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LEE GASKINS

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NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

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AWARDS

2011/12

**BOOKER CHEF
OF THE YEAR**

(see Roving Reporters)

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DIARY DATES



October

- 1st** Dinner/Dance & Auction - Galanos House - Details 01926 812185
2nd **Harvest Festival - Stockton Church - 11.00 a.m.**
3rd Free Electric Blanket Safety Tests - Leamington Town Hall
6th "One Life" course – (see separate publicity in Stockton Church pages)
8th Help the Hero's Fundraiser - Wood St. Church, Southam - 10 - 12 Noon
8th Rocky Roads - Nelson Club - Free Admission
10th Stockton Rockz - Southam Church - 6.15 - 7.30pm
13th "One Life" course – (see separate publicity in Stockton Church pages)
13th Southam Safer Neighbourhood Team Community Surgery (S.S.N.T.C.S)
12.15pm - 12.45pm - Post Office
14th Quiz Night - Nelsons Club
14th - 17th Save the Children Event - 10am - 6pm - 7 Paddock Close, Napton
15th Big Draw - Stockton Church - 10am - 4pm - Free (Donation)
16th Big Draw - Stockton Church - 10am - 4pm - Free (Donation)
17th **Parish Council Meeting - 7.15pm - Village Hall**
17th **ANNUAL MOP FAIR**
19th **Annual Flu Clinic - Stockton Village Hall - 9am - 11am**
21st Half Term
22nd Mcmillan Coffee Morning - Village Hall - 10.30am - 1.00pm
27th S.S.N.T.C.S. - 12.15pm - 12.45pm - Post Office
28th **HALLOWEEN BONFIRE CELEBRATION** - Nelson Club
27th Good Neighbours Bring and Buy

*Forthcoming Events

- Nov 1st** Stockton Primary - Return to School
8th W.I. Fashion Show by Wanda Fashions
11th Remembrance - Galanos House, Southam - 10.30am
16th Frock Swop - Galanos House, Southam - 7.30pm
28th Bingo - Galanos House, Southam - 7.30pm



VILLAGE BIRTHDAYS



Happy Birthday wishes go this month to Claudia Franklin, Jordan Fletcher, Louis Gibson, Sophie Storer, Levi Stringer, Sue Cooper, Ruth Blauberg, Dan Winfield, Yvette Bousfield, Wendy Thornicroft, Josie Winfield, Nicola Winfield, Kerry Rowe, Julia Prior, Jane Langdon, Archie Coats, Malcolm Bodfish, Fred Bennett, Graham Neal, Terry Chaplin, David Noon, Rob Jerger, Jacob Thornton-Hale, Andy Legg, Thomas Warner, Louise Boucher, and Lillian Clough.

Belated birthday for **August** goes to Joe Morton who was 10 yrs of age.



VILLAGE MATTERS

Contact by email - stocktons.news@gmail.com
or by telephone Marion 812887 or Wendy 813730



New Arrival Congratulation go to Guy (formerly of Stockton) and Layla Rumsey on the birth of their son Seth on the 15th of September who weighed in at 9lb 2ozs.



Wedding Congratulations go to Mai Hurley and Phil Betts and to Mr. and Mrs. Sam Coleman on their recent weddings.

Get Well Soon wishes go to June Cartwright and Eric Thornicroft who we heard have both had a spell in hospital, and to Lorraine Riddick who is back at home after a second hip replacement.



Condolences go to both family and friends on the sad loss of Steve Sheasby and George Ireland.

Thank you to the lady who kindly gave my son Kraig Gaskins and others a lift to Warwickshire College when the road was closed in September due to an accident.

Michelle Gaskins

SAVE THE CHILDREN EVENT

Friday 14th, Saturday 15th, Sunday 16th, Monday 17th October 2009

10 a.m. – 6pm

7 Paddock Close
Napton

ALL WELCOME PLEASE COME – BRING A FRIEND

Cards, gifts, raffle, bring and buy, refreshments

Rotary Club of Southam
Charity Quiz Night

Galanos House
Friday 18th November

Doors open 7.30 for 8.00 p.m. start

£10.00 per team of four people –

please book with Bill Pease on 01926 813873
Licensed bar

THE NEXT TEN THOUSAND POUNDS

The Tree of Lights isn't just about money though it is mostly about People. It is about the young people in the Acorns Children's Hospice who are helped to have a more comfortable and happier time in their short life.

Their Family, who are supported by Acorns through all the traumas and emotions before and after.

The Staff and Specialists, who make everything better for both.

It is also about the people who are commemorated by the lights which shine on the tree throughout the Season of Christmas and in the Book of Memory in the Library.

The Rotary Club of Southam wishes to thank everyone who has made it possible to raise the first ten thousand pounds but the work must go on.

Please support us again this year.

Leaflets giving full details of the Tree, and how to commemorate your loved ones this Christmas, will be available in some local shops and the Southam Library but if any difficulty arises please contact Mike or myself.

Peter. L. Jackson (864 234) *Mike Gaffney* (811 028)



Stockton Stepping Stones

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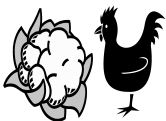
A warm welcome from the staff and committee to the new children and families joining us at Stepping Stones this term and a big 'welcome back' to those that were with us last year – we hope you all had a lovely summer holiday.

The children are all settling in well and really enjoying themselves. Our topic at the start of this term is 'All about Me', which helps us to get to know each other and learn about each others' families, friends, pets, interests etc. This really helps the children to settle in, make new friends at preschool and to feel happy in their new surroundings. We are also learning about nature, in particular autumn, and using lots of collected nature items in our creative activities.

Our Stay and Play sessions for younger children continue on Thursday afternoons, 13.30hrs-15.15hrs, giving the children and their parents/carers the chance to become familiar with the preschool environment, staff and to make new friends. There is no need to book, just come along. The cost is £2.50 per family and includes refreshments.

Stepping Stones is run by a voluntary parent committee. If you would like to join our committee, you would be made very welcome. In particular, we would love to have some additional help with fundraising for new toys and equipment for our preschool.

If you would like details of our session times or any other information, please contact us. If you would like your child to join us soon at Stepping Stones, please contact us for a registration form.



