

Planning the future of Broomley and Stocksfield

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Business as usual for the Parish Council

After the excitement of the Diamond Jubilee and Olympic celebrations in Stocksfield, it's business as usual for the Parish Council this Autumn, with a number of major projects on the agenda. Plans for an extension to the car park at the Cricket Club are well underway, and we will be working hard to raise the funding needed to make them happen. Local facilities for children and young people are also under the spotlight, with a fundraising drive to replace the "Twist" at Branch End Play Area and to provide other activities for our younger residents, some of whom will be helping and advising us.

The Parish Council will soon become the proud owners of Branch End Play Area and Branch End public toilets, both of which are in the process of being transferred from the ownership of Northumberland County Council. We will be considering options for the use of the public toilets in due course.

The Parish Plan, "Our village – our future", was published three years ago, so the time is right to carry out a full review of the progress made and the action we need to take to ensure that the village continues to provide an excellent quality of life.

If you have ideas for the Parish Council to consider or would like to help us with any of the projects mentioned above, please contact the Parish Clerk, or come along to a Parish Council meeting and tell us in person.

Maggi Hunt

Chairman. Broomley & Stocksfield Parish Council

FUN RUN

8th September - Stocksfield Sportsfields

On your marks, get set for the second Stocksfield Fun Run kicking off at the village sportsfield on September 8th!

Runners will follow a scenic, five-kilometre trail around Merryshields Farm and on their return they will be rewarded with a 'goody bag'. In addition, the fastest three ladies, men and juniors will each receive a trophy.

Following the main race traditional children's races will be held on an 80-metre purpose built track, which is guaranteed to be a popular and colourful attraction.

For those more interested in consuming calories rather than burning them off there will be fish and chips, Wheelbirks Ice cream and WI refreshments to choose from. There will also be a bouncy castle. All entries will be taken on the day from 1.00 pm. The run will commence at 2.30pm. The cost is £5 for adults and £2 for under 16's. All proceeds will be donated to Tynedale Hospice.

There will be limited parking available so please arrive on foot if at all possible. It'll be a good warm up for the race!

Jubilee Event REPORT



Many thanks to everyone who sent in pictures – a selection is published on our website – www.stocksfield.org

There is a short clip on You-tube – follow the link - <http://youtu.be/UujbT5weDFw?hd=1>

Feedback suggests that everyone attending the Big Lunch on 3rd June felt it had been a wonderful, enjoyable and unique way to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II and it will be in our memories for ever. Over 1,700 residents and friends from the Parishes of Bywell, Broomley and Stocksfield and Hedley on the Hill came together for the celebration. The Hall and grounds looked wonderful, the weather was kind and it was a pleasure to see so many people enjoying themselves.

Thanks must go to the Allendale family for making this unique venue available for the event and for giving finance and resources both directly and through Allendale Estates. Other families, organisations and individuals also contributed funds to make the event happen and we owe them a huge thanks. Many thanks must also go to the local suppliers who came and provided us with food and drink which everyone enjoyed. Many other businesses contributed in lots of ways by giving or subsidising the supply of materials, knowhow or services and selling tickets and we are extremely grateful for their contributions. Thanks are also extended to the bands and artists who entertained us and those involved in providing the children's entertainment. Then there was an army of residents who volunteered to be involved with the organisation and preparation of the event such as the design and preparation of the decorations, bunting making, artistic design, entertainment, marquee erection, tombola, first aid and helping on the day with car parking, access to the grounds and lots more. We are extremely grateful to these residents who gave part of their lives in the weeks prior to the

event. Equal thanks are due to the staff of Allendale Estates who prepared the grounds and provided the necessary infrastructure. Thanks are also due to the Parish Councils for grasping the opportunity to promote this event and helping to make it a success. It would be remiss not to thank members of the organising committee for their dedication in planning and putting the event together. Finally, thanks must go to the people of Stocksfield, Newton, Bywell and Hedley on the Hill who attended the event and made it so successful.

Accounts for the event have yet to be finalised. To date, however, income for the event totalled £8600.00 and £4440.00 was spent in promoting and running the event. This leaves a surplus of around £4100.00 which will be distributed in due course to the charities listed below.

