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Welcome to the 76th edition of the Whinstone Times. As Autumn settles in and the number of visitors drops visibly, there's a chance to catch your breath and notice what's going on around us in this beautiful part of the world. We hope that you'll find that the articles within these pages reflect this unique time and place. For example, the front cover should intrigue you, inviting you to discover more about the story behind it...

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We welcome letters, articles and any ideas for content from our readers. Please contact us at whinstone.times@gmail.com or telephone Jan Ainsley, 01665 576019.

Please send information for 'What's On' to Shelagh Coxon, telephone 01665 576791 or gorcoxon@hotmail.com

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Whinstone Times Deliveries

The Whinstone Times is free to all households in the Embleton Parish. It's delivered every two months by the lovely people who deliver The Net (thank you!).

Parish Council Notes - August/September Terry Howells

Councillors noted that the Embleton 20 mph traffic scheme, operative in mornings and evenings, was now fully functional. There had been no objections raised to the proposed transfer of land in Tunstall Gardens from NCC to EPC and this was now proceeding. NCC has agreed that a footpath

from the new development at Christon Bank to the centre of Christon Bank will be constructed on the north side of the B1340. No crossings will be put in place to help residents from the development reach or leave it safely. NCC has agreed to put a noise abatement enclosure and to install noise reduced, locked, bins at the bottle bank situated at the north end of Embleton village. Councillors agreed to order Christmas trees for both Embleton and Christon Bank Village Greens. It was reported that the stone walls around Spitalford cemetery are in a very poor state of repair and remedial action is required. In conjunction with the village school, sixty trees have been ordered for the quarry under the Queen's Green Canopy scheme and three parishioners have donated £250 towards the creation of resting places (seats). The jetty timbers are ready for installation and construction will commence by the end of October.



County Councillor Wendy Pattison's Report for Embleton Parish

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Freedom of the Parish

Granting the Freedom of the Parish is the highest honour that the Parish Council can bestow. Although it carries no powers, rights or privileges, those who receive the honour are able to use the title of Freeman or Freewomen. As this is the highest honour that the Parish Council can grant, it should be used sparingly and should not be given too often in order to preserve its status and value. There is no statutory guidance that sets out any criteria for the appointment of Freeman and Freewomen. The Freedom of the Parish is usually awarded in recognition of exceptional service to the Parish.

Return of FREE waste bags for Green Dog Walkers

The Green Dog Walker scheme is run by the County Council and has over 3,000 members of the public signed up to it. Dog owners are encouraged to sign the Green Dog Walkers pledge: to always clean up after their dog and put the bag in a bin and to use a friendly approach to encourage other dog walkers to do the same. For further information about the Green Dog Walker scheme and to sign up online visit the council's website www.northumberland.gov.uk/greendogwalkers

Smokers Urged to Quit in Northumberland

At a time when staying healthy is even more important, smokers are being urged to give up cigarettes for good. The pressures of Covid-19 pandemic is thought likely to have contributed to an increase in the number of people smoking. A recent report from Cancer UK shows the number of 18-34 year olds smoking in England increased by 25% in the first lockdown. 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 on 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)

Don't Wait for a Knock on Your Door in October

Canvassers will be knocking on doors in Northumberland from mid-October to give residents a final chance to register and to vote in the next elections. Staff will wear ID badges to identify themselves and will only ask for the details of the people living at the address, not bank details. Electoral registration forms were sent out to all 156,000 households in the county in July asking for residents to confirm any changes. Despite sending out reminders, there are 13,200 properties still to complete and return their canvass form (*see the instructions on your reminder letter). The County Council is required by law to visit those properties not registered. This is a

costly exercise and comes out of the Council Tax we all pay. Canvassers who visit properties in person will all wear face masks and use hand sanitiser to reduce the risk of transmitting Covid-19. If you have any queries regarding electoral registration, please ring Northumberland County Council on 01670 624844.

Famous People Spotting...