THE TUCKWELL GARDEN Stockton's Community Garden Project



STOCKTON'S WEATHER STATION - AUGUST

Readings are taken from the small weather station in the Tuckwell Garden in the school grounds. In August the average minimum temperature was 11.9 deg. C, just about equalling the long-term average (11.8 deg). The average maximum temperature was 21.5 deg. C, again just about equalling the long-term average (21.4 deg). August has been the first month this year when rainfall (58.5mm) has been anything like the long-term average for the month (66.3 mm) with rain

being recorded on 14 days. This has made it the wettest month of the year so far. The month started off with quite high temperatures in the high 20's but finished with a week of much lower temperatures. The wind has been mainly from the west, south-west and south (23 days in total)

The Weather Monitors

STOCKTON PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

www.stockton.warwickshire.sch.uk

Tel: 01926 812483 Head - Mrs. Lucie Buran



Welcome Back to School

It is lovely to see everyone again after the summer holidays. We are also delighted to welcome Miss Green to the staff to teach Beech Class.

Warwickshire Young Voices Please contact the office if you know a 7-16 year old who would be interested in more information.

Dates for your Diary

6 October Harvest Festival: 2.30pm in Church

7 October Jeans for Genes Day—wear your jeans to school and donate £1

12 October Full Governing Body Meeting 6pm

18 October Parents Evening 4-6pm

19 October Parents Evening 5-7pm

21 October Due Date for Young Voices Coach Payment

21 October Break up for half term

31 October Teacher Training Day

1 November Back to School

Job Vacancy

Friendly, reliable person required!

Mid-Day Supervisor

Monday, Wednesday and Friday

Lunchtimes

and to provide cover as required

Mrs Gillett will be pleased to talk through the requirements of the role.

Application Forms are available from School Office, and can be submitted electronically or on paper.



BROWNIES



Every Wednesday 6 - 7.30pm
Stockton Village Hall
Leader: Sarah Coats Tel: 810463

Welcome back to all the Brownies after the summer holidays!

But first, a quick review of the end of the summer term. The Brownies enjoyed a wonderful evening at the Cutting Gallery with Julia and Tony Prior. First they explored the wild gardens and saw Julia's fabulous sculptures: they were encouraged to draw whatever inspired them. Next they were invited into Tony's studio to view his wonderful paintings and mobiles. Many thanks to Julia and Tony!



Our summer finale was "mini" olympics at the Scout Hut. Due to mixed weather we had to change our plans: instead playing mini games indoors, including tiddly winks, the Maltezers game and hoopla. Great fun was had by all! Many thanks to Penny Leadbeater for helping us to plan and set up the event, as well as being timekeeper during the evening. We also had two Brownies making their Promise: Aisling Geraghty and Beth Powell. Plus many of the Brownies completed their Out & About, Wildlife Explorer and Alice in Wonderland badges.

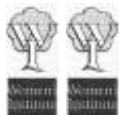


Now its September and we have to say "good bye and good luck" to Owlet (aka Holly Neal). Holly is moving away for work and, sadly, will no longer be able to join us on Wednesday evenings. She knows that we will miss her very much, as she has been such a great helper over the past year, and the Brownies adore her. However, we wish her all the very best for her future career and we hope

that she will keep in touch with us and pop in when she is visiting home!
We now have our full quota of Brownies but need to have at least three adults present each week in order to run safely, following Girlguiding UK guidelines. Our thanks go to Tor Smith, a regular parent helper, and to our parent helper for each week: we can't continue without you!

First Stockton Brownies does have a waiting list but if you are nearly 7 years of age and interested in joining Brownies, please contact Brown Owl (Sarah Coats) on 810463: when places become available, we will offer them on a first come, first serve basis. Also, if anyone has any special skills or interests that they would like to share with the Brownies, we would be happy to hear from you!

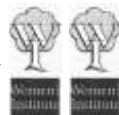
Yours in Guiding, Brown Owl and Snowy Owl.



WOMENS INSTITUTE

Meeting 7.30pm at Village Hall first Monday each Month

President:- Sheila Stevens 01926 812906



President Sheila Stevens welcomed us all and we sang Jerusalem as usual. Secretary Joan Ford went through correspondence she has received. We have various activities to look forward to. A quiz on September 30th, a coffee morning in the village hall on October 22nd in aid of Macmillan Research, a fashion show on November 8th, a darts competition and Ladies that Lunch, we are busy bees. As speakers are becoming very expensive we decided to do our own. Lynda told us about a meeting she had attended with a speakers from Farmers Overseas Action Group, a Voluntary Service Overseas speaker from Gambia, an Oxfam Representative and one speaking about mutilation of female genitalia. All very thought provoking. Sally's poem about a W.I. Visit to Shrewsbury Flower Show was very clever and funny. Sandi talked about our trip to Trentham Gardens, and Abbey Cwn Hir which is extensively renovated in Gothic style. Those of us who missed this trip to Abbey Cwn Hir missed an excellent day by all accounts. Liz told us about a group trip for a guided tour of Westminster Abbey- we have such an amazing history. Lists went round for new outings while Janet and Sheena served lovely refreshments. Our Bring and Buy raised a few pounds for funds. . Edna and Sally won the raffle and Sue the competition. Next meeting is **Monday November 3rd at 7.30** new members always welcome.

The W.I.

invite you to a

FASHION SHOW by Wand Fashions, Dunchurch

November 8th ~ 7.30pm

Stockton Village Hall

Tickets:- £3 to include a glass of wine

To book tickets please phone 01926 812906/810220



GOOD NEIGHBOURS

Meeting 2.30pm at Village Hall

Last Thursday each Month

Contact: Sandi Couchman 01926 812207

The Good Neighbours meeting for August began in Stockton Church with the Lavender Service. Once again Ms. Clarke was invited to talk and say the prayers. The theme this year was on food and the Bible and was most interesting with plenty of humour to keep everyone awake as well as sharing an important message. It was all very agreeable and everyone appeared to enjoy themselves. Judy, Jan, Marge and Sandi contributed with various readings and Hazel and Judy gave out the lavender bags.

On returning to the Village Hall for the rest of the afternoon Margaret ran through some points of interest for future meetings and lunch dates. Teas were prepared by Edna and Chris and were very welcome and tasty.

The next outing is a meal at the Great Western, and the September 29th meeting a sale of Harvest produce and a game of Beetle.

Sandi Couchman



STOCKTON PARISH COUNCIL

Meetings held every 3rd Monday in Village Hall 7.15pm.

