

# EGGLESCLIFFE & EAGLESCLIFFE COUNCIL

## NEWSLETTER

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### REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Wreaths will be laid on behalf of the Parish on Sunday 8th November 2015 as follows:

#### **St John's Church, Egglecliffe:**

Service commences at 10.00am followed by a short service and wreath laying at the War Memorial at 10.55am.

#### **All Saints Church, Preston on Tees**

Service commences at 9.45am, the parade will then make its way to the War Memorial, Victoria Road to lay wreaths at 11am

- Although there is no formal service, a Poppy Wreath will also be laid at the War Memorial outside Elementis Chromium offices at Urlay Nook.



### 2015 COMMUNITY AWARDS

The closing date for nominations for our Community Awards this year is 31st December 2015.

There are two awards, one for an individual and the second for group/organisation. The person or group need not 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.

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

### REMEMBERING 1825

In 10 years' time it will be the bicentenary of the opening of the Stockton & Darlington Railway, of which the main line and the Yarm Branch ran through this parish. Local authorities, the National Railway Museum and volunteer bodies such as the Friends of the 1825 Stockton & Darlington Railway are already starting to think of ways of celebrating. In 1925 a cavalcade of locomotives along the line was watched by the royal party at Urlay Nook. In more recent times:

- The former routes of the lines have been commemorated on interpretative plaques at Egglecliffe Memorial Park (Victoria Road) and Parklands Court (Yarm Road).
- This council mentioned on the plaque next to Egglecliffe War Memorial the burial in the Churchyard of the World's first recorded victim of a fatal accident on a public railway.
- The streets on the *Kingsmead* estate, next to the 1825 line, were named with a railway theme, some specifically referring to the S & DR – Chaldron, Black Diamond and Diligence Ways, Locomotion and Pease Courts, Royal George Drive.

Have you any ideas for the 2025 commemoration and for acknowledging permanently this aspect of our local heritage? Please write to our Clerk.

## GREENFIELD DRIVE ROUNDABOUT

We consulted with residents earlier this year about a plan to improve the appearance of Greenfield Drive roundabout. On the whole the feedback was positive and the decision was taken to go ahead with the low maintenance plan which is for a tree in the centre of the roundabout with a leaf design in coloured gravel around the tree. Unfortunately we have not been able to progress the project any further as to date we are still waiting for the quote from Stockton Council which has been four months so far. Consideration was given to requesting a quote from another contractor, but it was felt this would probably incur more costs.



A consultation has been undertaken at Eggescliffe School to gain the views of young people who use the facilities within the parish; thank you to all who responded. The data from

the responses will now be analysed and added to the results from the parish questionnaire in order to establish the main issues and options before arranging a consultation event.



## JOIN THE FRIENDS OF QE2 GARDEN

As you may have seen after a very long and tedious process the renamed Queen Elizabeth II Garden has been planted and is looking healthy. Unfortunately we can't add it to our grounds maintenance contract with Stockton Council owing to their heavy work load and reduced resources. The Parish Council is looking at different options to maintain the garden and is indebted to the unpaid work unit at Durham Tees Valley Community Rehabilitation Company for their help to date. The community team will be carrying on with the work, keeping an eye on things over the winter and visiting more often in the spring and summer months and some of your councillors will be helping out where they can. However, it's a large area and extra

**VOLUNTEERS** to help it flourish would be welcome. **Do you have a passion for gardening? Can you spare a few hours to help make our Parish bloom?** If so then please contact the Clerk to the Council.

## SUMMER FETE

This years Summer Fete was a roaring success. The entertainment from the band American Girl and Kings Project Prestonwood Student Choir all the way from Dallas, Texas was amazing. Lots of people loved their duet and thoroughly enjoyed the mix of music. There was a variety of different stalls, the Fire Brigade came along and Johnny Smith did an excellent job with the sports activities. We also had the tombola and childrens games.

Thank you to everyone who helped with: the teas in the Parish Hall, the sports, games, entertainment, setting up and packing away, decorating the Green and the local residents who allowed use of their electricity; to everyone who donated prizes and their time to help. Thank you to Eggescliffe Area Residents Association for their support and generous £200 contribution towards the cost of the band. Last, but not least, thank you to everyone who came along and made it such a memorable occasion.

The takings from the childrens games and tombola amounted to £330.72 which was donated to the Chair's charity, Butterwick Hospice. A donation of £50 was given to St Johns PCC, Eggescliffe Parish Hall Association and to the Firefighters Charity. Tees Valley Youth for Christ was also given a donation of £100 for their help and the choirs performance. Letters of thanks were sent to all the businesses who donated prizes. The Parish Council hopes everyone had a fantastic time and is already looking forward to next years event.

Just one more thing to whoever organised the great weather, we'd like the same next year please!



