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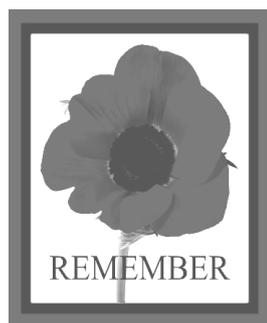
REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Wreaths will be laid on behalf of the Parish on Sunday 13th November as follows:

St John's Church, Egglecliffe: There will be a service in Church at 10am followed by a procession to Egglecliffe War Memorial at 10.55 am

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 Uray Nook.



INTRODUCING OUR NEW CHAIRMAN.....



Councillor John Fletcher, who writes: Egglecliffe and Eaglescliffe Council have chosen me as Chairman for the year 2016-17, an office I previously filled a quarter of a century ago (when I had less grey hair!). My wife and I have lived in Eaglescliffe since 1979. Our son and his wife both attended Egglecliffe School. In the 33 years I have served on this Council I have believed that it is important to have an elected local body able to raise its own income, which can raise issues and do things locally. Stockton Borough Council's priorities might not always be the same as ours. Here proceedings are conducted respectfully and usually by consensus (although at times we can agree to differ

amicably) – I hope that they will continue that way. I represented you also on Stockton Council from 1987 to my retirement in 2011; I was Mayor of this borough for the year 2008-09. I am also involved in various voluntary bodies, including locally being President of Egglecliffe Parish Hall Association. Most of all, I shall do my best to serve you during my term of office.

AND A NEW COUNCILLOR

Councillor Michael Snaith, who was co-opted to the parish council on 8th September. Councillor Snaith has been a resident of the area for 31 years; his young children attend the Links Primary School where his partner is a parent governor. He works as a Service Delivery Manager for one of the largest I.T. companies in the world ; his interests include exploring the local area via bicycle, watching a wide variety of sport including cricket and football, and he is a keen supporter of Middlesbrough Football Club

A DATE FOR YOUR 2017 CALENDAR SUMMER FETE SUNDAY 16TH JULY 2017

The 2016 Summer fête was a huge success. We had entertainment from American Girl, AJ Productions and Punch and Judy; adults and children alike had great fun competing in the sports and wellie throwing. £418 was raised for Bowel Cancer UK from stalls such as the coconut shy, tombola and children's games. The Flower Festival at St John's Church and the good weather added to the enjoyment of the day. Thank you to everyone who came along and those who helped to organise everything. We hope to see you next year, look out for more details nearer the time.

ST JOHN'S CHURCH FLOODLIGHTS

Having explained the problems in our October 2015 and April 2016 newsletters, we are pleased to report that new floodlights have been installed and are working. The amount of money thought to be needed was identified and the current year's budget took this into account. We are pleased to report that in the end the job came in considerably under budget.



EGGLESCLIFFE LIBRARY CLOSURE

On October 6th Stockton Council decided that Egglecliffe Library should be closed, at the latest by March 2017. It is hoped that the re-opening of the recently refurbished Yarm Library may alleviate problems caused by this closure. Egglecliffe Community Centre is looking at the possibility of extending its book loan service.

PLANNING

- Yarm School have again applied for planning permission to build a foot- and cycle-bridge over the **River Tees** for their pupils and the public from their grounds onto the Egglecliffe bank. We have told Stockton Council our concerns – e.g., there is no cycle path on this side of the river; after dark it could provide an easy route for unwelcome activities; we would seek assurances of future maintenance and that the river flow would not be affected.
- Our April 2016 Newsletter indicated our concerns about a planning application (which was later withdrawn) for **1 Abbeyfield Drive**. The same comments have been made about a similar new application.
- Stockton Council have not said what they intend to do with **Egglecliffe Branch Library** following its closure. We understand that it would need repair works costing over £60,000, beyond our means if we had thought of taking over the building. Meanwhile, we pointed out to Stockton that local people needed somewhere where they could access by computer (for instance) Government services (benefits etc.).

EAGLESCLIFFE MEDICAL PRACTICE PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP (PPG)

The PPG exists to provide a link between patients and staff. Their aim is to support the practice to continually improve the provision of healthcare and ensure that patients are at the heart of decision making. Regular meetings, that any patient of the practice is welcome to come along to, are published on the practice website www.eaglescliffemedical.co.uk and advertised on the PPG noticeboard in the waiting room.