Full copies of approved minutes available from Clerk to Parish Council

Mr. W.J. Robinson Tel: 01926 814094 or

website .www.stockton-warks-pc.gov.uk

SUMMARY OF SEPTEMBER MEETING

These are brief notes of the proceedings and are not comprehensive or represent a formal record. Please refer to the agreed minutes for a proper record.

Children starting school in September 2012 – If your child is due to start school next September then you can now apply for a place at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/admissions.

Village facilities – the hedge next to the footpath on The Hill has been trimmed. It is proposed to locate a new street light on the wall of Glendene in The Square.

Cemex Quarry – the formal approval has now been given by Warwickshire County Council to the extension of the Spiers Farm quarry now that all the legal agreements have been signed off.

The Cemetery - New refuse bins have been sited at the cemetery - a green bin for plants and flowers and a grey bin for plastic wrappings - please put your waste in the correct bin. The old metal stillage has been removed. The Parish Council has investigated the cost of installing a mains water supply to the cemetery but the cost has proved to be too high.

Overhanging hedges – If anybody has a hedge or shrubs that overhang the footpath, the Parish Council would ask them to make sure that they are trimmed back and do not obstruct the path.

Access to the Football field – As a result of dog fouling in the grounds of the football club, the club has decided to lock the gate on Napton Road. Also the gate on Station Road is locked to prevent illegal tipping of waste as has happened in the past. This does reduce access to the field and the club are being asked about their reaction to replacing the stiles with kissing gates.

Thefts in the village – There has been a spate of thefts from gardens and vehicles recently and the Parish Council will raise this with the police. However, increased security would make the thieves life a lot harder so people are asked to make sure that bikes, etc are not left outside, to lock up sheds and to make sure that nothing valuable is left visible inside cars.

Fatal Accidents on A426 – Sadly, two people have died in recent accidents and the Parish Council will, once again, be raising with Warwickshire County Council the need for a 50 mph speed limit on the A426 from Southam to Kites Hardwick.

Boundary Changes- The Boundary Commission is carrying out its 5-yearly review and this time is taking account of the government's wish to reduce the number of MP's from 650 to 600. The proposal is that Stockton will become part of a new Rugby constituency together with Rugby, Dunchurch, Willoughby, Leamington Hastings, Flecknoe, Long Itchington, Napton, Southam, Harbury and Fenny Compton (since the last general election Stockton has been part of the Kenilworth and Southam constituency). If approved this will come into effect in 2013. The consultation process ends on 5 December 2011 and the full details can be viewed on the website of the Boundary Commission for England.

Howard Collerson
Chairman

Macmillan Research Coffee Morning

22nd October

10.30pm - 1.00pm

Stockton Village Hall

stalls, raffle, jams, cakes, cards, bric-a-brac, books etc.



The Roving Reporters



Lee Gaskins (George Street) became the Northamptonshire Food and Drinks Award Chef of the year 2011/12 earlier this month after a “Cook Off” final against three other chefs.

Each chef was given a mystery basket of Northamptonshire products including locally sourced Breast of Lamb, vegetables, summer berries, white wine, and dry store cupboard ingredients. They were allocated their own cooking station and had to create a two course meal in the next two hours.

Lee’s winning menu was Braised Breast of Lamb, (serving the ribs separately marinated and roasted in a Mustard Dressing), Dauphinoise Potatoes, Medley of Vegetables and a Sauce with a sweet course of Trio of Berries with Trinity Burnt Cream, Mini Summer Pudding served with White Wine and Fruit jelly. (We wondered how we could volunteer to become judges!)

Lee is no stranger to awards as he has among his many achievements those of CCE Chef of the Year 1999, Silver Medal in the Duck Class at Hotel Olympia 2003, Midland Association of Chefs’ Salon Culinare 2004, Bronze Medal in the Hotelympia Conference Centre Chef of the Year competition 2005 and IACC-UK Chef of the Year 2007, in which he competed against eight other chefs representing their countries, in New Jersey, America. He not only enjoys entering competitions but has also mentored two of his team members to winning and runner up placements in similar competitions.

Lee’s love of cooking stems from helping his Grandfather, Lionel Smith, grow then harvest the produce from his allotment at Southam. Helping his Gran (Daphne nee Porter, who came to live in Elm Row during the war) turn some of the produce into pickles and jam, and helping his mum Daphne (born in Stockton) with their family cooking. Lee followed his interest in cookery by taking Home Economics at Southam High School and a three year Catering Course at Stratford College attaining an Advanced Diploma there.

Lee, who worked in various pubs whilst at college, has, through sheer hard toil and determination worked his way up through the ranks as Commis Chef, Chef de Partie, Sous Chef is now employed as Head Chef at Highgate House, Creaton, Northamptonshire. He likens running a kitchen to that of a military operation, with forward planning of at least one service ahead being most important as the sittings can run to 400 covers (or dinners to you and me) at a time. Team work is a major factor of presenting all these dinners, on time, with all of his four chefs having their own duties to supervise, Lee, as Head Chef, overseeing and ensuring everything flows smoothly and the food is up to top standard.

Lee's favourite meal to cook is Panfried Blade of Beef, Creamed Potatoes and Forestiere Sauce (white wine based sauce with Veal stock with lardons of bacon, button onions and mushrooms) followed by Peach Tarte Tatin with Home- made Ice Cream. His most arduous task was a serving for 90 people of Salmon and Lobster Ravioli, where every portion had to be exactly the same, thus a very time consuming and laborious task. (Lee has to admit though that when he stood back and looked at his creative work when completed it did look a magnificent sight).

You would think that being a Head Chef, Lee would find it hard to resist cooking at home, but says there is nothing more he looks forward to than to come home to one of Michelle's home cooked meals, which he always enjoys. He does make the exception at Christmas though, as he cooks the family breakfast and helps prepare the vegetables.

We asked Lee what he would regard as his most important piece of kitchen equipment, to which he replied that every kitchen needs a really good set of knives. His favourite piece of commercial equipment is a pressure steamer that can cook baton carrots from raw in 35 seconds.

Tips for would be chefs are, if you are passionate about cooking then not only attend college but most importantly get into cooking anytime you can and get as many different, varied, experiences as you can by working in pubs, restaurants and hotels, also don't be afraid to season your food, before, during and after cooking.