- Local community organisations
- The Parish Councils as a contribution towards a memento of the Diamond Jubilee
- Great North Air Ambulance
- Red Cross, Hexham
- Tynedale Hospice at Home

Additionally, the event received in-kind income totalling around £6400.00 from Allendale Estates, Broomley and Stocksfield Parish Council and other local businesses. A full set of accounts will be made available by Margaret Williams, Clerk to Broomley & Stocksfield Parish Council - email admin@baspc.plus.com once all invoices have been received.

In the weeks leading up to our Jubilee celebrations, Rachel Cochrane was busy interviewing and recording members of the Stocksfield Tuesday Club and the Stocksfield Retired Men's Association with their Coronation memories. This also included recollections from the coronation of King George VI. Rosie Cochrane edited the recordings and put them together with photographs of the members and their memorabilia from 60 years ago. The resulting 2 films can be viewed by following the Jubilee link from the homepage of listenupnorth.com



Melna Martin & Barbara Pannell remember the Coronation

New Parish COUNCILLOR

Christian Balmer

Christian grew up in Stocksfield until he went to University. He moved back here recently with his young family.



He is a Director of a successful childcare company, so brings some skills and experience which may well be of benefit to the Parish Council. He is particularly interested in what the Parish Council can do for our children and young people.

Olympic Torch



George Nicholson receives the Torch at Brumwell Court

Hundreds of us turned out on 16th June (in the rain!) to welcome the Torch and the Torch Bearers as the cavalcade came through Stocksfield. Since then some of the Torch Bearers have been back to show residents their torches. A selection of the photos taken on the day is on the website – stocksfield.org.

Stocksfield Players

Do you own this "Staffie"?

Stocksfield Players are presenting Oliver this autumn. They are looking for a dog to join the cast. They are wondering if the owner of this dog would like to contact them with a view to the dog having a starring role in the production. Contact Karen Kirkland, on 01661 844119 for more information. Anyone interested in being involved in the production of Oliver in any way, please also contact Karen for more information.



Do you want to learn how to run or would like help and support of running with a group of like-minded people in the Stocksfield and Prudhoe area. Why not come along to Jog on the Tyne. We offer 10 week courses for complete beginners and intermediate network sessions for those already running. All sessions are led by fully qualified and friendly run Leaders

New beginner courses starting after the summer holiday (subject to minimum numbers)

If you would like more information contact Jen 07919591270 or Kate 07772 471027 or email: info@jogonthetyne.co.uk

Bus Services in Stocksfield

Please could we remind you that there are two bus services which serve New Ridley Road and village and the hinterland. These are in addition to the No.10 along the Main Road.

The A.D.A.P.T. bus provides a service from New Ridley and New Ridley Road to Prudhoe on a Friday morning starting at 9.30 and returns at just after 12. Anyone who is member of ADAPT is able to use this service. For more information, please contact Adapt (North East) on 01434 606156.

The **613 bus** provides a service to Hexham on Tuesday mornings. There are pick up points starting at 9.22 a.m. at Apperley Dene then, Hedley, New Ridley Road, Branch End, Guessburn, Hindley and Broomley. The bus leaves Hexham at 12.30 on its return journey. This is a public service available to any resident or visitor.

We need to keep these services especially for those who are unable to drive.

PLEASE USE THE BUSES – WE DON'T WANT TO LOSE THEM.

If you require any further information please contact the Clerk, Margaret Williams, or Anne Dale.

Success for Staff at Local Company

A 13 strong all male care team from Stocksfield based Helping Hands Community Care were successful in gaining the Care Team Award at the Great British National Homecare Awards held at the Grosvenor House Hotel London on June 23rd 2012. The Specialised Team work together to provide 24 hour care and support for a young man who has profoundly challenging behaviour helping him to do everyday tasks and activities and live as normal a quality life as is possible. The award, presented by Jane McDonald (of Cruise and Loose Women fame), includes recognition of "innovation and thinking differently about how a service could be delivered". Bill, Melna and Simon Martin were delighted to celebrate with other staff this prestigious national award

Tuesday Club

Restarts on 4th September at the Community Centre from 10am.

The 'Tuesday Club' at the Community Centre will resume, after its August break, on **Tuesday 4th September from 10am.**

Our friendly group enjoys a wide variety of social activities – scrabble, dominoes, whist - or just come along for a chat. The 'activities' are determined by those who come along! A hot, fresh cooked midday meal is served – at a cost of £5.

All are welcome – ladies and gentlemen.

