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Planning Applications

The Parish Council would like to make sure that all parishioners are aware of current planning applications in the Parish so that they are able to review and comment on them. For a list of current planning applications please visit www.northumberlandparishes.uk/embleton OR the

Embleton Parish Council Facebook page
www.facebook.com/embletonparishcouncil/

These lists are updated weekly, and all planning applications are discussed at the monthly Parish Council meetings.

Welcome to the 81st edition of the Whinstone Times.

What a year it's been for extreme weather, from storm Arwen to a real scorchio this summer, although we have certainly been more fortunate than most with temperatures barely reaching 30C. Climate change does seem to be in full swing.

We are very sorry to say farewell to Sarah Coxon, one of our editors, who has moved from Embleton to Berwick upon Tweed – but we hope she will continue to write some of her informative and often amusing articles for us! We are, however delighted to welcome both Jennie Kenny and Vickie Townsend to the team – it's always great to have new ideas and input to keep the WT going.

Many thanks to Margaret Watchorn for our cover photograph of Bee Orchids growing in the quarry – they, at least, seem to have enjoyed the hot weather.

Thanks, as always, to everyone for their support for the WT. Please send articles and any ideas for content or for fundraising to whinstone.times@gmail.com or telephone Jan Ainsley, 01665 576019. Please send any items for 'What's On' to Shelagh Coxon, tel 01665 576791 or gorcoxon@hotmail.com

The deadline for material for the next edition is Monday October 10th

N.B. The editors reserve the right to alter or reject material and the views expressed within these covers are solely those of the contributors.

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www.embleton-northumberland.co.uk/publish.html

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The Council investigated the practicality of installing an electric vehicle charging point in the village but concluded that the cost was too high. Discussions with NCC showed that they (NCC) may be able to fund it through OZEV and this is being followed up. A site at the top of Sea Lane is proposed. A grant of £2,000 has been received from Northumbria Water as a Community Legacy relating to the sewage work carried out close to Eleanor's Byre. The money is earmarked to pay for recovering the snooker table in the Creighton Hall and to replace some of the wooden borders around equipment in the play park. The Council has submitted its requests for work within the Local Transport Plan. These include the creation of 40mph zones at the three entrances to the village. Members from the Council attended a meeting to discuss the future of the Christon Bank Church building. After the meeting NCC were contacted in order to ensure the listing of the building as a community asset. The Council are now aware that despite its inclusion in the Neighbourhood Plan further work is needed to protect the building. This is underway with NCC. The Council was dismayed to learn that NCC intended to remove the speed reducing chicane at the eastern end of Christon Bank village with no plans to reinstall it elsewhere. This, together with the failure of NCC to provide a footpath from the new development (Priest Moor) to the village centre, has been taken up with high level representatives of NCC. Several complaints have been received regarding the lack of waste removal from the bins at Dunstan Steads, Sea Lane and the play park. NCC has been contacted. An extraordinary Council meeting was held in July to reconsider the Council's decision to object to a retrospective planning application for the installation of an internal access track within the Embleton Bay caravan park on Station Road. After due discussion it was decided to withdraw the objection by a vote of 5:3. Work on the stabilisation of Quarry house is scheduled to start in early September as planned but some £2,500 of matched funding is still required to ensure all external groundwork can be completed at the same time. The retrospective planning application to correct the listed dimensions of the garden at Gatehouse Cottage has been approved.

County Councillor Wendy Pattison's report for

Embleton Parish



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9 Parishes Meeting – Date for the Diary

A meeting for all nine of the Longhoughton Division Parishes has been arranged for Tuesday, September 13th at 6.30pm at The Old Court House, Alnwick Police Station, Prudhoe Street, Alnwick, NE66 1UJ. Community Police Officer, PC Andy Newby 2764, will talk to everyone about their areas and issues of concern, including speeding, parking, obstruction, vandalism, speedwatch training and anything else which is problematic. Northumberland County Council Officer, Neil Easton will also be present to talk about local bus services.

Please do come along, all are welcome.

Avian flu outbreak



The public are being urged not to pick up or touch sick or dead birds, following an outbreak of Avian Flu in the wild bird population. Dog owners are also being asked to be extra vigilant and keep their dogs away from them.

