

## Planning the future of Broomley and Stocksfield

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*Best wishes for a very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful & Prosperous 2020-Stocksfield Parish Council*

### Have you got what it takes?

The Parish Council is responsible for maintaining various aspects of the village from its play areas to litter bins and from its sports fields to its planted areas. The Council also has a significant role in planning applications and responding to a wide range of consultative documents from the County Council and other public bodies. The one thing that the Council needs to enable these services to continue is parish councillors. There are twelve seats on the Council and currently three are vacant. Interested members of the public who either reside or work in the Parish area can apply to be co-opted onto the Council now. You must be at least 18 years of age and qualify by meeting one of the following criteria:

- be on the register of electors
- be an owner or tenant of land or property in the Council's area
- your main or only place of work during the preceding 12 months has been in the Council's area
- you have resided in the Council's area or within 3 miles of it for at least 12 months.

The co-option process is on the Council's website under 'Policy Documents'. If you are interested in helping to maintain and improve the area in which you work or live, then why not come along to the next Council meeting to see what it's all about? Or ask a councillor or the Clerk for more information.

## Parish Council raises the Precept

At its November meeting, the Parish Council agreed its budget for 2020/21 and set the precept for the year at £99,006 which is an increase on the previous year. There are a few areas of business where costs have increased significantly and councillors felt that the maintenance of existing standards in the village, for example around cutting of verges and grassed areas, was very important. Additionally the Council has approved further work to explore the potential to make significant improvements to the sports fields, including an option of a full size artificial pitch which can increase the range of sports available (perhaps hockey) and reduce the likelihood of the postponement of games due to the weather.

The Council has also looked at other projects which it hopes to progress as a result of its developing Council Plan and specifically the expansion of the availability of public access defibrillators to the majority of households in Stocksfield, Broomley and Hindley. An additional £5,000 has been added to the budget in

2020/21 for this purpose. Councils are also required by law to make provision for contingencies and councillors decided to include £5,000 for contingency funds. Whilst the use of reserves was considered, councillors wanted to ensure that reserves are not used for routine operational matters and that existing reserves can continue to grow in the event that the contingency funds are unused.

The findings of the Council's residents' survey, which was undertaken in December 2018, were a significant factor in the Council's decision making. There was widespread support from respondents to the survey for the principle of increasing the precept to fund additional work, with only 16% being opposed to the idea. Ultimately the yearly payment to the Parish Council from a Band D dwelling in 2020/21 will be £74.24\* which is an increase of £9.62 compared to the previous year.

\*Based on the County Council's indicative tax base.

## It's a matter of life or death

Stocksfield Parish Council is delighted to be working with one of our residents, Lucy Booth, who has been fundraising to enable the purchase and installation of more defibrillators within the village. Due to the generosity of many of our residents and Lucy's hard work preparing and delivering letters to all houses in the Painshawfield Estate, the target of £4,600 has been reached and passed.

When the Ambulance Service receives a call involving a cardiac arrest, they will alert the caller to the existence of a public access defibrillator only if there is one within a 500 metre radius of the location of the incident. Whilst the existing defibrillators at the cricket and golf clubs are worthwhile, they cover very few houses in Stocksfield using the 500m rule.

That is a problem, as about 80% of cardiac arrests occur at home. The chances of

surviving a cardiac arrest diminish by about 10% with every minute that passes without the application of a defibrillator. Effective CPR (or cardiopulmonary resuscitation to give its full name) can extend the critical period for a defibrillator to be used. Lucy, a General Practitioner, knows this all too well. The Parish Council has already been looking at locations to install additional defibrillators and it is hoped that Lucy's fundraising, whilst targeted at the Painshawfield Estate, will enable an effective network of defibrillators to be installed in the built up areas of the Parish. The houses in the village are well spread so we need quite a few. It is clearly impractical to cover every house in the Parish but ultimately the Parish Council hopes to provide sufficient defibrillators at the right location so that one is located within 500 metres of every house in Stocksfield and the main settlements of Broomley and Hindley.