Every year councillors, on foot, inspect Eggescliffe and Eaglescliffe and ensure that any problems noticed are reported to the relevant authorities, 2015 was no exception. 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

We had some favourable feedback about the improved Christmas 2014 light display and will be liaising again this year with Stockton Council lighting engineers to add to the displays on lamp columns around the parish.

*Merry Christmas &  
Best Wishes for 2016*





As you will see from the list of councillors on the back page, we have new members on the parish council: Cllr Reg Rowlinson and Cllr Jim Clarke were elected unopposed at the May elections, following on from then Cllr Mark Chatburn, Cllr John Milburn, Cllr Maureen Milburn and Cllr Felicity Wray were co-opted to the parish council in June. Cllr Rowlinson moved to the area from Manchester over 35 years ago; he is Grandfather of boy and girl twins and has worked for many years in the architectural field. He has previously served on the parish council. Some of his interests coincide with the voluntary work he is involved with for both for the local Scouts and Friends of

Preston Park. Cllr Clarke moved to the Northeast in 2004, he is a Senior Consultant for a transportation systems company ; his interests include travel, walking and photography and he has also been known to try his hand at white water rafting. Cllr Chatburn spent a decade in the civil service and is currently starting a new career in construction, his main interests include cycling and he is a qualified rugby union referee. Cllr Maureen Milburn and her husband Cllr John Milburn have lived in the Eaglescliffe area for over 15 years. Maureen has worked in local government and education, John retired from local government last year and they both enjoy caravanning and spending time with their grandchildren. Cllr Wray is a university lecturer in economic geography and has a PhD in local and regional development studies from Newcastle University. She moved back to the Parish at the end of last year having lived and worked in Australia for over five years. As mother to an energetic toddler she doesn't have much time to pursue many interests but does spend an ordinate amount of time at our play areas!

### EAGLESCLIFFE STATION

This summer, at last, the work to extend the car park and build a fresh waiting room has been completed and the station was formally re-opened by our MP, who is the Minister for Local Growth and the Northern Powerhouse.

As the railway company has started charging for parking, Stockton Council is consulting residents nearby about introducing a scheme to restrict the length of time that people park on the surrounding streets unless they have residents' permits. A 20 m.p.h. limit is also proposed. Our Clerk has more details.

Residents have asked questions, to which we have been given the following answers:

- Why have no station toilets been provided?  
It would be a major undertaking to put drains under the track.
- Why is the waiting room not open for all trains?  
It is open when the ticket office is open, as the staff lock and unlock. There are seats under shelter outside the door available at all times.
- Why are the ramps not to modern standards for people with disabilities?  
Ramps with a gentler gradient would take up too much space on the platform and in the car park and there is no money at present for the major works needed if lifts were installed.
- Do I have to pay to park while I buy tickets in advance or meet someone off a train?  
We have asked Northern Rail for a notice to clarify this.

### EGGLESCLIFFE PARISH CHURCH FLOODLIGHTS

As well as showing off this historic building, the existing floodlights have illuminated the paths through the Churchyard. However, this year parts of the electrical equipment have failed and for safety' sake the lights have been switched off. We feel that any piecemeal repairs would be a waste of money, in view of the age and condition of some of the parts. A specification has therefore been drawn up for new, more energy-efficient floodlights. The Church is a Listed Building and subject to ecclesiastical law, so it will be necessary to obtain consents before work can start. There is no budget for such major work in the current year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016, but we have identified some money from underspends which could be used if the work could be started this winter. Meanwhile, we apologise for the darkness and advise users of the paths to bring a torch or go round the outside of the Churchyard, where there are street lights.

### PLANNING

There have been two planning applications this year for housing in Egglescliffe village (including restoration of Egglescliffe Old Hall, a Listed Building). To an extent the proposals overlap each other. The earlier proposal has received planning permission from Stockton Council; the later one was still pending at the time of writing. Work has now begun on the housing on Uray Nook Road (opposite Grassholme Way), for which planning permission was given previously.

### SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY ? CALL 101

Police Community Service Officers have again stressed the importance of calling **101 to report suspicious activity.** This enables officers to build up a picture of any 'hot spots' that need patrolling.

**CONTACT YOUR COUNCILLORS  
COUNCIL CONTACT DETAILS & MEETINGS**

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	Clerk to the Council	01642 785951	Email: egglescliffepc@btconnect.com

Residents are welcome at Council meetings, these are held at Eggescliffe School, Urlay Nook Road on the first and third Thursdays each month except during school holidays.  
**Forthcoming dates: November 5th & 19th; December 3rd; January 7th & 21st**  
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**

**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  
Refuse collection, street cleansing, kerbside recycling, horticultural services, highways maintenance, fly tipping (removal) etc.

**Street Lighting 01642 526769** Email: 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, Eaglescliffe TS16 0LA  
Or email your comments to: egglescliffepc@btconnect.com