

## Planning the future of Broomley and Stocksfield

# NE43 news

## Introducing your new Parish Council



**Anne Dale** has lived in the Stocksfield area for most of her life and has served the community as a district councillor, county councillor and now parish councillor for many years.

**John Davison** has lived in Stocksfield with his wife, Barbara, for 30 years. His two daughters and grandchildren also live in the parish and the whole family are active members of the community. John is a member of Stocksfield Golf Club and keeps fit by walking his dog, particularly in Broomley Woods. He has a commercial and retail business background.



**Pete Duncan** has lived in Stocksfield for 24 years. He and his partner Sally Thomas, run Social Regeneration which is based at Stocksfield Hall. As well as being a member of the Parish Council, Pete is currently closely involved with SCATA (Stocksfield Community Association Trading Arm) and the delivery of affordable homes for Stocksfield.



*At the Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council in May, Maggi Hunt was elected as Chairman of the Parish Council for 2013/14 and Anne Dale was elected as Vice Chairman.*

*At the elections in May a number of Parish Councillors decided not to seek re-election*

### Melna Martin

So many parish councillors have come and gone since 1985, but only one has served continuously for more than 28 years, and has thus earned the appreciation of hundreds of residents.

Melna has now decided to retire from the Parish Council and on behalf of the Parish Council and the whole community we wish her and her family well for the future.

Over the years Melna has been Chairman of the Parish Council and has been involved with the Planning Advisory Group and the Play Areas Advisory Groups. In the latter role she was closely involved in the development of the Branch End Play Area and will continue to take an active role in the management and development of the Community Garden at Branch End Play Area.

Melna Martin has a huge concern for people's well-being, which has motivated her to work on all sorts of schemes and projects which have benefited our community. In the late 1990's Melna served a two-year term as Chairman of the Council, but before



**Maggi Hunt** joined the Parish Council in the autumn of 2010 and is now Chairman of the Council. She has lived in Stocksfield for 23 years, and both of her children attended local schools. Maggi has a career background in education

and work with young people, as well as a long history of volunteering, as a Governor of two local schools for fifteen years and as a member of Northumbria Police's Strategic Independent Advisory Group. She now has two grandchildren living in the village.

**Mike Parker** 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.



**Paul Vickers** and his wife Gina live in Stocksfield with their three children Caitlin (at university), Carys (at Prudhoe High) and Zachary (Broomley First School). Paul was born in Newcastle and grew up in Hertfordshire where his parents moved for work reasons. In 1988, when Paul was an undergraduate in Liverpool, his parents relocated back to the north east settling in Stocksfield. Paul worked in Liverpool until 2001 and is now Reader in Computer Science at Northumbria University.



## Broomley & Stocksfield Parish Council

### May 2013 Elections

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

On 2 May 2013, Parish Councils in Northumberland held elections for the first time under the Northumberland Unitary Authority which came into existence six years ago, and Mrs Anne Dale was re-elected as our County Councillor.

In Broomley & Stocksfield we did not have an election for the Parish Council as only four people put themselves forward as prospective Parish Councillors. Since then two further Councillors have been co-opted. This means that, at least in the short term, six people will have to cover the work which was previously carried out by twelve Councillors. As a result, it is likely that some of the developments which the Parish Council would normally undertake will have to be restricted.

### Can you help?

**The Parish Council urgently needs to co-opt six new Parish Councillors.**

*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 being a Parish Councillor, 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.*

**Your Parish Council needs you!**

**Other Parish Councillors who retired are also thanked for the service they have given.**

**Christian Balmer** who has made a valuable contribution as Convenor of the Children & Young People's Facilities Advisory Group

**Pete Barrass** whose contribution, in particular to the financial aspects of the Parish Council, has been much appreciated

**Richard Berg Rust** who has been elected to a Fellowship at Hughes Hall, Cambridge and will be working as Director of Development there. He and his family will still be visiting the village regularly.

**Ian Hall** who, during his ten years on the Parish Council, has been responsible for, and involved in, a whole range of topics and projects, including acting as Chairman, and most recently as Convenor of the Planning Advisory Group

**Keith Woods** whose supportive role as Vice Chairman has made a valuable contribution to the Parish Council's work.



## B6309 road closure update (Stocksfield landslip)



The above and below photos of work on the landslip were taken before the heavy rain on 18th May. As a result of that storm the expected completion date of the work has been put back by about one week. For the latest information on progress to repair the road, please visit the Northumberland County Council website.



