

The Peeptoon Post June 2019

Welcome



Hello Peeps! Welcome to the June edition of the village newsletter and we hope it finds you all well.

Elphinstone Community Association Business

The play park in Buxley Road is up and running and doing a great trade with lots of kids trying out the equipment.



We, at the ECA, are absolutely gobsmacked that this has come to completion in just over a year from start to finish.

I'm sure it was in March last year that the first mention of the dilapidated state of the park was brought to the attention of the ECA. An application for funding was sent to the Local Housing Partnership and an invitation to present our case was accepted and attended by a young ECA member from Macfarlane Court. As a young mother of three, she put a compelling case before the panel as to why the village should have a brand new park rather than repairs or cast offs from other districts. Funding was approved!

Ideas and recommendations were taken from villagers at an ECA meeting as to what they would like to see in the park and the children

were very specific with amazing drawings of the equipment they wanted to have.

After seeing all the wants and wishes, Dougie Fox, the Amenity Technician for the Council, made up three designs for villagers to check out. The designs were also taken into the school for each of the kids to vote for their favourite one. There was an outstanding winner and that is what has been put into place for the wee ones.

Dougie was there to oversee the project at every opportunity and everything went very smoothly. You'll remember the play park crew of Tommo, Colin and Gary, who carried out the demolition of the old park and the assembly of the new one with great passion and gusto for the kids.



Great job guys - well done. The kids love it!

If you haven't already been down to have a look, it really is well worth it so scoot past when you have time to get out for a wee dauder.



Mrs Alison Cameron, headmistress of our school, attended May's ECA meeting and expressed her wish to build a closer relationship between the ECA and the school's Parent Council. I think this

is great as we'll, hopefully, get to hear what the wee ones get up to in school terms throughout the year.

Mrs Cameron had one issue of concern on the night and gave us this statement to pass on to you.

We are very lucky in Elphinstone to have a fantastic school playground where children can play out of school hours. This is very important for our community. Many of our families enjoy using the playground frequently, always showing respect towards the resources and environment. Unfortunately there have been a few incidents over the last few months where the playground has not been treated as well as we would expect. It is really important that we remind our children and teens that the open playground is a privilege and that it must be treated with respect if we want this to continue. I'm sure we all want to keep this wonderful resource for our children and families for years to come.

Shopping in Peeptoon



Things still going really well for Pamela and her crew. The shop has times when it is all go with not a moment to draw breath and others when it's quiet enough to let them get on with organising products around the shelves.

I've been in a few times when both Malcolm and Ben have been hard at work.

The shop is looking great, I must say, with the way Pamela has it set up. Lots of variety with the things that people are selling over and

above Pamela's regular stock of fruit, vegetables and other expected daily consumables and readable materials.



The Red Box Project

The Red Box appears to be coming into its own now with more use, so that's great news. Keep in mind that donations to this cause will be gratefully received.



The community larder continues to be used regularly and this is exactly why the scheme was put into place so, again, this is good news.

A couple of weeks ago, Pamela posted a comment on Facebook regarding her new-found community village. This was the order of events on ONE particular morning.

Two neighbours came into the shop to offer the use of their driveways as staff often struggle to get parked in the morning.

A customer visited the shop to donate a large bag of food for the community larder and biscuits for the walking group.

Next on the list was a large plate of birthday cake for all the staff and volunteers on duty.

And, finally, someone offered to weed the area at the front step and spray it since they didn't have the tools to do it.

Pamela stated that these are but a few examples of all the kind gestures that have been shown to them since they came to the village and she appreciates them all. She feels extremely privileged to be part of such a wonderful community and sends out the biggest 'Thank You' to everyone.

Well done, Peeps. It's great to hear that Pamela is getting payback for the things she has put into place for the benefit of the

people of our village - keep up the good work!

The shop also welcomed some visitors through their doors.



L-R Marion Ritchie, Pamela, Scott Glynn, Martin Whitfield MP, Councillor Colin McGinn



Scott Glynn and Marion Ritchie having a peek in the fridges they helped the shop to buy.

Apparently, all the visitors just came along to have a look at how the shop was doing. It was a good visit and some of you managed to have a wee blether with them, so that was good too.

I'm sure you would have let the visitors know how thankful we all are to have to shop running as well as it does.

