



HEAR ABOUTS

NOVEMBER 2020

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

From the Editor

I said last month that there might be a few changes now that Geoff has hung up his printing boots and we've finally allowed him to come off the editorial team, well hopefully you will start seeing the creative fingers of new team member Jean Sawyer

dashed through this and future issues. If you fancy yourself as a bit of a creative writer then head on to page 7 and join in next month!

On the housekeeping side of things, from here on out, due to new printing arrangements, all content **MUST** be submitted by the 20th for inclusion. We are also stuck at producing issues of 16 pages, so if we have too much content one month, some articles will need to be held over. Thank you for understanding, but as a plus you might get the issue earlier!

You may notice there are some adverts this month. With the village halls effectively closed and Christmas markets not happening, we offered artists and crafters living in the parish (the ones that replied anyway) an advert to hopefully help them in a small way in this tricky time.

My favourite things from the last month - the hashtag [#TheWeekInTory](#) on Twitter, being the imposter when playing **Among Us** with friends, and the return of **Spitting Image** to rip on the current shower "in charge". What will November bring?..

Andy

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Next Issue:

Early December

All content must be recieved by the 20th of November

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The Eglington Calendar 2021

The Eglington Calendar 2021 has the theme 'Celebrating the Spirit of Eglington' and as in previous years, each month features a full page colour photograph taken in the local area by members of our community.

The cost of the calendar remains at £5 but in a change which recognises the particularly difficult times we are living through, all the proceeds from the sale of the calendars will go to the Alnwick Food Bank.

This year, the calendars will be on sale from the beginning of November at **The Tankerville Arms** during normal opening hours, but if additional restrictions are imposed on licensed premises, alternative sales arrangements will be made.

Please note that calendars cannot be reserved and will be sold on a first come, first served basis. In the event of any queries, please email eglingtoncalendar@gmail.com

Julian Tyley

Eglington Community Association



CARE4CALAIS APPEAL

Have you any winter coats you don't wear anymore? We'd love to have them to send to refugees to help them keep warm during the cold weather.

East Lilburn Farm is now a collection point for Care4Calais, the charity that helps the homeless living in refugee camps across the Channel.

All winter clothing including hats, gloves and socks are welcome, plus tents and sleeping bags/duvets, if you have any spare.

You can drop them off at East Lilburn or we can collect.

Please get in touch and let us know what suits you best.

THANK YOU.

Ali Wrangham

07970857603

Christmas Baking

This year I am proposing to take orders for **Christmas Cakes to raise funds for Eglington Church**. These all butter moist cakes are made using vine fruits and are soaked in brandy, then covered in marzipan and fondant icing.

Prices are as follows:-

Mini cake £9

6" square. £23

7" round. £26

7" square. £30

8" round. £33

8" square. £42

Also available mince pies £1.60 for 6

All orders to Brenda Robertson

01665 579337 or email

broberson2852@gmail.com

Thank you

Brenda Robertson

Leek Show Results

Back at the beginning of September the Leek Show had to be held in “strange” circumstances.

For the first time since before the pub at Brownieside closed, the show was held away from South Charlton Village Hall. With covid restrictions hampering a “normal” show, we decamped to a shed at Doxford Dairy in an effort to just hold a show, unlike many other shows in the region which just didn't happen in 2020.

To keep everyone as safe as possible, the show was open for only an hour and to members only. Masks were required and only leeks were shown, no veg, flowers, crafts or cooking this year! Indeed, no prizes on show either - as all prizes were vouchers.

Top 10 (plus cube)

1st	Alan Warnaby	178.50
2nd	Ernie Pringle	136.56
3rd	Andy Gray	91.28
4th	Dot Stuart	91.38
5th	Bob Stuart	98.06
6th	Craig Thompson	84.87
7th	Robin Lightfoot	73.20
8th	Martyn Robison	101.43
9th	Kevin Woodcock	59.53
10th	Karen Gardner	68.72



The latter part of our season was obviously disrupted, and now the beginning of the new season has been affected and looks like the whole season could be affected right into next summer. Normally we'd have already started fundraising with the quiz nights and would be soon holding the Christmas bingo - sadly, those will **not** be happening. Possibly our only source of income for this season will be through the sale of our compost, you can find details here...



