

The Peeptoon Post August 2023

Welcome



Hello Peeps! Welcome to the August edition of your newsletter. We hope this finds you all well as we are supposed to be in the throes of the lazy, hazy days of summer – it must be an Indian summer we're getting this year! Let's get right into what's been happening over the last month.

I thoroughly enjoyed all the catch-up blethers I had whilst delivering last month's edition. It was great to see you all.

ECA Business

As it says at the top of your newsletter, it is August. In the ECA calendar, that can only mean one thing – the village fair day comes a-calling.

The fair is planned for **Saturday, 26th August**, and the set up will be a wee bit different this year.

The school playground will not be accessible until 12 o'clock, when the fair will open. **Cost for the kids is £2.50 per child.** They will get an armband to wear and they will receive a beefburger or a hotdog with a drink and unlimited access to all things in the playground.

The fancy dress competition will take place on the grassy area opposite the school this year and we have put in an order for a dry day with the bonus of some sunshine.

The fancy dress will start at 11 o'clock so please be on time. Judging will be finished for half past 11 so that we can follow the pipe band round the village and back into the school to start our afternoon of fun.

Our 2023 fair will start at 12 noon and we have everything in place for a great day. All we need is for you to turn up and support it. This is never a big ask as people come from far and wide to enjoy a great family day out, so we look forward to seeing you there.



For the wee ones, we have the usual bouncy contraptions which keep them entertained all day long – we wouldn't really need to supply anything else for them to be happy. But, of course, we do.



Ron Ray will be joining us to entertain with his amazing skills of magic. He also does weird and wonderful things with balloons which the wee ones love and can take home with them.



This is always very popular with kids of all ages. Pure escapism for all who try – will you give it a go this year? We dare you!

There will be face-painting, giant Connect 4 and Jenga, barbeque, fancy dress competitions and lots of fun and frolics.



Kenny Campbell and his merry band of pipers will lead us round the village in style after the judging of the fancy dress parade.



Radio Saltire are joining us on the day to keep the atmosphere light and upbeat. Got anything you'd like to be played especially for someone at the fair? Let them know and Saltire, too, shall supply the magic.



We invite you all to be creative and get dressed up for our fancy dress competition. We didn't have many participants last year so see what you can do for this one. Have a rake in your wardrobes to see what you can put to good use for a costume. We have prizes for the best.



In the evening, we are hosting a disco and Robert from Mobile Sounds Disco will be doing the honours for us again this year. What he did for the kids last year was just awe-inspiring.

The disco is on for the whole of the evening with the first two hours being dedicated to the kids. This will be between **7 and 9pm**. After that the floor is yours big people! Please come and help the wee ones put a great finish to the end of a great day. We promise to keep them in order so that you, too, can have a great time dancing the night away.



Members of the ECA will be coming to your doors soon to

sell raffle tickets. We have some great prizes for you to pick up, if you happen to be a lucky winner.



We will also be running our usual tombola stall. This is always very well attended as people try their luck to get a number ending with a five or a zero. If you have any unwanted gifts lying around your home, just taking up space, we would love to take them off your hands for our stall. We will happily collect from your home, too. Thank you.



A wee bit of disappointing news regarding the fair is that **Boo, Flo, Willow** and **Nibs** won't be attending this year. Unfortunately, East Lothian Council had far too many hoops to jump through, that it just wasn't feasible. Thank you, Kelly, for offering to bring them, though. I'm sure they would have been well petted by everyone on the day.

Litter Pick



Our litter pickers are still hard at it on the **first Saturday of every month**. If you'd like to join us, please just turn up at **10 o'clock** – you would be warmly welcomed.

Our Wee Shop



Pamela from our shop reports:

Our summerhouse is open for teas and coffees on Wednesdays and Thursdays and a warm welcome awaits. If you haven't already been, please pop in – especially if

you're feeling isolated. I guarantee that you will feel at ease and have a lovely time.



Our walking group is up and running (or should that really be walking!) again after a long spell away. The group meets every second Wednesday in the month at the shop at 9.30am. The return is back to the summerhouse for refreshments, and all are welcome. The next walk will be on **23rd August** and every fortnight thereafter. Mark it onto your calendar if you fancy giving it a go.