John Roper



Following the success of the event back in July, a second Fallodon Hall stable yard open-air concert was held on the 14th August. The line-up included The Henry Ford Band from Glasgow, with their eclectic songs and humorous lyrics followed, after the interval, by Martin Stephenson and his band 'The Daintees'. Originating from Durham, so more or less local, they played two great sets

incorporating many of their most popular songs, with great banter from Martin who was on top form! As an encore Martin performed a moving solo version of the Leonard Cohen song 'Suzanne'. Amongst the audience were the actor/singer/ TV presenter *Alexander Armstrong* (brought up in Rothbury) and the journalist, writer and broadcaster *John McCarthy*, who came as a guest of Martin Stephenson. Feedback for both concerts has been amazing. Particular thanks go out to Lucia and Mark Bridgeman and their family for their encouragement, support and most generous hospitality and to Terry Grahamslaw for creating a fabulous stage. Plans are afoot to hold more concerts at Fallodon Hall in the summer of 2022 so watch out for news in a future WT, or contact John Roper if you wish to register to receive news E:johnroper1@btinternet.com or T: 01665576413



AND Kate Humble comes a-visiting

Sarah Coxon



The Embleton Quarry Nature Reserve volunteers were thrilled when Kate Humble asked if she could visit the Quarry site and see what we've been up to. For such a well-known celebrity, Kate was refreshingly 'normal', really friendly and open and interested in the flora and fauna we are lucky enough to have living in and visiting the site. Kate even gave us a hand digging up some of the young gorse invading the area of rare Whinsill grasses we are working hard to protect. Let's see if we make it on to the telly in 2022...

Tales from AMG #2

Tony Brown



Last time I described how AMG (Alnwick Medical Group) got to where we are now, so for this edition I would love to share a vision for the future and describe some of the things already in the pipeline. AMG works within a network of practices from Morpeth in the South to Berwick in the North. The practices have a long history of collaboration and we are all supporting each other to help

to deliver these joined up services to our local populations. Recently, we have launched some fantastic new services for our patients, a shining example of many is the new First Contact Physiotherapy team that will work around the patch, allowing us to deliver dozens more face to face appointments each week for patients with new muscular or joint problems. Along with new slicker joined up clinics with our local community pharmacies, we continue to work with our very supportive and innovative local NHS Trusts and CCG (Clinical Commissioning Group). I'd like to list the wide range of services and professionals now associated with AMG but I feel the Editor may cut me short as space is limited. I hope I can share more about these services on our website www.alnwickmedicalgroup.co.uk

Thanks for reading and stay safe

Tony (Managing Partner)

Nature Notes - September/October

Peter Brown

And then the rains came! There was August rain in the South and in mainland Europe with floods but a relatively dry Summer in our area until the end of September and early October when the heavens opened. It was, as the gardeners and farmers said, just what was needed after our glorious Indian Summer; that is, a warm and hazy late Summer similar to that in North America when the native American tribes set fire to the prairies before harvest.

August was the month of the dolphins. I lost count of how many people said they saw dolphins in the Bay. They were probably bottlenose dolphins or harbour porpoises, though how you can tell from a distance beats me – and to be honest I saw exactly none! Close up, you can tell the difference because dolphins have more elongated 'beaks' and cone-shaped teeth, whereas porpoises are more portly and have smaller mouths and spade-shaped teeth. Dolphins are also more talkative, though I defy anyone to say they heard any this Summer. There are 32 dolphin species and only six

porpoise. To see any off our coast is a real privilege. Well done you keen cetacean-watchers! I'm so envious!



Rita was as vigilant as ever, spotting roe deer (not many sightings this Summer for some reason), a hare in her garden eating her flowers (forgiven), and many hedgehogs (a great sign). The picture is of a stunning elephant hawk moth caterpillar

in her garden. Such a busy place! The moths themselves are pink and orange but the caterpillar, which can be as big as a thumb, resembles an elephant's trunk. The house martins, which arrived here in early May, left around 20th September. One pair, we think, was on its third brood. The nests of mud, pellets and Grass, lined with feathers and fibres, were patched up quickly, probably by different pairs from last year (rather spoiling my idea that the exact same pair return to the exact same nest). Four to five eggs are laid and incubated for



about two weeks and when hatched both parents take it in turns to feed the chicks for about three weeks. Then, remarkably, the young leave to join flocks ready to migrate to southern Africa - with no parents to guide them!

Occasionally, the first brood will help feed a second brood. Imagine youngsters helping their parents by feeding their siblings...wouldn't life have been easy! It is estimated that about a million birds arrive in this country; they are on the Amber list – at risk (nothing to do with travel restrictions!).



