

Planning the future of Broomley and Stocksfield

NE43 news

FAREWELL

To our Parish Clerk

As many of you will know, Margaret Williams has served as our Parish Clerk for more than fifteen years and is now taking a well-earned retirement. She will be very much missed by everyone on the Parish Council and indeed by all the residents of Broomley and Stocksfield.

Margaret is a familiar face in Stocksfield, having lived here for more than 67 years. She has been at the forefront of many of the projects and events in the village which have taken place over the past fifteen years. NE43 News asked her which of them had given her the most pleasure.

"Being involved with organisation of the "Jubilee Party" in 2012 was a particular highlight for me, but there are many others, including the creation of the station car park and getting NE43 News off the ground. The refurbishment and regeneration of both play areas and the multi sports area, two Parish Plans, and the Habitat and Species Surveys have all been highlights too."

Although I won't see the completion of the projects, the purchase of the defibrillators, the extension to the Sportsfield's car park and the creation of the "Peace Garden" have also given me real pleasure and satisfaction".

None of this would have been possible without many other people. I would like to pay tribute to all those who have encouraged and supported me over the past fifteen years, the current and past Chairmen of the Parish Council and of course, current and past councillors together with officers and staff of numerous organisations I have come into contact with.

Finally, I would like to pay tribute to my husband



David who has supported me in my role as Clerk and who, as a previous Chairman of the Parish Council, has been an invaluable source of information. I would also like to say that my source of inspiration has been my mother, Mary Clayton, who some older residents will remember as the Secretary of the Community Association and a Parish Councillor."

Plans for Margaret's retirement are very much in their infancy at present, but at first, after working for nearly 50 years, she is determined to "put my feet up!" We all wish her the very best for a long and happy retirement.

At the July meeting of the Parish Council, Maggi Hunt, Chairman, presented Margaret with a picture by local artist, George Skelton, and a bouquet of flowers.

Details of Mrs William's successor will be published in due course.

In the meantime contact details remain as previously: admin@baspc.plus.com

Green Deal Home Improvement Fund - Department of Energy & Climate Change

Households carrying out energy efficiency improvements on their home can now get more money back to offset the cost of having the work done. From June, people in England and Wales will be able to get up to £7600 back through a new Green Deal Home Improvement Fund which is intended to enable them to take control of their bills and have warmer, greener homes.

The scheme helps people to install energy efficiency measures such as solid wall insulation and new heating systems by providing them with money back on the contributions they make towards improvements.

www.gov.uk/government/news/7600-to-make-your-home-more-energy-efficient

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Stocksfield Playgroup

**Ofsted reg. EY431331 - last rating 'Good'
New Term Starts 3rd September**

There are spaces available on most days for children aged 2 years and over at Stocksfield Playgroup. Sessions are held on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays starting at 9.15. On Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays children can either end the morning at 12.15 p.m. or stay until 1.15 p.m. and eat their lunch with their friends. On Thursdays the sessions end at 12.15 p.m.

For those of you who are new to the village Stocksfield Playgroup is held in its own suite of rooms at the Community Centre in Mount View Terrace, opposite the railway station.

Prospective parents are welcome to come and see what goes on – just contact Diane on 07857894313 or the Community Centre office on 01661 842346 or email: stocksfieldplaygroup@gmail.com

Defibrillator

The Parish Council is to purchase two defibrillators – one to be located on the outside of the Cricket Club House and one on the outside of the Golf Club. We are very grateful to both of these organisations for agreeing to host a defibrillator.

The machines are available to anyone in the village. If someone collapses, when you ring for an ambulance the Ambulance Service will tell you where the nearest defibrillator is located and the code to open the box.

The purchase of the defibrillators has been made possible by the support of the Stephen Carey Fund and also by the very generous donations we have received towards the cost.

The Ambulance Service will be demonstrating CPR and the use of the defibrillators at the Fun Run on 14th September.

SCATA

Work has started on the scheme to provide 7 affordable homes in Stocksfield.

