

HEAR ABOUTS

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

Come and make your own Christmas wreath

With Alex Charlton.

Wednesday 27th November 7pm to 9pm
South Charlton Village Hall

Seasonal refreshments and all materials supplied.
Tickets £TBC.

From Sue Jackson 579470 (mobile 07793032697)
Booking essential.
Last day for tickets Saturday 17th November.

Lunch Club has started again!

We're at it again. Every 3rd Wednesday in the month is Lunch Club day and everyone is welcome!

A choice of homemade soups, followed by homemade puddings.
12noon on 16th October at South Charlton Village Hall

Also coming in December is our Christmas Lunch! Keep an eye out for that!

Bonfire Night

5pm Sunday November 3rd
(More details via residents email nearer the time)

www.eglingham.info

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Friends of Eglingham Village Hall

100 Club Draw

We need your support! Have you paid your subscriptions of £12.00? (£1.00 a month)

***September's Draw has been delayed** until more subs have been paid and numbers allocated. Results for September and October will appear in the next edition.

**PLEASE PUT YOUR SUBSCRIPTION IN AN ENVELOPE WITH YOUR NAME(S) ON
AND GIVE TO:**

Margaret Bell at 8, The Terrace or Marion Wilson,
OR **post in the Village Hall letterbox**
Thank you

All proceeds go to Eglingham Village Hall

Neighbourhood Plan Questionnaires

Please return them by the 11th of October

Your voice and input is vitally important, so please do respond

Remember each person in the household can fill one in separately.

All the background information can be found on a dedicated section of the Parish Council's website

www.eglingham.info/nplan

Also download and print copies of the questionnaire from there if you need to.

A limited number of hard copies of the background information are available from both Eglingham and South Charlton Village Halls, and also from the members of the steering group.

David Biesterfield - Eglingham, David Alston - Eglingham, Andy Gray - South Charlton, Pete Ridgeway - Harehope.

Return completed questionnaires via:

a) submitted by email to eglinghampc@gmail.com

b) Posted to the Parish Clerk at 25 Blakelaw Court, Alnwick, Northumberland, NE66 1BY;

or c) handed to a member of the steering group

Eglingham Cricket - End of Season

As I write this I am sitting in my chair back at Eg, if I was penning it when I should, I would have been on Orkney sheltering from gale force winds and unseasonable rain, however as Andy hadn't prodded me enough I forgot, no surprise there then! Anyway to business, Eglingham cricket

Well what a mix of a season, weather, fixture confusion, players (just getting them sometimes), results, some good some bad, not to mention World Cups, Ashes etc etc. It's been one of those seasons where things seemed to conspire against us more than usual, trying to get on top of the field with the grass growth this year has been a real struggle as I'm sure anyone with a lawn will understand, the demands of farming and other work definitely limits players availability particularly when compared to times past and with variable weather patterns, our younger players feel the pressure of exams more acutely than our more mature members ever did, communication breakdown (there could be a song in there for our mature readers) leading to missing fixtures when the weather was good and bad weather when fixtures and teams were sorted. Who on earth would try and organise a village cricket team (answers on a postcard or to Hearabouts or to the Tankerville, or direct to Gordon, politely please!) anyway we had our highs such as v The Borderers and Davipart, and our lows such as v Bamburgh and Chatton, the annual Peter Cotham memorial game against the West Percy was a great day, I'm not sure whether Drew has fully recovered from the physical rigours of batting and bowling or indeed from the mental rigorous of the diabolically clever chess match that is Petes Match!

Long may it continue!

Yours as ever The Captain or as the younger element prefer The Fat Controller, a reference I trust to Thomas the Tank Engine!



Joint Harvest Festival, 6th October

11.00 am Holy Trinity Church, Old Bewick

This year the combined parish of St. Maurice's, Eglington with Holy Trinity, Old Bewick will be celebrating a joint Harvest Festival Service. It is being held on Sunday, 6th October, at 11.00 am, at Old Bewick. This is an occasion when both congregations can come together to celebrate our beautiful surroundings and the harvest it yields.

