

EGGLESCLIFFE & EAGLESCLIFFE COUNCIL

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REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Wreaths will be laid on behalf of the Parish on Sunday 13th November 2011 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 Urray Nook



The Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebration 2012 *Sat 2nd and Sun 3rd June*

The Parish Council have set aside funds to mark this occasion.

Initial plans and ideas are:

A drop-in local history exhibition in the community centre
1950's themed 'street party' on Egglecliffe Green with 1950's fancy dress, entertainment, fun sports competition, local history talks and walks.

Commemorative church service

Any ideas? Want to help?

Do you have a choir or a band to do a performance?

Or would you like to volunteer with activities, entertainment or refreshments?

We would love to hear from you.

If you have any photographs, maps, memorabilia from the 50's to the present day for our exhibition and would be willing to loan them or bring them along, ***please get in touch.***

Contact details are on the back page on this newsletter, we hope to collate items for the exhibition after Easter.

We look forward to hearing from you!

SENIOR CITIZENS' CHRISTMAS SHOPPING BUS

Since 1996 Egglecliffe & Eaglescliffe Council has paid for an annual bus trip for senior citizens from various points in the parish to Darlington. In the April 2011 *Newsletter* residents were asked whether they thought it should continue. Very few responses were received.

In view of the declining number of passengers in recent years, your Council has decided not to run such a trip this year. They do not feel that it would represent value for money for the council-taxpayers. Senior citizens with bus passes can travel free to Stockton, Yarm and Middlesbrough shopping areas. Darlington can be visited by train from Egglecliffe and Allen's West Stations.

If you have any suggestions for an alternative destination, perhaps for the spring,

please get in touch !

TESCO PERIMETER HEDGE!!

The burnt out trees at Tesco should soon be replaced. After three years of various people asking Tesco for the trees to be replaced we have finally got a commitment out of the Chief Executive Officer of Tesco.

Quotes for the contract are currently being looked at and they should be replaced this autumn.

We have never been as close as this before!



NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING

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

08/10/11, 05/11/11, 03/12/11, 31/12/11
28/01/12 & 25/02/12

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

NEED, HARDSHIP AND DISTRESS...

Small sums are on offer.

Your parish council appoints the two trustees of the Charity of William Hall (founded in 1660), incorporating the Charity of Ann French (founded in 1836). The present Trustees are Councillors Maureen Rigg and John Fletcher. In 1986 the Charity Commission authorised changing the antique rules of the charities to apply the income to "the relief of need, hardship and distress of persons resident in" the Civil Parishes of Egglecliffe, Aislaby and Newsham.

3½ centuries of inflation have reduced the purchasing power of the annual income of the charity, so the present Trustees save up several years' income before making any grants. At present they can give a total of up to £65 in one-off grant(s) to individual(s) or organisation(s).

If you know of any way in which a small sum could relieve need, hardship or distress, please let the Trustees know. Their grants do not require council approval, so individual recipients are not made public. In this small way we can continue our forefathers' generosity.



Egglecliffe & Eaglescliffe Council is the proud owner of a flag pole. It is one that can be taken down and, with kind permission of Canon Ollier, it is stored in St John's Church when not in use.

It was installed in time for Armed Forces Week in June when the Armed Forces Day flag was flown.

You might have seen it fluttering from its site near the war memorial at the top of Stoney Bank.

We thank the staff and workforce team from Kirklevington Grange for doing a great job of digging the foundation to install the flag pole.

PLAYSCHEME 2011

The usual venues, Egglecliffe CE and Junction Farm schools, were unavailable again this year due to scheduled maintenance work. Other schools in the parish were contacted as potential venues but they also had work planned, even the playgrounds and fields were off limits due to the amount of works traffic and other hazards. Despite this the Playscheme Committee were determined to go ahead and this year's sessions were held at Egglecliffe Parish Hall and Egglecliffe Community Centre. Although the venues were not ideal, due to the limited space for outdoor activities, the scheme was once again well attended and the children seemed to enjoy everything.