If you want more information or would like to book a meal then contact Melna Martin on 01661 843839 or 844040 or Christine Hooks on 01661 844863. Meals must be booked in advance, preferably by the day before.

Broomley First School is recognised as Outstanding by Ofsted

Everyone will be delighted to hear that following the recent Ofsted inspection in June, the School has been rated as Outstanding. The school was first rated as Outstanding in 2009 but recently the Ofsted inspection framework has changed and it is much harder now to achieve this highest rating.

The Ofsted judgement means that the achievements of pupils, quality of teaching, the behaviour and safety of pupils and leadership and management are all highly effective and the school provides exceptionally well for all its pupils' needs.

This achievement is due to the hard work and enthusiasm of all the staff, children, governors, parents and everyone who supports the school and I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone.

Anne Dale

Chair of Governing Body

Whittonstall Opencast



Over the hill but NOT far away – the spectre of the opencast development by UK Coal Ltd looms.

Nearly one hundred residents of Whittonstall, Hedley and Stocksfield attended a public meeting on Saturday 7 July to discuss the considerable impact the Hoodsclough opencast development by UK Coal Ltd could have on the whole area. The scale of the mining operation – to extract over 2 million tons of coal and fireclay as well as 38 million tons of rock - will have far-reaching consequences for local people. It was stated at the meeting, based on evidence gathered from surveys of local businesses and residents that over 90% are opposed to the development. It was further emphasised that the voice of the local community could play a significant part, and is pivotal to any decision-making. Concerns were raised about health and safety; the inevitable noise from blasting; pollution; the irrevocable damage to the environment and landscape and the increased flow of traffic to and from the site, for the most part heavy goods vehicles and service vans and trucks. Stocksfield would without doubt be one of those areas to be affected adversely. It is also likely that were the scheme allowed to go ahead that further coal mining applications close to Stocksfield would ensue. Based upon the advice contained on the Whittonstall Action Group website, www.whittonstallactiongroup.co.uk residents are encouraged to send in letters of objection as a matter of urgency. These letters should be addressed to: Frances Wilkinson, Senior Planning Officer, Central Planning Office, County Hall, Morpeth, NE61 2EF or via email: planning@northumberland.gov.uk

NEWS

From Branch End Surgery

New faces

The Surgery is delighted to announce that Dr Clare Patel the current GP Registrar, has agreed to stay on as a permanent GP Associate. From August Dr Patel will work 4 sessions a week in the surgery.

2 new GP Registrars from August are Dr Angeli Vij and Dr Ben Rowley. Both GPs will work full time at the Surgery for a period of 6 months.

New Appointments System

Since 11th June 2012 the Surgery has no longer offered any 'book on the day' appointments (unless urgent) – It is their aim to give patients more choice when booking in advance.

They have noticed a 'down-side' to this change however and need your help with it. Since the new system has been in place they are experiencing many more DNAs (did not attend). It appears that when patients are given the chance to book in advance, they either feel better by the time their appointment arrives or they just forget to attend. It is causing real problems for the Surgery as patients are not telling them they no longer need their appointments and so they are being wasted!

Since the 11th June, there have been 110 wasted appointments by DNAs. If they can't find a way to stop such wastage of valuable GP consulting time they may have to revert back to the old 'book on the day' system. 110 wasted appointments is equivalent to 18 hours!!

Please, if you don't need your appointment any more **LET THE SURGERY KNOW** and it can be offered to another patient who does need it.

You can now book your appointments online?

Just ask at reception for your log in details and password to be sent out to you. It's very simple and convenient as you can book the appointment of your choice at a time that suits you! You can also email our manager at sushone@nhs.net

Branch End Patient Forum

The Patient Forum associated with Branch End Surgery exists to augment efforts of the admin and medical staff to maintain and where possible improve the services provided to all associated patients. To be effective it needs to develop dialogue with both patients and staff. The latter has been well established; however it is necessary to further enhance the relationship with the local community to determine how they/you feel about the service provided in order to bring need and provision as close together as human endeavour can achieve!

To this effect we need you the parishioners to contact us with your views, aspirations etc. whether favourable or otherwise, so that progress can be made via constructive dialogue with all those concerned!