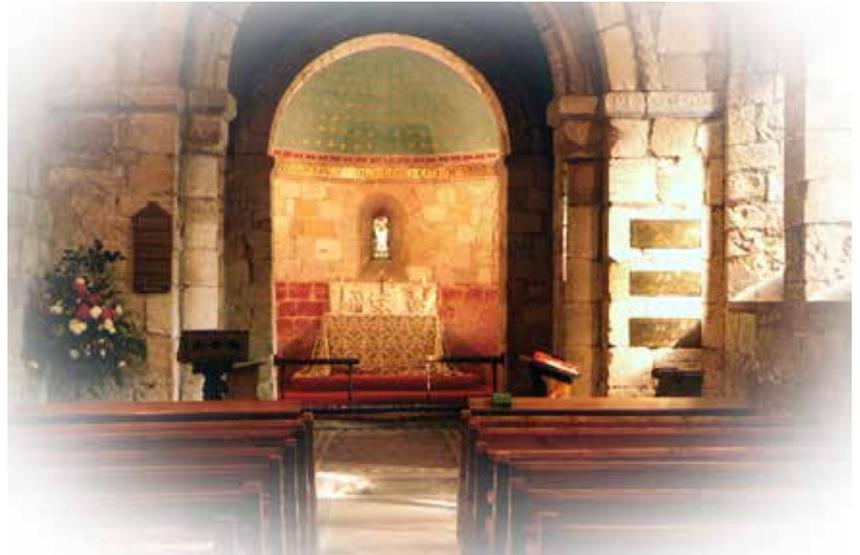
As usual we will be sending the harvest donations to The People's Kitchen which provides hot meals and support to the lonely, the struggling and the homeless of Newcastle.

They would be grateful for donations of:

Tins/dried/ cartons of food. Ingredients – flour, sugar, oil, salt and pepper. Drinks – tea bags, coffee, hot chocolate. Washing-up liquid, J Clothes, Kitchen towel and cling film. Personal items – toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, shower gel and deodorant

If you wish to make a contribution to the People's Kitchen please leave them at the back of either church by Friday morning (4th October).

Many thanks,
Eglington with Old Bewick PCC.



Jazz Evening

On 6th September Eglington Village Hall was host to an evening of chamber jazz from the 1920's and 30's based on the music of legendary jazz players Joe Venutii and Eddie Lang.

James Birkett & Emma Fisk put on a virtuoso display of guitar and violin playing which showcased their joy and dedication in recapturing the music of this era.

They were extremely well received by an appreciative audience who were treated to a performance of familiar, and some less familiar, tunes from the 20's & 30's. Emma's informative introductions gave us insight into how the music from the duo influenced European jazz artists like Stephane Grappelli and Django Reinhardt, and how they related to other American stars like Jimmy Dorsey and Bix Beiderbecke. An evening that was enjoyed by all and which left us with a better understanding of the jazz of the period as well.

Gillian Ridgeway

KELSO RAM SALE

Farmers probably wouldn't readily recognise or admit it, but as with very few other professions, they have a life which very much has an annual rhythm. This rhythm is dictated by the seasons and the season's somewhat unpredictable (and getting more so) weather. Apart from horticulturalists I can't think of another industry more dominated by seasonality. I feel privileged to share this rhythm and structure to my life as my working world revolves around it.

Autumn ushers in harvest and September the breeding sheep sales. As sacrosanct as the ancient Pope setting Christmas Day, but less inexplicable as the setting of Easter, the second Friday in September is cast in stone. The ancient runes set by druids or vikings, I think, have decreed that this is Kelso Ram Sales. A date around which all auction marts, fairs and shows in the north of Britain set their sale dates and hence the sheep farming calendar.



Kelso Ram Sale is Britain's, if not the world's biggest single day sale of rams. This year 5,152 arrived on Friday 13th (a rather portentous day as the calendar falls!) to the tented small town that is Kelso Ram Sales. The rams were presented to be auctioned in 15 rings simultaneously. I have been working at all previous 46 sales since leaving school

plus some as a school boy taken by my father. I guess I've become somewhat blasé at the spectacle of all this sheepy testosterone on display.

