



STOCKTON'S NEWS



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VILLAGE BIRTHDAYS



Happy Birthday wishes go this month to Jack Woodward, Daisy Fletcher, Josh Woodhall, Sophie Canning, Tia Broderick, Holly Robinson, Marty Woodward, Leila Scott, Tyler O’Flynn, Jessica Hunt, Joel Enston, Harley Cordner-Young, Georgina Mills, Bill Biddle, Peter Jackson, Jenna Jeffs, Ebony Haymes, Kim Rowe, Jack Boyns, Dion Tulloch, Jessica Neal-Brooks, Olivia White, Molly Versey, Jasmine Legg, Louis Etienne.



DIARY DATES



September

- 1st** Southam Safer Neighbourhood - outside Post Office - 12 Noon (approx.)
Police drop in session (more details see useful information)
- 3rd** Fete - Galanos House , Southam - 2.00pm
- 3rd** Fete - Priors Hardwick - 2.00pm
- 9th** Family Quiz - Nelson Club - 8pm start
- 10th** Historic Churches Trust Ride & Stride -10am - 6pm - Details 815831
- 15th** Southam Safer Neighbourhood - Post Office - Noon (approx.)
- 17th** Games Evening - Stockton Church - 7.30pm
- 19th** **Parish Council Meeting - Village Hall - 7.15pm**
- 20th** Friends of Cardall Coll., Cong. Church, Wood St, Southam - 7.30 - 9pm
- 21st** Lunch at Noon - Stockton Church
- 24th** Produce & Profit Sale - Stockton Church - 10am-1pm
- 29th** Southam Safer Neighbourhood - Post Office - Noon (approx)
- 29th** Good Neighbours Sale of Home-Made Produce
- 30th** W.I. Quiz Night - Village Hall - 8.00pm - Table £10 - 01926 810220

*Forthcoming Events

- Oct 1st** Dinner/Dance & Auction, Galanos House - Details 01926 812185
- 3rd** Free Electric Blanket Safety Tests from Warwickshire County Council
Leamington Town Hall
- 15th** Big Draw, Stockton Church - 10am - 4pm - Free (Donations)
- 16th** Big Draw, Stockton Church - Noon - 4pm - Free (Donations)
- 19th** **Annual Flu Clinic - 9am-11am**
- Nov 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
- Dec**
- 2nd** Southam Christmas Lights - For more info Val 813577 or Carolyn 815085
- 11th** Christmas Concert - Galanos House, Southam - 3pm

FLU CLINIC

Southam Surgery will be coming to **Stockton Village Hall**
to hold the annual flu clinic on

Wednesday 19th October 2011 9am-11am.

The Saturday morning clinics will be held at the Southam Surgery on

Saturday 8th October **8.30-12.00pm by appointment only**

Saturday 15th October Tel: 0844 477 3620

Saturday 5th November

VILLAGE MATTERS



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



New Arrival Congratulations go to Louise (daughter of Carol and Ian Maule) and Stuart MacVarish on the arrival of baby Will who arrived on the 8th July weighing in at 8lb 5½ozs. Congratulations also go to Mark Gaskins and his partner Leanne on the birth in August of a son Brandon James who weighed in at 10lbs.



Condolences go to the family and friends of Judy Neal who sadly passed away in July.



Southam and District Lions
Present
The 2011 Ken Graham Party
for
Senior Citizens
at Southam College
17th September 2011
at 2.15pm



**We are pleased to invite all
Senior Citizens**

Please contact :

Roger Lane: 01926 813075 or
Malcolm Jakeway: 01926 814294

We really do want as many of our seniors to attend as possible and Lions each year pick up from favourite spots and take the people to and from the party. So do please notify Roger or Malcolm if you want to come.

Judy Neal

Judy Neal passed away on Tuesday 5th July after a very short illness, this was a great shock to all of her family and friends.

I would like to thank everyone who has sent flowers, donations, messages of sympathy and offered support over the last few difficult weeks. They have provided my Brother, Sisters and wider family with great comfort in very difficult and emotional times.

The church was filled to capacity with all of her family, many friends, neighbours and ex work colleagues, some from as far away as America. Thanks go to all who made the church look so resplendent in particular Jo Grey who provided the beautiful flower displays.

Michael Grieg delivered a moving and uplifting personal tribute which really captured the essence of our Mother. On many levels she will be sorely missed but never forgotten.

The poem "She Is Gone " was read during the service and sums up our feelings.

You can shed tears that she is gone
Or you can smile because she has lived
You can close your eyes and pray that she will come back
Or you can open your eyes and see all that she has left
Your heart can be empty because you can't see her
Or you can be full of the love that you shared
You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday
Or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday
You can remember her and only that she is gone
Or you can cherish her memory and let it live on
You can cry and close your mind, be empty and turn your back
Or you can do what she would want: smile, open your eyes, love and go on.

I have had the privilege to live in this Village all of my life and in times of personal sadness the sense of support and community is truly magnificent.

On behalf of Mark, Elaine, Andrea, our wider family and myselfThank You

Lloyd Neal

Southam Autumn Term Community Courses College

Most classes commence week beginning Monday, 12th September. Evening courses run from 7.30-9.30 for a maximum of 11 Weeks (excluding half term break beginning 24th October) unless shown otherwise. Please arrive 15 minutes early for the first session to allow time for enrolment. For further information and to register to guarantee your place, please contact Sue Hawthorn or Chris Dudley on 01926 810942 or at commed.s@we-learn.com

Southam College Evening courses beginning:

Monday 12th September

Cake icing and sugar paste flowers

Mandarin Chinese for beginners– 7.00-9.00pm

Patchwork and quilting for beginners – 7.00-9.00pm (6 weeks)

Reiki for beginners- 6 weeks

Salsa – 8.00 – 9.00pm

Spanish for beginners

Woodturning for beginners - 6.30-8.00pm

Woodturning–improvers – 8.00-9.30pm

Wednesday 14th September

Basic sign language and deaf awareness – 6 weeks

Family History research –starts 2/11/11 (5 weeks)

French for holidays

Indian cookery –6.30-8.30pm -6 weeks

Introduction to Photoshop– 7.00-9.00pm-6 weeks

Yoga - 7.30 – 9.00pm

Thursday 15th September

Cake icing and sugar paste flowers

Meditation and Relaxation – 7.00-9.00pm- 6 weeks

(PTLLS – initial teacher training(10 weeks) – 6.30-9.30pm

Textile Art –6weeks

Vincent and Theo Van Gogh - 7.00-9.30pm-

1 week art history talk

*There are no courses at Southam College on the evening of Thursday 22nd Sept. due to the College Open Evening.