Compost

60 litre bags
Clover Compost
£4.50 per bag

Call Bob on 579317

All profit goes to Brownieside and
South Charlton Leek Club



Christmas Wreaths by Alex

Handmade Christmas wreaths made to order by Alex Charlton. Wreaths can be delivered locally or collected from South Charlton. I can also send them via courier should you have friends or family further afield who would like one.

Order now, to be ready in the first week of December.

£40.00 each (+£5 postage if required)

Contact Alex on: 01665 579202/ 07794922545
Alexandra.j.charlton@gmail.com

Due to the current situation, Wreath classes are not going ahead in the village hall this year. If you would be interested in doing an online class on the 4th of December then please get in touch.

Frances Buckingham Art



For a gift with a difference this Christmas:

Unique, hand-painted Christmas cards, £3.95

Original paintings from £35

Gift vouchers for 1:1 tuition by zoom from £20

For more information or to discuss a commission contact Frances on 01665 578919.

**Collection from 7 The Terrace, Eglington.
Delivery by arrangement.**

Botanicals by Lucy



Inspired by the stunning surroundings of the Northumberland countryside, Botanicals by Lucy delicately crafts unique jewellery and gifts using beautiful real flowers encapsulated in resin. Perfect as special gifts!

Visit www.botanicalsbylucy.etsy.com

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Avocado and Fig Designs is a Home Accessories brand based in Northumberland.

I design and create unique products from hand printed wall art, greetings cards, printed tote bags and more.

Looking for unique and special Christmas presents this year?

Check out my website
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Hand-dyed Indigo
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£35 incl. P&P

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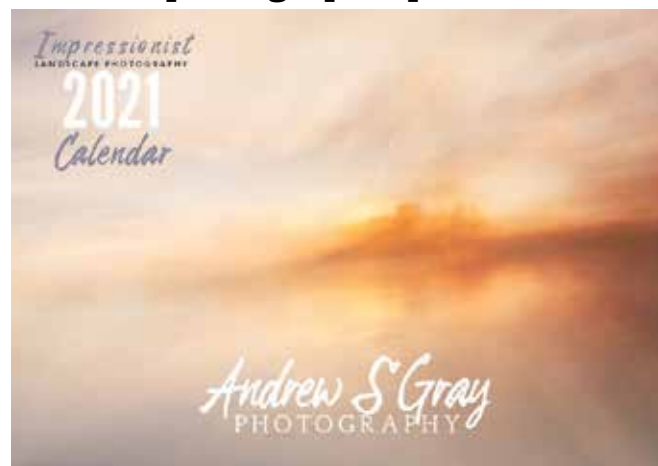
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Limited Edition impressionist
photographic prints



Plus: Tuition, commissions, a
membership community, YouTube
channel & podcasts...

<http://andrewsgray.photography>

County Councillor Report

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EGLINGHAM PARISH

Eglingham 30mph Flashing Speed Indicator -

The order has now been placed for a new speed indicator sign at the Wooler end of the village. This will be paid for from my Members Allowance. The broken speed sign which belongs to the Parish Council will need to be removed prior to installation.



30mph Speed Limit for South Charlton -

The new 30mph traffic system is currently awaiting a traffic regulation order which has taken longer than usual due to the current COVID restrictions.

A Story in 300 Words

A new feature!

Each month you will be given an opening line and if you want to play along send along your following story (in 300 words or less).

Taking the challenge first is **Malcolm and Jess Angus** to get the ball rolling.

The given opening line was - *"It had been a difficult day..."*

Malcolm's Story

It had been a difficult day for Tam, and it was about to get worse. Kate, his wife had just discovered that her favourite pony, the grey mare Meg, no longer had a tail. 'What have you done to her, she screamed. How, in all the drunken debacles that you have been involved in, have you managed to lose the horse's tail?'

