



HEAR ABOUTS

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North Charlton | South Charlton | Eglington | & Everywhere Between

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Welcome to autumn!

It was like flipping a switch, wasn't it? The shorts may well have been retired for the rest of the year, the rain is lashing down as I write this, the heating comes on every night and the fire needs lighting! Oh, and we now have to put the light on, just when electricity prices have rocketed. Could be a LONG winter! It's great to see the halls opening up again, and I look forward to seeing you all out and about again. Just please, no whinging! haha

There's a few changes underway here with Hear Abouts. Unfortunately Jean has had to step away, but we have 2 new team members. Margaret and Frances! Hopefully we'll be adding more too! So, expect to see some new content and new ideas in the coming months.

Andy

300 Word Story

Your starting sentence for the next issue is... "After that it all went quiet, but I could still hear some voices." - email your stories to the usual address

Next Issue:

Sometime in November

All content must be recieved by the 20th of October

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Coffee & Chats returns to Eglingham

We are reintroducing the popular Coffee & Chats morning in Eglingham Village Hall which will commence on Saturday 9th October and thereafter regularly on the second Saturday of each month from 10am - Noon and we hope you can come along.

It is also planned to have home baking for sale and monies raised will be in aid of St. Maurice's church.

Coffee & Chats offers a great opportunity to meet up with friends and, if you're new to the area, a chance to get to know your neighbours - everyone is welcome.

Eglingham Christmas Market

Date for your diary:

The Christmas Market in Eglingham Village Hall will be held on

Sunday 5th December
and will be organised jointly by

Eglingham Women's Institute
St Maurice's Church Eglingham
and Eglingham Community Association.

More details to follow

Lunch Club

A reminder that Lunch Club is back!

The next one is October 20th
12 noon

Join us for a light lunch of soup and a pudding.
All welcome!

Quiz Nights to return from October

Brownieside and South Charlton Leek Club Quiz nights will return on October 20th.
Everyone welcome.

Bar will be open with Pie & Pea Supper inc. at halftime.

£5 entry per person 7:30pm start

November Quiz - 17th November

Christmas Bingo - 4th December

VERY IMPORTANT!!

Middlemoor Wind Farm Community Fund

RWE (previously Innogy) would love to hear your views on Middlemoor Wind Farm Community Fund. After 8 years in operation, and with around 17 more years to run, RWE (the wind farm operator) is currently reviewing how the fund is progressing. We'd love to know if there's anything more we can do to support your communities to get even more benefit from the fund.

There are several ways you can get involved:

- Come and talk to us! My colleague, Katy Woodington, and I will be in the area on Tuesday 9th November to meet anyone who would like to book a time slot for an individual chat. We'll be hosting these meetings in the Village Halls. Please email us at: community.investment@rwe.com or call me on 07760 190477 to arrange an appointment.
- Fill in a questionnaire –you can complete an online version by visiting: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Middlemoor> or you can pick up a hard copy locally (locations tbc at time of printing, probably village halls/churches). We'd be grateful if these could be completed by 30th November.
- Arrange a telephone call or send us an email. I'd be really happy to arrange one to one telephone calls, or to receive emails from community members. As before you can email us on: community.investment@rwe.com or leave me a message on 07760 190477 and I'll get back to you as soon as possible.

We look forward to hearing from you and hope you will look out for updates on the fund in future editions of Hear Abouts.

Kathryn Harries

Community Investment Officer, RWE Renewables (the operators of Middlemoor Wind Farm)

Free Tree Giveaway

Northumberland County Council have pledged to make Northumberland the first net-zero county by 2030. But they need your help.

We can reduce our carbon footprint by planting more trees across the county, and this year the Council are giving away 15,000 free tree saplings to residents, schools, community groups and parish and town councils.

What trees are on offer

For residents, there are two tree species available for small, medium and large sized gardens, as well as small planter-based shrubs available for those with limited garden space, balconies or rented properties.

These include:

Large garden: Wild cherry, English oak

Medium garden: Silver birch, Rowan

Small garden: Crab apple, Holly

Limited garden space: Box, Wild privet

Claim your free tree today and help make Northumberland a cleaner and greener county for all: <https://nland.uk/freetrees>

Resilience and residents@

For the attention of all parishioners, especially the newer ones.

