

Planning the
future of Broomley
and Stocksfield

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New Councillor

- Kath Pollock

In July Councillors welcomed Mrs Kath Pollock to the Parish Council. Mrs Pollock has lived in Stocksfield for many years. She is a keen supporter of the Cricket Club.

UPDATE LANDSLIP Update

At the time of going to press, we understand that the work on the landslip will be completed by the end of August, and the B6309 will at last be re-opened. At its July meeting, the Parish Council expressed appreciation of the efforts made by County Council staff to repair this landslip, and of the way in which County Council officers have kept us up-to-date with the progress of the work.

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

The Parish Council still needs to co-opt up to a further six 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. 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. The next meeting of the Parish Council is on 2nd September in the Community Centre at 7.30 p.m. Stocksfield residents are welcome to attend any Parish Council meeting. There is always an opportunity to raise concerns at the meetings, or just come along and listen to what we do.

Your Parish Council needs you!



Stocksfield Festival Is back AGAIN –

Saturday 7th September 2013



Residents enjoy the 2011 Stocksfield Festival

Entry (including a programme) - £2 for adults, £1 for children. Children 9 years and under and accompanied by an adult, are free.

Attractions include activities organised by Stocksfield Sports Clubs plus a Climbing Wall, Bouncy Castle and Slide, Tea Cup ride and (subject to confirmation) a portable Skateboard ramp. Most if not all local organisations will be represented so this is a perfect opportunity to find out all that Stocksfield has to offer!

Limited parking will be available (£2 per vehicle) in a nearby field, courtesy of a local farmer but there will be no parking on the Sportsfields or the Cricket Club car park for visitors to the Festival. The advice, as in previous years, is to come on foot or on a bike if you can. However there will be a minibus provided (donations requested) from New Ridley at 11.30am and from Guessburn at approx. 11.45 am. This bus will make one return journey at about 4.45pm.

The Festival Committee plans to make a donation from any profits from this year's Festival to Tynedale Community Hospice at Home so let's hope for more good weather for our community event of the year.

For more information about the Festival contact Karen Kirkland 01661 844119, or Norman Hooks 01661 844863.)

All visitors to the Festival are reminded that no dogs are allowed on the Stocksfield Sportsfields.

Can you give one hour as a volunteer on the day? Then contact Alan Davison on 01661 843400

Help us to Understand Local Housing Needs

We need your help in September.

Broomley and Stocksfield Parish Council, working in partnership with SCATA, the village's community land trust, is interested in finding out if there is local demand for new homes in the parish, and if so, what kind of homes they might be. It will help us update the information we collected from residents to inform the 2009 Parish Plan.

To do this we're going to deliver to every household a short postal survey to complete. The survey will ask things such as whether you intend to stay in or move out of your current property, and your views on whether there's a need for more local and affordable housing.

You'll be able to complete the survey online if you'd prefer, and we'll also be interviewing a sample of residents in person. Whichever way you complete it, all of the information will be kept confidential and anonymous. The key thing is that as many households as possible take part in the survey, as this information will provide us with essential guidance on future housing opportunities in the Parish. Your views will really help the community to potentially resist plans for development on inappropriate sites, but support development of the right type and in the right places.

We also promise that we'll let you have a summary of the results soon after the closing date. Look out for the survey being delivered to your home in early September... and don't forget to make your views count!

Yes the Festival returns bigger and better than ever (we hope!) and now all on ONE site. By providing more marquees, this year all activities will be on the Stocksfield Sportsfields and that includes the evening 'event' which will feature local band 'Heartbeat' in concert, starting at 7.30pm. Tickets for the evening concert cost just £5 (contact Karen Kirkland 01661 844119).

Live music in the 'Entertainment Marquee' will begin at 11.30am, though the official opening by **Carol Malia**, our local BBC Look North presenter, will be at 12 noon. Musical entertainment from a variety of local bands and choirs will continue until around 4.30 pm alongside traditional village show activities and lots of stalls and attractions. There will also be a wide variety of foods and refreshments available.

Entries for competitions including 'Best Scarecrow' should be submitted on the day between 9 and 11 a.m. – so get baking, knitting and taking your photos now! (Competition schedules were distributed with the previous issue of NE43 News and are widely available).

Remembrance Sunday

Remembrance Sunday is on 10th November and as in past years a Service of Remembrance will be held at the War Memorial, followed by refreshments in the Community Centre.

URBAN FUN Day

Young People enjoyed a variety of activities at the recent Urban Fun Day held at Stocksfield Sportsfields.



Hanging Baskets

Thanks are due to all organisations who took hanging baskets this year. The baskets have added a splash of colour to our streets.