Although Lucy's funding page has now closed, if you want to donate to this worthwhile cause and have not already done so, you can send a cheque, payable to Stocksfield Parish Council, to the Council office at the Community Centre. Please write 'defib' on the reverse of the cheque or enclose a short note. All funds donated in this way will be used to increase the number of defibrillators in the wider Parish Council area.

## Travelling Treasure at Bywell & Mickley

In October & November, St Peter's Bywell and St George's Mickley hosted an exhibition called 'Travelling Treasure' which explored our village churches in an interactive way, not just as places of worship, but as places where people gather for significant moments, and places of history that hold community memories. The exhibition also celebrated churches as places where a lot of creativity is on show - from architecture to skilled needlework, to woodwork and flowers. Other parts of the exhibition looked at churches as places of light and colour, places with a strong tradition of music of all types, and perhaps surprisingly as places of change - yet the history of the church is one of change and growth and our buildings are constantly evolving to meet the needs of successive generations. And finally, of course, churches are places of faith - places which encourage us to engage with the big questions of life. All of this in all a really interesting exhibition that invited us to think about our churches in a different way.



Travelling Treasure at St Peter's



Travelling Treasure at St George's

## LONELY? Call the Friendship Line

The Friendship Line is a free telephone friendship service run by Age UK Northumberland for people aged 60 and over. At Age UK Northumberland we're always happy to chat!

**Call: 01670 784 800.**

Not having someone to talk to regularly can be lonely. A regular weekly chat on the telephone with a friendly volunteer can make all the difference.

The Friendship Line is a free telephone friendship service run by Age UK Northumberland for people aged 60 and over. If you, or someone you know, would like a weekly friendly chat and you meet the criteria below, then please get in touch:

- aged 60 or over
- feels lonely
- lacks a social support network
- is comfortable having a chat on the phone

We're happy to chat. If you would like to use our Friendship Line service or you would like to refer a friend or family member to the Friendship Line please call: **01670 784 800.**



## Friends of the Earth ask some hard questions

The Parish Council has received approaches from Friends of the Earth (FoE) questioning whether Stocksfield will rise to the climate challenge. FoE offers support to groups to bring people together and deliver the solutions to climate change that work for individual communities. FoE suggest three things to get climate solutions happening locally - organisation of a Climate Action event, starting a Climate Action group and joining with other communities to deliver positive change. FoE has been supporting communities to take action on environmental challenges for nearly 50 years and is keen to support local groups with training, online tools and promotion. That's all free but the cost of any venues needs to be covered locally.



These matters were considered recently by the Parish Council and it concluded that, whilst many of the principles laid out by FoE were in keeping with some of the objectives within the Council's draft plan, it was not appropriate for the Council to establish itself as a Climate Action group. Councillors recognised that local residents are able to establish such a group and apply to the Council for funding.

If you are interested in the work of FoE and want to explore starting a Climate Action group locally, then contact:

**Simon Bowens**, the Yorkshire and Humber/North East Campaigner for FoE, either by phone (**0113 2428150**) or email (**simon.bowens@foe.co.uk**).

The Council's grant funding policy is available on the Council's website under 'Policy Documents'.

## HELP keep our birdlife SAFE

This time of year in particular, birds are increasingly reliant on residents who place bird feeders in their gardens. Many residents feel greatly rewarded by bird activity in their gardens and the birds like it too! If you own a cat, you probably already know that they pose a real risk to birdlife. Please think about the advice from the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds and consider putting a brightly coloured collar fitted with a bell on your cat. The advice can be read in full here: <https://www.rspb.org.uk/birds-and-wildlife/advice/gardening-for-wildlife/animal-deterrents/cats-and-garden-birds/stop-cats-catching-and-killing-birds/>

## WINTER QUIZ 2019

Copies of this year's quiz can be obtained from the Community Centre Office, SCA Management Board members, Boots Chemist Branch End, Branch End Service Station, Branch End News, Stocksfield Central Post Office or Jean Robinson (**842115**). Price: £1.00 - all proceeds to Stocksfield Community Association (SCA).