6 homes (2 bungalows and 4 flats) are being built on the site next to the Scout hut in Guessburn whilst 1 bungalow will replace the disused public toilet on New Ridley Road.

This is SCATA's (Stocksfield Community Association Trading Arm) first major project and is being undertaken in partnership with ISOS, the social housing provider. Significant financial support has been provided by the Homes and Communities Agency and the Parish Council has given its wholehearted backing.

The entire project should be completed by March 2015. The properties, which are subject to a local lettings policy, will then be available for rent via the Northumberland Homefinder service.

One important aspect of the scheme is that the money generated from the sale of the Guessburn site is being re-cycled to provide a major enhancement of the sporting facilities in the village with a significant development of the club house facilities at the sports field.

More information and updates on progress can be found on the SCATA website www.scatastocksfield.co.uk



Stocksfield Scouts

want your Help!



The Scout group in Stocksfield is the largest "village" group in the district and numbers keep on growing. We are appealing for more adult help. If you have worked in banking or accountancy, or are just good with figures, we'd like your help as group treasurer. If you are familiar with tents, and know the difference between a tilley and a primus, then would you consider becoming the group's first quartermaster? We are also always keen to hear from anyone who could help with any of the uniformed sections, no matter how infrequently.

For more information please contact the group chair: Dr Malcolm Murray on 01 661 842146 or by email at web@1ststocksfieldscouts.org.uk

Can you Help?



You will be aware that we have really active Rainbow, Brownie and Guide units in Stocksfield and it is great that we have so many girls who want to be part of Girlguiding. At the moment we are really fortunate to have one Rainbow, two Brownie and one Guide units in Stocksfield and that is due to the volunteer leadership teams we have. We are really keen to give everyone the opportunities that Guiding offers.

However, in order to continue providing Rainbows and Brownies to all those who want to be members, we need to recruit more leaders and helpers. Unless we can recruit new leaders to work with the Rainbows, we will be unable to provide places for all those girls who would like to join.

If you can volunteer to help with our units you will be given training and support. A weekly commitment to the unit and DBS (CRB) is also required.

If you are interested in becoming a uniformed leader, or know of someone who might be, then please contact Carolyn Dowden 01434 633156 for further information or register your interest on www.girlguiding.org/joinus If no one comes forward to help, Rainbows and one of the Brownie units will unfortunately have to close in September.

Hoodsclough Surface Mine, Whittonstall

Most people are already aware of the fact that the Hoodsclough opencast site application has been withdrawn.

The Whittonstall Action Group (WAG) is delighted with the news, being certain that if action had not been persistently taken since October 2009, the application would indeed have gone through. They thank all who supported their campaign.

However the UK Coal withdrawal, presumably based on their belief that the planners would advise against the scheme, leaves many questions. For this reason, WAG will continue to work with Northumberland County Council to ensure that the lessons learned from Hoodsclough are incorporated into the forthcoming core strategy for Northumberland, thereby affording the greatest possible environmental protection for the future.

NUISANCE Phone Calls

In some cases if you listen to the recorded message there is an option at the end of the message to take your number off the call list.

Peace Garden

Maggi Hunt, Chairman, Broomley & Stocksfield Parish Council, is pictured planting the final Peace rose bush in the newly constructed Peace Garden at Branch End Play Area, Stocksfield.

The Peace Garden has been constructed to commemorate the centenary of the First World War and there will be a short dedication service on Saturday 20th September at 11.30 at Branch End Play Area followed by refreshments at the Baptist Church Hall. Everyone is invited to attend.

The Garden has been planted with Peace Roses and thanks are due to Alan Verheyden and Martin Stewart who have made the garden and to those who have donated funds towards the costs.

If you would like to make a contribution towards the cost of this garden, please contact the Clerk.



HARK! FROM ON HIGH BLEST ANGELS SING

Choral singers and orchestral instrumentalists are invited to a workshop of West Gallery Christmas music mainly from North West and North East England, as sung and played in churches and chapels during the 18th - early 19th centuries.

DATE & VENUE: Saturday, 1st November, 10 am - 4.30 pm at The Baptist Church Hall, Stocksfield, Northumberland.