Many of you are well aware of the great little parish communications device that is residents@. For those of you who are not aware of it, Hear Abouts operates a community email circulation list. You send an email to residents@ and it will pop up in the email of around 120 parishioners. It is used to advertise up and coming events in our Village Halls, Churches, Tennis Clubs and other community events. It is also used by residents to sell furniture and other household items, sporting goods or anything else that you think will find a new home. If you wish to join the list and use the service or even just keep an eye on what is happening around and about, then send your name, address and email address to david@eglingham.org.uk and you will be added. To post, send to residents@eglingham.org.uk.

Community Oil Buying Group

There is also a community oil buying group in the parish, whereby around once a month a group order is placed for all those who wish to purchase oil that month. The fact that it is a group order usually sees us buying thousands of litres at a time. This brings a discount to all purchasers of around about 5%, meaning you save the tax! If you have not joined and would like to, please send your name, address and email address to gavin@middlecroft.co.uk.

Lots of Lovely Lurchers

Jet by name and absolutely no contravention of the Trades' Descriptions Act; I really am pretty nippy on my paws. I am proud to be a lurcher – the name we give to a cross-bred sighthound here in the UK. My transatlantic cousins are referred to as Long Dogs, fairly appropriate as a casual glance will confirm, and this long back means that even a shorter legged lurcher can cover a large distance with every stride.

As well as a sighthound parent (a whippet or greyhound most often) we are cross-bred with a canine cousin that has more robust legs, better stamina or bigger brains. This means there is a huge variety of lurchers: thin-skinned glossy aristocratic types like me who were born for Instagram, rougher long haired wolfie sorts found in Quentin Blake illustrations and little woolly ones that have a bit of Bedlington Terrier in the family. As sighthounds we all like to scan the horizon for movement rather than sniff like spaniels or burrow through the undergrowth like terriers. Although lurchers have a bad reputation with cats we can be trained to ignore them in the house and have been known to snuggle up together given time. We like to demonstrate our affection with our whole body so if you adopt a Lurcher expect to be sat on or leant against.

Despite being noted for our running ability we don't need any more exercise than a Jack Russell Terrier and are considerably quieter. We don't quite have the "fastest couch potato in the land" reputation of a 100% greyhound but we do want about 14 hours' sleep so don't expect us to be up all day. Given that we have such nice personalities you might well be wondering why so many of us are looking for a home; there's me, Rupert and Boy here at Alexa's Animals at the moment and Sam out on trial. Sorry to put it like this but – we get some duff humans. People get us with the idea of going poaching for rabbits, deer and hares, if we're not fast enough, get injured or have no killer instinct then they just dump us by the side of a road. Why not restore our faith in your species by giving one of us (preferably me!) a home? Contact us at www.alexasanimals.com to make your application.



the latest WI news.

At long last for our September meeting we were able to meet in the village hall. It was so good to see everyone again and catch up. As usual Brenda Robertson opened the meeting and Tracey Gair has taken on the role of Secretary from Gill Rollings.

Our speaker for the evening was Caroline Roberts, a local author, from Chatton. Caroline gave a very interesting and entertaining account of her early life in Cornwall and subsequent move to Northumberland, where her stories are set. To date she has had ten novels published, with another due out in 2022, although it took her 10 years to see her first book published. She gave us a short reading from one and there was a selection of books for sale. Jane Hamilton gave the vote of thanks.

Supper was followed by the raffle which was won by Tracey.

There will be no formal meeting in October as some of our members are going to see the NTC production of *The Importance of Being Earnest* in the village hall.

Pat Ives

December evenings... and Christmas!

This is just an update on the proposal to trial a Christmas lights display this year. The idea was first raised in a Hear Abouts article way back in March and you may remember that the thought was inspired by the impressive lights which you may or may not have seen in the centre of Bamburgh. The Parish council was approached via a suggestion in the suggestion box. It is good to report that following much support from many neighbours and from the Parish Council, a grant application was made to the Community Foundation which has now been approved. This will mean that in several gardens in the vicinity of The Tankerville Arms, there will be pretty roadside static white light LED displays, which will complement the lovely Christmas light display which appear at the front of the pub. The intention is to have the lighting displays switched on from Sunday the 5th December, each evening from 4pm to 11.30pm, for a period of four weeks. Are there any volunteers who could help put up the lighting strings (and take them down)?

