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## Annual Parish Meeting to focus on Health



**The Annual Parish Meeting will be held in the Community Centre, Stocksfield on Monday, 15th April 2013, at 7.00 p.m.**

This year the main speaker will be Dr Alan Maguire. He will speak about GP Commissioning and how it affects us here in Broomley & Stocksfield. The full Agenda for the Parish Meeting is published in the Annual Report included with this issue of NE43 News.

The Annual Parish Meeting is also your opportunity to bring up matters of concern with the Parish Council and with your County Councillor.

Local elections in May mean that inevitably there will be changes in the make up of the Parish Council and the County Council. At the Parish Meeting we hope to have a full list of candidates who are standing at both the parish and county council elections.

## B6309 road closure update (Stocksfield landslip)



*Northumberland County Council has issued the following statement.*

In December 2012, a landslip occurred on the B6309, as a result of progressive regression, i.e. the river eroding the toe of the steeply sloping bank supporting the road. The erosion has continued and as a result the road was closed. In February 2013, Northumberland CC commenced investigatory work and surveys, previously delayed by adverse weather.

The Stocksfield Burn is classed as a main river and, as such, any work carried out has to be approved by the Environment Agency. The work will require a temporary diversion of the river but due to migratory fish, approval for this diversion may state work cannot commence before early May. The work itself is expected to last between 10 and 16 weeks, so we are looking at the road closure being in place until at least August/September 2013.

Northumberland County Council fully understands the concerns of residents, businesses and others in the road being closed for such a period. During its closure, they will monitor the diversionary route fortnightly and during periods of adverse weather this route will also be given priority for gritting activities. County officers will continue to meet with the Parish Council on a regular basis to discuss this road closure and any issues arising. For the latest information, check out the County Council website.

## STOP PRESS New Ridley Development Proposals

As residents will be aware plans have been submitted to the County Council for a development of 22 affordable homes in New Ridley. By the time you receive this edition of NE43 News the Parish Council will have held a public meeting to gauge the views of residents of Stocksfield with regard to this proposal and will have formulated its response.

Details of the proposal can be seen by going to the County Council website, or by calling into the County Council offices in Hadrian House, Hexham. The Planning is: 12/03471/FUL – Land West of The Grove, New Ridley Road

## 2013/14 Budget/precept

The Parish Council has requested a Precept of £71613 which represents a rise of 5p per week for a band D property in the next financial year. The rise is driven by increased costs for the sportsfields, new youth work initiatives and the 2013 elections. To help offset these increases the Parish Council has reduced the budget for administration. The budgeted expenditure for 2013/14 is £76270.

## Broomley & Stocksfield Parish Council May 2013 Elections



### The Parish Council - looking forward to 2013-17

On 2 May 2013, Parish Councils in Northumberland will hold elections for the first time under the Northumberland Unitary Authority which came into existence six years ago.

Here in Broomley & Stocksfield, if more than twelve candidates stand for election, residents will have the opportunity to elect the people they think will represent their interests most closely for the next four years. If twelve or fewer people stand for election, they are returned unopposed, and any shortfall in numbers on the Parish Council is made up by co-opting councillors to fill the places.

Stocksfield is a lovely place to live, and our quality of life is well worth safeguarding. As more responsibilities are transferred to Parish Councils from our cash-strapped County Council, and in the context of deregulated national planning policies, the need for a strong, active, well informed and representative Parish Council has never been greater.

Would you like to work with others to support the future development of Stocksfield and its surrounding settlements? Do you have skills and interests which would help the Parish Council's work? If you are interested in standing for election to Broomley & Stocksfield Parish Council in May 2013, please contact the Parish Clerk for information. Alternatively, if you would like an informal discussion about the role of Parish Councillors, please telephone the Chairman, Maggi Hunt, on 842674. More information is available from Democratic Services at Northumberland County Council.

Nomination papers can be taken to Hadrian House Hexham between 25th March and 5th April. The office is open between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. **The deadline for the receipt of nomination papers is noon on 5th April. Late papers cannot be accepted.**