

Planning the future of Broomley and Stocksfield

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Diamond Jubilee Celebrations BIG LUNCH DAY



**Bywell Hall 3rd June
12 noon to 4.30 pm
Come and party with us and celebrate this exciting occasion.**

Final arrangements for this event are now being put in place. Bywell Hall and the surrounding areas will be decorated appropriately. Bands have been booked and lots of activities for children and young people arranged. There will be ample parking.

Bring your own picnic (and tables and chairs) or just come and purchase your food from the various stalls which will be offering food and drink at reduced prices 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
- The Teashed – tea and coffee



Bywell Hall will be decorated for the occasion (see artists impression of what it will look like.)

Tickets £2.00 (5 and under free) from:

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

Tickets are also available from the SICA office, Branch End News and Stocksfield Central.

The Committee is delighted that Hedley Parish Council has joined the organising group.

As part of the afternoon's programme, the Thames Pageant will be broadcast on a large screen.

Entertainment will include:

- Heartbeat • Prudhoe Community Band
- The Likely Lads • The Cherry Pickers and
- Margaret Frayne who will be singing on request around the grounds of the Hall.

Activities for children include:

- a skate ramp • a bouncy castle
- an inflatable slide • face painting

The organising committee is extremely grateful for the help and support given to this event by numerous local companies, artists, individuals and groups.



A bunting we will go

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 or Norman Hooks - 01661 844863. In particular, help will be needed to set up and take down and with parking.

Immediately after the Big Lunch at 5.00 pm there will be an ecumenical service in St Peter's Church at Bywell to

commemorate and celebrate the Diamond Jubilee – all welcome.

Portrait of the Queen - Exhibition

27 May – 3 June 2012

The Jubilee celebrations will include a "Portrait of the Queen" exhibition, showing drawings, paintings and other 2D images of Her Majesty produced by local people. The exhibition will be held in Stocksfield Community Centre during the week before the Big Lunch, and will move

to Bywell Hall for the Jubilee event on 3 June. All local residents, both adults and children, are invited to create their own 2D image of the Queen in any wall-mountable medium (such as paint, drawing materials, collage, textiles or photography) for inclusion in the exhibition.

Queen's Portrait Exhibition – Opening Times

Date	A.M.	Closed for lunch	P.M.	Venue
Sunday 27 May	Closed		2 - 5.00	SICA
Monday 28 May	9.30 - 12.00		2 - 5.00	SICA
Tuesday 29 May	Closed		Opening evening 6.30 - 8.00pm	SICA
Wednesday 30 May	9.30 - 12.00		2 - 5.00	SICA
Thursday 31 May	9.30 - 12.00		2 - 5.00	SICA
Friday 1 June	9.30 - 12.00		2 - 5.00	SICA
Saturday 2 June	11.00 -	Open	2 - 5.00	SICA
Sunday 3 June	Closed		12.00 - 4.30	Bywell Jubilee Event



Julia Sayce

Parish Councillors were saddened to learn of the death of Councillor Julia Sayce on 11 April. For nearly thirteen years, Julia worked

tirelessly on the Parish Council, undertaking three terms as Chairman, and involving herself in every aspect of its business, as a member of the Finance and Planning Advisory Groups and the Sports Fields Management Committee. She was instrumental in the re-development of the Multi-Use Games Area and the extended station car park, and was a founder member, and treasurer, of the group which organised the Stocksfield Festival. Only a few months ago, despite failing health, she was the Broomley and Stocksfield representative on the group set up by the Eastern Tynedale Parishes Forum to put together the Tynedale Olympics.

Always willing to volunteer, generous with her time and energy, and a fount of knowledge and good advice, Julia has made an enormous contribution to village life and leaves behind a lasting and tangible legacy. Her commitment and dedication to serving this community were an example to us all, and it has been a privilege to work alongside her. We will all miss her.

Our deepest sympathy goes to her husband, George, her sons, Alastair and Jonathan, and her extended family.



