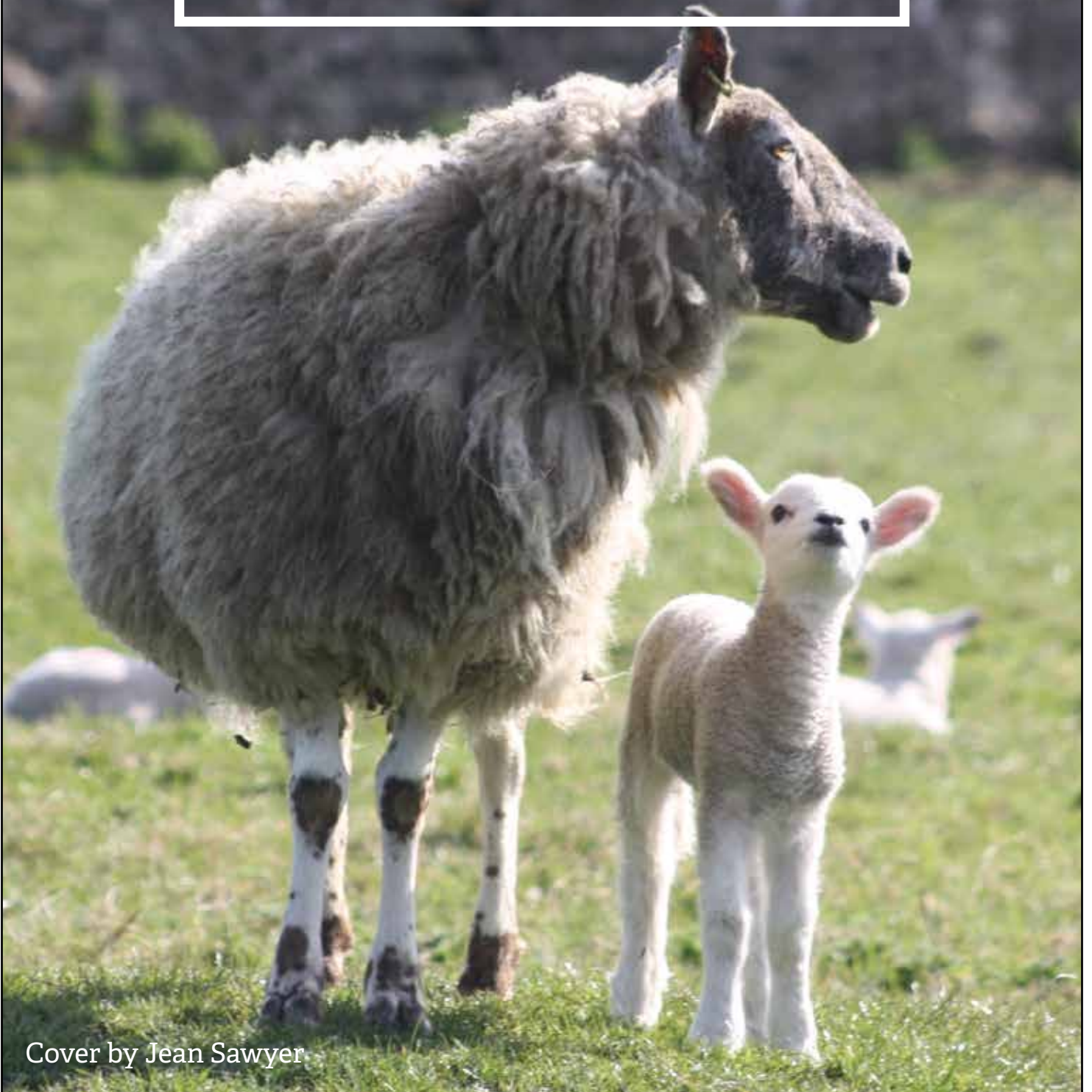


# HEAR ABOUTS

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

## From the Editor

I hope this issue finds you well in these times where all our efforts taken to survive both health-wise and financially.

After the world changed during the making of the last issue, and the content reflected that we've purposely tried to get some resemblance of a normal issue back in this edition.

Until the next one, stay safe.

*Andy*

As this issue goes to print it is our intention to hand deliver as we have done in the past. The last issue was left at collection points. If you missed the last issue because you didn't venture out or aren't on any notification lists, you can download it from <http://www.eglingham.info/hear-about-magazine>

## 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](mailto:david@eglingham.org.uk) and you will get added.

## Next Issue:

Early June (we hope)

Please continue to submit content as normal

[www.eglingham.info](http://www.eglingham.info)

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## **EGLINGHAM PARISH**

### **COMMUNITY: STAYING POSITIVE DURING THE CORONAVIRUS CRISIS**

These anxious and unusual times bring unforeseen difficulties. But the best of human nature can rise to the challenge.