All communication will be kept in the strictest confidence and anonymity guaranteed. Therefore if you have a view please do not hesitate to contact the following;

Chairman - Professor Ray Thompson

email: rayjan.thompson@btinternet.com
phone: 01661 843332

Secretary - Chris Walker

email: chris@cwalker.demon.co.uk
phone: 01661 843801

Fairies at the Bottom of the Garden

Stocksfield resident, Kristy Giblin, started penning stories for her niece about a group of magical fairies living at the bottom of her childhood garden and quickly realised that they could be great books to get children more interested and enthused about reading by giving them a magical topic to lose their imagination in.

The books for pre-school/primary school aged children are beautifully illustrated by Gary Hogg and bring the Northumberland fells to life with their fairy magic. Part of the proceeds from sales of Fairies of Northumberland will be donated to The Sick Children's Trust's Crawford House, which provides free, high quality accommodation for families of sick children whilst they are receiving treatment at the Royal Victoria Infirmary.

Branch End Play Area at 40



Norwegian students attending the Baptist Church Summer School, helping clear part of the bank at Branch End Play Area, prior to it being planted with wild flowers.



Some of those attending the bear hunt and party held to celebrate 40 years at Branch End Play Area.

stocksfield.org

The Parish Council is currently looking into the re-design of the website – Stocksfield.org. We have lots of innovative ideas that we would like to see included but would welcome suggestions from residents as to what they would like to see on the website and what links would be useful.

Please contact the Clerk with your suggestions.

Drama in the Parlour Returns

Are you one of Drama in the Parlour's regular fans? If so, you'll be pleased to hear that the show returns yet again from 19th - 22nd September in its usual atmospheric venue of the parlour of Stocksfield Hall Farm House. If you are not a regular fan, maybe it's time you learnt what our popular spoof radio show is all about.

Tickets can be bought from The Stencil Library (01661 844844), Stocksfield Central Store or the Stocksfield branch of Boots the Chemist. Get them before they are all snapped up!

New for the Autumn at the Community Centre

There are 2 new activities starting at the Community Centre, Mount View Terrace for young children.

Rugbytots starts on Tues 11th Sept with a Free taster session. Rugbytots is aimed children between the ages 2 to 5. It is unique and innovative and combines multiple skills used in rugby and other sports, with a fun, enthusiastic and energetic play programme designed to enhance your child's social and physical skills.

The classes start on Sept 18th, at 1.30pm for 2 to 3.5 year olds, and at 2.00pm for 3.5 to 5 year olds. For more information or to book a place on the taster sessions ring 08453133257 or email suzi@suzi@rugbytots.co.uk

Little Tiger Cub classes, Taekwon-do, are a fun martial arts training system for 3-5 year olds. Children learn through play, have fun, develop flexibility, improve balance and coordination, learn respect, increase confidence and learn basic self-defence.

Classes will be run on Friday evenings 6.15pm-7.00pm. The start date is yet to be confirmed. For more information please contact Peter Harkess on 0131 4450 1759 to register your interest.

Strawberries 'with a sparkle'

The Tyne Valley branch of the R.N.L.I. is holding a "Strawberry 'with a sparkle' tea" at Stocksfield House, Bywell Road. This will be on Friday 21st September from 2.30pm to 5.00pm. Tickets are £15. There will be a raffle and a glass of champagne on arrival.

Since numbers are limited, please contact A Hannam on 01661 842 386 to make your reservations.

STOCKSFIELD QUAKER MEETING HOUSE AND ITS LIBRARY

The Meeting House and its Library will be open to visitors on the last Wednesday of each month from 2.00pm to 4.00pm. Anyone wishing to visit and to browse during these times is very welcome to do so. A cup of tea or coffee will be available. The Meeting House is at Branch End

Churches Together in Stocksfield present

CHARIOTS OF FIRE

at
Stocksfield Community Centre
7th September 7.30 p.m.

McMillan Coffee Morning

Friday 28th September
10.00 – 12 noon
Stocksfield Community Centre

Norwich Puppet Theatre present

THE PIED PIPER

Suitable for children aged 3-7 and their families
Sunday 14th October 2.30 p.m.
Stocksfield Community Centre
Tickets from SCA - 842346



The 'Don't Stand for It' Campaign

On the 19th July Northumberland County Council launched a campaign to reduce dog fouling across the County and help protect our environment.