Well done and Congratulations Lee on all your achievements, and we are available for tasting sessions at any time!

Pan fried blade of beef, creamed potatoes, and forestière sauce

Serves 8

Ingredients:

*2 x 2kg leg-of-mutton
cuts of beef, tied
2 carrots, chopped
2 leeks, chopped
1 onion, chopped
2 bay leaves*

Potatoes

*6 large potatoes
125g salted butter
300ml double cream*



Sauce

250ml white wine

3 shallots

50g each butter & plain flour, blended to form beurre manié

35-40 button onions (frozen work best)

8 rashers shredded cooked bacon

15 button mushrooms, sliced

Method:

Begin preparation the day before serving. Preheat the oven to 160°C. Place the beef in a large pan, cover with water, and add the carrots, leeks, onions, bay leaves and a few black peppercorns and salt.

Bring to the boil on the stove, cover, and braise in the oven for two to two and a half hours. Use a fork to check that the meat is done: it should glide through with no resistance; when prodded, the meat should just start to fall apart.

Remove the meat from the liquid, wrap in cling film and cool, then put in the fridge. Strain the liquid and return to the heat until it has reduced by half, then refrigerate (this will form the base of the sauce).

On the day, peel and chop the potatoes into even sized pieces, place in a saucepan with a pinch of salt and boil. When soft, mash with the butter and cream and season to taste.

For the sauce, chop and sweat the shallots in a saucepan. Pour in the white wine and reduce by half. Add a litre of the retained stock, bring to the boil and thicken by whisking in the beurre manié, then pass through a sieve. Fry the button onions, bacon, and mushrooms until golden brown and add to the sauce. Season to taste.

Preheat the oven to 160°C. Unwrap the beef and slice into even sized steaks about 1cm thick. Heat a frying pan and fry the beef in plenty of salted butter: the beef will soak it up. Season with salt and pepper; turn over when golden brown and repeat. Transfer to the oven for 12-15minutes.

To serve, place a ring of mash in the middle of the plate with beef on top: ladle sauce over the top. Buttered green beans are an ideal accompaniment.

Stockton church

Methodist and Anglicans in unity

The Bridges Group of Parishes

Rev. Michael Greig

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www.thebridgesgroup.org.uk

	2nd October Trinity 15	9th October Trinity 16	16th Oct Trinity 17	23rd Oct Trinity 18
Napton	9.15 a.m. Holy Communion	11.00 a.m. Harvest Festival	9.15 a.m. Holy Communion 6.00 p.m. Informal	11.00 a.m. Sunday@11
Stockton	11.00 a.m. Harvest Festival	9.15 a.m. Holy Communion	11.00 a.m. Sunday@11	9.15 a.m. Holy Communion
Lower Shuckburgh	-	4.00 p.m. Harvest Festival	-	9.15 a.m. BCP Communion
Priors Marston	11.00 a.m. Family Service	11.00 a.m. Harvest Festival	11.00 a.m. Family Service	11.00 a.m. Holy Communion
Priors Hardwick	9.15 a.m. BCP Communion 6.00 p.m. Harvest Festival	9.15 a.m. Morning Worship	9.15 a.m. BCP Communion	-
Wormleighton	-	9.15 a.m. BCP Communion	-	11.00 a.m. Morning Worship

30th October – The Gathering at 10.30 a.m. at Priors Hardwick

From Rev Bob Clucas

Seeing Priors Marston on the national news in early September was quite a surprise. The great news was Prior's School has reopened as one of the first free schools. This made me think about the word "community". Community is a word we bandy about a lot, especially in villages. Clearly the Priors villages have a great sense of community, as is evidenced by the fact that they've ran a school for 15 years without state funding. Similarly, Napton, Stockton, Shuckburgh and Wormleighton also have it, but what is it?

My concise Oxford English dictionary's first definition is "a group of people living together in one place, especially one practising common ownership – a place considered together with its inhabitants". It's kind of obvious, but helpful. The phrase "common ownership" is a key one. I grew up in Birmingham; it's a very nice place but there was no sense of common ownership. Nor in Leamington, where I live now. Yet in a village, people seem aware that the village somehow belongs to the people who live in it. They hold it in common.

You may be interested that "community" comes from a Greek word commonly used in the Bible. "Koinonia" (often translated "fellowship") comes from the root "koine" which simply means common. It also happens to be the word used to describe the kind of Greek the New Testament is written in – common. "Koinonia" turns up in so many ways such as generosity, participation, sharing and even communion but at its root, it's just the ordinary idea of common life. In the Acts of the Apostles it says this about the followers of Jesus in the very early days of the church: *"All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need"*.

It seems to me that in the villages, it's not just believers who are aware of other people's needs and have a willingness to share resources. It also seems to me that at harvest time, gathering to celebrate and give thanks for the good things, it is a natural thing to do whatever the strength of your faith. The harvest thanksgiving is a community giving thanks for common life itself.

ONE LIFE

An invitation from our local churches to join us for an opportunity to consider the life, death and resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth – one man who not only shaped history but may also hold the key to our destiny

He has affected the course of history more than any other. He has influenced our language, names, culture, architecture, religion, calendar and even gave us Christmas!

He claimed to be the Son of God, to be the truth, to be able to forgive sins and that if killed, he would rise from the grave. He spoke often of heaven and of life after death.

If he is not who he claimed to be, then 2000 years of Christianity has been based on false assumptions and lies, making it at best irrelevant and at worst, fraudulent. BUT, if he is who he claims to be, can we afford to ignore him?

Have you ever seriously considered

Who is this man?

Is he who he said he is?

Can we really know?

On 6 Thursday evenings, starting on 6th October at Napton Sports Pavilion, Priors Marston Road

The first and last evening will begin with a meal (at 7.30pm), the other evenings with coffee and cakes (at 8.00pm).

Every evening there will be some live input from those who can speak from experience then time in small groups to discuss, question, argue and dig deeper into what we know of this extraordinary man.

The whole event is FREE, with costs covered by donations from previous courses, together with the generosity of the Sports Pavilion Committee.