As County Councillor, I feel extremely proud of all of our Parish/Village Communities which lie within the Longhoughton Ward. From Newton by the Sea all the way across country to Powburn near Wooler taking in some of the most beautiful scenery in Northumberland, the Longhoughton Ward communities are pulling together and trying to help those who are self-isolating with supportive telephone calls, picking up medication and shopping. Our small local businesses are also playing a major role in delivering what they can to resident's doorsteps and in many cases they have a variety of stock which is not always available in large supermarkets.

For those who are not aware, (and with profuse apologies if I have missed a village/hamlet out) the Longhoughton Ward covers all of the following 9 Parishes and the villages/hamlets which lie within those parishes;

*Longhoughton, Boulmer, Howick, Embleton, Christon Bank, Dunstan Steads, Newton by the Sea, Falloden, Brunton, Doxford, Ellingham, Chathill, Tyneley, Wandylaw, Brownieside, Newham, Craster, Dunstan, Rennington, Stamford, Rock, Eglington, North Charlton, South Charlton, Edlington, Hedgeley, Powburn, Bolton, Beanley, Titlington.*

From Whats App to Next Door Social media groups our communities are in touch and if anyone has any questions/queries/concerns please contact me as below.

Tel. 01665 579137 – 07979067321 – 07779983072

### **Specialist hub is supporting Northumberland businesses**

**BUSINESS** - Northumberland County Council has established a specialist team to support businesses and employers both during and after the current Coronavirus outbreak.

If you are a business and have a question, visit

[www.northumberland.gov.uk/businesshub](http://www.northumberland.gov.uk/businesshub) and complete the enquiry form.

### **Contacting Northumberland County Council**

The safest way for you to contact the council is via our website at

[www.northumberland.gov.uk/contact](http://www.northumberland.gov.uk/contact) - You can also call us on 0345 600 6400 during office hours.

We now have dedicated [#CoronaVirus](#) section on our website dedicated to provide you with the information and updates on our services at

[www.northumberland.gov.uk/coronavirus](http://www.northumberland.gov.uk/coronavirus)

# 100 Club Draw

Because of the recent restrictions due to the coronavirus the Draw for April has been postponed until next month. Six numbers will be drawn in May

## Eglingham Parish Council Communication Strategy

The parish council has been asked recently by new residents how do they make contact with the council and conversely how does the parish council contact residents. Also, some residents stated they were not aware of the consultation being undertaken regarding the proposed footpath across the bridge in Eglingham. To give clarity the parish council have introduced a communication strategy details below. This document can be found on the parish website @ [www.eglingham.info](http://www.eglingham.info)

*Paul McIver*

Vice Chair

Eglingham Parish Council

### **Eglingham Parish Council Communication Strategy**

#### **Introduction**

Eglingham Parish Council has undertaken to 'communicate, consult and engage'. The purpose of this document is therefore to set out how the Parish Council intends to achieve this and develop and improve its communications.

The overall aim is:

- to establish clear, easy-to-use channels of communication between the Parish Council and the Parishioners, and vice versa
- to provide information on important matters in an appropriate manner
- to facilitate and encourage informed comment from interested individuals and groups

Each Parish Councillor has a duty to represent, without bias, the interest of the whole community. They will endeavour to do their best and are available to help parishioners regarding matters relating to the parish.

So, if the matter is important please contact Amy Smith, Clerk to the Council.

- By phone: 07392218344 / 01665 603755
- By email at: [eglinghamclerk@gmail.com](mailto:eglinghamclerk@gmail.com)

- By writing to her at: 25 Blakelaw Court, Alnwick, NE66 1BY

The Clerk will ensure that the matter will be brought before the Parish Council so it can be dealt with in a suitable and professional manner.

It is the Parish Council's intention to comply with the schedule as below.

#### **Parish Council Meetings**

- The Parish Council will meet at 7.30pm (unless otherwise stated).
- The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council will be the May meeting when Councillors will elect the Chair and appoint the Vice Chair for the forthcoming year.
- The Annual Parish Meeting will take place in May each year.
- Parish Council Committee meetings are held throughout the year and agendas will be published.
- The Parish Council will meet either at Eglingham or South Charlton village Halls, unless otherwise notified.

#### **1. Communicate**

Noticeboards:

The following items will be displayed permanently:

- Parish Council meetings dates for the

year.

- The Parish Council meeting notice will be displayed a minimum of three days in advance of the meeting.
- Consultation information, when required.
- Notices for Parishioners will be displayed as and when appropriate.

Hear Abouts Magazine:

- A summary of the Parish Council Minutes will be published in the parish magazine.
- The Chairman's Report to the Annual Parish Meeting will be published annually.
- Consultation information, when required.
- Appropriate notices will be published as and when required.

Residents@:

- Consultation information will be published as and when required.
- Appropriate notices will be published as and when required.

Parish Website:

[www.eglingham.info](http://www.eglingham.info)

The following items will be permanently available:

- Parish Council meeting dates for the year.
- Meeting Agendas.
- The last set of approved Parish Council Minutes.
- The Chairman's Annual Report.
- Council policies and procedures.
- Consultation information when required.

The Parish Clerk will ensure that all Parish Council information included on the Website is regularly updated.