As mentioned, this is a trial this year and depending on its success, there is the real possibility that similar Christmas lighting displays within other parts of the Parish, could be funded next year.

Hopefully the gloomy December evenings will be a bit brighter this year and hopefully the lights will be enjoyed by the many who will be in the Christmas spirit.

Happy Christmas to all of my readers.

Morrison

Viewed from Within - The Art of Stained Glass in Eglingtonham

Our church in Eglingtonham has been the site of worship for hundreds of years, and the



detail from Carr-Ellison window

We

The Collingwood memorial window



Lindisfarne Legacy project is involved in looking more closely at St Maurice's Church and churchyard.

are still uncovering more about the building and the architectural additions; the people behind the memorials; the lives of those clerics who made such a difference to the communities in this area as well the history of stained glass in church buildings.

Precious little of the original medieval windows

have survived in churches in rural areas, although there are some tiny fragments in St Michaels' Church Alnwick which may have come from Alnwick Castle c.1774 when the Adams brothers were renovating the chapel there.

How and why did we lose these beautiful artworks in our churches? When were they reinstated?

With the 'Window Tax' of the mid 1800's, penalties were placed on the glass trade through excise duties. There was no demand for stained glass in churches, domestic and public buildings. However In 1845 there was an increase in prosperity in the country coinciding with the rise of the Romantic Movement in the Arts, and religious revivals in the Anglican and Roman Catholic Churches.

With the advance of the Arts and Crafts movement stained glass became an art form in its own right. Even to this day artists are commissioned to install windows in public and ecclesiastical buildings. David Hockney has recently designed a huge stained glass window in Westminster Abbey.

The beauty of stained glass is that it can only be appreciated from inside the building. This was originally seen as a metaphor: churchgoers could only truly appreciate the Glory of God, once they were inside. The light shines through the windows and illuminates the colours: the saints, the angels, and biblical scenes. It must have been quite a spectacle in those early days before back-lit screens!

With the installation of electricity, light also shines out through the windows, and their illumination becomes a witness to people in the community. Last year we had a light on a timer in the Ogle Chapel, which illuminated the medieval style window of Jesus and St. John from within. We plan to do this again this year, from Advent through to Christmas. We hope

people will take a detour and see the Ogle Window lit up as they take a Winter Walk through Eglington and view the Christmas lights!

At St Maurice's we have three windows with a 'biblical' theme and five with a more 'modern' design. The first window which dominates the Nave is the magnificent East Window of the Transfiguration of Christ by Clayton and Bell, Newcastle (not William Wailes as was formerly believed). Despite the stylised gothic appearance of the figures, it was only installed in 1909 and is a memorial to Andrew Moffat and his wife Mary. Christ with St John is in the Ogle Chapel in the North Transept and separated from the Nave by a glazed wooden screen. This is dedicated to Robert Ogle of Eglington Hall (1781-1857). The eagle at the feet of one of the figures identifies this as John, the author of the fourth gospel, and the Book of Revelation. The eagle is one of the four creatures symbolic of the Evangelists. The small lancet window in the tower is the third of the Scriptural windows and illustrates the text: 'Suffer the Little Children'. It depicts Christ with a group of children and is a memorial to Arabella d.1868, wife of Archdeacon Hans Hamilton (1825-1905.)

The Collingwood memorial window on the right by the Altar depicts St Aidan and St Dorothy, and the family crest of the Collingwoods of Lilburn Towers. (see illustration) It incorporates many flat 'jewel' colours which are a bold and 'modern' interpretation. However it is leaded in the medieval style. This was installed in 1974, the artist is Gordon Webster.

