

Planning the future of Broomley and Stocksfield

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Our Village, Our Future

Annual Parish Meeting to focus on Neighbourhood Planning

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held in the Community Centre, Stocksfield on Monday, 16th April 2012, at 7.30 pm.

The meeting this year will focus on the development of a Neighbourhood Plan in line with the Localism Act of 2011. The Parish Council has already held preliminary talks with other organisations in the village and a Steering Group has been set up to take the work forward.

Unlike the Parish Plan (2009), the Neighbourhood Plan will focus more specifically on how residents see the development of the area covered by the Parish Council in terms of housing, shops and business provision, and will seek to identify those

areas which can be earmarked for development and those which cannot.

The Neighbourhood Plan will take around two years to complete, and, will involve widespread consultation with residents and local business people. Once it is finalised, the Neighbourhood Plan can be adopted by the County Council as part of their Local Development Plan, and will influence their development proposals for our parish and this part of East Tynedale.

If you live or work in Broomley and Stocksfield, this is a great opportunity to have more influence on how the area will change over time, and you are very welcome to come and hear more about this project.

Jacqui takes the helm at Broomley School



A new Head Teacher has been appointed to the Federation of Whittonstall and Broomley First Schools. Anne Dale, Chairman of the Federation, said "I am delighted that, following a very robust recruitment process, Mrs. Jacqui Lorimer has been offered, and has accepted, the position as Executive Head Teacher. Jacqui has been involved in both schools for a long time, her four children attended Whittonstall where she taught and was also a governor. Jacqui joined the staff at Broomley in 2006 and has latterly been the Acting Executive Head Teacher. She brings with her a wealth of knowledge and experience. In her spare time Jacqui is a black belt (second Dan) in Karate and also enjoys art and music".

Good News for Youth Groups

Young people's groups in the village can now tap into expert support, thanks to Stocksfield Community Association. The Community Association Board have affiliated to Northumberland Clubs for Young People (NCYP) which gives all local youth groups access to funding opportunities, training for young people and adults, expert youth workers, and a network of useful contacts.

You can find more information about NCYP on their website – www.ncyp.org.uk - or contact Norman Hooks for further details – tel: 01661 844863.

Branch End Play Area @ 40

It is forty years since the Parish Council first signed a lease with the then Northumberland County Council which enabled the site at Branch End to be developed as a play area.

Since then successive generations of councillors, residents and parents, with assistance from Tynedale Council and funding from the Big Lottery and other generous organisations have been able to provide equipment for the use of our children and young people.

In addition, in recent years a community garden, willow tunnel and wild flower bank have been created.

This year we have to look at raising more than £20,000 to replace the ageing Twist, the large wooden climbing equipment. Once again we are looking for support from users of the play area and other volunteers.

We would like to mark this 40th anniversary somehow – suggestions would be welcomed. Perhaps you have photos or memories of the play area which could be used to mark the occasion. Please contact the Parish Clerk with any information and ideas you may have.



Parish Council VACANCIES

The Parish Council currently has vacancies for three parish councillors. This shortfall in the numbers of councillors is adding considerably to the workload of our existing members and we urgently need to recruit new volunteers.

If you would like to join the Parish Council and help us to keep Stocksfield a beautiful and safe place in which to live or work, please do get in touch with the Chairman of the Parish Council, Maggi Hunt, on 842674 or the Clerk to the Parish Council 844667 or e-mail admin@baspc.plus.com for more information.

Parish Council Precept

In January, the Parish Council agreed that there would be no increase in its Precept for 2012/13. The Precept therefore remains at £70,000.

The Parish Council also set its budgeted income and expenditure for 2012/13 at £72,240. It was agreed that any expenditure on special projects would come from Reserves.



Another example of tyres being dumped in our neighbourhood. Many thanks to those who reported this incident and to the County officers and staff who arranged for their prompt removal. Incidents of this type can be reported to the Parish Clerk or direct to the County Council at ask@northumberland.gov.uk

Meals on Wheels

The Meals on Wheels service in Stocksfield was begun nearly 50 years ago by some of the original founders of the Community Association. Stocksfield is the last village in England to provide the service "manned" by volunteers. Now that the service is ending, we would like to express our appreciation to all the volunteer organisers, cooks and drivers who have delivered this service for more than 4 decades. We also take the opportunity to wish the new Tuesday Club every success in the future. (see page 3.)