About 500 farmers bring their mainly shearling rams (19 month old males that have eaten over a ton of sheep cake and cabbages to grow strong, proud and true to their breed characteristics) to sell to discerning sheep farmers who have travelled from Cornwall to the Shetlands. After being sold these are taken home to somewhat more straightened dietary conditions and to be introduced after a few weeks (the traditional day for 'putting the tups out' is the 5th November - an explosive day - for the rams anyway!). Tups is the colloquial name for rams. Life has it's ups and downs if you're ram!!

Somewhat remarkably considering all the negatives and Brexit bru-ha-ha, the average for each ram sold was up £17 at £698. Just under £3,000,000 changed hands on the day. They are a resilient lot farmers.

My company have the privilege of having a ring where we presented 380 Texels. The tradition is that my partners and I visit our customers the prior week, massage their pride by telling them how marvellous their tups are looking this year and how the

sheep are definitely better than they had them last year. I've been doing this so long that by now, I should be able to walk underneath the rams!!

Thinking about it, it is an extraordinary day, a spectacle that should be savoured and analysed. The whole operation is run and organised by the Border Union, which is a rolling committee of Borders farmers and ancillaries (I served on it a few years ago) which organise this, Kelso Show and various other events. It has a permanent secretary and staff and is a smooth oiled machine.



At the event all life's emotions are on display: fraught farmers trying to buy sheep they've marked on their catalogues that are going to be sold, because of the machinations of the very fairly drawn ballot, at the same time. Or selling farmers who are equally agitated because they have two breeds being sold simultaneously in two rings. Disappointed and cross farmers, because their tups haven't made enough. Elated farmers because they've had a ram that made £15,000 (top price of the day this year). Angry buyers because the ram they wanted was too dear. Happy buyers because they bought a Tup for less than expected. The Auctioneers (you can spot them in their smart white coats) are on the roller coaster of all the prior emotions plus exhaustion having been shouting at the tops of their voices from 10 o'clock when the start bell rang (rung by a local celebrity) until 3:30 in the afternoon.

As a business model on paper it would be said that this couldn't possibly work, but it does. It's a masterful display of cooperation

where parties with all sorts of different and opposing agendas come together to do business and accept the results. I only wish our MPs and Parliament could do the same!

Jamie Logan



Eglingham WI

Following our break in August we all met up again on Thursday 12th September. Brenda opened the meeting and minutes of August meeting having been signed matters arising were discussed. Invitations from several WIs in our group were read out and it was decided to hold our Christmas meal at the Tankerville. Our speaker for the evening was Jonathan West whose talk was on the origin of place names in Northumberland. It seems a lot of the village names originate from the Welsh language and Jonathan had a vast amount of information on the breakdown of the place names. Romaine gave the vote of thanks. The evening's raffle was won by Gill Rollings.

Our next meeting is on 10th October and our speaker will be talking about the Daft as a Brush Charity.

Pat Ives

Fundraising

We are a group of 5 girls aged 8 -13 years who all live at Old Bewick. This summer we made a fundraising group called f5ve alive. We started small with a couple of little cake sales on the side of the road on the farm. These were so successful raising £100 between them that we then baked for a whole morning to make more cakes and this time we made £101 just from locals and passers by! We were all so excited by the amount we raised that we have decided to go big and hold a coffee morning in Eglingham Village Hall on the morning of 2nd November 2019.

The money we raise is to be split between 2 charities. **Action for Children** and **Pencils of Promise**.

Action for Children aim to make sure more children have the best start in life, good mental health, and safe and loving homes. Pencils of Promise are a global community that believes everyone deserves access to quality education.

Please come to support us **9.30am-12pm on 2nd November 2019 at Eglingham Village Hall**. There will be tea, coffee and lots of cakes as well as a tombola, raffle, book/dvd stall, toy stall plus more! It is for all ages, we will have juice/biscuits and a craft table for the younger children.

If you would like to donate any unwanted gifts/books/dvds or even bake a cake please drop any item off at Old Bewick School House and leave it in the log shed. For offers of baking please contact katjapurvis@hotmail.co.uk and we will get back to you.



Thank you and we look forward to seeing you on 2nd November.
Lilia, Xara & Alicia Purvis and Ruby & Scarlett Robinson-Mckewon



There is still 'Room on the Broom'
to join the Witch and her friends
in the Little Acorns Woods, at South
Charlton Village Hall.

