

Planning the future of Broomley and Stocksfield

NE43 news

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*With best wishes for a very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful and Prosperous year in 2014
from Broomley & Stocksfield Parish Council*

Welcome to New Councillors

Cindy Jonas

Is a business woman who has lived in Stocksfield since 2007. Two years ago she set up her own ironing and cleaning business, Fillyourbasket, which has gone from strength to strength and now employs four people locally. She is married to Simon, and mother of one teenage son, and step-mother to three grown up children.

Jim Roy

Jim has lived in Stocksfield for ten years. He has spent most of his working life in the telecommunications industry. Jim is a keen outdoors man and in the past has taught a number of mountain sports, principally as a volunteer working for Newcastle Council and Northumberland National Park. He is a regular user of paths and bridleways in the parish as a runner, walker and cyclist.

Ray Thompson

Ray Thompson has lived in Stocksfield for many years. He has been a Parish Councillor in the past and more recently was a County Councillor.

BROOMLEY & STOCKSFIELD ENERGY SAVING PROJECT

Are You Interested In Saving Money On Your Energy Bills?

With energy companies announcing price increases just as we move into the coldest months of the year, would you like to reduce your winter fuel bills without having to live in a cold and draughty house? If so, our new project is exactly what you're looking for!

One of the aims of the 2009 Parish Plan is to look into how energy efficiency in our community can be increased and our fuel bills reduced. As a step towards achieving this aim, the Parish Council is looking to set up an Energy Saving Project, and the first meeting will take place in the Community Centre on 10th February 2014 at 7.30 p.m.

The main speaker at this meeting will be Alison Vipond, the co-ordinator of Newton and Bywell's Energy Efficiency Project. Alison has lots of suggestions about how we, as individuals and as a community, can make our homes warmer while saving on our fuel bills.

Do come along and see how together we can reduce our individual carbon footprints and our community carbon footprint while at the same time saving money.

**Monday 10th February 2014 at 7.30 p.m.
at Stocksfield Community Centre.**

All Welcome

Stocksfield.org

The new Parish Council website will be launched in late November/early December. New information and content will be added all the time.

Do let us have your comments and feedback on the new website.

Christmas TREES

This year, once again, we are providing Christmas trees at Broomley School and at the Dr Syntax.

We are grateful to the Dr Syntax for once again hosting the tree at New Ridley.

Hanging Baskets

We are very grateful to those traders and organisations who offered to take hanging baskets this past summer. The baskets looked most attractive. Our thanks also go to the Parish Handyman who kept our tubs and planted areas looking fresh and colourful all summer.

Church Services in Stocksfield over the Christmas period.

Included with this issue is a Christmas Card detailing services in all the churches in the Parish over the Christmas period.

'Scout Post'

– here again for the 12th year!

We would be grateful for your support in using the Christmas card delivery service for cards sent to anyone with an NE43 post code. Post boxes will be in both post offices from December 2nd and the last time for posting will be 12 noon on December 20th. We ask for a minimum donation of 20p per card and are grateful if tax payers would use the green envelopes to Gift Aid their donation. If you are not Gift Aiding please don't use these envelopes - just throw the money into the box with your cards. The boxes are emptied regularly and as we deliver at least once a week your cards don't hang around in our sorting office!

*If you have any queries, please contact
Philippa Harpin, Tel: 842 302.*

SCATA Housing Schemes Approved

The first affordable rented homes to be built in the Parish for at least 25 years are about to start on site. Working with Isos, SCATA (our local community-led development company) is providing three bungalows and four flats, to be built on two sites in Stocksfield – at the end of Guessburn, on the site of the former Snooker Club, and on the former toilets site at Branch End. Planning permission for both projects was approved by the County Council in October.

A grant of £364,000 has been provided by the Government's Homes and Communities Agency. Work should be completed by late summer 2014. The seven homes will all be rented out to local people or those with a close family connection to Stocksfield. All the purchase money for the snooker club site will now be re-invested in a major extension to the Cricket Club pavilion, providing our community with a double bonus.