Course fees start from £3.80 per hour with some reductions available – please ask for further details

Daytime Courses in Southam - Graham Adams Centre

Getting the most out of your camera	Mondays 10-12 noon – 6 weeks
Movement to music	Wednesday 9.30-10.30am
Water Colour Painting	Wednesday 1.00-3.00pm
Water Colour Painting	Thursday 1.00-3.00pm
Water Colour Painting	Friday 1.00-3.00pm

Southam Library

On Line Basics – a free 6 week beginners IT course	Monday 1.00 - 3.00pm
An Introduction to Local History study – starts 1/11/11	Tuesday 1.00 - 3.00pm (5 weeks)

Bishops Itchington Community Centre

Cake decorating for beginners	Monday 7.30 – 9.30pm
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Tom Hauley Room, Harbury

Yoga	Wednesday 7.30 – 9.30pm
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Offchurch Village Hall

Upholstery & soft furnishing	Tuesday 9.30 - 11.30am
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Stockton Village Hall

Upholstery & soft furnishing	Tuesday 1.00-3.00pm
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Ufton Village Hall

Pilates	Monday 9.30 – 10.30am Wednesday 2.00-3.00pm
Cake icing and Sugarcraft	Tuesday 10.00 – 12 noon Thursday 10.00- 12 noon

The real Jane Austen – a literary talk -1 week date and venue TBC

Programme subject to amendment. For the most up to date information and a short description of most of these courses please contact us or visit our website www.southamcollege.com and follow the Community Education link.



“PRODUCE & PROFIT”

How would you like to profit from your own produce?

Thank you, to everyone who helped make our first ‘home produce’ sale a resounding success. Our next sale will be held on **Saturday 24th September 10am-1pm** in the Church.

All items for sale must be home-produced such as: veg; fruit; plants; preserves; cakes; knits; crafts; paintings. No bric-a-brac please!

No table fees! Just 10% of total sales will go towards the up-keep of your lovely village church – you keep 90%!

Please call Rita Ashman on 812536 for further details and request a booking form. **Applications close on 21st September. Prior booking is essential as space is limited.**

We need buyers too! So come along, pick-up something locally produced, or just enjoy a coffee and a chat with friends, and enter our free prize draw.



Do you enjoy working with children?

Would you like to give something back to your community?

Would you like to develop your own skills?

Would you like to rediscover a bit of adventure?

Would you like something really positive to put on your CV?

Then please consider joining 1st Stockton Scout Group as a leader

Scouting is growing - both nationally and locally - so we are looking for new leaders to help in all Sections (Beavers: 6-8, Cubs: 8-10½, Scouts: 10½-14). If you think you have something to offer or would like to find out more, please phone Gillian on 01926 815831 or email gillian@firststocktonscouts.org.uk.

Free Electric Blanket Safety Tests - Warwickshire County Council

Warwickshire Trading Standards Service will provide electric blanket tests **FREE OF CHARGE**, for people aged 50 or over, between Monday 3rd October and Friday October 2011.

Don't miss this opportunity. Old or damaged electric blankets cause a number of fires each year, which can result in injury or death. These can be avoided by simply getting your electric blanket checked.

Testing, by appointment only, will take place at the following venues around Warwickshire:

Leamington Town Hall, Monday 3rd

Rugby Library, Tuesday 4th

Nuneaton Fire Station, Wed 5th

Kenilworth Library, Thursday 6th

Stratford Fire Station, Friday 7th

To book an appointment, call the Trading standards Service on: 01926 414004 (Monday to Friday, 9 am - 5 pm)

or email ebtesting@warwickshire.gov.uk



- Have you always had a secret ambition to be a great artist?
- Did you love drawing but haven't for ages?
- Do you fancy trying something different and having a go, just for fun?

The BIG DRAW is a national celebration of drawing and there are over 1000 events in October all around the country, bringing every generation together – and for the 2nd year running there's one at Stockton!

E&Dart (Emma and Deborah) are organising the “BIG DRAW” event over the weekend of

Saturday 15th & Sunday 16th October at Stockton Church.

Drop in anytime on Saturday between 10.00am and 4.00pm

or Sunday between 12. Noon and 4.00pm

Make your mark and see the results!

Bring a friend, come alone, and bring the family, all ages welcome....

Donations (a pound or two?) towards costs are welcomed.

Refreshments alongside continuous drawing and mark making opportunities will be available all weekend.

For more details, please phone Deborah on 01926 814878

Or e.mail deborah.dutton@homecall.co.uk

Warwickshire and Coventry Historic Churches Trust Ride and Stride 2011

10 September from 10.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m.

Fancy trying something a little different on your weekend?

All cyclists, walkers and horse riders are invited to take part in the day's activities, which involve visiting the churches located in Warwickshire and Coventry

Participants seek sponsorship for the number of churches they can visit during the day. It's simple!

The more churches visited by participants during the day, the more funds we raise to ensure the preservation of our historical buildings and the fitter you become!

To receive full information including:

Sponsor forms and Church lists

Please contact Gillian Roberts, Sycamore Lodge,
Church Street, Stockton. Tel. 815831





Harbury Art Group

Pam McConnell 01926 814923

Are you interested in painting and drawing? Harbury Art Group is looking for new members and if you have always wanted to take up painting again, or develop your artistic skills at a regular workshop, this might be just the group for you. We are a small friendly group with a wide range of abilities from beginner to the more experienced. We meet once a month for a day-school led by a professional artist on the first Thursday of the month throughout the year. We use the Tom Hauley Room, at the rear of Harbury Church, and there are usually between 10 and 20 of us at each session. The day starts promptly at 10am and we usually finish around 3pm. The cost is just £15 per person for the day, which includes regular tea, coffee & biscuit breaks (bring your own packed lunch!) There is no membership fee and you don't have to attend every month – just come along when you can.

On Thursday 1st September our workshop is titled 'Fur or Feather' and we will be using coloured pencils, watercolours or our own choice of medium. At our August session there was some discussion on what type of furry, feathery creature we would like to draw and paint, with suggestions ranging from donkeys to cockatiels! Nick, our tutor, is always happy to hear our suggestions before deciding what subject he will bring along for next time. On Thursday 6th October we are having a watercolour workshop with the theme "Autumn". In previous Autumn sessions we have painted colourful leafy landscapes or still life pictures of harvested vegetables and fruit, but we never quite know what Nick will have in store for us. In November we will be turning our attention to Christmas card subjects – which all seems a long way off at the time of writing (August).

If you would like to find out more about this friendly group, or book a place on our next workshop, please telephone Pam on 01926 814923 or the tutor Nick on 01295 276465 or email harburyart@hotmail.com

Many thanks to everyone who came to the Concert on 15th July, it was a very enjoyable evening.

£342.15 was raised and put into church funds.