The latest information we have suggests that the Torch will be travelling through Stocksfield on 16th June between about 2.15 and 2.30 pm

Come out and cheer the following torch-bearers through Stocksfield.

Ellen Olland from the Netherlands
George Nicholson from Durham City
Sophie Forster from Chester-le-Street
Susan Hunter from Ryton

Refreshments will be available during the afternoon at Broomley School Summer Fair, the Cricket Club and the Baptist Church.

Stocksfield is represented in:

Alnwick on 14th June by James Carroll
Newcastle on 15th June by Graham Heath and Wallsend on 15th June by Jen Jones.

Learn to Knit or improve your "Purling" Skills

Are you interested in knitting or would you like to learn to knit?

A new group is being formed for any one aged between 5 and 95.

Perhaps you would like to learn to knit, or would like to pass on your skills to others.

Meetings will be held in the Community Centre on Thursdays from 4 pm to 5 pm First meeting 3rd May. There will be a charge of £1 per week. All welcome.

For further information contact Beth at SICA on 01661 842346

Dr Patrick Feeney



After 36 devoted years of looking after the health of the people in Stocksfield, Dr Patrick Feeney retired at the end of April 2012.

Originally from Manchester, Patrick joined Branch End Surgery in 1976. He has

seen the surgery itself extended several times to enable the practice to cope with the growing population and the increasing demands of NHS Primary Care.

As Clinical Executive Patrick was closely involved in what is now the GP Out of Hours Service which provides out of hours care for 1.6 million patients across the North East. He has also, as a GP Trainer, been responsible for training a succession of Trainee GPs and medical students over many years.

Patrick said "One of the greatest satisfactions of being a GP in the same practice for a long time is the continuity of care it allows and the privilege of being able to develop a detailed personal knowledge of patients and their families over several generations. Many of my patients have become good friends as well. Although I have got to know most relationships, I am still occasionally surprised to be informed by a patient of a family relationship I wasn't aware of!" Patrick and Hilary will continue to live in the area. We wish him all the very best in his retirement.

Prudhoe & Stocksfield Rugby Club

Congratulations to the Rugby Club on their promotion to League 2 and on becoming champions of Durham and Northumberland League Three in April. They have had a fantastic season this year culminating in a 69-5 win over Richmondshire. Prudhoe & Stocksfield play their home games at Stocksfield Sportsfields so to watch quality rugby why not come down next season and support them?

End of WRVS Meals on Wheels Service in Stocksfield



After nearly 50 years the cooking and delivering of hot, fresh cooked meals by volunteers from Stocksfield Community Centre ended on 30th March. It seems likely that Stocksfield was the last community in the country still providing such a service and the efforts of our many local volunteers were celebrated at a special lunch on Thursday 12th April, supported by both WRVS and Broomley & Stocksfield Parish Council.

Some 27 volunteers enjoyed an excellent lunch prepared and served by WRVS county and regional staff. A bouquet of flowers was presented to Ruth Askew who, together with the late Heather Abrams, coordinated this service for 35 years. This was a most enjoyable occasion being something of a reunion for volunteers, particular those who had 'retired' after many years of service.

The end of this service does not mean the delivery of freshly prepared hot meals has ended in Stocksfield. The volunteer group who formed the Tuesday Club in early November last year is willing to deliver meals to anyone who is unable to come to the Community Centre to share both the meal and the variety of activities available. For further details and sample menus contact Sarah Allan on 842027.

Stocksfield Stompers success story!

This group of young folk musicians currently 15 strong, aged between 9 and 15 years, meet in St John's Hall for rehearsals directed by Carly Blain, from Kelso. Entering their first competition at the Morpeth Gathering on Saturday 14th April they won best folk group with the judge Benny Graham commenting "If this is what goes on in Stocksfield, then I want to move there!"

Congratulations to Jane Oxnard and Sophie Lynch (both 13) winners of the best accompanied song.

