

Whinstone Times

Community magazine for
Embleton and Christon Bank



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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.

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Editorial

Welcome to the 77th issue of the Whinstone Times. We had a difficult choice for our front cover this time, our problem being the short, unique visit of a young Walrus to Seahouses (more of this story in Nature Notes). However, our final choice was both local and seasonal - an Advent Window. Alison Lee explains in her article how in lockdown last year she encouraged householders in Creighton and Mandel Place to create Advent Windows, she is doing the same this year. Well done, Alison! It has been another strange year owing to Covid and this has meant that printing and delivery of the Whinstone Times has not been easy, so we would especially like to thank the delivery team for their essential help including Sam (aged 20months!) whose picture we include later. In addition, Storm Arwen arrived. I think the pictures on page four tell their own story.

Advertising is our main revenue stream, and we owe a huge debt to our small loyal group of local businesses who support us in this way. One of these has been Jimmy of the Veggie Hut. His advert is missing in this issue as he is partially retiring. Thank you for supporting us for all this time, Jimmy. We continue to receive donations from readers. Thank you, donors.

It only remains for the editorial team of **Jan, Sarah and Tony, to wish everyone a Happy Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Year** and we hope you enjoy this issue.

Earlier editions of The Whinstone Times are available on the internet and can be accessed from our community website, www.embleton-northumberland.co.uk

Please send articles, letters, advertising or any enquiries to the Editors at our email address: whinstone.times@gmail.com or tel 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 the next edition is Thursday 3rd February 2022

NB. The editors reserve the right to alter or reject material. The views expressed are those of the contributors.

Storm Arwen

Lucia Bridgeman

(This article replaces Farming News)



The photos show some of the devastation caused by storm Arwen on the night of Friday 26 November on the Falldon Estate. There has been damage to houses and farm buildings, which can be repaired, but the loss of so many trees is the greatest sadness, in particular the oaks and beeches, which are over 200 years old. The wood at Aln's Ford, which we recently thinned (by the bridge on the way to Brunton) has been decimated.

The main reason for the tree loss is that Storm Arwen came from the Northeast, straight off the sea, in contrast to our usual prevailing westerly winds. Trees in this part of the country grow in response to the prevailing wind and so have stronger roots on the westerly side to brace against it. A three to five year project of clearing up fallen timber and replanting woods is ahead of us.

Much of the farm is supplied from a spring which rises on the neighbouring Doxford estate. The water flows through an 1890's cast iron pipe, under Doxford lake (!), below Doxford Hall and across our fields. Unfortunately, this old pipe crosses under a

wood which has now had 100s of trees uprooted. The pipe has been destroyed and there is no immediate, obvious way to repair it. Next week a drilling rig arrives to hopefully drill a bore hole at Brunton, tapping into the underground aquifers, which we expect to be about 60m down. In the meantime, we are having to drive water, in borrowed water bowsers, to the affected houses.

We have had huge help from so many people in the community. Our local Northern Powergrid engineer Adam Thompson lead a group in howling winds, in the dark, to re-establish power across the local area over a number of nights.

Readers - send in your Arwen stories and photos for the next edition and/or community website

www.embletonnorthumberland.co.uk/publish.html



County Councillor Wendy Pattison's Report for Embleton Parish

wendy.pattison@northumberland.gov.uk

Tel. 07779 983072 + Facebook – Cllr Wendy

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- Feeling lonely, overwhelmed or struggling with mental health. If you don't have family or friends nearby, please contact us and Communities Together will assist you.
- Worried about someone experiencing domestic abuse or concerned about a neighbour. Call us on 01670 620015 we are open 7 days a week from 9am until 6pm.

National Highways - A1 Morpeth to Ellingham dualling

Subject to final approval in January 2022 by the Secretary of State, work will start in Summer 2022 to dual the A1. The work will start in unison at both ends of the A1 at Morpeth and at Ellingham.