Along with the usual arts and crafts sessions, activities included Zumba classes, keep fit sessions and football coaching; the parish must have some of the fittest children in the area!

Thanks again to Sarah Meek and her team for organising the activities and to everyone who came along!



PLAY AREAS

Amberley Way play area has been a huge success with the local children and their parents. Work is ongoing to provide seating and litter bins as well as the play sculpture which will be funded from the national lottery.

Residents of Kingsmead estate turned out in force to let us know what they wanted for the play area and open spaces there. There was an overwhelming view that the ball wall was not wanted on the proposed space. As we go to press there is still work to be done on ensuring that the play equipment which proved most popular fits in to the area and isn't too close to the surrounding gardens. We hope to have a final design by the time you are reading this and to be able to have it installed in time for next summer.

Meanwhile the small play area in Leven Close will be refurbished with new swings and equipment suitable for small children, and fencing to help keep them safe and deter dog owners from using it as a dog toilet.

Trees are being damaged by youngsters at Chaldron Way play area Kingsmead Estate. Would parents please do all they can to ensure their children are not involved.

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Thank you to everyone who voted in the elections in May this year. There were a few changes to your Council and we welcome new Councillors, John Atkinson and Alan Wilbert.

John is a retired railway engineer and a governor at Junction Farm School; Alan is a retired print engineer and church warden at St. John's Church in Egglecliffe.

We also have a new Vice-Chairman of the Council, Maureen Rigg. Maureen has been a parish councillor and Chair of the Council's Recreation Committee for some years.

Thanks are also extended to the outgoing councillors, Mike Richards and Reg Rowlinson, for their much appreciated hard work and contribution to the activities of the Council.

MEMORIAL GARDEN

We've had some problems with the planting at memorial garden where rabbits seem to be determined to uproot most of what is planted there. We have no intention of giving up, though!

The plaque has been fitted to its plinth and we hope that people will stop to look. As well as pointing out the direction of the ancient cities of Durham and York it indicates the direction of the major battlefields in which the men lost their lives.



ELEMENTIS UPDATE

Members of the Council attended a meeting at the factory in August and were pleased to be kept informed on the demolition progress. The site is subject to ongoing regulation by the Environment Agency and Elementis will maintain a presence on site for as long as necessary, with no expense spared to ensure the area is left in excellent condition.

Demolition is now 65% complete and expected to be finished in November/December 2011, leaving only the office block, warehouse and the water treatment plant which may in time be replaced by a smaller unit. The mound at the west end of the site needs half a metre of clay adding to it; this involves cutting away the vegetation, applying the clay then putting back the vegetation. It might take a year to fully recover and the grass to re-establish. Capping and filling maintenance of the lagoons at the site is ongoing and planning applications for the land fill and reclamation have been submitted during August.

The intention is to leave the area in a semi natural state close to its original appearance. Two mitigation ponds will be created to re-home the newts; to prevent the newts escaping during the re-homing the ponds will have a special fence constructed around them, which will be removed once the translocation is complete. This will be done in conjunction with 'Natural England' and under licence. There are no plans for the future of the ecology park.

Problem! Who Do I Call?

In an emergency: This 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 for fire, ambulance or coastguard
If you wish to report a crime or other non-urgent incident contact your nearest Police Station	Stockton - 607114 Middlesbrough 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
Damaged or defective street lights - quote the column number from the yellow panel and the nearest address	Stockton Council - 01642 526769

CONTACT YOUR COUNCILLORS

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PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATES

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

Forthcoming dates:
November 3rd & 17th

You are welcome to observe from 7pm 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: Eggescliffe & Eaglescliffe Council, The Old Offices, Urray Nook, Eaglescliffe TS16 0LA
Or email your comments to: egglescliffepc@btconnect.com