Judith Osborne



Southam Christmas Lights



Help us keep the lights shining bright this Christmas

Coffee morning

Saturday 10th Sept

In the Library grounds

From 10am to 12 noon

Come along have a coffee (or tea)
and buy cake

A Bizarre Christmas Balti

Monday 26th September

At the Balti Hut, Southam, Tel 815015

Two sittings 6.30 and 8.30pm

please book with Balti Hut

£15 per person

(50% of proceeds to Southam Lights)

ROAD WORKS AFFECTING ALL SERVICES

OPERATING UP AND DOWN LEAMINGTON PARADE

Due to road works affecting Leamington Parade, the following diversions will be in place for all services that operate up and down the parade, the diversions will be as follows:

from 15th August - Southbound

All services operating down Leamington Parade

All services operating down the parade will operate a normal route as far as Regent Grove. All services will then turn left into Regent Grove, going around the roundabout at the top and will then come back down towards Hamilton Terrace.

All services will then turn left into Newbold Street, right into Newbold Terrace and at the bottom of Newbold Terrace, they will turn left before resuming a normal service.

from 30th August - Northbound

All services operating up Leamington Parade

All services will operate a normal route to the bottom of the Parade, all services will then turn left into Dormer Place, then right into Augusta Place, left at the roundabout into Portland Place, then first right into Portland Street.

All services will then turn left into Regent Street, right at the traffic lights onto the A452, right into Clarendon Avenue, and then left into Beauchamp Road where there will be a temporary bus station to alight the bus.

Please note during this time, NO stops on Leamington Parade will be served.

We apologise for any inconvenience caused.



Are you interested in local history?

The Friends of the Cardall Collection are a group of local history enthusiasts who became established in 2006 to help preserve a large collection of memorabilia, artefacts, documents and photographs related to the history of Southam and its surrounding villages. The collection was gathered together over many years by the Cardall family, and has been recognised as an important historical resource for this area. As a group, our primary aim is to find a permanent home in Southam town for the collection, to expand it and to preserve it for future generations. We also need to make it accessible to the local community for use by schools, reminiscence groups, family history researchers, and anyone else who would like to know more about our social history.

If you have an interest in local history, and would like to find out more about the work of this group, please come along to a social event on Tuesday 20th September at the Congregational Church in Wood Street, Southam. We are starting the evening with our Annual General Meeting at 7.15pm, which should take about half an hour. After that, there will be refreshments, a raffle, a small exhibition, and an opportunity to meet and chat. Everyone with an interest in local history is invited to drop in to the event. If you would like to find out more, please contact our chairman Bernard on 01926 613503 or email cardallcollection@hotmail.co.uk



STOCKTON TODDLERSAURS

The Village Hall, Napton Road, Stockton.

Friday 10-11.30am £1.50 1 adult + 1 child (50p per extra person)

Details: Emma - 814687

So the summer holidays are over, boo hoo! Thanks to the support of Zoe, Kate and the families at Toddlersaurs, we were able to stay open for the full six weeks which for many was a welcome respite at the end of the week.

What's new at Toddlersaurs? Well, we bought new colourful barrier fencing with a grant from Heart of England and treated ourselves to some new foam flooring to create a soft, enclosed play area and baby area. This gives the rest of the hall over to the noisy trucks and slides and keeps little fingers and resting babies safe from harm. It's working really well and the whole room feels a lot less chaotic.

Valerie and I would like to thank all the families who chipped in to buy us our 'end of term' gifts, Val received a gorgeous climbing rose and I am now the proud owner of a huge chilli plant, gardeners water bottle and an empty wine

bottle (well it was hardly still going to be full now was it?)

We were so blown away to receive such generous and thoughtful gifts, so totally unexpected. Valerie and I love our Toddlersaur Fridays, it can be hard work getting it all done but we love to catch up with every one, see the kids grow up before our eyes and always leave the hall buzzing

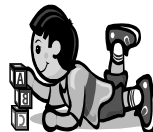
It's a privilege and never a chore. So thank you.

Stockton Stepping Stones

School Street, Stockton, Southam, CV478JE

Telephone:- 01926 813789

Email:- stocktonsteppingstones@gmail.com



At the end of last term, we said goodbye to all of the children moving up to school in September. We have shared some great times and wish them lots of luck in their onward journeys. The staff would also like to thank the children and their families for all the lovely gifts and cards - we will miss them all this term at Stepping Stones.

Sadly we also had to say farewell to Gill Jordan, after 10 years of dedication and a lot of hard work at Stepping Stones (much of it in her own time). Gill has helped to make preschool a really special place for so many children during those years and she will be greatly missed. We wish her all the best with her future plans and hope that she enjoys a well-deserved rest. We would also like to say a big thank you to Hilary who also leaves us at this time. Hilary has been a valuable member of our team for the last couple of years and has given so much, both as a member of staff and, before that, as a member of the management committee.

Our sessions to be offered at the start of the autumn term in September are as follows:

Monday	09.00-12.00hrs	12.15-15.15hrs
Tuesday	09.00-12.00hrs	
Wednesday	09.00-12.00hrs	
Thursday	09.00-12.00hrs	

Our optional lunch club will continue Monday- Thursday 12.00-13.00hrs.

These sessions are being offered as a result of analysis of parent feedback given – they will be reviewed early in the autumn term with a view to increasing the number of sessions offered with demand.

If you would like your child to join Stepping Stones in the near future or would like further information about the preschool, please contact us as soon as possible.



First Stockton Scout Group

Group Scout Leader:- Gillian Roberts Tel: 01926 815831

1st Stockton Scout Group Group Scout Leader's Report – July 2011

It has been another busy year of Scouting in Stockton. There have been lots of activities going on locally, as well as joining in with District and County events.

Numbers have been growing steadily here in Stockton – we are bursting at the seams in all sections, reflecting the nationwide trend in Scouting. So it's good that we have such an excellent team of leaders - with Chris and Sarah Trundle joining us this year. Congratulations to John Hawthorn on his appointment as Assistant District Commissioner for Scouts. At the end of term Catherine Roberts and Adam Revill are leaving so we need more adult help with the Cubs.

We are always on the look-out for helpers – we can never have too many! So if anyone feels they can offer support in any way, whether that is behind the scenes with planning and paperwork or actively working with the young people, please get in touch.

Most of us have managed to undertake some training this year. Ewan, Adam, Jo, Sarah and Chris have completed their initial training. Most of us are up-to-date on our 1st Aid training. John and I have completed the new Safeguarding Awareness training and Jo completed the on-line NSPCC training. I attended a Regional Development Day. That was useful to network with leaders from around the region and to learn more about the Scout Association's priorities for the next few years.