Over recent weeks dozens of dead sea birds have been found along the Northumberland coastline – especially on beaches around Boulmer, Longhoughton, Embleton, Newton by the Sea, Amble, Druridge, Newbiggin, Warkworth, Cresswell and Seaton Sluice.

Testing carried out by DEFRA has confirmed that the cause of death is Avian influenza. This virus circulates naturally in wild birds and when they migrate to the UK from mainland Europe over the winter, they can spread the disease to poultry and other captive birds.

The disease has also struck the sea bird colony on Coquet Island - home to four tern species, gulls and eider ducks - with devastating consequences.

Elizabeth Morgan, Director of Public Health at NCC said: “I want to reassure residents that the risk to public health from avian flu is very low. The discovery of dead birds is always upsetting but it is really important that people do not pick up or touch any sick or dead birds to avoid spreading the virus, which can affect humans in rare cases. If a member of the public comes across a dead wild bird, they are asked to report it to DEFRA on 03459 335577 (select option 7). DEFRA will investigate and decide if they need to collect samples for recording, testing and analysis. Providing good location information for a dead or diseased bird is particularly important and location apps such as 'what3words' can be very helpful.

If DEFRA indicate that they do not intend to collect any dead birds, contact the council’s customer services on 0345 600 6400. The council will arrange collection from public land or where appropriate, will inform the landowner to arrange removal of birds found on private land. Landowners should seek advice about their obligation to arrange compliant collection and disposal of dead birds affected by Avian Influenza as animal by product category 1 waste through a licenced livestock contractor.

For more information please visit <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/animal-by-product-categories-site-approval-hygiene-and-disposal>

Toilet facilities include beach wheelchair storage at Newton by the Sea

Work is complete on a very special public toilet refurbishment at one of the county’s tourism hotspots.

The improvements at Low Newton are part of a wider £1.35m three-year programme of works to improve the standard of all 54 public toilets in the county for which the council has responsibility. In Low Newton the facilities also include a beach wheelchair storage area funded by local donations that will support improved accessibility to the local area. The works are all part of a major capital investment programme to improve the standards of public toilets for residents and visitors, with facilities in the larger main towns and key tourism destinations getting a programme of full refurbishment and modernisation.

Cllr John Roper from Newton by the Sea Parish Council, said: “This beach wheelchair unit will be a wonderful facility for both locals and visitors

alike. "I am particularly delighted how very quickly the project was completed through very close collaboration between the Parish Council, County Council, Beach Access NE (BANE) and the two amazingly generous sponsors Rob Racenis and Katie Steele."

The chair was donated by Rob Racenis in memory of his wife Jill who loved this special coastline.

Funding for the beach store was provided by Katie Steele and her family in memory of her husband Professor Jimmy Steele who loved the wildlife of the Northumberland coast. They have also funded a hut at Bamburgh.

Northumberland's Children's Centres will relaunch as Family Hubs in Autumn 2022. But first, residents are being asked for their views to help shape the plans. The Centres currently provide a wide range of support services for children aged 0-5 and their families. As Family Hubs, this support will be rolled out to all young people extending the age range to 0-19 and to 25 for anyone with additional needs (SEND), making a difference to children, young people and their families. The Hubs will be in the heart of their communities, with midwives, health visitors, early years and mental health professionals, youth workers, and a host of other services - including relationship, parenting, and financial advice – brought together into a vibrant one-stop-shop that meets the needs of family life for young people of all ages. Family Hubs will build on lessons learned during the pandemic and will offer online and virtual services too, so that support can be as accessible in the right way, and the right place, at the right time. We want all our young people to get the best start in life and have all the support they need to thrive. By extending the age range of our centres to create Family Hubs – our teams will be there to provide support for families with children of all ages. Please let us know what you'd like to see in the hubs – as your feedback will help us shape our plans and the services we provide. The centres are already seeing innovative examples of partnership working.

Find out more at <https://padlet.com/Northumberland/FamilyHubsInfo>

Embleton School News

Fundraising

Children, parents and staff have been busy fundraising.

The children took part in a sponsored run for Children's Cancer North, raising an amazing £961.00.

The Summer Fair, organised by Sara and the team of parent helpers, raised the record sum £1454.20 for the school.

The teas at Fallodon Hall, on the Sunday of the open garden weekend, made £623.25, which will be used to help fund school trips.

