

Bishopsgarth & Elm Tree

FOCUS

No 197

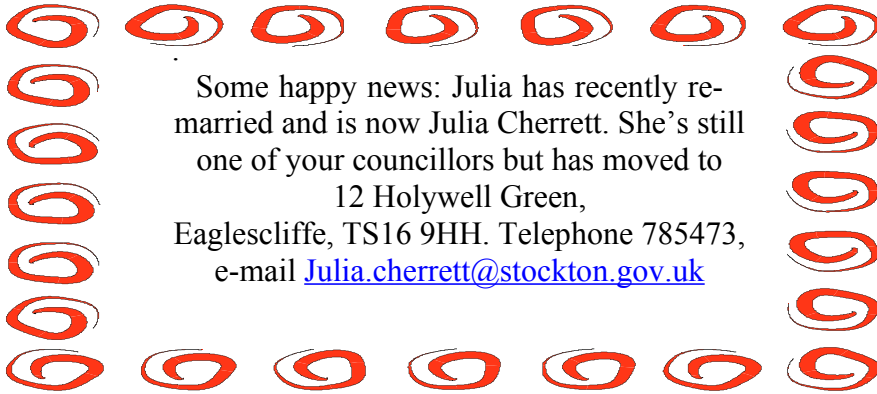
Editors:

Cllr Suzanne Fletcher
787652

Cllr Julia Cherrett
785473



CONGRATULATIONS !



Some happy news: Julia has recently re-married and is now Julia Cherrett. She's still one of your councillors but has moved to 12 Holywell Green, Eaglescliffe, TS16 9HH. Telephone 785473, e-mail Julia.cherrett@stockton.gov.uk



Stockton Lib Dems Select Parliamentary Candidate

Stockton Liberal Democrats recently selected Jacquie Bell as their Candidate for Stockton South at the next General Election. Mrs Bell is an experienced Lib Dem campaigner who has introduced a number of policies at the party's national conferences.

She fought Richmond (Yorkshire) against William Hague in 2005.

One of Jacquie's ancestors helped put Stockton on the map – George Stephenson of Rocket and Stockton to Darlington railway fame..

Jacquie said " I am delighted to have been selected for Stockton South. I believe I have the political experience and commitment to ensuring the voice of local people is heard to be an effective representative for the constituency."

GOOD NEWS ON RECYCLING

As you know we have long campaigned for recycling of cardboard and plastics. We know it is good for the environment and time and again residents in surveys we have done have told us that this is what they want. Liberal Democrat Cllr Maureen Rigg chaired the Environment Select Committee looking into the possibility of bringing the extra recycling in. We are pleased that the committee recommended that cardboard and plastic bottle recycling be done. This will be phased in, and we do not know yet when Bishopsgarth and Elm Tree will start. At the same time as the extra recycling begins, side waste (extra bags and boxes) will not be collected, as most of this is caused by cardboard packaging. They recommended that weekly collections of waste should continue it at all possible.

Hospital Telephone Number:



Sometimes they do listen to us!
Julia had raised the issue of North Tees Hospital using a premium rate telephone number which brought in an income to the hospital paid for every time you rang them up (Focus 193)
We're delighted that the hospital have now scrapped this number, although some of their paperwork hasn't caught up yet. The hospital can now be contacted directly (and cheaply) on 01642 617617

LIBERAL DEMOCRATS - FAIR, HONEST, OPEN AND GREEN

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS

In Focus 175 we asked for your views on how we spent the £13,000 from our small environmental improvement budget. We have had a number of suggestions along with needs put forward last year that we were not able to do, and have listed all of these below with approximate costings. There may be other ways of getting funding for some of the projects, and we are open to ideas. Let us know as soon as possible what views you have about which we take forward for this year :

*Path from Foxwood Drive to the rear of Whitehouse Farm School	£10,000
*Path from Whitehouse School rear to Newstead Avenue/Alford Lane	£10,000
Path from Selwyn Drive to cycleway	£2,000
46 to 76 Bishopton Road West , verge treatment	£5,500
Lighting in The Wynde	£2,500
Parking on the Council estate	£112,500
Newham Grange Park improvements	£37,500
Notice board in Bishopsgarth	£2,000
Dog bins (2)	£800
Trees behind Alford Lane	£700
Bulbs in front of Sparks Bakery	£500
Handrail on stepped paving	£1,000

* We may be able to get grants towards the paths behind Whitehouse Farm School, **BUT would need a residents or users group to apply for this.** If you want this path, PLEASE consider helping and being part of a group that would get support., and get in touch with us.

BROWN'S FIRST YEAR IN OFFICE

Stockton has not benefited from Gordon Brown's leadership claims Parliamentary Candidate Jacquie Bell. Labour MPs unanimously made Mr Brown party leader last year and they have just celebrated his first year as Prime Minister.

But local Liberal Democrats are unhappy about Mr Brown's leadership and have argued that Stockton has failed to benefit from his year as Prime Minister. Jacquie Bell said "Gordon Brown has been in office for a year and I am looking for any significant improvements in the constituency."

"Instead of the strong leadership claims Labour spun last year, we have endured months of dithering, indecision and a chaotic government under Prime Minister Brown. He is more a rabbit frozen in headlights than a leader for the country. Thousands of local residents on low incomes are worse off under Gordon Brown's 10p tax grab, despite panic concessions last month."

Thousands are forced to pay more council tax and many local residents are forced to live in overcrowded homes due to the credit crunch and the failure of Labour to build sufficient affordable homes. Local residents get angrier as matters get worse under Gordon Brown rather than better.

Read what Suzanne is up to on www.readmyday.co.uk, and she will have a web page on the Council website at www.stockton.gov.uk/suzannefletcherwebpage

SKIPS

The next skips for **household** waste
Mosston Road, 4th August
Medina House and Whitehouse Drive, 8th September, 9.30 till 3.30



Problems, Queries, Ideas & Views.

Suzanne and Julia will be holding their ward surgery at **Elm Tree Community Centre** Tuesday 12th August, and 23rd September
6.00 pm to 7.00pm

Bishopsgarth School (with local Police)
Before **Bishopsgarth Association of Residents** meeting at 6.30 p.m that all are welcome to come along to.
Monday 8th September, 6pm - 6.30pm

Contact us by:

Letter - Julia Cherrett, 12 Holywell Green, Eaglescliffe, TS16 9HH *or* Suzanne Fletcher, 3, Hoylake Way, Eaglescliffe, Stockton on Tees, TS16 9EU
or - Julia Cherrett and Suzanne Fletcher, FREEPOST, NEA 765, STOCKTON-ON-TEES, TS16 9BR (no need for a stamp)
Phone - 01642 785473 (Julia) or 787652 (Suzanne)
e-mail - julia.cherrett@stockton.gov.uk (Julia) or suzanne.fletcher@stockton.gov.uk (Suzanne)

WORKING WITH YOU, WORKING FOR YOU!
FOCUS - THE ORIGINAL AND THE BEST. NOW IN ITS 27TH YEAR!