NEW Methodist Minister

Following re-organisation of the Methodist Circuits, the Rev. Jane Cook has left Stocksfield to look after Wylam, Riding Mill and Corbridge. The new Minister for Stocksfield from 1st September is Rev. Jenny Wilkes.

Jenny is looking forward to starting at Stocksfield in September. She is currently the Methodist minister for Prudhoe, West Wylam and Mickley Mount Pleasant Churches having joined the circuit last September. Prior to last year she ministered in County Durham for five years but is a Scot originally so was delighted to move a little nearer to the border again!

Jenny and her husband are enjoying living here very much and are looking forward to getting to know the folks at Stocksfield better over the coming months. She hopes that God blesses you all with a wonderful summer and knows that He will bless us as we work together in the months ahead.

Jenny's contact details are on the Information Card.

We send our best wishes to both Jane and Jenny as they take up their new appointments.

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!

Tuesday Club

Restarts on 3rd September at the Community Centre from 10am.

The 'Tuesday Club' at the Community Centre will resume, after its August break, on Tuesday 3rd September from 10am.

This friendly group enjoys a wide variety of social activities – scrabble, dominoes, whist, carpet bowls - 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 – come and meet old friends and make new ones.

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.

INFORMATION Card

The Parish Information Card has been up-dated and a copy is enclosed with this issue of NE43 News. Our apologies if we have omitted anyone or included any inaccuracies. The information will be up-dated regularly on our website - www.Stocksfield.org, so please do let us know of any details you would like amended. We are very grateful to Tynedale Lions and other sponsors whose contributions have enabled us to publish this year's edition of the Information Card.

Superfast Broadband News

Many thanks to all of you who have registered your demand for superfast broadband since the last edition of NE43 News. It's great to see how beneficial people believe it will be. If you have not yet registered your demand please do so as it will benefit the whole community. You can pop your slip into the box inside Boots, Branch End, or in the Parish Council's post box at SICA. Alternatively, you can register online at www.iNorthumberland.org.uk/stocksfield.

In a future issue of NE43 News Paul Vickers will be conducting a Digital Skills Needs Survey which will be used to plan training and education for local people and businesses to help them get the most out of superfast broadband.

If you want to discuss any of these issues or would like to offer your help (for instance, by becoming a Digital Champion), please contact Paul on 01661 312006 or by email at paul@paulvickers.com

Grant Aid

Broomley & Stocksfield Parish Council will be considering grant aid applications in October.

Organisations wishing to apply for grant aid for the remainder of 2013/14 should apply in writing to the Parish Council setting out the reasons for the application and including a copy of their most recent accounts.

Applications should be received by 30th September 2013.

In November/December the Parish Council will be setting its budgets for 2014/15. Organisations who wish to apply for grants to be paid in that financial year are invited to submit an expression of interest by 30th November.

Margaret Williams, Clerk to the Parish Council at Stocksfield Community Centre, Stocksfield, NE43 7HL admin@baspc.plus.com

DON'T STAND FOR IT



In July, Northumberland County Council re-launched the campaign to help reduce dog fouling across the County and enforce the Council's dog control orders.

Following last year's successful campaign the Public Protection Service received over 40% more reports of dog fouling. As a result they have been able to focus their resources better and this has led to more than double the number of fines being issued.

This year civil enforcement officers (who enforce parking regulations) have been trained and multi-warranted to issue fixed penalties for dog fouling and littering. This means from July onwards there will be an additional 21 officers actively protecting our environment.

The Campaign will seek to raise awareness of this issue among the public and reinforce key messages including the following:

- A county-wide dog control order makes it an offence if you do not immediately pick up after your dog has fouled on any publicly accessible land anywhere in Northumberland;
- residents can use any bin to dispose of dog waste, not just specific dog bins;
- dog fouling is a significant public health problem and a blight on our environment;
- picking up after your dog, or reporting those that don't, helps protect Northumberland's environment
- offenders can face an on the spot fine of £75 and if prosecuted, a fine of up to £1000 if they fail to pick up after their dog(s).

Branch End Surgery

Branch End Surgery offers as many appointments as possible to patients, including early morning appointments twice a week. You can also book appointments on-line as well as in person or by phone. One of the problems encountered by the Surgery is the number of patients who **Do Not Attend** (a DNA) and do not advise the Surgery in sufficient time to offer that appointment to another patient.

There have been occasions when over 107 DNAs have been recorded in one month. The Surgery is looking for ideas on how to tackle this problem.

If you cannot keep an appointment, please let the Surgery know in good time so that the appointment can be offered to someone else.