As a Group, we have attended a performance of WAGS Gang Show at the Spa Centre in Leamington. It was great to see Stockton involved again – with Ethan and Jack in the show and Catherine helping backstage. A group of Beavers attended the St. George's Day celebration. We have also participated in the local Harvest Festival, Remembrance Day Parade Service and Christingle service in Stockton Church. Two major events in the local community were the Big Draw event and the Christmas Tree Festival, which we took part in.

The highlight of the year must have been the Get-in Camp at Stoneleigh in May with over 4,000 attending from around the county. A big thank you to everyone who helped make that such a success.

After last year's spruce up of the scout hut, we have invested in lots of new resources – especially for crafts and outdoor games, using our vouchers from Tescos and Sainsburys. So thank you to everyone who contributed to those collections.

Gillian Roberts
Group Scout Leader

Here are a few photos of some of our activities over the year





GOOD NEIGHBOURS

Meeting 2.30pm at Village Hall

Last Thursday each Month

Contact: Sandi Couchman 01926 812207

Strawberries and cream in the Village Hall was the treat for Good Neighbours during the June meeting. It was the first time Judy and Hazel were in the kitchen and they coped very well with the preparation and presentation of the teas. A bring and buy stall was part of the afternoon's fund raising activity and most members contributed in one way or another. A reasonable sum was raised for the club funds so thank you everyone for your bringing or buying or both. Another highlight of the afternoon was a game called Hoy. It was a fun game with a striking resemblance to Bingo except that playing cards rather than numbers were used. The raffle and birthdays brought the afternoon to a close. Yet another very pleasant and enjoyable afternoon.

July's meeting was a wonderful afternoon at the flicks. The King's Speech was the main feature film and the venue was in church, using the overhead projector screen. Sadly, the event was not well attended but those who came to watch the film were served with sandwiches, biscuits and tea, prepared by Trudy and Heather, and appeared to appreciate the varied programme. This month the high spot of the afternoon was the arrival of a glamorous usherette complete with torch and ,of course, ice cream. What an amusing time everyone had, can't wait for the next one.

The meeting in August will be the Lavender Service, again in Church. We have been overwhelmed by the generous offers of lavender from local people, thank you. The lavender bags are well in hand and will be ready for distribution during the service. Looking further ahead, September's meeting will be the sale of a few Harvest products and lots more. Do come and join us on the last Thursday in the month at 2.30pm in the Village Hall. Tasty sandwiches and cakes all for the modest price of £1.00

S. Couchman

Safer Neighbourhoods

Police drop in session

Southam Safer Neighbourhood Team Community Surgery

September - 1st, 15th & 29th

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



WOMENS INSTITUTE
Meeting 7.30pm at Village Hall first Monday each
Month



Stockton W.I. July Meeting

Jane Arnold came to speak about World War 11 at our July meeting. Most members came dressed in 1940's style clothes, while Jane talked about food and clothes rationing. Each person had 48 clothes coupons per year e.g. jacket 11 coupons, skirt 7, blouse 8, shoes 5, stockings 2 and underclothes 4 each piece. How to improvise on ingredients in cooking was a revelation. Sandwiches with Spam, mock banana (parsnip and banana essence) carrot curry. Victory sponge pudding was breadcrumbs, carrots, grated potatoes, S. R. flour and vanilla essence steamed for two hours. A lot of folk grew their own vegetables and kept hens in their back garden. An interesting talk which brought back memories to some of our older members. Sue Etheridge won the competition and Liz and Trudy were hostesses.

We have been to Trentham Gardens again and to V.A. Museum, lunch club and manned a successful stall at a craft sale in church. We do not have a meeting in August so had afternoon tea at Mallory Court instead. We have a trip to the canal basin in Birmingham later in the month, a guided tour of Westminster Abbey and a day at Edgbaston to watch County cricket.

Our next meeting is Monday 12th and not Monday 5th as would be expected. New members are always welcome.

Stockton W.I. Quiz Night 30th September

Table of 4 - £10.00p
8 o'clock start

Light refreshments will be served

To book a table ring 01926 810220 or 812906

Forthcoming Events:- Fashion show by Wanda Fashions - 8th November

STOCKTON CHURCH
 METHODIST AND ANGLICANS IN UNITY
 The Bridges Group of Parishes

Rev. Michael Greig
 Tel: 01926 812383

email michael.greig@hotmail.co.uk
 www.thebridgesgroup.org.uk

	4th Sept Trinity 11	11th Sept Trinity 12	18th Sept Trinity 13	25th Sept Trinity 14
Napton	9.15 a.m. Holy Communion	11.00 a.m. Sunday@11	9.15 a.m. Holy Communion 6.00 p.m. Informal	11.00 a.m. Sunday@11
Stockton	11.00 a.m. Sunday@11	9.15 a.m. Holy Communion	11.00 a.m. Sunday@11	9.15 a.m. Holy Communion
Lower Shuck- burgh	-	4.00 p.m. “Song and Story”	-	9.15 a.m. BCP Communion
Priors Mar- ston	11.00 a.m. Family Service	11.00 a.m. Holy Communion	11.00 a.m. Family Service	11.00 a.m. Holy Communion
Priors Hard- wick	9.15 a.m. BCP Communion	9.15 a.m. Morning Worship	9.15 a.m. BCP Communion	-
Wormleighton	-	9.15 a.m. BCP Communion	-	11.00 a.m. Harvest Festival

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 6th September at 8.00pm at Stockton Church** – phone 01926 812383 for details

The Bridges Group of Parishes

From Rev Michael Greig

What on earth is happening to our world?

There seem to be so many serious problems in the world at the moment and no one really seems to know what to do about them. Sadly, events like the riots and looting in the UK, famine in East Africa and killing of civilians in Syria are just the tip of the iceberg – they are the ones that news editors decide to bring to our attention. Meanwhile, behind the scenes in towns and villages around the world, countless people are suffering at the hands of others. Even Napton had a taste of it when the phone line from Southam was recently stolen, leaving the village without phone or internet for several days!

Whilst some of these problems are clearly due to natural disasters, we must accept that many are the result of greed, selfishness and a total lack of concern or respect for others. Can anything be done about it? Whilst economists and leaders of governments struggle to find solutions, it is at least encouraging to see the enormous efforts of both aid agencies and individuals to help those affected.

One agency that has come to my attention is “Christians against Poverty”, who are doing an amazing job supporting those struggling with money management or debt. (Please see separate article for more about CAP)

The BIG question is: “can anything be done to change human nature?”

One of the portraits of Jesus in the New Testament describe him in these words: “by Him all things were created ... and in him all things hold together”. With so much in the world “falling apart” could we be overlooking something of vital importance by trying to find solutions that ignore the possibility that God, through Jesus might just have the answers?

If you do not come to church regularly please think about starting to come this autumn. We really do believe that God has some important things to say to us in these difficult times and we would love you to join us as we find out what that is and as we pray for the world and our nation. BUT please note that this month there are a few changes to the usual pattern of services so have a look at the service list in this magazine first!

