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First Stocksfield Fun Run



By now we hope you will have dusted off your trainers ready for Stocksfield's first fun run on **Saturday 11th**

September in aid of Pump Aid Africa.

Entries are flooding in for the 3¼ mile challenge which will take runners, walkers and pram-pushers too, from the Sportsfield, through the beautiful Merryshields Farm estate and back to the Sportsfield, where a variety of refreshments will be available as well as additional sporting events for those not too exhausted.

There will be a BBQ, village teas, bouncy castle, Wheelbirks Ice cream, tombola and sporting challenges, so plenty to do for both runners and supporters.

The aim of the event is to bring the community together for an afternoon of fun and hopefully raise some money for villages less fortunate than our own. All proceeds will go towards Pump Aid which helps provide simple but life saving water supplies to villages in parts of Africa.

The run will begin at 2.30 p.m. and entrance is £5 for adults and £2 for children with an additional £1 cost for entries on the day. All participants will receive a medal on completion of the run and a sports drink. Entrance for non-runners is free.



Entry forms are available on the stocksfield.org website, at Branch End Newsagents or Stocksfield Central. Entrants should arrive at least half an hour before the run to register and receive their numbers. Weather permitting, parking will be available at the entrance to Merryshields at the cost of £2, but parking is limited, please walk or use public transport if possible.

We look forward to seeing you and good luck with your training!

The 602 is now the 10

Our new bus company, Go North East, has changed its timetable. The 602 service is replaced by the 10. The 10 will run every twenty minutes through the day in both directions – please check at the bus stops for the new times.

New Councillor: Mrs Maggi Hunt

The latest recruit to Broomley & Stocksfield Parish Council is Maggi Hunt. Maggi has lived in Stocksfield for over twenty years, and has a career background in education and working with young people. She has a long history of volunteering, and was a Governor of two local schools for fifteen years, as well as working with Northumbria Police as a member of their Strategic Independent Advisory Group.

Now retired, Maggi is looking forward to the new challenge of working with the Parish Council to make Stocksfield an even better place in which to live and work.



New Cub Leader: John Walker

Philippa Harpin retired as the Cub Scout Leader at the end of August. The parish is very grateful to Philippa and her assistant Jim Davidson, who is also retiring at the same time, for their dedicated service.

The new leader is John Walker who lives in Guesburn. His partner Suzanne teaches at Broomley First School and they have a young son called Angus. John is already very active in the community as a member of SICA's management committee. Cubs will continue to run on Mondays at 6.30 p.m. Parents interested in enrolling their children should contact Paddy Gascoigne, the Group Scout Leader, on **01661 843405**.



Digging up the Cricket field

Work started in May on a 'grey' water system which will save on water costs for the cricket club. The work involved installing a 27,000 litre water tank under the outfield. A period of dry weather helped installation as a 5 metre deep hole was excavated and the tank lowered in. Trench work was then carried out to allow the installation of supply pipes.

The system now takes water from the gutters and is used for watering the cricket pitches and will eventually also be used for flushing the toilets.

A large grant from the Community Foundation and other grant support from the District Council Development Fund helped fund the project, which will save both water and on water rates making the club more viable for the future.



Paper/Can Banks – Sportsfield Car Park

The paper and can recycling banks have been removed from the Sportsfield Car Park. These are now no longer necessary as all cans and paper can be placed in the grey recycling bins provided to householders in Stocksfield. Consequently the use of these banks has reduced considerably.

The glass recycling bins will remain at the sportsfield car park, and the waste facilities at West Wylam and Hexham will continue to operate.

VATS machine at Brumwell Court



You will have seen that the VATS machine at Brumwell Court has been replaced following its demolition in a traffic accident earlier in the year.

Although the driver of the car which caused the damage was not insured, the Parish Council was able to make a claim through the Motor Insurers' Bureau.

The MIB has reimbursed the Parish Council in full for the cost of this machine.