Child School Traffic Bollards



A resident has kindly sent in a photograph of the above which he saw outside a school in Nottinghamshire. These very visual child-size bollards were positioned across the front entrances to many of the schools which he drove past, both in Nottinghamshire and South

Yorkshire. They are available wearing a blue cardigan or a red one! The bollards are used as a speeding deterrent and are most certainly noticeable! They certainly do make you think!!!! Photo taken by Simon Wright

Christmas shopping tips: Stay safe when buying online

With hundreds of independent retailers in Northumberland we're sure you'll find everything you need and more for the festive season. We always recommend buying locally wherever possible, either in local shops or through their websites. When shopping online stay alert and if problems arise help can be sought from Trading Standards and the Citizens Advice Consumer Service by calling 0808 223 1133. To find out more about shopping local go to www.discoverourland.co.uk/shoplocal

Living with a Battery Electric Vehicle David & Jan Ainsley



Carbon footprint reduction is on all our minds and is a frequent news topic, especially after COP26, but how can families achieve it? Arguably a significant step would be changing from a fossil fuel car to a fully electric one. However, electric vehicles use lithium ion batteries and these involve the winning of minerals which itself is

planet threatening. That said, reputable manufacturers of batteries acknowledge this and assure their customers that their manufacturing processes together with the re-use and recycling of batteries is minimising this effect.

Against this background, about eight months ago, we ‘took the plunge’ into electric car ownership, trading in a big diesel estate for a quirky little two year old BMWi3 with a 42 amp hour battery, with a ‘real world’ range of 150 miles (you need to ignore the WTLP figures that manufacturers quote. These are purely for comparing different cars’ performance. They are lab generated and somewhat optimistic).

Anyway, our car is the most amazing fun to drive - quiet, great acceleration and an interesting if, at first, slightly disconcerting feature, that means it actually brakes when you lift your foot from the accelerator (and, by harnessing the car’s momentum, puts energy back into the battery). This is a bit like driving a dodgem and is known as “one pedal driving. “

So far, so marvellous, but what about range anxiety? To date, the range has been more than adequate for day-to-day use - plenty for a trip to Newcastle and back and acceptably fast recharging at home using our newly fitted 7.5kWh Pod Point (about £400.00 with government grant). Charge point anxiety is more of an issue, however. Our first long trip was interesting. With the help of the

Zap Map app, the journey to Wales in early summer was carefully planned - first stop Lancaster, where a Park&Ride facility, with lots of charge points, promised to be ideal. When we arrived, the Park&Ride had morphed into a COVID test centre! There were charge points, but we never did find a bus into town!

Our first attempt at using the charger at this venue wasn't instantly successful - total rookies that didn't know how to work the machine and no response at all from the BP Pulse helpline. Luckily, a council worker who was charging his adjacent electric van helped, and 40 minutes later we were on our way.

The next planned charging stop, on the return journey, was to be Holiday Inn in Chester, but road works all around meant that access was impossible. Off we went again and, with Zap Map's help, we were pleased to find a rapid and unoccupied, easy-to-use BP Pulse charger at another hotel, and a fizzy water and a packet of crisps later, we were fully charged and ready to go!

Finally a quick word on public charging. Our present car can only accept Direct Current and can charge at up to a maximum rate of 50kWh, using a so-called CCS charge point. Korean cars (Kia and Hyundai) use CHAdeMO chargers and Teslas use their own chargers. Most electric cars are supplied with 13amp charging cables which allow slow charging at home using a standard mains plug. Usually, public chargers have fixed, tethered cables. Payment for power at public chargers usually involves smartphone apps and is straightforward if more expensive than charging at home. As a rough guide one may assume that publicly available electricity costs are at least half the cost of fossil fuel at present.

Editor's Note: We hope this will be the first in a series where the community can gain from people's experiences of trying to change their lives to embrace the greener future. If you would like to contribute a page on Air Source, Solar Heating, Wind power or any way in which you are trying to adapt to present thinking we would love to hear from you. Tried to buy a light bulb recently?

