

Planning the future of Broomley and Stocksfield

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Speeding RAISES concerns

A number of residents have contacted the Parish Council about traffic related issues recently. This includes those that gave their views about the proposed 20mph speed limit on the A695 outside Broomley First School. Thank you to all who responded - the Council will consider its response to the County Council at its next meeting in October.

Speeding was raised as an item of concern by residents who attended the Parish Council's monthly meeting in September and by some who had emailed the Council beforehand. The Parish Council has recognised the problem of speeding vehicles in the village for some time. Unfortunately a significant percentage of those caught speeding live locally, either within Stocksfield or the neighbouring area and this is reflected in the comments on social media that suggest a significant section of the community do not recognise speeding as an issue.

Realising that the police cannot guarantee to devote sufficient resources here, the Council is very keen to expand the numbers of local volunteers who assist the police through the Community Speed Watch (CSW). Don't think CSW is ineffective. If there are sufficient volunteers it can make a real difference - just recently as a result of CSW, one driver was warned under the Section 59 Police Reform Act 2002 which now leaves his vehicle liable to being seized by police. The police have recently completed a recruitment drive for CSW volunteers in East Tynedale and the Council awaits the results of the campaign. Hopefully it will mean more volunteers helping to reinforce the view that the community will not accept speeding vehicles in our villages. Whilst the Parish Council ultimately has no formal role in addressing the issues, it will continue to work with its partners.

Fireworks at the Council's meeting

Last year's fireworks display at Bywell, which was organised by Bywell Parish Council, was a great success. The majority of attendees appeared to come from south of the river. This year Broomley and Stocksfield Parish Council has decided to join forces with its northern neighbours to share the costs and some of the work in putting the night together. Like last year, the event on Friday 4 November is free to attend and park (although let's hope for dry weather so we can walk there). Buckets will be available for donations, all of which will go to charities. If anyone is interested in helping on the night with marshalling or the following day with litter picking, please contact the Clerk whose details are on the last page. Watch the Council's website and Facebook page for updates about times.

SPOTLIGHT on the General Governance Advisory Group

The last few editions of NE43 News have included an item on one of the Council's Advisory Groups. This month it's the turn of the General Governance Advisory Group (GGAG) - 'Oh let's skip this item' is the immediate response to such a catchy name. But don't switch off too soon because this group has a significant role. You may remember that advisory groups do not make decisions but they enable the groups' members to give detailed consideration to their specific issues of responsibility and then make an informed recommendation to the full Council. Without the advisory groups, Council meetings would just go on too long. GGAG is made up of the Chair and three other councillors (currently Cllrs John Davison, Dennis Parke and Kath Pollock). However such is the breadth of issues, any councillor is welcome to attend and participate in discussions.

Meeting monthly, GGAG has a wide range of responsibilities. It monitors all financial matters: insurance, audit, grant applications, financial regulations, budget monitoring and the proposed budget and precept for the following year. It looks at all aspects of the Council's administration and is responsible for the Council's sports and play facilities. GGAG essentially mops up the other areas of business not covered by the three other Advisory Groups ('Planning', 'Communications' and 'Rights of Way and Environment') - it will look at transport/highways issues, consultations from the County Council and any specific projects that are necessary. It will also propose new policies or amendments to existing policies.

More shelter for the traveller

The Council has agreed to fund new shelters for the two remaining bus stops on the A695 where waiting residents are not currently protected from the elements. They are the bus stops at Birches Nook and Broomley School, both travelling east. It is hoped that one will be installed before the winter and the other in the next financial year.

Anything for the readers?

Do you have any items of community interest that you'd like to be included in a future edition of NE43 News? Whilst the newsletter is used by the Council to communicate relevant information to residents, it is happy for suitable items of community interest to be included. Please feel free to contact the Clerk for advice about whether your item can be included. Adverts for commercial enterprises are generally excluded, unless there is a clear community benefit.

Lighting the way

The Council wants to thank those members of the community who contacted us after the request for views about the County Council's plans to replace the street lighting in the village. The Parish Council will be considering your comments at its meeting in October.