We are also planning a series of 6 evenings to enable people to consider the relevance of ‘God’ to these and other important questions. More details are in a separate notice but I do hope that you will consider joining us – it could end up being far more significant than you could imagine!

With best wishes,

Michael

Christians Against Poverty (CAP)

I was reminded about CAP when some visitors, on holiday on a canal boat, came to Stockton Church last summer. Their church in Ipswich was working with CAP. They spoke of the huge relief of people who, when struggling with both unpaid debts and the shame of being in that position, found someone who could help without criticising or adding to their debts.

Christians Against Poverty (CAP) was started in 1996 by John Kirby in response to the poverty he saw in his home town of Bradford. With just a £10 donation, he set out to make a difference to those struggling in the grip of debt. Fifteen years on, CAP is a national charity giving hope and a real solution to thousands.

CAP's mandate is to relieve poverty and bring justice to those in need through top quality debt counselling in partnership with local churches.

The growth of CAP over the past 15 years has been described as miraculous, especially as they operate as a charity and make no charge to those they help. They have many amazing stories to tell as they have helped over 45,000 people. They are currently handling £68 million pounds of client debt. There are now 160 CAP centres in the UK, with the vision of 500 in 4 years time.

In the last year I have had close contact with CAP and their local centre in Daventry. I have seen at first hand how they work with people to establish a workable budget and negotiate with creditors towards complete relief from debt. They also provide short courses in managing money and setting a budget as well as friendship, encouragement and even the possibility of holidays for those in real need.

If you would like to speak to someone about a debt problem or simply about how to manage a tight budget without going into debt please contact CAP on: 01274 760561 – it is a completely free service!

CAP also relies on local church members to act as 'mentors' offering friendship and encouragement to someone on a CAP scheme. If you would be interested in helping someone in this way please phone the above number or check out the website: [www.capuk.org] or

contact me, Michael, (the Vicar) on 01926 8123813.

Reminder! Confirmation Service October 1st

There will be a Confirmation Service for parishes in Southam Deanery on October 1st. If you are a Christian but have never been confirmed, especially if you attend one of the churches in the Bridges Group, please consider taking this step to affirm publicly your faith and to be welcomed formally as a full member of the church.

To find out more or to sign up please get in touch with Bob Clucas by phone [01926 8887792] or e-mail the group office via: michael.greig@hotmail.co.uk

**Have you ever had the opportunity
to explore questions like.....**

What are we doing here on earth?
Does God really exist?
Does it really matter?
Can he really make a difference?
Would you dare to try!

Michael Greig writes: “40 years ago a New Zealand dairy farmer asked me if I had ever seriously considered the life of Jesus, as revealed in the Gospels. I will forever be grateful that he gave me the opportunity to do so. Amazing, life-changing things can come from such a study – especially how you see yourself, others, the world in which we live and God.”

This Autumn, the Bridges Group would like to offer such an opportunity – beginning on Thursday October 6th at 7.30pm we will be holding a series of 6 evening sessions that will give you the opportunity to look closely at who Jesus is and what he accomplished in his short life on earth. You will be able to discuss what you think about the important questions of life and to pose any questions that you may have.

Good food + guest speakers + freedom to ask and discuss any questions or express any opinion

*The venue has yet to be finalised but full details will be in the next magazine.
Meanwhile, please phone or e-mail Michael Greig for more information.*

Dates for September

- 6th Baptism Preparation Class at 8.00 p.m. at Stockton Church
- 7th Lower Shuckburgh PCC at 7.30 p.m.
Priors Marston PCC at 7.30 p.m.
- 10th Priors Marston Prayer Breakfast at 8.30 a.m.
- 14th Priors Hardwick PCC at 7.30 p.m.
Wormleighton PCC at 7.30 p.m.
- 15th Deanery Synod at 7.30 p.m.
- 17th Wedding at Napton at 12 noon
Games evening at 7.30 p.m. at Stockton Church
- 19th Napton PCC at 7.30 p.m.
- 21st Lunch at 12 noon at Stockton Church
- 26th Joint Churchwardens’ meeting at 7.30 p.m.
Streams in the Desert at 7.30 p.m. at St. Pauls, Leamington
- 1st Deanery Confirmation



The Nelson Club and Institute Ltd

Napton Road, Stockton, Southam, CV47 8JU Tel: 01926 812613
Email: nelsonclub@hotmail.com

A new season of live entertainment starts with a Summer BBQ on 27th August starting at 6pm, with Live Band 'Generator' going through to our New Years Eve's Party. This includes at least one live performance each month, a family quiz, second Friday of the month and bingo every Saturday

We also have our annual bonfire Night Celebration, when we hope to raise money for Leukaemia and Lymphoma research. All our member's children are welcome to attend in Halloween costume - (as well as the adults!) prizes will be awarded to the best dressed spook of the night.

Whilst our dear little members are getting a mention, We have arranged a children's Christmas Party on the 17th December from 3pm -5pm for 0 - 10year olds. All member's children are free and non members are welcome at a cost of £1.50 per child (see at the bar for details)

With the cold winter months ahead of us, we offer a warm welcome to any new members who would like to join us at the Nelson Club, and it is always nice to see some of the old faces return.

Don't forget bingo every Saturday night at the Nelson Club at 8pm and Family Quiz, second Friday of the month - 9th September, 8pm start



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 Galanos house TV replacement raffle was drawn at Galanos on June 25th 2011.

The winners are as follows

1st prize £200.00 Tkt No 2088 Mr C Radway Bedworth .

2nd prize £100.00 Tkt No 2066 Mr S Cassidy Bedworth

3rd prize £50.00 Tkt No 6557 Mr J Clarke Lower Shuckburgh.

Congratulations to the winners. Thanks to all who bought and sold tickets.

The net proceeds of the raffle produced £825.16

The duration of the raffle was between January and June. During this period Warwickshire RBL Branches donated £11,230.00 to the Galanos House Amenities fund.

The branch has been closed since May for the summer so there is nothing more to report.

**A SPECIAL MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE VICTORY CLUB Dog Lane NAPTON on Tuesday September 6th 2011. at 8pm
To discuss the
FUTURE OF THE BRANCH.**

All members are requested to attend this important meeting

B J Warburton
Chairman and Secretary



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 MEETING ON 18 JULY 2011

This is an informal summary and does not represent the official proceedings.

Planning matters – planning applications have been lodged for a replacement conservatory at Pear Tree Cottage, School Street and a single storey extension to the frontage of 21 Manor Road. Permission has been granted for conversion of an outbuilding into a toilet block at The Blue Lias inn.