For more information about the SCATA developments and how to apply for one of the Isos tenancies, contact Norman Hooks at SCATA, c/o Stocksfield Community Association or email njchooks21@talktalk.net

Housing Needs Survey Update

The housing needs survey, jointly commissioned by the Parish Council and SCATA, the trading arm of Stocksfield Community Association, is now complete. The response from local people has been fantastic – more than 600 households have taken part. The results will guide the Parish Council's approach to developers' proposals in the future and provide a robust defence against them where necessary. It will also help SCATA ensure that future developments it undertakes meet local housing need and demand and have broad community support.

A presentation on the survey findings was given to the Parish Council at its November meeting and a summary of the report is included as an insert in this issue of NE43 News. The full report will be available shortly on the Parish Council's website <http://www.stocksfield.org/> or can be viewed at the Parish Council office.

BROOMLEY & STOCKSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

General Maintenance Work 2014-17

Tenders are invited for contracts, renewable on a triennial basis, to carry out work for the Parish Council including litter control, grass cutting and the maintenance of footpaths, play areas and planted areas.

Final date for receipt of tenders:
13th January 2014.

- Starting date: 1st March 2014.
- Full details are available by contacting:

Mrs M. Williams Parish Clerk
Broomley & Stocksfield Parish Council
at Stocksfield Community Centre
Mount View Terrace, Stocksfield NE43 7HL

Tel: 01661 844667

E-mail: admin@baspc.plus.com

UPDATING Branch End Play Area 'We would like your help'

Some of the older equipment in the play area requires renewing and Maggi Hunt and I would like you to join us in choosing the new equipment. We are looking to provide some new play equipment for older children and also some 'keep fit' equipment for older people to enjoy.

We would like a few residents across all age groups from the village to help and would be grateful if you could contact either Maggi or me. Our contact details are:

maggi.hunt@virgin.net Tel: 01661 842674

Anne.Dale@Northumberland.gov.uk Tel: 01434 673326

We look forward to hearing from you

Anne Dale

WWW.STOCKSFIELD.ORG

Stocksfield Festival 2013



Carol Malia chatting to festival goers after opening The 2013 Festival

After almost 24 hours of continuous rain on the previous day it was a great relief to Festival Committee members that Saturday 7th September turned out fine and dry! With more attractions than in previous years (including archery; a climbing wall and tea cup ride) and with everything on one site this year's festival was more than ever dependent on good weather.

The highlight of the festival was again the wonderful and varied musical entertainment. It is amazing what musical talent there is within and around Stocksfield and the Festival Committee is very grateful to all those choirs, bands and individuals who gave such great entertainment without charge. Stocksfield Festival just could not happen without them. There were so many performers that the music had already started when Carol Malia from BBC 'Look North' officially opened proceedings. Carol not only opened our festival she brought her family along too and went round many of the attractions before leaving. We hope



Fish Passage Improvements at the lower ford

It is now over four years since the Tyne Rivers Trust (TRT) formed a River Watch group in Stocksfield. During those four years local volunteers have monitored the water quality in Stocksfield burn every month at a point near the Scout Hut. This is done by sampling the 'river fly' larvae of key indicator species – the ones that cannot tolerate pollution. Larvae are identified; their numbers estimated and the sampling repeated at two further positions. Results are forwarded to the Tyne Rivers Trust, who provide the Environment Agency with access to the data. The results are converted into an overall number scale and a score of 4 or less would indicate seriously polluted water. In four years of these monthly tests the lowest score has been 7 and results usually range from 10 to 13 – showing that the water quality in our burn is very good.

Late this summer the Tyne Rivers Trust and Stocksfield residents George Etherington and Norman Hooks took to the Stocksfield Burn to carry out an annual electrofishing survey. This

she enjoyed coming along as much as we enjoyed welcoming her to what one resident described as "Stocksfield's social event of the year".

