

Planning the future of Broomley and Stocksfield

NE43 news

Chairman's Annual Report April 2016 - March 2017

In a year of unforeseen national and international change, the Parish Council has continued its work on maintaining and improving facilities in the village and surrounding areas, with a focus on ensuring that our residents can enjoy a beautiful, safe, clean and pleasant environment.



This year has seen the submission of planning applications for an extended cricket pavilion and changing facilities, along with an extension to the car park, at the sports fields. In tandem with these developments, we are very grateful to Allendale Estates for agreeing to a longer lease on the eastern sports fields which offers us the opportunity to make substantial improvements to the pitches and playing surfaces. We expect these exciting plans to develop during the next year; they have the potential to result in superb, high quality sports facilities right on our doorstep.



Speeding has been a major concern of residents, in particular on the A695 through the village and on New Ridley Road, and the Parish Council has continued to work with partners to address this issue. A traffic survey on the A695, carried out by Northumberland County Council, did not indicate that the recorded speeds were excessive, but the findings of two traffic surveys on New Ridley Road recorded speeds that have resulted in referral to Northumbria Police. This matter is being followed up in partnership with the police. The Parish Council has also cut back undergrowth and some trees along the verge on the north side of New Ridley Road, and is maintaining this area in the hope that, together with the new village gateways, this will have an impact on the speed of vehicles going into New Ridley by giving drivers a clearer impression that they are entering a residential area. We are also promoting Community Speed Watch and considering potential traffic calming measures in conjunction with partners.

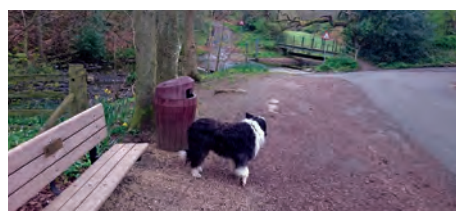
During the year, the Parish Council agreed to provide two additional bus shelters so that bus users would have access to a degree of comfort at every bus stop along the A695 through the village. Both of them have now been installed, one at the bus stop opposite Birches Nook Road, and the second at Hall Farm Close.



For the first time, the Parish Council joined Newton and Bywell Parish Council and Allendale Estates to stage November's Fireworks Display at Bywell Showground. The event was a great success, and generated funding which both Parish Councils can donate to charitable causes. These funds are in addition to grants and donations worth over £7000 which the Parish Council made to community groups and organisations.

The Remembrance Day service at the War Memorial in November was led by lay minister Robert Peers, and was again attended by a large number of residents and a contingent of officers from N Battery (The Eagle Troop) 3rd Regiment Royal Horse Artillery, along with the Deputy Lord Lieutenant. We very much appreciate the involvement of our local scouting and guiding groups in what has become a significant event in the village's calendar.

The Rights of Way and Environment Advisory Group has continued to develop its work on our behalf, and its regular electro-fishing surveys indicate a good range of diverse fish in the river. The Group is also working with the Tyne Rivers Trust on a co-ordinated approach to controlling invasive species on the river bank, and has been instrumental, along with Prudhoe Pathforce, Prudhoe Town Council and Northumberland County Council, in publishing a leaflet giving details of a circular walk around Prudhoe and Stocksfield (available on the Parish Council's website). The Group is chaired by a Parish Councillor, and made up of volunteers and officers of County based organisations, and we are very grateful to them for their time and enthusiasm.



In October, tenants moved into the new houses at Stobarts Field in New Ridley. Although this development was controversial because of its position in the green belt, we welcome our new residents, and hope that they enjoy living here. The Planning Advisory Group has continued to consider planning applications and to comment on pre-

application enquiries, further to changes implemented by the County Council. Although final decisions on planning applications are made by County Councillors, and do not always reflect the views of the Parish Council, the opportunity to offer a local view on planning enquiries at the pre-application stage is one we welcome and take very seriously.

Further to our previous work on the development of a Community Flood Plan, we are now involved with partners from further afield in Rainwise, a flood prevention initiative, and in Tyne Valley Flood Action Groups.

Three of our Parish Councillors resigned during the year. John Davison, a councillor of many years' standing, made a valuable contribution to the work of the General Governance Advisory Group; Jim Roy chaired the Rights of Way and Environment Advisory Group; and Pete Newman brought his experience of both environmental work and sports to our deliberations. I would like to extend my thanks to all three of them for their work on behalf of the village and surrounding areas. In February, we were very pleased to welcome Chris Liddle to the Council, and look forward to working with him.