As the Summer ended, our garden witnessed a frenzy of butterflies feeding on late flowering buddleia and verbena. Red admirals, small tortoise shells and peacocks were in their hundreds, most of them

with only a few weeks to go to hibernation, most of them overwintering in their larval state, though some adults do hibernate.

Most remarkable was the number of painted ladies. These beautiful creatures incredibly soar up into the sky and fly to tropical Africa via over a thousand miles of Saharan desert. Now that has to be one of the wonders of the natural world. What a place we live in!



Community Public Access Defibrillators

It's always useful to be reminded about the location of the 24 hour, Community Public Access Defibrillators (cPADs), just in case...

Embelton: Outside Creighton Hall. **High Newton:** Near The Joiners Arms.

Newton by the Sea: next to the phone kiosk at the bottom of the road, before the square (in front of St Mary's Cottages).

Christon Bank: In the old telephone kiosk on Springfield View.



Cats and our Caroline

Sarah Coxon

Our busy postwoman, Caroline, has proved to be a real community asset over the last few years. Along with the obvious delivery of letters and parcels, she's taken on an unofficial care in the community role, checking in on elderly residents, helping with essential shopping during lockdown, keeping watch for anything out of the ordinary or of concern, and of course directing the wayward traveller, delivery driver and tourist. But there's plenty more to our postie; a professional RHS trained horticulturalist, she's a keen baker, avid globetrotter and lover of animals and the natural world. This has led her to sign up for a fundraising event with Cats Protection. Caroline is hoping to raise funds for the charity and to take part in their Zambezi River Challenge and Lion Conservation Project, taking place during August 2022. The adventure starts in the Lower Zambezi with three days paddling down the river, spotting the wildlife along the way. There's a day learning about lion conservation before a visit to Victoria Falls and the trip ends with two days safari at the Chobe National Park.

Caroline will pay the trip fees herself but has pledged to raise a further £2,400 for the charity and plans to do this through sponsorship, donations and by hosting regular bake sales at Embleton and Craster. This is where we can all help out, by eating cake... The next fundraising events are at 10

am at Craster Church Hall on the 31st October and the same time at Embleton Parish Rooms on 14th November. If you're able to help out on the day, bake a cake or donate something for a raffle prize Caroline would love to know, please get in touch at cazsweet@yahoo.com.

Caroline has a JustGiving fundraising page at www.justgiving/fundraising/carolinesweetingcats where you can donate online or read the regular updates she will be posting as she progresses towards her fundraising goal. You can even flag her down on her rounds as she'll be carrying her sponsorship form with her. Best of luck Caroline!



STARGAZING AT EMBLETON QUARRY

Saturday 6th November 2021
18:30 - 20:30

Join experts from Northumberland Astronomical Society (NASTRO) for an evening of dark sky exploration. Look through telescopes at planets, galaxies & star clusters & take a laser guided tour of the Milky Way !

Location - Creighton Hall, Embleton.

Guest Speaker - Adrian Jannetta (NASTRO).

Followed by a visit to Embleton Quarry Dark Sky Site (optional).

**Note: Outdoor sessions are weather dependent,
please wrap up warm and bring a torch (red light if possible).**

This Stargazing Event is FREE. Donations to NASTRO are welcome.

Stargazing Event – Jupiter and Saturn Denise Metcalfe

The Embleton Quarry Nature Reserve group are delighted to share the news that Dr Adrian Jannetta, from Newcastle University and Northumberland Astronomical Society (NASTRO), will be giving a special talk at Creighton Hall on November 6th at 6.30pm. We're privileged to have such dark skies over Embleton so the Nature Reserve crew applied

for, and have been granted, 'Dark Sky Site' status. We're keen to promote interest in the local night sky and this event is free to all comers, thanks to the generosity of those organizing the evening and speaking there. After the talk there'll be the opportunity to look at the huge sky over the Quarry Nature Reserve so bring warm clothing and a torch, preferably with a red light function. Members of the NSA will be bringing their own telescopes and anyone attending is encouraged to bring theirs along too as there'll be the opportunity to observe the planets Jupiter and Saturn. Seeing the coloured bands on Jupiter and Saturn's spectacular rings is an unforgettable experience!