Our new bus service - The 10



Thank you Philippa



Philippa Harpin has retired from Stocksfield Cubs. Philippa is one of the country's longest-serving Cub Scout leaders, and it is because of her dedicated leadership that Stocksfield Cubs is such a busy and popular group. Philippa will be missed, she leaves the Cubs with their best wishes and very grateful thanks for the many years of hard work and service. Thank you Philippa on behalf of the Parish Council and of course all the cubs who you have led over the years.

Broomley School goes potty!



As part of our Creative Partnerships work, John Scott from Sourdust Pottery in Stocksfield has been working with Broomley First School children across the whole age range in creating beautiful pottery tiles depicting the elements, based on children's own experiences of the outdoors.

The children have been celebrating their outdoor learning skills in creating a permanent Art fixture in school under John's guidance. The children have also experienced working with a range of other artists resulting in mask making, circus skills and weaving.

The school is delighted to be awarded the Artsmark Silver Award in recognition of its commitment to The Arts.

Come and see the choir

Sunday 26th September is to be a Harvest celebration and a day to welcome you into one of the churches of Stocksfield and Mickley.

Churches Together in Stocksfield is exploring the possibility of starting a choir. If you might be interested and want to know more contact Rev. Bill Rigby on 01661 842272. The aim is to do something together towards Christmas then work from there.

Service times for Sunday 26th September:

St Peter, C of E	9.00 a.m.
Baptist Church	10.00 a.m.
Methodist Church	10.30 a.m.
St George, C of E	10.45 a.m.
Society of Friends	11.00 a.m.

This year Remembrance Sunday is on 14th November. A service will be held at the War Memorial.

Next Parish Council Meetings

Monday 6th September

Monday 4th October

Monday 1st November

All meetings are held at SICA and start at 7.30 p.m. Members of the public are always welcome to attend.

Winners at the Bywell Arts Festival

These are the names of the winners from this years' Bywell Art Festival Childrens Art Competition.

Playgroup, Years 2-4:	1st: Ruby Weatherspoon	2nd: Emma Rickman
Pre-School:	1st: Daniel Lamb	2nd: Elliott Smith
Reception:	1st: Molly Grainger	2nd: Lily Bucanhan
Years 1 and 2:	1st: Elliott Lackey	2nd: Rosie Ridley
Years 3 and 4:	1st: Cameron Lackey	2nd: Jake Armstrong
Special Award:	Rebecca Oliver	

Congratulations to the winners and thanks to all the children who took part and to the judge, Ron Thornton.

Footpath claim acknowledged

Northumberland County Council Rights of Way Committee have accepted that there is sufficient evidence to justify a claim for a public right of way over the railway crossing at Eltringham, along the south bank of the Tyne and then under the railway to Merryshields.

They did not consider that there was evidence to support the claim for a second route leaving the riverside path, before our parish boundary with Prudhoe, and passing under the railway to join the public footpath already shown on the OS map. Prudhoe Pathforce who lodged the claim, with support from our parish Rights of Way & Environment Group, has challenged this decision and we should know the result of this appeal

later this year. The next stage would be for the County Council to make an order modifying the existing definitive map showing public rights of way, adding one or both of the routes being claimed. At this point there may of course be objections from anyone with a legitimate interest in this path.

Regular walkers of this footpath will be aware that recently a number of notices have gone up at the Eltringham end of this path. These notices do not affect the claim in any way and simply indicate that the land this path crosses is private land and that there is no public access to the river. This would still be the case if the path were to be confirmed as a public right of way. The County Council Countryside Service say that this path can continue to be used until such time as the claim is formally determined.

Stocksfield Players - New productions

The Players are delighted to announce two new productions.

Drama in the Parlour. Wednesday 6th - Saturday 9th October, 2010.



Following the huge success of 'Drama in the Parlour' held in May, a sequel will take place over four evenings in October, once again in the wonderfully atmospheric parlour of Stocksfield Hall.

The action takes place in a radio studio of the 1950s, and you, the audience, are there for a "live" performance. The scripts are wild and eccentric, and anything might go wrong – in fact it almost certainly will!