Saturday 26th October 2019
10am-2pm

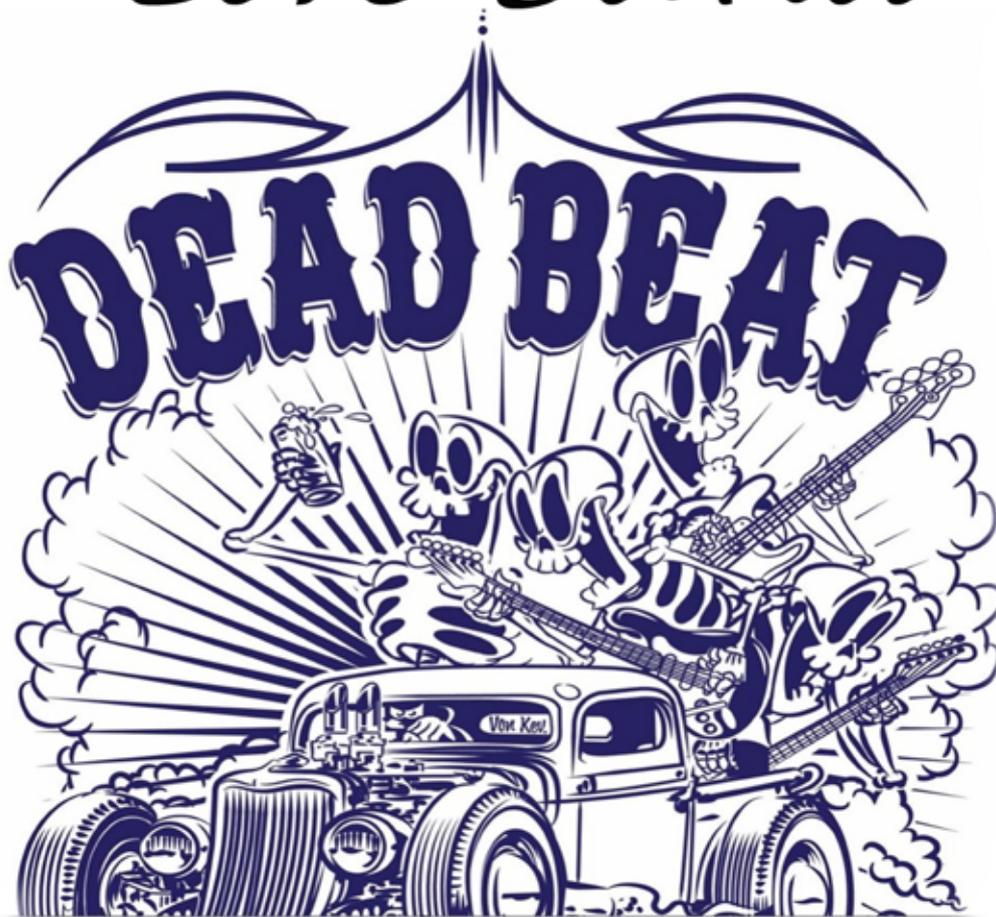
Can you find her missing wand?
Concoct a magic potion or
make your own broomstick?

£5 per child
£12 for a family of
3 or more children

Booking essential to Sue Courty -
thecourtys@googlemail.com
All proceeds raised will go to the
Tuberous Sclerosis Charity.



Eglington Village Hall Live Band



60'S & 70'S MUSIC

Saturday 26th October

7.30pm (Bar 7pm)

Sponsored by
Weekly Biz A&J Scott
GL Ford Steve Abrol Wheels
P Marriot-Lodge Consultancy

Admission £5

Put the flags out!

The great news is that Elvis has left the building so there won't be an encore and it falls to me – Draco – to fill you in on this month's action down here at Alexa's Animals. The Tour of Britain didn't hit the A1 but we did put the bunting up for a cycling visitor anyway. Dominic Hodgson from Sunderland has completed his "Tour de Rescue", a three day, 200 mile ride to visit different dog rescue charities and publicise the joys that dogs like us can bring to the lives of people like you. Good on you Dom, anytime you need a face lick, just ask for me and it'll be on the house!

