

EGGLESCLIFFE & EAGLESCLIFFE COUNCIL

NEWSLETTER

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REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Wreaths will be laid on behalf of the Parish on Sunday 11th November 2012 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



Planning Matters

People who've lived in the parish for more than 5 years will have a sense of déjà vu at present. Planning applications seem to be popping up everywhere. Earlier in the year Stockton Council approved an outline application for almost 850 homes on the old MOD site at Allen's West. This council opposed it, along with many residents and some of the businesses which currently occupy the site. However, Stockton Council agreed with the developer so it is expected that work will start in the next year on access roads and so on. Since then another application has been submitted for almost 150 houses at Uray Nook, over the road from the Hunter's Green estate. This land has not been allocated for housing under the slow and cumbersome process which the Planning Authority has to follow, but that doesn't stop developers applying. We expect a decision in November or December. At the same time there are several applications on the South side of Yarm and in the Leven valley. This council is very concerned about the impact on traffic, schools and medical services in the area if all of these houses are built and two thousand new families move into the area. We are working with the other parish councils and with action groups across Kirklevington, Egglecliffe and Yarm to try to ensure that Stockton council sees sense and restricts development. You might have seen the black & yellow leaflet which was produced jointly by these groups and funded by Yarm Town Council, Kirklevington Parish Council and this council.

A different but no less worrying application is the one submitted by Yarm Independent School for playing fields on the North side of the river, near Egglecliffe Village. If Successful this would involve fencing off enough land for 24 playing pitches and an athletics track, building a hospitality pavilion and constructing a footbridge to link Atlas Wynd in Yarm to the development. The school is claiming that the pitches would still be green space and so are suitable development in a green wedge. While they would be green, this council does not agree that they are a suitable development. Open, arable land provides a variety of scenery and of food and shelter for wildlife during the course of the year. Manicured grass pitches do none of that. All weather pitches are useless to wildlife. The open land provides a quiet, peaceful area in which to walk or sit. The noise of young men and boys playing a hard physical sport would ruin that. This area is part of the Tees Heritage Park, launched with a great fanfare in September and supported by Stockton council.

Eggescliffe Area Residents Association

A new residents' group has sprung up in recent months, drawing on people with an interest in the area from Butts Lane up to the village. Although its major activity to date has been centred on opposing the plans by Yarm Independent School to develop on the river bank the committee also has ideas for things that can be done in the area in the future – Northumbria in Bloom has been mentioned as well as perhaps a Christmas Tree. If you want to know more contact the chairman Shane Sellers, xxxxxx or go to <http://www.eggescliffeara.org.uk/>

NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING

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

3rd November 2012
1st December 2012

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



Flying the Flag

You may remember that Eggescliffe & Eggescliffe Council erected a flag pole next to the war memorial in 2011 to fly nationally recognised flags at appropriate times throughout the year. Your Parish Councillors were devastated when one Friday night in July this year the flag that was raised to commemorate Armed Forces Day was stolen along with the halyard. The area was searched to no avail, the police were informed to no avail, then, out of the blue, Adam Hampton, of Thomas Rea & Sons, Funeral Directors in Yarm very kindly funded a replacement. We will be making alterations to the way flags will be flown in future without the use of a halyard. We are determined to continue to 'Fly the Flag' for the residents of this Parish.

PLAY AREAS

As we go to press work is progressing on Kingsmead to install the new play equipment. We hope that next summer the children from the estate will enjoy having the new, more interesting equipment alongside the established pieces. In response to requests from parents of young children the fencing round the older equipment is remaining in place so that the young ones are deterred from running onto the road.



Consultations with Stockton Council officers and residents have so far failed to establish an area where we can put a small wheeled sport facility. The Parish Council has supported Stockton Council's bid for funding to provide a larger scale facility in Preston Park, but we still think there could be a need for a smaller scale one in this area. Many thanks to everyone who took the time to respond to our consultations; however, we will wait now to see what comes of the Preston Park bid so that we avoid spending money twice on similar things.