Stocksfield Tennis Club

The Tennis Club will be marking the start of the London Olympics by holding an event – open to all, on a first come, first served (!) basis – on Saturday 21 July, starting at 1pm. The competition will be on a Gold, Silver, Bronze theme, encouraging all levels of play. Entries close on 7 July.

New members are always welcome. Enquiries please to Sue Applegarth (01661 844961)

Stocksfield Golf Club Pro-Am

Friday, 15th June 2012

Stocksfield Golf Club will be hosting its first official Pro-Am event in nearly thirty years on Friday 15th June 2012.

The event is being kindly sponsored by "The Hadrian Group" enabling the Club to provide an excellent prize fund including a first prize of £1,000 to the leading Professional and a range of prizes for amateurs.

The cost is only £225 per four man team, including a Professional from the North East PGA, bacon butty before play and a meal afterwards.

This is fantastic value especially if you wanted to entertain clients or guests from a company perspective and play one of the most attractive courses in Northumberland.

Bookings are going well and as the field is limited to avoid disappointment please book early.

To enter a team please contact Richie Armstrong on 07891 539195.

Steve Harrison PGA Professional on 01661 843041

Or download an entry form at www.stocksfieldgolfclub.co.uk

Stocksfield Cricket Club

The 2012 Season at Stocksfield Cricket Club promises to be one of the busiest and most attractive yet.

With over 112 League and Cup games at home this season there very few weekends or evenings that don't host a game. As well as the full League programme for the club's 15 teams other games being hosted include the National Fire Brigade v the MCC (7th June), Womens, Girls and Boys County games, a Division of the Womens County T20 Competition (Cheshire, Durham, Cumbria & the Netherlands (30/31st July) and a number of Area, County and Regional festivals at Kwik and Inter Cricket.

Spectators and supporters are always welcome. Enjoy a cooling drink from the club bar while watching the games. We look forward to seeing you.

Off the pitch the club continues to 'go green'. After installing a 28,000 litre 'grey' water tank last year the clubhouse roof now features solar panels installed by local firm the Green Energy Doctor which is sponsoring the U13 teams. The system has already cut energy costs and generates a regular return ensuring the viability of the club for years to come.

Northumbria Food & Wine Festival

10-12th August – more information at: www.nfwf.co.uk

SAVING ONE OF OUR MOST IMPORTANT FOOTPATHS



The first section of the path along Stocksfield Burn starting at the bridge over the A695 has suffered serious erosion in the past few years. The bank was so badly eroded at one point that just one more major flood event would almost certainly have washed away the path completely. This in turn would have threatened the gardens of some houses in Mount View Terrace.

Following discussions between members of Stocksfield River Watch group, staff from the Tyne Rivers Trust and the County Council's Area Countryside Officer detailed plans were made to rebuild the bank using what is often known as 'soft engineering'. The scheme was approved by the Countryside Service, the Environment Agency and Allendale Estates (the owners of the land) and residents of Mount View Terrace affected were fully consulted. Work on-site started in late March and was finally completed on 10th April. A large number of self-set ash and alder trees were felled, most of the trees used had already been marked for removal by the Environment Agency, and their trunks and branches used to rebuild the bank. The steep bank has now been replaced by three 'terraces' which reduces the erosion impact of flash floods on the burn. The final step involved Stocksfield River Watch volunteers planting 50 willow saplings at appropriate places on the rebuilt bank. The roots of these trees will, as they grow, form a living wall helping stabilise the river bank. The trees were provided by the Forestry Commission as part of the first prize won by our River Watch team in last year's LOVE Northumberland Awards.



Gardening this Summer? Thinking about cutting your hedges?

For some of you the time is coming when you consider cutting your hedges, others wait until the autumn. Either way, please remember that hedges should be cut back hard so that footpaths and roads remain easily usable by pedestrians and motorists. Please pick up and dispose of all hedge cuttings appropriately - do not just leave them to rot down on the pavements where they can cause a hazard.

Trees and hedges overhanging footpaths and pavements can be dangerous when it is dark and to those with poor sight and some of our pavements are quite narrow.