Election night 2017

Although it may not give David Dimpleby much to discuss nor really concern Jeremy Vine's swingometer, May 2017 is an important month for the councils of Northumberland as all parish councillors stand down and new councils are elected. If you are interested in playing an important part in your local community as a Parish Councillor, then please get in touch with the Clerk for more information.

MacMillan Cancer Support World's Biggest Coffee Morning

At Stocksfield Community Centre. On Friday 30 September between 10am and 1pm. Please join us for coffee and a chat. Cakes - Raffle - Various stalls

Remembrance Service

The Service will be held at 10.45am on Sunday 13 November at the War Memorial with refreshments served afterwards at the Community Centre.



PCCs get it together

The three local Police and Crime Commissioners (PCC) for Northumbria, Durham and Cleveland have combined to devise a 20 point plan to provide support and protect women and girls who are victims of violence or abuse of any kind. One initiative relates to a network of workplace domestic violence champions. Coming from all walks of life and working across all sectors of the economy, these workplace champions are offered a short period of training, on-going support and resources to enable them to both raise awareness of domestic violence in their workplace and, where a colleague is experiencing difficulties, to signpost them to specialist services which can help keep them safe. More information about the role of over 600 existing 'champions' can be found on the PCC's website: www.northumbria-pcc.gov.uk/police-crime-plan/vawg/workplace-domestic-violence-champions including a video by two workplace champions. There is still a need for more champions, particularly in the rural areas. If you think you can help, contact the PCC's office on 0191 2219822.



TUNE IN, LOG ON and SPEED UP!

Over the next 12 months total superfast broadband is coming to all of Stocksfield. This improved coverage follows a consultation exercise carried out by the iNorthumberland project with the hardest to reach rural communities. The Whittonstall based business DANECO has also landed the work and has new commercial plans to extend superfast broadband connectivity to the area.

Whilst BT has already rolled out superfast broadband along the Tyne Valley, some areas have not been able to access the service. Anne Dale has been working with local residents and businesses to identify their needs. The additional work scheduled over the next year will provide superfast services to New Ridley and the surrounding areas like Broomley, Apperley, Kipperlyn, Hindley and Wheelbirks. Taken together this will provide 100 percent coverage across Stocksfield.

Stocksfield Community Centre Table Top Sale

Saturday Sept 24th 2 - 4pm (Sellers from 1pm)
To book a table for £10 or for more information call 01661 842115 or 01661 842346
Items on sale will include toys, games, books, jewellery, bric-a-brac, household items, and much more.
Admission £1 refreshments included. All proceeds to the Community Centre's kitchen alterations.

The Stocksfield Players Junior Branch presents: "Peter Pan"

On : Friday 27th January 2017
Saturday 28th January 2017
At: Stocksfield Community Centre
Starting time: 6:30pm
Tickets: £6 / £4
For further information call:

Joy: 01434 682 547 • Karen: 01661 844 119



Have Salmon spawned above the Fords?

Since 2011 when the fish easement was constructed on Stocksfield Burn just below the lower ford, local Tyne Rivers Trust volunteers have been keen to find out how successful it has been. In an attempt to find evidence that migratory fish, hopefully salmon, have managed to move beyond the fords several electro-fishing surveys were carried out upstream of the upper ford on 5 September. The photo shows Paul Atkinson (Tyne Rivers Trust) with volunteers George Etherington and Norman Hooks carrying out the survey. This photo was taken by Jim Roy (Broomley and Stocksfield Parish Councillor) who assisted in the survey. A large number of fish were caught, identified and measured. Most were brown trout - all under 2 years old - some of which might sometime leave the Tyne and become sea trout... but no salmon!

This doesn't mean the fish easement hasn't proved a success as there are potentially better salmon spawning areas upstream of the section surveyed which it is hoped can be surveyed this time next year. The local 'River Watch Group' and the Tyne Rivers Trust are grateful to Broomley & Stocksfield Parish Council for supporting this research. Let's hope next year we find our first salmon in the upper reaches of Stocksfield Burn.