Stocksfield Golf Club

Centenary Gateposts officially opened on Captain's Day

Captain Eddie Paisley took time out from his busy Captain's Day to cut the ribbon and officially open the new Centenary Gateposts at Stocksfield Golf Club. .



Save the date for free Heritage Days

Residents and visitors to Northumberland will be given a rare opportunity to see some of the county's hidden architectural treasures when the doors to many of its most historic buildings are opened to the public, free of charge.

The event is taking place between 12 – 15 September so if you are interested in taking part, please put the date in your diary now.

The open days are free and fun and provide an excellent opportunity for people of all ages to explore the fantastic cultural and architectural treasures we have to offer. A wide range of tours, events and activities are also on offer to help bring to life our local history and culture.

Northumberland County Council is co-ordinating the event in the county. For more information please visit www.northumberland.gov.uk/hods or look out for leaflets that will be available from your local library or tourist information centre.



The RSPB needs your help to give nature a home.

Earlier this year a group of 25 conservation and research organisations published The State of Nature report, which painted a picture of how well our wildlife was doing. Sadly, the news was not good with six out of ten plants and animals in the UK having declined over the past five decades. These include hedgehogs, garden butterflies, bees, sparrows and starlings.

But while the UK's wildlife is not in the best of shape, the good news is we can all do our bit to help it thrive once again. As part of its Giving Nature a Home campaign, The RSPB has come up with a list of loads of different things you can do in your garden to help wildlife.

If you are feeling lazy, then why not give your mower a rest and leave an area of your lawn to grow wild. This will provide homes for lots of bugs and mini-beasts, which in turn are great food for birds. Making log piles and growing flowering plants are also easy ways to attract insects like bees, while the more adventurous of you might want to dig a pond or build a home for swifts, house martins or bats.

To find out more about how you can give nature a home, visit www.rspb.org.uk/homes or call 01484-868405 to request a free guide.

Library Services

Spetchells Centre Front Street Prudhoe
01661 832540

Mon. Tues. & Wed. 9.00a.m. - 5.00 p.m.

Thursday 9.00 a.m. - 6.00 p.m.

Friday 9.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m.

Saturday 9.30 a.m. - 1.00 p.m.

A mobile library visits Stocksfield on a 2 week rota

Saturday - Week 2

Guessburn Tennis Courts	10.50 - 11.20
Guessburn Middle Green	11.20 - 11.50

Friday - Week 1

Branch End	11.20 - 11.40
Ladywell	11.45 - 12.05
Dr Syntax	13.20 - 14.00
Wheelbirks	14.10 - 14.50
Broomley Village	16.10 - 16.30

Flood Wardens Required

The Environment Agency is offering to help Stocksfield residents become resilient to the risk of flash flooding.

Flash flooding is caused by intense rainfall. It occurs suddenly, with little or no warning, often before emergency services can arrive. We know that the Stocksfield Burn has been affected by flash flooding in the past and there is a chance that this may happen again in the future.

There are a number of actions that can minimise the impacts of a flash flood and these need to be taken by people in the community acting as Flood Wardens so that residents know what to do and where to go should flash flooding occur. The Environment Agency would like to support Stocksfield to develop a flood plan and to engage Flood Wardens, particularly those who may be able to help in the Guessburn and Ridley Mill areas.

If you would like more information, especially if you are interested in helping, please contact; Andrew Samuel, Community Engagement Officer via; andrew.samuel@environment-agency.gov.uk or on 07917 235411 - or write to him at Environment Agency, Tyneside House, Skinnerburn Road, Newcastle Business Park, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE4 7AR

Tyre Dumping & Fly Tipping

Tyre Dumping has been a problem in previous years, and it is understood that it tends to be a winter problem, as tyres are dumped after dark making it difficult to either spot or identify the offenders.

If you find tyre dumps, please immediately report them to the Clerk to the Parish Council, or to the County Council at ask@northumberland.gov.uk or phone on 0845 6400 600. A note of the exact location of the tip is essential

- a photo of the fly tipping is always helpful.

If you see suspicious vehicles which you think might be involved in tyre dumping or fly tipping, please take the registration number, make and colour of the vehicle and report them to the police on the non emergency number – 101.



Stocksfield Players

will be performing their version of the hilarious

“ ‘Allo ‘Allo “

(A comedy by Jeremy Lloyd and David Croft)

Thursday 28th November
- Saturday 30th November

Stocksfield Community Centre

Starting: 7:30pm

Tickets cost: £8 each

and will be available from Karen, Joy or Branch End News (01661 842215)

For further information or if you would like to help in any way please contact:

Karen on: 01661 844119
karenkirkland50@btinternet.com

Joy on: 01434 682547
joy@pusey.entadsl.com

(Please note this production is unsuitable for younger children)

Four Valuable Farms – new edition

Bob Browell wrote this book in 1995 to commemorate the centenary of the Painshawfield, Batt House and Birches Nook Estate and it has been out of print for many years. A new edition has now been published containing additional photographs of the Estate.