'Big Lunch Day' to celebrate the Jubilee

Come & Party at Bywell Hall on 3rd June
Jubilee Celebrations, Community Picnic & Concert
12noon - 4.30pm.

The Parish Councils of Broomley & Stocksfield, Bywell & Newton and possibly Hedley, have joined together to organise a huge Picnic at Bywell Hall 12.00-4.30pm on 3rd June 2012 – the 'Big Lunch Day'.

Lord and Lady Allendale have kindly invited us to hold this event on the lawn in front of the Hall and a group drawn from all three parishes and Allendale Estates is now working towards making this a really memorable occasion for our communities.

The event will take the form of a Bring Your Own Picnic and is part of the national Big Lunch. **The Picnic will be supported by local pubs and businesses, so in addition to what you may bring yourself, there will be the opportunity to buy food and drink on site at hugely subsidised prices from local suppliers including:**

- **Brocksbushes Farm and Shop** – seasonal fruits
- **Duke of Wellington Inn, Newton** – Beer and Bar
- **North Acomb Farm** – Jubilee hams, sandwiches & salads
- **The Feathers at Hedley on the Hill** – sausages, buns, chips and cream scones
- **Wheelbirks Parlour** – Ice Cream

During the picnic there will be a full range of entertainment for all the family including local bands, bouncy castle, skate board track, face painting and lots more. We will also link up to the Thames Pageant on a big screen so we can keep in touch with what is going on in London. To date, Heartbeat and the Prudhoe Community Band have confirmed that they will be performing. At the end of the day, (about 5pm) there will be an ecumenical service of thanksgiving and celebration organised by Churches Together in Stocksfield, at Bywell St Peters Church.

So gather your friends, neighbours and work colleagues. Bring your food and your picnic furniture along with optimism for decent weather. Remember there will be extra food on site and we'll have a few spare tables. The picnic will not be cancelled if it rains. Bywell Hall will be dressed for the occasion and you can dress appropriately too. 1952? Red, white and blue? Get your Glad Rags on and be part of this unique, community celebration.

This will be a ticket only event so that we can gauge the likely numbers. Tickets will cost only £2.00 per person (no concessions) and will be available from 1st April. Any profit will be donated to charity.

Tickets are available from:

Adrian Hinchcliffe	01661 843896
Linda Blair	01661 843296
Margaret Williams	01661 844667
Norman Hooks	01661 844863
Helen Morris	01661 844844
Melna Martin	01661 844040
Elizabeth Collingham	01661 843001
Helen Scott	01661 844965

and local shops. Additional contacts will be added to Stocksfield.org



Planning the Event at Bywell Hall

There will be plenty of parking (including disabled parking).

Your village needs you to make this event a success. If you can help either beforehand or on the day, please contact Adrian Hinchcliffe 01661 843896. Norman Hooks 01661 844863. Margaret Williams 01661 844667. In particular, help will be needed to set up and take down and with parking.

Bunting Making. can you cut or sew? Can you provide "material" old or new in red white & blue? Can you provide tape or cotton thread? Would you like to join a bunting group? (dates to be arranged) meet friends old and new? Any other ideas will be very welcome. **For details contact Melna Martin 843839/844040.**

If you, or your organisation, are planning Diamond Jubilee celebrations please contact Margaret Williams, Parish Clerk, who will be happy to include details in forthcoming issues of NE43 News.

What about a Diamond Ball? - Would any group or individual like to organise a glitzy event? Contact the Parish Clerk with your ideas.

Keep visiting stocksfield.org for updates and information on all Jubilee and Parish Council events.

A Portrait of the Queen – Jubilee Celebration Exhibition

27 May – 3 June 2012

As part of the Jubilee celebrations, plans are being drawn up for a 'Portrait of the Queen' exhibition which aims to show drawings, paintings and other '2D' images of Her Majesty in the week running up to the Big Lunch.

The exhibition is open to all, adults and children, to create a 2D image of the Queen in any wall-mountable media (for eg. paint, drawing materials, collage, textile, photographic).

The exhibition will be held in Stocksfield Community Centre (SCA) during the week leading up to the picnic, before, hopefully, moving to Bywell for the Jubilee weekend event on 3 June.

How to enter

All entries must be accompanied by a completed Entry Form. Please download these from the Stocksfield website - www.stocksfield.org. These will also be available in paper format from local schools and other venues nearer the time. Full details are on the forms.