For more details or to book a place: please phone Napton Vicarage on 01926 812383 or e-mail: michael.greig@hotmail.co.uk

The Bridges group NOTICE BOARD

LOWER SHUCKBURGH, NAPTON, STOCKTON

Priors Marston, Priors Hardwick & Wormloughton

Mid-week Programme for Children and Youth

Stockton Rockz: 8-11 years @ Stockton Church from 6.15 – 7.30pm

Mondays: 10th October Contact Jane Langdon 01926 815416

Mid-week programme for Adults

Home Bible Study Groups

The following group meet for Bible study and fellowship. If you would like to join, please contact the Vicarage or a Group leader:

Every Wednesday at 8.00pm at Stockton Gillian 01926 815831

Choir / Music / Singing Groups

Napton & Stockton music & singing group contact: Mick Bisiker 01926810179

Baptism enquiries and preparation

To arrange for or to find out more about a service of Thanksgiving or Baptism, then please join us for a “Baptism Preparation Evening”. The next one will be on Tuesday 1st November at 8.00pm at Stockton Church – phone 01926 812383 for details.

Dates for October 2011

1st October Confirmation Service at 6.30 p.m. at St. Mark’s Church, Leam

2nd October Stockton Church Harvest Festival at 11.00 a.m.

6th October “One Life” course – see separate publicity

13th October “One Life” course – see separate publicity

15th & 16th October “The Big Draw” event at Stockton Church

17th October Stockton PCC meeting at 7.30 p.m.

19th October Stockton Church lunch from 12 noon

20th October “One Life” course – see separate publicity

22nd October Wedding in Stockton Church

24th October Home Group Leaders’ meeting at 7.30 p.m.

1st November Baptism Preparation Class at 8.00 p.m. in Stockton Church



THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Napton and District Branch Meetings:-

1st Tuesday of each month Sept – May

Napton, Shuckburgh Stockton,

Priors Hardwick & Marston and Wormleighton



The attendance of 7 members at the Special Meeting held on Tuesday September 6th 2011 was very disappointing. Due to the inability to form a management team for the forthcoming year a motion to close the branch was proposed and seconded by the retiring officers. After a detailed and heart searching discussion the motion to close the branch was carried.

The financial accounts will close on September 30th 2011.

The Remembrance Service 2011 will be held at the church of St Lawrence. Napton on the Hill at 3pm Sunday November 13th 2011.

At the end of the service the Branch Standard will be laid up in church.

The Treasurer will be collecting the annual membership subscriptions soon.

At the close of the branch your membership will automatically transfer to the Warwickshire County Holding Branch. If you wish to transfer your membership to another branch of your choice you must contact the Secretary of the branch you choose and he or she will arrange the transfer. It was agreed that all remaining funds will be donated to Galanos House amenities fund.

I contacted Mrs D Thornycroft of Aston Le Walls who is the daughter of James Kershaw. She agreed that the remaining balance of the James Kershaw award fund will also be donated to Galanos House Amenities Fund.

The Poppy Appeal will go ahead as usual this year supported by the branch.

Mrs Margaret Ingman and David Noon will continue as Poppy Appeal Organisers for this year. It will be up to both Margaret and David to arrange with the County Poppy Appeal Co-ordinator whether they continue as independent PAO's in future. Can I ask everyone in the community to give your full support to both of them in distributing and collecting boxes. Peter Ball and I have pledged our support as have other members of the committee. The funds collected are essential to enable the RBL to continue its welfare work.

This is the 90th anniversary of the RBL and the 81st anniversary of the branch. These anniversaries have been achieved by the dedication of members at branch and county level.

This branch has been supported by the Shuckburgh family throughout its existence. Sir Rupert, and Sir Charles before him and their families have allowed the hall to be used as a fund raising venue. Sir Rupert and Lady Shuckburgh have regularly attended branch meetings as did Sir Charles previously.

Alf Fletcher served the branch in many capacities from 1947 till 2009. Alf was also a County Caseworker for many years. Eddie Nash, who died last year, was

also a stalwart member of this branch. Dick Harrison also served as Secretary for many years. In the past there was Charles Watson, Joe Fell, Frank Baldwin, William Ingman, Trevor Griffin, Brian Gilmour, Stan Hickling, Amy Worrall, Wilf Cole, Chris Salwey, Peter Griffiths to name but a few who made this a very successful branch in the past. Mark Fletcher has been our Standard Bearer for many years.

We must also recognise Peter Jackson and Michael Greig who have been our chaplains in recent years.

Tribute must also be paid to the officers of the Victory Club who have always supported the branch. Thanks to Barry Macaness the present steward who sets up the room and always makes us welcome

In the past, in the main, the RBL was supported by conscripts from both World Wars and National Servicemen. Regulars usually support their own Regimental Associations. Those of us who remain are in our mid to late seventies and are not able to give the level of support we once gave. We must now look to the future.

Without doubt the RBL will survive but in a different format. Branches are closing at an alarming rate and the RBL will be administered centrally from London.

B J Warburton

Chairman and Secretary



The Nelson Club and Institute Ltd

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We are all looking forward to our Halloween -Bonfire night celebration, which will be on **Friday 28th October**, included in this evening will be prizes for the best dressed ghosts, goblins, witches, and any other scary creatures our little ones can come up with! Everyone is welcome, of course, to join in - however grownups may not manage to win.

Prior to this event we have our monthly quiz night on the 14th, - anyone wishing to put a team together and join us are very welcome to do so.

Rocky Roads Band are performing for us on the 8th October - this is your chance to strut your stuff on the dance floor - Free admission, air conditioned room, reasonable prized drinks and good company, what could be better, bring your friends along and join in the fun and don't forget

The Weekly Saturday Night Bingo at 8.15



Cuttings



Please forward any articles for this page to the editors

Garden Jottings from Bridge Nursery

Your local Hardy Plant Specialists

Also: Fresh cut flowers and bedding plants in season.

OCTOBER

Last winter was such a devastating time for gardeners. Now is a good time to prepare the garden and your plants to try to avoid having so many losses. If you grow plants in containers you need to be ready to put them in a greenhouse or close to the house in a sheltered corner. You might also want to help protect them by wrapping layers of horticultural fleece around the pot.

Take cuttings of things such as Penstemons, Gaura, verbena. You need to take 3 or 4 inch pieces, remove the lower leaves and then insert round the edge of a pot filled with sandy compost. Place the pot in a cold frame or conservatory or a sheltered corner. Keep reasonably moist but not soggy. There's no need for rooting powder or a plastic bag. Very simple to do, honestly.