# Remembrance Service 2019



This year there was a different experience for those residents who attended the Remembrance Service - the total absence of passing traffic. The decision to close the road was taken on safety grounds and there is no doubt that the gathered crowd was able to enjoy the event in complete safety. However, an added bonus was that the relative silence, coupled with a beautiful autumn morning, amplified the solemnity of the occasion.

The silence was interrupted quite appropriately by the barked orders of Sgt Major Adam Swinscoe, who marched the contingent of soldiers from L (Néry) Battery of the Royal Horse Artillery to the war memorial. They were followed by a procession from the Scouting and Guiding associations, some of whom read sections of the Service. The Parish Council would like to thank all those who were involved in any way in running the event.



## Adopt a Stream

*The group of Tyne Rivers Trust volunteers who for over 10 years have been monitoring water quality in Stocksfield burn are now carrying out more tests on water quality as well as providing visual reports on the state of the burn.*



Monthly monitoring of river fly larvae in Stocksfield burn continues with results submitted direct to the Anglers Riverfly Monitoring Initiative website. The additional tests and visual assessments are part of the Tyne Rivers Trust's 'My Tyne: Adopt a Stream' project. The group is represented on Stocksfield Parish Council's Advisory Group on Rights of Way and the Environment. The test kit, paid for by Stocksfield PC, provides information on turbidity, oxygen content, pH and nitrate/nitrite levels. Water temperatures (which affect oxygen levels) weather conditions and observations on invasive species are also recorded.

Residents will be pleased to learn that levels of both Riverfly larvae species and water quality remain high. The seven volunteers regularly involved are grateful to Stocksfield Parish Council for supporting their work. Anyone interested in learning more about this work with a view to joining the group or volunteering with the **Tyne Rivers Trust** should contact the Trust on **01434 636902** or **07817 238455**. Tyne Rivers Trust volunteers carry out a wide variety of tasks including tree planting, electro-fishing, controlling invasive plants and supporting the re-introduction of water voles into Kielder Forest.



# Stocksfield Cricket Club

## 1920 - 2020 A brief History...



At the heart of the village geographically, and for sport literally, the club proudly celebrates its centenary next year.

Having been established in 1920 and initially sharing the ground with the tennis club (a court is still visible) club committee meetings were at that time held in Stocksfield Institute (SICA). Minutes from the 1920s show that grass cutting was carried out for £8 per season, membership fees were 5/- (25p) and a 'discussion arose over the Cricket Club running a football section' in 1929 - which was agreed.

There have been many changes since, including the infrastructure. Alongside the school wall a former access road to the Co-op Dairy (now the Pastures) was covered over, making the main ground larger. The pavilion has seen two major upgrades since it was a wooden hut (pictured). The first was in 1984 when two pre-fab buildings were installed as bar and changing rooms and then in 1996 when the current clubhouse was built. In 1997 a second pitch was established to the rear of the clubhouse after a field was acquired by the Parish Council for sport. Improvements to the playing fields and the associated facilities led to a large increase in play, and from a single cricket team in the 1920s the club now runs five senior sides, two women's sides, a girl's team and six junior sides. Last season it hosted 121 games including cup finals, women's and junior county games and school festivals.

On the pitch the first games were all friendly fixtures before the club joined the West Tyne Senior Cricket League in 1933. After a season in the 2nd Division they moved up into Division 1. In 1939 the club fielded a 2nd team and won their Division at their first attempt.

On 24 May 1940 a short note in the club minutes states that 'it was agreed that the club be disbanded till after the war'. The military then took over the pitch for storage of timber and in dry summers the outline of an access road can still be seen north of the square.

