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The Festival Is Here! Saturday 12th September

We are just days away from Stocksfield's first festival in more than fifteen years!

It starts at 12 noon at the Sportsfield. The Festival celebrates all forms of community life, and local business.

Stocksfield Sportsfield and Broomley First School are due to be transformed into a carnival of activities, sporting challenges and entertainment with stalls, live music and dancing, delicious food and much more!

Entertainments include Punch and Judy, storytellers and music workshops for our younger villagers. The entertainment marquee will play host to dance displays and music. Amongst the musicians taking part will be The Community Choir, Northumbrian Songbird Georgia Overton, Stocksfield Stompers, The Prudhoe Gleemen, Wolves at the Door and The Fantastic Car. The day will finish with the popular rock and roll band Midnight Shift.

Sporting challenges will be provided by Stocksfield Tennis Club, who aim to create a 'centre court feeling', The Cricket

Club and Stocksfield Striders, who are organising a number of races for all ages including traditional egg and spoon and sack races.

You will also be able to find out more about the clubs and organisations available to join in Stocksfield, and discover more about its history from the Local History Society, who will also be in attendance.

Our village festival week kicks off on Monday 7th September with some great evening events planned at various local locations. At The Feathers Inn, Hedley, they are hosting an, 'ask the chef' evening on Tuesday 8th. There will be a quiz at The Bluebell on Wednesday 9th and the concert at the Cricket Club, so you are spoilt for choice. There will be fun and games at the Golf Club on Thursday 10th. Round off the day with a Ceilidh at SICA on the Saturday night and the festival 'Wind-down', live entertainment at the Cricket Club, on Sunday 13th. Please check with the venues for details. **Contact numbers and festival programme inside, page 3.**



Enter now!

It's not too late to enter our traditional 'village show' competitions with prizes for gardening, cooking, photography, flower arranging and needlework. There are also children's sections. Schedules are still available in some local shops, can be viewed at www.stocksfield.org, or for more details call **Katy 01661 842316**.

Programmes

Programmes have been on sale door to door throughout the summer. If you don't have one already, don't worry they are still available at local shops or can be

Entries must be delivered to Broomley First School no later than 10.00 a.m. on the morning of the 12th. In addition there are competitions for the best 'traditional scarecrow' - entries to the organisers tent on the Sportsfield no later than 12 p.m. - and for the best scarecrow fancy dress, which will be judged during the afternoon.

purchased on entry to the Sportsfield for just £1. This includes entrance into a prize draw for £50 of M&S vouchers, kindly donated by Road Link.

Stocksfield Festival presents - the best of local Folk, Rock & Acoustic.



Charlotte Yanni & Gareth Davies-Jones in Concert - Stocksfield Cricket Club, Wednesday 9th September 2009. 7.30 p.m. to 11.30 p.m. Bar Open until 12.15 a.m. Admission by ticket only, £5, available from the Cricket Club.

Parking and how to get there.

Parking will be limited due to competition with cricketers, so please walk to the event if possible. If the ground is not too wet there will be a field available for parking on the entrance to Merryshields Farm, at the cost of £2, and a small amount of parking on the Sportsfield itself for disabled visitors.

Hetheringtons will be running a bus service picking up along New Ridley Road, the Main Road and Guessburn, the service is free but donations will be welcome.

Buses to and from the Festival

12.15 p.m. - Depart Dr Syntax pub, New Ridley Road - calling at all bus stops along New Ridley and down the Main Road to the Sportsfield.

12.45 p.m. - Depart near Tennis club calling along Guessburn towards the festival site.

1.15 p.m. - Depart Dr Syntax, repeating the above route.

Return buses will run at 4.30 & 5 p.m.

We are looking for helpers to set up the festival on Friday evening 11th September and on the festival day itself, marshals, car park attendants etc. If you are able to help in any way, please call **Ray Thompson 01661 843332**. Contributions for the bottle tombola would also be welcomed, call **Katy Weatherhead 01661 842316**.

We look forward to celebrating Stocksfield's first festival. Please keep your fingers crossed for some sunshine! See you there!

School goes camping



This year, Broomley School has been exploring the benefits of outdoor learning as part of a Creative Partnerships project. Creative Partnerships is the Government's flagship creative learning programme, designed to develop the skills of young people, raising their aspirations and achievements, and opening up more opportunities for their futures.