Next to it is the memorial window to Archdeacon Hawkes which is also leaded in the same style, with the family crest and small squares of colour set into mostly clear glass. It was installed after his death in 1969. The Carr-Ellison Memorial window is in the Lady Chapel in the South Transept, on the right hand side of the Nave. (see illustration) It is a memorial to the mother and the wife of Sir Ralph Carr-Ellison. Designed by Andrew Taylor and installed in 2001, it is a vibrant 'modern' interpretation of the Northumbrian countryside, celebrating elements of nature and wildlife: the river, hills, seabirds, vegetation and plant life, even a horse, a fox, a rabbit and two dogs!

St Aidan and St Cuthbert are depicted in the two lancet shaped windows on the left hand side of the Nave. Both are medieval in style, but are recent 20th Century additions.

St Aidan is a memorial to the wife of Archdeacon Gooderham serving this church from 1904-1912. There are no dates for the death of his wife!

St Cuthbert is a memorial to Archdeacon Henry Baker Tristram (1822-1906) by his son former Canon of Durham Cathedral who was born in Eglington when his father was the vicar here.

The church is open to visitors throughout the week, from 10.00 a.m. until late afternoon. Anyone is welcome to come in and enjoy these examples of Stained Glass Art: choose a sunny day, and these eight windows will surprise and delight! *Margaret Bell*



St Aidan



St Cuthbert



SMOKERS URGED TO QUIT IN NORTHUMBERLAND

At a time when staying healthy is even more important, smokers in Northumberland are being urged to take the step and give up cigarettes for good.

A recent report from Cancer UK showed the number of 18–34-year-olds who smoke in England increased by 25% in the first lockdown.

The pressures of coping with the Covid-19 pandemic is likely to have contributed to an increase in the number of people smoking cigarettes.

Liz Morgan, Director of Public Health at Northumberland County Council, said: “Quitting is one of the best things smokers can do for their health. Covid-19 is still with us and stopping smoking will reduce the likelihood of complications from COVID-19 as well as reducing the risk of getting other acute respiratory infections.”

Smoking is the biggest preventable cause of cancer and is known to cause at least 15 different cancer types. By stopping smoking, the lungs are given the chance to repair, meaning breathing becomes easier.

Councillor Wendy Pattison, cabinet member for adult wellbeing said: “It’s never too late to quit. With the stop smoking challenge ‘Stoptober’ approaching, there is no better time to take the first step in quitting cigarettes for good and I would encourage people to take advantage of the range of free support available to them in Northumberland.

“Our local Stop Smoking Service can advise on different treatments and what to do to help prevent the cravings.”

Evidence shows that people are three times more likely to quit for good if they have support from their local NHS stop smoking service. Many people try to quit smoking with willpower alone, but it is much easier with the right help.

There are lots of support options available:

- Contact your local stop smoking service - Northumberland Stop Smoking Service on telephone (01670) 813135 and at www.northumbria.nhs.uk/stopsmoking.
- For a free personal quit plan - Free Personal Quit Plan - Quit Smoking - NHS (www.nhs.uk)
- To learn more about stop smoking aids to manage nicotine cravings - Stop smoking treatments - NHS (www.nhs.uk)

Doggerel Corner

definition of doggerel: trivial or comic verse composed in an irregular rhythm

The Earth Moves!

The diggers have arrived up Eglingham Hill
Several weeks ago now but they're up there still!
Skips of earth have been taken away
Mounds of spoil pile up, 'when's the build?' we say!
Issues abound, it's not going to plan -
Earth slides down the slope - site meetings man to man!
Piles driven in and pipes installed,
Roadside ditches dug deeper - we were appalled
At the fast flowing stream as the water gushed
And the ground on the site was turned to mush!
The pipes and aggregate left to settle and drain
They have thrown everything at it – it must be such a pain!

Two houses are planned with new neighbours in Spring.
That seems so far away, and who will they bring
To this Terrace of ours?
No more sheep grazing on the lush green crest
But welcoming we'll be, hospitality at its best
Whenever it's needed!
We have not heeded
All the signs of delay,
It could possibly be finished by early next May?

On the other hand.....
Margaret B

Fantasy Premier League Hear Abouts Championship Season 2021/22



Current standings are after Game Week 7...

1st - Andy Gray - 466 pts
2nd - Kay Waters - 385 pts
3rd - Jon Waters - 344 pts
4th - Sarah Henry - 294 pts

You can still join in by using the
League Code: m4i0ik

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.

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