## **2. Consult**

Communication is a dual responsibility.

Any consultations with residents may be undertaken by one or more of the following means

- Open meetings, if the issue is

complicated or far reaching.

- Notice Boards.
- Hear Abouts Magazine.
- Residents @
- Parish website.

All consultations will have an end date. Any representations after the end date will be duly noted, but may not be taken into consideration when the parish council makes its final decision.

## **3. Engage**

Correspondence:

- All correspondence relating to the parish should be addressed to the Parish Clerk in the first instance. This will ensure that the matter is recorded and passed to the relevant person or organisation as soon as possible.
- All correspondence to the Parish Clerk will be acknowledged, if practicable, within one week of receipt.
- If a parishioner wishes a matter to be formally discussed at a Parish Council meeting, then the Parish Clerk must be notified at least 10 days prior to the meeting to enable the item to be placed on the agenda.

## **Annual Parish Meeting**

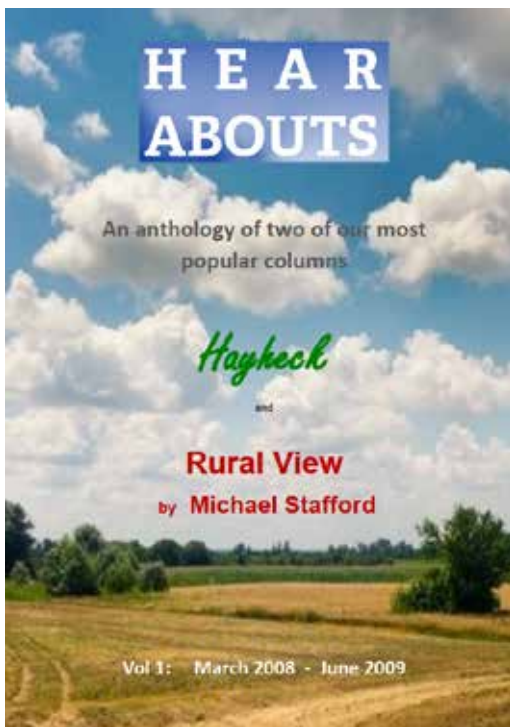
The Annual Parish Meeting is held so that parishioners can have the opportunity to listen to the progress of the Parish Council over the last year, debate local issues and celebrate local events and activities.

## **Review**

This document will be reviewed annually.

## **Comments**

Any comments or queries regarding this document should be made to the Parish Clerk.



## A Good Read

If you are searching around for things to read during these strange times, Hear Abouts may be able to help.

Two of our original contributors were Hayheck and Michael Stafford. They wrote funny and engaging columns about life in our parish – and further afield. Rather than gather metaphorical dust in our computer archives we have brought the first year's worth together in a “pull out and keep” anthology. Or it would be except it's digital only!

If you'd like to download a copy, you can find it on the Hear Abouts page of the Parish website:

<http://www.eglingham.info/hear-abouts-magazine>

## Notice Of Meeting - Parish Council

There is an **Electronic Meeting of the Parish Council at 7.30pm on Wednesday 13th May 2020 at 7:30pm.**

Access is via the following link <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/7695551981>

(Sgnd) Amy Smith, Clerk to Eglingham Parish Council

This is the first electronic meeting of Eglingham Parish Council and the agenda has been kept deliberately short

**If there are any public questions please email them to [eglinghamclerk@gmail.com](mailto:eglinghamclerk@gmail.com) by 7pm on Monday May 11th 2020.** For access to view the online meeting contact the clerk. This would normally be the Annual Parish Council Meeting and be preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting. Legislation means these do not have to be held during the National Emergency.

## WI Rescue Garden At Eglingham Village Hall

The small strip of neglected waste ground at the front of the Village Hall has recently been transformed into an attractive low maintenance garden with all season interest and colour. Visitors to the Hall have been impressed with the improvements saying that, because it had been in such a bad state, they hadn't even realised there had been a garden there!

As their final Centenary project, the WI offered to take on the job, with the approval of the Village Hall Management Committee, as they already had an historic link with the garden. The pink blossomed ornamental cherry tree was planted



by members in 1965 to commemorate the Golden Jubilee of the National WI. Adam Wilson from Village Farm organised the ground works and prepared a perfect bed with stone edging for the small team of WI members who undertook the planting. Adam kindly donated his fees for this job to the fund supporting the Willow Appeal



The work was funded by the Innogy Renewables UK Middlemoor Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund, and this new garden completes the improvements to the outside of the Hall.



Just before Easter, Eglingham WI heard that their bid for an award from the Middlemoor Windfarm fund had been successful.

Over the next 3 years, the WI will have access to £6,000 to improve and enhance their experiences by supporting their running costs. This will help attract high quality speakers, arrange educational trips, and improve access to national meetings, training and courses. The award will also enable the WI to purchase a dedicated laptop to use with the Village Hall's media system.

Members are excited about the opportunities this award will bring, and are looking forward to the time when they can meet again to discuss the details of how they are going to spend it. Some of the money will go towards events which will be open to the wider community, so watch this space for more information.