School 100 club

June winners

1st Ann Popay (number34) - £50, 2nd Eleanor Wood (number 31) - £25



Creighton Memorial Hall - treasurer needed

After many years of service as Treasurer of the Hall Funds, John Hunter has decided to hang up his pen and calculator. If you think you could take on this role please contact Chair-Jayne Imeson on 01665 576358 or John Hunter on 01665 576981. John is happy to spend time introducing the new treasurer to all the ins and outs of this role.



Embleton Carpet Bowls

September 15th sees the Carpet Bowls return to the Village Hall and this season we intend to play on both Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7p.m. New members will always be welcome whether you have ever played the game or not. So why not pop in and see if you would enjoy an evening full of good humour for a few hours each week until April 2023.

Look forward to seeing you.

John Wallis

Embleton's Exceptional Golf Course

The recent news of Embleton's very own Stuart Imeson becoming co-owner of Dunstanburgh Castle Golf Course Ltd, prompted the Whinstone Times to meet Stuart for a chat. And what an eyeopener it proved to be, not least because this year's Faldo Series Event had just concluded at the course with Max Weaver, the 17 year old lad who won the play-off in his under 18s category, having driven the green on the 425 yard first hole! To non golfers that might not mean much but, truly, is the stuff of Tiger Woods in his heyday.

In the final round of the girls' competition, winner Olivia Herd scored a spectacular eagle on the very tricky 18th hole, guarded as it is by the Embleton burn. Spectators included one of England's top professionals, Tommy Fleetwood, whose stepson was playing, as well as scouts on the look-out for future professional golfers. Among the alumni of the series are Rory McIlroy and Carly Booth.

The Faldo Series is a global amateur competition for players aged 12 to 21, giving them the opportunity to play World Amateur Golf Ratings events and testing themselves against the very best juniors around the world. It comprises 12 competitions in each of Europe, Asia and the USA with the final taking place in Dubai

Stuart is justly immensely proud of our golf course's somewhat overdue recognition as one of the country's finest. The business of Dunstanburgh Castle Golf Course Ltd (DCGCL) leases the course from the National Trust, owners of the land since it was gifted to the organisation by Sir Ivan Sutherland in 1960. DCGCL has 18 employees, making it one of our largest local businesses, with a green keeping team of 5 whose professionalism has resulted in the course holding the Faldo event for the second year running.

Watch this space for more exciting news from Stuart in future editions. In the meantime pour yourself a coffee and enjoy the treat of a spectacular fly-over of the course on its website



Once again, the Fete was a success, although not as many attended as in the past. Everyone enjoyed the afternoon with lots of drinks, cake and prize. The weather was glorious, and we raised £1975, going towards the upkeep of our church.

Cutting down on alcohol?

David Ainsley

Consider today's Alcohol free beers (i.e. those of 0.5% alcohol or less). They are a far cry from the dreadful malty concoctions of the 1970s such as Kalibre. They're relatively cheap (no alcohol tax), great for drivers, or for snacking with crisps or biscuits and cheese. Among the best that are widely available are the following.

Adnam's Ghost Ship (not the blue label version, which is 4.5% alcohol!!)
A first class English bitter in the modern hoppy idiom from one of the country's great old family brewers. Although hops are to the fore, there's a good malt balance. (Larger Morrison's and Tesco).

Beck's Blue

A proper pils brewed in accordance with Germany's excellent Reinheitsgebot beer code which allows only three ingredients - malt, hops and yeast - plus water. Becks of Bremen is now owned by the world's largest beer conglomerate, AB-Inbev. (Most supermarket and a bargain in cases of 15).

Erdinger Wheat Beer

A fine example of a Continental wheat beer with characteristic vanilla sweetness. Genuinely hard to tell that this is an alcohol-free version. Also a product of AB-Inbev (see above). (Most supermarkets).

Sam's Brown Ale

A classic Brown Ale with typical malty sweetness produced by Sam Smith's Brewery, one of England's most fiercely independent. Located in Tadcaster, North Yorkshire and not to be confused with its neighbour and one time sibling brewer, John Smith, now part of Heineken, the world's second largest brewer. (Available on line from Sam Smith's brewery shop).

BrewDog Nanny State

A thoroughly modern, very hoppy ale from Aberdeenshire's phenomenon brewer, BrewDog. Makes a gorgeous and chunky Dark & Amber when mixed 50/50 with Sam's Brown Ale. (Most supermarkets).