Embleton WI

Jean Lawrence

Embleton WI would welcome a few new members



Embleton WI meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 2pm in Creighton Hall and would love to have a few more members to join us. Come along for a couple of Meetings and try us out - ring our President Joan Little 01665 576788 if you are

interested. For 2022 our programme of Speakers is quite varied - as follows -

January 11th - We have Ruth Bull to do a Craft Afternoon with a £3 per person charge for materials she provides.

February 8th - Rev Barry Cooper - Tales of a Prison Chaplain.

March 8th - Lady Anne Craft - Talk about her book - Matrons of the RVI (from 1752 to 1976).

April 12th - Beetle Drive with a Pie & Pea Lunch.

May 10th - Dr Ray Lowry - a well known after-dinner speaker will give us his talk Funny Bones & Wisdom Teeth.

June 14th - Deb Swift - Yoga for All - A Talk about Yoga then a short session to join in either sitting down or standing up.

July 12th - An outing to Paxton House in the Borders (bus provided) and the St Abb's Pop Up Market will be on.

August 9th - No official Meeting but an informal get-together in Dunstanburgh Castle Hotel garden for an informal "tea & scone".

September 13th - Our 104th Birthday Party - Andy Craig will entertain us with his lovely slides of Northumberland and his own songs celebrating the north-east coast.

The Parish Council (PC) is pleased to report that the bonfire and firework display was very successful and that Christmas trees have been erected and decorated in Christon Bank and Embleton. Discussions with representatives of the Methodist Church have shown that the land on which the church building stands in Christon Bank does belong to the Church. A project to establish the location of trees on land owned by the PC has been started after which their condition will be examined to ensure they do not pose safety threats. The Embleton Joint Burial Committee has agreed to erect a stock proof fence across the western end of Spitalford cemetery to prevent cattle ingress and has contracted out a safety survey of gravestones etc. to Northumberland County Council. The stargazing evening held by the quarry working group in conjunction with NASTRO was a success with over 100 people attending. Working with NCC it is hoped to reduce the light pollution in the quarry from Whinstone View street lighting. The dipping platform in the quarry has been completed and the outdoor classroom is almost finished.

The table below shows the Parish Council's forecast expenditure for the financial year 2021/22 which is in line with the original forecast made in October 2020. In the same financial year the precept was set at only £5,000 with the aim of helping those suffering from furlough or redundancy due to Covid 19. The Parish Council cannot continue to operate effectively with an income at this level and therefore will, for the year 2022/23, increase the precept to £10,000 which is still some £2,000 below forecast expenditure. As a point of reference, the precept in 2020/21 was £20,101

	Amount - £	Comment
Clerk	£3,500	Includes Responsible Financial Officer
Insurance	£1,700	Includes Play park, Quarry, Fireworks
Donations	£1,300	Includes Charities, Toilet and Fireworks
Accountancy/Finance/IT Society subscriptions	£700	
Gardening/grass cutting	£1,900	Include Play park
Play park	£500	Includes repairs
Assets	£1,000	Includes signs,seats etc.
Sundries	£500	
Total	£11,100	

Spot the Whinstone Times!



We thank Jude for sending this photo of Sam aged 20 months delivering the Whinstone Times!

Thank you also to all the rest of the delivery team.

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Dunstan Hall or Proctor's Stead

James Rose

Picture: Dunstan Hall, 1979. Malcolm Gleghorn (1932 -2009)



People, ancient buildings and their stories make our parish unique: Dunstan Hall, also known as Proctor's Stead, is one of them. Compared to its neighbouring stern, four-square peles of Craster and

Embleton, Dunstan Hall is a smaller, attractive, irregular cluster of stone masses, whose construction history is a headache-making puzzle of additions, demolitions and restorations in the medieval, Elizabethan, Jacobean and modern periods. The 12th century tower, too small to be a useful community refuge, was burnt in 1385 by marauding Scots or Reivers, after which the ground floor was stone-vaulted.

The original entrance, now blocked-in, was by ladder to the first floor, above which two massive stones project from the base of a wide opening, believed to be the remains of a garderobe, a free fall toilet formerly protected by a wooden shelter. The garderobe, or wardrobe, was allegedly also used to hang clothes, since the appalling smell would keep the moths away. The obliquely cut-off top floor with its crow step corbels contains a ducket of uncertain age, providing eggs and meat for the inhabitants.

