

# NE43 News

The Newsletter for Broomley & Stocksfield Parish Council

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## Hedges

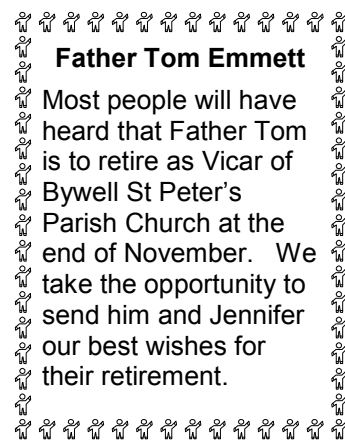
While we appreciate that the growth of hedges this season has been exceptional the Parish Council is continually reminded by residents that pavements and footpaths are becoming increasingly difficult to negotiate by pedestrians and those residents with pushchairs and electric wheelchairs. Can we ask everyone whose hedge borders a pavement or footpath to ensure that the hedge is cut back hard to enable users of the paths to do so in safety and comfort.

Many thanks for your co-operation.

## Christmas Cards!

Churches Together in Stocksfield will be holding their annual Charity Christmas Card Sale in the Community Centre on Saturday, 3rd November from 10.00 a.m. to 12 noon.

If you would like to support your favourite charity by having a stall, please get in touch with Julia Sayce (01661 843523).



## Father Tom Emmett

Most people will have heard that Father Tom is to retire as Vicar of Bywell St Peter's Parish Church at the end of November. We take the opportunity to send him and Jennifer our best wishes for their retirement.



We are very grateful to those traders and organisations who offered to take Hanging Baskets this summer. The baskets are looking most attractive. Our thanks also go to the Parish Handyman who has kept our tubs and planted areas looking fresh and colourful all summer.

### ANNUAL CONCERT

In aid of the ALZHEIMER'S SOCIETY

Peter Pengilly and his friends will be giving the Annual Concert in aid of the Alzheimer's Society in Stocksfield Community Centre at 3 pm on September 29th. Songs, musical comedy numbers and operatic arias. Tickets £5 from Peter at 01661 842130 or at the door.



At the last Parish Council meeting, concern was expressed that where cars were being parked on pavements (Birches Nook Road and Cade Hill Road were cited in particular) users of electric wheelchairs and parents with buggies were then unable to use the pavements. Please park with consideration for both road users and pedestrians.

### Remembrance Sunday

Remembrance Day is 11th November.

As usual this will be marked by a short service at the War Memorial at 10.55 a.m.

## YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

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## Street lighting

Faults in street lights can be reported to the County Council. You will need to give the reference of the light, which is on the pole, e.g. KD6 and its location, e.g. on the railway bridge on the A695, Stocksfield.

Freephone 0800 850029

## Water

Leakline - Freephone 0800 393 084

Potholes - Call Pot Hole Pete,

The Pot Hole Fixer - 0808 100 8910

## NE43 News

We hope that you have found NE43 News of interest. The views of contributors to NE43 News are not necessarily the view of the Parish Council. Please let us have your comments and contributions for future issues.

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## Grant Aid 2008/09

The Parish Council will be considering its budgets for 2008/09 over the next couple of months. Organisations wishing to be considered for support in the next financial year should submit their application to the Clerk by 1st December.

Applications should contain details of the project to be funded, together with a copy of the organisation's most recent accounts.



## Tynedale Local Development Framework - Site Allocations Plan

As part of the development of the Tynedale Local Development Framework, the Parish Council was asked to hold a public meeting to discuss the sites put forward for consideration for development in the future. Around 100 residents packed into the Main Hall at the Community Centre on 30th July. Full Minutes of the meeting will be prepared and will be published in due course. However, the overwhelming feeling of the meeting was that there should be no development on green belt sites in Stocksfield. Residents also raised concerns about the impact that large scale developments would have on traffic levels, schools and Doctors' surgeries. The ability of current drainage systems to handle run-off in periods of heavy rainfall was also queried. There were also concerns that young people were forced to move away from Stocksfield because of the lack of affordable housing.

The views of the meeting formed the basis of the Parish Council's response to Tynedale on this subject.