'You are lucky I am alive, exclaimed Tam. The Cutty Sark nearly got me just as we hit the bridge. If it hadn't been for Meg getting us past the keystone, I would have been a goner. But the Sark caught a hold of her tail just at that very point and out it came. I swear to you that is how it happened.'

'Cutty Sark? Cutty Sark? What the hell's a Cutty Sark?' yelled Kate.

As I was coming past Alloway Kirk graveyard there was a light. I went to have a look and there was a party going on. There were lots of people dressed as witches and warlocks dancing jigs to the sound of the pipes. They looked like goths to me, except one young lass in a white mini skirt, a Cutty Sark if you will, giving it six-nowt on the Devils dancefloor. 'Get on there', I cheered as I turned Meg's head for home. The Cutty Sark stopped in her tracks, then literally flew at me. It was a real witch! We raced to the bridge as fast as we could and just beat the Sark to the keystone by a tail.

Kate's phone pinged. Kirkton Jean had just updated her Facebook page with photographs from the previous night. There sat Tam, wearing a long grey wig of horsehair. 'A great night of ghost stories from Tam and Souter Johnny', read the caption.

Jess's Story

It had been a difficult day. And an expensive one. The Donkey's had ran riot through the local village, damaging the Vicar's brand new Mercedes and destroying people's gardens. De ja Vu; I've been here before. But with Goats. I am proud to say that I have once again ruined Christmas.

It is a tradition, on Christmas day, the parish meet at the church, followed by socialising in the local hall. Everyone is exchanging Christmas cards (that I had wrote that morning) and exchanging seasonal greetings. As I was discussing the winter crops with Mr Greenley, I glanced out the window and noticed that the heard of Donkeys I kept were having a party in the street. If there was Jazz music playing, their Switch Leap/Swish Split would have scored at least a "7" from Len Goodman. As I left the hall, and neared the wannabe dancing Jazz quartet, I noticed the look on their faces. I have seen this look before. They don't want to be caught and taken home. Before I could figure out what their next move was, they darted down the road like the speed of light. Race horses have nothing on this lot when they are up to something! Within a minute, you could hear the tears of local children – thanks to the four-legged hooligans. I ran after them and because I was so flustered, I fell over my own feet, landing head first on the ground. I was crying, the children were crying, the Donkeys were laughing, the dog had gone on strike and Rev. Hools could be heard screaming in despair. People's gardens were upturned, the parish Christmas tree was on the ground and the Vicar's new Mercedes damaged. The devastated scene around me looked like a tornado had ripped through the parish...

If you want to take part for next month, your opening line is...

"One path led to the woods, the other down to the beach — decisions, decisions —"

Please email entries to hearabouts@outlook.com by the 20th of November

Eglingham Parish Council Meeting

Clerk Lesley Long, 5 Meadow Riggs, Alnwick NE66 1AP

Email: eglinghamclerk@gmail.com

Minutes of the electronic meeting of Eglingham Parish Council held on Wednesday October 7th, 2020

PLEASE NOTE: These “trimmed” minutes have been edited to not take up too much room in the magazine. Please read the full minutes online eglingham.info

Meeting with Rob Murfin, Head of Planning, Northumberland County Council.
Please see the full minutes of the meeting on the website for what was discussed.

Matters Arising

Meeting with Neil Snowden of NCC – Chair David Alston reported that there was still no date for installation for the speed limiter sign for the western end of the village. County Councillor Wendy Pattinson confirmed a similar situation in South Charlton. She will continue to press for action before the end of the financial year and advised the Clerk to send regular reminders to NCC.

Rural Broadband - The Clerk had circulated a summary report prior to the meeting. It was agreed that the Clerk and DA would liaise to send letters to residents advising them of their options for faster broadband. It was agreed that the letter would be copied to Lilburn Estates Ltd as they might wish to upgrade broadband speeds in their tenanted properties.