Apart from some old stones in the lower courses, the roofs are the familiar, warm red pantiles, which partially lack sarking have daylight visible between them - waterproof but well ventilated.

Unlike Craster Tower, which has remained in the same family, Dunstan Hall has had many owners: the earliest recorded being Rainer de Dunstan in the early 1200s then from the early 14th century the Wetwang family, whose members held important positions locally. In 1598 the name Dunstan Hall is first recorded

but the whole steading was called Proctor's Stead after it was bought in 1705 by John Proctor of Rock, an early agricultural innovator, who grew turnip for livestock winter feed, reducing the autumn slaughter of surplus animals and allowing the development of quality herds. For many years after, the ground around the house was used as a market garden.

Following numerous changes of owner, the house passed in 1939 to the family that founded Merz and McLellan, the pioneering Tyneside electrical contractors, who introduced the forerunner of our national grid and built hydroelectric and other power plants. Ursula Merz restored the house and extended it on the foundations of a decayed wing to the north using stone, fireplaces, carved lintels and other features from Gloster Hill, a manor house near Amble that had burnt down in 1759. This old stone means the extension remains in keeping with the rest of the building.

It is said that Grandfather Merz, being of German origin, was never allowed to live in the house. This no doubt prevented the old man from sending Morse code flashes through the gaps in The Heugh to enemy submarines!

The Merzs, of course, introduced all the latest electrical gadgetry, notably the electric wiring, encased in magnesium oxide-filled metal tubes that by the 1990s leaked electricity into the walls making them feel 'live' to the touch.

After the war, the house was bought by my parents, J Dudfield Rose, a Newcastle surgeon, and his wife Elsie, who had stayed there as a child, when the family's usual Low Newton summer accommodation was not available. They filled the house with antiques, including a large oak Tudor four-poster bed that seemed to threaten the sagging beams above the dining room; and they reverted the name to Dunstan Hall. In retirement, my father took up weaving and had a loom winched into the attic through the garderobe window. There he wove a Northumbrian plaid for Jack

Armstrong, the Duke's piper, a mind-numbing twelve feet of black-and-white, houndstooth check plaid.

However impressive the house and the furniture, and however much affection the house inspired, it was not comfortable, suffering from inadequate heating, draughts, leaking rusty metal windows and cooking facilities at the opposite end of the house to the dining room, whose medieval fireplace filled the house with tear-making smoke just as guests arrived.

The present owner, Sir Andrew Dilnot, the Oxford academic, who wrote the still-constantly discussed report on Social Care, has modernised the building, which is now available to rent.

Several myths cling to the house, of which the most persistent is that it was the birthplace of Duns Scotus, the 13th century Franciscan theologian. In the library of Merton College Oxford, which holds the living of Embleton and where he was educated, a document is said to cite Dunstan in the County of Northumberland as his birthplace. Sadly, no such document has ever been found. However, my parents did not discourage this belief, naming the first floor room in the tower the Duns Scotus Room and furnishing it as a medieval study with statues of saints and religious carvings. Medieval drains running away in the direction of the castle probably account for the idea that there is a tunnel to it from the house. And, of course there's a ghost, thought to be of Duns Scotus but, despite my family having lived there for nearly fifty years, we saw no sign of one, until one day my six year-old daughter asked who the old lady was that she had seen on the stairs. Everyone was accounted for. No spare old ladies. However, she drew us a cowled figure with a grey 'dress'. As Franciscans wear brown habits this, we thought, eliminated Duns Scotus but in the early years of the order, apparently they wore grey as some do today. So even if Duns Scotus cannot be proven to have been born there, perhaps his spirit still clings to a house with such undeniable personality and charm.

Of Moles, migration and murder.