The campaign intends to increase awareness of a County wide dog control order, introduced April 2011, that makes it an offence to not immediately pick up after your dog has fouled on any publically accessible land anywhere in Northumberland 365 days a year. The consequences are that offenders face an on the spot fine of £75.00 and if prosecuted a fine of up to £1000 if they fail to pick up after their dog(s). Furthermore people may not be aware that they must always keep their dog on a lead when visiting memorial grounds, cemeteries or gardens of remembrance anywhere in Northumberland.

It is recognised that the vast majority of dog owners are responsible and pick up after their dog. But it is also recognised that it can be frustrating for the responsible majority that an irresponsible minority can sometimes get away with it.

Northumberland is a large area to cover and Public Protection staff cannot be everywhere at once so a strong feature of the campaign is to encourage the public to help the County Council reduce dog fouling by reporting incidents on 0845 600 6400. This will help the Public Protection Service to target its enforcement officers to those areas where they are needed most so increasing their chance of catching an offender.

If you want to report dog fouling problems near you then ring Northumberland County Council on 0845 600 6400.

Plants & Gardens Society

Meetings are held in the Community Centre and start at 7.30pm. Visitors & new members welcome. More information from Val Guy 843390.

Tuesday 16th October

Gordon Beakes - "Mushrooms and Toadstools - the Deadly and Delightful"

Gordon makes a return visit to share his passion for and knowledge of fungi.

Stocksfield Local History Society

Meets in the Community Centre - 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm.

New members and visitors always welcome.

12th September

Greg Finch - "The deserted village of Dotland in Hexhamshire".

10th October

AGM - Followed by members reporting on their research into the history of Riding Mill.

Exercise to Music with Mary Huggin

Stocksfield Community Centre

New members and visitors always welcome.

For more information call:
Community Centre 01661 842346

Mondays 6.30 - 7.45 p.m.
Low Impact Aerobics/Body Toning

Tuesdays 6-7.00 p.m.
Step Aerobics

Thursdays 6.45 - 7.45 p.m.
Pilates Using Stability balls

Fridays 9.30 - 10.30 a.m.
Low Impact Aerobics/Legs, Bums & Tums

Stocksfield Retired Men's Association

Meetings are held in the Baptist Church Hall on the first and third Thursday of the month at 10.30am. Members are asked to assemble for coffee at 9.30am. New members and visitors always welcome (£2 per meeting). More information from David Guy 843390.

6th September

Corporal John (Duke of Malborough)
Speaker: Professor John Derry

20th September

A Life Behind the Veil
Speaker: Ingrid Kilner

4th October

Queens of the Tyne: The River's Great Liners
Speaker: Ken Smith

Stocksfield South of Tyne Flower Club

Meetings are held in the Community Centre at 1.45 p.m. New members and guests welcome. More information from Margaret Crisp 0191 413 2483.

6th September

Mrs Marion Hinchley AD - "Big Bold & Beautiful"

4th October

Mrs Elizabeth Rea AD - "Betwixt & between"

Stocksfield FOOTBALL CLUB



Saturday senior player Steven Foster battling his way past an opponent.

August sees the start of the new football season for the recently awarded FA Charter Standard Club. We are very proud of our achievements and would like to thank many volunteers for the hard work and support for the club. This hard-work has also meant we are now have the highest placed senior team in Tynedale. The club has over 150 players from as young as 4 years old

There are however many expenses connected with running the club and we rely for funding solely on our own fundraising events and the support of local businesses and individuals. The major expenses for the club are insurance, maintenance of the football pitches/equipment, referees expenses and league fees.



The Under 10s cup winners celebrating a great season.

This will be great opportunity for local firms to support the club as well as promote their business via our new website www.clubwebsite.co.uk/stocksfieldfc01 (with an estimated 10,000 hits per year), match day sponsorship in the clubhouse and Hexham Courant and/or advertising boards next to the pitch. In addition, the club has just launched its own twitter and Facebook sites to attract people to the club as well as keep players and supporters up to date with any news.

The success of the club over the past 50 years is down to the generosity of local businesses and this ensures we can continue to provide opportunities for people of all ages. If you are interested in supporting the club please contact Phil Murray on 07866 508639 or philmuz@hotmail.com.

Bywell St Peters JUMBLE SALE

22nd September 2.00pm
Community Centre

Contact the Parish Council at:

Broomley & Stocksfield Parish Council,
at Stocksfield Community Centre,
Mount View Terrace, Stocksfield
NE43 7HL. Telephone: 01661 844667
E-mail: admin@baspc.plus.com
Website: www.stocksfield.org