Looking ahead to the coming year, we know that there will be financial challenges for Parish Councils as a consequence of planned reductions to the County Council's funding from central government. We will take every opportunity to establish partnerships with other Parish Councils where appropriate, building on our current experience of a joint arrangement with Riding Mill Parish Council to maintain some of our equipment. We also intend to develop a new Parish Council Plan, based on the concerns and aspirations of our residents.

In conclusion, I would like to pass on a sincere thank you to our Clerk, Nick Spencer, for his efficient management and wise counsel, to our Groundsman, Martin Stewart, for keeping the village and surrounding areas in such excellent condition, and to my fellow Parish Councillors for the experience, good sense and commitment they have shown during the last twelve months.

Maggi Hunt April 2017

Parish Council Elections

Nine existing members of the Parish Council were re-elected uncontested in May and at the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council, Maggi Hunt was re-elected as Chair. Paul Vickers was also re-elected as Vice-Chair. The other councillors who retained their seats are:

- Judith Furniss
- Dennis Parke
- Kath Pollock
- Chris Liddle
- Mike Parker
- Julia Robson & Ray Thompson

Full details, including how to contact each councillor, are displayed on the Council's website. The roles of individual councillors on the various Advisory Groups were discussed and will be considered again at the next meeting. Three vacancies remain and the Council is looking to co-opt interested residents to fill those positions. If you are interested in making a difference in Stocksfield, then please contact the Chair or the Clerk for more information. The Chair's annual report has been reproduced in this issue in full.

Friday 23rd to Sunday 25th June 2017 Bywell Arts Festival

This annual art exhibition has attracted visitors to the ancient churches of St Peter's and St. Andrew's Bywell for 18 years. The two churches, built very close together and each with a fascinating history and full of interesting features, provide a perfect setting for this exhibition of around 200 original paintings and craftworks. Also on sale will be a range of mounted, unframed prints by local artists, which people can buy and frame themselves. On Saturday you can watch artist Trevor Watson sketching portraits and Chris Bowen will be demonstrating calligraphy skills.

The exhibition opens on Friday 23rd June, 7-9pm, and a licensed bar will be open. On Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th the exhibition is open from 10am to 4.30pm.

Refreshments are served throughout the day in a marquee by St Peter's Church and an open air Pimms bar by St Andrew's Church. There is also a grand raffle with a first prize of £100 and stalls for cakes, plants, books and tombola.

Entry to the Arts Festival is free, and there is ample free parking.



St Andrew's Church will be open during the festival.



9th September 2017



The Festival Committee is once again working hard to bring together a mixture of competitions, activities, stalls, sideshows and refreshments plus of course providing the opportunity to be entertained by a wide variety of live music. Stocksfield Festival tries to bring together the best elements of a Village Show with those of a Music Festival. Once again all those performing inside the 'Entertainment Marquee' will be local people - some of whom are performing for the first time and all of whom are giving their services freely.

The committee hopes that all local businesses and organisations will support the Festival in some way. You could sell your wares; do some fundraising; publicise your business or organisation ...or perhaps you have some new ideas you would like to suggest to the Committee.

To book a stall contact:

Karen on 01661 844119 or by email: karenkirland50@btinternet.com

It goes without saying that the Festival can't take place without a lot of hard work and volunteers are needed as follows:

Friday 8th 4 pm - 6 pm

Help with setting up a marquee, organising the field and moving tables and chairs.

Saturday 9th

Supervision of car parking for one hour - anytime between 11 am and 3pm.

If anyone is able to help with any of the above please contact:

Alan Verheyden on 01661 842037 or email: A.B.Verheyden@gmail.com

There really will be something for everyone so book the date:-

SATURDAY 9th SEPTEMBER 2017

stolen on a night out. www.northumbria.police.uk
Most crime is carried out by opportunist thieves who are on the look-out for easy pickings. If they see a home that looks secure or a bike with a substantial lock, chances are they'll move on to try and find an easier target.

Please keep an eye out on elderly neighbours or anyone that could be vulnerable within your local community. Please spread the message that people knocking on your door

may not be who they say they are and always check their ID badges before letting anyone in to your home.

