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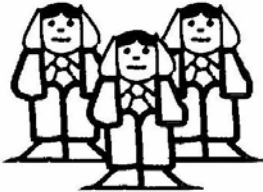
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Toothache?

Thank you to everyone who signed the petition asking for a new contract to meet the needs of both patients and dentists (Focus 181). Local Lib Dem Councillors handed this over to Steve Webb MP, Liberal Democrat Health spokesman and he is following it up with the Health Secretary.



Labour is not listening!

Julia said “Without a change of heart by the Government, NHS dentistry will be entering a terminal decline.”
Meanwhile the new Government contract has come into force and matters are getting worse. Until the issue gets sorted out better it is best to contact PALS (Patient Advice and Liaison Service) on 0800 052 2863 for up to date advice for problems.

Darzi update

We are both very disappointed that despite all of the objections, the Darzi recommendations are, in the main, being supported. Julia is part of the Health Scrutiny Committee which, along with other Stockton councillors, is calling for a review by the Secretary of State for Health.

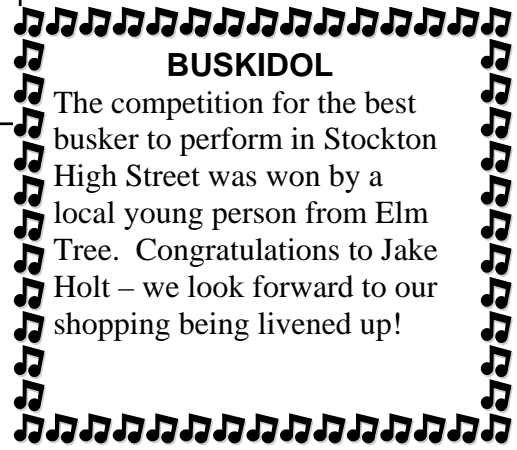
BISHOPSGARTH ASSOCIATION OF RESIDENTS

The next open meeting for all residents in the area is on **Monday 15th May at Bishopsgarth School at 6.30pm.** Do go along if you want to find out what is happening, have ideas or concerns about the area.

Also they are organising a “Bishopsgarth in Bloom” competition. Watch out at the local shops for details – why not have a go ?

NEW HAT

At the Council’s Annual General Meeting on 5th April Suzanne was elected Mayor of Stockton on Tees for the coming year. She is still, though, an enthusiastic and busy councillor for the Bishopsgarth and Elm Tree ward. If you want to see what she is getting up to have a look at the Mayoral Blog at http://www.stockton.gov.uk/yourcouncil/your_councillors/mayorblog0607/



BUSKIDOL

The competition for the best busker to perform in Stockton High Street was won by a local young person from Elm Tree. Congratulations to Jake Holt – we look forward to our shopping being livened up!

SNIPPETS The **Marwood Square** ruts in the grass verge are to be looked at again for a longer term solution If anyone can identify the car causing damage to the verge and pavement on **Elm Tree Avenue** by the flats

(**Elm Tree Court**) between **Welland Crescent and Lauder Close**, please let Julia or Suzanne know Suzanne has reported numerous litter and dog dirt bins with graffiti and broken parts; dumped items around the bridge over the beck at **Harewood Crescent / Brundall Close**, and asked for the beck in that area to be cleansed. Julia has reported graffiti on NTL boxes at **Medina Close, Wroxham Close and Woodborough Lane**. No more news yet on wind turbine at **Bishopsgarth School**



MOBILE SKATEBOARDING PARK COMES TO ELM TREE: This will be situated in the car park behind the Elm Tree Community Centre on **Thursday 1st June** from 10.00am - 3.00pm. This is a trial to see how well used it is and how it works. Let us know what you think!



Elm Tree Community Centre: The AGM will be held on Wednesday 7th June at 7pm. **Guest speaker will be Dave Adams from Sure Start who will talk about plans for a "Children's Centre"**. There will also be a motion to make various changes to the Constitution (please contact Julia for more info).



Problems, Queries, Ideas & Views.

Suzanne and Julia will be holding their ward surgery at **Elm Tree Community Centre**
 Tuesday 9th May 6pm to 7pm
 Tuesday 6th June 6pm to 7pm
 Young people, same dates 4.30 to 5.30 pm

Contact us by:

Letter - Julia Roberts, 22, Zetland Road, Stockton, TS19 0EQ

or Suzanne Fletcher, 3, Hoylake Way, Eaglescliffe, Stockton on Tees, TS16 9EU

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SAINSBURY'S JUNCTION

The improvements to the junction between the Ring Road and Bisphopton Road West have now been approved, and work will begin on service diversions this summer, and the main work will be finished in the summer of 2007.



BUSES – good news and bad.

It is very good that the Council has negotiated a deal with the bus companies to give free travel to the over 60's all day right across the Tees Valley, instead of

just off peak in Stockton as the government promised, BUT the government has not given the Council the money to deal with this and so it will cost local council tax payers about £1.3 million to fund this.

PLANNING UPDATE

The work on "Site 3" which is the land off Darlington Lane opposite Norwich Avenue, between the new development and cycleway has now started.

It might be helpful if you had some contact numbers "just in case" anything goes wrong.

The hours of construction are to be within 8.00 am to 4.30 pm, Monday to Fridays.

8.30 am to 12.30 pm Saturdays.

- General Development problems
Peter Shovlin 526018
- Mud on road etc.
Care for Your Area 391959
- Ecological / Environmental issues
Dave O'Brien 808417

STOP PRESS

We have just found that the developers of Site 3 are wanting to remove the planning condition that says that the works to the Mile House junction do not have to be completed by the time that the first house is occupied. Julia and Suzanne have put in a strong objection, and if you want to do so you need to do so urgently to the Stockton Council's planning department.

Tristar Rent payments

Tristar are reviewing the use of the mobile bus which many people use to pay their rent. Suzanne and Julia are both concerned that this will cause difficulties for many people, particularly the elderly. Please let us know your views and we will pass them on to Tristar Homes.

BISHOPSGARTH SCHOOL – our congratulations to the school for their recent award for their commitment to dealing with anti social behaviour. All credit goes to the school, staff, and local residents working together to tackle difficult problems.

DURHAM ROAD CEMETERY

This is an issue which causes very deep emotions for many people within the ward who have loved ones interred there. Stockton Borough Council will shortly be installing 3 infra red cameras which, it is hoped, will help to stamp out anti social behaviour in this area. Julia has taken particular interest in this issue.

SKIPS AND RECYCLING

The next skips for household rubbish :

Wed. 10th May, Mosston Road

Tues. 23rd May, Elm Tree Community Centre car park

Thursday 15th June, Foxwood Drive car park

We are pleased that at last there is a green waste collection in the area. Let us know how it is going.