Music For Memory and Mirth

Perhaps yesterday is difficult to recall BUT yesterday is easier. If you or someone you may know would like to learn more about this informal "sing-along" please contact: Melna Martin 843839/844040 or drop into SICA, Richardson Room on 3rd Tuesday of every month between 2 pm and 3 pm for a chat and a cup of tea. No singing experience necessary! Just come along and enjoy!!

Helping at the heart of our community – Volunteer Advisers needed

Are you looking for a new challenge? Do you want to make a difference to people's lives? Citizens Advice Northumberland is looking for volunteers in its Hexham, Haltwhistle and Prudhoe Offices. Citizens Advice is a charity offering free, independent, impartial advice and information on a range of subjects. Free accredited training is provided and travel expenses reimbursed. For more information, contact Jane Brown on 01665 604136 or janebrown@citizensadvicenorthumberland.org.uk

Stocksfield Festival 2017

A meeting to discuss the Festival for 2017 will take place on Monday 5th December at 7:30pm at the cricket club. The 2015 Committee would like some new members with (hopefully!) some new ideas. If you would like further information or would like to join us contact: Norman on 01661 844 863 or Karen on 01661 844 119

Stocksfield FC

As it moves towards the coming season Stocksfield FC's Phil Murray says a big thanks to all volunteers, parents and players who continue to help make the club one of the best around and in particular in helping create a fun and safe environment for kids and adults to play football. 2015/16 was another successful season with the following key highlights to share;

- Over 150 players from age 4 - 14 are taking part and we are delighted to announce we have more players, qualified coaches and volunteers than ever in our existence. This gives us a solid foundation to continue to make our club one of the best in the area.
- This season was an extra special one for the Griffins when we were awarded an amazing six figure sum from the FA thanks to the solidarity funds provided as part of Fraser Forster's transfer from Celtic to Southampton. This money and the publicity created have opened up many opportunities that we will be exploring over the coming months and we can't wait to share our plans.
- We continue to build a solid footing for our mini Griffins thanks to the continued partnership with NUFC Foundation. They have been running the u6s Saturday soccer sessions for the whole year and as of next year will be running three sessions on a Saturday morning for u5s/6s and 7s. Many of the current players in our teams have been through Saturday soccer and we want to continue these trends.
- Not only are we building our club off the pitch, but on the playing field we have had a number of successes including league and cup wins for our u14s and u11s. As an added bonus, many of the players taking part in these squads have been at the club since they were 6/7 years old.



- The Ivor Gray Festivals once again proved to be a success (once we got out of the rainy season!!) with over 300 kids between the ages of 6 and 10 taking part. On top of the lovely feedback we received from other teams who took part, our u9s and 10s were successful in winning the Premier league trophy on the day, which was a nice added bonus.

We would like to thank all of the amazing volunteers who have supported the club this season and over the past number of years. With your help we aim to continue to build the club and make you all proud to be part of the Griffins. If you are interested in being part of our club in any way please contact me on: Philip.murray@harland.co.uk. We are seeking support in the following roles;

- Club Secretary
- Fundraising coordinator
- PR and communications
- Pitch management and maintenance

Last chance for a **FREE** Central Heating System Offer ends 31st October 2016

To qualify you must meet the criteria below:

1. You are a home owner or have a private landlord if you rent.

AND

2. Your household has a gross total income of less than £26,000 including any benefits. (You may still benefit if you receive certain income-related benefits).

AND ONE OF THE FOLLOWING

3. i) Your home does not have, and never has had a central heating system.

If you have electric storage heaters, electric room heaters, solid fuel fires and single gas fires you may qualify as they DO NOT count as central heating systems.

- ii) The main method of heating your home is the use of solid fuels and you only have a partial, solid fuel fired, central heating system.

(by partial we mean that one or more of your habitable rooms are not connected to the homes main heating system).

- iii) Your home uses electric storage heaters.