Lucky Saint

Although badged as English, this cloudy lager-type beer is brewed in Germany and is reflective of that country's modern microbrewers in that it is unfiltered and packed with flavour. (Larger Morrison's and Sainsbury's).

Guinness 0.0%

The classic Dublin nitrokeg stout in a widget can, black as the Ace of Spades and genuinely smooth, complete with its characteristic creamy head. Slightly disappointingly it contains fructose and flavourings, contrary to what those Germans allow! (Tesco).

Bitburger Drive 0.0% on draught

Brilliant proper German pilsner on tap. Not so widely available but coming to Embleton soon.....?

- of rain, raptors and rarities.

Rain? What rain? It rained on two days in June and on one day in mid-July between two heat waves and an amber heat warning. All day sun, early beach parties, mill pond seas - beautiful, unless you're a farmer or gardener.

On the 4th of June, a cuckoo was heard in the Quarry (a first?) and a



common rose finch was spotted (Gary). Despite the name, this is a rare sighting. Only a few hundred of these vividly bright sparrow-size birds pass through the UK. Wildflowers seemed to thrive in the dry conditions. Pyramidal orchids were abundant above Football Hole, butterfly orchids were seen in the Quarry, and the

wildflower meadows at Newton Point were spectacular. There were 12 avocets at Newton, as well as a marsh harrier. These huge raptors have a wingspan of up to 122 cm. (that's over four foot!). There are around 600 pairs in the UK and their spread to Northumberland is relatively recent. They are famous for their skydiving courting ritual which involves spectacular dives and prey swapping mid-air. The prey



could be the chicks of our precious water birds. Due to increasing temperatures, more pairs are over-wintering in the UK. That is probably a relief to the males as they are often bigamous, feeding two broods at the same time, so they need to conserve their energy. More raptors were in evidence too: a buzzard was seen above Station Road (Rita) and there was evidence of the activities of the village sparrow hawk, as a massacre at Morton House revealed pigeon feathers and no corpses. At last, I saw some swifts above our garden at the end of June. The martins seem to be onto their second brood, and the mallards somehow kept their ducklings safe from the marauding heron. At Football Hole, I watched 24 eider ducklings with just two females chaperoning them. This was obviously not just two broods, as female eiders take it in turns to run creches. At the other end of the beach, there were six ducklings with three chaperons, a far better adult-child ratio; this was obviously a more exclusive creche! And the males were nowhere in sight...

Sadly, the Farnes closed to visitors at the beginning of July to protect the bird populations of at least 200,000 birds at risk of avian flu. Cases have been reported and no doubt there will be more information in later editions. Coquet Islands wardens have been finding it hard to dispose of dead bodies there, and there have been many dead gannets found on our local beaches. Let's hope it will be better news to report next time. More disturbing news is the increasingly rare sightings of red squirrels. We have seen none since the November storm. I wonder if that is the case elsewhere. Please keep reports coming in so we can build up a picture of our wildlife in this stunningly beautiful yet fragile area of ours.

Swifts - Dave Smith <smith.bramblewhich@btinternet.com>

Having seen the article in last month's Whinstone Times about the declining number of Swifts I was heartened to see the appearance of the migratory bird in the village during the last week of May.

What an amazing bird! To have wintered in Southern Africa and flown all this way to feed and nest for the summer. Adult birds turn up first in May

to the same nest site as the previous year to lay their eggs and raise their young, then the younger birds in July to start looking for a mate and a nest site. They do everything on the wing - feed, sleep and mate - and the first time a young bird will set its feet on dry land is when they find a likely nest site and land to investigate.

Anyway, it is the nest site that is key for the success of the Swift and the most important thing we can do to help their numbers recover is to protect their current nest sites (mainly old buildings under the eaves) and also provide them with new ones, in the form of nest boxes.

How do I know this? Well I have just moved to Embleton from a small Medieval market town in Norfolk where the residents ran a campaign to save the Swifts and put up over 100 nest boxes in the town. The campaign started about 7 years ago and today in Harleston at this time of the year you can walk around the town of an evening and expect to see 150-200 Swifts swirling about the evening sky, ducking and diving in big groups (or “screaming parties”), making friends, eating and generally appearing to enjoy themselves.