On 4 February 1946 club meetings resumed. A poignant note in the minutes states 'Mr Rippon had given to the club the cricket bat used by his late son (John) Sydney Rippon who was killed while serving with the RAF'. Sydney was 23 years old and is buried at Broomley. His name is commemorated on Stocksfield War Memorial on the list of those who gave their lives for their country, having served with 86 Squadron which involved convoy protection and anti-submarine patrols around the British coast.

Once League cricket resumed, the club had to wait until 1960 for their first ever championship, winning the West Tyne League. Success was rare during the 60s and 70s but the formation of a junior team, winning their first League trophy in 1970, was the beginning of an ever strengthening player base which has resulted in an amazing run of honours at all levels since then and up to the present day.

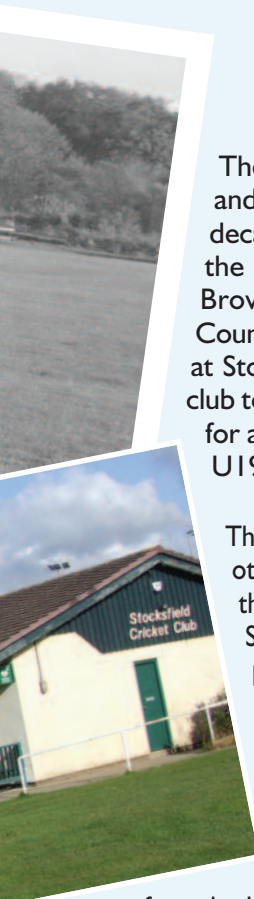
*The Club House circa 1950s*



**Stocksfield CC 1st XI 2017  
after winning promotion  
to Division 1 of N&TCL**







The club has a policy of encouraging and developing juniors, and many have represented County sides in the last two decades. In women's County cricket Nicola Hawes captained the County side for many years and in the men's game Alex Brown and Gareth Wade both played for Northumberland County in Minor Counties' cricket. All played their junior cricket at Stocksfield. Gareth went on to be the first player from the club to play first class cricket (at Northants). Currently also vying for a similar honour is Luke Doneathy who played for England U19s in 2019.

The development of the Cricket Club buildings has also benefited other sports. In 1998 Prudhoe & Stocksfield RUFC established themselves at the club, followed a few years later by Stocksfield Striders running club. Stocksfield Football Club's many junior sides play there and, together with the popular Multi Use Games Area, the sports fields and clubhouse are a hive of activity throughout the year.

On and off the pitch these developments wouldn't have happened without superb support and assistance from all the local volunteers and organisations who help run the sporting activities and facilities. It's something that has been happening from the 1920s and continues to this day with the village sports teams being recognised far and wide. This also applies to the Parish Council, which owns the original cricket field and constructed the overspill car park, and with which all the clubs work in partnership. The centenary season is a big year for the Stocksfield Cricket Club and hopefully will be another successful one.



The social side of the game has always been important and that is an area the club have developed over the years. The bar hosts eight draught beers and ciders plus a wide range of spirits and soft drinks. Sky and BT Sport are available and there are regular events such as quizzes, domino drives, and pool and darts competitions.

Weddings, christenings, birthdays, charity and commercial events are all held there as is a very popular annual beer festival. During the Centenary year the club intend to hold an open exhibition of their history as well as a number of social events connected to the celebration.

The clubhouse is open each night and weekend and is available to hire privately on some dates.

## Clubhouse Development

In 2015 the club recognised that demand was outgrowing the facilities. Plans were drawn up and planning permission obtained. Acquiring the land has taken a little time and now the club is about to launch a fund-raising campaign for an all-purpose clubhouse (see artist's impression) which will benefit the whole community with improved sport and social amenities.

If you can or would like to assist with the development, the club would love to hear from you, or if you can help with a donation to the project these can be made at:-

Sort Code 09-01-50 Acc 05960339.



## Volunteers

If you have some spare time and want an interest, the club may be able to help. We rely on and are run entirely by volunteers. Cricket scorers, umpires, gardeners, handy men/women, cricket tea persons, general helpers, grass cutters, fund raisers are always needed and more than welcome. Join our team! Contact **Chris** on **01661 842836** who will be pleased to hear from you.