*Eglingham WI*

## Tales from Lockdown

Have you got any amusing or strange tales to tell from your time in this lockdown? Send them in!

First up tales from the trials of being behind the wheel keeping supplies flowing through the country and then some comments about living in our parish during this time.

### A Trucker's Tale of Woe

In these strange times where the supermarkets are more powerful than ever before, spare a thought for the plight of the long-distance lorry drivers who work away from home for a week at a time.

Four of our drivers fall into this category. They normally go away on Sunday afternoon or Monday morning, and come back on Friday or Saturday night. Because of Covid-19, and social distancing requirements, I have tried to replace these drivers with robots, but alas without success. Drivers who like to eat once in a while and go to a toilet, find that they are most unwelcome pretty much everywhere. This is social isolation at its most effective, because places like Greggs, McDonalds, Chippies etc., and all other various food outlets everywhere are now closed. One of the few places left to buy food is a supermarket.

I recount the tale of Terry and his experience with Morrisons at Rotherham. Having delivered his load of seed potatoes, he was travelling back towards the motorway. He was also looking for a suitable place to stop for a tachograph break, when he saw a massive Morrisons store with a huge car park which was only one third full. He thought his prayers had been answered as this was too good an opportunity to miss. He pulled in following the HGV delivery route signs and parked in the furthest corner away from everyone.

Having queued to get inside he was next to be served at the deli counter for a cooked chicken (a special treat to himself) At that moment an announcement came over the tannoy, saying, "Would the driver of registration number PJ68 XXS please go to the checkout immediately" Recognising this as the number of his wagon, his thoughts were, "What on earth has happened? Is there a problem with my wagon? Then, since I am next to be served, I will get my food first." This was followed by an even more urgent message over the tannoy urging the driver of his vehicle's registration to go immediately to the checkout. Just as he was making his purchase, two female members of staff came bustling across the store yelling to their colleagues, and pointing at Terry, shouting, "That's him, that's him!" Accepting no pleas for him to be allowed to get a bottle of water to go with his chicken, he was escorted to the door under protest, where a very large security guard marched him back to his wagon, repeatedly saying, "You gotta go now, boss. You gotta go now! No HGV's allowed in here." As he pulled out of the car park, he noticed the "No HGV" sign, which he had missed on the way in. As he had not had his minimum 30-minute legally required break, he was forced to pull out of the car park and drive along the road to restart his break. He had intended purchasing his chicken and reflecting on how fortunate he had been on finding a Morrisons food store and have time to get his food and have 15 minutes to relax and eat it. However, that was not to be and his opinion of Morrisons had changed dramatically. So if you drive an HGV and want to be shamed, humiliated, as well as denied food, then Morrisons of Rotherham is a very good place to start.



## Locked Down not Locked Up!

What has it been like to be under 'House Arrest' during the month of March 2020 due to the Coronavirus Pandemic? Our Prime Minister flanked by his advisors, the Two Gentlemen of Corona, (Shakespearian reference!) advised At Risk groups in the country to Self Isolate, and then later all of us were told to Stay at Home - except for vital services. All schools were closed. Lock Down had begun! How has it changed our lives? I am lucky, I have never had my liberty taken away; never been in prison; never even 'grounded' as a child. The concept of Lock-Down was so new, I could only suppose it was like being in an Open Prison, without checks, warders, or even drones - so far! At least I could sleep in my own bed.

How long could I survive without contact with others? Would I miss going out for a coffee, meeting friends, going to the Tanky, browsing round the shops, or visiting the Nursery or Garden Centre; planning a trip into Morpeth for a change of scene; or a day trip out. All travel was forbidden - except for essential shopping. What about those holidays abroad? Visits to my sister in Australia? Visits to my grandchildren in London? No chance!

Then that Toilet Roll Rush. 'Pride comes before a fall'- I refused to stock pile, I even refused to buy a multipack of 12. I could not bear to walk across the car park in full view of others, shamed as a panic buyer! Only a small act of kindness from a neighbour and a modest pack of 4 stopped us running out completely! It was a close-run thing... On the plus side - we have been shopping once a week, and everything we needed has been in stock. I have stood in the silent, well-behaved queue outside Morrison's, wearing my latex gloves. I have joined all the other zombie-like shoppers, keeping two metres apart, not talking, and avoiding eye contact. Quite strange!

Post is still delivered, some normality exists. We have had deliveries of Coffee beans, a book, and a full-size hacksaw (?)

And then 'when the music stops' in this game of 'Musical Chairs', where do I find myself? We are living on the Terrace in a south facing house with many windows - full of light, with wonderful views of the hills, sheep and now lambs in the fields; a 'big sky' overarching, with endless different cloud formations and colours, and fabulous sunsets. We can breathe the clear fresh air of North Northumberland. If I am told to Stay at Home, I could not imagine staying anywhere better!