## Multi Use Games Area Redevelopment - Up-date

Over the summer the Parish Council was advised that SITA were to make a grant of £50,000 towards the cost of this project. News of other grant applications is expected shortly. Assuming that they are successful then refurbishment of the multi-sports area will take place early in 2008.

Anyone who would like to make a contribution towards the cost (around £170,000 in total) should contact Julia Sayce or the Clerk.



## Branch End Play Area Up-date

All the necessary funding has been secured for the next phase of the improvements to Branch End Play Area. It is planned, therefore, that the installation of the new equipment will start in the first half of the autumn term. It is then hoped that the new entrance will be installed and paths made in the second half of the autumn term with the Sensory Garden being created next spring. We will then have a wonderful play area for all to enjoy.



Special thanks and congratulations are due to the Regeneration Group and to everyone else involved, whose hard work and dedication have brought this enormous project to a successful conclusion. Thanks are also due to all those organisations and individuals who have contributed towards the cost of this project.

## Parish Council

At the July meeting of the Parish Council Steve Gleadhill was co-opted as a member of the Council, thus bringing the number of councillors up to the full complement of 12.

Steve Gleadhill, has lived in Stocksfield for nearly 22 years, and has recently retired after 32 years in local government as a librarian at Newcastle City Libraries (for 20 years) and in Area regeneration for Newcastle, Sunderland and South Tyneside local authorities. While living in Stocksfield, he has been a playing member and a committee member of the Cricket Club and recently "retired" from the Stocksfield Players, where he was an active member of the cast. He is also a member of the Stocksfield Golf Club.

Over the next 12 months the Parish Council will continue to work for the benefit of the whole community and expects that the regeneration of Branch End Play Area and the Multi-Use Games Area will be completed.



## Information Card

Enclosed with this edition of NE43 News is the latest edition of the Parish Information Card. We have tried very hard to include up-to-date information and to ensure that the information is accurate - however, if we have made a mistake - our apologies.

Although the Information Card is only published every four years, the information contained therein will be continually up-dated on our website. If you have any amendments, additions or deletions to make, please either advise the Clerk ([margaretbpc@talk21.co.uk](mailto:margaretbpc@talk21.co.uk)) or contact the Webmaster ([dave@daveporter.co.uk](mailto:dave@daveporter.co.uk)) direct to make the change.

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## What's on over the coming few months ?

Below we give the autumn programmes for a few of our clubs and societies - please see the Information Card for further details of what activities are available in and around Stocksfield. If you have ideas for a new club or society which you would like to start, do let us know.

### Stocksfield Retired Men's Association

Meetings are held in the Baptist Church Hall on the first and third Thursday of the month at 10.30 a.m. Further information from Ian Newton (843898). The programme to Christmas is:

20 Sep	Life & Times of a Mediaeval Stone Mason Brian Mattimore
4 Oct.	Horticultural Matters—Mrs Libby Scott
18 Oct	Mary Queen of Scots, Prof. John Berry
1st Nov	History of Picture Postcards—George Nairn
15 Nov	Prison & Drugs—Barry Craven
6 Dec	AGM, Carol Service & Christmas Lunch
20 Dec.	No Meeting

### Stocksfield WI programme

The WI meets at 7.30 p.m. in the Community Centre. Further information from Pat Brydie (842938) The programme to Christmas is:

3rd October	Mrs Sheila Robson - Fit for Life
7th November	James Dobson - Festive Origami
5th December	Christmas Meal with entertainment

Visitors and new members always welcome

### Stocksfield Local History Society Programme

The History Society meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at the Community Centre. Meetings start at 7.30 p.m. Visitors and new members are always welcome.

Contact Dennis Harding (843170) for more information

10th Oct	AGM and a talk by Andrew Palmer - The New Police of Tynedale 1857—1907
14th Nov	Jacobite Rebellion in Northumberland 1715 & 1745 Mr M Furlonger
12th Dec	Castles in Northumberland Dr. C. M. Fraser

### Stocksfield South of Tyne Flower Club

Meetings are held on 1st Thursday of the month in the Community Centre at 1.30 p.m. More information from Mrs M Chrisp (Tel: 0191 413 2483) New members are always welcome

4 Oct	Cynthia Scott AD - Spice of Life
1 Nov	Susan Hall AD—Seasonal Inspirations
Additional Evening Meetings	
19 Oct	Farm Supper—entertainment & hat competition
23 Nov	Open Evening Meeting—Venue to be arranged Tudor Christmas with Kate Russell & Patti Dawson

### Walk Your Way to Health

As part of Tynedale's Health Walks project, a walk is held each week in Stocksfield. The walks are designed to be about an hour in length and travel at a fairly relaxed pace over terrain that is as easy as it can be in Tynedale. Much as it would be nice to say that every walk is over flat ground, it is virtually impossible in and around Stocksfield.

