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(Marsh House Ward & High Grange, Wolviston Ward)

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A NEW MEMBER OF THE EDITORIAL TEAM



Lynne and Colin welcome Keith Dewison on to the editorial team of the Focus Newsletter. Keith has been involved for many years with the Billingham Town Centre Residents Association. Along with Lynne and Colin he will be pressing for the development of the Billingham Town



Centre and the refurbishment of the Forum Leisure Centre.

Keith has spent the last 8 years as a carer of his elderly mother so he has a great understanding of the problems associated with being a carer. This gives him a good grounding in the social services system.

He has also been involved with local politics in the area for the improvement of Billingham as a whole.

TUNSTALL AVENUE BUS STOP

The bus route 34/35 now travels along **Tunstall Avenue** from **Marsh House Avenue** to **Satley Road** and is scheduled to stop in **Tunstall Avenue**



if required. Several residents have complained that the bus doesn't always stop in **Tunstall Avenue** as

there is no bus stop sign. There is an old bus stop from when buses used this part of **Tunstall Avenue** in the past. Colin has taken up the matter with Stockton Borough Council and the pole is to be checked before an official bus stop sign is erected.



BILLINGHAM LEARNING CENTRE

Lynne and Colin have had complaints from residents on **Marsh House Avenue** about the floodlights on the walls of the Learning Centre. The Centre put in a retrospective planning application for them which was granted with conditions. The floodlights have to be switched off at 9.30pm each evening and several of them have to be fitted with shades. This hasn't happened yet, but Lynne and Colin are chasing it up with Stockton Council.

STOCKTON-ON-LINE

Funding is now available for the Stockton-on-Line computers in the Low Grange Community Centre for the coming year. The computers are available for use by any



residents free of charge, so why not make use of the facility? You can train for your European Computer Driving Licence at this centre free of charge and at your own pace, so why not go for this qualification?

When you pass any course there are shopping vouchers to go with your certificate.

LOW GRANGE COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Annual General Meeting of the Community centre will take place on Tuesday 8th March at 7pm in the centre. The centre is run by a team of volunteers on the management committee and new members would be greatly appreciated. It is your centre and it is only with your support that it stays open.

LOW GRANGE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

The Annual General meeting of the association was held on Friday 14th January in the Low Grange Community Centre. The Committee were very disappointed that only 10 residents attended after 3,000 leaflets were delivered in the area. This association is for all Low Grange residents and will only function with your support.

BEWLEY INFANTS SCHOOL

Lynne and Colin have congratulated the Staff, Governors and Children on the excellent OFSTED report just received by the school. It is through their efforts that the school has improved and raised the profile of the Low Grange Area of Billingham.

ELECTION DAY IS COMING!

On Thursday May 5th there are elections for Stockton Borough Council.

This election will not be all postal, so if you want a postal vote for any reason please let us know or ring 526196 at Stockton Council. The closing date for applications is 5pm Tues 26th April.

If you've moved house in the last few months and you're not sure if you're on the voting register Lynne or Colin will be happy to check for you.

CASSON WAY

The residents of Casson Way told Colin and Lynne about the number of accidents caused by car drivers at what they see as



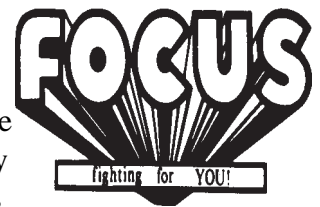
the Stockton North Road Safety Committee.

Also the southern end fence of the bungalows was blown down during the high winds, leaving their rear gardens

open to everyone from the public footpath. Tristar Homes said it would be repaired in April!



Keith Dewison says "The fence should be repaired as a matter of urgency. Leaving the old peoples gardens open to the public is unacceptable". Colin and Lynne have been in touch with Tristar Homes in an effort to get the fence repaired as soon as possible.



excessive speeds. One car ended up impaled in the end bungalow of Casson Court and others have ended up in people's gardens. This has been reported to

WARD SURGERIES

Lynne and Colin will be holding ward surgeries at the following venues (no appointment needed)
from **6.30 – 7.30pm**

14th March

North Billingham Methodist Church

11th April

Low Grange Community Centre

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