

EGGLESCLIFFE & EAGLESCLIFFE COUNCIL

NEWSLETTER

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ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

This year the Annual Meeting of the Parish Assembly will be held on
Thursday 21st April at 7.30pm

In Egglecliffe Community Centre on Durham Lane.

Councillors will report on the work of the Council during the past year; you will have the opportunity to put questions to the Councillors and to air your views on any topic which concerns you.

Egglecliffe Village and Eliff's Mill allotment awards for 2010 will be presented at the meeting

The meeting will be followed by the Chairman's Social Evening and you are cordially invited to join us for light refreshments and a chance to chat informally with your Councillors



STOCKTON ON TEES PARISH ELECTIONS

If more than 13 candidates put their names forward, on the 5th of May this year, all residents 18 years of age and over and on the electoral roll for

Egglecliffe & Eaglescliffe Council will be invited to vote for up to 13 candidates for Egglecliffe & Eaglescliffe Council.

At the same time as voting for your Parish Councillors you will also be invited to vote for your representatives on the Borough Council and the Referendum on the Alternative Vote System.



YARM & EAGLESCLIFFE AREA ACTION PLAN

Last year Stockton Council brought an abrupt end to work on the plan which was conceived to preserve the character of Egglecliffe and Yarm.

In view of the Localism Bill currently going through parliament, the work carried out for the Yarm and Egglecliffe Area Action Plan can be used as the basis for a 'Neighbourhood Plan' for the area.

Campaigners intend to petition Stockton Borough Council to take the necessary steps to enable this and need 2000 signatures to force a debate.

If you are interested in helping to preserve the character of your parish, watch out for the petition in local shops and businesses.



EGGLESCLIFFE & EAGLESCLIFFE COUNCIL BUDGET

This year your Council was conscious of the financial pressures on so many people when it decided how much to require Stockton Council to collect from households in this civil parish as part of their Council Tax.

After costing the services and overheads of Egglecliffe & Eaglescliffe Council and the 2011 election, it was a question of how much could be afforded for work on further play areas (following on from the new St Margaret's Play Area in 2010) and other improvements.

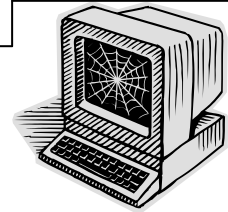
On your behalf it was decided to budget for £73,508 for the year ending 31st March 2012, a 1.01% reduction on the previous year. This means that a Band D household will pay £23.90 for Parish Council services out of a total Council Tax of £1497.24 in 2011-12.

Full details will be available at the Parish Meeting on April 21st or on request to the Clerk.

New Council Web Site !

at

www.egglescliffeand eaglescliffe-pc.org.uk



The old Council web site had become difficult to update and maintain, so your Council has launched a new, improved web site.

The new site already includes contact details for the Clerk and Councillors. Agendas and Minutes of Council Meetings will be published soon and we shall be adding other reference documents under our Freedom of Information Policy as time permits.

Other new features include local Traffic News, Weather and Maps.

Why not log on and find out more about your Parish Council?

EAGLESCLIFFE FOREST SCHOOL

Formerly known as The Admiralty Site Ecology Group , the group has, after 15 years, moved to a new forest at Marshalls Limited on Durham Lane.



The Forest is owned by Marshalls and leased by the group now known as Eaglescliffe Forest School and will continue to be run as before i.e. taking schools and various organisations in woodland discovery and bush craft. The bad weather in December has put them several weeks behind their planned schedule, however they are catching up and plan to open at the beginning of May this year.

Maxine and her team hope to see all of their past visitors and of course new groups will always be welcome.

For more information or to book a tour, telephone them on 07908 527 380.

SUGGESTIONS INVITED!



Your local council has budgeted for the year ending 31st March 2012 to mark two events – the royal wedding on 29th April this year and the Queen's diamond jubilee on 6th February 2012.

Also, 2012 will be the year of the London Olympics.

How do you feel that these events should be marked?



Please send your suggestions to the Clerk, so that your councillors can consider them.

Congratulations!

to

**Durham Lane Primary School
'Eco Team'**

Winners of the Best School
Contribution in the Stockton Borough
Council Care For Your Area Awards.

The team of staff and children do their bit to protect the planet the planet and make the community healthier,
cleaner and safer.

EGGLESCLIFFE MEMORIAL GARDEN



Improvements, including disabled access to the War Memorial, are almost complete and have brought complimentary comments from residents. The colourful display of crocus was a cheerful sight, welcoming spring after a harsh winter!

It may seem a little early to mention Christmas but:

SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS COACH TRIP!