This month of Lock Down has coincided with the beginning of Spring, heralded by the appearance of bright yellow daffodils, crocus and forsythia. The trees are budding and last year's bulbs are returning with fresh green leaves and the promise of colour to come. There is a promise of better times.

I am fortunate in so many other ways: we have no other family members crowding our home; the previous generation of our parents are deceased, so no Nursing Home/ Health issues concerning the elderly to keep us awake at night, we have been there, and it is not easy in 'normal' times. We have no children with us to be Home Schooled and occupied 24/7 with no chance to let off steam - unless they have discovered Joe Wicks! He is the exercise guru / trainer who has taken to our screens to keep the kids moving, with daily workouts at home. This man has been described in the press as having: 'the body of Aiden Turner, the voice of Russell Brand and the enthusiasm of Jamie Oliver'. He does a session for us older inmates, but I am convinced our local exercise class, Stretch & Flex formerly in the Village Hall is the answer. Classes now available free online. Judith leads our class on Mondays 6.30 p.m. until 7.30 p.m.

[meet.jit.se/flexercise](https://meet.jit.se/flexercise)

Other reasons to be cheerful? We are not confined to rooms in an apartment block, or located in the middle of a city, or built up suburb, with no sight of trees or green spaces, and even being told not to sit outside on a park bench in the sunshine. Have you seen the red and white tape strung across some benches? Do not Use! We can enjoy the sunshine here in Eglingham and sit on our own garden benches whenever we like, for as long as we want!

Being at home together is no hardship for us, as retirees we are used to living together all day every day; we are both in good health with no ongoing medical conditions. We have the large garden, and we are out there tidying, pruning and moving plants around. What a pleasant 'exercise yard' it is out on the terraces of Saplinbrae! We have time to Count our Blessings.



Husband Ronnie has been outside 'Doing Time' breaking up rocks! He has in reality been moving stones at the side of the house, digging, levelling, sorting hard core and building the foundations for our new greenhouse. We know how good animals are for improving mental health, and Ollie our Golden Retriever has made such a huge contribution in these times: affectionate, and playful and always close by. We are enjoying the fresh air with no time restrictions, and psychologically feel the benefits of such 'freedom' - and we can walk the dog twice a day too. We are aware many do not have such a positive experience.

We have had some disappointments: the greenhouse cannot be delivered, until further notice. The day after Lock-Down I was due to collect my Hearing Aids, but services were closed down! We have missed Birthday celebrations, and family visits. Through all this we have learned what is important, and will be more appreciative of service of others, not just the NHS, and the staff working on a vaccine, but the many people who work to supply food to the supermarkets, the farmers, butchers, bakers, warehouse workers, lorry drivers and delivery services, and those on the 'Front Line' in shops, and garages; those teachers who provide a safe environment, and a structured routine for our children, as well as education! When this is all over, the 'new reality' may be quite different: life in the times BC - Before Covid-17 will belong another era. 2020 will be a year to remember.

*Margaret Bell*

## Enjoying our local countryside during lockdown

With the restrictions on travel, we are so fortunate in this rural area to have such easy access to quite country lanes, bridleways and footpaths to get our daily exercise. It's a world apart from the life of many people living in city tower blocks who have very little if any access to green open spaces.

The fine sunny weather of the past few weeks has been ideal for getting out of the house and it has given the opportunity to explore some of the lesser used rights of way across the countryside which looks so beautiful in springtime.

I have walked a series of routes from Eglingham, in just about every direction, most giving excellent views as well as having



a wide variety of wildlife. With very little traffic to disturb the quiet, the birdsong seems more varied and louder than usual. Oyster catchers, snipe, the curlew with its haunting call across the moorland, skylarks, yellow hammers, dippers flying low along the burn, all add interest to the walk.

Part of the enjoyment is in seeing something completely unexpected, as in the photo. Does anyone recognise or know the location of this marker stone, and what does the N signify?

There was another letter on the back of the stone.

A clue..? The view made the exercise well worthwhile!