Village facilities – three new benches have been delivered and will be installed at Napton Road outside the football club, The Green outside the Barley Mow and The Square near to the bus shelter. A new streetlight is due to be installed on the wall of Glendene, Mount Pleasant to provide more light in The Square. This light will be an LED light and will be turned off after 1am, similar to the new light in School Street.

Stockton Football Club – concern has been expressed over the amount of dog mess left on the football field. **This is highly dangerous to players and dog owners are reminded that they should keep to the public footpath across the field and that their dogs should be on a lead at all times.** The main gates to the football club will be locked in future and the stile will be repaired.

Glebe Close Green – The Parish Council has decided to rent the amenity land at Glebe Close and next to the path to the scout field to a village family to keep chickens and two pigs. This agreement is subject to certain conditions being

met.

Parish Council Admin – updated versions of the Council’s Financial Regulations and Risk Assessment procedure have been approved and will be posted on the Council’s website.

SUMMARY OF AUGUST 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.

Glebe Close – The Chairman has attended a meeting with Jephson Housing Association and others to update all parties on the current situation.

Playing Field - The Parish Council are looking at the costs of bringing forward their long term plan to fence off the children's play area and increasing the number of benches and litter bins.

Cemex Quarry Extension – legal agreements are still being finalised but work to strip off the topsoil could start later this year. Cemex will consider posting their monitoring data for dust and noise pollution on a new website once the quarry starts. Dismantling of some of the redundant buildings at Long Itchington should start soon.

High Speed Broadband – Stratford District Council are promoting a bid for funds to expand high speed broadband and are consulting with parish councils and other bodies.

Village Facilities – Additional street lights in The Square and High Street are being progressed. Building materials that appear to have been dumped in St. Michael's Crescent garages have been referred to Orbit Housing Association who are responsible for the area.

Howard Collerson
Chairman

THE QUEENS AWARD FOR VOLUNTARY SERVICE

Do you know of a voluntary organisation that deserves to be nominated for this award. This has to be a voluntary group that has been running for at least three years and has significantly benefited others in the community.

Further details are available on their website
www.queensawardvoluntary.gov.uk.



FROM YOUR DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

Steven Kittendorf Tel: 01926 812491

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High Speed Rail 2 (HS2)

An independent company is collating responses to the consultation and will publish a summary report. Subject to the outcome of this consultation, the Secretary of State for Transport will announce the Government's final decisions on its strategy for high speed rail before the end of this year – do you imagine that they will not go ahead regardless? A full Environmental Impact Assessment should then be carried out, followed by a Bill put before Parliament in October 2013 with a view to achieving Royal Assent early 2015. Construction will take some 7 to 8 years with opening of the first section anticipated around 2026.

Proposed Wind Farm

Over 250 third party comments have been received by Stratford District Council (SDC) for the proposed erection of a temporary metrological mast located close to the proposed wind farm site on Shuckburgh Hill. Additional information with regard to the ecology of the site has been requested as it lies within a Potential Wild Life Area. The report was recently submitted by the applicant for consideration and as such no decision had been made at the time of writing. I requested that the application be referred to the Planning Committee and this being the case I anticipate that it may well be heard at the meeting of Wednesday 14 September 2011. Both Napton Parish Council and myself will voice objections on behalf of the village to the imposition of the mast.

Broadband Delivery UK (BDUK)

The Government is providing a programme of funding, distributed through BDUK, to increase / improve access to broadband for households, businesses and communities in poorly served rural areas like Napton and surrounding villages.

Work started some time ago as SDC had teamed up with experienced partners Coventry University when participating in the Virtual District Programme. Since then, all the authorities in Warwickshire, Coventry and Solihull have got together to prepare a robust business case in support of its application for funding from BDUK.

During the early part of September, Town and Parish Councils will be invited to a meeting at Elizabeth House, Stratford for SDC to present the evidence they have gathered and outline the plans going forward. Business's will be invited to attend a similar meeting on Friday 23 September also at Elizabeth House – if for any reason your business does not receive an invite or would like more information and or may wish to attend this meeting, please contact myself.

Olympic Boats

Were you one of the lucky ones to get tickets for the Olympic Games? If so, consider taking the final part of the journey on a Water Chariot along the River Lee from Limehouse Basin to the Olympic Park. Why? Because not only will you see London from a different perspective but the 30 Water Chariots are being made at Colecraft Engineering in Long Itchington. The boats are 65' long, 12' 6" wide and will carry up to 80 passengers. Disabled access is provided via a lift and wheelchair passengers are accommodated on a large rear deck.

Water Chariots will operate two services, the first a public waterbus "hop-on hop-off" route and the second, a private charter service offering corporate groups and the public a more imaginative way to travel to the Olympic Park. What a fantastic coup this is for a local, three generation, family business – well done. I guess that they will be very busy in the months ahead so I must stop now as they've got some boats to build!



HOME ECONOMIES



In these days of 'tightening your belt' and trying to save money and the planet by being cash savvy and eco friendly too, it makes sense to use up your left-overs thus minimising expense and food waste that ends up in landfill. In this the season of 'mellow fruitfulness' British produced vegetables are cheaper and plentiful. This easy to make soup will use up any leftover veggies that you may have.

Harvest Vegetable Soup

Ingredients:-

4 med. Potatoes peeled and chopped
1lb (454g) raw vegetables
of any description - chopped
1 half cup of rolled oats
Enough water to cover

1 Onion/Leek or both
1 large bay leaf
1 vegetable or chicken stock cube
Freshly ground black pepper
1oz (30g) butter/marg

Method:-

In a large saucepan melt butter and fry onion /leek until soft. Add chopped vegetables to pan together with crumbled stock cube, black pepper and oats. Add enough water to just cover vegetables, bring to boil and simmer for 30 to 40 mins until veggies are tender. Remove from heat, remove bay leaf and cool slightly. Blend in small quantities until 'creamy' in texture with electric blender. Return to pan and reheat to serve with chunky bread and enjoy!

Note:- This soup together with beef or ham salad sandwiches or sub rolls would provide you with a substantial meal. The soup and bread alone would be a

deliciously cheap and satisfying lunch dish. The quantities will provide approx 4 servings and as the soup can be re-heated (once) you could make enough for 2 days if refrigerated when cool, thus saving gas/electricity, time, washing up and effort!

Mothproof your clothes

If you have ever been unfortunate enough to have your most expensive black cashmere cardigan attacked by moths you will know how annoying and expensive this can be! Prevention being better than cure on this subject, tips on how to deter the little blighters may prove welcome.

The strong smelling mothballs of yesteryear, when you could identify old Mr. So and So at a hundred meters as he walked down the street, have fallen out of favour. The chemicals used for mothballs and mothproofing are very dangerous to humans and animals so this is a good thing environmentally, but the consequence is that more and more clothes and furnishings are being ravaged by the moth.