Hedge Trimming - DA and Councillor McIver confirmed they had approached the residents as agreed at the last meeting.

Collapsing Mud Bank on Footpath Leading from The Terrace - Agreed that the Clerk would follow up with NCC's Mitch Young to discuss how best to tackle slippage of the bank on to the footpath.

Disputed Footpath Boundary, Eglingham - Referring to a letter from a resident disputing the boundary of his property, DA stated that he had consulted the 1860 map, Land Registry and the relevant 1992 planning application and confirmed that the property boundary does extend to the edge of the road.

Neighbourhood Plan – Councillor Biesterfield reported that an update has been included in Hear Abouts. The Steering Group have continued to meet with Sarah Brannigan of NCC Planning, and arrangements for the Consultation process are under discussion. The draft Landscape Report is due to be received shortly.

Sign for Community Field Gate – DA reported this has been erected at the entrance and states that no vehicles are allowed on the field, except by direction of the Parish Council.

Planning Matters

20/01917/FUL Erection of a general purpose agricultural building - Land north of Middlemoor Windfarm control building. EPC Decision – The meeting approved a NEUTRAL response to the proposal.

County Councillors Report - Wendy referred to her report circulated before the meeting. She confirmed that the Eglingham – West Ditchburn Road will be resurfaced on 9th November 2020. The Summit for coastal villages is taking place on 11th November with final details yet to be confirmed. EPC has not been expressly invited but councillors may ask to join if they wish. She is pursuing the matter of the 30pmh speed limit in South Charlton and advised the Clerk to contact Neil Snowden and Robin McCartney in mid-November, if there had been no further progress.

Highway Matters

The three LTP 21 -22 Priorities were agreed as:

Resurfacing and repairs to all the footpaths in South Charlton which are causing trip hazards (other than the pavement to be repaired with WP Members Small Improvement Grant)

Installation of red rumble trips to slow vehicles approaching Eglingham

The installation of a vehicle activated speed limiter sign at the eastern end of Eglingham village
Request to reduce excess signage in South Charlton - The Clerk reported that Robin McCartney, NCC Highways Infrastructure Manager, had confirmed that a team would look at the signage when they were next in the village

Neighbourhood Services – The Parish Council APPROVED expenditure of approx £40 - £50 to NCC to move the dog waste bin in South Charlton from the end of a resident's garden to the telegraph pole across the road.

Any Other Urgent Business

DA reported he had spoken with a resident who had expressed an interest in becoming a parish councillor. DA will circulate the applicant's information to the parish councillors ahead of the next meeting.

Councillor Gray reported that Geoff Osmond who has been on the Hear Abouts team since the beginning had tendered his resignation due to moving from the parish. The Parish Council recorded an official vote of thanks and appreciation to Mr Osmond for his invaluable contribution over many years.

Date and Time of Next Meeting – Wednesday 25th November via Zoom at 7.30 pm

Remembrance Sunday

8th November 2020

Church Service at St Maurice's Eglingham
10.00 a.m.

Laying of wreaths:
War Memorial at Eglingham Village Hall
at 10.50 a.m.
and
St James' South Charlton at 11.00 a.m

Local Church Services

with Holy Communion
Breamish & Till Benefice

*Each Sunday until further notice
All Services 10.00 a.m (St James' 11.00 a.m)

1st Sunday: **Chatton** - Holy Cross
2nd Sunday: **Eglingham** - St Maurice's
3rd Sunday: **South Charlton** - St James'
4th Sunday: **Ingram** - St Michael & All Angels

No Services at Holy Trinity Old Bewick at present

Seven months ago, we thought that all to worry about, going forward, was Brexit. It's still looming but has been somewhat eclipsed by the Covid Pandemic. Everyone's been touched by the consequences and a few literally by the infection and an even thankfully fewer, but tragically, fatalities. The vast majority that haven't been infected have been affected in multitudinous ways. Economically, many, many affected in negative ways but some in positive ways. Daily I thank my lucky stars I'm not involved in the hospitality trade, the airline and travel industries or the hospitality and gym sectors. However other businesses are thriving - estate agencies (particularly in rural areas accompanied by building trades); website and software writers; delivery companies; PPE manufacturers and and and..... livestock farmers!