We want to install new central heating systems where they will make the most difference, particularly to the energy efficiency rating of homes. For you to qualify, the installation of a new Central Heating System must improve the energy rating of your home. This will be determined by the surveyor at the assessment stage, you don't need to do anything about this. If you or someone you know qualify, please ask them to contact Warm up North, 0800 294 8073 or www.warmupnorth.com/chf

If you are unhappy with any aspect of this scheme or would like further information about the Central Heating Fund and/or fuel poverty and/or energy efficiency please contact Christine Nicholls 01289 304141 christinenicholls@ca-north.org.uk

Community views being sought

At the end of April this year the Reverend Bill Rigby retired as Vicar from the Parish of Bywell with Stocksfield. The Church is now in the process of seeking views from the wider community as it assesses the needs of the Parish for the new Priest to address. Any thoughts which might help the Church would be very much valued. Features that could be considered could range from; links with the whole or wider community; caring for the sick and the housebound; involving children and young people; style of leadership, and any other. This will help with the selection process that the Church needs to undertake.

Please send written comments to Michael Allan, 106 New Ridley Road NE43 7EQ, or leave in the boxes provided at St John's Church, Stocksfield or at St Peter's Church, Bywell. Or email to the PCC Secretary via the website www.bmscofe.org.uk using the contacts page. If anyone would like a personal visit to share their views please contact 01661 843183. Any comments need to be received by the end of September 2016.

Prudhoe Riverside parkrun takes shape



Members of Stocksfield Striders running club and the local sporting community have combined effort to shape a weekly 5km route around the Prudhoe Tyne Riverside Country Park, with a launch date aimed for mid October.

The organising committee, which includes members of Stocksfield Striders, saw them quickly raise the required £3,000 for the project with generous donations from sporting clubs and businesses in the area. In addition, Northumberland County Council has agreed to provide £5,000 to repair parts of the riverside pathway and a defibrillator, purchased through Prudhoe North county councillor Eileen Burt's small schemes allowance, is to be installed at the riverside park.

Local tri-athlete Holly Kelleher is leading the project as event director and has been overwhelmed by the level of support from the community.

Holly said: "The parkrun will benefit everyone in the local community from keen runners to those who have always wanted to take running up. It's a great way of meeting friends and making new ones and there is a strong community and social aspect to parkrun. It's hoped more people will catch the running bug through the Prudhoe Riverside parkrun and go on to join running or triathlon clubs."

Stocksfield Striders Running club meets on Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm at the cricket club. All abilities catered for, new members very welcome, see our website for more information.

Power cut?

Who you gonna call? 105!

There's a new number to call in the event of a power cut. Don't be left in the dark – call 105. This new service has been introduced for problems relating to power cuts together with a new-look website: northernpowergrid.com which has an online power cut map and various reporting services.

- Dialling 105 will put customers through to the electricity network operator who manages the cables, power lines and substations that deliver electricity into homes and businesses in their area.
- 105 is just one of the ways that customers will be able to contact their electricity network operator. They can contact them by phone or via their website, and most network operators, including Northern Powergrid, are on social media too.
- 105 is a free service for people in England, Scotland and Wales.
- Customers can call 105 no matter who they choose to buy electricity from.
- Customers can also call 105 if they spot damage to electricity power lines and substations that could put anyone in danger. If there's a serious immediate risk, they should call the emergency services too.

**POWER CUT?
CALL 105**



'SCOUT POST'

Celebrates its 15th Anniversary!

Post boxes as usual will be positioned in both Post Offices from 1 December to receive cards (and letters) to be posted to any address with an NE43 post code. The boxes are emptied regularly (including Fridays at 12.00 noon) the cards sorted into areas and collected from our sorting office after school on Friday or Saturday morning by the Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and parents, for delivery over the weekend. We ask for a kind donation of 25p per card, which is a win/win situation as it significantly reduces the 55p regular cost and donates a much-needed contribution to the building of the new Scout hut. Please continue to use the green Gift Aid envelopes. We usually raise a total of approximately £500 thanks to the generosity of everyone who supports us.

Thank you to you all - and to the two Post Offices without whom we would not be able to carry out this valuable project, which helps residents and has become an integral part of Christmas in Stocksfield. The last date for posting is Monday, December 19th at 12.00 noon. If you have any query, please get in touch with Philippa Harpin at 25, Cade Hill Road or Tel: 842302.