## Centenary Events

Centenary Match 1st XI v M.C.C  
- Monday 31st August

Club Centenary Dinner  
- Sat 26th September

Limited edition of  
100 Centenary Ties  
- A Centenary Exhibition

Centenary Match v West Tyne  
League - Sunday 7 June

Women's 1st XI v Northumberland  
Women's League XI

A Centenary Ale

### Other Events:-

Ladies 'Prosecco' Cricket Night  
(soft-ball) Friday 15th May

Annual Beer Festival  
- Friday 10th July

U9 Cricket Festival  
- Sunday 5th July

& many more...

To keep up to date, check out our  
Facebook page or our website

[www.stocksfield.play-cricket.com](http://www.stocksfield.play-cricket.com)

### Sponsors

If a business or individual would like to sponsor a team or a match for our centenary we would love to hear from you.

## Caring isn't easy but we are here to help

*Carers come in all shapes and sizes, it could be a wife caring for her husband; a husband caring for his wife; parents caring for an adult child with physical and/or mental illness; adult children caring for one or both parents, grandparents or other older relatives; adult siblings caring for one another following the death of their parents and as we see more and more, older couples mutually caring for each other with often complex physical and mental conditions.*

A carer can be someone who looks in on an elderly neighbour once a day, or someone who is carrying out intensive 24 hour a day support. Caring can be short term, where a person being cared for is recovering from an illness or injury, sporadic, where the effects of a condition can change the level of caring and support required such as an ongoing mental illness, or long term - this could be caring for someone with a life limiting condition or a condition which becomes progressively worse over time.

Carers Northumberland is a charity dedicated to improving the lives of carers by responding to the needs of carers, informing carers of their rights and entitlements, supporting carers to access help for the person they care for, reducing the social isolation that so many carers feel and empowering carers to have a voice.

If you would like to know more about Carers Northumberland as a carer or someone who would like to volunteer, please visit our website

[www.carersnorthumberland.org.uk](http://www.carersnorthumberland.org.uk)  
or contact us on

[info@carersnorthumberland.org.uk](mailto:info@carersnorthumberland.org.uk)  
Carers Northumberland is a registered charity, and appreciates any fundraising opportunities or donations.

Please get in touch for more information on 01670 320025 or [info@carersnorthumberland.org.uk](mailto:info@carersnorthumberland.org.uk)



## BUDGET BETTER with Citizens Advice: 12 tips for Christmas

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Citizens Advice Northumberland has released a Christmas list of 12 tips to help people avoid pressure on their household budgets. The charity's dozen budget bullets could help guard against the heavy toll the festive season can take on family finances - and help them start the New Year without a debt hangover.

In the past 12 months, advisers at Citizens Advice Northumberland helped over 3800 people with debt problems, 24% of the total amount of people seen each year. The practical advice tips include early planning, steering clear of unauthorised overdrafts, and reading the small print when using credit. Abi Conway, Chief Officer at Citizens Advice Northumberland, said, "People can feel an awful lot of pressure on their finances over Christmas. All too often, this gets carried into the new year where they have to play budget catch up.

"But there are some simple and practical steps people can take to guard against a festive debt hangover, including early planning.

**"If people are really struggling financially they can speak to one of our advisers face-to-face or over the phone. We also have a text advice service - text DEBT to 81400"**

