

# EGGLESCLIFFE & EAGLESCLIFFE COUNCIL

## NEWSLETTER

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### REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Wreaths will be laid on behalf of the Parish on Sunday 9th November 2014 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, 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 Urlay Nook.



The parish council is working with St John's Church to commemorate, on the 100th anniversary of their death the fallen from WW1 named on the War Memorials in the parish. The Lest We Forget flag will be flown on each anniversary with wreaths and Commonwealth War Graves commemorative certificates laid at the respective Memorials and in Church.

### E&EC Community Awards Scheme

Councillors quite often hear residents talking about individuals and groups who do so much for the community. These individuals/groups go the extra mile and make a difference to peoples lives and to the area where we live. To recognise these efforts the parish council is launching its Community Awards Scheme. There will be two awards, one to an individual and the second to a group/organisation. The person or group need be resident or based in the Parish, but must meet at least one of the following criteria;



- Achieved something particularly noteworthy within the Parish
- Enhanced the reputation of the Parish
- Made a significant contribution to the conservation and protection of the natural environment of the Parish

If you would like to nominate someone, please put the name and address of the person you wish to nominate in writing to the Clerk to the Council, stating why you think they deserve the award; including the name and address of the person making the nomination and the names and addresses of any additional supporters. The closing date for nominations for the 2014 Community Award is 31st December 2014.

Send your nominations by post or email to the address on the comment sheet on the back page

Details of winners will be published in the April 'Newsletter' and awards will be presented at the Annual Parish Meeting

## PLEASED TO SEE THE SHOPS BACK AGAIN



Many residents turned out to see the formal re-opening of the Orchard shopping parade by Baroness Grey-Thompson (Dame Tanni Grey-Thompson) in September, some two years after the parade was destroyed in a devastating fire. Refreshments were served by the volunteers of **Eggescliffe Community Centre**, which, together with the library and Sainsburys' have kept open throughout. Paul Burrell, whose pharmacy has been operating from a temporary cabin in a car park, is not only back in the parade but also operating a **Local Post Office** – a facility local people have missed for even longer. The PO is open Monday to Friday 9 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. This deals with most traditional sub-post-office business, including selling euros, but does not handle Parcelforce, passport applications and vehicle and driving licences.

Owing to Stockton Council's spending cuts, **Eggescliffe Branch Library** is now open only Monday and Tuesday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 to 5 p.m. and Thursday 2 to 7 p.m. It is fully wheelchair-accessible from the nearby parking spaces reserved for those with disabled badges. As other businesses move into the parade (including the florist who provided Dame Tanni's bouquet), we wish it every success.

The back of the old parade was a crumbling disgrace, but the shops' yards are enclosed with high fencing with CCTV, which should cut down on undesirable behaviour. However, this left a problem for the public open space behind. This was never well used as a children's play area - if indeed at all. The new fence made it even less accessible and there were concerns what anti-social behaviour might happen out of sight of passers-by. As no-one could come up with a workable alternative, it was agreed between Stockton Council (the landowners) and the owners of the parade (in negotiations in which Eggescliffe & Eaglescliffe Council concurred) that the parade's owners would close off public access to this land and maintain it.

### SUMMER FETE



The 2014 summer fete was a great success; the weather was very kind to us and after a showery start brightened into a lovely day. It has been noticed that the weather seems to be improving every year! The event was very well attended and by all accounts, enjoyed by all age groups. Thank you to everyone who came along, to those who donated items for the tombola stall, to Eggescliffe Area Residents Association (EARA) who donated £200 towards the cost of the band and to everyone who helped in any way on the day. The fete raised £366 which has been donated to Cancer Research.

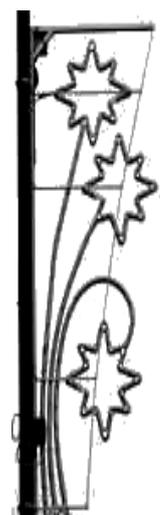
Summer seems a distant memory now that the nights are drawing in, however we are planning to have a fete in summer 2015, working closely with EARA. The group that organises the fete has some prospective dates to save in your 2015 diary: the afternoon of Sunday 12th or Sunday 19th July. Watch out for further information in the April 2015 Newsletter, we look forward to seeing you there

### PARISH INSPECTION

Every year councillors, on foot, inspect Eggescliffe and Eaglescliffe and ensure that any problems noticed are reported to the relevant authorities, 2014 was no exception. This year the inspection highlighted mainly routine problems with litter bins, untidy green spaces etc. but no major items were noted. Of course your council also relies on you to report any problems you see throughout the year. You can report them to the Parish Council via the comment sheet on the back page or directly to the Care For Your Area team

### CHRISTMAS IS COMING

And so are our Christmas illuminations!



As reported in the April 2014 Newsletter, we set aside some money for more Christmas lights to brighten our area during the festive season. Since then we have been liaising with Stockton Council lighting engineers to have illuminations on lamp columns around the parish.

Blackpool needn't worry yet and arrangements are yet to be finalised but we are expecting a good display for 2014 with lights on Yarm Road at the junction with Station Road and the entrance to Sunningdale Drive and at Kingsmead, Tesco and Hunters Green roundabouts.

We are also waiting for advice as to whether the strings of lights for the live trees at Orchard Estate and South View can be extended to give a better display.