Olympic Torch

As you will have seen in the Winter Issue of NE43 News the Torch Relay is to come through Stocksfield. To mark this event we hope that as many residents as possible will come out to cheer the Torch through our community. Refreshments and entertainment will be offered at various points along the route to residents and visitors who come out to cheer the Torch Relay and the accompanying cavalcade through the village. The route is confirmed as the A695 from Branch End to the Station and the time is confirmed as 2.24 to 2.40pm.

We hope that those of you who live on the Torch Route will decorate your own fences so that Stocksfield looks really welcoming and colourful.

East Tynedale Summer of Sport

Listed below are some of the exciting things that, inspired by the London 2012 Olympic Games, will be happening in our district over the summer. Watch out for more details as the programme is developed and do support, either by taking part, or watching, as many events as you can.

East Tynedale Torch Relay

Wednesday, 30th May

To help mark the start of a fantastic summer of events, the East Tynedale Torch Relay will be run from first school to first school throughout our area.

The East Tynedale Torch will be carried by a succession of runners and handed over at each school. If your school has not yet confirmed its participation and would like to be involved please contact Tom Martin at tommartin1963@sky.com

Events Diary

Wylam 'little and large' tennis competition

Saturday, 9th June

Entrants welcome from all over East Tynedale will compete for the coveted 'East Tynedale Little and Large Tennis Cup 2012'. Venue: Wylam Tennis Club.

Further information from: Anne Francis, Wylam Tennis Club annemfrancis@hotmail.co.uk

The Stocksfield 'Medal' tennis competition, Stocksfield Tennis Club

Saturday 21st July – 1pm.

Entries close on 7th July. More details later or contact Sue Applegarth, Stocksfield Tennis Club: sue@applegarth21.plus.com for more information.

Wylmpics

Saturday 21st July - 10am to 4pm

Wylam Institute, Church Road, Wylam

Further Information from: Robin Piette, Wylam WI: piette robin@gmail.com

Successful Young People's Fun Day - the first of many

Local young people had fun with a difference at the Cricket Club during half term, with the chance to take part in skateboarding, multi sports, Valentine's Day related arts and crafts and a regional pool competition. The day, which was organised by the Parish Council, Northumberland Clubs for Young People and the Community Association, involved young people aged 10 to 16, and, alongside the activities, gave them the opportunity to put forward their views on what they would like to see happening in the village, as well as offering them training in bidding for funds to put some of their ideas into practice. A full report will be presented to the Parish Council to help with planning future events.

Stocksfield Playgroup Update

Stocksfield Playgroup (based at the Community Centre) has delivered quality early years education to our community's youngsters for over 40 years. It has maintained its association with Broomley First School throughout, providing an opportunity for the kids of the village and beyond to begin to socialise and learn together from as early as their second birthday.



At the end of February, Stocksfield Community Association board decided to commit to operating a Playgroup at the Community Centre for the foreseeable future. They wish to thank all those parents who came forward to consider taking over the running of the playgroup. Letters have been sent to all parents with children in Playgroup and to Playgroup staff fully explaining this decision.

In January the 'Friends of Stocksfield Playgroup' was formed, to raise its profile through fundraising and promotional activities.

If you wish to join 'Friends of Stocksfield Playgroup' to help raise vital funds for the Playgroup, or you are simply able to offer ideas and a little time to help out, your contributions would be most welcome. For details, please contact Laura Rhodes via email at laurarhodes@gmail.com.

Our first big event is an *Easter Fun Day* to be held at Stocksfield Community Centre on Saturday 31st March from 11am to 2pm. Activities will include a Great Easter Egg Hunt, Face Painting, Stalls & Children's Craft Activities. **Come and join in the fun!**



Young People Wanted!



Tyne Valley Youth Theatre (TVYT) has made a flying start into 2012 and the rest of the year looks set to be just as exciting. Since the company started in December more than fifty young people have taken part in workshops and projects run by the new theatre company, which is based in Stocksfield.

This February they held their first performance project; a devised play-in-a-week based on themes and characters from 'Alice in Wonderland'. With the support of two young TVYT technicians, the company's very first acting company took to the stage with a performance of a brand-new original play after only five days' work.

TVYT is open to young people aged 8-21 years old. There are opportunities for performing and non-performing roles. The company's focus is team work, professionalism and fun for everyone. They do not audition their members and you don't need any experience to join.