Cass, the collie cross, has clicked – she became big buddies with one of our regular boarding customers and has moved in with him which is lovely. Sage, the lady Lab, has also been snapped up but we have had five new arrivals; if Ron and George weren't doubling up there'd be no room at the inn. Fortunately the fundraisers have been working hard; the Quizzers of Alnmouth made about £800 which brings their contribution over the last few years to £10,000 so a big "woof out" to them. We had the last "Pop up Café" of the summer at Bamburgh which made £505 and footfall at the shop in Wooler has been helped by a few wet days!

We had our AGM, Trustees and our tireless supporters (over 5,000 volunteer hours last year!) met at South Charlton Village Hall last month to hear the annual report for 2018 and find out about plans for the future. Financially they are keeping our heads above water through lots of hard work. The boarding kennels have built up business, passed the new animal welfare regulations and been licensed by Northumberland County Council with their top five star rating for boarding kennels. Yes, that's *****. The next push is to get the building work finished and achieve membership of the Association of Dog and Cat Homes to show what a good quality boarding and rescue home we have here at Patterson's Cottage.



Just a few words about me; I am a ridiculously happy chappie and I look much younger than my actual age of eight. Unlike some dating sites my picture is recent and my interests are very straightforward, I like cuddles, walks and sniffing hedgerows with the occasional bit of grazing. I've had the snip, my injections are up to date and I'm ready to roll whenever you are.

Ron Purvis 1920 - 2019



Ron Purvis, who was born and bred in South Charlton in 1920, died peacefully in Kelso Cottage Hospital on 25th September 2019 a short time after celebrating his 99th birthday with family and friends. After leaving school at 14 he worked at South Charlton farm until taking the tenancy of Rock Nab farm in May 1950 with his wife Margaret, where they raised two sons, Bill and Geoff. He farmed there until he retired in 1986, although still worked part time for many years with his son Bill when he took over the running of the farm.

For the last 20 years he has lived in Kelso with his partner Jean Douglas. He is probably best remembered for his lifelong passion and gift for music. Once he started work he was able to save

enough money to buy a fiddle, which he taught himself to play, and then went on to play in every type of music event imaginable. He played for many years in the Borders Strathspey and Reel Society at concerts all over Scotland, published his own compositions, travelled all over the country to play with friends as far afield as the Shetlands and travelled abroad many times to play at music events. The last event he was able to attend was an Accordion club meeting at Kelso just a few weeks before his death, where friends took him along in his wheel chair, loving music right to the end.



Oil Buying Group

Just a reminder about the oil group as summer slips into the cooler days of Autumn.

The Group was set up in May 2011 by David Jackson and the running of it was taken on by Eglingham Community Association in January 2018. There are now 49 members of the group, with a wide variety of usage rates. Using Boiler Juice price each time as a base line, savings for the group now stands at £21,675



It would be good to have more members if at all possible, as then we could raise the quantity for each order and get an even better price.

If you'd like to know the details of how it all works go to the ECA page on the Parish Website where there are a couple of documents explaining all. There is no commitment, you just have your email included on the distribution list and you'll receive an enquiry email about every 3 or 4 weeks. If you want some oil just respond to the email with the quantity you require. Once all the responses are in I ring 4 oil companies to get the best price, then place the order with most competitive.

If you'd like to be included on the email list for the group just email me at geoffosmond2@gmail.com

Innogy Renewables UK Middlemoor Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund

Will open for applications on Wednesday 04 September 2019

The **deadline for submitting applications is Monday 14 October 2019** for consideration at the Panel meeting in November 2019

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

Area of benefit:

- Priority consideration will be given to applications from individuals, groups, projects and activities based within the Parish of Eglingham.
- Consideration will also be given to applications from groups and organisations outside of Eglingham Parish that provide services and activities that are deemed by the Fund to be of benefit to residents of the Parish.
- Groups can apply for a minimum of £250 up to £81,000. Individuals can apply for a minimum of £250 up to a maximum of £2,000, subject to periodic review.
- Who can apply?
- Individuals resident within the Parish of Eglingham.
- Constituted voluntary, community groups and charities based within the Parish of Eglingham.
- Consideration will also be given to constituted voluntary, community groups and charities which operate outside the Parish, if they can demonstrate that the project benefits people living within the Parish of Eglingham.