We hope that residents will be pleased with the results and take the early opportunity to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year



## PLANNING

As reported in the April 2014 *Newsletter*, Egglecliffe & Eaglescliffe Council objected to the proposed public long-stay car park at the foot of "Stoney Bank" because of concerns about traffic entering and leaving **Yarm Road**.

Stockton Council's Planning Committee rejected the original application for the car park on these grounds. However, there is now a fresh, slightly amended planning application pending, to which Egglecliffe & Eaglescliffe Council has made similar objections.

Work on the Neighbourhood Plan is progressing, the group of councillors working on the plan is expecting to meet very soon with representatives from Planning Aid who will be advising on our proposed public questionnaire and how best to progress with community consultations.

Watch out for the questionnaire dropping through your letterbox later this year — we are hoping that as many residents as possible will respond!



## GREEN SPACES UPDATE

The Parish Council after all the delays, has decided to change the name of the garden that was to commemorate the Queens Diamond Jubilee to the **Queen Elizabeth 2nd Garden**. Durham Tees Valley community payback team have made an excellent start by clearing the land and have advised they will continue to keep it clear until the planting can commence. Wilkinson's Landscapes have kindly drawn up a plan for a low maintenance garden filled with colourful, pretty evergreen plants. So hopefully you will see a beautiful garden being created very soon.

Unfortunately there have been problems in trying to improve the look of **Greenfield Drive** roundabout due to various restrictions. Therefore we have asked Stockton Borough Council if they would be prepared to landscape the roundabout which would be funded/sponsored by the Parish Council. We are awaiting a response so watch this space.

**Amberley Way** play area will soon have a new picnic bench for parents to relax and watch their children play. At **St Margaret's** play area we will continue to gradually change the safety surfacing from bark to grass mat, which is much cheaper and easier to maintain. The next area to be replaced is around the climbing frame. We are still waiting to hear from SBC with regard to a revised plan and decision about drainage improvements at St Margaret's.

We are grateful to Egglecliffe Area Residents Association who have been busy at **Egglecliffe Memorial Garden**, looking after the bedding plants during the summer months and planting up the tubs with new plants to ensure that the garden looks its best for Remembrance Sunday. The Parish Council met the expense of having the broken stone plinths at the War Memorial repaired and cleaned along with the surrounding paving.



A group of Councillors recently braved the weather to plant up the tubs at Eaglescliffe War Memorial in **Tittybottle Park** with some winter flowering plants, again to smarten things up for Remembrance Day services. The railings at both war memorials are also due to be painted soon, hopefully in time for Remembrance Day, however this work is of course dependent on weather conditions.

### PCSO Rob Hall

The Parish Council was sad to hear of the death of Rob, who was our well known and much respected local PCSO for some years. His funeral was very well attended by members of the community including several E&EC Councillors.

On behalf of the whole community, sincere condolences to Rob's family.

### SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY- CALL 101

Police Community Service Officers came along to a recent council meeting to report on local issues. It was pleasing to hear that crime figures for the last month were low: there had been two burglaries and the category with the highest figure was theft from vehicles, mainly theft of tools from works vehicles. There had been reports of people trying to sell goods door to door and trying door handles, crime prevention advice had been given and people were advised to **call 101 to report suspicious activity**. This enables officers to build up a picture of any 'hot spots' that need patrolling. The telephone number 326326 for Cleveland Police is no longer in operation.

## CONTACT YOUR COUNCILLORS

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Cllr Alan Lewis	01642 784910
Cllr George Perrie	01642 652498
Cllr Rose Reynolds	01642 781978
Cllr Mike Richards	01642 648354
Cllr Maureen Rigg	01642 782009
Cllr Shane Sellers	01642 785325
Cllr Geoff Turner	01642 652081
Cllr John Walker	01642 651286
Cllr Alan Wilbert	01642 652207
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## PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATES



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

Forthcoming dates:  
November 6th & 20th  
December 4th

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.

## USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

### REMEMBER!

You now have to use the 01642 code to dial a local number.

### Neighbourhood Enforcement Service 01642 528439

Open 7:30 am –midnight , 7 days a week.  
NES tackles a wide range of nuisance and environmental crime This will include, fly tipping investigation, littering, graffiti, abandoned vehicles, dog fouling & noise nuisance

### Anti Social Behaviour 24 hour Reporting Hotline 01642 607943

If you are experiencing anti-social behaviour in your area, contact the Anti-Social Behaviour Team or in an emergency contact the police.

### Neighbourhood Policing In an emergency or if a crime is actually taking place, ring 999

Issues investigated by your Neighbourhood Policing Team include: drug misuse & drug dealing, off-road motorbikes, drunken people causing a nuisance and crimes in your area - **Call 101**

### Care For Your Area 01642 391959

Email: [careforyourarea@stockton.gov.uk](mailto:careforyourarea@stockton.gov.uk)  
Refuse collection, street cleansing, kerbside recycling, horticultural services, highways maintenance, fly tipping (removal) etc.

### Street Lighting 01642 526769

Email: [street.lighting@stockton.gov.uk](mailto:street.lighting@stockton.gov.uk)  
Damaged or defective street lights - quote the column number from the yellow panel and the nearest address

### Samaritans

Helpline for emotional support  
National 08457 909090  
Local branch 01642 217777

## 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, Eggescliffe TS16 0LA  
Or email your comments to: [egglescliffepc@btconnect.com](mailto:egglescliffepc@btconnect.com)