The book covers the fascinating history of the origins of the Estate from 1895, when a group of Newcastle businessmen met daily in a coffee shop and formed the Northern Allotments Society. They purchased three of the farms at auction and then divided the land into plots following the adoption of the Deed of Mutual Covenants. This Deed is a remarkable document which is still democratically administered by a Committee elected by a majority of home owners.

The new edition of the book is available at a cost of £10 by contacting: Secretary@painshawfieldestate.org
A Committee Member will then deliver your order and collect payment. It is also available to buy at Branch End News.

Gulley Audit

Over the next few months County Councillor Anne Dale will be completing an audit of all the gullies in Stocksfield. This is to ensure that all gullies are clear and in working order before the winter comes. She would be grateful if residents could contact her if they have any concerns about gullies near their homes especially those gullies which block up quickly and are likely to cause flooding.

You can either contact her on 01434 673326 or e.mail her at: Anne.Dale@Northumberland.gov.uk

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 meetings:

5th September

Mrs Marjorie Moore AD -
“Floral Finery”

3rd October

Mrs Judith Clancy AD -
“It’s a Material World”

Stocksfield Local History Society

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

Next meetings:

11th September

Max Adams -
“King Oswald’s Northumbria”

9th October

Alan Judd -
“AGM and Local Photographs”

All these organisations welcome new
members and visitors.

Stocksfield Festival
presents

Heartbeat in Concert

Sat Sep 7th 7.30 pm.

Stocksfield Sportsfield

Tickets £5

From Karen Kirkland
01661 844119 or at the Festival

Plants & Gardens Society

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

More information from Val Guy 843390.

Next meetings:

15th October

Karen Phillips -
“Bulbs, bulbs, glorious bulbs”

25th October

“Inter-Society Quiz Night and Supper”

Stocksfield WI

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

Next meetings:

4th September

“Line Dancing with Catherine Cook”

2nd October

Gordon Beakes -
“Deadly Delight - Mushrooms
& Toadstools”

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.

5th September **Verity Owens**
“A Talk on Grace Darling and Museum”

19th September **Keith Mallinson**
“World War I Revisited”

3rd October **Gordon Bacon**
“From Policeman to Aid Worker”

17th October **Erasmus Bottle**
“How we Won the War:
An Alternative History”

New Ridley Development

As most residents will be aware, the proposal
to build 22 affordable homes in New Ridley was
discussed at the July meeting of the County
Council’s West Area Planning Committee.
County Councillors unanimously rejected the
proposal.

SCATA Development

The proposals by SCATA to build affordable
housing at Guessburn and on the site of the
former toilet block at Branch End have been
submitted to the County Council. It is expected
that they will be debated by the West Area
Planning Committee at its September meeting.

DIARY DATES

Christmas Card Sale

9th November

Though it’s hard to think of Christmas while
we are basking in the summer heatwave, this
is an advance notice of the annual Charity
Christmas Card Sale organised by Stocksfield
and Mickley Churches Together.

It will be held at the Community Centre,
Mount View Terrace on Saturday 9th
November from 10-12 noon.

If any charities would like to book a stall,
please ring Anne Davison on 01661 843400.

Bywell St Peter’s, Christmas Fair

7th December

St John’s Church Hall Meadowfield Road
10 am. – 2 pm.

Big Sing

8th December

For very organised people who like to pop
dates in their diary, Churches Together are
once again organising ‘Big Sing’ Community
Carols at the Community Centre on Sunday
8th December at 2.30pm.

Stocksfield Junior Drama Group Christmas Concerts

Friday 20th & Saturday 21st December

Community Centre from 7.00 pm.

More information from Karen Kirkland
01661 844119

WHAT'S ON

7th September

Stocksfield Festival – Stocksfield Sportsfields

7th September

Dr Syntax Leek Show

See local notice boards for opening times

28th September 2.00 p.m.

Grand Jumble Sale

Community Centre
in aid of Bywell St Peter’s Funds

4th October

Blood Donor Session

Community Centre from 2 p.m.

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

Contact the Parish Council at:

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at Stocksfield Community Centre,
Mount View Terrace, Stocksfield
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E-mail: admin@baspc.plus.com
Website: www.stocksfield.org