Spring Clean

Thanks are due to those residents who have spent time this spring tidying up areas of our village. Thanks are also due to those organisations which will "host" hanging baskets and to the volunteers who have grown the plants on and planted up and cared for the baskets until they were ready for distribution.

Stocksfield Fun Run

Don't forget to mark in your diary, 8th September. Entry fee will be £5 for adults, £2 for juniors and entry forms will be available soon in local shops and schools.

Some of the extra attractions we hope to include on the day are children's races, bouncy castle, teas, etc. plus a great atmosphere!

All proceeds will go to the Stocksfield Festival for 2013.

More details in the next edition of NE43 News. If you can help with the organisation of the Fun Run, please contact the Parish Clerk in the first instance admin@baspc.plus.com

A Fish Pass on Stocksfield Burn



The section of Stocksfield burn immediately below the first ford has long been identified as an impassable obstruction to migratory fish – both Atlantic salmon and sea trout. Many residents will have seen these fish struggling to reach the lower ford, failing to do so and falling back. In September 2011 evidence obtained by the Tyne Rivers Trust, including volunteers from Stocksfield River Watch Group, confirmed that no migratory fish were getting beyond the Fords though some were spawning below the Fords. Tyne Rivers Trust secured a grant from DEFRA to enable them to provide a 'fish easement system' at the lower ford. Now, after consultations with both the Environment Agency and Northumberland County Council Highways, agreement has been reached on the detail of this system and work is expected to be carried out during the next few months. Hopefully, as a result of this work, we shall gradually see far more sea trout and salmon in the Stocksfield burn.

Stocksfield Players



Following their brilliant production of "Annie" last year, the Stocksfield Players will be performing "Oliver the Musical" from November 28th – 1st December 2012 at Stocksfield Community Centre.

They are looking for enthusiastic children (boys as well as girls this time!) 7 years old and older to take part in this production. They also need a chorus of men and women for this performance to be another great success. If you have the time and the talent (or not...) the Players would love you to come along and get involved on stage or, equally importantly, behind the scenes.

If you at all interested in any aspect of this production please contact:

Joy on 01434 682 547,
e mail – joy@pusey.entadsl.com or
Karen on 01661 844 119
email karenkirkland50@btinternet.com

New Parish COUNCILLORS

We welcome to the Parish Council two new Councillors, Richard Berg-Rust and Michael Parker and expect to have filled the remaining vacancies shortly.

Since joining the Theatre Royal in 2005, Richard directed two major capital campaigns there: the £7m development of the Theatre's new Wing in Market Street 2005-7 and the £5m restoration of the Theatre auditorium in 2010-11. He is a Trustee of renowned Theatre sans Frontieres in Hexham.

Michael has lived in Stocksfield for over 30 years. Both of his children went to local schools. He has been retired for nearly 7 years. Since the late 1970s he worked at Tyne Tees Television as a Camera Operator and Supervisor until his retirement.

In 1995, he trained as Assessor; Trainer and Coach, and in Recruitment & Selection, for Skillset. From 2000 he was Head of the Camera Dept. and also Health and Safety Officer at TTTV.

Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting was held on 16th April and was attended by residents and parish councillors. The major topic on the agenda was the Development of Neighbourhood Plans. David English, Principal Planning Officer at Northumberland County Council gave a presentation outlining the development of neighbourhood plans in Northumberland. He stressed that the legislation governing such plans was very new and complicated. Following his presentation there was a debate on the subject during which he responded to questions raised, including whether the development of such a plan would benefit the communities it covered and how such a development might be funded. Over the next few months Broomley & Stocksfield Parish Council will debate this issue and decide whether or not this is something that we want to develop for our Parish at this time.