Stocksfield Quakers

Situated on the corner of New Ridley Road, a shop (built in 1910 for the Co-op Dairy) is now the home of Stocksfield Quaker Meeting. Modernised and upgraded to provide two comfortable meeting-rooms, a kitchen and toilet facilities, the premises are available for hire at very reasonable rates. Contact the Clerk, Caroline Westgate caroline@quatrebras.co.uk To the rear of the building, a semi-derelict yard has recently been transformed into a sheltered garden with seating. The notice on the open gates invites passers-by to enjoy the space.

DRAMA IN THE PARLOUR *Returns!!*

YES - THEY'RE BACK

- for one night only, at Stocksfield Community Centre on FRIDAY, 7th OCTOBER at 7.30pm
And it's a VERY SPECIAL OCCASION!!

This will be the TENTH production of the show - and to celebrate, all profits will be donated to charity (yet to be decided). You can be assured of laughs throughout this ever-popular pseudo radio programme - not only from the witty script, but also from the behaviour of the actors, whether they are "on-air" or interacting with each other in the studio. You can sit at tables, enjoying your own wine or other drinks - brought by yourselves - and enjoy more brilliant comic drama written, once again, by super talented Alex Swan.

Please feel free to arrive at the Hall from 7.00pm, to be welcomed, as always, by the effervescent Tilly Teasmade!

Because this is a one-night show, tickets are sure to be in great demand, so you will need to order them ASAP - from Beth at the SICA office or by 'phoning 01661 844119 or 01661 843508
Tickets cost £8

BOOK NOW - BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!!!

Exercise to Music with Mary Huggin

Stocksfield Community Centre

For more information ring
Community Centre 01661 842346

Mondays 6.30 - 7.45pm
Low Impact Aerobics/Body Toning

Tuesdays 6.00 - 7.00pm
Step Aerobics

Thursdays 6.45 - 7.45pm
Pilates using Stability Balls

Fridays 9.30 - 10.30am
*Low Impact Aerobics/Legs,
Bums & Tums*

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 from 9.30am.

A £2 contribution is payable at each meeting. For more information, please contact the secretary, David Guy, on 01661 843390.

6 Oct **More Fire Service Humour**
Mr. Peter Weighill

20 Oct **Ordinance Survey Maps**
Mr. Bill Bland

3 Nov **Origin of Carols Wendy Stafford**

17 Nov **Nostalgic views of the North**
Mr. John Moreels

1 Dec: **AGM and Christmas lunch**

Stocksfield Local History Society 2016 / 17

Meetings are held at Stocksfield Methodist Church at 7:30pm (doors open at 7:00pm)
Visitors - £2 per meeting.

12 October **AGM - Alan Judd**
Mickley Mining Project

9 November **John Turner** - POW Camp 69
- Darras Hall

December **NO MEETING**

11 Jan 2017 **Geoff Hughes**
Famous People who made the North East great

8 February **Rev. Michael Jackson**
Durham Cathedral

8 March **Michael Scott**
Umfravilles and Prudhoe Castle

12 April **Eleanor George**
The Richardsons, Tanners & Leather Workers
- North Shields to Elswick

Parents and Toddlers

Stocksfield "Parents and Toddlers" meet every Wednesday morning during term time from 9:30am - 11:30am at Stocksfield Community Centre.

Come along for: singing, stories, activities and lots of toys to play with!

Refreshments are available for adults & children. Come and join us - only £2 per session.

TIME OF MY LIFE is cancelled

Stocksfield Players 'unmissable' production of Alan Ayckburn's 'Time of My Life', scheduled for November, has unfortunately just become missable, having been cancelled due to unforeseen and unavoidable reasons. The Players are very sorry to have to disappoint their audience.

Flu Clinics 2016

All of the clinics are walk-in with no appointment necessary, however there may be a slight wait due to demand. These clinics are for Branch End Surgery patients only.

Please note we will no longer be sending out invites by post.