In the garden it is probably wise to put a layer of compost around the plants that may be susceptible to prolonged frosts. Avoid cutting anything back until the spring. Using fleece round precious plants is also recommended. Keeping fingers crossed might also help!!

Meanwhile, if the weather is fairly moderate during October and November it is a good time to get on with some planting. The soil will still be warm and the roots can get themselves established before the spring. This should help avoid having to do lots of watering next year.

Throughout the month we shall have a number of plants on special offer. Many will be half price or just £1 each. Bargain!

Christine Dakin, Bridge Nursery
Tomlow Road, Napton.

Tel: 01926 812737
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¼ mile from Crossroads Garage – look for our Tourist Sign



Stockton Potting shed

2nd Wednesday of month 8 o'clock Village Hall
Contact Details: Chris Millidge 01926 812991

We gathered in the village hall as usual, also, as is becoming the norm I'm afraid, not many people turned out. However, we had a brilliant speaker and a very entertaining evening.

Before I tell you about it, can I remind members (and visitors if they are interested) that next month will be THE PLANT SWOP. If you have anything due for splitting and want something new to fill the space, come along – you will never find such a bargain, just one payment of £2 will cover compost etc and all the plants you gain by 'swopping', last year we had a great time.

So back to tonight.

Julie Turner from the Warwickshire Wildlife Trust gave a talk on WILDLIFE GARDENING. There are 56 nature reserves in Warwickshire and the organisation was established in 1970 and is a non government organisation, so no funding. Currently there are 23,000 members and 750 volunteers. If you have time to spare there are all sorts of things you can help with from clerical – to cutting and digging, contact www.warwickshirewildlifetrust.org. Also, in Warwickshire, are 1 million ponds, 2 million nesting boxes, 40 million trees and an average of 2,000 species of wildlife in the average garden.

Why encourage wildlife? By creating a patchwork of habitats and enabling creatures to get about; from your garden to next door's and on to wherever the tracks lead, we ensure their survival.

How do we help? By reducing chemical input; did you know that the normal slug pellets can be washed into the ground and into the water-table so take care, choose biological pesticides if you must use them (honest, I do my best – but me and slugs have this hate relationship. A couple of years ago friends stayed for a week and each night after dinner they went slug and snailing. They were 4 people and by the end of the fifth day had collected – and disposed of – over 1200 'creatures'. I have to say that they were replaced so quickly that I didn't notice they were gone), where was I, also Julie suggested that we "don't be so tidy round the garden".

Julie likened the gardens to a motorway service station; a place to stop for water, food and rest. So provide little shelters, try to grow things that have berries; hawthorn, rowan, rose hips. Leave some apples to rot and an old wood pile or heap of cut grass. Grass snakes/slow worms love piles of grass it seems (for me that's a reason to move it!) they don't bite at all and are becoming quite rare. Hedgehogs like warmer places; under the compost with lots of leaves, under piles of wood etc. PLEASE take care when tidying up in the spring in case

they are still asleep. Slow worms are really legless lizards and are protected. Buddleia (is that how you spell it?) and honeysuckle is certain to bring beautiful butterflies and holly gives winter nectar.

Bees and butterflies prefer single bloomed flowers rather than the fancy double sort, the single blooms are nectar rich so plant in batches and leave some to go to seed for the bullfinches and tits. If you can leave just a few feet in your garden to run wild it would be a great help and very rewarding. Do not 'feed' the wild bit, if you fertilise it the soil becomes too rich and encourages nettles and docks, not much use to insects and butterflies.

Insects hibernate under grasses and bees love the thistly type flowers. Turn sunflower heads upside down and hang on a branch, the birds will peck out the seeds in no time.

We saw a picture of a piece of wasteland near Leeds; the soil (and old cars, washing machines, litter etc) had been scraped off and this resulted in very poor soil conditions. Wild seeds were sown and the result was breathtaking. The ox-eye daisies, poppies, buttercups, even small orchids, were flowering in abundance and a much pleasanter sight for the locals.

Did you know that?

Many of our butterflies come all the way from Africa; they don't fly back there but their offspring do – I can't imagine the stamina needed to make such a journey. Only the male orange tip butterfly has orange tips to the wings. The comma – with its jagged outline is one of our larger butterflies and the red admiral is British. The elephant hawk moth is being seen more frequently in England, this is a definite immigrant.

If you have a pond you should make one with gently sloping sides because if something (hedgehog, frog, toad, rabbit etc) falls in it needs the shallow bit to get back out. Wildlife usually lives within the first 10-18 cm of the water. Also, if having a pool, you need to chose between fish or insects – fish EAT insects!! Don't build the pond under a tree (leaves etc will pollute the water), next to a rockery is ideal because newts can go under the rocks when they leave the pool. Clean out your pond/split the plants in September/October time – when nothing is breeding in there. A pond doesn't have to be big; it can be an old washtub, a barrel or onto as big as you like but don't put it in full sun as sun makes algae and algae makes ponds stagnate.

NOW, this is a very interesting bit of knowledge I am pleased to pass on - did you know that dragon fly larvae can live in a pond for up to 7 years before developing into a fully grown dragon fly – after that it only has about 4 months to lay eggs before it dies. Obviously, the longer it can stay in the water – the longer it's survives but, and I bet you didn't know this, a dragon fly larvae propels itself through along by squirting water out of it's bum – you can't help but be impressed can you? And in future I'm sure you will look at the dragon fly with a lot more respect. Finally, before we finish with ponds – DON'T plant

PARROTS FEATHER OR AUSTRALIAN SWAMP STONECROP because from the smallest plant, in no time, it will completely overtake your pond. I've overrun again but briefly: bread is NOT good for birds and has no nutrients (I give them fried bread for breakfast, they seem to like it OK), all sorts of seeds, nuts and fruit (I mix this, bits of cheese and sultanas and oats with the bread!) are what they need and fresh water all year. Try to wash the feeders occasionally to help prevent disease. Tits and sparrow prefer closed bird boxes, robins and starling prefer open boxes, hang them off the ground out of the way of next door's cat, in a bit of shelter and NOT near a feeder as the little birds will spend all day chasing off those feeding. Get a bat box, you might have 30+ little pipistrelles hanging in there, and ladybirds and hover flies are the good guys – they eat the aphids (but not fast enough!)

