

EGGLESCLIFFE & EAGLESCLIFFE COUNCIL

NEWSLETTER

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REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Wreaths will be laid on behalf of the Parish on Sunday 14th 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 10.45am. Spaces are limited in church

All Saints Church, Preston on Tees: Service commences at 9.45am, the Parade will then make its way to the War Memorial, Albert Road.

Although there is no formal service, a Poppy Wreath will be laid at the War Memorial outside the GNAAS (former Elementis Chromium) offices at Uray Nook.

Is Our Community Perfect?

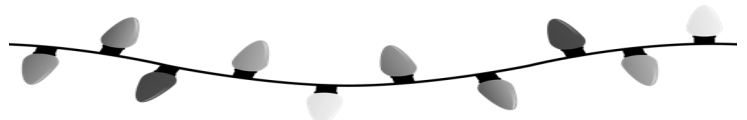
If not, can you help make it better?

Egglecliffe and Eaglescliffe Council looks after play areas, allotments and open spaces in the Parish, organises community events like the Summer Fete, cares for our war memorials and tries to work with others to make this a wonderful place to live. Currently there are 3 vacancies on the council which can be filled by co-optation of interested people. The meetings are currently held on the first Thursday of the month and usually last no more than 2 hours. As well as that there's the option of sitting on one or more of the committees that do some of the detailed work and meet as and when needed. The times of those meetings are fixed to suit the members and many of them are still held via online conference calls. If you are interested and would like to know more do get in touch - you can talk to one of the members or to the clerk and you can come to a meeting to see what happens before deciding. We're particularly keen to hear from people living West of the Egglecliffe-Yarm railway line (Orchard, Kingsmead, Hunters Green etc) which are under-represented on the council at present.

Christmas Lights

Following a stream of positive feedback over the years from Parish residents about the Christmas lights on the tree at the junction of Yarm Road and South View, we are delighted to announce that the Parish has been able to invest in two further sets of tree lights for this coming Christmas which we hope can add a further festive glow to the Parish after what has been a difficult period for many. After thoughtful discussion and site visits with Stockton Borough Council back in July, one of the trees to be adorned with the soft white lights will be on Yarm Road, on the grass verge opposite Reuben Manor. The other will be on the West side of the Parish on Durham lane in front of Springfield Close.

Additionally we have been reliably informed that there will also be a temporary Christmas tree erected in the Queen Elizabeth II garden along Uray Nook Road as part of the Yarm, Egglecliffe & Parishes initiative. We hope that these trees will bring some additional cheer for residents and commuters



Tittybottle Park

Egglecliffe & Eaglescliffe and Preston-on-Tees Councils are jointly responsible for this park and the war memorial within it. In September a routine inspection walk by a councillor revealed that the coping stones on the boundary wall were unsafe in a number of locations. The council sought advice on action, bearing in mind that the wall is in a conservation area and surrounds the war memorial, and as a result has placed a contract for repair work to be carried out before Remembrance Sunday.



It seems a long time since we fund-raised to install a defibrillator but as the pandemic stopped us putting out a newsletter this is the first opportunity to update residents. The Parkmore Hotel agreed to have the defibrillator on the wall and to pay for the electricity supply needed for charging. The installation was completed last year and since then it has been accessed on several occasions.

Defibrillator

We are not told, of course, the outcome of the emergency. Thank you to all who helped in any way to obtain it, a valuable resource for our community.

Summer Fete 2022

With winter almost upon us it seems wrong to be writing about the summer fete, but we wanted to take this opportunity to let you know that Parish Council intend to host a summer fete at Egglecliffe Village next summer sometime in July, exact date to be confirmed. The fete is a popular family event in the calendar year, bringing together residents from the parish and beyond by virtue of its various stalls, sporting events, family entertainment and live music. When the fete was last on in July 2019 (which seems so long ago!) it was run in conjunction with the Parish Scarecrow festival organised by EARA which added a further dimension to the event. It is hoped that the two events can be combined again for next year. Of course, the bonus of the summer fete is its charitable dimension. In previous years the Summer fetes have raised hundreds of pounds for local charities or amenities that affect residents of the Parish. In the past this has included a donation to GNASS as well as funds going to a Community Public Access Defibrillator (CPAD) located in the Parish to treat sudden victims of cardiac arrest. Please look out for further details in April's newsletter for further information and plan to come along to enjoy a family-friendly day out while also supporting local charities here in the Parish.

Community Awards 2021

Do you know of an individual or group that deserves recognition for their efforts in 2021 to make the Parish a better place to live? Then why not nominate them for the Parish Council Community Award? There are two awards, one for individuals and the second for groups/organisations who have made a worthwhile contribution to life in the Parish. Rest assured, 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 – physically or metaphorically; made a significant contribution to the conservation and protection of the natural environment of the Parish. The closing date for 2021 nominations is January 31st 2022. If you would like to nominate someone, please put the name and phone number/email or address (if known) of the person you wish to nominate in writing to the Clerk to the Council, stating the reasons why you think they deserve the award. Please also include the name and address of the person making the nomination as well as 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 presented at the Annual Parish Meeting in 2022.

PARISH MEETING

In normal times the law requires the Parish Meeting to assemble annually between 1st March and 1st June "to discuss parish affairs". All electors in the Civil Parish of Egglecliffe may take part. Owing to the Covid-19 pandemic this was not possible in 2020 and was done on line in 2021. In this parish it is traditional for this meeting to hear reports on the work of Egglecliffe & Eaglescliffe Council (including figures showing how the Parish Council's part of your Council Tax is fixed and spent). Presentations of community awards and for best-kept allotments are made.

It is hoped to hold the 2022 Parish Meeting "live" in late April – watch out for notices of the date and place.

