

EGGLESCLIFFE & EAGLESCLIFFE COUNCIL

NEWSLETTER

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REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Wreaths will be laid on behalf of the Parish on Sunday 14th November 2010 as follows:

St John's Church, Egglecliffe:

Service commences at 10.00am processing to the War Memorial at 10.55am.

All Saints Church, Preston on Tees

Service commences at 9.45am processing to the War Memorial at Victoria Road at 10.55am
Although there is no formal service, a Poppy Wreath will also be laid at the War Memorial outside Elementis Chromium offices at Uray Nook



CHRISTMAS SHOPPING TRIP FOR SENIOR CITIZENS FRIDAY 19TH NOVEMBER 2010

Time 9.15am

Setting off from the car park to the side of Orchard Estate Community Centre on Durham Lane.
Other pick up points (on request) opposite Egglecliffe School and on Yarm Road between Butts Lane and Witham Avenue.

Return from Darlington at 2.30pm dropping off en route.
As in previous years the trip is arranged to coincide with Darlington Farmers' Market and we hope everyone enjoys this ever popular day out!



Your Parish Council has adopted the red telephone box on the village green.

BT decommissioned this box some time ago and removed the handset and fittings. The Grade 2 listed structure now belongs to the parish and we are looking for suggestions as to it's future use. Two ideas have been put forward so far; a book exchange or an information kiosk.

We welcome your suggestions



EGGLESCLIFFE SCHOOL

This Council is delighted that Stockton Borough Council has concluded that Preston Park is not a suitable site for the new school.

The cost of constructing a footbridge to Ingleby Barwick coupled with the necessary road works and relocation of an allotment site means that there is no likelihood of a school being built in the future. We would have preferred the Borough Council to acknowledge that the Park was the wrong place from the start, but at least they have now found technical grounds to reject the proposal.

This Council hopes that funding can be found from government to rebuild the school in a more suitable location in the coming years.



STREET LIGHTS

With darker mornings and evenings street lighting is increasingly important. If any light columns in your vicinity are damaged or not working you can report them to Stockton Council on 01642 526769

Quote the column number from the yellow panel together with the road name and nearest house number.

NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING

Police Beat Surgeries are held at Egglecliffe Library, Durham Lane, Egglecliffe on the following dates:
4th November 2010 6pm -7pm
25th November 2010 3pm - 4pm
2nd December 2010 6pm -7pm

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

PAVEMENT PARKING!

Pavement parking is common on many streets in our area and in some instances inconsiderate parking can mean people find they have to step out into the road to get past.

Pavement parking is hazardous for the visually impaired and elderly, makes life difficult for those with pushchairs or in wheelchairs, and can damage grass verges, kerbs, and paving stones creating trip hazards. Where insufficient room for a pedestrian, wheelchair or pushchair (less than 0.9m) is left then a vehicle parked on a pavement would be deemed to be causing an unnecessary obstruction.

Stockton Council is running a campaign called "Think B4U Park" to tackle the problem; a leaflet can be downloaded from www.stockton.gov.uk/pavepark, or it can be obtained by calling (01642) 526709.

If you encounter inconsiderate or obstructive parking, you can call the Council's Enforcement Team on (01642) 528438, or e-mail them at enforcemin.admin@stockton.gov.uk.



Be a good neighbour – don't obstruct the pavement when you park your vehicle.



PLAYSCHEME 2010

Dates for Playscheme were somewhat limited this year as work was scheduled at both of the usual venues. However the scheme went ahead for two weeks during the summer holidays with the usual great programme of events including balloon modelling, street dancing lessons, magic shows and the ever popular face painting!

An extra special treat this year was an activity from 'Beamish Wild' at which children were given the opportunity to handle birds of prey and take part in a falconry and flight display. At one of the venues, due to slight hiccup, the birds of prey arrived on the same day as the ice-cream van visit which made the day even more enjoyable for the children if a little hectic for the staff who coped efficiently and admirably as always; a big thank you to Sarah, the Playscheme Organiser, and her team.

At a cost of only £1 per child, which includes a drink and a biscuit, this must be not just the only parish council run play scheme in the country but also the best value for money!



PLAY AREAS

June 15th saw the long awaited official opening of St. Margaret's Play Area. The afternoon started with entertainment by the choir of The Links Primary school under their conductor Miss Hewson and then children from The Links and Eggescliffe CE Primaries cut the ribbons round the equipment. Children streamed onto the equipment and thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

It was a wonderful sight!



Since the opening we have had one or two comments from people about the lack of toddler swings. However, the basket swing is designed to be used by children of all ages and can be used by several at once. Other people have told us that children of all ages from 2 to 18 have enjoyed playing on the equipment. If you've got comments please let us know.

There have been a few teething problems with one piece of equipment, the tunnel. Grass didn't grow over the soil covering, owing to the dry weather and is now being replaced by turf. Damage to the plastic bubble at the top has necessitated it's replacement, but we hope that the new one will last! If you witness any vandalism on the site please don't feel that you have to keep quiet—ring the police or the parish council and let us know. The police won't treat it as an emergency but every call is logged and helps to prioritise their patrol areas.

Unfortunately the grant funding for Amberley Way was withdrawn by the government. We did apply for grants from elsewhere but were unsuccessful so the Parish Council is going to fund the refurbishment entirely from Council tax. As we go to press plans are being drawn up for the new design and we will be consulting with neighbours and children in the area before placing any orders. We aim to have the work done during late autumn or early winter in order to let the ground settle before the fine weather attracts children in significant numbers.

EGGESCLIFFE MEMORIAL GARDEN

Over 60 years ago Eggescliffe Parish Council paid the sum of £5 to buy the land next to Eggescliffe War Memorial in order to provide a 'Rest Garden'. Circumstances changed and over the years the land has been used in a variety of ways, including as an allotment. This year after much hard work on raising funds and obtaining planning permission, the Memorial Garden is finally taking shape. As we go to press new paths, paving and planting are being put in place. A plaque will be erected near the War Memorial indicating the direction of major battlefields of the two World Wars as well as a brief history of the site. The work should be complete before Remembrance Sunday this year and we hope will give pleasure to people for many years to come.

As part of the garden we would like to offer families the opportunity to plant a suitable tree or shrub as part of the hedging, in memory of loved ones who have given their lives in conflicts which are not mentioned on the Memorial.

If you are interested please get in touch.



ELEMENTIS UPDATE

Elementis met with Parish and Borough Councillors recently to inform us that the Eggescliffe site is to undergo a year long demolition/dismantling programme. It is anticipated that the skyline will start to change from around November this year.

The new modern office will remain, as will a couple of the lower level buildings but the majority will be demolished/dismantled and recycled. The local management team has contracted engineering consultancy firm (RVA) to assist in this process and assure us that RVA has significant experience and a demonstrated track record for the safe, environmentally sound and efficient decommissioning of similar chemical sites. Both the site management and team and RVA are committed to maintaining excellent safety and environmental standards throughout.

Meanwhile we are pleased that the future of the Ecology Park as an educational resource seems to be secure as it will be transferred to land next to Marshalls on Durham Lane.

Planning permission was granted for the change of use so we look forward to the work continuing on a new site.



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

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PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATES

Residents are welcome at Council meetings, these are held in Room 45, Egglescliffe School on the first and third Thursdays each month except during school holidays.

Forthcoming dates:
November 4th & 18th

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.

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: Egglescliffe & Eaglescliffe Council, The Old Offices, Urray Nook, Eaglescliffe TS16 0LA
Or email your comments to: egglescliffepc@btconnect.com