The rusty iron pole is believed to be a Victorian "stinker" - ventilation for the sewer.



## Superfast Broadband in Northumberland

GOOD NEWS ABOUT BROADBAND!

The rollout of high-speed fibre broadband to 95% of homes and businesses in Northumberland from 2014-2016 was recently announced. Stocksfield will be upgraded in three phases but not in the first wave and approximately 25% of properties will not benefit. However, if we can show higher demand we may be able to move up the queue and can secure alternative funding to bring other broadband technologies to the unreached properties, thereby ensuring maximum possible coverage.

Therefore, we urgently need households to register interest, which means:

- We can keep you informed of progress;
- We can identify demand amongst the unreached properties.

Registering interest in high-speed broadband does not commit you to any purchase and will benefit the whole area and not just your house.

To register either visit: [www.inorthumberland.org.uk/stocksfield](http://www.inorthumberland.org.uk/stocksfield) or fill in the form on the enclosed leaflet which also gives more information about these developments.

Paul Vickers: 01661 312006 / [paul@paulvickers.com](mailto:paul@paulvickers.com)

## Stocksfield Football Club

Stocksfield FC has had another record breaking year with over 190 players registered with the club from 5 year old up to 30. The club continues to develop both on and off the field with successful campaigns from many of the teams including the U11s league champions and the Saturday team continuing to be the highest placed senior team in Tynedale. The club is ran by a number of dedicated volunteers who without their backing the club wouldn't be here today, furthermore the community support from the parents and local businesses ensures we can continue to provide a great standard of coaching for the players.

The club has also managed to support disadvantaged children in Ethiopia in 2012/13. The club donated 2 full strips as part of a local fundraising project and will be looking to continue its support again this year. This time it may also include other equipment such as boots and shin pads. The strips help the schools form teams and the feedback we've had is that children love the griffin emblem!! Further information will be on the club website in the coming months should you wish to help -



[www.clubwebsite.co.uk/stocksfieldfc01/Home](http://www.clubwebsite.co.uk/stocksfieldfc01/Home)

The club is again appealing for local sponsors for the coming season to ensure it can pay for the ever increasing running costs due to its continued success. Please contact Phil Murray on 07886 508639 or via the website (address above) if you are interested to find out more.



## Stocksfield Tennis Club



The 2012 Mini Tennis winners

Stocksfield Tennis Club is situated at the far end of Guessburn, nestled among the trees next to the Scout Hut. It is a private Club but new members are always welcome.

The annual fee for Adults is £140 with Junior members paying a very reasonable £40 a year in school years 5-13, and £20 for Mini members (school years 4 and below). There is also a £10 discount for Juniors joining with an adult.

Now that you have been inspired by Wimbledon and with the weather warming up (we hope!) maybe this is the time to dig out that old racket and give it an airing. Non members are welcome to come and try it any time that courts are free, or come along on a Saturday afternoon and join in for a sociable game. (Please remember to wear appropriate footwear). Visitors fees of £3 adults and £1 children can be paid for up to 4 visits to help you decide if you want to join. There are also very successful men's, ladies and mixed teams plus coaching from our Club Coach, David Esther for adults and juniors. Further details can be found on our club website on [www.stocksfieldtennis.com](http://www.stocksfieldtennis.com) or telephone the Club Membership Secretary, Jill Lloyd on tel. 07879812833.

## Sportsfield Car Park



In the very near future, work will be starting on the creation of additional car parking spaces at Stocksfield Sportsfields. The large number of vehicles parking on the road and pavements at times when Sportsfields usage is at its peak has caused a great deal of concern among local residents, and the extension to the existing car park will help to alleviate this problem.

The estimated cost of the car park extension is £45,000, and the Parish Council is seeking donations, however small, to contribute to the cost. If you would like to make a donation, or for more information, please contact the Clerk to the Parish Council.