The walks in Stocksfield take place on **Monday mornings, with everyone meeting at 10.00 a.m. in the Station car park.**

From there the routes vary, sometimes with a short, shared car journey to the start. There is no charge and no booking procedure, just turn up and there will be a trained walk leader there to welcome you. As an added incentive and a further opportunity for a chat, the Methodist Church Hall is open for refreshments after the walk.

Everyone is welcome on the walks, so please come along one Monday morning, or if you would like to speak to someone about it first you can give the Tynedale Health Walks Co-ordinator, Alison Carter a ring on 01434 613227.



### Plants and Gardens Society

Meetings are held in Stocksfield Community Centre on the third Tuesday of the month at 7.30 pm. New members are always welcome. Further information from Mrs Cathy Carter (842126)

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October

David Hall: 'Shrubs for Winter Colour'. Local Nurseryman, David Hall, will show how to extend the season of interest in the garden with a choice selection of hardy shrubs.

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November

Susie White: 'Gardens of Northumberland and the Borders'. Susie White from Chesters Walled Garden, will talk about her recently published book, showing some of the gems we have on our doorstep. Her talk will be illustrated with Simon Fraser's stunning photographs.

December 11<sup>th</sup> Members' Evening and AGM

### Stocksfield Art Club Programme

Meetings are held in Stocksfield Community Centre at 7.30 p.m. New members and visitors are always welcome. For more information contact Mrs Muriel Pengilly (842130)

27th September	AGM followed by Art Quiz
25th October	Brian Sefton (Retired principle lecturer in Art History). He will give one of his interesting talks on a particular artist or group of artists and illustrating his talk with slides.
29th November	Sylvia Lynch, local artist and illustrator, will be giving a pastel demonstration.
December	No meeting

### WHAT'S ON AT SICA (Community Centre)

Regular weekly activities - starting in September - further details from the Warden, Mary McArthur, (842346)

Mondays	Hatha Yoga	9.45 - 11.00
	Pre-School Group	9.10-11.40
	Badminton	2.00 - 3.30
	Keep fit Aerobics	6.45—7.45
	Badminton	8.00 - 10 p.m.
Tuesdays	Pre--School	9.10 - 11.40
	Youth Club	7.15 - 9.00 p.m.
Wednesdays	Parent & Toddler Group	10.00 - 11.30
	Carpet Bowls	1.30 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.
Thursdays	Pre-School	9.10 - 11.40
	Bums & Tums	6.45 p.m. - 7.45 p.m.
	Badminton	8.00 - 10.00 p.m.
Friday	Workout for Women	9.30 - 10.30 a.m.
	Tickle & Bounce	10.30 - 11.30 a.m.
	Whist Club	1.30 - 4.00 p.m.

Membership subscriptions for Stocksfield Institute Community Association (SICA - Community Centre) are now due. To find out what goes on at the Community Centre and how you can become involved or start a new group or club, please contact the Warden, Mary McArthur, on 842346.

### Dates for your diary:

2 Oct	Blood Donor Session - Community Centre
6 Oct	Scouts' Jumble Sale - Community Centre
29 Nov-1 Dec	Stocksfield Players - Community Centre
7 Dec	Ravenswood Singers - Community Centre
8 Dec	Carol Service - Churches Together - Community Centre



## Feet First Dance

An exciting new Dance Class is to start at the Community Centre on Saturdays from the beginning of October. This is for children (boys as well as girls) from 3 to 16 and will include Stage, Jazz and Pop.

For lots more information contact Lucy Hudson on 0785 576 1199 or Jayne Atkinson on 0773 857 2173.