Full details of the company and their upcoming activities can be found at www.tvyouththeatre.org or by emailing TVYT@live.co.uk



Introducing the Tuesday Club

The end of an era for WRVS Meals on Wheels

At the end of March the Meals on Wheels service, which began in Stocksfield nearly 50 years ago, will end. Rising like a phoenix from the ashes will be The Tuesday Club which since November has been known as The Social Centre. As well as serving hot meals in the Community Centre in Stocksfield, WRVS volunteers will deliver "take away" meals to those who are housebound or unable to get there.

For more information or if you would like a lift to or from the Tuesday Club, or who would like to book a meal, please contact Sarah Allan on Tel: 01661 842027 or 0795 077 6025 or e-mail: sarah.allan@wrvs.org.uk

The Tuesday Club is also looking for volunteer drivers, cooks, general helpers. If you can help in any please contact Sarah Allan.

SPRUCE UP STOCKSFIELD THIS SPRING

What can you or your organisation do to help?

This summer Stocksfield is going to be very much in the public eye and we would hope that residents can help to tidy up our parish so that come the Jubilee celebrations and the Olympic Torch Relay we can be proud to show off our village to visitors.

Between Saturday 14th April and Saturday 21st April, the Parish Council is organising a *Spruce up Stocksfield Week*. Can you litter pick a particularly untidy part of the village, sweep the area in front of your house or shop, clean a phone box or bus shelter, clean the street signs, clear litter from the grass verges and hedges or anything else that will improve our local environment?

The Parish Council can provide some litter pickers, gloves and bin bags. These can be collected from the Parish Office between 9.30 a.m. and 10 a.m. on 14th April and full bags should be left in the wheelie bins at the Sportsfield Car Park.

There will be large wheelie bins in the Sportsfield Car Park from 14th to 21st April. These can be used for dumped bulky items and litter but not for Commercial Waste, Asbestos, Oils, Liquids, Garden or Household Chemicals or other potentially hazardous waste, White Goods (eg. washing machines, fridges, etc.), garage clearances, or bulky household items. Items such as this should continue to be taken to Prudhoe or Hexham.

Drama in the Parlour

The Drama in the Parlour Group enjoyed successful performances of their Victorian Christmas Special and will return in the spring. From May 9th to 12th they will be in the parlour at Stocksfield Hall entertaining with a new offering in their series of old time, radio style, shows. Expect serials, sketches, silliness and song performed with the eloquence and elegance of a bygone age. Dress up if you want to, the cast will be wearing taffeta and tiaras...and that's just the men! For information and tickets (£6) call Stencil Library 01661 844844.

Dog Control Orders

We are lucky to live in a village where the vast majority of dog owners take their responsibilities seriously. However, we have recently received reports of dogs being exercised on the Play Area at

Branch End, and a quantity of dog waste has had to be removed from the area. This is not only a serious health hazard, but it is also against the law.

The Dog Warden has been asked to monitor the local situation, in the interests of the health and wellbeing of users of the Play Areas and sports fields.





Merryshields Quarry - SITA UK replies

In the last issue of NE43 News, we reported on the planning application made by SITA UK, owners of Merryshields Quarry, to extend permission to extract sand and gravel from the site for a further fifteen years. The application is still under consideration by Northumberland County Council's Planning Department, but SITA have now responded in writing to the questions raised by the Parish Council about their future intentions in relation to the quarry.

The letter states that "SITA UK have no plans to recommence sand and gravel extraction or landfill at Merryshields in the short term, although both have to date only been partially completed and commencement would be market dependent". It goes on to say that "if the local community has appropriate proposals for a nature reserve on a specific area of the site, (SITA UK) would be happy to consider them". This latter offer has been passed on to the Parish Council Environment Group for discussion and action, if appropriate.

Though this response is reassuring, there is nothing to rule out a decision to operate the site again in the medium to long term, and the Parish Council will continue to monitor the situation.

You can read the full text of SITA's letter on the Parish Council website.