*Julian Tyley*

## The Covid Creative Corner (maybe bigger than a corner..)

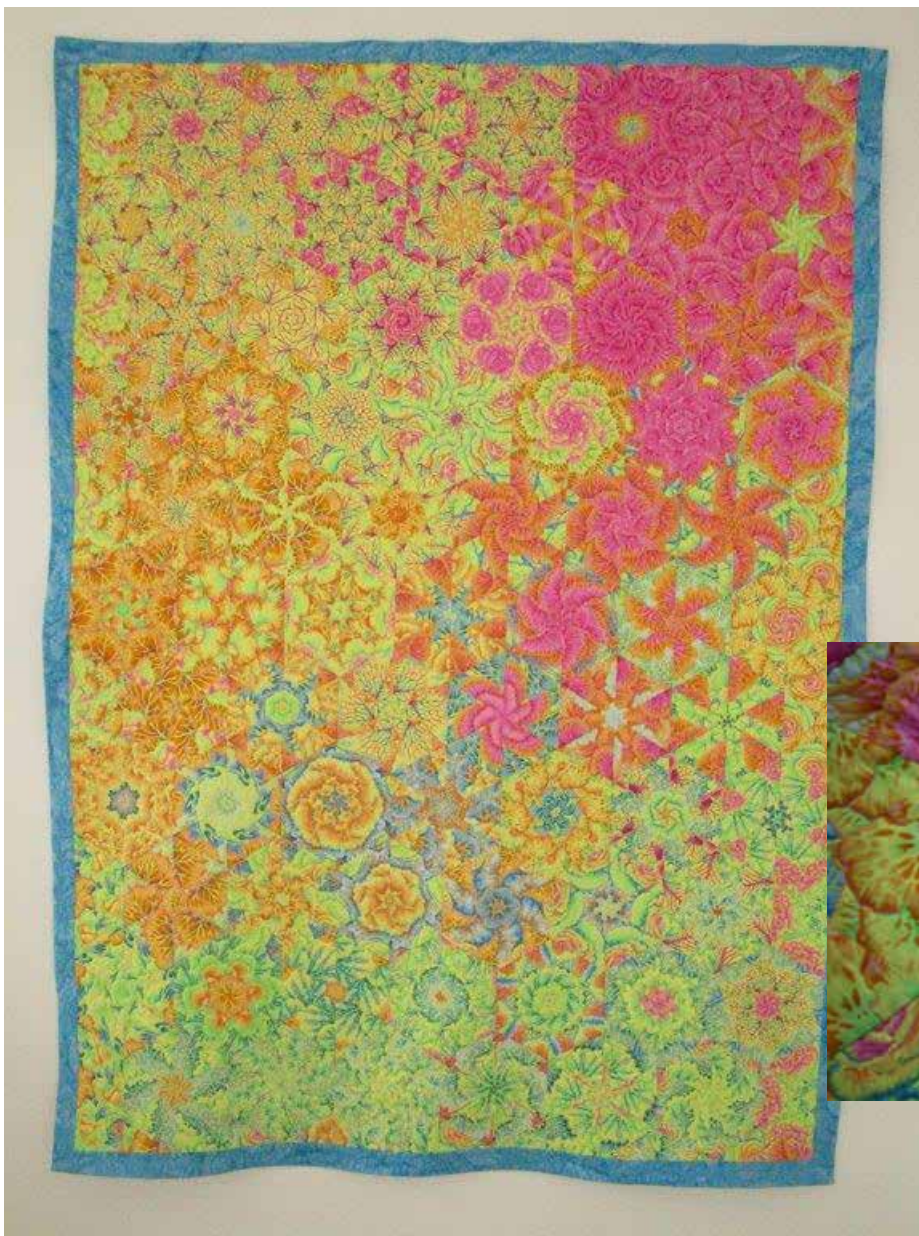
Lots of us have suddenly had plenty of time on our hands. Time we'd spend usually going to work, or other inane activities and we've had the chance to spend time being creative!

So following here are several pages of residents creations as they've put the lockdown time to good use. If you'd like to send in more of your lockdown creations, please email pics etc to the usual address.

“One thing I am pleased I did during this period lockdown is return to something I hadn't done for about three or four years, stick dressing. I rummaged through my tool box to uncover a partly finished duck's head which I had started to carve out of a piece of oak. The basis of the head shape was there but is needed a lot more filing and shaping before it would be ready to mount onto a shank. Once I got started I couldn't put it down and within a couple of days it was mounted onto a sweet chestnut shank that I had kept for the job. Then the more intricate work started of getting the head and the shank to seem as one, so that the join cannot be felt and then making the head look like a duck, with feathers and colouring. A week after starting I have now finished and pleased how it has turned out. I still have a nice hazel shank and a block of yew wood, so it looks like I am going to have to continue until I run out of material or the lockdown is lifted.”

*Tony Hooks*





Quilting by Sue Jackson  
Left: Full quilt. Above: Details



Photography by Ian Smith  
including a shot of the  
super-moon





Paintings by Jean Sawyer  
Also her photo is on the cover of  
this month's magazine



“Well this resident built an Irish themed pub in his run down summerhouse, using old (stripped out 8 years ago) kitchen cabinet doors and a butchered Ikea coat rack.

One nil to Team “that’ll come in handy” over Team “what do you want to keep that for?”

Anonymous (due to Perental embarrasment)

Paintings by Paul Jackson

Also his lockdown beardisunderway, making use of it immediately!



Not everyone has been creative in a visual way... with the wonders of the internet a live concert was broadcast on a sunny evening in South Charlton.

Andy Grant played his pipes live on Facebook raising money for Captain Tom Moore's fundraising appeal. He raised £120



With lockdown measures in place my plans for the improving weather to get out and make so many more images and video content went out the window, so to keep both streams flowing I took to making work out of other folk's images.

On the left, a piece created in my usual way using images from a Polish follower of mine and on the right I was so bored I attempted painting a similar abstract scene (I've not painted in 25 years, be gentle)

*Andy Gray*

## Thinking Ahead...

How are you keeping? I'm Rosie, a young, enthusiastic rough-haired lurcher in search of some energetic playmates, if you like a crazy half hour followed by lots of lying on the floor and panting then you are my soulmate. I'm a forward-thinking, positive kind of a girl so, rather than dwelling too much on the downsides of the present situation, I want to update you about who has been adopted and encourage you to think about how life is going to be when things return to something like normal.