### Citizens Advice Northumberland's 12 tips for Christmas:

1. **Plan early:** Plan how much you are going to spend on each person and stick to it. Manage expectations about what you - or Santa - can give.
2. **Don't forget everyday bills:** It may be Christmas, but keep on top of priority bills, such as rent and council tax. The consequences for non-payment can be severe.
3. **Think twice about overdrafts:** Don't run up an overdraft without first chatting to your bank - or it could be costly.
4. **Keep it simple:** Pay for your goods with cash or a debit card if you can. Don't be persuaded to take out credit.
5. **Shop around:** Look for the best price and buy only what you want, not what others say you need. Be wary of extended warranties - often the cost of repair is less.
6. **Avoid unauthorised lenders:** Loan sharks may seem friendly at first, but borrowing from them is never a good idea - even if you feel you have no other option.
7. **...and unauthorised traders:** Whatever the deal, don't buy from unauthorised traders - it may prove to be more expensive in the long run.
8. **Read the small print:** Check credit agreements for hidden extras and work out the total amount to repay. Interest-free deals have a nasty sting if you miss a payment.
9. **Do your own credit checks:** If you plan to use a credit card, shop around - some charge high interest, but may have lengthy interest-free periods.
10. **Be organised:** If you've borrowed, repayment will be due before you know it. Make sure you make at least the minimum repayment or you'll be hit with charges. Put payment dates in your diary or set up a direct debit.
11. **Start planning for next Christmas:** It may sound crackers, but just after Christmas is the best time to learn what went well this year, what didn't, and start saving.
12. **Get help if you're worried:** We can give you solid, free and impartial debt advice online, over the phone and face-to-face.

If you do need advice before or after Christmas you can: Call our Adviceline on **03444 111444**, call our Specialist Debt Team on **01670 339960** or **text DEBT to 81400** and get online advice at [www.citizensadvice.org.uk](http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk)



# Community Transport Plans on Track

Stocksfield Community Association Trading Arm's (SCATA) plans to provide some form of community transport in Stocksfield are progressing well. Since the public meeting back in February to gauge public opinion and assess the need, SCATA has visited several other community transport providers in Northumberland as part of a fact-finding mission. These meetings have been hugely beneficial in helping SCATA shape its plans for the type of service it feels will best serve the village. It has also submitted a number of funding applications to local and national charities which, if successful, will fund the purchase of an appropriate vehicle as well as training for the volunteer drivers. The Parish Council has already approved a grant towards the project. SCATA has also joined the Community Transport Association (CTA) the national body of which all community transport operators are members. The CTA is able to provide excellent professional advice free of charge to members.

Norman Hooks, one of the SCATA Directors, said, "We have been very busy these past months meeting other community transport projects as well as talking to other experts in the field of community transport. We are also receiving help from officers from Northumberland County Council. Our proposed transport service will operate local journeys such as trips to the shops, railway station, Community Centre or the doctors, for example. We would also be happy to take people to and from Hexham or Prudhoe."

SCATA has been consulting with WATbus, a registered charity based in Ashington which operates a fleet of minibuses for use by community groups and individuals in Northumberland, Newcastle upon Tyne, North and South Tyneside and Gateshead. SCATA plans to use WATbus to provide the training for the drivers and the key to the success of this project will be the funding and recruiting of appropriate driver volunteers.

Norman added, "In order to be granted a licence to provide this kind of service, drivers must receive accredited training. This training is not onerous and would require just one day of the volunteer's time. WATbus has a wealth of experience in this field as well as being a hugely successful charitable enterprise."

Drivers will be crucial to the success or otherwise of the project and over the coming weeks, SCATA will be actively seeking volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering to be a driver and would like to know more about what this will entail, please contact **Norman Hooks on 01661 844863** or email: [njhooks13@gmail.com](mailto:njhooks13@gmail.com)



## STOCKSFIELD FESTIVAL the highlights in photographs 2019





## Stocksfield Plants and Gardens Society

Meetings are at 7.30pm in Stocksfield Community Centre and guests are welcome.

10 December 2019

**AGM and Members' Evening Christmas Floral Demonstration by Vivienne Bolton.**

21 January 2020

**Richard Barnes**  
**'A History of Garden Design'**

18 February

**Professor John Richards**  
**'Flowers of the Algarve'**

17 March

**David Parkins**  
**'The creation of Gorfenlatch Wood, near Morpeth'**

21 March 2.30 pm

**Pippa Greenwood (Gardener's Question time)**  
**Joint Inter-Society Lecture at Wylam Institute 'My life in Gardening' and Problem Plant Clinic**

21 April

**Karen Phillips**  
**'Increase and multiply'**  
**A detailed talk on all plant propagation methods**

19 May

**Pat Hodgson**  
**'Creating a Garden in Stocksfield and opening under the National Garden Scheme.'**

## Friendly Fridays Drop-in

Are you looking for somewhere to meet with, or make, friends?