**Call now as places fill up fast!**

### Kate's Plain (Guessburn) Play Area

Over the past five years residents and the Parish Council have raised tens of thousands of pounds to provide new equipment and safe places for our children to play. The Parish Council is extremely annoyed and concerned that one or two people apparently think that is acceptable to make a hole in the fence at Kate's Plain so that they can take a short cut into the field. The time and effort taken to "unknit" the fence could have been spent walking along the road to Mount View Terrace. Every time the Parish Council has to repair this fence, it means that funds that might have been spent elsewhere have to be diverted. If you know who is damaging the fence, you might remind them of this fact and also of the fact that there is no right of way across the field from the A695. That field is private property.

Thank you.

### Sportsfield Oak Trees

**The Parish Council has been advised that over the next few weeks NEDL's contractors, Bethell, will be pruning the oak trees adjacent to the Sportsfield Car Park by up to 2.5 metres. This work is necessary to establish statutory clearances to maintain safety and security of the electricity supply and to protect the public from gaining accidental access to the power line which could result in electrocution.**

### Gatherings for the Elderly

The Churches in Stocksfield each hold regular meetings for senior members of the Community. You do not have to be a regular church-goer or a member of a particular denomination to join in these activities.

Actually, you don't even have to be a pensioner. Do feel free to visit any of all these meetings for a pleasant hour or two with friends.

### Methodist Church Hall -

Coffee Club 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month 10 a.m.-12 noon. A minibus picks people up from the top end of the village (Birkdene/New Ridley Road, etc.) at a cost of £1 return. As well as a social gathering there are regular speakers and the occasional outing.

### Baptist Church Hall -

Luncheon Club - 2nd & 4th Thursday of the month  
Contact: - Mrs M Lennox (Tel: 0191 413 2205)

### St John's Church Hall -

Coffee morning 2nd Wednesday of the month at 10.30 a.m. (Tel: 01661 842272)

For further information see the contact numbers under Local Churches on the Parish Information Card.

### Parish Clerk

The Clerk will be taking leave of absence at the end of October until early December. For matters relating to the Parish Council during this period please contact a parish councillor or the Chairman of the Parish Council, Julia Sayce. Contact details are included on page 4.



### A new service for the local community.

Stocksfield couple Cathy and Brian Carter have just launched a new venture looking after pets and plants in the area, mainly whilst householders are away on holiday, but also during any period of absence.

The service is aimed primarily at people with garden-care and watering requirements or those looking for alternative petcare. Cathy and Brian have been accredited by the National Association of Registered Petsitters to board up to two dogs in their own home, as well as care for small animals in their familiar home environment. Pets and Plants is also there to fit in with the needs of anyone going away for whatever reason.

Details can be found at [www.tynevalleypetsandplants.co.uk](http://www.tynevalleypetsandplants.co.uk) or contact Brian or Cathy on 842126 for further information.

## KEEP STOCKSFIELD TIDY

Can we remind residents that the Re-cycling facilities at the Sportsfield are limited to

### Paper, Glass, Cans, Clothing and Books

Please **DO NOT** leave any waste other than plastic bags in the Wheelie Bins.

If the re-cycling skips are full please do not leave your waste beside them - take it away and bring it back when the skips have been emptied. If the skips are full please either ring Tynedale and advise them or ring the Clerk to the Parish Council who will ask Tynedale to empty the skips.

### Please note:

The Re-cycling area at the Stocksfield Sportsfield is **not** a civic amenity site and should **not** be used as such. Garden waste, furniture and other general waste should **not** be left at this site.

### THE SITE IS ONLY FOR RECYCLABLE WASTE.

The nearest civic amenity sites are at Prudhoe and Hexham.

Bulky waste can be collected by Tynedale Council - please ring 01434 652 121 for further information.

### Northumberland STARS

STARS - Small Task & Repair Service - The 'Free' Handy-person service for anyone who is over 60 or has a disability now operates countywide. STARS can fix curtain rails, hang curtains, put in safety items, check & fit smoke alarms, move furniture, etc. To find out more about STARS ring 01670 351135 or visit [www.northumberlandstars.org.uk](http://www.northumberlandstars.org.uk)

**NEW NUMBER FOR OUR LOCAL HOSPITALS**  
Health Chiefs in Northumberland have introduced a single telephone number for Hexham, North Tyneside and Wansbeck Hospitals. It is:

**0844 811 8111**