We've whittled down last month's terrier count – Del Boy and Jasmine have gone to permanent homes, Bobby and Gemma are out on trial (as is George but he's not a terrier) and some of our volunteers, who can't come to clean and walk us at the moment, have fostered Flossie and Lollie for the duration.

In lockdown hounds and their humans are in close proximity 24 hours a day and seven days a week. This is doggie heaven; as well as the pack always being together the walks are frequent, leisurely and hugely enjoyed by all parties. It wasn't always like this, cast your minds back to those hurried 20 minute toilet excursions before you left for work or school with the next walk several hours later and the house often silent and empty in the meantime.

It may have taken months of training for your faithful companion to be able to relax and wait for you to return, confident that you would do so before there was a Full Bladder Situation. Please start re-building the routine now and leave your dog for short periods of time. Even if it is just in another room or in the house while



you are all in the garden this can make it less of a shock when your life becomes more like it used to be. When we fret we can be destructive, bark incessantly, self-harm by chewing our paws or just wee everywhere and nobody wants that.

As Pax mentioned last month the humans here are very worried about something called “money”, apparently they use this to pay things called “bills” and the ingenious ways they normally get it are all up the spout because of this lockdown. If you could help us out with this please go to our website [www.alexasanimals.com](http://www.alexasanimals.com) and use the “Donate” button.

And now, back to relentless positivity and some ball play please.

Yours,  
Rosie



Another new feature for these Covid times - yes it's stolen from Desert Island Discs from the radio!

Our (currently not-)roving reporter Jess Angus is leading this series. If you wish to contribute your selections to this new regular feature then get in touch in the usual ways and we'll get you on the list!

## Covid Island Discs

Chosen this month by **Petra-Jane de Weme Brown**, Eglingham Lea.  
**PJ** to her friends.

### 1. **Those Were The Days - Mary Hopkins.**

This may seem an odd choice seeing as it was released in 1968, 28 years before I was born. However this is the soundtrack to some of my earliest memories. Those who knew my father will know he was a rather proud Welsh man; this however did not mean that he was blessed with the gift of song. Yet without fail, every Saturday night while mixing Marie Rose sauce for prawn cocktails, and dancing extremely gracefully around the kitchen, he would at the top of his voice perform a cracking rendition. God knows why. However whenever I hear this song, I can't help giggling.



### 2. **Blue Monday - New Order**

On the subject of kitchen dancing, it must be a genetic thing. Like my father I'm rather fabulous at it, especially after a glass (bottle) of vino. Now there is no better dance song than Blue Monday. On a side note, cleaning the kitchen dancing is a fantastic use of time. However I must advise against pirouetting into kitchen islands. It is rather painful.

### 3. **Bella Ciao - Fondola Band**

After Eglingham obviously, Italy has to be my favorite place. Luckily for me my aunt has bought an apartment in the beautiful village of Dolcedo. My younger cousin and I have somehow managed to befriend the local youths (needless to say our Italian and their English is practically fluent). On my last birthday I was visiting my family in Italy, and our lovely Italians decided to throw me a birthday party. This party consisted of copious amounts of grandma's homemade Grappa, lemoncello and rather delicious red wine that came in plastic bottles and was held in a car park next to the beach, using

a Panda Italia 90 as a speaker. Needless to say, not much of the night is remembered, apart from dancing with the rather gorgeous Lorenzo to this song. One of the best parties I've been to.

#### **4. Will Ye Go Lassie Go - The Corries**

The first time I heard this song was in Ma Murphy's, Bantry County Cork. Emma and I were catering for a wedding. After a hellish journey, and the scariest flight I've ever been on. I naturally insisted on a pint, so I dragged poor Emma and our entire luggage to the nearest pub. This happened to be the best pub in town, not only sublime Guinness but also a fabulous group of locals, playing Irish folk music. Ever since I have adored this song and a proper pint of Guinness

#### **5. Go Your Own Way - Fleetwood Mac**

Fleetwood Mac, was my gorgeous mums favorite band. God knows how many times I must have listened to the album, 'The very best of Fleetwood Mac'. Every holiday, it would be played in the car. Every party when Fleetwood Mac came on I'd be dragged up to dance, and of course on numerous nights of kitchen dancing 'Go Your Own Way', would without doubt be the most played. In the words of Oscar Wilde, 'all daughters turn into their mother'. In this case highly accurate. My long suffering friends often are subjected to 'Go your Own Way' being played at least once.

#### **6. Take This Waltz - Lenard Cohen**

The worst part of being stranded on a desert island, for me would be being missing those we love. This song will always be associated with my lovely Auntie Emma. Emma believes that every young lady should be able to waltz so dedicated a whole summer to teaching me. Our song choice Take this Waltz. Needless to say, this resulted in many bruised toes (on Emma's part), and helpless fits of giggles.