A few facts about the planets Jupiter and Saturn:

- Jupiter and Saturn are the largest planets in our solar system. Jupiter is so large that 11 Earths would fit across its equator.
- Both are gas giants made up of hydrogen and helium. Jupiter has the largest ocean in the solar system, but it is an ocean of liquid hydrogen, not water.
- Jupiter's stripes are clouds of ammonia and its giant red spot is a storm that has raged for hundreds of years.
- Saturn's rings are made up of small chunks of ice and rocks from shattered moons torn apart by Saturn's gravity and, although only 10 meters thick, are visible from Earth.
- Both planets have many moons, Jupiter has 79 and Saturn 82.
- Io, one of Jupiter's largest moons, has hundreds of volcanos on its surface, many erupting lava fountains tens of miles high which are even visible from Earth (through the largest telescopes).
- Titan, one of Saturn's moons, and much larger than our own moon, is the only place in the solar system apart from Earth, known to have liquid rivers, lakes and seas. The seas are hundreds of miles wide, however they're not filled with water but with liquid methane and ethane.

- Europa, another of Jupiter's largest moons, is one of the likeliest places to find life elsewhere in our solar system. There is a vast ocean of salty water beneath its icy crust where life could possibly be supported. This ocean is thought to contain twice as much water as all Earth's oceans combined.

We're looking forward to this event and hope to have many more stargazing sessions in future. *(editor: Denise is a long term member of the local astronomy society)*



*The night sky over the quarry pond early October
(photo by Gary Woodburn)*

Embleton Quarry Nature Reserve: Update



There's been a great deal of seriously heavy duty work going on in the Nature Reserve in October.



The EQNR volunteers have been supported by a great team of volunteers from 'Coast Care' and great progress has been made towards improving the accessibility of the site, building the outdoor classroom and the dipping pond platform, and creating access to the Quarry Manager's house to allow the building to be made safe. All involved have worked tremendously hard and made amazing progress! Oh, and the ponies are back in their winter residence, thanks to Gail and Helen returning them from the summer grazing next door to the play park.



Embleton Cricket Club

Raymond Carss

The club struggled at the start of the season, but every team member contributed to what proved to be an exceptionally successful season. We gained promotion to Division 5 (North) after finishing runners up in Division 6. The 2022 season will be challenging both on and off the field as we now have to bear the total costs of the Playing Field now that the football team has folded due to lack of players. Anyone who would like to take part playing cricket or with the maintenance of the field would be more than welcome. Please contact Raymond Carss on 01665 576 or 07544914567.

Cover Story

Ednie Willson

You've waited long enough to have the fascinating front cover story explained... Begin by looking closely first at the picture below and then at the picture on the front.



Many people will quickly recognise the work of the very popular Scottish artist, Jack Vettriano, but exactly what is the difference between the two versions of his 'Singing Butler'? Ednie Willson explains:

"If you were walking on Beadnell Beach on Sunday 12 September, you might have seen *The Mythical and Historical Imagery Group* re-creating Scottish Artist Jack Vettriano's wonderful 1992 painting 'The Singing Butler'. Taking great masterpieces as their inspiration, they deconstruct paintings, then using live actors, ingenious lighting, careful set dressing, make up and costume they create a tableau as close to the original artwork as they can and photograph it. This is how they explore the genius of the original artist, where everything in the painting is positioned perfectly and

how important light and shade are to its tonal value. The Group, based in the region, bring their combined talents to these projects purely for fun. Whether it's gallery, museum or even a windy beach with the tide coming in rapidly and threatening rain, these projects bring fun and fascination to the exploration of fine art. You can find out more about the photographs and the group at <https://philpunton.com/living-art/>



'The Mythical and Historical Imagery Group' in action on Beadnell Bay.

Embleton School News

Melissa Gilroy



Embleton Primary School joined in part of the YCCN (Young Christian Climate Network) relay on Monday 11th October and walked the stretch from Embleton to Newton by the Sea, to show their support for action against climate change.

Parents joined in the walk too and the PFA baked cakes to sell in the schoolyard, raising £49 for school funds. Well done to all the families who

took part! School would love to have everyone's support to raise more funds by donating good quality 'pre-loved' clothes, curtains, linen, jewellery, soft toy, paired shoes, handbags, hats, scarves etc. All such items should be put in a bin liner or similar and brought to school between 08.30 and 09.00 on *Monday 13th December*. Please note that bags cannot be stored in school in advance. Thank you!

