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## GOOD NEWS for PRESTON HALL



Alan, John and Maureen are celebrating the Heritage Lottery award of £3.58m for Preston Hall. It will mean lifts, improved toilets, high quality education areas and much more.

The drainage on the main field will be improved so that events can take place even in the rain.

The first improvement is already in place - **Cafe Tees @ Preston Park**, is refurbished and open with an improved menu.

**Preston Park Play Areas** will undergo their annual maintenance as follows:

'Site A' area (next to the café) will close from 22<sup>nd</sup> March – 1st April for staining / painting of the equipment & topping up of the bark safety surfacing.

'Site B' (next to the crazy golf) will be closed for 2 days during this week, however council staff will try to re-open 'Site A' for these days so there should always be some play equipment available.

### More Good News - Footpaths & Roads

Walking between **Yarm Rd** and **West View Terrace** will be easier thanks to work to be done on the footpath. Our ward funds will provide a proper surface to the path and lighting along it. John says "It's only taken 20 years but at last we've got the money to do this work. Lib Dem councillors proposed having these ward funds and this is the result".

Meanwhile the bulbs planted in previous years are coming through once again to brighten up road verges on **Yarm Rd** and **Durham Lane**. The missing tree has been replaced in **Preston Lane**.

Maureen was surprised to find that the path in front of the former *River Lounge* restaurant isn't a Public Right of Way. We are busy applying to have that rectified. Many thanks to the residents who responded to the appeal in *Gossip* magazine for evidence of use.



Alan and Maureen took up requests from residents to make the carriageways of **Butts Lane** and **Station Rd** safer in icy weather. They are now included in the gritting route.

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## WARM FRONT UPDATE

Stockton Liberal Democrats have written to MPs about people who can't afford heating and hot water despite Government grants of £2700 which Labour wrongly claim solve the problem.

### Jacquie Bell



We welcome Liberal Democrat MP David Heath's Fuel Poverty Eradication Bill. *"These measures will help many local residents who are choosing between heating and eating and are welcomed by many poverty charities"* said Jacquie Bell, Stockton

South Parliamentary Candidate.

## GUARD YOUR KEYS

Thieves have stolen valuable items from a garage in Eaglescliffe by hooking the keys out of the house via the letter box.



Please don't leave keys where they can be seen or reached through the letter box.

## WE KEEP IN TOUCH

Alan, John & Maureen will see anyone who calls on **Friday 6 Mar.** Trinity Methodist Church, Witham Ave. 6.30-7.30

**Tues 17 Mar.** Egglecliffe Community Centre, Durham La. 6.30-7.30

**Friday 3 Apr.** Trinity Methodist Church, Witham Ave. 6.30 - 7.30

**Tues 21 Apr** Egglecliffe Parish Hall, Butts Lane, 6 - 7 pm

### Contact us any time at:

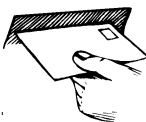
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## "HEATING OUR HOMES SHOULDN'T COST THE EARTH"

Fiona Hall, MEP, has launched a petition calling on the Government to make all North East homes energy efficient. "One in nine North East households are paying more than 10% of their income on energy bills, so it's vital to get money back into people's pockets".

### Fiona Hall MEP



"Cavity wall and loft insulation are easy to do, yet progress is slow. And the Government hasn't even started to think about how to insulate more difficult properties – yet there are 150,000 of those in the North East alone," explained Fiona.

Just go to [www.fionahall.org.uk](http://www.fionahall.org.uk) to sign up.

Come to Stockton High Street at noon on Friday March 6th and join in "Go Bananas for Fairtrade".



As the finale of Fairtrade Fortnight 2009 from noon Friday 6 March a new world record will be set for simultaneous Fairtrade banana eating over a 24 hour period. Why not eat yours with us?

## GOOD NEWS - TRAINS

The Office of the Rail Regulator has said that it is minded to approve an addition to the Grand Central train service between Sunderland and London, stopping at Eaglescliffe. It is hoped the new addition will start in summer. Watch out for more definite timetable news soon. John says "This is very good news for the North East and especially Eaglescliffe, giving us an even stronger connection to major business centres."

**Don't forget your MEP:** Fiona Hall can be contacted at 55A Old Elvet, Durham, DH1 3HN, 0191 383 0119, e-mail [fiona@fionahallmep.co.uk](mailto:fiona@fionahallmep.co.uk)