COSTS: £10 per person, payable on the day, to include music and light refreshments. (Please contribute to a bring-and-share lunch).

PRINCIPAL LEADER: Paul Guppy, musical director of the Gladly Solemn Sound West Gallery Choir based in Lancaster.

FURTHER DETAILS AND BOOKINGS: Chris Gardner
Email: cgardner303@btinternet.com
Tel: 01661 598571

NB: It is important that bookings are made in advance BY 9TH OCTOBER, in order to allow sufficient music books to be printed.

Stocksfield Station Garden

The wildflower garden at the Station was looking particularly colourful in mid July. Special thanks are due to Alan Verheyden and his team for creating and maintaining this space.

Hanging Baskets and planted areas

Thanks are due to those volunteers who planted up our hanging baskets and to all organisations who took the baskets this year. The baskets have added a splash of colour to our streets. Thanks also to the Parish Handyman, Martin Stewart, who has planted our flower beds and cared for them.



Remembrance Sunday 9th November

As usual this will be marked by a short service at the War Memorial at 10.50 a.m.

Following the Annual Service of Remembrance, you are invited to return to the Community Centre where refreshments will be served

Grant Aid 2014/15

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

Organisations wishing to apply for grant aid 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 13 September 2014

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

STOCKSFIELD Health Walks

Walks take place every Monday morning starting at 10.00 a.m. All walks start at Stocksfield Station car park.

Dates and locations:

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| 1st September | Merryshields |
| 8th September | Riding Mill Riverside |
| 15th September | Stephenson's Cottage |
| 22nd September | Broomley Woods |
| 29th September | Ovington |

For more details contact the Health Walks Co-ordinator: 01434 613277

Anti-Social Behaviour on Trains

British Transport Police (BTP) have issued the following numbers for passengers to contact them if they wish to report anti social behaviour on trains or stations as it is happening:-

Text BTP on 61016, freephone 0800 40 50 40 or dial 999 in an emergency.

Andrew Huddleston

In July, Andrew Huddleston cycled 1200 miles from Stocksfield to the summit of Mont Ventoux in Provence, France. To make it more 'fun' the route went via the French Alps, taking in several renowned Tour de France mountain climbs including the Col de la Madelaine and the Croix de Fer.

Andrew decided to combine his passion for cycling alongside raising money for a worthy cause - WaterAid. WaterAid has helped over 15 million people in 27 countries. They work with local organisations who enable communities to meet their real needs through sustainable and practical projects. If you would like to make a contribution, please visit Andrew's JustGiving page - any donations will be most appreciated and will go a long way not only to change lives, but more importantly to SAVE lives.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH IN YOUR STREET?

The Parish Council is arranging a meeting for residents to find out more about setting up local neighbourhood watch schemes.

Monday 13th October 2014 at 7.30 pm.

at Stocksfield Community Centre
Mount View Terrace

All Welcome

Supported Walks: West Northumberland Health Walks

West Northumberland Health Walks new series of supported walks for individuals and groups will continue in September. Our supported walks are for people with dementia, mental health issues or learning difficulties. All these groups can join in our regular health walks but the supported walks will have more leaders with more training. There will be two supported walks each week, a shorter/slower one and a longer/faster one, each with trained and insured leaders and back markers. All walks will begin on Fridays at 2pm and will take about an hour. All walkers will be asked to fill in (or have someone fill in for them) a health questionnaire before they can join the walk. There are toilet facilities at the start of every walk. For more information, a leaflet and/or a health questionnaire, please contact Loraine Oliver on 01434 613227 or email: Loraine.oliver@northcountryleisure.org.uk

The Stocksfield walks are as follows:

Meet at Stocksfield Station Car Park at 2pm. on:
5th 12th 19th 26th September

Northumberland County Core Strategy & Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment

During the next few months the County Council will be consulting on the draft Site Assessment and later in the year there will be further consultation on the full draft Core Strategy. I have arranged that an officer from the County Council will attend a special meeting for residents of Stocksfield and the Parish Council to discuss this very important issue once the consultation period commences.