Stocksfield Festival is more than just a festival of music and our congratulations go to the winners of the numerous competitions – craft, photography, vegetable produce etc. Particularly impressive were the entries in the scarecrow competition and we hope that even more residents will take part in 2015. Our thanks also go to the many judges who gave so willingly of their time and expertise. The varied selection of goods and foods for sale as well as the sporting challenges set by Stocksfield sports clubs also added to the occasion. Festival day ended with an enjoyable concert in the main marquee featuring local band 'Heartbeat'.

The committee hopes that the local organisations who used the festival to raise both funds and their profile felt their efforts were worthwhile. Tynedale Hospice at Home was very pleased with their fundraising and the Festival Committee were delighted to be in a position to add a further donation.

Photographs of the festival can be viewed on the Stocksfield website: www.stocksfield.org

"Anyone interested in joining the committee to plan the 2015 Stocksfield Festival please contact **Norman Hooks on 844863** or **Karen Kirkland on 844119**."



Broomley School entertains festival goers in the big Marquee

involves the use of specialist scientific equipment to pass a mild electric current through the water to immobilise and catch any fish present. The electro-fishing has been carried out for three successive years always in the same two 30-metre, stretches of water, one just above the upper ford and one

downstream of the lower ford. The fish caught are not harmed in any way and are quickly returned to the burn. These surveys have always been carried out in either late August or early September and results this year were as shown below.

The surveys began in 2011 prior to the construction of a multi stage fish pass upon Stocksfield Ford. The pass is constructed from thick larch timbers which have been fastened to the concrete ford to create a resting pool and several flow deflectors across this obstruction to fish migration. Our 2012 work has made the obstruction much easier for fish to tackle, and since it went in, we've observed fish swimming and leaping through as well as signs of spawning upstream. Through our ecological surveys, we know that threatened eels are present below and above the ford. We have also counted a ten-fold increase in trout this year compared to the pre fish pass survey. We have yet to discover salmon above the ford but the likelihood of doing so has increased through the engineering of Tyne Rivers trust and through the river habitat improvements done by the Stocksfield River Watch Group.

Norman Hooks (Rights of Way & environment Group)
Paul Atkinson (Rivers Officer) Tyne Rivers Trust



Pupils from Broomley School admire the new information board provided by the Tyne Rivers Trust. The board has now been erected near the Lower Ford.



Stocksfield GOLF Club

In its centenary year Stocksfield Golf Club is applying to the Lottery backed Inspired Facilities fund for a substantial grant to improve the clubhouse facilities.

Plans include the creation of a community lounge/clubroom, upgrading kitchen facilities, improving energy efficiency and decorating the bar area.

The project is about creating a sustainable future for the Golf Club by providing golf and social facilities that will not only be enjoyed by members and their guests but also local community groups and businesses.

However the bid is a competitive process and we have to show local community support for our plans and that the investment will successfully encourage people to use and keep using the Club's facilities.

If you have any suggestions for the Golf Club that will benefit the local community please email secretary@stocksfieldgolfclub.co.uk.

Ideally please could you show your support for our plans by signing our "e petition" by going to www.ipetitions.com/petition/stocksfieldgolfclub_clubhouse_grant/

Thank you for your support

Stocksfield FOOTBALL Club

The Football Club is pleased to announce that the Saturday senior team won the Clayton Charity Cup for the first time in the competition's 105 year history. They overcame Northern League outfit Ryton and Crawcrook Albion in the final on 5th August defeating them 3-0 to lift the cup.

Furthermore, Stocksfield is aiming to start up a new ladies' team next season and is looking for volunteer coaches and players. If anyone is interested to learn more please contact the club via the website www.clubwebsite.co.uk/stocksfieldfc01/Contact

NEWS from the Cricket Club

The sun shone and more cricket than ever was played this summer.

The 1st XI finished a creditable 5th in the Northumberland League, finishing strongly and the 2nd and 3rd XI both ended mid table.

For the first time ever the club fielded a 4th team in the West Tyne League. As well as developing a number of young players who wouldn't otherwise have played it brought a few ex players back to the game. While only winning one League game, the new team reached the League cup final and look forward to next season.