Don't let visitors who are in a hurry pressurise or confuse you - ask them to wait outside while you confirm who they are. Genuine visitors won't mind waiting.

Remember it's your home. Don't be afraid to say 'No' and report anything suspicious to police. For further information, contact PC Ruth Coll by calling 101 or emailing:

easttyndale.npt@northumbria.pnn.police.uk
If someone's life is in danger or a crime is taking place, call 999.



The board of Stocksfield Community Association is delighted to have achieved Hallmark 2 - less than a year after achieving Hallmark 1. 'Hallmark' is a quality standard set nationally and administered in Northumberland by Community Action Northumberland (CAN) which aims to establish and reward good practice.

Although nineteen halls in Northumberland have achieved Hallmark 1, very few have achieved Hallmark 2 - which assesses compliance with a range of legislative issues including health & hygiene, first aid, cleanliness, fire safety, licences and access. Applying to CAN for Hallmark accreditation was anything but stressful and our actual inspection was a real pleasure - with our 'visitors' clearly impressed and very helpful. Inspection was carried out on 3rd April and accreditation lasts for three years.

One of the chief benefits of the process was carrying out an 'Access Audit' which really raised awareness of issues regarding access for some of our users - and not just the obvious ones about disability access. As a result some minor changes have been made and more will follow as access to the premises for those with dementia is improved.

Stocksfield Football

It's been another brilliant year for Stocksfield Football Club which has seen 175 players aged from 4 to 45 play under the Griffins banner.

Our Saturday soccer sessions (in partnership with NUFC) for 4-7 year olds go from strength to strength and we look forward to welcoming a new group of kids in September.

We also now have a newly formed veterans team who are travelling to London in June to play their second match together.

Alongside that our junior sections have had another strong season with our u12/13/14/15s all either securing promotions, winning leagues or still challenging for titles. All of these teams have been together since u8s which is great to see.

We would again like to thank the players, parents and volunteers who continue to make Stocksfield FC one of the best clubs in the area. Next season looks to be another exciting one and we can't wait to share more news.

How you can help KEEP CRIME DOWN in your area



Crime levels are continuing to fall, so there are fewer victims and fewer offences being committed across the force.

This is not simply a matter of good police work - we rely on our partners, including local communities and individuals, to play their part in keeping crime low.

There are lots of steps you can take to keep your property and possessions safe, most of them at little or no cost to yourself.

Check out the Northumbria Police website for a wealth of crime prevention advice, from keeping your home safe and secure through to practical tips to ensure your mobile phone doesn't get



Where was Spring?

The Council would like to think that everyone will have noticed that the spring edition of NE43 News was not published. NE43 News has been published quarterly for many years but last December the Parish Council looked closely at the frequency of publication. The Council decided that the timing of future issues should be driven by the availability of content rather than the angle of the earth's rotation about its axis and the directness of the sun's light. There will always be an issue published in early December and either one or two during the remainder of the year. The timing of the other issues will be flexible as will the size of all editions. The Council will review its decision in time to ensure that NE43 News fully meets its and the community's needs.

Branch End Surgery flu campaign 2017-18

Branch End Surgery will be running its flu campaign from early September 2017. The surgeries will be a mix of walk-in on the day appointments and pre-bookable appointments to suit all patients' needs.

Last year several members of the admin. team were trained to give flu vaccinations and this was received very positively by those patients who were seen by them. The admin. team can sometimes give you a flu vaccination outside of the normal vaccination clinic dates and on a walk-in basis, if staffing and room capacity allows. Why not pop in and see if they are able to see you?

This year the flu campaign dates will be advertised in the local paper, online at <http://www.branchendsurgery.co.uk>, in leaflets and posters at the surgery and through text messages to mobile phones. Please update the surgery with your mobile phone number if you would like to receive this service.

Patients will not be mailed individually so if you are over 65 years old, have a child under 5 years old, are pregnant or are in an 'at risk' group such as diabetics, please keep an eye on the above sources of information.

Branch End Surgery Patient Appointment Reminder Service

Appointment reminder messages are now being sent to all patients with a mobile phone number registered with the surgery. If you would like to receive reminder messages please ensure your number is updated with the surgery. If you do not want to receive these messages please let the surgery know.