With a maximum audience size of thirty, this production is bound to sell out. Tickets will be available in September from Boots the Chemist, Stocksfield Central, SICA or Michael Allan on 01661 843183.

Pack of Lies. Thursday 25th - Saturday 27th November, 2010.

This drama by Hugh Whitmore is based on the real life story of Helen and Peter Kroger who, in 1961, were found guilty of spying for the Russians, and were sentenced to twenty years' imprisonment. Stocksfield Players are proud to present this thought-provoking play, tickets will be available as above from October.

Want to join them?

The Stocksfield Players would like their audiences to see new faces on stage. Would you be interested in joining them on stage or behind the scenes? If so, call **Karen on 01661 844119.**

Tynedale Hospice At Home

The Hospice provides a wide range of care and support for the people of Tynedale with a life-limiting illness. Many of its activities are supported by volunteer workers and by donations either from individuals or organizations and from fund-raising activities.

As a volunteer driver for the Hospice Ted Schneider learned that, like himself,

More research for History Society

Following their research project on the names of those commemorated on the First World War plaque on our War Memorial, the History Society is now starting on the second part of the project.

They are seeking information on those commemorated on the Second World War plaque.

The names on the War Memorial are:



If you have any information on any of these people, please contact Andy Palmer on 01661 842135.

Footpath too narrow



Parish Councillors and the County Footpath Officer have looked at the footpath from New Ridley Road to Birkdene, past Welton Close, to see if it is possible to provide a handrail.

Unfortunately, the path is very narrow. If a rail were to be provided then the path could be too narrow to allow someone to push a buggy along it. The County Footpaths Officer is continuing to mull over this problem to see if a solution can be found - perhaps to provide a hand rail at the top of the path.

many of the patients had not heard of the charity until they needed its services. Consequently, both to publicise its work and raise funds for the Hospice, he has written a booklet, **Geordie Tales Ti Mek Yi Smeyle.**

The booklet is available for a suggested donation of £3.50 from Stocksfield Central, Stocksfield Cricket Club, Mickley Social Club and Jiggery Pokery,

Parish Council Notes:

Hedges

At the July meeting of the Parish Council concern was expressed that in many areas of the Parish, hedges were encroaching on pavements and footpaths making it difficult if not impossible to walk along them safely and comfortably.

When cutting your hedges this year, we would greatly appreciate it if you could try to cut them hard back to the back edge of the pavement or footpath so that pedestrians can use them without having to step into the roadway.

Please also remove the hedge clippings so that they do not become a hazard to pedestrians. Thank you.

Speeding on Guesburn

The problem of cars speeding through Guesburn has been raised at the Parish Council meeting recently. We remind residents and visitors driving through Guesburn that this is a residential area with small children and elderly residents. The road is narrow and care should be taken at all times to keep within the speed limit.

Bicycles on pavements

It has been brought to the Parish Council's attention that bicycles are being ridden on the pavements. In recent weeks there have been at least four minor accidents as a result of this practice. Two pedestrians have been knocked over, one of whom had to be taken to hospital for checks.

Cycling on the pavements is against the law - but if you must do it please be aware of pedestrians who may not be aware of your presence.

Parish Council budgets 2011/12

The Parish Council will start the process of setting its budgets for the next financial year in October/November. If your organisation would like to be considered for grant aid in 2011/12, please apply by 30th October, giving details of the project to be funded, the grant you would like and enclosing a copy of your most recent annual accounts.

Applications for funding should be sent to the Clerk by 30th October.

Tenders

The Parish Council will also be looking at letting tenders for grass cutting and handyman's work, etc. in the Parish for three years commencing April 2011. Tenders will be advertised in the late autumn but if you would like to receive a copy with a view to submitting a price, please let the Clerk have your name and address by 30th October.



More success for Stocksfield Cricket Club

The last week in July brought both Cup and League success for Stocksfield Cricket Club.

The 1st XI won the Thomas Wilson (League) Cup against Blue Flames CC, the Women's 1st team clinched the Northumberland Women's League title and the U18 won the West Tyne Junior Cup final against Wylam.