We had three nest boxes on our house. The first went up in 2020 and was visited by two young birds the same year. They returned in 2021 and nested (it doesn't always happen that quickly).

I put two more boxes up in late April 2021 and one of those was visited by a prospective couple during the summer.

More about nest boxes and how to encourage Swifts can be found at <https://www.bristolswifts.co.uk> and if you don't fancy making your own boxes, they can be bought at <https://peakboxes.co.uk> or the RSPB.



So when I read the article last month and the thoughts about why the Swift is one of our endangered species, from my experience the answer is entirely within our power. Provide them with nest sites and they will flourish. And what's more,

I have seen enough of a population of Swifts here already this summer to think that a similar nest box project here in Embleton would have the same stunning results as it has in Harleston over the last few years.

In the picture - a young Swift first visits to the home-made box under the eaves of my old house in Harleston.

By the way, just in case you are worried about putting a nest box under your eaves - they leave no mess behind whatsoever!

Community Events at Rock Church



Following the grim months of the Covid Lockdowns, the Church at Rock has hosted a number of successful community events over the past twelve months. We plan to continue these events to ensure the Church and its historic building can continue to thrive in the future as a community hub. Our aim is simple: to host events that are interesting, and promote community cohesion. So far we have had talks from Lalage Bosanquet, speaking about the life of her mother Eva Ibbotson, a renowned writer, and shepherd and auctioneer Jack Walton giving a passionate and well

informed account of the shepherd's life. In addition we have held a successful barbeque in the church and look to continue our programme of events when the church is rewired in the autumn with new lighting for the nave.

We are looking for new ideas for events, whether talks or other community events, so if you would like to be involved, please let us know: rockchurchcommunity@hotmail.com

The next event is a talk by experienced horticulturalist Bill Devonshire, on 7th September at 6:30pm. £5 donation, includes a glass of wine.

This will be followed on Sunday 11th September by a table top sale outside the church with refreshments available. 2 to 4.30 pm.

All proceeds will go to the church/community fund to further enhance the facility. We would very much like to be able to put some heating into the building to extend its winter use.

We hope to see as many as possible of you at these events.

Farming News

Lucia Bridgeman



Early harvests are happening all over the country - some farmers in the south finished theirs in July, which is unheard of. We are often cutting our wheat in September as August has historically been a wet month. This year with this very dry hot spell, we started cutting wheat in

early August. If we do get through an early harvest it may give us plenty of time to prepare the fields for the next crops, although we will have to wait patiently for rain to soften the ground before we can cultivate it. The bad news is the very reason the harvest is early is because crops have died off, resulting in a lower yield. We haven't cut wheat this dry for 20 years. Normally we cut when the moisture content is 17 – 20 % and it then goes to Coastal Grain, near Belford, to be dried and stored at 14%.

This year the wheat is standing at 14%, according to the combine's computer, and we are very pleased that we won't be having to spend money on fuel for the driers. If this dry weather persists we will use the time to do some subsoiling – this aims to shatter the compacted ground which suffers from heavy machinery running over it. Ideally deep fissures are created through the soil.

The ground is so hard in some places it is proving difficult for the fencer, Steve, to drive posts into the ground.

While the prices for crops have gone up, the price of fuel, machinery and fertilizer have increased hugely. As in many other sectors, such as auto-industry, getting hold of new equipment and parts is also very difficult at the moment and requires lots of forward planning.



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Spitalford Cemetery

On the 26 July 1882 the Burial Board for the parish of Embleton purchased land situated in Embleton for a burial ground. The Burial Board then applied to the Lord Bishop of Newcastle for consecration of a portion of the land and it was consecrated on 27 July 1887. Two further portions were consecrated on 23 August 1912 and 1 February 1976. All of the burial ground is now consecrated.

The Sentence of Consecration on each date states: *'to set apart the said piece of land from all profane and common uses whatsoever and consecrate the same as a burial ground for the interment according to the Rites of the Church of England. And do openly and publically decree and declare that the same ought to remain dedicated and consecrated forever by this our definitive sentence and Final Decree.'*

There are many graves of our young men who were killed fighting for their country in both World Wars. There are 10 Commonwealth War Graves for those who lost their lives during World War 1. A War Memorial was erected by the parishioners in memory of the 63 men who were killed in the two world wars. At its base are inscribed the names of the fallen from the villages of Embleton, Christon Bank, Falloden, Craster, Dunstan, Brunton, Stamford and Newton by the Sea and the words 'in grateful and lasting remembrance to the men of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Embleton who fell in the wars 1912-1918 and 1939-1945 'Lest we Forget'.