What can be funded:

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

Examples of what grants will be supported:

- Capital items (buildings, machinery, equipment, vehicles and tools etc.)

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

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

What will not be funded:

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

How to apply

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

For further details please contact:

Pete Barrett, Senior Programme Advisor, Community Foundation Tyne and Wear & Northumberland Email: pb@communityfoundation.org.uk

Tel: 0191 222 0945

County Councillor Report

wendy.pattison@northumberland.gov.uk

Tel. 07779 983072 and also on Facebook



EGLINGHAM PARISH

MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE - CAN I REQUEST A MOBILE LIBRARY VISIT IN MY AREA?

If you would like a mobile library to visit the area you live in, you should first read the service criteria document to check whether you are eligible to receive the service.

To request a copy please contact the Mobile Library Service by emailing mylibrary@northumberland.gov.uk

I am unable to leave my home; how can I continue to receive a library service? Northumberland County Council runs a Home Library Service, which is delivered by volunteers across the County. It is a service specifically designed for housebound

customers and involves a volunteer visiting the customer on a regular basis, discussing their book choices with them and delivering and returning items on their behalf. Any Northumberland resident who is concerned that their disability or mobility needs could prevent them from accessing a library service they should contact the Home Library Service by emailing as above.

How will I know if the mobile library is unable to visit me? Customers can sign up to the email notification service where they will be informed by email of any changes to their regular service or times when the mobile library is unable to visit you as planned (for example in severe weather conditions}.

PUBLIC ASKED TO HELP SHAPE FUTURE OF LIBRARY SERVICE

Northumberland residents could be asked for their opinion to help shape the future of the county's library service.

A report will be discussed at a Cabinet meeting of Northumberland County Council, which will recommend that the council agrees to a public consultation on the service. If agreed it is proposed that a consultation of up to 12 weeks will be held to gather people's opinion on how the service should be run in the future.

The consultation will aim to get the opinions of both library users and non-users. Views will be captured via an online survey, with paper copies also available at libraries. A series of drop-in sessions will also be held for residents to ask questions or provide verbal feedback.

It is hoped the consultation will help identify the most valued aspects of the service and the barriers to library use across the county. The results of the consultation will help the council focus on how the service is delivered in the future.

Following a decision next week the proposed consultation would start in the Autumn, with initial findings expected in early 2020.

As a statutory service the council is required to carry out a public consultation exercise if changes to the service are proposed.

Cllr Cath Homer, cabinet member for Culture, Arts, Leisure and Tourism said: "Northumberland's library service has undergone many changes in recent years, however we feel that now is the time to look again at the service and make sure that it is serving the needs of our communities.

"We have been committed, since bringing the service back into the council in 2017, to building a stronger and more consistent service, but we now need to ensure that we understand what people value about their library and what they think we could do more of, or improve.

"This consultation will offer people the opportunity to have their say to help us design a library service that works for all. Even if you're not currently a regular user of the service we want to hear from you to understand what could be done to encourage more people to use their library."

Useful Contacts

Local Councillor

Wendy Pattison: 07779 983072

Clerk to the Parish Council

Amy Smith: 01665 603755

Vicar

Contact your Church Wardens

South Charlton Village Hall (bookings)

Andy Gray:

andrewsgraydesign@gmail.com

Eglingham Village Hall (bookings)

Julian Tyley: 01665 578460

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david@eglingham.org.uk

Have you found the Parish Website yet?

It has pages for all the local organisations, back issues of Hear Abouts, Parish Council meeting notes and much more. It now has a new feature “Upcoming Events” which lists, well, upcoming events.

The web address is: www.eglingham.info

Once there you use the menu ‘hamburger’ in the top right corner (depending on the size of screen) to select which page you want.



The website is now being updated with new content more frequently so why not bookmark it in your browser and keep in touch with all that is going on in the Parish.

Residents @ Email List

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

Our very successful email list is open to any resident within our boundaries, just send an email to david@eglingham.org.uk and you will get added.

Next Issue:

Early November 2019

Content Must be submitted by 20th October