

Peeptoon Post January 2023

Welcome



Hello to you Peeps! A Happy New Year to one and all and welcome to the first edition of your newsletter, as we enter the realms of whatever is meant to be for us this year.

Last year was a very hard one for the village with too many deaths of well-loved Peeps from beginning to the very end. However, as we know, death is very much part of life, and we must find ways to deal with the challenges it leaves behind.

Be thankful for all the good times you had with your loved one, not everybody gets them. Use the memories to bring some amount of comfort and peace. Family, friends and neighbours are there for you at the drop of a hat so use them too, they'd be more than happy to help out with chores or to just sit with you and listen.

Time heals, they say, but **your** grief will be on your own timescale so go with that no matter what.

Our thoughts are with all who suffered loss.

ECA Business

Santa came to the village and gave out loads and loads of selection boxes to the wee ones who came out to see him and his famous sleigh. Santa was very happy to see everyone again and asked his friends, the Podlinskis, to help him out with pulling the sleigh round the village.

There wasn't as many people out on the streets as the year before but the wee ones who did attend were absolutely gobsmacked that Santa Claus should visit Peeptoon and give them a wee gift to enjoy before the actual Christmas Day.

There are some photos on the back page for you to enjoy.



The Litter pick went ahead with only a few members doing the work.

This is a great task to come to get a blether with fellow villagers while doing something useful and worthwhile for the place. The winter winds, of course, make sure there is plenty to be picked up and the haul can be huge.

Although, when you're out and about when it's cold and wet, it seems like a thankless job, but we DO know that people are grateful for the tidy up. We thank you for your positive comments, it does the pickers good to hear them!

If you fancy coming out to help, the pickers meet on the **first Saturday of the month at the new and earlier time of 10.00am.**

Our Wee Shop



The ladies from the Bite and a Blether group enjoyed their Christmas lunch at Craig House and it was good for them to meet outside their usual haunt and get dressed up for the occasion.

There were fundraisers galore going on in the shop with raffles, tombola and lots of smiley faces of the people who won the goodies.

People from the village, and throughout the county, were extremely generous in giving to Pamela's annual Christmas Toy appeal.

Copious amounts of toys, sweets, clothes and money were given to this cause and many families in need were given the chance to bring some joy and wonder to their children at this magical time.

78 children got gifts that wouldn't normally get much.

37 families got food and vouchers.

82 children got a selection box from 🎅

62 'elders' got a Christmas present

Three of the 'elders' who were overjoyed to receive their wee gifts were:



Tom McEwen who is our most avid reader. He now delivers a copy of the newsletter to a guy he meets in Ormiston. No idea, why this man

would want to read about things going on in our village, but Tom gives it to him anyway!



June Turner, who is also a big fan of the newsletter but loves to donate to any event that benefits the wee ones of the village. June is doing fine, as you can see from this picture and was on good form when we delivered her gift.



Nettie Young, who is also doing away nicely at the moment. She doesn't get out and about as much as she used to but her fingers work very hard knitting and crocheting baby blankets and other goods to donate to good causes. Nettie and I always end up reminiscing and going back in time when we meet.

Pamela sends the biggest 'Thank You' to all who donated to each of her causes.

The garden has finally been given the go ahead and work will start mid-January, weather permitting. The much-anticipated summer house will then be erected sometime in February. You will be kept informed of the progress. Or you can go and see for yourself by passing the shop and having a nosey – don't be shy now!

Our Garage



Ian and Kevin send you all the very best. They wish you all a Happy New Year and hope to see you at some point in their workshop. They are most thankful for all the new customers they have made over 2022 and look forward to meeting more of you in this coming year.

Your village sheep send a big thank you too for all the goodies they got throughout 2022.

Our School

Melanie Collier, Principal Teacher, reports as follows:



We are so proud of all of our pupils for taking part in our school nativity. They did a fantastic job and it was so lovely to have our parents/carers and grandparents back in school to watch the show. Well done everyone.



Nursery were fantastic as sheep in our whole school nativity. It was lovely to have all our grown-ups come and watch us. We have been busy celebrating the countdown to Christmas in nursery and wish all our families a happy and safe holiday.



P1-4 had a special visit from Santa and were delighted with their early Christmas presents. They also had fun at their Christmas party, even enjoying an indoor snowball fight.



Elphinstone Primary wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Elphinstone Miners' Welfare and Social Club



Since the first meeting with the CISWO rep, Myrette Bracken, a working group of interested individuals has been formed to see if there is anything it can do to keep the doors open.

Lots of things have been investigated and options explored. There will be a meeting at the end of the month to give you all an in-depth update on what's been done and where the group is at.

Elphinstone Miners' Welfare & Social Club
5 South Elphinstone Road, Elphinstone EH33 2LN

Club Status Update

(31st January 2023 7PM)

This meeting has been organised to give an update on the financial and operational situation for the Elphinstone Miner's Welfare Club. Our next step to formally allocate new trustee and committee members.