## Bunting

There was a large amount of BUNTING lovingly made for the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations last summer, which is being stored in three places at the moment. This is available for anyone locally to use in return for a small contribution to Parish Funds. If you are planning a party, inside or out, or any celebration and would like to borrow some please contact:

**St Peter's Church, Bywell;**  
(contact Melna Martin - 01661 044040)

**SICA in Stocksfield**  
(contact Norman Hooks - 01661 844863)

**The Bothy, Bywell**  
(contact Gill Jones - 01661 842100)

## Stocksfield Junior Players Production



*The Stocksfield Junior Players will be performing an*  
**“Evening of Pantomimes”**

**On:** Friday July 5th, Saturday July 6th  
**At:** Stocksfield Community Centre  
**Starting at:** 6:30pm  
**Tickets:** £5 – adult / £2 – child

Tickets available from: Karen on 01661 844119  
Joy on 01434 682547  
and BRANCH END NEWS

*Come along and see what the talented Juniors have been up to!*

## Community-led affordable homes now a step closer

The village's first community-led housing project is progressing well. Construction of the two bungalows and four flats at Guessburn and the single bungalow at Branch End is expected to start in the autumn, subject to planning permission being obtained.

SCATA has a partnership agreement with Isos which will ensure that tenancies for all seven homes will be restricted to local people or those with a strong local connection to the village and who are in housing need. It is a requirement of the scheme that decisions on individual tenancies will be made jointly by SCATA and Isos, to retain a strong community input throughout the life of the homes.

Housing need is an important issue for the village and no comprehensive up-to-date information is currently available. As part of its work on updating the 2009 Parish Plan the Parish Council, working with SCATA, has therefore decided to commission a local housing needs survey.

Every household will be invited to participate in the research via three survey methods – postal, face to face or online. We expect to interview a minimum of 500 households. The survey is expected to start during the summer.



## Stocksfield Festival is back

– Saturday 7th September 2013

*This year all activities will be taking place on the Sports field site.*



Stocksfield Festival returns on Saturday 7th September – bigger, better and ALL on one site. Action starts at 12 noon finishing at 4.30pm. Once more there will be a wide selection of attractions, stalls, competitions and of course musical entertainment. The ‘Scarecrow competition’ returns by popular demand – so get planning your entry now!

A schedule listing the competitive classes is enclosed with this issue of NE43 News but copies will also be available from local shops and via Broomley First School.

Volunteers will be needed to help erect marquees on Friday (6th) from around 4pm and again on Sunday (8th) morning to take them down. More volunteers will be needed on the

day as car park attendants and in managing the entrances. If you can help, even for a short time please contact Alan Davison on 843400.

Car parking (£2 charge) will again be limited so walking or cycling to the Sportsfield is a better option.

Festival Day will conclude with an evening concert by the ever-popular local band ‘Heartbeat’. This will be in the entertainment marquee from 7.30pm. Tickets (£5) will be on sale via local shops and on the day from the Administration Tent.

Anyone requiring more information should contact Norman Hooks on 844863 or Karen Kirkland on 844119.

## NO DOGS!



### Broomley & Stocksfield Parish Council

Residents are reminded that the Parish Council operates a strict **NO DOGS** policy on both Branch End Play Area, Guessburn (Kate's Plain) Play Area and both Sportsfields.

In the interests of the health of our children and sportsfields users please **DO NOT** take dogs into any of these facilities. *Thank you.*

## Keep Stocksfield Tidy LEAVE NO LITTER

For the sake of our Environment and Residents, please put your litter in a bin or take it home

## A695 Closure at Dilston

The County Council has advised us that the bridge at Dilston, on the A695 between Corbridge and Hexham, will be closed for repairs for a number of months from late July 2013. This will result in a diversion for the buses on Go North East route 10. When more information is available on the effect of the road closure on local bus services, details will be posted on the County Council website.

## Parish Information Card

The Parish Information Card was last up-dated in 2010 and we are planning to up-date it and re-issue it later this summer. If you have not received a request for up-dated information and would like details of your organisation or business to be included, please contact the Clerk by the 18th July.

## Stocksfield Methodist Church

The Methodist Church on Mount View Terrace is now well and truly 'open for business as usual'. If you didn't manage to get to our Open Weekend, please feel free to join us at Sunday Church services or Messy Church for children, or at any of our midweek events/coffee mornings/craftclub, to enjoy our newly accessible and upgraded premises. A warm welcome awaits you.

