

EGGLESCLIFFE & EAGLESCLIFFE COUNCIL

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ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

This year the Annual Meeting of the Parish Assembly will be held on
Thursday 26th April at 7.30pm
in Eggescliffe 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.

Eggescliffe Village and Eliff's Mill allotment awards for 2011 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



Jubilee Celebrations

The Council is working in partnership with St John's Church to ensure that the weekend of June 2nd/3rd/4th is a fitting celebration of
Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee.

A detailed programme will be published nearer the time, but highlights will include a talk in Eggescliffe Community Centre on Life in the 1950s; a puppet show on the grass at the front of the Library; a Big Sunday Picnic Lunch on the village green; children's races; stilt walking; Punch and Judy; magic show; balloon modelling; a service of thanksgiving on the Green; music and drama; and the part for which we need your help:

An Exhibition – Eggescliffe & Eaglescliffe through the decades from the 1950s

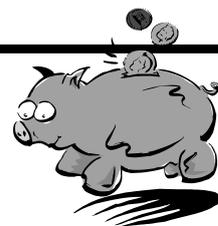
**Have you got photos, newspaper cuttings, maps, books, souvenirs?
Would you be willing to lend them for others to see at our exhibition on
Saturday June 2nd in Eggescliffe Community Centre, Durham Lane?**

Please get in touch with the clerk if you could lend anything so that we can plan the layout; contact details are on the back page.

Photos, maps etc can be copied so that the originals are not on display.



YOUR LOCAL COUNCIL NOW COSTS YOU LESS



Egglescliffe & Eaglescliffe Council has been able to reduce the part of your Council Tax which Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council collects for this civil parish.

Over the last few years Egglescliffe & Eaglescliffe Council has budgeted five-figure sums for substantial improvements to play areas. These are not finally complete, but for work to be done in 2012-13 only a further £23,200 is needed (compared with £30,000 in 2011-12). Expenditure on all the other local council services and running costs were carefully considered. Apart from one-off grants, these are not met in any way by central government.

Conscious of the tight finances of so many residents, local councillors decided to reduce the precept (the amount collected from Council Tax) from £74,260 in 2011-12 to £69,553 in 2012-13. The result is that a household living in a Band D property will pay in the year ending 31st March 2013:

£22.54 for Egglescliffe Civil Parish – a 5.7% decrease

£1547.621 for Borough, Parish, Police & Fire combined – a net increase of 3.4%

If you'd like to learn more, please contact the Clerk or a councillor – or come along to the Parish Meeting on April 26th, at which you may ask questions and express your views.

NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING

Police Beat Surgeries are held to discuss local issues at
Tesco, Urray Nook Road, Eaglescliffe
11am—noon
on the following dates:

21st April
19th May
16th June
14th July

Your neighbourhood officers are
PC Burke & PCSO Hall who can be
contacted on 01642 302930

GREEN WASTE COLLECTIONS

Your green waste will be collected every fortnight on the same day as all your other recycling. Please leave green waste out by 7am on the morning of collection.



Red week collections start from: Tuesday 10 April 2012

Blue week collections start from: Tuesday 17 April 2012



SENIOR CITIZENS COACH TRIP!

Since 1996 your Council has provided a coach to take senior citizens to Darlington to do some Christmas shopping. For many years it proved to be very popular but over the last few years the numbers have dwindled, so much so that last Christmas it did not take place. However, a suggestion was made that we replace the Christmas shopping trip with a day trip in the summer.

If you are a senior citizen and feel that you would enjoy a summertime shopping trip, perhaps to the markets of Darlington or Northallerton or maybe fish and chips at the seaside, then please get in touch with the Clerk Carole Whitehead to register your support for the idea otherwise the facility will probably have to be discontinued.

Play Areas News

The Play Sculpture for **Amberley Way** has been delayed by difficulties with finding the right kind of wood of the right lengths for the structure. After much discussion and research the Recreation Committee has agreed to substitute Douglas Fir and we hope that the work will be completed during the spring.

Kingsmead's existing equipment is to be re-painted and repaired where necessary and the new equipment should be installed during April and May. After consultation with residents the idea of a football area was dropped for the Chaldron Way area but there are suggestions that in future we should look at the open space at the end of Black Diamond Way. No decision has been taken on that proposal.



Leven Close is looking much more attractive with its new equipment for younger children and we hope to have the railings in place soon.

A number of young people met with members of the committee to discuss the question of where they could practice their stunts on bmx bikes and micro-scooters.

They recognised that doing it outside shops was not desirable but pointed out that they haven't got anywhere suitable. As a result the Parish Council is now looking at possible sites for a small scale facility for them to enjoy their sport in safety without causing problems for pedestrians.



JUBILEE GARDEN OVER URLAY NOOK ROAD RAILWAY TUNNEL



Your Council is proposing to turn the waste land, which many years ago used to be an allotment over the railway tunnel on Urray Nook Road, into a small garden to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

The land is owned by Network Rail who have offered to lease it to the Council for a peppercorn rent of NIL .

It is being financed by some of the Ward Councillors Community Participation Budget along with £3,000 from the parish council budget for the jubilee celebrations.

We are hoping that local residents will help with the work, so if anyone can help please contact Carole Whitehead at the Council Office on 785951.

In past similar projects we have had excellent assistance from the soon to be released inmates of Kirklevington Grange prison and we are hopeful that they will also help with some of the initial ground clearance.