In the meantime if you wish to discuss this please contact me on 01434 673326 or email me at Anne.Dale@Northumberland.gov.uk

Tuesday Club

Every Tuesday at the
Community Centre from 10.00am

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.

Meetings start on Tuesday 2nd September

HEDGES

The hedge cutting season is rapidly approaching. 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. When cutting your hedges, please pick up and dispose of the hedge cuttings – do not leave them lying in the hedge bottom to wash into the gullies.

Stocksfield Players Production

“ROCK-A-BYE, SAILOR” A Comedy

by Philip King and Falkland L. Cary

This comedy revolves around a christening and the ensuing mayhem!

On: December 4th, 5th and 6th

At: Stocksfield Community Centre

Starting at: 7:30pm

Tickets: £8 per person

Available from: Branch End News and all cast members.

Contact Karen on 01661 844119
for further information

Stocksfield Players are keen to attract new members. If you can act or fancy a try, or if you can help with the backstage work of the production please telephone Karen Kirkland - 01661 844119 for more information.

New Ridley Planning Application

Residents will be aware that the County Council's West Area Planning Committee, at its meeting in June, passed the application to build 16 houses in New Ridley. At the July meeting of the Parish Council, councillors agreed to write to the Chairman of the West Area Committee raising concerns about the inconsistency of the Committee's decision when the only major difference from the previous application had been the decrease in the number of houses from 22 to 16.

community flood plan



EA Incident Hotline 0800 80 70 60

(24hrs - to report the flood)

When to take action

In the event of a major flood your nearest refuge centre is the Community Centre, Mount View Terrace.

Either:

1. An EA Flood Alert message has been received.
- OR
2. Sighting of a flood.
- OR
3. Online Monitoring indicates flooding is possible.

The primary local volunteers/flood wardens who can be contacted in the event of an incident are:

Name	Address	Telephone
Flood Warden Jim Roy	7 Ridley Mill Stocksfield NE43 7Q2	01661 844161 07851 048 923
Lead Flood Warden Mike Parker	4 South Parade Stocksfield NE43 7HN	01661 843887 07973 763 248

If at any time there is danger to life Call the **Emergency Services on 999 or 112**



LOVE Northumberland Awards

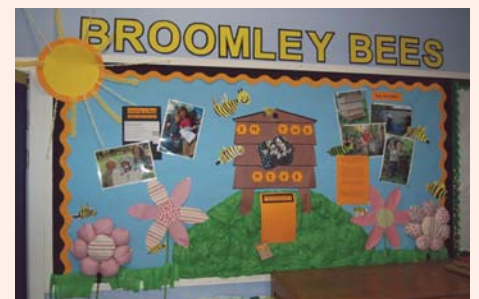
Congratulations to Broomley School who were winners in the LOVE Northumberland Awards 2014, Best Children's Project, for the Broomley Bee Project.

The Broomley Bee Project, in conjunction with Broomley First School, focuses on enthusing and engaging children with the wonders of beekeeping and involves the children in understanding more about the problems facing the honeybee population.

Pupils and staff at the school, with the support of local beekeepers, visit the school's own beehives to check the bees and learn how essential pollinators are to the environment.

The pupils, along with staff and family members, have also worked hard to create a beautiful bee garden in a neglected corner of the school grounds.

The project is entirely volunteer-led, and everyone involved gives their time freely. Local businesses and members of the community have supported the project and there have been many innovative ideas for raising funds, especially through school fairs.



In recent months the Parish Council, in partnership with the Environment Agency, has drawn up a Community Flood Plan. Whilst mainly aimed at the area around the Stocksfield Burn, the information contained in the Flood Plan is useful and is reproduced here for the benefit of all residents.

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 meeting:

4th September **Elizabeth Forster**
Around the World

Stocksfield Local History Society

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

Next meetings:

10th September **Mr Charles Enderby**
Hexham Racecourse - History to
present day

8th October **AGM followed by**
Alan Judd
Local Photographs part II

Plants & Gardens Society

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

More information from Val Guy 843390.