Where did they all come from? Every field, so many prize lawns, so many woodlands – all covered in mole hills. According to the dogs, moles were smellier and nearer the surface this year than ever before. Maybe it was the wet October and mild November leading to a feeding frenzy, before the end of November at last saw frosts and the coming of wintery conditions. They do not hibernate but dig deeper to avoid frozen ground. Bring on Winter! According to my research, natural predators are snakes, skunks and coyotes. Oh dear!



More unusual mammals were in the news. Who would ever have thought that a walrus would be seen in our waters? Mid November saw a young female (I called her Winifred) sitting on the rocks off Seahouses harbour. It is believed that she had come from the Netherlands and was on her way North having built up her blubber supplies, taking advantage of our rich waters. It is the first ever Walrus to be rescued, revived and set back on the right track. A bar-tailed godwit is believed to have set a new world record for the longest non-stop flight – over 18,000 miles from Alaska to Australia. It was heading for New Zealand but due to a storm had to reverse and do a huge detour to Australia where it briefly rested before sighting in Northumberland. Elsewhere in the world, more records have been set. An Antarctic penguin was found 1,700 miles from home in New Zealand. A walker mistook it for a cuddly

toy. It was continuing its normal annual journey. What a feat for such a small creature!

Closer to home, a young puffin from the North Sea was blown 50 miles inland and found near Wakefield. It too was rescued and



returned to the coast. Even closer, a flock of over 30 sanderlings put on a spectacular flying display at Football Hole in mid-November, wheeling and darting and swerving violently in amazing unison, for no apparent reason except perhaps the sheer joy of it. It certainly brought joy

and wonderment to the observers.

These little clockwork-like birds arrive from the high Arctic to enjoy our mild (!) winters. Several sightings of snow buntings were also recorded in and around Football Hole. One group of visitors saw a flock of at least 30 in the dunes. These are also winter visitors, probably from Arctic Scandinavia, and are quite scarce and therefore on the Amber list.

And the murder? To the horror of the watching inhabitants of Morton House, an injured collared dove was attacked by a carrion crow (obviously normally associated with eating dead things) and killed and devoured. Nature can be as brutal and ugly as it can be charming and beautiful. It's always dramatic. And drama and tragedy is what we saw at the end of November. Arwen is rather a soft, pretty name: her storm was hard, vicious and devastating. To be continued...

Thank you for writing this Peter when still without power after 10 days : Ed

Creighton/Mandell Place Street Advent Calendar

Alison Lee

None of us can forget the chaos and gloom that Covid wreaked last Christmas. Determined to bring a bit of joy, fun and community spirit to our street, I set out to organise a street advent calendar. What's that then, I hear you ask?

Well, the older readers among you may remember the traditional advent calendars of your childhood. No chocolates or Disney pictures back then, just a nativity scene with a window to be opened each day to reveal a simple picture. Would it be an angel, star, or snowman?

The street advent calendar replicates this idea on a larger scale. Twenty-four willing residents were signed up to decorate one of their house windows on a specific day of Advent.

The idea is based on 'Living Advent Calendars' which is a Christmas tradition from Sweden. That idea takes it a step further as on each day in advent a different window or door is opened at a set time each evening and a short performance, song, dance, sketch etc, given to the assembled audience. Ours was much simpler than that! No performance, just a Christmassy window decoration. For my own window, on the front cover, I wanted to represent the joy of the first Christmas. An angel blowing a trumpet of joy reaching up to the star of Bethlehem. However, the light of Christ and the joy of that first Christmas reaches across time and space and so I chose to depict the Christmas Star shining down over Dunstanburgh Castle rather than the traditional Bethlehem scene.



The residents really showed off their creative flair. Particularly impressive was one house that had a bay window made up of three windows. They cleverly thought to represent the carol 'We saw three ships ...' with a boat in each window. Other windows showed Rudolph peaking his shiny red nose over the windowsill, the family

pet dog dressed up in his finest Christmas hat, Snowmen and Snowflakes.

After the fun we had doing it last year, the residents of Creighton Place and Mandell Place are enthusiastically taking part again. What designs will people dream up of this year? Walk along the road during December and see for yourself!