In the Wilson Cup final at the County ground Stocksfield scored 128 for 8 with Nick Armstrong finishing unbeaten on 58. In reply 3 wickets from Ali Thirlwell and 4 from Emerson Brown saw Blue Flames collapse to 87 all out.

The Women's team was unbeaten in this season and its strength is shown by having fielded 8 players for the County team.

The U18 junior team capped a good season, finishing runners up in the League as well as cup winners.

Success has also just bypassed the U15 and U13 teams who both finished runners up in the 3 Leagues they play in and the U11's played their part reaching the County Cup semi final.

Multi Use Games Area

01661 842902

Available 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily
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.

**10% Discount available for
block bookings.**

What's happening at SICA

Friday 3rd September 2.30-7.00 p.m.
Blood Donor Session.

Sat 18th September 10.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.
Tynedale Spinners & Weavers.

Saturday 18th September 7.30 p.m.
Ceilidh with Border Crossing and the Stocksfield Stompers in aid of Uhuru Ministries.

Friday 24th September 10.00 a.m.
Charity coffee morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Research.

Saturday 25th September 2.00 p.m.
Stocksfield Scouts Jumble Sale

Friday 8th October 7.00 for 7.30 p.m.
- enjoy a glass of wine before the film.
Film Club. Gran Torino (Cert 15).

Saturday 16th October 10.00-4.00 p.m.
Tynedale Spinners & Weavers Open Day.

Church In The Park

Sunday 5th September, 10.00 a.m.
at Branch End Play Area - or Church if wet.
Come and join Stocksfield Baptist Church for all-age morning worship in the open air.

Prudhoe & District U3A

Tuesday 14th September, 2 p.m.
Afternoon tea in aid of Macmillan Nurses.

Monday 27th September, 10.30 a.m.
Malcolm Reid - Transition Tynedale.

Tuesday 12th October, 2 p.m.
Crafty Coffee.

Monday 25th October, 10.30 a.m.
Audrey Bland - Poetry.

Tuesday 9th November, 2 p.m.
Making Christmas floral displays.

Monday 29th November, 10.30 a.m.
Ailments & Injuries - First Aid explained.

Meetings are held at St Mary Magdalene Parish Hall, Front Street, Prudhoe. Admission £1.

Stocksfield WI

Wednesday 6th October 2010.
Members' Night.

Wednesday 3rd November 2010.
Colin Watson - Working in Uganda, the big picture and the detail.

Wednesday 1st December 2010.
Mike Tickell - Songs & Sayings.
Meetings are held at 7.30 p.m. at SICA. New members and visitors always welcome.

Stocksfield Local History Society
Meetings held at SICA - 7.30 p.m.

Wednesday 8th September 2010.
Max Adams - John Martin and the Prometheans.

Wednesday 13 October 2010.
A short AGM followed by Dr. Ball - A History of Hindley and the Hall.

Wednesday 10 November 2010.
Alan Morgan - The Growth of Newcastle from swamp to modern city.

Barnardo's Coffee Morning

Wednesday 8th September 2010 10-Noon
61st Annual Coffee Morning, to be held at SICA. Home Produce & Cakes*, Craft Stall, Tombola and Raffle. All proceeds to Barnardo's. *Supported by Barclays Bank.

Stocksfield Plants & Gardens Society

Friday 15th October 2010.
Quiz Night and Supper for members of Corbridge, Snods Edge, Stocksfield and Wylam Garden Societies, to be held at Corbridge Parish Hall, St Helen's Street, Corbridge at 7.30pm. If you wish to attend, please let Val Guy know on 01661 843390.

Tuesday 19th October 2010.
Jonathan Archer - Simplifying the Garden.

Tuesday 16th November 2010.
Nick Owen - Copying Nature - the Landscapes of 'Capability' Brown.

Tuesday 14th December 2010.
AGM and Members' evening.
Meetings are held at 7.30 p.m. at SICA.