The sculpture in Amberley Way play area has finally been installed. The RoSPA safety report identified a small number of issues which are being resolved and the safety fencing will be removed as soon as possible. Thanks to all the children who worked with the artist to design it and to the residents of all ages who supported the concept during the initial consultation. It has been a long slow process but we are confident that the end result is a variety of play possibilities for many years to come. Unfortunately the drainage on the play area seems to have worsened during the installation of all the new equipment and work will be needed to improve it. The land is owned and managed by Stockton Council, with the Parish Council having the use of it in order to provide a play area. At the beginning of July Stockton Council asked whether the Parish Council or ward councillors would fund the drainage works as there was nothing in the Stockton Council budget for it. This council has offered a contribution but at the time of writing there is no decision on whether the ward councillors will contribute from their budget.



Members of Egglecliffe & Eaglescliffe Council recently got together to express their thanks and good wishes to their colleague Mrs Sylvia Dalton who has retired as a parish councillor. In her 91st year of age she has decided with regret that she can no longer devote to public office the time and energy which she feels are needed from a councillor. She has served

on this Council continuously since May 1987 and, before that, for some time up to 1979. For many years she chaired the committee which organised the summer play scheme, drawing on her experience of holding senior teaching positions. Parish councillors are not paid for the work which they do for their local community – we all owe a debt of gratitude to Sylvia and people like her. She and her husband live in Eaglescliffe – may they enjoy many more happy years there!

Summertime!

For several years your Parish Councillors have been setting out summer plants in pots and beds on Egglecliffe Green, the war memorial and other places. This year the task was carried out by soon to be released prisoners from HMP Klrklevington Grange who did a great job!

Next year we will be teaming up with Kirklevington Grange once again, to give the prisoners some useful community involvement with a view to planting on our roundabouts as well. A site meeting was held with Stockton Council officers to agree a plan and they will be starting with the half roundabout at the junction of Greenfield Drive and Durham Lane. It was suggested that a welcome to Eaglescliffe sign could be constructed out of wrought iron to compliment any planting.



Playscheme 2012

Playscheme for this year was held at two venues Eaglescliffe Community Centre and Egglecliffe Parish Hall. Sessions ran over three weeks commencing on the 31st July. The children enjoyed a visit from the Dogs Trust and had the opportunity to take part in art and crafts, cake decorating, Olympics competitions and much more. The last day was a fun party day with face paints and balloon models. All of the children had a really great time and many commented they hope there will be another one next year.

A HUGE THANK YOU.....

to everyone involved in the Diamond Jubilee weekend events; from the many volunteers who gave up their free time to help with catering, decorating, entertainment and activities to those who loaned personal memorabilia, offered donations of prizes, goods and services. Over the Jubilee weekend there was entertainment for all. On the Saturday in the community centre, we delved into history with an exhibition and talk; outside we had Punch and Judy with craft activities and in the evening a Murder Mystery play.

There was even more fun on the Sunday when families brought their picnics to the Big Lunch and had drinks at the bar. About two to three hundred people attended. The entertainment included juggling, stilts, magic, balloon modelling, comedy and music. Medals were won in the sports and fancy dress competitions and the tombola went down very well with every prize being won. The Salvation Army Band and church service brought a lovely end to the festivities on the Sunday.

For the Finale on Monday evening approximately one hundred and fifty to two hundred people came to join in the countdown and watch the lighting of the Jubilee beacon. It was spectacular and everyone there looked like they were having a great time.

All of the money raised over the Jubilee weekend has been donated.

St. John's Church Ladies group asked us to donate their £63.32 profit from the sale of refreshments in the Parish Hall to the charity Help for Heroes and the total profit made from the tombola, WI sale of refreshments at Egglecliffe Community Centre and donations for the hot dogs served at the beacon event came to £374 which has been sent to the Alzheimer's Society which is the charity nominated by Egglecliffe & Eaglescliffe Councils Chairman

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 the control station	101
Vandalism, threats, harassment, graffiti, street drinking etc.	24 hour helpline ASB team - 607943
Railway Vandalism	British Transport Police - 0800 405040
Medical queries	NHS Direct - 0845 4647
Gas emergency	0800 111999
Victim Support	01642 868444
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 Email street.lighting@stockton.gov.uk

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 8th & 22nd
December 6th

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