Why not 'drop in' for a chat over a cup of tea or coffee, and enjoy a piece of cake and a biscuit?

We meet every Friday between 10am and 12 noon at the Quaker Meeting House, where everybody, from babies to pensioners, will be made most welcome.

For more information contact Melna on 844040 or Edna on 843081.

## Stocksfield Retired Men's Association

Meets at the Baptist Church Hall on the first and third Thursday of the month at 10.30am. Members are asked to assemble for coffee from 9.30am. A £2 contribution is payable at each meeting. † denotes ladies' days.

16 Jan **Gertrude Bell**

Mr Anthony Atkinson

6 Feb **Waggonways**

Peter Dawes

20 Feb †**To be confirmed**

Prof John Derry

5 Mar **What makes a scientist?**

Bill Clegg

19 Mar **Underwater Archaeology in River Wear in Durham**

Mr Gary Bankhead

2 April **Tales from the Eastern Front**

Mr Malcolm Smith

16 April **Graf Spee**

Mr John Gibson

7 May **War of 1812 and the**

**Battle of Baltimore**

Prof Richard Madeley

21 May **How the Romans invented the republic**

Prof Peter Jones

4 June **Northumberland in pictures and sound**

Northumbria Audio Visual Soc

18 June †**Annual outing**

2 July †**Developments at Seaton Delaval Hall**

Donna Bell

## Exercise to Music with Mary Huggin

**Stocksfield Community Centre**

For more information 01661 842346

**Mondays** 6.30 - 7.45pm  
**Low Impact Aerobics /Body Toning**

**Tuesdays** 6.00 - 7.00pm  
**Step Aerobics**

**Thursdays** 6.45 - 7.45pm  
**Pilates using Stability Balls**

**Fridays** 9.30 - 10.30am  
**Low Impact Aerobics/Legs, Bums & Tums**

## Stocksfield Local History Society

Meets at the Methodist Church at 7.30pm. Visitors welcome (£2 charge)

8 January

**Colin Argent**

**Whittonstall and Newlands**

**A local history**

12 February

**Antony Evans**

**They danced, they drank and they built a reservoir: The construction of Catcleugh Reservoir**

11 March

**George Nairn**

**The Great North Road from Scotch Corner to the Border**

8 April

**Andrew Palmer and Alan Judd**

**Maps and Toll Road Project update**

## Hedley on the Hill

- Village Carols with Whittonstall Band from 6pm Friday 13 December, refreshments at the Feathers Inn. All welcome.

## Stocksfield Parish Council

The Parish Council meets in the Community Centre at 7.30pm. The agenda and minutes of the meetings are posted on the notice boards and on the website ([www.stocksfieldpc.org.uk](http://www.stocksfieldpc.org.uk)).

**Next Parish Council Meetings:**

**Monday 2 December 2019**

**Monday 6 January 2020**

**Monday 3 February 2020**

**Monday 2 March 2020**

**Monday 6 April 2020**

**Monday 4 May 2020**

(This date will also be the Annual Parish Meeting which will commence at 7.30pm, with the monthly Council meeting following immediately afterwards.)

*Members of the public are welcome to attend any meeting of the Parish Council. Residents always have the opportunity to raise issues of concern during a public participation section at the start of the meeting.*

**Contact the Parish Council at:**

**Stocksfield Parish Council, at Stocksfield Community Centre, Mount View Terrace, Stocksfield NE43 7HL. Telephone: 01661 844667 email: [clerk@stocksfieldpc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@stocksfieldpc.org.uk) Website: [www.stocksfieldpc.org.uk](http://www.stocksfieldpc.org.uk)**

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