Over the winter, due to much offloading of lambs (including many ewe lambs - the next year's breeding sheep) in the prior Autumn when Brexit was expected but postponed, sheep were consequently in relatively short supply, and were therefore dear. So when back in March we were told that pubs and restaurants would be closed down I thought here we go - meat sales will collapse and indeed they did slump for a fortnight or so, but soon rallied back (particularly the new season lamb sales) to almost record levels and have pretty much sustained to date. Seven million Brits were locked at home in the UK and not baking themselves on the Med. Weather was pretty good, barbecues to the fore and people were being more adventurous at home with local, particularly market town, butchers really stepping up to the plate catering creatively for all the staycation Brits in the almost over supplied rural holiday lets.

So we come to the Autumn seasonal breeding sheep sales. As mentioned before, with the Brexit hoky-koky ewe lambs (having summered and now called gimmers) were in short supply. Add to the mix that many if not most farmers, due to their dire need (!), took Rishy's Covid Business Help loan. So with £50,000 jangling in their pockets,



breeding sheep leaped to unprecedented levels. Gimmers that two years ago we could barely get £100 for, this year have catapulted to nearer £200.

All this with an almost certain Brexit at the turn of the year. Market logic eh!? Hopefully they'll remember it's a loan, which must be paid back - there'll no doubt be a hangover. But more worryingly, because that bit is self-inflicted, is the looming new trade deals with third party countries post Brexit on 1st January 2021. We have undoubtedly the highest food safety rules in the world. Despite intense lobbying by all the agricultural trade associations, NFU, CLA etc and allies such as Jamie Oliver, no concrete undertakings are being made by our legislators. Sean Rickard former head of the Economics Group for the National Farmers' Union, ever pessimistic but invariably

correct, states that there is no way that the Donald would ever sign up to a deal that precludes the USA's and others subUK's provenance agricultural products.

I hope I'm not being naive, but whatever happens I have some faith in the frequently



(and in this case unfairly) castigated supermarkets who have been remarkably loyal to Farm Assured (Red Tractor) beef and lamb really pretty much ever since the disastrous BSE debacle over twenty years ago. Do you think they'd dare sell hormone treated beef or chlorine washed chicken? If you buy beef or lamb from all the major supermarket chains, it will nearly always be from high integrity British Farmers. Wholesome and healthy. Occasionally

available are Irish beef and New Zealand lamb, both farmed to equally stringent standards as the UK, with New Zealand lamb, sometimes contentiously, marketed in our off season. I would also point out that despite very high livestock prices being received by farmers red meat prices at supermarkets have remained the same - you can still get two delicious steaks for £7. Don't hold your breath going forward though!!

It would be something of an irony if the much-loathed supermarkets (rapacious fleecers of farmers, in their minds) were the upholders of our exemplary food standards! Mind not as great an irony as the fact that 64% of farmers voted to leave Europe so helping to bring this all upon their heads!!

James R. Logan.

Eglingham Parish Council has been approached by Northumberland County Council to ask if we would like to change our village 'gateway' signs to the style shown here. The new style signs are made of recycled plastic and would be similar to those already installed in Longhoughton, Beanley and Powburn.

Prior to agreeing to any change the Parish Council would like to know the views of residents,

Should you have any views on the proposed change then please email them to:

eglinghampc@gmail.com

or by letter to:

*Eglingham Parish Council
c/o 23 Eglingham Village
Eglingham
NE66 2TX*



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Energy Efficiency

Energy efficiency advice, support and grant funding available to Eglingham parishioners.

The Parish Council have taken a three-tier approach to present the various sources of information which we hope parishioners can utilise.