FINALLY: Don't forget THE PLANT SWOP IN OCTOBER.

Margaret Powell

Know your Apples

Take your pick of the wonderful apples grown in this country and support British producers.

Adams Pearmain ~	rich, nutty flavour with firm flesh
English Braeburn ~	crisp, attractive bi-coloured peel which stores and cooks well too.
English Bramley ~	cooks down to a fluffy purée ideal for pies, puddings and sauces.
Discovery ~	delicately scented, sweet white flesh and refreshing taste, keep cool.
Early Windsor ~	yellow fleshed, crunchy and sweet eater
Egremont Russet ~	beautifully scented, nutty tasting and firm
English Cox ~	famously aromatic, sweet, tender, juicy and good when eaten raw or cooked
Jonagold ~	large, yellow skinned eating apple with juicy white flesh, can be cooked
Royal Gala ~	red stripy peel with a sweet, crisp taste perfect for lunch boxes
Spartan ~	strongly perfumed, fine, white, full flavoured fruity flesh
Winterwonder ~	typically “English” looking apple, rosy cheeked with a strong sweet/sharp flavour



FROM YOUR DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

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Wind Farms

There have been three planning applications nearby relating to wind farms. Two were for the erection of a mast to measure wind speed. One near Wormleighton was refused by Stratford District Council (SDC) at the Planning meeting held on 24 August. The applicant, EDF Energy – Renewables, has until 25 February 2012 to appeal the decision. The actual wind farm proposal would be for 13 turbines on Earl Spencer's land.

At a well attended meeting on 14 September, the Planning Committee of SDC refused the application for the erection of a metrological mast on the Shuckburgh Estate at Beacon Hill, followed by a huge round of applause! I spoke at the meeting in opposition to this application because of the visual impact of a mast so close to Napton village. The applicant, TCI Renewables, have until 15 March 2012 to appeal the decision.

On 7 September, Rugby Borough Council refused an application from energy firm SSE Renewables for 9 wind turbines at a site near Churchover. Parish Councils in Churchover, Cotesbach and Monk's Kirby all registered their objection although Pailton Parish Council voted in favour. The applicant could appeal the decision.

Broadband Delivery

An additional telephone cabinet has recently been sited at the Rugby crossroads. I understand that it is connected to Southam Exchange as part of the high-speed broadband network being delivered by BT Openreach to the outlying areas including Stockton, Napton and Long Itchington. Download speeds of up to 40Mb per second and up to 10Mb per second upload speeds are anticipated. Whilst no date has been given for the transfer over to the new system, we can at least see that work is "in progress".

Napton Post Office

Napton Post Office and Stores applied to SDC for planning permission to change the use of the building from a shop and convert it to four single bed apartments. On the basis that Helen and I own and run Stockton Post Office and Stores, I must at the outset declare a closely related interest in this application. This means that I will be allowed to participate in public discussions but must withdraw from any subsequent vote that takes place. That said, this is a massive issue for the village and I will fully support the residents and Napton Parish Council in considering a way forward from this predicament.

Banbury Bus Service

Despite the recent cuts in Public services, Catteralls Coaches have offered to

continue the Thursday trip to Banbury for a trial period of six months. The bus leaves Stockton at 9:19am, continues onto Napton and villages yonder, arriving in Banbury at 10:25. The return journey sets off at 1:30pm arriving in Stockton at 2:25pm. So far the service has been reasonably well used, so why not take a pleasant trip out to Banbury, seats are available.

Steve Kittendorf



Southam & District Lions Club

Meetings: Galanos House, Southam

1st & 3rd Wednesdays of the month at 8.pm.

www.southamlions.org.uk

Southam & District Lions Club will once again be holding their famous

'HOG ROAST' on Monday 17th October 2011

at the back of the Old Mint in Southam. Why are they doing it? It's because they do and they do it every year? But why on October 17th? It's because it's Southam's answer to Alton Towers - the **FAMOUS ANNUAL MOP FAIR**. So do all come along especially in the evening when the baps are generously filled with roasted pork, crackling, stuffing and apple sauce. Savour the aroma of the roasted meat and join the queue for the finest tasty treat of the night! You are welcome to come along earlier and meet the Lions some of whom will have been on active duty since 8am getting the Hog ready and wired to the pole! (That's the hog wired to the pole not the Lions!)

Other attractions apart from the fair organised and run by the Lions include the HOG ROAST RAFFLE supported by our many business friends in the area with magnificent prizes and the TOMBOLA which is always popular particularly with the young people. So mums and dads make sure you have some golden coins in your purses and pockets for the little ones!

Eggs

Unless you keep chickens yourself and collect their eggs daily how do you know how fresh your eggs are? This test for freshness is infallible!

Fill a bowl or saucepan with cold water, carefully lower the egg into the water and watch what happens.

If the egg *lies on its side at the bottom of the bowl* its completely fresh.

If it *stands up and moves around a little* it's not as fresh as it could be but still edible if well cooked.

If the egg *floats on the surface of the water* its very stale and not fit to eat, throw it away.

SPORTING STOCKTON



The Half Crown Pétanque Club



The Crown Inn, High Street, Stockton, Southam Tel: 01926812255

CHAIR: John Emberton 01926814267

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www.halfcrownpetanque.org.uk

Half Crown Triple Reach Quarter Final of European Championships



Jerome Rousseau, Herve Bavazzani and Sofiane Lachani were in fine form at the European Championships over the weekend of 20/21st August, where they represented England competing against 35 other European Nations. They won their first three matches to secure a place in the last 16 play offs, and despite losing 0-13 to France (the eventual winners), they went on to beat Israel 13-1 to secure a place in the quarter finals. They lost 5-13 to Italy in the quarter final

who in turn lost to Monaco in the semi-final, who in turn were well beaten 2-13 by France in the final.

Sofiane also represented England in the Shooting competition and reached the quarter final with a fine display. Unfortunately he was drawn against Hugo Does from Portugal in the quarter final, losing narrowly. Hugo went on to meet Dylan Rocher from France in the final and was soundly beaten by the French Champion. These were tremendous achievements by the England team, and The Half Crown Pétanque Club are very proud of their 'boys'.



German Twinning a Great Success

Seven members of the Half Crown Club travelled to Russelsheim in Germany for the August Bank Holiday weekend and had a great time eating, drinking and even playing some Petanque! The Germans won the 'International' by 9 games to 6, and a mixed triple of Liz Powell, John Emberton and one of our hosts, Doris Wendehake, won a mixed triples competition on the Sunday.