Reception children spent eight days in Hindley woods learning how to cook on a campfire, negotiate streams and riverbanks, problem solve and build a camp.

The school's latest application to become a Creative Partnerships Change School, enabling them to continue to develop creative learning throughout the school curriculum, has been successful.

Station Car Park Improvements

Negotiations continue with the County Council, Northern Rail and Network Rail and we are still "on track" to complete this project by the end of March 2010. Work on the eastbound side will probably be completed first, hopefully in the early autumn. On the westbound side progress is slower but is being made. A test pit has been dug in the proposed car park extension to see if there are any drainage problems or buried contaminants.

Hanging Baskets

The thirty hanging baskets - ten provided by the Parish Council and twenty by the former Tynedale Council - are looking particularly attractive this year. Many thanks to everyone who has volunteered to look after them.

**Our website updated, see:
www.stocksfield.org**

Bob Browell 1928 – 2009

Bob came to live in Stocksfield in the mid 1930s, and attended Broomley School and then Hexham Grammar School. He trained as a teacher in Leeds and, following national service in the RAF, at King's College Newcastle.

He will be remembered by many as a dedicated teacher, at Chollerton Primary, Prudhoe West, and after a few years in Cheshire, Prudhoe Secondary (now High

Footpath rebuilt



The footpath along Stocksfield burn, known as Footpath 13, has been rebuilt. The riverbank behind the tennis courts in Guessburn was washed away during the flooding in September last year. This destroyed not only the footpath but part of the garden of a house adjacent to the river. Milecastle Housing have done a splendid

job of rebuilding the riverbank; the footpath that goes over the top is again complete. Access to the riverbank was difficult during reconstruction, it involved operating machinery on both sides of the river, and this has now been expertly repaired. Once the vegetation grows, it will be difficult to know that the riverbank was ever washed away.

Cubs get their feet wet



The newly formed 'Stocksfield River Watch' Group received a helping hand in June, from the First Stocksfield Cub Pack. The 'River Watch' group aim to monitor the quality of water in Stocksfield Burn, and to identify river invertebrates. The cub pack donned their wellies and waded into the river with their nets to find out which species were living in the river, and to

check the water quality. They got soaked, and had a great time.

Since then it has not been possible to get accurate readings, due to high waters from heavy rain and from the disruption caused by the work to rebuild the riverbank behind the tennis courts. As part of their efforts to earn their 'Environment Badge', the Cubs hope to resume monitoring in September.

School. He became head teacher first of Broomley School and then Ovingham Middle School. Bob was a talented artist, cartoonist and stick dresser, and had many other interests. He was one of the founders of the Stocksfield Players, and participated as an actor, producer, set builder and designer. For many years he sang with the Prudhoe Gleemen, and St Peter's church choir. He played the Northumbrian pipes, and loved to play and sing Northumbrian folk songs.

As a local history enthusiast, he was one of the early members of Stocksfield Local History Society, and wrote and published two books about Stocksfield, 'Four Valuable Farms' and, with Dennis Harding, 'A Pleasant Retreat'. In recent years Bob helped at Cherryburn, demonstrating Bewick's methods of engraving and printing. Bob also took great pleasure in penning prose and poetry of great beauty. Bob's achievements were many and great. Our sympathies go to Ella and his family.

Festival timetable and contacts:

Saturday 12th September 2009

9.30 a.m. Entries for five a side football tournament to register on the Sportsfield.

10.00 a.m. Closing time for entries in all competitive sections at Broomley School Hall.

12.00 p.m. Last opportunity to place your traditional scarecrow entry at the front of the Sportsfield.

General access to the Sportsfield is at 12 noon.

1.00 p.m. Official opening of the festival by Lady Allendale.

2.00 p.m. Judging of 'live scarecrows' - fancy dress.

3.00 p.m. Tug-of-war competition.

3.30 p.m. Punch and Judy show.

5.30 p.m. Drawing of raffle and presentation of awards.

7.30 p.m. Ceilidh at SICA with 'Border Crossing'.

Useful Festival Contacts:

Festival Chairman Ray Thompson 01661 843332

Stocksfield Cricket Club 01661 842902

Stocksfield Golf Club 01661 843041

Stocksfield Tennis Club 01661 844961

Stocksfield Striders 01661 843791

SICA 01661 842346

Blue Bell Inn 01661 843146

The Feathers Inn, Hedley 01661 843607

Hetherington Coaches 01661 843638

Check the website www.stocksfield.org for Festival updates.

