

# Circular from Ulgham Parish Council and the UVA

## September 2021

**Reminder: please ring any of the telephone numbers in this circular if help of any kind is required. Local deliveries of food are still available from some suppliers.**

There will be a gradual opening up of activities held in the WI hall as government guidelines permit. Further details will be given as and when they are available.

- **Village Picnic August Bank Holiday Monday** - after some debate this was cancelled due to wet weather and apologies to anyone who still made their way to the playing field. There have been requests to reschedule it sometime in the next few weeks so it could be rearranged for some time in October again depending on the weather. A definite decision will be made and will be included in the next newsletter.
- **Celebrating 106 years of The Women's Institute**- an open day on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> September. Ulgham WI Hall will be open 10.30 am - 4pm for tea, coffee and biscuits. Exhibits of the history of Ulgham Women's Institute formed in 1924 and Crafts will be on display. Do come along for a cuppa and a chat!! We are combining this day with a fundraising event in the hall hosted by Pauline Martin, a cake sale in aid of McMillan Cancer Support. Our village was so generous last year when Pauline hosted this in her garden raising £770. Let's try and beat that!! Donations of cakes and savouries would be much appreciated. Contact Pauline for more details tel.790721, email - pmartin0553@gmail.com
- **Attention All You Crafters** - why not come along to Ulgham WI Hall on Tuesday 14th September and after that the second Tuesday of each month, 200pm-4.30pm. Bring whatever craft project you are working on, Machine sewing, Knitting, Crochet, Paper Craft, Painting etc. Enjoy spending time with other crafters, cost is £3.00 per person. Tea and Coffee will be available. No tuition provided but we can share tips and advice!! Hope you can join us Happy Crafting!!
- **Rendezvous** - every Wednesday, WI Hall 10am-12 Noon. All welcome for coffee and a catch up as lockdown eases. Although most COVID 19 restrictions have been lifted we will still observe social distancing and carrying out cleaning regimes before and after each session. Please bring a

mask if it makes you feel more comfortable when meeting others indoors. Table Tennis and Dominoes are back!!!!

- **Sunflower Competition** - please ring Avril and Tony 790305 if yours is flowering and you would like to have it measured. Last date for measuring is 23<sup>rd</sup> September.
- **St. Johns Church** - Services are now taking place every Sunday at 11am from now on, for any further information please ring Pamela Lamb tel. 790064.
- **Indoor Bowls** - will be starting again soon in the WI Hall - if you would like to come along and have a go then please get in touch with Avril and Tony, Tel, 790305. You will be given a warm welcome.
- **Art Classes** – A new village resident is offering Art Classes in the WI Hall if anyone is interested. Please could you contact Michael Toole on 01670 791843.
- **Hanging Baskets** - thank you to everyone who has watered baskets throughout the summer. It is a big commitment and they have looked lovely. Thanks to Sheila Caisley's choice of plants and foliage. They will be taken down sometime in the next couple of weeks.

- ***WE ARE SINGING AGAIN***

Ashington & District Male Voice Choir has started to rehearse again after the long Covid lock down. Good news after such a long lay-off. Rehearsals resumed on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> August at the Stakeford & Bomarsund Welfare but still recognising the need for some safeguarding conditions. ADMVC is a community choir which many local and regional charitable organisations have benefited from by putting on concerts by the choir. The members also enjoy the social life created through meeting for rehearsals and membership is open to all gentlemen. No auditions nor the requirement to read music just the wish to enjoy singing. Prospective members are given a six week 'trial period' for them to see if choral singing is for them. Our aim is to provide the opportunity for gentlemen of all ages to enjoy a pleasurable activity. Science has also proven that SINGING IS GOOD FOR YOU, so gentlemen of Ulgham you are welcome to give singing a go and you might find that at a later date you're singing in a concert in Ulgham or at The Sage. If you are interested you can contact Rob Brind on 790169. Further information is also available on the website, [www.ashingtonmalevoicechoir.org](http://www.ashingtonmalevoicechoir.org).

- **Electronic copies** - we all need to do our bit for the environment and cutting down on printing is one way that we can help. If you have an email address and would like to receive an electronic copy, please send a mail to Barbara Chandler at [barbaramchandler@outlook.com](mailto:barbaramchandler@outlook.com) and include your

postal address so that we can take you off the paper distribution list.

Thank You.

- **Mobile Library** - The Forge Estate 2 -2.30pm, 17<sup>th</sup> September
- **Defibrillator** - The village has a defibrillator on the front of the WI Hall which is checked weekly. If there is a medical emergency in the village that involves using the emergency service 999, an assessment will be made by the operator as to whether it is appropriate to use the defibrillator and the code to access it will be given. They will also automatically send an ambulance. Once activated the defibrillator will talk you through how to use it.
- **Neighbourhood Watch** - if you notice anything or anyone acting suspiciously, please report it to the police by telephoning 101 or Veronica Duffield, our Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator on 790829. **Andrea Teasdale of Neighbourhood Policing (Rural) Northern** is hoping to visit during Rendezvous (10am - Noon) on Wednesday September 15<sup>th</sup>. Please come along and meet her.
- **Community Foundation** - We award grants to groups and individuals to support a wide range of causes in Tyne & Wear and Northumberland, and across North East England. Our grants come from nearly 300 different funds set up by generous people and organisations. We know that applying for funding can be difficult, so we try to make it as straightforward as possible. if you have any questions, please get in touch. We can also suggest ways you can get help and support with applying. The next round of funding will be decided in September so if you are thinking of applying then do so asap. **Contact details below.** The Community Foundation has a number of funds which have been set up to make a difference by helping **individuals** in the community. These funds are particularly targeted towards young people leaving care, those in education and those developing talents in the arts, sports and science. Anyone who is on an apprenticeship scheme has expenses to meet then the community foundation may be able to help so please get in touch. No two funds are the same, so we match eligible applications from organisations to each fund's interests. If you have any questions about applying, you can call us on 0191 222 0945 or email [general@communityfoundation.org.uk](mailto:general@communityfoundation.org.uk). Community Foundation, Philanthropy House, Woodbine Road, Gosforth. Newcastle upon Tyne NE3 1DD.

- **Problems in the village** - A reminder to anyone who wishes to report potholes or fly tipping etc. please use the link to the County Council's website [www.northumberland.gov.uk](http://www.northumberland.gov.uk) All of the relevant information is on their home page, or Tel. 0345 600 6400 or please get in touch with a member of the Parish Council. Also, Coronavirus information available at <https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/coronavirus.aspx>
- **Village Website** - the address for the village website is [ulgham.org](http://ulgham.org). Northumberland is part of a government pilot scheme to increase the speed of broadband. 'Project Gigabit' means that available speeds will rocket to more than 1,000 megabits or one gigabit per second.
- **Ulgham Village Cricket Club** - the season has started again but with restrictions linked to covid. For dates of matches please get in touch with Colin Tait Tel. 07966914715.
- **The Parish Council** would like to thank everyone who has been kind neighbours and cared for the village/parish environment during a long and difficult lockdown. **Reminder of Contact Details: Parish Councillors - Jim Scott 790636, Helen Shaw 790170, George Brown 790465, Lesley Newman 07717841474, Debbie Wilson 221346, Chair of the UVA Helen Dunn 791849, Paul and Pauline Martin 790721.**  
These contacts cover all of the village, Ulgham Grange and the surrounding area and are available for anyone who needs help in any way.