Half Crown Knights Win West Midlands Summer League

The Half Crown Knights were clear winners of the West Midlands Summer League with 40 wins from 48 games and were crowned champions for the second year running. The Villagers were 3rd in Division 2 with 27 wins from 48 games, losing out on promotion by just one game. The Jesters ended up 5th with 22 wins from 48 games.

Open Melee 3rd September

16 players turned out for a great competition in which Barry Scott and his daughter Claire White tied for first place, with Natalie Turner a close 3rd.

West Midlands Closed Triples

Barry and Claire also emerged victorious on Sunday 4th when they played with Patrick Robiquet from Whitnash in the West Midlands Closed Triples, and earned their place as Regional representatives at the English Champion of Champions competition in October.

Half Crown Club Singles and Pairs.

Hurricane Katia kept most of our members at home on 11th September, and only four members contested the Annual Singles competition with Ian Brittain emerging victorious, capping his achievement of winning the Half Crown Summer League.

In the afternoon just three teams contested the Annual Club Pairs with Barry and Dianne Scott taking the honours.



STOCKTON F.C. - SUNDAY LEAGUE

Report by Dan Jones



Stockton FC Sunday side's are now sponsored by 'Stockton's News' I would like to thank all at Stockton's news for the 1st's teams new football shirts!

Stockton 1st Team

4-9-11 – Home (League) – Stockton 1st 0 Vs 0 Liberal Club

The season in Division 4 got underway with a rather dull affair against Liberal Club. There was plenty of hard work and commitment. But a 'start of the season rustiness' will need to be shaken off pretty quickly if we are push for honours this season as expected.

Positives to be taken were a clean sheet and a very strong performance from the

back four. Also playing the last 15 minutes with 9 men did not help our cause so a point was in the end very welcome, and a fair reflection on the game.

11-9-11 – Game Cancelled.

Stockton Reserves

4-9-11 – Away (League) – Tiddington 5 Vs 3 Stockton Res

The newly formed reserve team started their season on Tiddingtons artificial pitch. This in itself is a huge advantage to the home team.

A spirited and positive approach and performance with goals from Martin Robbins, Chris Collins and Luke Cope pushed the host's right up to the final whistle.

11-9-11 – Home (League) – Stockton Res 1 Vs 4 Castle Rangers

A tough first home game of the season against one of division 5's stronger teams. A battling 1st half display against a strong wind, culminated in Martin Robbins netting for the 2nd week in a row just before half time to give a 1 all score line.

Unfortunately a team still in its infancy and lacking in match fitness and sharpness could not keep up the tempo in the 2nd half. Castle rangers were just too experienced, strong, fit and organised for Stockton to live with, conceding a further 3 goals.

There are signs of a good young side being built by reserve team manager Ian Hudson and Assistant Dan Lock, they just need to find their feet as a team and improve match fitness. I'm very confident any teams they play in first month or two of the season will find them a much different proposition in the return games.

Coming Fixtures

18-9-11

Stockton 1sts – Home Vs Hampton Magna

Stockton Reserves – Away Vs Inter MB (Harbury Lane)

25-9-11

Stockton 1sts – Away Vs Cubbington Albion Reserves

Stockton Reserves – Home Vs Leamington Junior Reserves

2-10-11

Stockton 1^{sts} No game – (Division 4 CUP) Vs (Bye)

Stockton Reserves – Away (Division 5 CUP) Vs Warwick Juniors

Please come along and support the club. Thanks

Dan Jones



USEFUL INFORMATION



Wheelchair Short-term Loan:- Stockton Church - 815831

Refuse & Recycling

7th & 21st - Grey Lid Bin

14th & 28th - Blue Lid Bin & Green Bin

Stockton Household Waste Recycling Centre

A426, Rugby Road, Stockton, CV47 8LA

Sat, Sun & Mon 9am - 4.30pm

Mobile Library

4th & 25th

Greaves Cottages

10.25 - 10.40

Stockton Church

10.50 - 11.20

The Row, Broadwell

11.30 - 11.45

For further information, ring Mobile Library enquiries on 01926 851031 or visit the Mobile Library on-line at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/mobilelibraries.

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Farmers' Market

2nd Saturday of month

9am - 2pm Market Hill, Southam



Lions Furniture Sales

2nd Saturday of the month

8.30am - 11.30am

Behind Southam Co-op



Lost and Found in or around Stockton

Southam Library and Information Centre and Warwickshire Direct

Monday, Wednesday, Friday	9.00 - 5.00pm
Tuesday, Thursday	9.00 - 7.00pm
Saturday	9.30 - 1.00pm
Closed on all Bank Holidays.	

Library Services by Phone - Tel: 01926 812523

Monday to Friday 08.00 - 20.00

Saturday 09.00 - 16.00

email - libraryenquiryteam@warwickshire.gov.uk

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Reporting anti-social behaviour and noise nuisance

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Telephone Numbers and Websites

Police - Website: www.warwickshire.police.uk.

Control Room 01926 45111

Reporting Crime 01789 414111 ext. 4556

Crimestoppers 0800 555111

Road accident - further information 01926 415677

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Warwickshire Against Domestic Abuse: 08004081552

www.talk2someone.org.uk

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Visit www.safer-neighbourhoods.co.uk for more information.

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Recycling 01789260616 Council Tax 01789260990

Home Woodchipping Service 01926738827

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Water and Sewerage - 0800 783 4444

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Safer Neighbourhoods

Police drop in session

Southam Safer Neighbourhood Team Community Surgery

October - 13th & 27th

Time - Approx Noon

Place - Stockton Post Office

Come and tell us what matters to you in your community.

We can give you advice and will work with you and partner agencies such as local councils to address local issues.

Tel: 01926 684984

email: southam.snt@warwickshire.police.pnn.uk

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Deadline for articles **15th** of the month and can only be accepted if in the form of a typed/written copy to Stockton's News Editorial Team or email stocktons.news@gmail.com.

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What we want is to provide news, views, opinions and reports. What we do not want is to be unfair, biased, censorious or condemnatory.

To steer a path between opinion and an argument is difficult but one airing of a view is an opinion a continual airing of that view and/or it's opposite becomes an argument.