Deadly Hedley Hill

The hill from New Ridley to Hedley is set to become the scene of the National Hill Climb Championships on Sunday 29 October, the first time the event will have been held in Northumberland since 2004. Starting at 10am, cyclists will be heading off at one minute intervals over the 1.1 mile course which climbs 128 metres and finishes at the crest of the hill before entering Hedley on the Hill. HQ for the championships will be Stocksfield Cricket Club, and as the event has previously attracted 4,000 spectators, expect it to be crowded!

Children's HOLIDAY CLUB

Monday 24th - Friday 28th July 2017
10am - 12.30pm each day at
Stocksfield Baptist Church

Are your children or grandchildren moving into school years 1 - 6 from September 2017? Are you wondering how to keep them busy during long summer holidays?

Then look no further: Stocksfield Churches are once again working together to run our popular children's holiday club during the first week of the school holidays. This year, children will become polar explorers, going on a mini-expedition each day and learning about a Bible character. The programme features games, crafts and construction, drama, music and Bible stories. Bookings are on a first come first served basis: ring Barbara on 01661 599 384 for more details.



FOR ONE NIGHT ONLY!

Join us for an evening of entertainment, laughter (& perhaps a few tears) from the pen of Stocksfield writer Rachel Cochrane

WARNING: May contain swearing, sexual references and chest hair!

From the Edinburgh Fringe Festival 2016:

Celia

A one woman monologue of midlife musings performed by actor

Penny Lamport

PLUS Two short plays performed by the Stocksfield Players:

Revenge is a Dish

Clifford Gee

Tea, coffee and nibbles available - bring your own bottle if required.

PROFITS TO STOCKSFIELD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Friday 7th July at 7.30pm at SICA main hall

Tickets Price £6 from SICA office (01661 842346) or ring 07545915393 or online at Eventbrite

www.for-one-night-only-sica.eventbrite.co.uk



BeeFest at Cherryburn



Sunday 25 June 2017
11am until 3.30pm

Come and join the Broomley Bee Project for their 4th annual BeeFest at Cherryburn.

It will bee our biggest festival yet!

Here is some of what the BeeFest has to offer:

- Take a visit to our bee hives and find out more about them from one of our beekeepers
- Waggle dancing
- Our very own BeeFest ice cream made especially for us by The Feathers Inn
- Homemade cakes
- Lots of stalls selling local produce and crafts
- Pocket money bee games
- Story telling
- Refreshments
- Bee themed fancy dress competition
- Raffle
- Music
- Arts and crafts activities

So come and spend an idyllic summer's day in the beautiful surroundings of Cherryburn.

Free admission

Debt Advice services at Citizens Advice Northumberland

Free, confidential, independent advice on money worries is available at all offices of Citizens Advice Northumberland.

This service is vital to people who are struggling to pay bills, make loan repayments and pay important things like their rent and council tax - these problems are becoming more prevalent when people across the area are losing their jobs or having cuts to their working hours. Out of control debts can have serious effects on people's lives leading to loss of their home, possessions or liberty. It is also a major contributor to ill health.

Trained staff will help people get their finances in order and get them back in control of their money and their lives. As part of the help, staff will check if there is any extra income or benefits clients could claim.

Advice can come in many shapes and forms; we can provide self-help packs, give telephone or face-to-face advice and webchat or refer you to another appropriate service.

Call our Adviceline on 03444 111 444
Monday to Friday 10am to 4pm

On-line help is also available at www.citizensadvice.org.uk/about-us/contact-us/web-chat-service/

Prudhoe Office: Spetchells Centre
58 Front Street Prudhoe
NE42 5PU

Drop-in sessions
Tuesday & Thursday 10am to 2pm

Find your nearest Citizens Advice Northumberland office at:
www.citizensadvice.org.uk/northumberland

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advice**

Exercise to Music with Mary Huggin

Stocksfield Community Centre

For more information 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*

The Beacon Opens

Located at 10 Crabtree Road in Stocksfield, the garden at 'The Beacon' (pictured) is full of a wide range of plants, creating wonderful colour combinations. It featured in February's Northumbrian Magazine and is open on Sunday 18 June 2017 between 2pm and 6pm as part of the National Garden Scheme. Admission is £5 (children are free) and proceeds from the sale of refreshments go to the NSPCC.