2012 Bywell Arts Festival



This year's festival runs from Friday 29 June to Sunday 1 July. Everyone is welcome to enjoy the paintings and other craftworks by local artists and designers, on display in the ancient churches of St Andrew's and St Peter's. Incidentally, this is one of the few occasions when St Andrew's church (which is in the care of Churches Conservation Trust) is open to the public. A popular event for art lovers, the festival offers other attractions to entertain the family: Refreshments, including delicious home-cooked scones and cakes, very reasonably priced plants for sale, mostly propagated from local gardens, a second hand book stall, a raffle and tombola, a range of embroidery and handicrafts, and craft activities for children.

Entry to the Festival is Free

Programme:

Friday 7.30 pm Festival Service with Bishop Frank White, followed by viewing.

Saturday 10.00 am - 4.30 pm Exhibition open. Also, books, cakes, craft, plants, raffle and children's activities.

Children's art competition

The big event of this summer will be the London Olympics, so what could be better as the theme for the Bywell Arts Festival children's art competition? Entries can show any aspect of the Olympics and should be no larger than A4 with your name, age, address and telephone number clearly printed on the back. Please deliver entries to Clare Daltry at 182 New Ridley Road between Saturday 22nd and Wednesday 27th June. Winners will be chosen on Friday 29th June and all the pictures will be on display in St Peter's Church during the festival. Prizes of boxed artists sets will be awarded for the best pictures in three classes: Age 6 and under, age 7-9 and age 10-13.

Saturday 7.30 pm Concert in St Peter's Church *Felling Male Voice Choir* - Director of Music, Shaun Turnbull, Assistant Director of Music, Mark Edwards and accompanists, Linda Craig and Charlotte Butler. Tickets: £7, children £2.50, from Michael Allan 01661 843183

Sunday 10.00 am - 4.30 pm Exhibition, musical entertainment. Also, books, cakes, craft, plants, raffle and children's activities.

More information at www.bmscofe.org

The Stocksfield Hazard!



A plea from a Stocksfield resident

Since retiring, I spend more time walking the roads of the village often accompanied by my granddaughter in her buggy; and I've discovered The Stocksfield Hazard.

- I'm talking about **the cars on the pavement**.

To get what I mean try a gentle stroll from, say, the junction of New Ridley Road and Tynedale Gardens to the Station, a distance of just more than a mile. Preferably you should undertake this accompanied by young children or a baby in a buggy or an elderly relative in a wheelchair or a friend who uses a mobility scooter or just by yourself when you're a bit unsteady. You'll find yourself confronted by cars parked on the pavement meaning that you either have to go on the road or scale an angled grass verge.

On your journey you'll discover the pavement blocked at Ladywell by service vans and visiting carers' cars, both pavements blocked at Tyne

View Terrace, vehicles on the pavement at the Branch End Play Area while their drivers accompany their children to the excellent, safe play facilities. You'll slalom through the forest of cars outside the sportsfield whose drivers seem oblivious to the importance of an unobstructed pavement to pedestrians. And finally you'll encounter cars near the entrance to the station car park while their owners 'just nip into the shop'.

If two people can't easily walk side by side on a footpath because a car is parked then the footpath is obstructed and many people are put at risk. I've discovered that Stocksfield is a bad place to get around on foot if you're old, young or infirm - The Stocksfield Hazard. That's not right is it? Can we start putting cars back on the road where they belong? I know there are problems with parking, particularly on New Ridley Road, but that is another issue and pedestrians shouldn't pay the price for it.

Stocksfield Retired Men's Association

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

Liesbeth Langford

- Children under Occupation (WW2)

7th July

Maureen Brook -

Northumberland Memories:

The Herring Girls and Hiring Fairs.

5th July

Scout Jumble Sale

Stocksfield Scouts are holding their annual Jumble sale on Sat 23rd June at 2.00 pm. If you are having a clear out at home, they would welcome any Jumble that you may have. As usual, Jumble will be collected on the Friday evening, or you may bring it to the Community Centre on the Saturday morning. Refreshments will be available.

The next meetings of the Parish Council will be held on

11th June and 2nd July.

at 7.30 pm in the Community Centre.

There is no meeting in August

Contact the Parish Council at:

**Broomley & Stocksfield Parish Council,
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