The Women's team had another good year winning the Northumberland League and fielding 8 players in the County squad.

The junior section also did well. The U18's won the West Tyne League and cup and the U15's were undefeated in League cricket, winning both the West Tyne League and the Northumberland League Championship after an exciting play-off. The club was well represented at junior county games with 17 boys and girls playing County cricket. At the younger age groups there are a bunch of talented players coming through in the U9, U11 and U13 squads so the future is bright.

The club hosted over 120 matches during the season including women and girls County games, 5 area and county festivals, various school games and cup finals.

The winter indoor Leagues for men and women have already started and with some exciting news due soon about a clubhouse development the club is already looking forward to the 2014 season.



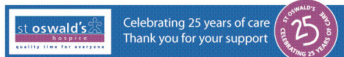
Stocksfield GUIDES

In late September, Stocksfield Guides took advantage of the last of the summer sun spending a weekend at Holme just south of Holmfirth.

According to our records, Stocksfield Guides were started 40 years ago in September 1973 and so our weekend away was a celebration of our anniversary. Of course, Holmfirth is home to Last of the Summer Wine, the longest running British TV sit-com which first hit our screens 40 years ago.

We had a lovely weekend, exploring the market (the leaders were sure the girls were aiming to buy 40lb of sweets...), exploring the river, going swimming and making our own (healthy) pizzas. Did you know that it is 40 years since Pizza Express first opened their doors? A Sunday morning walk to Browhill and Ramsden Reservoirs rounded off a gloriously sunny weekend. And there was wasn't a welly boot in sight!

If you're a girl aged between 10-14 years, why not come and join us on a Thursday evening? Go to www.girlguiding.org.uk/get_involved.aspx then 'Register Interest' or contact Cathy on cathy.p@sky.com. Were you a Guide in Stocksfield in 1973? Could you share some of your memories with us? Contact Fiona on Fiona@forsythe.demon.co.uk



St Oswald's search for shop volunteers

1 in 3 people are touched by hospice care.

Your local Hospice, St Oswald's in Gosforth, is looking for volunteers to work in their 21 shops across the region. Their shops are key to helping them raise the £6.5million they need each year to continue providing services for local families.

If you would like more information please call St Oswald's Volunteer Office on 0191 246 9125 or email volunteer@stoswaldsuk.org

You can find out more about St Oswald's work on their website www.stoswaldsuk.org

Remember someone special and support St Oswald's Hospice this Christmas.

Every year thousands of people - not just those with a connection to St Oswald's Hospice - remember a loved one by taking part in Light up a Life.

Supporters are invited to attend the St Oswald's Remembrance Service at 6.30pm on Wednesday 18th December at the Metro Radio Arena, Newcastle.

For the third year running, the campaign has kindly been supported by The Cooperative Funeralcare.

Anyone who would like to remember a loved one this way should call St Oswald's fundraising team on 0191 246 9123, email fundraising@stoswaldsuk.org or visit www.stoswaldsuk.org

For more information about St Oswald's, please call 0191 285 0063 or visit www.stoswaldsuk.org

Branch End Surgery Fancy some fun?

Well come on and give the 'Blood Pressure Challenge' at Branch End Surgery a go!

It's exciting and interesting and will prove to you that even having fun can be good for your health! If you like chocolate and bananas and feeling good then get started with it today.

Use the special 'Health Monitor' as part of the challenge.

See the Branch End Surgery in-house posters for details or ask one of the Receptionists, Nurses or GPs about how you can get started on having fun and feeling good!

Come on! Don't get left behind. Start right now!

Gulley Audit

I would like to thank everyone who contacted me with their concerns about blocked gullies. I met with an officer from the County Council and did a full audit of the gullies in Stocksfield. Fortunately the weather was very wet and blockages became very apparent. I hope that the majority of the gullies have now been cleared. However some of them will require further work.

The County Council have requested that residents support them by keeping their hedges and trees pruned to prevent obstruction on public footpaths and roads which will help to minimise blockages, make them easier to clear and hence keep the highway clear of water.