The Walking Group



I really MUST go and meet up with the folks from the walking group. I'm intrigued to know how they decide which route they'll take on any given day. Or do they have a set rota of walks that they follow from week to week?

Also, what do they talk about when they're out and about - apart from the weather, of course. I would imagine that would be the first subject to loosen the jaws of everyone who's taking part.

Then, at the end of the route, how good is the Roots and Fruits customer service when it comes to dishing out the refreshments and biscuits? Well, isn't that the highlight of the jaunt? The walkers meet on **Wednesdays at 10 o'clock**. The routes are varied and not at all strenuous (unless you want to bomb along at your own break-neck speed) but will do you the world of good.

Why not try them out? It could be the first step to putting you well on the way to a healthier lifestyle and great habit.

The Garage

We have no news to report from Ian, Kevin and Nicholas over at the garage. We will, however, be getting an update report in the next newsletter. Can you



believe it's a year already since the guys took over from Phil and Kirsty at the garage? Unbelievable! Look out for that report then in the July edition to hear how things have gone for them so far.

Elphinstone Miners' Welfare & Social Club



There are no planned events for the next month. However, the club appears to be

making a name for itself as a venue for private functions. Over the past wee while there have been many varied parties for kids to hen nights, all with great success and rave reviews for the customer service and friendliness of the staff.

So, if you have an event coming up, keep this in mind! Get in touch with the club directly on **01875 610562** or via their Facebook page. Replies are always very quick so you won't be left hanging around waiting and wondering.



Remember, too, that there is a breakfast club available to anyone who fancies a wee treat after taking the dogs for a walk round the railway.

Breakfast is served on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. With great food and super prices it would be rude NOT to!!!

ELPHINSTONE MINERS' WELFARE AND SOCIAL CLUB
SOUTH ELPHINSTONE ROAD
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BREAKFAST MENU
MONDAY TO FRIDAY
9.00AM – 12.30PM

BREAKFAST:-	TAKE AWAY OR SIT IN
Bacon, Egg (Fried or scrambled), Beans, Square Sausage or Link, Haggis, Black pudding, Tomato, Toast or a Roll	£3.00
FILLED ROLLS:-	TAKE AWAY OR SIT IN
Any of the above (single filling)	£1.00 (Rolls from the village shop)
Any of the above (double filling)	£1.50 (Rolls from the village shop)
Scrambled Egg on Toast (Sit in only)	£1.00
Beans on Toast (Sit in only)	£1.00
BEVERAGES:-	
Tea	£0.50
Coffee	£0.50
Milk	£0.50
Cans (Coke, Pepsi, Irn Bru, Fanta)	£1.10

I was asking Ivan if there were any plans to do something with the area to side of the club where the old park used to be. Nothing yet, apparently, apart from sowing more grass as it's a bit patchy.

If you have any suggestions as to what could be done with the site, fire them into the club the next time you're passing or post them on the club's Facebook page.

Youth Club



Youth club never take long to get things swinging into action and already the kids have been down at the new park trying out all the new equipment. Everyone was most impressed and they didn't want to go back to base once they were there.

As well as play, though, they have also been very busy helping to assemble a very long and complicated course for the **2019 Mini Mudder Event**. We should have some photos of the event in the next newsletter so you can look forward to that. I followed the wee ones on the course last year and it was gruelling - poor wee mites. They all did a great job though and were really please to get to the burn at the end and have a fun cool off time in the water.



Still outside, the youth club kids did some good, old-fashioned foraging for things to eat. I don't think their

haul was very exciting with nettles and berries and stuff but I think they were pretty impressed with all the medicinal uses a lot of plants can be used for.



They are also in the process of making model volcanoes to carry out some scientific experiments. Needless to say, they can't wait

for **that** to happen! If you know any kids in P4-7 who would like to try youth club out, then send them along on **Thursdays**, in term time, **from 6 till 7.30** at the **Community Centre**. There is a cost of **£1.00** per visit.

For more information get in touch with **Megan** or **Amanda**, whose numbers are on the back page of the newsletter.

Messy Church



Please note that there will be **NO** Messy Church in the village until further notice. Thank you.

Sport in Peeptoon - Bowling



Well, it's still very early into the bowling season and not much to report at the moment.