In June the group started fundraising activities and took on the challenge to raise £1,800 to help the practice buy an additional Ambulatory Blood Pressure Monitor. This compact device will provide an accurate 24 hour blood pressure reading for patients. If you've visited the practice recently then you may have seen the second hand book stall or taken part in the tombolas and raffles. Thanks to the fantastic support from both patients and local businesses, over £650 has already been raised. If you would like to find out more about the Eaglescliffe Medical Practice PPG, please leave your contact details at reception or send an email to admin@eaglescliffepgp.uk

EGGLESCLIFFE COMMUNITY CENTRE (Durham Lane) FORTHCOMING EVENTS

8th - 12th November, 7.30pm - "Disposing of the Body" Cliffe Theatre drama. Tickets (£7 adults, £6 concessions) tel. 01642 657229 or 888779

26th November - Wreath Making Workshop (look out for posters for further information)

7th December, 7pm - Lighting of the Tree - All welcome to come along and sing Christmas songs at this free event

8th December 7.30pm - Carol Service All welcome In aid of Stockton Children's Butterwick Hospice. Refreshments will be served after the service.

10th December 9.30 am Father Christmas Morning Christmas Fayre 9.30am—noon. Adult admission £1 Variety of stalls, tombolas, games and prize draw. Children can meet Father Christmas for free between 10am and noon.

COMMUNITY AWARDS

Do you know of an individual or group that goes the extra mile to make a difference to peoples lives and the area where we live? Do you think their efforts should be recognised? Then why not nominate them for the parish council Community Award?



There are two awards, one for individuals and the second for groups/organisations. 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

The closing date for nominations this year is 31st December 2016. 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 in 2017

ST MARGARET'S PLAY AREA

Many of you will know that this play area, between the Grisedale Crescent and Sunningdale Drive areas, has been the subject of arson attacks and vandalism on an unprecedented scale recently. The play equipment was bought originally with a combination of government grant and local council tax (the parish precept) after extensive consultations with school children and adults in the area. Traditional swings were added later at the request of parents and grand-parents. The park has been so well used that the bark safety surfacing wore out and was replaced by grass-mat earlier this year. Just as that work was completed an arson attack on the Portable Toilet provided for the workers resulted in the fire spreading to the tube slide and damaging it. A replacement was ordered, using almost all the budget set aside for play area repairs and improvements in the year April 2016 - March 2017. Before it could be delivered and fitted a second, more serious attack on the slide itself severely damaged other parts of the unit, as well as melting the safety surface underneath it. Meanwhile vandals have damaged one of the logs used for informal seating, climbing and playing.

Your Parish Council has had to carefully consider whether or not to replace the equipment, as the cost of doing the entire job is now almost £20,000. We took advice on crime prevention measures from Cleveland Police and we listened to residents who contacted us. On balance we felt that we had to repair the play unit for the benefit of the children who enjoy it so much. But we also felt strongly that in order to be prudent with public money we needed to take all possible precautions to deter future attacks. To this end we are doing three things:

1. We have passed on to the police evidence we have been given which might help them in their search for the culprits.
2. We are asking everyone who walks through the park or lives near it to keep an eye on it and to report, anonymously if they wish, any suspicious activity to the police.
3. We have invested almost £8000 in having a CCTV camera installed, maintained and monitored by Stockton Council's Surveillance Centre. If after the first year we feel that the camera is still needed we will have to budget a further £4305 per annum for it to remain in use.

This is obviously a huge amount of money to come out of our annual budget and it has had a serious impact: Three projects have been deferred in order to use the money which was allocated to them - new planters for the war memorial at Tittybottle Park, Tree planting near the entrance to Greenfield Drive from Durham Lane and the interpretive plaque for Orchard Estate to go near bus shelter at the entrance to Greenfield Drive. We will try to include them in next year's budget.

We have used £500 of the money put aside for contingencies in the Queen Elizabeth II garden on Urlay Nook Rd

There was money put aside for meetings, consultant advice and for printing of Neighbourhood Plan consultation documents which will not be required before the end of the financial year owing to unforeseen delays in the work and so £3000 could be used for this emergency play area work.

Next year's precept will almost certainly be higher than last year's in order to allow us to do those things which have been delayed through these arson attacks.

It seems obvious to councillors that anyone setting fire to a large plastic structure must have gone home with the smell lingering on their clothes. Someone is protecting these criminals and we ask if you know anything at all which might help the police, please get in touch with them and give them the information. If people get away with these attacks their next "thrill" might be someone's house.

CALLING ALL GARDENERS

The parish council has a number of vacant plots at its allotment site on the A67, known as Eliff's Mill. At the time of writing there is no-one on our residents waiting list; so if you would like an allotment then now is the time to contact our Clerk (contact details on the back page).



First come first served!!

EAGLESCLIFFE STATION

In our October 2015 Newsletter we wrote, ***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. At the time of writing we understand that the railway company will not allow such a notice. Stockton Council has done a lot of work on discouraging rail customers from parking on surrounding streets, so we have taken this issue up with them and the company.

**CONTACT YOUR COUNCILLORS
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Residents are welcome at Council meetings, these are held at Egglescliffe School, Urlay Nook Road on the first and third Thursdays each month except during school holidays.

Forthcoming dates: November 3rd & 17th; December 1st

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