#### **7. Time Warp - Rocky Horror Show**

On the same theme, I need a song to remind me of my favorite family. Anyone present at Jo's last birthday party will know why. Also cracking exercise.

#### **8. Sunday Morning - Velvet Underground**

Now after dancing the night away on my little island (not quite the same as kitchen dancing, but we make do). There is a need for an end of the night song, while watching the sun come up. For me Velvet Underground is the only answer.

#### **Book: The Dangerous Book For Boys- Hal Iggulden.**

If this book couldn't keep me alive, I despair for boy scouts everywhere.

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#### **Luxury:**

Rather a hard choice - my mink coat or a lighter. A fur coat, will always keep you warm, plus one never knows whom they're going to meet. However with a lighter, there is always a chance of tobacco plants, and the need to distill coconuts for drink purposes.... decisions.

# *Letters to the Editor...*

Dear Sir/Madam

NCC Boredom Alleviation Therapy Service (BATS)

I would be grateful if you could share the following information with your readers.

During this unprecedented period of social distancing and isolation, the Council has been working hard on a number of ideas that are aimed at helping local people deal with the ongoing lack of personal contact and communal interaction.

I am therefore delighted to be able to inform you that the first initiative we are launching is an immersive Paranormal Pub Night. This will take place on Friday 1st May from 5.30 pm until 11.00 pm.

The evening will be facilitated by Margot P Delacroix, the internationally acclaimed psychic medium who, you may recall, hit the headlines a couple of years ago when she made contact with the spirit of Val Doonican, an achievement which led to the recording of his first posthumous album, 'Raising Hell'.

For the duration of the session, Margot will be using her extraordinary psychic skills to project her landlady persona, Madge, into the minds of all full-time residents of Northumberland (but in line with current government advice, regrettably no second home owners or caravaners).

This will have the effect of placing the entire county in the bar of Margot's welcoming 'The Slaughtered Goat' public house for a session of metaphysical drinking and socialising, as well as games of darts and dominoes, singalongs around the piano and the sale of raffle tickets in aid of the charity Unforeseen Circumstances, which supports clairvoyants who have fallen on hard times.

Inevitably there may be some in the community who are averse to pubs, alcohol, or simply other people. If they so wish, this contingent will be allowed to leave the session in the 5-minute window between the end of the Frank Sinatra tribute act and the start of the stripper routine. No re-admissions allowed.

The safety of those attending the event is obviously paramount, so Margot will be enlisting the help of several other psychics who will be present in the minds of all 'customers' in the form of bouncers. And should things get totally out of hand, especially around throwing out time, they will be supported by a transcendental police riot squad.

Finally, if the Paranormal Pub Night proves popular we are hoping to follow it up shortly with a game of virtual Sardines. More details to follow soon.

Kind regards,  
Lou Nacey,  
BATS Team Co-ordinator.

# A message from Eglingham Parish Council

## COVID-19 and Eglingham Parish

The Government has recently issued guidelines to help in the delaying of the spread of the Covid-19 virus.

These changes are going to have a significant effect on people's lives. The likelihood is that these changes to our lives will continue for some time and may even be increased to be more stringent.

The Parish Council has been liaising with representatives of other organisations in Eglingham and area including the WI, Eglingham Church, Eglingham Community Association and various individuals in an endeavour to make use of existing networks to help to support people in the Parish who may require some assistance. All of the above have offered support.

To this end a number of individuals have already come forward offering to provide help. If you wish to offer your time to help people in the community then please email [eglinghampc@gmail.com](mailto:eglinghampc@gmail.com) with your contact details.

Should you find yourself in a position where you may require some additional assistance - this might include a chat on the phone, help with shopping, collection of medication or general advice please in the first instance contact any of the people listed below for your community who will either be able to offer direct assistance or signpost you to someone who can:

### **Eglingham area:**

Jane Hamilton - 01668 217179 mob: 07546 487121 [jane.hamilton99@sky.com](mailto:jane.hamilton99@sky.com)

Jess Angus - 07912 625195 [jess.angus101@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jess.angus101@hotmail.co.uk)

Brenda Robertson - 01665 579337 [brobertson2852@gmail.com](mailto:brobertson2852@gmail.com)

### **South Charlton area**

Sue Courty - 01665 579295 [thecourtys@gmail.com](mailto:thecourtys@gmail.com),

Lorna Turner - 01665 579212 [gavin@middlecroft.co.uk](mailto:gavin@middlecroft.co.uk),

Sue Jackson - 01665 579470 [susan.jackson@green-synergy.co.uk](mailto:susan.jackson@green-synergy.co.uk)

### **North Charlton:**

Terry Carrington Wathey - 07963 366898 [terry1ra@hotmail.com](mailto:terry1ra@hotmail.com)

Or contact representatives of the WI, Eglingham Church, Eglingham Community Association or the Parish Council whose contact details are on the last page of HearAbouts and are also listed on the Eglingham.info website.