For more information about school please visit our website:

<https://www.embletonprimaryschool.com> or see the school Twitter feed.

School 100 Club – August winners

1st Prize	Number 7	£50 Chris Mallaburn
2nd Prize	Number 20	£25 Hattie Dinsmore

School 100 Club – September winners

1st Prize	Number 75	£50 Maureen Lorimer
2nd Prize	Number 23	£25 Elsie Higgins

The next draw will be held on 22nd October - slightly earlier than usual due to the half term.

Farming News October 2021

Lucia Bridgeman



Now that the harvest has finished, we have been busy sowing fields. We are always looking for new varieties and methods of establishment. This year we experimented with sowing clover in some fields in late autumn, rather than in the spring as we usually do, and with a different type of clover called *Balansa*.

If the clover can get established now they will hopefully out-compete the weeds in the spring. In the last two years we have suffered from very dry spring months and waiting to sow until then means the clover can struggle. As with so much in farming, it is a balancing act. The clover is in the rotation to fix nitrogen in the soil and enables us to avoid using artificial fertilizer. Balansa is a very fast growing and vigorous variety, and we have mixed it with the more usual red clover and grasses. It will stay there for two years before we sow crops again in those fields.

Elsewhere, we have started working with a company called '*Wild Farmed*' (check out their website) who have provided us with their ancient wheat varieties. We will be following their method of sowing seed directly into grass, while continuing our organic routine of bringing grazing animals into the fields, not using chemicals and now trying to disturb the soil as little as possible. This system of grain production keeps carbon locked into the soil and helps restore biodiversity. As the Wild Farmed team say 'soil, plants and animals evolved together'. They've been developing methods in France which they are bringing to England, and are now working with a variety of UK farmers, including us, on regenerative farming techniques to produce healthy bread flour.

We will see if the Wild Farmed chosen grains will grow in the Northumberland climate and, if successful, we will grow more in the WF tried and tested manner. This will involve growing 'herbal lays' with wheat in strips, interspersed with blends of herbs, grasses and clover that are beneficial to the soil. This year we'll start by growing their wheat in some fields which will evolve into strip farming later because we'll need to assess the results and source the specific machinery.

(editor: for more info on the fascinating properties of Balansa clover see)
https://goseed.com/assets/fixation_brochure_v1.15.pdf

#DesignGreatHousing' The ingredients of good new rural housing

Annie Lloyd

Many of us are really concerned about the current quantity and quality of volume house-building in our region. Our members tell us this again and again. But speaking up on the issue is, frustratingly, sometimes dismissed as mere NIMBYism. Because it's very easy to say what we don't like, but much harder to define what we do. How do we differentiate great housing from mediocre tick-box schemes? We decided we might be able to help by making a positive case for well-designed housing that provides a range of affordable homes for local people, and is kind to the environment.

Prioritising need, location, people and planet, not profit

CPRE Northumberland's new campaign sets out to do just this. "It's something we see all the time", explained Branch Coordinator Annie Lloyd. "New rural housing applications so often have design limitations that we know could easily be improved upon, to the benefit of the community, the environment, and residents' wellbeing. We want to input more constructively, setting out what we feel are the ingredients of really great housing design."



Great housing:

- merges comfortably with its surroundings
- reinforces existing connections and creates a network of new ones
- creates integrated green/blue corridors for natural systems

Inward-looking cul de sacs

- One way in/out
- Blocks future connections
- Creates ransom strip potential
- Treats nature as an add-on

#DesignGreatHousing
Week 1: Connections
Exploring the ingredients of good new rural housing
Prioritising need, location, people and planet, not profit.



So, throughout the Autumn, the campaign is examining one theme a week, based upon the 12 principles in the *'Building for a Healthy Life'* toolkit produced by Homes England and the NHS. The group aim to engage public debate and facilitate more 'design literacy'. *"There are some really exciting concepts out there"*, explained Annie. *"If people knew a little more about them, they could demand better from housebuilders – as buyers, renters, as Parish Councillors, voters or just individuals feeling powerless about developments on their doorstep."*

Housing must meet identified need, not developer demand. We could be using tax to incentivise brownfield re-use and to discourage greenbelt proposals, empty homes, second homes and holiday rentals. We could rename affordable housing as appropriate housing to reduce stigma. We could be preventing land-banking by specifying a finite completion date for developments. And so much more.