For details: Patricia Hodgson 01661 842518



STOCKSFIELD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

FAMILY PICNIC / GARDEN PARTY

SATURDAY 17th JUNE 2017
from 2pm to 5pm

AT BYWELL CASTLE

- by kind permission of Lady Allendale
Music from: Whittonstall Community Band,
Stocksfield Stompers, other local bands & singers.
Bring your own food and drinks
- ice cream on sale!

Admission by ticket only
(Adults £5; Children: £2.50)
Free car parking available.

Tickets available from the
Community Association office:

Tel: 01661 842346
email: admin@stocksfieldca.org.uk

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 2017:

Parish Council Meeting Monday 3rd July

Parish Council Meeting Monday 4th Sept.

Parish Council Meeting Monday 2nd Oct.

Parish Council Meeting Monday 6th Nov.

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.

Stocksfield Retired Men's Association

Meets at 10.30am at Stocksfield Baptist Church.
For more information contact David Guy
01661 843390 († indicates ladies' days).

20 June † Annual outing to Raby Castle
(With Prof John Derry)

6 July Digital Workstation
Mr. Jack Harris

20 July Mrs Ferguson's Tea Party
(A WW2 tale)
Mr. Malcolm Smith

7 Sept Their name liveth for evermore
Mr. Bernard Hope

21 Sept † Richard III
Prof. John Derry

5 Oct Surtees of The Rifles
Mrs. Wendy Stafford

19 Oct No, I'm not a gardener
Mrs Ros Southern

2 Nov Never too late for Mission
Mr. David Smith

16 Nov Recent works at
Roman Vindolanda
Barbara Birley

7th December:

AGM, Carol Service and
Christmas Lunch

Stocksfield Plants and Gardens Society

Meetings are at 7.30pm in
Stocksfield Community Centre

17th October:

Mike Dale - 'Plants by Post'

The talk will take a look at alpine plants, drawing on the many postage stamps which have been issued by countries throughout the world. Also how postage stamps have been used to celebrate different aspects of plant life and commemorate anniversaries important in the plant world. Displays will show how a stamp is conceived and printed.

21st November:

Heather McFall -
'A Rose by any other name'

Are you confused about plant names? Heather will be explaining about the meaning and the need for Latin plant names.

12th December:

AGM and Members' Evening.
Talk by Richard Barnes - '50 Favourites'

Richard will be describing a wide range of plants, from alpine to large trees. Why they are his favourites, their uses and hopefully to provide inspiration to try a plant you might not have previously considered.

Meets at Stocksfield Community Centre

www.stocksfieldplantsandgardens.co.uk

email: stocksfieldpg@gmail.com

For further information contact Val Guy,
Programme Secretary 01661 843390

Bywell St. Peter's Church

Community ventures (held in a marquee)
to raise money for charities.

All residents in Stocksfield, Tynedale & beyond
are invited to these special events - 2017

Tables reserved for parties of 4 or more
- excellent food & enjoyable afternoons
guaranteed!

Home-made Tea/Stroll around the Garden

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

3rd Sundays in June, July & August
3.00-6.00pm; last serving 5.00pm

Sunday, June 18, in aid of Tynedale Hospice at
Home Sunday, July 16, in aid of Mind

Sunday, August 20, in aid of Macmillan
Cancer Support

Payment on day only

£7 adults, £4 (children under 16)

Please phone Philippa Harpin, 01661 842302
to reserve table for parties of 4 or more.

Do come - you will be made very welcome!

Tombola/Raffle

'Sit down' Meal/Stroll around the Garden

25, Cade Hill Road, Stocksfield, NE43 7PT

Sunday, July 30, 1.00pm

Menu

Extensive selection of:

meat & salads; vegetarian quiches;
home-made desserts; cheese & biscuits; coffee.

Tables reserved for parties of 4 or more

Tickets in advance

In aid of major repairs to Parish Church.

Please phone Philippa Harpin, 01661 842302

£12.50 adults; £6 (children under 16)
includes free glass of wine/fresh orange

Donation Bar & Raffle

Important notice

This attractive marquee venue, which seats
approximately 80 & includes all colour
co-ordinated tableware & linen, is available
free-of-charge for summer fundraising
& charitable events.

Please take up this offer come & see for
yourself. Philippa Harpin. Tel: 01661 842302

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