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COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

We currently have 7 Parish Councillors, with one of our members retiring in 6 months time. If you would like to get involved and are interested in improving your local area, we would love to meet you. Please contact our Clerk, Paul, on the number above and we will arrange for you to come and see whats involved.

LOCOMOTION CHARITY RACE

It has been another successful year for the annual fundraising race hosted at the Locomotion. 160 participants took part in the challenge, and raised a fantastic £2200. The proceeds have been split between two deserving charities, The Air Ambulance and MND UK. Thanks go to those who kindly supported the event, The Rotary Club & Local Residents, with marshalling provided by Billingham Marsh Harriers. Special thanks go to Bea Cooney & Andrew Macintyre for their hard work, and the lads who erected the inflatables for the Start/Finish. A brilliant day was had by all.

POLICE PHONE CALL SCAM

We have been contacted by Cleveland Police, to make us aware that there is a current scam where fraudsters are calling people from the old Cleveland Police main number- 01642 326326- which was their contact number before 101 was introduced. The scammers are pretending to be police officers and asking for personal info/bank details. Please be extra vigilant, dont give any personal details and report any bogus calls to 101.

REMEMBERANCE DAY SERVICE

The annual Rememberance Day service for our parish will be held at All Saints Church on Dunnottar Avenue on Sunday 8th November. The service will begin at 9.45am followed by a procession at 11am to the War Memorial at Victoria Road to lay a wreath in honour of those lost. We hope to see you all there.

NEW DEFIBRILLATOR SECURED

The Pennypot Estate now has a defibrillator. This is at the junction of Pennypot Lane, Worsley Close, and Bardsley Close. Residents held a garden party to raise the funds needed, including a raffle and tombola, cake and plant sale, lessons in CPR and using a defibrillator, and face painting and a bouncy castle. The event was well-attended, with Matt Vickers MP also making an appearance. Additional funds raised were donated to Ingleby CPAD, who supported the residents in their efforts to get the defibrillator, and Bloodrun EVS. A big thank you and well done to everyone that organised and supported the event and made it such a success.

PARKING IMPROVEMENTS

We are currently in discussion, along with Stockton Borough Councillors, to investigate improving parking on the streets opposite Preston Park, from Witham Ave down to Oak Road. Councillor Taylor has already completed a consultation around residents parking zones which has received positive feedback, we are also considering utilising existing space to provide more parking spaces on the estate.

SPEED INDICATOR DEVICES

Those of you who travel along Yarm Road on a regular basis will have seen a couple of these devices attached to lamp posts. They read the speed of your vehicle and display your speed on their screen to inform you how fast your vehicle is traveling.
Studies have shown that the presence of SID's can reduce driver speed by between 1 or 2 miles per hour (mph). In view of the above, Preston Parish Council has teamed up with Councillor Jim Taylor, and Eaglescliffe Parish Council, for each of us to fund 2 SID's, making a total of 6 new ones to cover the Yarm road from Eaglescliffe to Yarm. The first 2 new ones are already in place and the rest will follow in the coming months, as we aim to make our community safer for all.

FUTURE OF SOUTH LODGE

Stockton Borough Council had proposed to demolish South Lodge at Preston Park, this has been rejected by the Planning Committee & the Residents Petition. Ward Councillors have arranged a meeting with SBC to discuss potential uses which are acceptable to Parish Residents. If you have any ideas as to what you would like to happen to the lodge going forward, For Example, a refurbishment of the existing lodge house or a commemorative area, please contact Cllr Jim Taylor at the Locomotion Hotel on 01642 785800.

ATTEMPTED BURGLARIES & THEFTS IN OUR AREA

There continues to be reports of Criminals targeting our area, trying to open house doors and vehicles in order to steal from residents. There have been a spate of incidents, most recently on Pennypot Estate, where people have been seen in the early hours of the morning engaging in this behaviour. Please be extra careful and secure your homes & cars and look out for your neighbours. Report each incident to the Police, the more we do, the more likely Cleveland Police will allocate more resources to our area.

USEFUL CONTACTS

Care for Your Area Team for refuse collection, recycling, fly-tipping etc, **01642 391959**.
Neighbourhood Enforcement Service for antisocial behaviour, dog fouling, noise complaints, air/water pollution, car parking etc **01642 607943 (24hr).**
Neighbourhood Police for "low level" crime, disturbance etc - **101**.
Member of Parliament Matt Vickers **01642 956526**.
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