Stocksfield Local History Society

An open evening in SICA on Wednesday 9th December at 7.30pm to share its research into the background of the individuals whose names appear on the war memorial. Refreshments available. Members and non-members welcome. Further details from **Rachel Cochrane 01661 844511**.

Create a cantata!

The Cantata of the Creatures - Saturday 3rd October 2009, 9.45 until 5.15pm, St Peter's & St Andrew's, Bywell.

A day workshop and performance for voices led by Antiphon & Misericordia. This is part of the Redundant Churches Commission national 40th Birthday Sing celebration - all singers welcome.

Further information from: www.antiphonchoir.co.uk.



Stocksfield Players

This year's production by the **Stocksfield Players** will be **I'll Get My Man** by Philip King. The play will be performed at SICA: Thursday 26th - Saturday 28th November at 7.30 p.m.

I'll Get My Man is a comedy set in a vicarage in the early 1960s and includes all the elements of a classic farce - mistaken identity, secrets, romance, lust and of course insanity.

Make a note in your diary to come along for an evening of laughter and escapism. The Stocksfield Players are always looking for new members to help out both on and offstage - if you are interested in getting involved or would like further information about this year's production please call **Karen on 01661 844119**.



The SICA playgroup, for children from the age of two, has a few places available from September. They offer a friendly, happy environment, where young children can learn through play and make friends, with the help and support of Diane and her caring team. The Playgroup is held upstairs at the Community Centre, every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday mornings in term time from 9.10 to 11.40. Call the play group on **07857 894313** for details, or to secure your child's place.

Parish Plan - the final version

The Parish Plan is now complete. It aims to provide a vision for the village's future over the next 10-15 years, and is divided into eight themes. The findings have been based on consultation events, a doorstep survey of 250 households, and the work of residents around specific topics.

Many of the identified issues and potential actions are not under the direct authority of the Parish Council. The plan therefore divides those issues into those we can tackle ourselves, and those we will need to canvass and lobby other service providers and decision-makers to provide on the village's behalf. Having a parish plan will be particularly important given the recent restructuring within the County and the current debate about providing services as locally as possible.

The Parish Plan will be the main influence on shaping the Parish Council's and the village's future for the next few years. A working group is being set up to monitor progress and work with the Council to make sure that words are put into action. The hope is that this working group will include not just Parish Councillors but also local residents, as it is important to get the wider perspective. If you are interested in joining this group, please call **Steve Gleadhill on 01661 842531**.

The full version of the plan, and a shorter summary, is on the website, www.stocksfield.org. A small number of copies have been printed and a copy can be ordered from the Parish Clerk.

Multi Use Games Area



To book call Stocksfield Cricket Club.
01661 842902. MUGA Availability:
8 a.m. to 10 p.m. every day.
Minimum booking time = 1 hour.

Hourly prices:	Peak	Off Peak
Standard:	£18	£15
Associated teams:	£15	£12

Peak: Monday to Thursday - 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Off peak - all other times.



Sarah is top coach

Congratulations to Sarah Stevenson, Tennis Club Coach at Stocksfield, on being voted Coach of the Year at the Northumberland LTA's Annual Awards event in August. Come and see her in action at the Festival on 12th September!

Football Club Promoted

Congratulations to Stocksfield Football Club senior team who now play in the Northern Alliance Premier Division. We wish them well. The team has also moved from Stocksfield to their new home at Prudhoe's Kimberley Park ground.

Win for Junior Netball Club

This year the U11 level of the Stocksfield Junior Netball Club won the best team in the North East, when they played in the regional championships. Coach Deb Goodwin said "This is a huge achievement considering the size of the village." Deb also thanked the Parish Council for its donation of £100 to the club, who currently have over 60 girls as members.

International Women's cricket



Sunday 9th August saw top-class women's cricket played at Stocksfield Cricket ground. Northumberland played host to Ireland in the National County League with the Northumberland side containing five Stocksfield and one Wylam player. Northumberland lost early wickets but a stand of 59 between Amy Campbell and Kelly Withycombe saw the County side edge home for a great win, with two wickets to spare.

Sponsored Football strip

Broomley First School football team have a smart new royal blue and gold strip generously sponsored by Viv and Martin Scarth of Broomley Furniture Company.