Since 1996 your Council has provided a bus to take senior citizens to Darlington to do some Christmas shopping. This facility has proved to be fairly popular over the years, with several pick up points in the area. In recent years however the number of people using this service has fallen, less than 30 people used the bus last year.

We would like to know if you think that this service is worth continuing, should be replaced by some other activity or simply discontinued.

Contact details can be found on the back page of this newsletter

PLAY AREAS

Good News – the work on Amberley Way play area is due to start towards the end of March. It should be finished by Easter, but the ground might be rather muddy at first so please be patient. By Half Term the play equipment should be fully useable.

We hope that everyone will enjoy it and treat it sensibly.

A huge thank you is due to the staff and pupils of Durham Lane Primary school who enabled us to have a well attended consultation event on a very cold evening earlier this year. Contractors have been asked to use Mayfield Crescent rather than

Amberley Way to access the site in order to avoid problems at the beginning and end of the school day.

Bad news – it has come to our attention that a number of adults are using the play equipment at St Margaret's Play Area. We fully understand that the new equipment is exciting and very tempting, but it is designed for children and young teenagers.

If people persist in misusing it the equipment will eventually be damaged and have to be taken out.



Don't worry - improvements to the other play areas will follow!

YARM ROAD CYCLE LANE

The Eaglescliffe neighbourhood police team have asked us to remind everyone about possible dangers to cyclists using the cycle lane which runs next to the footpath on Yarm Road.

This came about as a result of a recent near accident on Yarm Road when a car had come out of a drive and turned across the cycle lane narrowly avoiding a child cycling with a parent..

GREEN WASTE COLLECTIONS

Collections re-commence on **2nd May** for **BLUE** weeks and **25th April** for **RED** weeks.

Green waste is collected every fortnight on the same day as your other recycling.

BLUE WEEK COLLECTION DATES

Weeks commencing:
May 2nd, 16th & 30th
June 13th & 27th
July 11th & 25th
August 8th & 22nd
September 5th & 19th
October 3rd & 17th

RED WEEK COLLECTION DATES

Weeks commencing:
April 25th
May 9th & 23rd
June 6th & 20th
July 4th & 18th
August 1st, 15th & 29th
September 12th & 26th
October 10th

You can check whether you are due for blue or red week collections by visiting:
www.recycleforstockton.co.uk/kerbsidecollection/collectiondates



Problem! Who Do I Call?

In an emergency: The 999 service should only be used to report an urgent incident which is happening now or one which has just occurred needing an emergency response	Police- 999 or 112 also Fire, Ambulance or Coastguard
If you wish to report a crime or other non-urgent incident , contact your nearest Police Station	Stockton-607114 M'Bro HQ-326326
Vandalism, threats, harassment, graffiti, street drinking etc.	ASB Team-607943
Railway vandalism	British Transport Police-0800 405040
Medical queries	NHS Direct-0845 4647
Gas emergency	0800 111999
Victim Support	01642 297000
Childline	0800 1111
Flood alerts and warnings	Floodline 0845 9881188

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATES

Residents are welcome at Council meetings, these are held in Eggescliffe School on Urlay Nook Road, commencing at 7pm. You are welcome to observe from 7pm-8pm and at 8pm you are welcome to speak. So, if you have something you want to discuss with **YOUR COUNCILLORS** please come along.

Forthcoming meeting dates:

APRIL 28TH
MAY 12TH & 26TH
JUNE 9TH & 23RD
JULY 7TH & 21ST
SEPTEMBER 1ST & 15TH

Please notes that these dates are provisional and subject to change to allow for holidays, quorum problems etc.

COUNCIL CONTACT DETAILS

Chairman: Cllr. Geoff Colling 648470
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 Cllr Harry Alderton 648651
 Cllr Sylvia Dalton 648850
 Cllr John Fletcher 786456
 Cllr Alex Lamond 652293
 Cllr Alan Lewis 787842
 Cllr George Perrie 652498
 Cllr Rose Reynolds 781978
 Cllr Maureen Rigg 782009
 Cllr Reg Rowlinson 787660
 Cllr Geoff Turner 652081
 Cllr John Walker 651286
 Clerk to the Council 785951

COMMENT SHEET

You are invited to complete and return this section with any comments, suggestions or complaints about anything happening in the Parish (or even anything not happening!)

COMMENT:

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Please print your details to enable us to respond:

NAME: ADDRESS:.....

EMAIL ADDRESS:.....

Please return to: Eggescliffe & Eaglescliffe Council, The Old Offices, Urlay Nook, Eaglescliffe TS16 0LA
 Or email your comments to: eggescliffepc@btconnect.com