Next meetings:

21st October **Dr Phil Gates -**
"The Wild Side of Gardening"

19th November **Tom Dearnley -**
"Managing Kielder Forest, to
encourage Red Squirrels and
other mammals"

Stocksfield WI

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

Next meetings:

3rd September **Lorna Watkinson -**
"Pottery Painting"

1st October **Murray Haigh -**
"The Four Seasons"

Speeding on the Painshawfield Estate

At the July Parish Council meeting, concerns were raised about the speed of traffic on the Painshawfield Estate and particularly on Painshawfield Road. Residents are urged to take care when travelling through the Estate, particularly where pavements are narrow or non-existent. The current 30mph limit is regularly exceeded and this is a danger for both pedestrians and playing children.

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.

4th September **Mr Alistair Sinton**
"A Walk up the Northumberland Coast - Tyne to Tweed"

18th September **Mr Bill Saunders**
"A day in Beamish Town"

2nd October **Mr John Gibson**
"Spitfires and Lancasters"

16th October **Mr Eric Wade**
"The Stricken Valley at Senghenydd, Wales"

All these organisations welcome
new members and visitors.

RNLI



A lunch will be held
at Stocksfield House, Bywell Road
on 4th September at 12 noon

Tickets £17

(incl a glass of wine and raffle ticket)

Mrs A Hannam 01661 842386

Broomley School Tennis Team - County Champions!

Congratulations to Broomley School Year 3 Tennis Team (Charlotte Binns, Johnny Buckingham, Stan Halliday, Alexander Rees, Sam Storey, Lily Warr, Joy Wildsmith and Maya Yakoob) who won the County Finals of the Tony Blair Foundation Tennis Tournament on Tuesday 24th June. The team went on to play in the Grand Final in Sunderland on the 9th of July, where they came fifth.

STOP PRESS

Congratulations to Andrew Huddleston who arrived safely at his destination in France – two days earlier than planned.

BROOMLEY & STOCKSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council meets on the first Monday of the month in the Community Centre at 7.30pm. There is no meeting in August. The agenda is posted on parish notice boards and the minutes of the meetings are posted on the notice boards and on the website (www.stocksfield.org).

Next meetings;

Community Centre at 7.30pm

Parish Council Meeting:

2nd September

6th October

3rd November

There is no meeting in August

Members of the public are welcome to attend any meeting of the Parish Council. Public participation is always included as an item on the agenda.

DIARY DATES

World's Biggest Coffee Morning

for Cancer Macmillan

Friday 26th September

Community Centre 9.00 am. – Noon

Grand Jumble Sale

in aid of Bywell Church Funds

Saturday 27th September

Community Centre 2 pm.

Stocksfield Fun Run

This year, the Stocksfield family fun run will take place on Sunday 14th September, at the sports field, starting at 2pm. Entry is on the day with entry fees of £2 for under 16's and £3 for over. Proceeds from this fun day will be donated to Tynedale Hospice at Home.

Please come along and support this fun day, refreshments will be available.

For further information about the run please contact Sally Hails on 07794703513 or Mark Russell on 07785971784.

Claiming Dates:

Saturday 8th November from 10-12 noon,
in the Community Centre

Churches Together will be holding their annual Charity Christmas Card sale, with stocking filler and small gift stalls.

Refreshments available

Anyone wishing to book a stall, please ring Anne Davison 843400

Christmas Fair

in aid of Bywell Church Funds

Saturday 6th December

St John's Church, Hall

Churches Together in Stocksfield

THE BIG SING

7th December, 2.30 p.m

Community Centre

The 'The Big Sing' is an opportunity for all to enjoy an afternoon of friendship and community carol singing, followed by seasonal refreshment. All proceeds go to Christian Aid.

Drama in the Parlour There's Been a Moida!

Saturday 13th December
at Community Centre

Put it in your diary

Tickets £8 each

from The Stencil Library

Tel: 01661 844844

Contact the Parish Council at:

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