among local residents who took part in the extensive consultation events. The next step is for Highways England to complete the design, survey and environmental impact work ahead of submitting their application for a Development Consent Order to the Planning Inspectorate in 2018.

Sam earns her first World Rowing Championships Selection

Sam Courty will make her senior World Championships debut in Sarasota, Florida in late September. She is part of the GB Rowing Team and has been selected to race in the women's four.

Sam took up rowing while studying at the University of Bath 6 years ago and has never looked back. She was generously supported by local businesses including MKM Builders Merchants in Alnwick and RWE, to purchase essential rowing equipment during her student days and currently receives Lottery Funding through British Rowing.

Sam has represented GB at both the World U23 and World University Championships winning silver and two bronze medals and now trains full time with the GB squad in Caversham, Berkshire. She continues to wear the team colours of CrewBath and competes for the university in national and regional regattas. Sam made her full senior debut at July's World Cup in Lucerne, Switzerland, where she raced in the women's pair finishing 7th overall and is really looking forward to her new challenge of competing in a 'new look' women's four.

Update:

The GB Women's Four crew narrowly missed out on competing in the "A" final, but finished a strong first in the "B" final, officially finishing 7th.

Full results, stats and race video on www.worldrowing.com



Festival on the Field

Squally showers, temperatures below 10°C, gusting winds. Not a great combination for a music festival and picnic! However, the ECA committee is not faint-hearted and so, on the Friday, decided that given all the preparations the inaugural "Festival on the Field" would go ahead.

The field had been pampered and planted up in the weeks prior, and looked very smart. A collection of tents and marquees had been erected for audience comfort, the barbeque was set and the sausages and onions ready. The organising committee's decision was rewarded with better than forecast weather and a very good turn out; around 60 hardy folk enjoyed a great afternoon of music and socialising.

The audience brought chairs and picnics and the odd tipple and settled down to a lovely variety of music from very talented musicians, gathered together by Morrison. The full line up was as follows:

Adam "Punkwood" Bell: a very good singer with acoustic guitar who cleverly used a loop pedal for extra effect. He performed a variety of 80s & 90s popular songs that went down very well with the audience, kicking things off well.

Cliff Blakey & his shadow: an excellent flamenco guitarist and singer, whose performance was spotted by the Village Hall events group who have asked him to perform at the Mediterranean Night in October.

Keith "Telfy Boy" Telfer: a fine singer/acoustic guitarist from just over the A697 who played a well-received variety of very popular songs. Nice hat!

Frances, Charis and James : a very local trio, extremely talented, who played and sang Folk Music using keyboard, flute, violin and guitar with beautiful harmonies. Their acapella numbers were spellbinding.

The Dire Tates: a very talented five piece band (featuring a well-respected local musician) expertly covering favourites including Oasis, Kinks, Rolling Stones and Chuck Berry. (And by special request a Status Quo classic)

Delicious sausage sandwiches were expertly served by Margaret and Jane during the afternoon; Bill and Geoff slaved over a hot BBQ using the well known technique of "flambé" in order to avoid salmonella and law suits. Thanks go to the generosity of T. R. Johnson Butchers of Wooler, and Morrisons in Alnwick who donated the local sausages and buns/condiments respectively.

Special mention in dispatches must go to Judith and Andy for very kindly allowing us to plug into their house for the electricity. So much better than a noisy generator; thank you.

The whole ECA committee put a lot of hard work, time and thought into preparations for the event and it was satisfying to see so many folk having such a good time. The potential of the Parish Field for community events was well showcased and during the very efficient pack up operation several acts confirmed their interest for the next one and other residents offered to help with organising. Here's hoping for better weather; see you next year.



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: 07730 559223

Eglingham Village Hall (bookings)

Julian Tyley: 01665 578460

Health:

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Consulting Rooms - 01665 602388

Bondgate Surgery - 01665 510888

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2nd and 4th Friday of each month
2pm-4pm

Coffee & Chats

10-12noon Saturday 7th October
Held at South Charlton Village Hall
All Welcome



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A resident of the Parish? Then if you haven't already... Sign up for our community email list!

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