The senior team are doing well and are top of the league, which is great for them.

There's no news yet of coaching sessions for the wee ones but I'm sure there's something in the pipeline for them. Hopefully, there will be news on that in the next newsletter. In the meantime, check out with the younger members of your families who would like to take up the sport so that they are ready to go when the call comes.

Take them along to watch the adults playing their matches so they can see how exciting it can be to be involved. Or step onto the green yourself and have a go too. What's the worst that could happen?

Funds raised at a Race Night in May amounted to over £700, so this will be put to very good use within the bowling group. Good work guys! And if you feel now you'd like to give us all the gory details, we'd love to hear from you so do get in touch.

Christian Aid Week



This year the village donated **£276.68** to this very worthy cause. The total collected for Elphinstone and Tranent was **£698.28**.

We send a huge 'Thank You' to all who donated to the tins.

Peeptoon Birthdays



Birthdays celebrated last month were **Ryan Scott, Natasha Murphy, Tam Ward, Audrey Turner, Margo Macdonald** and **Robert French**.

Belated Happy Birthday wishes to you all and hope your special day was memorable for all the right reasons!

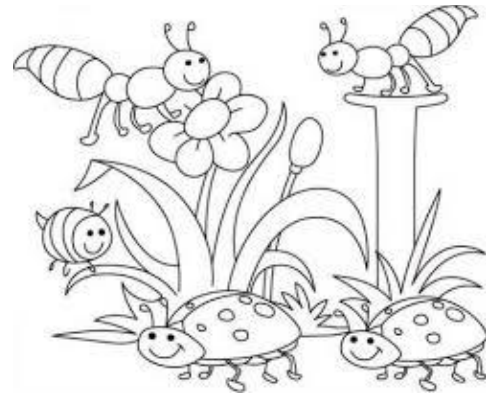
Special Shout Out

Betty Blair, has had a few days in hospital due to infection in her system. She has fought back though and is back to her ain wee hoose and everything familiar. Stay well, Betty!

Whilst out and about doing deliveries last month I bumped into a few folk, as usual, and two of those people were **Nicola Cuthill** and her baby son, **Toby**. I was chatting to neighbour **Dave Hogg**, who lives a stone's throw away from Nicola and I was telling her how dangerous I thought her front step was for old folk like me delivering newsletters. I felt I was at risk of putting a hip out of joint trying to get up the step or knocking one out on the way down in a fall. Nicola didn't appear to be too fussed about my concerns but Toby seemed to be making more sympathetic noises as they left.



Kids Korner



- Q.** What's the best thing about Switzerland?
A. I don't know but its flag is a big plus!
- Q.** How does a cucumber become a pickle?
A. It goes through a jarring experience!

Events You Might Be Interested In

Elphinstone Community Association is hosting a meeting on **Monday, 17th June, at 7pm** in the **Community Centre** if you fancy coming along to give us some suggestions on what we could be doing for the village. It would be great to see you.

Tranent and Elphinstone Community Council is hosting a meeting on **Tuesday, 18th June**, in **Tranent Day Care Centre, Sanderson's Wynd** at **7pm**. All are welcome.

Monthly Muse

No matter how many mistakes you make or how slow your progress, you are still way ahead of everyone who isn't trying.

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

Contact numbers

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Megan Houchin	07971 912886
Stuart Mackenzie	07745 310705
Margo Macdonald	01875 612914

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Anyway, later on in the day, I received a photo of the sympathetic Toby looking through the newsletter trying to decide if it was actually worth my while putting my life at risk to deliver the Post to his home. By the look on his face I might be seeing a sign on the gate saying 'Dinnae bother comin' in, Hen!'

Dave, it was good to get a really good catch up with you - hope this finds you well!

North Elphinstone Steading

No news from North Elphinstone this month. I was asking Daniel if their wee community had been up to anything but everything was pretty routine over there.

There were, however, two residents who had taken part in the recent Edinburgh Marathon to raise some funds for charity. One of residents did the full course and the other did the half course. Unfortunately, they were both too shy or modest about coming forward to give us photos and details of their day. We would like to say a very big 'Well Done' to you both on a great achievement!

Well done, too, to any other participants who took part in the event.