If you would like any further information or have any questions regarding this meeting, please contact: Tracey Redpath/ Lana Taylor, Volunteer Centre East Lothian
Email: tracey@volunteereastlothian.org.uk or lane@volunteereastlothian.org.uk Phone: 01875 615 423

If you would like to join the group or commit to becoming a committee member of the Miners' Club, please come along and make your interest known. Otherwise, you can call Margo, whose details are on the back of the newsletter, and let her know or give her any questions you'd like to go to the group.

The club stayed open over the festive period, much to the delight of the weekend regulars who enjoy putting the world to rights over a pint or two.



Some of our regulars bringing in the New Year – cheers to you all!

ELPHINSTONE MINERS' WELFARE & SOCIAL CLUB

HALL HIRE 2023

We are now taking bookings for 2023
Many occasions including our popular:

- Baby showers
- 1st Birthday
- 13th Birthday party
- 18th Birthday Party
- 21st Birthday party
- Wedding reception
- And any other occasion

Please ask at the bar for further details and booking forms

PARADE

The club is an amazing venue for any of your upcoming celebrations, so get in touch for more information regarding the hiring of the hall.

This year, the club will be a hundred years old, from its time starting as the old institute. It would be such a shame to see it closing its doors. Look through the old photos on the Peeptoon Past and Present Facebook page to delve into some of the fabulous memories that have been made there.

I know times and socialising culture has changed a lot since those days, but still.....



Q. Did you hear about the Indian cook who dropped a pot of curry on his head?

A. It put him in a korma.

Q. Did you hear about the man who lost his left arm and leg in a car crash?

A. He's all right now.

A Lighter Moment

A mature lady gets pulled over for speeding....

Woman: Is there a problem, Officer?

Officer: Ma'am, you were speeding. May I see your license please?

Woman: I'd give it to you, but I don't have one. Lost it four years ago for drunk driving.

Officer: Can I see your vehicle registration papers?

Woman: I can't do that. I stole this car.

Officer: You stole it?

Woman: Yes, and I killed and hacked up the owner. His body parts are in plastic bags in the boot if you want to see.

The officer slowly backs away to his car and calls for backup. Within minutes five police cars circle the car. A senior officer slowly approaches the car, clasping his half-drawn gun.

Officer 2: Ma'am, could you step out of your vehicle please? The woman steps out of her car.

Woman: Is there a problem Officer?

Officer 2: One of my officers told me you stole this car and murdered the owner. Could you open the boot of your car, please?

The woman opens the boot revealing nothing but an empty boot. Is this your car, Ma'am?

Woman: Yes, it is. Here are my registration papers.

The officer is quite stunned.

Officer: Thank you, Ma'am. One of my officers told me that you didn't have a license, that you stole this car and that you murdered and hacked up the owner.

Woman: I bet the liar told you I was speeding too!

Belated Birthday Greetings

Many Happy Returns for the month of December go to

George Clelland, Audrey Fleming, Barry Reid, Allan Wallace and **Oor Dod** fi' the **Tower Farm**.

We hope your special day was memorable and that the year ahead will be good for you all.

Tranent Parish Church



Remember that the church runs an open house **every Tuesday** morning **between 10 and 12 o'clock** in the church hall on Church Street. All are welcome!

The Winter Hub that was being run throughout December was deemed to be a winner. An enormous thank you to every single person who gave of their time in practical, financial or prayerful ways toward the enormous success of this project.

In coordination with **Meld, Meldap, Fa'side Community Kitchen - FCK** and **East Lothian Friendly Food Network** we have all teamed up to bring a brand-new service to Fa'side. The **Fa'side Friday Recovery Cafe** will be held every Friday at Tranent Parish Church Hall from 10am till 12. Pop along for a cuppa, some food and a chat. All are very welcome.



**STARTS
FRIDAY 13 TH
JANUARY 2023**

**10 AM - 12PM @
TRANENT PARISH
CHURCH**

FASIDE FRIDAY CAFE

MAKING ENGAGEMENT MEANINGFUL

Pop in for a cuppa and food



FREE ACCESS

*Detail: Toasties/ Soup/Fresh Ingredients
Friendly staff / Local Made*

*for further information
contact laura:07843339463*

*Tranent Parish Church
Church Street
Tranent
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If you'd like to give someone a mention of any kind, give us a call or send us an email. Contact information below and we would love to hear from you - it's good to share!

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Bonus Ball Winners

Bonus ball winners for December were **Drew Wilson, Malcolm Fairgrieve, Liz Hallwood** and **Allan Wallace**.

Many thanks for playing, your donations are very much appreciated and make a huge contribution to our ECA funds.

Monthly Muse

As long as you feel pain, you are still alive.
As long as you make mistakes, you are still human.
And, as long as you keep trying, there is still hope.

Special Shout Out



To **Kenny** and **Margo Macdonald** who celebrated 44 years of marriage – not bad going! No idea how

much longer this will last though, as Margo retired at the end of December – watch this space to see how Kenny copes with this life-changing event!

Thank you for reading this edition of the Peeptoon Post