Christon Bank Chapel re-opening **Elizabeth Ince**

After a period of closure during the recent lockdowns, sterling work was done by a number of volunteers in order that the Chapel could be safely re-opened. We are most grateful for all of their efforts.

As a result, Christon Bank Chapel was again open for worship on 7th. November. Further work on the Hall and committee room will enable it to be available for meetings and other events, and this will be publicised in the near future.

Services from December will be held at 4 p.m. apart from special services.

Christmas and New Year services are as follows;

December 5th, at 10.30 a.m. Circuit Service at Seahouses.

December 19th. at 4 p.m. Carol Service at Christon Bank

No Boxing Day services

January 2nd. 2022, at 4.p.m. at Christon Bank.

Thereafter services at Christon Bank Chapel will be held fortnightly at 4 p.m.

Contact: Rev. Kim Hurst 01289 306291 Norma 01665 57668

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Space for Shorebirds

Katherine Dunsford NCC

As the new year begins, we would like to take this opportunity to thank the local residents for their support throughout 2021. From assisting with the successful fledging of the ringed plover chicks on Embleton Beach, to stopping to say hello when you see us on the coast, we are extremely grateful for everything you do to help us protect our incredible shorebirds.



An oystercatcher feeding on a lugworm it has just found in the muddy sediment

Over the past few months, we have been busy on the coast talking to beach users about the thousands of shorebirds calling Northumberland their home at this time of year. Birds such as sanderling, turnstone and curlew, all which can be found on our shores in nationally and internationally important numbers. Shorebirds must feed as much as they can to keep themselves in good condition and rest to conserve their energy to give them the best chance possible of surviving the winter. Low temperatures, short days and raging seas are natural processes the birds must contend with, and a high tide in the middle of a short day will severely reduce available feeding time. It is therefore important that if you see a group of shorebirds feeding or resting, please give them plenty of space so they do not waste any of their precious energy flying away from unnecessary danger – energy which they desperately need to survive.

The northern corner of Low Newton Beach is a good place to see shorebirds, as the mosaic of muddy sediment and rocky shore make it a great place for feeding, as well as offering a safe place to roost that is free from disturbance. Seaweed is often washed up by winter storms on this section of the bay, and as it



A turnstone feeding on washed up seaweed high on the beach



A group on one of our Shorebirds for Beginners Bird Watch at Stag Rock

the sea.

Wildlife Rangers Richard and Katherine are out and about on the coast this winter showing visitors and local residents the birds and talking about just how special they are. We are also running Shorebirds for Beginners events at various locations for those interested in learning a

bit more about the life histories of the birds and want to pick up a few tips on how to identify them. Details of the events will be posted on our Facebook page (@SpaceforShorebirds), so keep an eye on there for updates coming soon!

If you see us on the coast during your visit, please stop to say hello! Thank you to you all for giving Space for Shorebirds.

Quiz for all ages:

Answers pp 26



Tales from AMG #3

Tony Brown

Behind the Scenes – Vaccine site



I hope you are all staying safe and healthy as we approach the darkest and coldest times of the year.

AMG (Alnwick Medical Group) has been at the forefront of mass vaccine provision since we were given the opportunity around a year ago.

Many of you will have attended the sites at Alnwick Cricket Club and Willowburn Sports Centre and I'd like to publicly thank everyone involved at both venues for their fantastic support. The teams there have not only supported AMG on the days we vaccinated but also helped with queries from the public when we aren't there – that's definitely an example of going the extra mile. In order to make a vaccine session happen and then run smoothly our team work back from the 'moment' the mobile phones all ping

to say we have a scheduled delivery. For instance, the message may say that we will receive 1000 booster vaccines, usually about 4-7 days before delivery.

Our clinical leads at the practice then meet asap over the internet to plan what's required.

From their initial discussions, we have an agreed action process in order to make sure we can:

Receive the delivery:

Ringfence the time out of practice for clinical leads to lead the service on the day:

Build the clinics on line so patients can book in:

Run searches on our clinical system so we text the relevant cohort:

Begin to organise the team required on the day, including vaccinators and admin team.