1) Making your home Energy Efficient

<https://www.which.co.uk/> contains invaluable details and provides specific articles on how to cut your energy costs.

There are various Government funded payments that many parishioners may wish to take advantage of:

- <https://www.gov.uk/the-warm-home-discount-scheme> – targeted at pensioners and gives £140 each year to those who need help with energy bills usually in the form of a credit from larger electricity companies.
- <https://www.gov.uk/winter-fuel-payment> - for parishioners aged over 63, and it pays up to £300 (if you're aged over 80) towards your winter heating.
- <https://www.gov.uk/cold-weather-payment> – worth £25 per week if Winter is particularly cold.

2) Smaller scale and local support networks and funding available

There are various sources of funding and support available for Eglingham parishioners:

- Community Foundation Support <https://www.communityfoundation.org.uk/>
- Community Action Northumberland <http://www.ca-north.org.uk/promoting-rural-issues/fuel-poverty-and-energy-efficiency>
- Energy Saving Trust <https://energysavingtrust.org.uk/>

3) Government Grant Funding

Green Homes Grant

A government initiative providing vouchers to help cover the cost of energy efficiency improvements – such as low-carbon heating systems, insulation or double glazing to replace single glazing. It can be worth around two thirds of the cost of works up to £5,000.

The grant launched on 30 September, however, to qualify all work must be completed by **31 March 2021** so taking advantage of this one would have to take place very quickly.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/apply-for-the-green-homes-grant-scheme>

Autumn Flowering Bulbs

Nerines are amazing summer flowering bulbs which have featured in several TV programmes, gardening journals and magazines recently.

I discovered *Nerine bowdenii* bulbs over 40 years ago when a work colleague (who was actually an alpine specialist) passed my office and gave me six *Nerine bowdenii* bulbs. He knew I had started going to flower arranging classes and recommended I grew them as cut flowers. The flowers still enhance my garden every autumn.

They are tougher than we imagine, given the right growing conditions *Nerine bowdenii* can survive temperatures to -10c. My bulbs have survived two house moves and have successfully been divided to plant elsewhere in the garden and to share with friends. *Nerine bowdenii* has lily-like flowers with recurved petals on erect leafless stems, it is also known

as Guernsey Lily. It is in the Amaryllidaceae family and is native to KwaZulu, Natal, South Africa. True to their South African origins, Nerines require a dry, sunny location to thrive and are happy in poor soil; rich soils will encourage the growth of leaves rather than flowers. In a recent article in *Amateur Gardening*, it is stated that the name 'Nerine' was first applied in 1820 by William Herbert (1778-1847). He was a British botanist, poet and clergyman who is particularly known for his botanical writings of the Nerine plant family, Amaryllidaceae. *Nerine bowdenii* is named after Athelstan Cornish-Bowden (1871-1942), a land surveyor in South Africa. Apparently he sent bulbs to his mother in Newton Abbot, Devon who loved them. Three years later she sent bulbs to the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, requesting that they named the species after her son. *Nerine bowdenii* is the nearest to being hardy and for best results they should be grown in well-drained soil in full sun, ideally sheltered by a south- or west-facing wall. Ironically they are said to be named after 'Nerine', the mythological water nymph of Ancient Greece.



Congested clumps of bulbs should be divided in spring and early summer. I remember a very interesting talk and demonstration about growing Nerines and Amarines at a HPSNE meeting, March 2018. Colin Hickman (son of Steve Hickman) highlighted the hardiness of *Nerine bowdenii*. He mentioned other known varieties such as: 'Isabel'; 'Pink'; 'Alba' and 'Stefani'. It was interesting to learn how *Nerine bowdenii* had been successfully crossed with *Amaryllis belladonna* to produce amarines. The resulting plants are more floriferous, with larger flowers and a bigger stature. Nerines and amarines are definitely worth growing; they certainly bring cheer to late summer gardens. At this meeting I purchased some amarine bulbs which have taken till this year to flower, but well worth the wait



ANASTASIA



APHRODITIE



EMENUALLE

These are a wonderful new hybrid which is a cross between *Amaryllis belladonna* & *Nerine bowdenii*. They have the vigour of the *Amaryllis* and the hardiness of the *Nerine bowdenii* and are hardy to -10c. The flowers are mid-way between the parents - more trumpet like than *nerine* but smaller than *amaryllis*. They will thrive in a well-drained situation in either sun or semi-shade and they also grow well in pots.