Diary Dates:

Bywell Hunter Trial Course
Stocksfield



OPEN SCHOOLING DAYS FOR HORSES AND PONIES, PLUS WOODLAND WALK AND RIDE
19th and 20th May - 9.00am - 6.00pm

OPEN TO EVERYONE, DOGS ARE WELCOME

Refreshments Bottle tombola, Sweets etc
Supporting "The Charlotte Straker Project"

See website: bywellhuntertrialcourse.co.uk
Or ring 07771 910548 for further information

Spring Fair

31st March 10.00am - 2.00pm
St John's Church Hall, Meadowfield Road

Digital TV Switchover morning

Fri 4th May 9.30am - 1.00pm
- Community Centre

Prudhoe Community Band

Fri 11th May
- Community Centre

Barnardo's Coffee Morning

Wed 16th May 9.30am
- Community Centre

Broomley County First School Summer Fair

16th June

Policing your Neighbourhood

Joanne Tennant (PC 8207) is the Local Neighbourhood Police Officer for the Stocksfield area.



Her day-to-day duties involve ensuring close links are maintained with all sections of the community. She sees her role as one of public reassurance and tries to look for long term solutions to issues that concern everyone. This can only be done with the assistance of the public and by working with other agencies.

The Neighbourhood Police will be visiting the Stocksfield Area with the Mobile Police Office and members of the local Neighbourhood Policing Team and would encourage anyone who has any queries, worries, problems or ideas to come forward to speak to your local officers. The dates are as below and the times will be 10-12am each day:

18th April - Branch End,

2nd May - The Railway Station car park, Stocksfield

The local Neighbourhood policing team also hold a surgery at Boots the Chemist, at Branch End, 9am-10am on the 1st Saturday of every month for anyone to pop in and speak to their local police officers.

Joanne Tennant is keen to build close ties with the people who live and work in and around Stocksfield, so please do get in touch if you have any policing issues you wish to bring to her attention.

e-mail: easttynedale.npt@northumbria.pnn.police.uk

by phoning 101 and asking for extension 61594 or by email on joanne.tennant.8207@northumbria.pnn.police.uk

2nd Stocksfield Fun Run

This is a very exciting year for Stocksfield, with the Olympic Torch passing through the village in June, and now following the successful inaugural event in 2010, plans are well advanced for the staging of the beautiful scenic, 5K Stocksfield Fun Run. This will take place on Saturday, 8th September, just a few days after the end of the Olympic Games.

This year we are hoping to add a competitive element to the run with several local villages competing against each other.

The organisers are delighted to have enlisted, as our starter, athletics legend and Olympic medalist, Brendan Foster.

Details of how to enter will be announced later.



Bywell Arts Festival

29th June - 1st July 2012

The ancient Bywell churches of St. Peter's and St. Andrew's will form the backdrop to an extensive exhibition of paintings and other craftworks by local artists and designers, from Friday 29th June to Sunday 1st July. In addition to the visual art, there will be musical entertainment during the weekend, the highlight of which is a concert in St Peter's Church by the Felling Male Voice Choir on Saturday 30th June at 7.30pm. Look out for further details in the June issue of NE43 News!

Stocksfield Plants and Gardens Society

Meetings are at 7.30pm in the Community Centre. Guests welcome.

Belsay Hall Gardens through the Seasons

Tuesday 17th April Jo Hindhaugh

Indoor Plants - what works for me
Tuesday 15th May Alice Oliver

Annual Plant Sale

Saturday 25th May

Stocksfield Community Centre at 10.30am

Stocksfield Local History Society

11th April - 7.30pm. Community Centre

Freda Thompson - John Wesley, Newcastle
Visitors Welcome

Stocksfield Retired Men's Association

Meetings are held in the Baptist Church Hall at 10.30am.

The History of Chocolate

5th April Jane Williams

The Art of Robert Stephenson:

Images of the Man, his Life & Works
9th April J M Taylor

History through Recorded Sound

3rd May R Stephenson

Born to be a Shepherd

17th May N Fairburn

Stocksfield South of Tyne Flower Club

Jumble Sale, Sat 14th April,
Community Centre. Doors Open 1.30pm.
Admission 50p Refreshments available.

Stocksfield Tennis Club

On Saturday 21 April, Stocksfield Tennis Club will be hosting an Open Day (free!) aimed particularly at welcoming new members.

There will be 2 sessions: 9.30 - 12.30 for juniors and 2.00 - 5.00pm for adults.

Do come and try out the excellent facilities. Coaching is available for those new to the sport or feeling a bit rusty.

A Diamond Jubilee Tournament (for club members) will be held on Saturday 26 May.

New members are always welcome.
Enquiries please to Sue Applegarth
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