Thanks are due to everyone who assisted in so many ways to make the Open Weekend of 18th and 19th May such a wonderful success, those of the Church family who spent all day Saturday just meeting and greeting our endless stream of visitors, those who spent most of the day in the kitchen and now fully appreciate the “Sermon on the Mount”. The response to our invitation to the community was unbelievable, the two services on Sunday were very fitting to our cause, and attendance at both by friends from far and near was truly remarkable. Thanks to one and all.

## Exercise to Music with Mary Huggin

Stocksfield Community Centre

For more information ring  
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 South of Tyne Flower Club

1st Thursday of the month 1.45 p.m.  
Community Centre.

Next meeting - September

## Stocksfield Local History Society

Meetings are held in the Community Centre  
- 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm.

Next meeting - September

### William Hunter

Jim Hunter from Michigan USA has contacted us to ask for our help. He is researching his family history and is seeking information on his ancestor William Hunter who may have moved to the Stocksfield area in about 1860 following the death of his wife Mary. William and Mary lived originally in the Carlisle area and she is buried in High Hesket. He had a married daughter whose christian name was Tamar. Tamar's husband died in about 1858. They lived in Berral Hurry (this may be the phonetic spelling of something else) House which is thought to be somewhere around Stocksfield.

If anyone can help Mr. Hunter with his research please contact him direct on carol.jim.hunter@gmail.com

## Station Footbridge



The newly repainted station footbridge at Stocksfield.

## STOCKSFIELD COMMUNITY CENTRE

Please note the Centre will be closed during August.

## Plants & Gardens Society

Meetings are held in the Community Centre and start at 7.30pm.

More information from Val Guy 843390.

Next meeting - October

## Stocksfield WI

Meetings are held in the Community Centre and start at 7.30pm.

3rd April

Iain Duncan

Next meeting - September

## 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.

18th July

Joan Wright

"Eleanor's Diary: Life of a Farmer's Daughter in 1804"

All these organisations welcome new members and visitors.

## Hedges

Residents have raised concerns with the Parish Council that many of the pavements and roads in the area are becoming restricted because the hedges are not cut back far enough.

Property owners are urged to cut their hedges back to the original fence line so that pedestrians can walk comfortably and safely on the pavements and vehicles can use the whole width of the carriageway.

## Potholes, road damage, street lights off

You can report anything like this to ask@northumberland.gov.uk or telephone the County Council on 0845 600 6400. You can also report damage to your County Councillor or to the Clerk to the Parish Council. However, please do not assume that someone else will report a problem - it is better for two people to make the report rather than none!

## STOP PRESS New Ridley Development

At the time of going to press the application for the 22-dwelling development in New Ridley is still pending consideration by Northumberland County Council. Updates regarding this application will be posted on the Parish Council web site as soon as we receive them.

## EVENTS OVER THE SUMMER

### Minsteracres Summer Fayre

Saturday 6 July, 11am – 4pm.

(Minsteracres, DH8 9RT) is just off the A68, 5 miles SW of Stocksfield.

Many stalls: tombola, cakes, plants, books, jewellery, toys, gifts; arts & crafts exhibits; games & refreshments.

### A new venture to raise money for charities

Regular Monthly Community Event

Home-made Tea – Garden Parties

held on the 3rd Sunday of the summer months

July 21 & August 18, 3.00pm – 6.00pm

Aston Greys, 25, Cade Hill Road  
Stocksfield, NE43 7PT

Suggested donation for tickets in advance:  
Adults £5, Children £3

...or on the gate: £6 & £4

Tickets available now from Philippa Harpin  
Tel: 01661 842302

### Tombola

'Morning Praise' (10.30am) & BBQ (11.45am)

St John's Church

Sunday, July 21, 10.30am – 2.00pm

Everyone welcome (Adults £4, Children £2)

Tickets in advance, available June, from  
Philippa Harpin. Tel:842302

## STOCKSFIELD FESTIVAL

Stocksfield Sportsfields

7th September

### Grand Jumble Sale at SICA

Saturday, September 28, 2.00pm – 4.00pm

Refreshments available. Entrance 40p

(Collection from your gate on Friday, 27  
September from 6.00pm)

## ADVANCE CLAIMING DATE

The Annual Charity Christmas Card Sale will take place in SICA on

Saturday 9th NOVEMBER

from 10am - 12 noon.

If any charities would like to reserve a stall, please ring Anne Davison on 01661 843400 for more details.

See local press for more details of these and other events.

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