It isn't the moth that actually attacks your best Afghan rug or cashmere sweater but the larvae that have hatched from the moth eggs laid in the warm darkness of the top pocket of your Harris Tweed jacket that is hanging innocently in the wardrobe. Anything that is made of natural fibre is a potential food source for the moth larvae after they hatch. Revoltingly they prefer dirty sweaty clothing and furnishing items that may have dead skin flakes or dried food residue and moisture content on them, so before you put away your clothes ensure they are clean and dry. Once they are fully fledged clothes moths no longer nibble your stuff but they do produce lots of offspring who will need 'dinner'.

To help deter these little pests make sure that the clothes in your cupboards and drawers are clean and store precious, and expensive to replace, woollen and silk items in plastic bags (making sure that the bags are as airtight as possible and have no holes in them as the adult moth will sniff out your sweaters). Scrubbing out your wardrobes, cupboards and drawers with a cloth wrung out in a solution of warm water to which has been added a few drops of tea-tree & eucalyptus & lavender oils will deter the moths as they dislike strong smells, and placing sachets of herbs and spices such as lavender, cloves and cinnamon in with your clothes will also help. Ensure that you vacuum the area around cupboards etc. in case you have inadvertently whisked moth eggs onto carpets or rugs as they will happily munch on the Axminster too!

Commercial dry cleaning will kill any moth eggs and grubs that may be hidden in the folds of clothing but is expensive. To save money, and if you have the space, take your clean, dry garment, put it in a plastic bag and place it in your freezer for a couple of days and any resident moth eggs or grubs will be in no fit state to dine on your clothing!



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.

A favourite plant for many gardeners is the hardy geranium. This is not to be confused with the brightly coloured summer bedding plants which will die in winter and are strictly speaking called Pelargoniums.

Hardy geraniums will come up year after year and need very little in the way of care and attention. They are extremely versatile and can be grown on different soils, some will grow quite happily in shade but they are equally happy in full sun. There is a wide range of colours from deep magenta pink, to mid pink and also pale pink; some are blue or purple and there are white ones too. Many will flower from May right through til October while others flower for shorter periods of time. One of the main bonuses though is that they are very reliable and easy to grow and so are ideal for 'difficult' areas of the garden.

Here are a few of the best

Geranium 'Biokovo' an excellent ground cover plant with pink buds and white flowers, this has good autumn colouring in the leaves. Height 10cms

Geranium renardii this has felty, grey leaves and very pale lilac flowers with darker veins. It is clump forming and makes a good edging plant.

Geranium himalayense 'Plenum' slowly spreading and looking very showy all summer, this one has double purple flowers.

There are hundreds of different varieties to choose from so there should be one to suit everyone.

*Christine Dakin, Bridge Nursery
Tomlow Road, Napton.*

*Tel: 01926 812737
www.bridge-nursery.co.uk*

1/4 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 were supposed to go on a visit to Guilsborough in August but for whatever reason there didn't seem to be much interest so, instead we had a mini-Stockton Open Gardens and everyone had a lovely time.

We started off at Mrs Millidge's house where we drank Pimms and ate savoury nibbles and admired her garden – she has been working very hard and it really looked good, then we all meandered round to Mrs Couchman's garden for a viewing – it's a lovely place; colourful and very creative, we hope that if Open Gardens ever gets going again Sandy might consider showing her 'patch'. Next, to Mrs Sedgley's garden, a real haven, so peaceful and some very interesting plants. We were entertained by Marlene's grand-daughters and their friend with a singing and dancing display – it was lovely.

Next, Mrs Redgrave's Garden, currently undergoing a reconstruction that would be the envy of any professional gardener. The parts that are finished already are lovely and the plans for the bog garden and ponds well underway. Next to Mr Collerson's garden – a series of 'rooms', lots of lovely pots and healthy veg. Across to the school garden; VERY impressive, the children have worked so hard under Howard's supervision and they have fresh produce to sell. If you see a table of veg outside school or Pear Tree cottage, please support their efforts, the funds will buy the seeds etc for next year. Finally, they came to our house – it was almost dusk so the weeds didn't attract too much attention – and then everyone came indoors for tea and cakes. The rains just started as people left. It was a BRILLIANT evening and everyone said how much they had enjoyed themselves.

Next month we are having a talk by the Warwickshire Wild Life Trust on WILDLIFE GARDENS and in October a plant swap (great fun and a splendid way to increase your plant stock at practically no cost). In November we will be making a table decoration for Christmas under Mrs Bennett's auspices; last year we made door wreaths and they were wonderful so we are expecting to excel! And we normally have a Christmas gathering at The Crown.

Of course, you know you are always welcome to join, visitors £2.50 – if you want to try it out first – subs £10 for a full year.

Margaret Powell

Southam Safer Neighbourhood Team

Southam Safer Neighbourhood Team covers Long Itchington Ward, Southam Ward, Stockton & Napton Ward, Fenny Compton Ward and Harbury Ward.

Main telephone number: 01926 684984

Communication

- Southam Police cover an area approximately 100 square miles.
- Almost 20,000 people live in the area.
- The Southam Safer Neighbourhood Team covers the following wards:
- Long Itchington, Southam, Stockton & Napton, Fenny Compton and Harbury.
- The Safer Neighbourhood Team consists of Police Sgt Richard Thomas, Beat manager PC Jim Butler, also on the team is PCSO's Katrina Taylor, Claire Murray, Matt Hodgetts and Ally Streatfield.
- Main switchboard telephone number for Warwickshire Police: **01926 415000**
- When phoning switchboard you need to clearly state that you wish to report an incident and ask for the control room. The control room can identify if an officer needs to attend and what response is needed. The controller can pass on the relevant details to the Safer Neighbourhood Team once if required an incident has been created.
- The controller will ask you relevant questions in relation to the incident. For example they will require address of incident, who is involved, description of offender(s), are they still at the scene.
- Description could be White, male, glasses, 5'9, heavy built, local accent, white jumper, blue jeans, and white trainers driving a green Renault Clio registration number K888 KKK.
- If you wish to report a crime and the offender is not at the scene, ask the main switchboard for Crime Desk.
- Team email address: southam.snt@warwickshire.police.uk
- **Team voicemail: 01926684984 DO NOT USE THIS NUMBER TO REPORT CRIME** if you wish to leave a message for a team member or discuss an issue with a member of the team.





Southam & District Lions Club
Meetings: Galanos House, Southam
1st & 3rd Wednesdays of the month at 8.pm.
www.southamlions.org.uk

Lions 40th Anniversary 1971 – 2001



In May 1971, Southam Lions Club held its formation meeting at the Stoneythorpe Hotel which then became the Lions' base for 32 years. For the past few years the Lions' home has been Galanos House in Southam.

Lion Peter Guy, reckons that the club has raised well over £450k for good causes during this time.