This has a huge effect on our usual practice staff, as we still need to do the work required to provide a primary care service.

While we will continue to deliver vaccines over the winter, AMG is in the process of recruiting a completely separate vaccine team in order to relieve the pressure from the current team and allow us to provide a local service for all.



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Embleton School

November 100 Club Winners

* Number 68 - Norma Young - £50

* Number 45 - Freda Crew - £25.

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NHS non-emergency care	111
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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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Traveline	0871 200 2233
C.A.B. Northumberland Adviceline	03444 111 444

What's On January 2022

4th Embleton Womens' Club 2p.m. Creighton Hall contact Brenda Pilgrim for details 01665 571299

6th Embleton Carpet bowls restarts Creighton Hall 7p.m. New members most welcome tel Viv Wilson 07488235624

6th Craster W.I. 7.15p.m. Craster Memorial Hall

11th Embleton W.I. 2p.m. Creighton Hall 'Craft Afternoon' with Ruth Bull. There is a £3 charge to cover the cost of materials. Details from Joan Little 01665 576788

12th Embleton Snooker Club AGM 7p.m. new members most welcome

15th Embleton School Fund raising Bingo. Eyes down 7.30p.m. Donations of prizes can be left at the school during the previous week.

What's on in February

1st Embleton Womens' Club 2p.m Creighton Hall

3rd Craster W.I. 7.15 in Craster Memorial Hall

8th Embleton W.I. 2p.m. Creighton Hall -Rev Barry Cooper -Tales of a Prison Chaplain.

You Win - We Win

Shelagh Coxon

The Northumberland lottery is an exciting weekly lottery that raises money for good causes in Northumberland -The Creighton Hall included.

Play the lottery, support Creighton Memorial Hall -it's that simple.

Tickets for the Lottery cost just £1 a week. Each ticket has a 1 in 50 chance to win a prize. Each ticket has six numbers and each number is between 0 & 9. There is a draw every Saturday night when a six digit winning combination will be picked. Prizes are given to players with tickets that match the first or last 2 to six numbers from the winning combination. Match all six and you win the jackpot, 5 matches gives you £2,000, 4 gives £250, 3 gives £25 and 2 gives you 3 extra tickets for the following week's draw.

For each **£1** ticket bought by any Creighton Hall supporter, **50p** comes back to the Hall with a further **10p** going to local good causes. 5p goes on administration costs and the rest is all prize money. To enter this lottery and help support the Hall please visit the lottery site

www.northumberlandlottery.co.uk and search for **Creighton Memorial**.

Good luck!

New Year-new activity?

Snooker Club in Creighton Hall contact Raymond Carss 01665 576589

Crafts with Company meets every Tuesday morning in Craster Memorial Hall Tel Jackie for all details 01665 571007

Pilates Class on Tuesday morning in Creighton Hall contact Tracie 07415254647

Line Dance every Wednesday evening in Creighton Hall details from Elizabeth 576154

Carpet Bowls every Thursday evening in Creighton Hall contact Viv 07488235624

Embleton Flower Club meets on the second Monday evening of the month in Creighton Memorial Hall Tel Jayne Imeson 01665 576358 for details

Embleton Womens Club meets on the first Tuesday afternoon of the Month in Creighton Hall contact Brenda Pilgrim 571299

Craster W.I meets on the first Thursday evening of the month in Craster Memorial Hall contact 01665 576305 for details

Embleton W.I meets on the second Tuesday afternoon of the month in Creighton Memorial Hall contact Joan Little 01665 576788

Quiz Answers, how did you do?

1. Black cap.
2. Goldeneye.
3. Kingfisher.
4. Crossbill.
5. Nightingale
6. Nuthatch.
7. Red kite.
8. Treecreeper.
9. Peregrine.
10. Yellowhammer.

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Christmas and New Year Hours – our bar will be open serving food and drink up to 4pm Christmas Eve and will be open from 28th December to New Years Day closing at 4pm on 1st January.

You can enquire and book a table by Telephone 01665 576111 or from our website <https://dunstanburghcastlehotel.co.uk>