We have a free pantry in the shop. If you are in need, please come in and take, from our stock, the things you could use. No referral is required for this. However, we can also refer you to the foodbank, should you require this service.

TESCO We also have a delivery of free food from Tesco on a **Wednesday morning**. The delivery is usually left outside at the front of the shop, weather permitting. Again, feel free to come and get some products. **Due to demand, this is limited to four items per family.**

The shop has had a wee makeover and is looking nice and fresh. Thank you for your support and understanding while this was being done. If we haven't seen you for a while, come in and have a wee look.

Our Garage



Our guys at the garage are busy and, although Martin is supposed to be heading off to

Dunbar to do his thing there, Kevin is there more times than not. Wonder if he's yearning for the sights, sounds and smells of the seaside and going to go there himself and leave Martin with us?! Time will tell.



Young Charlie is doing well and enjoying work at our garage and is learning loads. He was telling me that he will soon be doing all the bits and pieces required for his Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award – wow, go Charlie Barley.



The Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme is an international award and has been running for sixty years now. It is a development framework used by organisations who work with young folks between the ages of 14 and 24. The award empowers young people to learn and grow through non-formal education whilst working towards a globally recognised accreditation.

I believe the D of E award is quite a prestigious one and, should young Charlie be successful, he will be invited to the Palace of Holyroodhouse to receive his reward by a member of the Royal family. He'll probably be asking me to curtsy when I visit them after that – oh dear – there may be trouble ahead!

I'm sure you will all join me in wishing Charlie all the best for this. I'll need to quiz him, so we'll know what he's actually done to get this far. Good on you, Charlie!

Elphinstone Miners' Welfare and Social Club



We have good news to report from the club. After the resignation of three trustees, we had to hold an Emergency

General Meeting of the members to see if anyone would come forward to fill the vacancies.

I am happy to inform you that the committee now consists of like-minded people who want to do the best they can to get the place up and running and doing well.

Your current committee members are:

Jacqueline Cochrane **Chair**
Moira Taylor **Vice Chair**
Jo Barron **Treasurer**
Margo Macdonald **Secretary**
Doreen Chambers
Jean Goldsmith
Colette Ross
Derek Small
Mark Riding
James Fleming
Pamela McKinlay
Peter Fairgrieve

Pamela and Peter have been taken on as advisories due to their vast wealth of knowledge and connections.



Pamela, of course, can keep us right and give guidance on how to actually run a charity and keep us on the right track with what we should and shouldn't be doing in that regard.



Being the longest serving member of the club, Peter, knows the ins and outs of running the place and is more than happy to keep a young(ish) crew in check with what they should be doing regarding memberships and all aspects of the constitution. He's making his presence felt already!

We have events and functions booked in, which is great, and we look forward to seeing you there. If you have a special occasion coming up, consider celebrating in the club. It really is a great space to host your friends and family.



Remember, too, that we have a bowling green if you ever fancy taking up a new hobby. It might be a wee bit late for this year but come and check it out anyway, in preparation for the next one. The guys who play are very patient, should you want to have a wee trial and get tips to help you out with how to play.

Here's to better times within the club, which is a hundred years old this year. That's pretty amazing, isn't it? We are planning a celebration later in the year and will keep you posted on that.



Can we ask that when passing the club, you have a wee peek over to make sure there is nothing untoward going on?

Last week, an incident was brought to our attention and subsequently reported to the police. A lovely black 3-series BMW was seen parked outside the club at 3 o'clock in the morning. Two people were seen shining torches around the building before going round the back towards the bowling green.

Now, it could have been some very helpful and friendly supporter of the club doing a random check on the property for us, but the police didn't seem to think so. The registration number that was noted had been transferred so didn't match the car.

Please be vigilant and phone 999, should you see anything suspicious in your village. Thank you!

Our Primary School



The new school term is underway again so we will get their news in the next newsletter on how the new starts are settling in. The school will be down by a fair bit pupil wise as the leaving class

this year was a big one. We wish the leavers all the very best and a speedy transition into 'big school' and a new era of their lives.

Youth Club



Youth club will be starting up again soon now that the school term is in action. We will keep you informed of when that will be and what the wee

ones get up.