Unfortunately many graves in this cemetery have fallen into disrepair, they are broken, some lying face down and others almost completely covered in ivy and weeds, including those graves of the men killed in action as can be seen in the photograph.

The Friends of Spitalford Cemetery was set up this year and we intend to conserve and restore this cemetery for the public benefit. We aim to have a photographic record of all graves, a map and photographic record of all the different species of shrubs and trees and to maintain their health. We will record all the wildlife living in the cemetery, a sunset bat survey has already been carried out and results have been submitted to the Bat Conservation Trust. We intend to repair the broken gravestones and graves

and remove the overgrown vegetation from graves. We will maintain and repair memorial seats and replace broken vases. We will ensure that gravestones are not left to lie on the grass.

We will be having working parties and they will finish with pizza from Embers and coffee from Eleanor's Byre. If you would like to be part of this group, please email friendsofspitalfordcemetery@gmail.com or telephone 07983654118. A website is being constructed and details of events will be advertised on this website.

Useful Telephone Numbers

Emergencies - Police, Fire, Ambulance, Coastguard	999
Police (non-emergency)	101
Childline	0800 1111
Crime stoppers	0800 555 111
NHS non-emergency care	111
Northumberland C. C. County Hall	0345 600 6400
NCC Councillor for Longhoughton Ward – Wendy Pattison	07779 983072
Alnwick Medical Group	01665 656000
Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust	0344 811 8111
Samaritans	0845 790 9090
Silverline (advice for older people)	0800 470 8090
Traveline	0871 200 2233
C.A.B. Northumberland Adviceline	03444 111 444

Information

Copies of the Parish Council, Joint Burial Committee and the Quarry Working Group minutes can be found on the Parish Council website – northumberlandparishes.co.uk/embleton/documents

Scarecrows the Rennington Village Hall Committe are delighted to announce the return of the Scarecrow Festival on August Bank Holiday Weekend 27th - 29th August. Scarecrow Trail Quiz, Tombola, Lucky Dip, Sausage Sizzle, Refreshments in the Village Hall.

What's On in September 2022

1st Craster W.I 7.15 Craster Memorial Hall. Ruth Bull from Enjoyabull Crafts will lead a 'hands on' session

7th at 6.30p.m. in Rock Church - Bill Devonshire will give a talk on "Gardens of Northumberland". £5 including a glass of wine, in aid of Church and Community funds

11th Table-Top Sale in Rock church grounds 2-4.30p.m. Lots of stalls to browse and refreshments for sale. To book a table £5 contact Wendy-07979 067321 or Sara -07939388534

12th Embleton Flower Club. Demonstration by Julia Loudon titled 'Into Wonderland'. All Welcome. 7.30p.m. in Creighton Hall. Members free, visitors £5

19th Craster History Group 7p.m. Craster Memorial Hall. Speaker Nick Lewis 'Lindisfarne'

What's On in October 2022

4th Embleton Womens Club 2p.m. Parish Room. Speaker Denise Howes talks about 'The Japan Experience'. New members and visitors welcome to come - please contact Brenda Pilgrim with any questions 571299

6th Craster W.I 7.15 in Memorial Hall. Speaker Andy Haddon from 'Big River Bakery'

10th Embleton Flower Club AGM /Practical night -topic Autumn Colours 7.30p.m. Creighton Hall. Pooled supper, visitors welcome.

11th Embleton W.I Annual meeting with W.I adviser 2p.m. Parish Room

17th Craster History Group 7p.m. in Memorial Hall 'Shilbottle goes on...' by Rev. Colin Gough. Visitors most welcome £4

The Rennington Village Hall Committe are delighted to announce the return of the Scarecrow Festival on August Bank Holiday Weekend 27th - 29th August. Scarecrow Trail Quiz, Tombola, Lucky Dip, Sausage Sizzle, Refreshments in the Village Hall.

NEW LUNCH MENU

THURSDAY - SATURDAY 12PM - 3.30PM

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