Thank you once again and please do let me know if you have any further concerns.

Anne Dale

Anne.Dale@Northumberland.gov.uk Tel: 01434 673326

Congratulations to Ivor Gray



Northumberland FA Charter Standard Festival at Northburn in Cramlington, when Ivor was presented with Northumberland FA's McDonalds Charter Standard Award for Outstanding Contribution to Football 2012/13. Ivor is pictured with Ian Skinner, Football Development Officer for Northumberland FA.

Stocksfield and Tynedale's most prominent promoter of youth football has been named as one of the 150 grassroots heroes across the country to mark the Football Association's 150th Anniversary. Ivor was secretary of the Tynedale Mini Soccer League until the beginning of this season. His dedication to running the league has seen a number of young players given the opportunity to hone their skills before entering the professional game. Notably, Celtic and England goalkeeper Fraser Forster started his career at Ivor's home club Stocksfield, which fills Ivor with pride whenever the stopper's name is mentioned in passing.

The Duke of Cambridge, who is president of the FA, and FA Chairman, Greg Dyke, presented Ivor with a special medal to commemorate his achievements in Tynedale over the past half century. The accolade follows the Outstanding Contribution to Football prize he picked up at Northumberland FA's Charter Standard Awards in June.

On behalf of the Parish Council and residents of Stocksfield, we offer our congratulations to Ivor and thanks for all he has done for youth football both here in Stocksfield and also in Tynedale.

West Northumberland Food Bank

Are you struggling to put food on the table, or do you know someone who is?

If so, ring 07443 519 853 or email westnorthumberlandfoodbank@gmail.com to explain your situation and find out how you can be helped. Your need may be temporary or longer term, through illness, unemployment, or a change in benefits because of the welfare reforms. Rising bills mean that many people are making the choice between heating and eating - or struggling with both.

If you can help people in food poverty, the nearest collection points for donations are Prudhoe (Coop) and Hexham (Waitrose and Tesco). Items suitable for donating are tinned or dried, including cereal, dried milk, sugar, coffee, tea, biscuits, tinned fruit and vegetables, tinned fish and meat, pasta, rice, sauces for rice or pasta, rice pudding etc. It's an idea to buy one or two extra items when you go shopping and put them in the box as you leave. Christmas will be a difficult time for a lot of people, so please be generous, and include some treats in your donations.

If you're able to offer some volunteer time to collect donations, or fill and distribute bags, please contact the coordinator using one of the methods above.

Housing Needs Survey

The winners of the prize draw have been announced as: Mrs I. Gray of Guessburn and Mandy Robson of New Ridley Road

BAPTIST MINISTER MOVING ON

Paul Revill will be leaving his post as minister of Stocksfield Baptist Church in January, after twelve years' service in the church and local community. He will be taking on a new role for the Northern Association of Baptist Churches, as Regional Minister for Mission. This job involves resourcing, training and helping 52 churches across the North East in their mission work. Paul says, 'I am excited by this new opportunity, but will greatly miss being so much part of the community life in the village and sharing with such fantastic people in the church. We hope as a family to continue to be based in the Tyne Valley, so I'm sure many of you will continue to cross our paths.' During Paul's time serving as minister the church has grown in membership, employed a youth specialist and been involved in many new initiatives such as children's holiday clubs, family film nights, creating spaces for prayer, acoustic cafe concerts and offering varied ways to help people explore matters of faith. The church will hold a special 'goodbye' service on Sunday 19th January at 10.00am, at which Paul will speak, which will be followed by lunch. All are welcome to join us for this occasion.



Local Information Card Broomley & Stocksfield Parish Council

The latest edition of the Local Information Card was distributed with NE43 News at the beginning of September.

Unfortunately, the gremlins got in and there are some errors.

We apologise most sincerely for any inconvenience this may cause to individuals.

Please mark your card with the following amendments:

Pete Duncan

The correct phone number is: **01661 842462**

Traditional Music Workshops

The correct phone number is: **01661 842 608**

The correct information will be put on the website as soon as possible.