Rugby Club moves up

Prudhoe & Stocksfield Rugby Club will be playing in the national league this season - Northumberland and Durham Div. 3 - rather than in the 'junior clubs' league. They will face stiffer opposition and travel further afield, visiting clubs at Seaham, Guisborough and Newton Aycliffe.

Training is held every Thursday evening at 7 p.m. at the Stocksfield Sportsfield. If you are interested in playing or just supporting the club, call them on **01661 842902**, or go along to the Sportsfield.

WHAT'S ON IN STOCKSFIELD

Barnardo's Coffee Morning

Wednesday 9th September 2009 10-Noon
60th Annual Coffee Morning, to be held at SICA. Home Produce & Cakes, Craft Stall, Tombola and Raffle. All proceeds to Barnardo's.

Coffee Morning at St John's

Saturday 19th September 2009 10-Noon
Coffee Morning to be held in St John's Church Hall, Meadowfield Road. Cake Stall, Bring & Buy. All welcome. All proceeds to St George's Mickley.

The World's Biggest Coffee Morning

Friday 25th September 2009 10-Noon
Coffee Morning at SICA in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support.

Churches Together in Stocksfield

Sunday 11th October 2009

Christian Aid Tea Party

Saturday 7th November 2009

Charities Christmas Card & Gift Sale

Sunday 13th December 2009

Community Carol Service and Tea

All meetings held at SICA.

Stocksfield Plants & Gardens Society

Tuesday 15th September 2009

Morris Robinson - Tulip time and Azaleas at the Gardens of Keukenhof.

Tuesday 20th October 2009

Michael Robbie - Looking after Tender Perennials.

Friday 23rd October 2009

Inter-Society Quiz Night and Supper for members of Corbridge, Snods Edge, Stocksfield and Wylam Garden Societies.

Tuesday 17th November 2009

Rae Beckwith - Show Gardens and Displays.

Monthly meetings are held at SICA at 7.30 p.m.

Stocksfield South of Tyne Flower Club

Thursday 3rd September 2009

Christine Ogle - Today I went Shopping.

Thursday 1st October 2009

Susan Maddox - Autumn Leaves.

Thursday 5th November 2009

Anne Codd - Fire in the Sky.

Friday 27th November 2009

Florian Seyd International Master Floral Designer, from Holland - Flowers with Florian - at 7.00 p.m. in the Main Hall, Prudhoe Community High School.

Meetings are held at SICA at 1.45 p.m. Contact Mrs. M Chrisp - 0191 413 2483.

Stocksfield Local History Society

Wednesday 9th September 2009 - 7.30 p.m.
Stan Beckensall - Northumberland from the air.

Wednesday 14th October 2009 - 7.30 p.m.
Sue Dunne - Northumbrian pipes and their music.

Wednesday 11th November 2009 - 7.30 p.m.
John Charlton - Slavery and the North of England.

Meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month from September to March at SICA. Non-members are welcome to attend meetings but are charged £2.00.

Stocksfield Scouts

Saturday 26th September 2009 - 2 p.m.
Stocksfield Scouts are holding a Jumble Sale at SICA.

Bywell St Peter's

Sunday 27th September 2009

"Back to Church" Sunday and Harvest Festival. Everyone welcome.

Details from the Vicar: 01661 842272.

Stocksfield W.I.

Wednesday 7th October 2009

Anne Hardy, Geraldine Taylor, Viv Smith & Edna Beatty - Christmas Preparations.

Wednesday 4th November 2009

Isaac's Tea Trail.

Meetings are held in the Richardson Room at SICA and start at 7.30 p.m. Further information from Ros Whitehouse - 01661 842352.

Stocksfield Retired Men's Association

Thursday 3rd September 2009

Colonel Alex Johnson - Sappers' War.

Thursday 17th September 2009

Prof. Anthony Unsworth - Past, Present & Future of Artificial Joints.

Thursday 1st October 2009

Members' Experiences.

Thursday 15th October 2009

Alan Hamilton - Sport - factors which influence performance.

Thursday 5th November 2009

Away to Sea - Capt. Sandy Kinghorn.

Thursday 19th November 2009

Robert Moon - Fabergé.

Meetings are held in the Baptist Church Hall at 10.30 a.m. A fee of £1 is payable. Please assemble for coffee from 9.30 a.m.

New Rope String Band - in Concert

Friday 16th October 2009 8 p.m. at SICA

Four talented musicians playing beautiful and invigorating acoustic music from around the world. Tickets: 01661 842346.