Flora Charlton

Christmas Treats

Christmas was always spent at my grandparents' house, we were a small family so the maximum number around the table would have been 7 or 8 "Exotic" foods were less available in the 50's/60's and so some foods were special as they only made appearances over a short Christmas - tide!

I remember Terry's Chocolate Oranges, mandarin oranges, dates and peanuts still in their shells.

One idea that was passed down the generations was mincemeat pies with meringue topping rather than pastry - only at Christmas though!!!

What are your memories if special goody treats?

It would be great if you send them in, along with a recipe, ready for our next edition Thankyou in anticipation of some mouth-watering moments!!

Jean

Tinsel, Glitter and Glue

We would love to see what the children are planning to make for Christmas decorations, table settings or cards.

If a child near you has been making something special for Christmas this year, please can you take a picture and we can try to include it in a possible Christmas display in our December edition.

Jean

I am what I am

I'm Simba, your paw-thor for November. Unusual name for a small dog I know; not sure if it was my failure to grow into a lion that made my original human trade me in or my insistence on being a proper Lakeland terrier. You see, the thing is that a terrier's got to terrier-ise. We have a lot going for us – small appetite, titchy bed; we're very loyal to our humans and live for ages. We're attentive to people, energetically enthusiastic, unfailingly curious and brave to a ridiculous extent.



Those last four characteristics are a bit of a double-edged whatdjmacallit though – we can tell you when someone parks their car in our street or coughs in the local shop whether you want to know about it or not. Our legs may be short but we still need several miles a day to use up our energy and can be destructive when we are bored, pussy cats we are not! We like to jump up at windows to see what is going on and when out and about our noses are deep in the undergrowth. In my opinion you can't beat a bramble patch or a scrubby wood but I know some Borders who prefer to excavate in search of rabbits and Jack Russell's who always check the drains for rodents.

When I say "brave to a ridiculous extent" I mean I'll defend my human and my home against all-comers regardless of their size. That said a good ear scratch is an excellent way to make friends with a terrier and once you're on my team I will be loyal for a lifetime. If you're looking for a dog that you have to poke awake, then try a Labrador or a Greyhound! Which reminds me; Chance – your lurcher correspondent from January – who was with us for more than a year has found a home near Newton on the Moor and is having a fab time. Similarly Miss Big Tongue Ella from October is currently out on trial and we hope her adoption will be finalised soon. Paws crossed someone else is updating you on my new family next month, all the best,

Simba

PS don't forget we have Christmas cards in our shop on Wooler High Street and are open Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 10 until 4.

Fantasy Premier League Hear Abouts Champtionship



After Gameweek 5, your top 3 are...

1st - Clair Leishman - 263 pts

2nd - Andy Gray - 235 pts

3rd - John Waters - 231 pts

Its not too late to join in! Use the League Code: **6bpxly** once you've setup your team on <https://fantasy.premierleague.com/>

Residents @ Email List

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

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Covid-19 Help and assistance

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

Jess Angus - 07912 625195 jess.angus101@hotmail.co.uk

Brenda Robertson - 01665 579337 brobertson2852@gmail.com

South Charlton area

Sue Courty - 01665 579295 thecourtys@gmail.com,

Lorna Turner - 01665 579212 gavin@middlecroft.co.uk,

Sue Jackson - 01665 579470 susan.jackson@green-synergy.co.uk

North Charlton:

Terry Carrington Wathey - 07963 366898 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.