Once again our apologies for any inconvenience caused.

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 6.00 – 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:

6th December

Open Meeting

- Community Centre 7.30

Diane Fair - "The Magic of Christmas"

Stocksfield Local History Society

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

Next meetings:

December - **No Meeting**

8th January 2014

George Nairn -

"History of Picture Postcards
including local postcards"

Plants & Gardens Society

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

More information from Val Guy 843390.

Next meetings:

10th December

"AGM & Members' Evening"

21st January

David Hall -

"Pests & Problems in the Garden"

An Evening of Christmas Entertainment

The Junior members of the Stocksfield Players
will be performing

"An Evening of Christmas Entertainment"

On: Friday 20th December

Saturday 21st December

At: Stocksfield Community Centre

From: 7pm

Tickets cost £3 each

Come along and enjoy Christmas songs,
carols, jokes and poems!

Further information and tickets from:

Karen on: 01661 844119

Or Joy at: joy@pusey.entadsl.com

Stocksfield WI

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

Next meetings:

December - **No Meeting**

January 2014 - **Ray Cowell & His
Group** - "Ukulele Night"

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 December

"AGM, Carols and Lunch"

19th December | 9th January 2014

No Meeting | **No Meeting**

16th January 2014 **Prof. John Derry**

"The Unknown General"

All these organisations welcome new
members and visitors.

Drama in the Parlour Christmas Special

Same cast, different venue

Drama in the Parlour is a spoof on the
golden age of radio. Seven beautifully
coiffed, local actors whip their way through
original scripts featuring a multitude of
comic plots, characters and sound effects
to transport you to the 1940's for their
World War 2 Christmas Special.

There is one performance only.

Friday 13th December at 7.30pm.
at Community Centre

Seating will be cabaret style at tables,
bring booze, nibbles and friends.

Dress up if you want to.

Tickets £8 each from

helen@stencil-library.com

Tel: 01661 84484

"Radio as you have never seen it before"

Line Dancing

Line Dancing will be taking place at Stocksfield
Baptist Church hall on the following Fridays
from 7:30pm to 9:30pm.

January 3rd, and 17th

February 7th and 21st

March 7th and 21st

April 4th

Come along and see what it is all about
- fun and exercise!

Sessions cost £3 each and money raised is
given to the Uhuru Ministries, providing
education for children in Kenya.

Tuition from "Hoe Down Heather"

Light refreshments available.

DIARY DATES

Parish Council Meetings:

2nd December 2013

6th January 2014

Tuesday Club

- Community Centre

Tuesday Club will function normally on
3rd and 10th December;

17th December is Christmas Dinner at Golf Club

Closed on 24th and 31st December.

January - open every Tuesday
7th, 14th 21st and 28th.

Bywell St Peter's Christmas Fair

7th December

St John's Church Hall Meadowfield Road
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

The Big Sing

Community Centre

Sunday 8th December at 2.30pm.

Come and enjoy communal carol singing, plus
seasonal musical items from Prudhoe
Community Choir.

All proceeds from donations go to
Christian Aid.

Refreshments afterwards.

All welcome

Churches Together in Stocksfield

Sunday 29th December 2.30pm
Community Centre

Brought to us by Highlights Rural Touring Theatre...

Red Riding Hood

Horse & Bamboo Theatre Company

A young girl, a hungry wolf, and a walk through
the woods - it sounds like a recipe for disaster,
but Red Riding Hood's not scared... well maybe
she's a little bit scared.

Horse & Bamboo present a gorgeously rendered
re-telling of the classic girl-and-the-wolf tale.

Exquisite visuals blend with pantomime-style silliness
and spooky moments to create an enchanting
piece of theatre. Ideal for all ages over 4.

The story that everybody knows - or do they?
Horse & Bamboo Theatre have been producing
quality theatre for 35 years. Red Riding Hood is a
beautiful show for children and families.

Tickets Adults £6, Children £4 Family £22
available from The Community Centre Office.

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