Wednesday 5th October
Methodist Church 9.00am - 10:30am

Thursday 6th October
Branch End Surgery 8:30am - 12:30pm

Tuesday 11th October
Branch End Surgery 8:30am - 12:30 & 2.00 - 5pm

Thursday 13th October
Stocksfield Golf Club 9.00am - 10:30am

Wednesday 19th October
Branch End Surgery 8:30am - 12:30 & 2:30 - 5pm

Thursday 20th October
Branch End Surgery * 2:30pm - 4:30pm

*Please note this will be a Flu Clinic Only – reception and dispensary will be closed at this time.

This year, in addition to the walk - in flu session dates above, we will also be running an appointment system so that patients who would rather make an appointment than simply drop in and potentially have to wait can do so on: Tuesday 18th October 9:30am - 10:30am.

Please note that these appointments will only be for flu vaccinations and not for any consultation or advice as they will be of a very short duration. Please ring the surgery if you would like to book into one of these appointment slots.

You are eligible for a free NHS flu vaccination if you are in one or more of the categories below:

- **Anyone aged 65 and over**
- **Children aged 2 - 7**
- **Pregnant women**
- **Children and adults with an underlying health condition (particularly long-term heart or respiratory disease)**
- **Children and adults with weakened immune systems.**

For more information visit:

<http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/pages/who-should-have-flu-vaccine.aspx>

Stocksfield Plants and Gardens Society 2016/17

18 October: Caroline Beck

Picture this - the Secret World of the Garden Photographer

Caroline writes for many of the national garden magazines. She will be entertaining us with amusing anecdotes, relating to her travels around the world in the course of her work as a garden journalist.

15 November: Andrew Davenport
The Organic Kitchen Garden

Andrew grows sustainably grown plants at his nursery, Gardener's Cottage Plants, at Bingfield, in Northumberland. His talk will cover the creation and maintenance of an organic kitchen garden, from a low maintenance aspect.

13 December: AGM and Members' Evening

17 January 2017: Karen Phillips
Creating a Cut Flower Garden

Meetings are at 7.30pm in the
Community Centre. Guests welcome.

Tynedale

Community Bank

Tynedale Community Bank (TCB) provides a local, community based saving and loan facility with affordable loans (including to those who may be vulnerable to high interest lenders such as pay day and loan sharks). It also offers secure savings which are protected by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme.

TCB's services are open to all those living or working across Northumberland.

TCB is a fully regulated, professional, friendly and approachable organisation which exists to provide a much needed service, not to make a huge profit. It aims to:-

- provide affordable loans, tailored to individual circumstances and
- encourage a regular savings habit for adults and children

Members can benefit by opening a savings account into which they can make regular and/or occasional deposits, growing a lump sum, which can be used for any purpose - for example for Christmas, holidays and to pay larger bills - like a tank full of heating oil! In return, a dividend based on any profit TCB makes, will be awarded annually.

Joining is easy via the TCB website at: www.tynedalecommunitybank.org.uk or at one of the information points in Hexham or Allendale, run by trained volunteers who can also offer help.

There are several more such points in the pipeline, including Haydon Bridge, Bellingham and Prudhoe/West Wylam. TCB can also be contacted by 'phone on 01207 284851 during normal office hours, Monday to Friday.

Information packs and application forms can be sent by post to those who prefer.

There are also moves afoot to make TCB accounts available to children via local schools - it's never too soon to get the savings habit!

Broomley & Stocksfield Parish Council

The Parish Council meets in the Community Centre at 7.30pm. The agenda and minutes of the meetings are posted on the notice boards and on the website (www.stocksfieldpc.org.uk).

Next Parish Council Meetings in 2016:

Parish Council Meeting Monday 3rd Oct

Parish Council Meeting Monday 7th Nov

Parish Council Meeting Monday 5th Dec

Members of the public are welcome to attend any meeting of the Parish Council. Residents always have the opportunity to raise issues of concern during a public participation section at the start of the meeting.

Contact the Parish Council at:

Broomley & Stocksfield Parish Council,
at Stocksfield Community Centre,
Mount View Terrace, Stocksfield
NE43 7HL. Telephone: 01661 844667
Email: clerk@stocksfieldpc.org.uk
Website: www.stocksfieldpc.org.uk