PICK UP AFTER YOUR PET!

Dog dog fouling is still a problem.



In the St. Margarets area Stockton Council has put up large signs but it is still happening at a high rate especially right next to or in the play area there. Failure to clean up after your dog is an offence. Under the

Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996 authorised Council Officers can issue a £50 Fixed Penalty Notice to anyone that is seen to allow their dog to foul in a public place and not clean it up. Failure to pay the fixed penalty will generally result in prosecution that may lead to the offender being fined up to £1,000. Remember to always take a poop scoop bag out with you whenever you are walking your dog and dispose of it correctly. It is never an acceptable excuse to forget to take a bag with you and not clean up after your pet.



Play Areas

Those who use the Amberley Way play area will have noticed the Heras fencing surrounding the play sculpture there. Sadly, the timbers have reached the end of their life and the council has to decide on a way forward for that part of the play area. Whatever is decided will be expensive and will not be quick so we apologise now for the length of time that the area will be fenced off. If you are interested in being part of the decision making perhaps you'll consider applying for cooption to the council (see front page). The wooden structures at St Margarets have undergone resistance testing and been declared safe. The council has a regular inspection regime on all play equipment and we get regular reports. At St Margarets the surface under all the swings has suffered from heavy use so we've decided to try a different safety surface under one set - you've probably noticed it being installed in early October. If it proves satisfactory the other swings will have the same treatment in due course. Don't forget that if you have any concerns at all about the play areas you can email the council and it will be looked into.

COUNCILLOR GEOFFREY ALAN COLLING Died 29th April 2021

Geoff Colling was welcomed to the Parish Council in February 2005 earning the respect of his fellow councillors and residents over the following years. He served on a number of committees and for two years as Chairman of the council. He was well known, liked and respected by locals and his fellow councillors alike and until he became ill, was often seen around the local area with his faithful dog, Sam. He always had time to stop for a gossip and usually had a good (often naughty) joke to tell.

Geoff had a long career in the police force: after 3 teenage years in the Police Cadets, he was appointed as a Constable in Durham in 1965; then to Teesside (later Cleveland) Police before retiring as an Inspector from Cleveland in the late 1990's. Fellow cadets remembered "Both Hartlepool lads, Geoff was a year ahead of me at Sedgefield, both becoming Darlington Police Constables and regulars in the Durham Constabulary rugby team, including 1967 when we won the Junior Cup. Geoff was a wholehearted team man, renowned for his 'uncompromising' style on the field, which might just ring a few bells for anybody that has ever worked with him" and "I remember Geoff being an ebullient character".

Geoff will be sadly missed .



TRANSPORT

There has been a chequered history of bus and train services since the beginning of the pandemic, owing to varying demand. Operators are now making plans to reflect the likely level of demand when life returns to normal. At the time of writing the best advice is to look up the current timetable before making plans to travel. For some 38 years there has been no public access to Eaglescliffe Station from the west side and the ramps to the footbridge are too steep. Stockton Council's Local Plan would permit a car park accessible from Durham Lane and a new footbridge, including lifts to the platforms and at all station entry points, connecting both sides of the railway and the platforms, fully accessible for people with mobility impairments. This would increase parking spaces, enable people living west of the railway or working on Durham Lane Industrial Park to walk to Eaglescliffe Station and shops and provide a route for train passengers to come by car from further afield yet avoid Yarm Road. Further details on the Tees Valley Combined Authority's website at <https://teesvalley-ca.gov.uk/projects/transport/eaglescliffe-rail-station-western-access/>.

CHRISTMAS EVENT

Egglecliffe Parish Hall is holding its first fund raising event for 2 years on the 27th November with a carol service and lighting the Christmas tree at 18.30; followed by a live band, pie and peas, raffle etc.

Tickets are £10.00 available from 07712 547656.



FUND RACING RACE

A charity fund raising race was organised by the Locomotion at Station Road. The event was started by Baroness Tanni Grey Thompson and raised over £2000 for Great North Air Ambulance. We are informed this will be an annual event.



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Residents are welcome at Council meetings, these are held on the first Thursday each month except August at Eggescliffe Parish Hall, Butts Lane. Eggescliffe

Check our website <http://www.egglescliffeandegglescliffe-pc.org.uk> for full meeting details, including any forthcoming committee meetings.

You are welcome to observe from 7pm and at 8pm you are welcome to speak but please do contact the Clerk before coming along so that a Covid-19 risk assessment can be undertaken for visitors

If there's something you want to discuss with **YOUR COUNCILLORS** please come along.

We have enjoyed our few meetings at Eggescliffe Parish Hall but unfortunately they are unable to accommodate us after December this year. So, from January 2022 we will be meeting at All Saints Church, Dunnotar Avenue, Eggescliffe.

USEFUL CONTACTS

Anti-social Behaviour: If you are experiencing anti-social behaviour in your area, contact the Civic Enforcement Service or in an emergency contact the police:

Civic Enforcement Service Tel: 01642 607943 Email civic.enforcement@stockton.gov.uk

Your concerns will be passed on to a dedicated officer for that area who will be able to offer advice and information, and take action where necessary.

Neighbourhood Policing Call 101. In an emergency or if a crime is actually taking place, ring 999

Care For Your Area Tel. 01642 391959 Email: careforyourarea@stockton.gov.uk.

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

Street Lighting Tel. 01642 391959 Damaged or defective street lights - quote the identification number from the light, bollard or sign and the address of the closest building or road name

Samaritans 116123 Free any time from any phone. Local branch **01642 217777** (charges apply)

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: your details will be used only for the purposes of responding to your comments and will not be shared with any third party without your prior consent.

NAME: ADDRESS:.....

EMAIL ADDRESS:.....

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