We want to keep our green open spaces as just that – the stunning countryside that we all value for its natural peace and beauty. But where new housing does need to be provided, it is perfectly possible to build sensitive, well-designed, vibrant places with built-in qualities like sustainability, biodiversity, active transport, connectivity, green and blue infrastructure. And at their very core, a quality called 'good placemaking'. Developments need well-connected, attractive layouts that encourage people out of their cars, in favour of active, healthy and climate-conscious transport choices.

You can follow us our social media Facebook or Twitter pages, or on our website at northumberland.cprelocalgroups.org.uk Or contact Annie.CPRE@gmail.com to find out more, or to join us as a member.

Howick Art Group

Carole Robson

We meet every Monday, 9.45am - 12.15pm, in the Howick Village Hall. We welcome new members via howickartgroupnorthumberland.com
For further details, contact Carole on 576768.

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.

Embleton Carpet Bowls

John Wallis

We are UP.....and bowling! Each Thursday evening from 7p.m the Creighton Hall is full of laughter and good humour, especially when we hear the distant cry of " NOT HARD ENOUGH " as the bowl fails to reach the Jack or " TOO HARD!" when the bowl sails past the Jack. So Ladies and Gentlemen, why not come along and see if you enjoy the game? It doesn't matter if you've never played bowls before, most of us had never played before we became involved and we're all still playing. So come along , you'll never know if it isn't for you until you give it a try. We look forward to seeing you!

Attention: Club Group and Society Organisers

The editorial team are now responsible for the Embleton Community Website. We realise that it can never be perfect, but we would like to correct any glaring errors. We are particularly hoping that organisers of Clubs and Groups in Embleton and Christon Bank could check any entry that refers to them under the heading 'Clubs and Groups.' Obviously, coming out of Covid you may wish to leave things as they are until the future is clearer, but we did want to remind you that your contact details are on the site. Remember, you can check your info on our website: www.embletonnorthumberland.co.uk/publish.html

And, if you would like any changes made, just email us!

whinstone.times@gmail.com



What's On in November

- 2nd Embleton Women's Club 2pm at Creighton Hall. Contact Brenda Pilgrim on 571299. New members most welcome.
- 4th 'Help clean up Craster.' Collect bags and litter pickers, 10am in Craster Memorial Hall. Return before 12.00 for cake & a cuppa.
- 4th Craster W.I. AGM 7.15pm in Craster Memorial Hall. Please remember to bring a plate, bowl and cutlery for your pies and peas.
- 4th Rennington Village Hall 7pm, Memoir Evening. Local residents Sue & James Elliott present their recently published memoirs 'One Family Two Wars'. Followed by a chance to explore the process of memoir writing: £5 entry includes refreshments.
Details from : renningtonvillagehall@gmail.com
- 5th Embleton Bonfire Night, starts at 6pm. Wood may be left on site from Friday October 29th Please note the ponies will be returning to the field **so make sure that no glass or metal is thrown on the fire.**
- 6th Stargazing Event at Creighton Hall 6.30pm. See the article & poster within in the magazine.
- 8th Embleton Flower Club Christmas Demonstration by Heather Currie. Members free, visitors £5. Seasonal refreshments will be served.
- 9th Embleton W.I. at Creighton Hall, 2p.m. Elizabeth Horsefield will demonstrate dyeing and painting scarves. Visitors most welcome.
- 26th Rennington Village Hall Christmas Bingo. Eyes Down 7pm.
- 27th Embleton Cricket Club Christmas Bingo. Eyes Down 7.30pm.

What's On in December

- 3rd Craster W.I. Christmas Party **2pm. FRIDAY** *Please note date and time.*
- 7th Embleton Women's Club 2pm. Creighton Hall. Details from Brenda Pilgrim tel. 571299
- 11th Embleton Guides Fund raising Christmas Bingo, in Creighton Hall. Eyes Down 7.30pm.
- 13 Embleton Flower Club Christmas Workshop. Details in the Net.
- 14th Embleton W.I. Christmas Social Gathering with teas and goodies in Creighton Hall at 2pm.
- 17th Creighton Hall Christmas Bingo. Eyes Down 7.30pm.

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
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Want to visit one of our Northumberland attractions or our try a spot of lunch at our amazing restaurants but they don't allow dogs?

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