Don't you ever wish you were wee again when you read about what they get up to? I can't wait to hear about their adventures.

Kids Korner



Q. What did the pig say on a hot day?

A. I'm bacon.

Q. Where did the music teacher leave his keys?

A. In the piano.

Belated Birthday Greetings

Many Happy Returns for the month of May go to **Moira Taylor, Stuart Mackenzie, Colette Ross** and **Steven Hogg**.



Moira Taylor, we hope your special **65th birthday** was a good one for you and wish you all the very best and everything good for the next year.

Special Shout Out

To **Peter Murray** – wishing you all the best Peter. Take it easy!

Obituary

We pass on the sad news of Ella Robertson's death and send condolences to Libby and Kevin Hutton and their family. We also remember June Turner who was great friends with Ella and they enjoyed many a day out together for lunch dates. And not forgetting Ian Thomson (Biffo) who spent a lot of time with Ella over the past couple of years during her time of deteriorating health and who will miss her terribly.



June and Ella on one of their lunch trips

Within our hearts,
the ones we love
are never really gone—
In spirit and in memory,
their legacy lives on.

Thank You



To Janie Armstrong who has been giving us amazing bunches of flowers from her garden to hand out to people who might need a wee bit of cheering up. The flowers have been most gratefully received by many and are always very well admired and commented upon.

Janie's talent for putting together amazing displays is awe-inspiring. She obviously has a natural talent. It is always a particular joy to be able to pass on her creations to our villagers. Thank you, Janie!

A Lighter Moment

Jane walked past her local pet store every day on her way to work. And every day a parrot, placed in a cage out front, says to her, "Ma'am, you're ugly!"

Well, Jane let this pass for a while but it began to irritate her. So, naturally, she thought the best course of action would be to speak with the store owner.

On hearing her story, the pet store owner was extremely embarrassed and apologised to her. He then reprimanded the parrot and promised Jane it would not happen again.

However, the very next day as Jane walked past the store, once again the parrot said to her, "Ma'am, you're ugly!"

Well, Jane was very upset by this and immediately threatened the pet store owner with a lawsuit, if it happened again.

Naturally, the last thing he needs is a lawsuit filed against him, so now he's not happy either.

He takes the parrot into the alley at the back of the store where there's a skip and he says, "Now you listen to me, buddy! You tell that lady she's ugly one more time and I will break your neck and throw your body into that skip. Do you hear me?"

The parrot nods and the pet store owner takes it back out the front.

The following day as Jane walks past the front of the store she stares at the parrot, and she hears nothing.

Jane smiles and walks on, but as she's disappearing into the distance, she hears the parrot behind her say, "Ma'am, you know what I'm thinking!"

Things You Might Be Interested In

Tranent and Elphinstone Community Council

will be hosting a meeting on **Tuesday, 15th August**, at **7pm** in the Tranent Day Centre at Sanderson's Wynd. All are welcome.

Monthly Muse

Happiness is **not** the absence of problems. It is the ability to deal with them. **Lao Tsu**

If you'd like to give someone a mention of any kind, give us a call or send us an email. Use the contact information below and we would love to hear from you - it's good to share!

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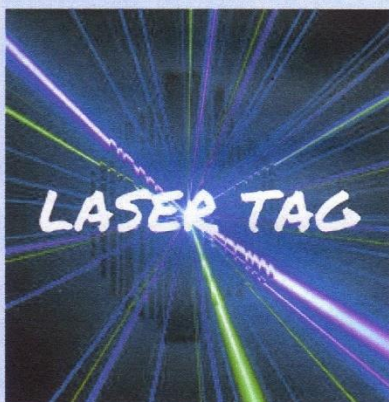
Elphinstone Village Fair

Saturday 26th August

Elphinstone Community Centre
from 11am to 3pm

At the fair will be:

Radio Saltire broadcasting live, Bouncy Castles, Tombola Stall, BBQ, Fancy Dress Competition, Face Painting, Connect 4, Jenga and lots of fun.



will be back by popular demand, so come and join the long queue to test your skills!



Everyone is welcome so come along and have some fun, fun, fun!