Looking back over the last 40 years Peter has highlighted some interesting facts about the Lions and the fundraising prowess of the members.

Take for example the Southam Carnival – whilst the Lions don't go back to the mid seventeenth century, this is when the carnival actually started with what became known as the 'Godiva Procession'. Judging by some of the comments made by historians to say it became a 'time of rowdiness' is perhaps understating the obvious, but in its present form it represents everything good about a community working together. The Lions have been associated with the Carnival since their inception and it is in the last 30 years or so that they have taken a leading role alongside Rotary and Round Table. The Carnival takes place each year on Spring Bank Holiday Monday and you will see Lions everywhere! Even the Lions Ladies get involved and have a great time building the float and then

decorating themselves on it! One of the first Lion Acts going back some years was to see them dressed as 'Southam Loins' – not a pretty sight! So, what else is there to say? Well, Lions have a great deal of fun and nothing is more true than the banter at the Lions Monthly Furniture Sales. As well as providing a natural market for the sale of furniture, many customers come along just to have a 'look' and a chat! I think that they can all see that the guys are having fun particularly at the customary tea break! Not a good idea to discuss prices with a Lion with a doughnut in his mouth!! A third of the money generated by Southam Lions comes from furniture sales! Dixie Dean is a name so many associate with Lions Furniture Sales and what a great man he was. He died in 2001.

One of our Lions Ken Graham, now sadly departed from this life, was a founder member of Lions in Southam and for 35 years enjoyed immensely organising the Southam Lions Senior Citizens Party. We still put on this party for the seniors of Southam and District with help of course from our Southam Lions Ladies and the generosity of local businesses. It is a lovely occasion and we are looking forward to the next party on September 17th which will be known from now on as the 'Ken Graham Party for Senior Citizens'.

Another Lion who died in recent times was Bill Denis – Bill was our Treasurer for many years right up to his death and was very much involved with the John Turner Festival which again is a popular annual event in early November concentrating on arts and crafts. The JTF, as it has become known, is a legacy enabling Lions to support and help local schools.

Lions have done many different activities to raise money over the years, Giant Jumble Sales come to mind, Raft Building Contests, Swimathons, Barn Dances, Presidents Dances, Quiz's, Race nights etc.

One of the main nights of the year in Southam is the Mop Fair and this night wouldn't be the same without the customary Lions Pig Roast. Do you know that the custom used to be for an ox to be roasted that day and indeed the Southam Lions revived the old tradition of the Ox Roast way back in 1975. The last time an ox was roasted was in October 1991 and ever since then the Lions have cooked a pig. It still is one of the favourite dates on the calendar and Lions can be found ceremoniously carrying the pig from the Co-op and gently preparing the animal ready for the spit! Cooking goes on all day and it is just perfect for the first cut at about 7pm when the Mayor visits. It's then a case of frantically carving, filling the rolls, plenty of apple sauce and stuffing and seeing off the enormous queue of hungry people. To sum up the day close your eyes and smell the delicious aroma of the roasting meat, then join the queue!!

Christmas in Southam wouldn't be the same either without the Lions Christmas Float or indeed Father Christmas giving out chocolate to the children. This is another tradition dating back to 1975 when Southam Lions first introduced the idea of visiting the children in the town and surrounding villages. Since then the

Southam Christmas Lights has added to the fun of the festive season and some of the children back then remember dearly when father Christmas came round and now he visits their children! The reason for doing this is simple, Lions make a difference and in this season of goodwill, Lions will collect money from the trips out which these days is 14 occasions including 3 daytime visits within the town. Each year the monies collected amounts to approximately £4k which is given to children's charities selected by the Lions President for the year.

Lions is more than just a local club raising money for good causes, it is an international organisation with clubs established all over the world. Lions Clubs International is the largest service organisation in the world so you know when you join that tens of thousands of like minded individuals are doing their bit for people less fortunate than themselves. Take the Tsunami in 2004, when the Lions in Southam saw the enormous devastation money was immediately put aside to help the victims. We found out that a club in Droitwich had adopted a village to help directly with the disaster and we then agreed to support a special eye hospital project in Hikkaduwa. The project was for a modest £2k but it meant that the poor people of the village could have life changing 'interocular lens' operations. This became known as 'Seeing through Southam's Eyes' and the project is still ongoing even today! One of our Lions, Steve Hoyle visited Hikkaduwa with his wife earlier this year and he really was very well received by everyone. He was particularly impressed with the children, their education and their behaviour. I guess we were lucky with this project, but the village would be a poorer place without our intervention.

Back to the present! Our 40th Anniversary Dinner and Handover took place on June 17th 2011 and we wanted the people of the area, Southam in particular, but all over the UK to know of who we are and what we all do. Basically, as we have alluded to in the article, we are a bunch of ordinary guys who get on well together and enjoy having fun and friendship. Oh! - and by the way we raise money for good causes! It was great to welcome a former Lion and Founder Club Member Mr Peter Swaby to the Dinner and the local press were quick to link him to the article which was published shortly after the dinner.

If anyone is interested in joining our Club and having a giggle twice a month at meetings, or indeed would like to visit us, then please call

Jim Steele on 01926 813577.

SPORTING STOCKTON



The Half Crown Pétanque Club

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

CHAIR: John Emberton 01926814267

SEC: Rich Powell 01926814284

www.halfcrownpetanque.org.uk

Half Crown Prominent in Regional and National Competitions

Barry & Dianne Scott and their daughter Claire White played as England team 3 in the Home Nations competition on 13/14th August, winning 7 of their 12 games and contributing to a great England victory. They are also selected for the West Midlands Pétanque Association squad to play in the Inter-Regional Championship at Brean Sands, Somerset in September. The Half Crown is providing a total of 12 players for the 40 strong squad - nine of whom will be in the Region's top three teams, including Jerome Rousseau and Sofiane Lachani who, with Herve Bavazzano, recently gained the accolade of England's top triple and will represent England in the European Championships.

Half Crown Open Triples 24th July

Nine triples turned out for the Half Crown Annual Open Triples competition on Sunday 24th July in scorching sunshine. At the conclusion of a six round snake competition there were two teams with five wins, the first prize going to Rich Powell, Ian Brittain and Janet Kimpton who had a superior points difference of +38. Runners up were another mainly Half Crown team – Dave Hancox and Garth Fletcher, playing with David Mason from Whitnash, who ended up on +28.



Club Celebration Party

26 of our 45 club members came along to our Club Celebration Party on Saturday 30th July in blazing sunshine, which permitted play to carry on until almost midnight. We were also joined by some friends from the Whitnash Windmill Pétanque Club and some other guests. An excellent buffet was laid on by The Crown Inn and there was dancing to Frank Court's accordion, mainly by Pat O'Flynn and any female he could tempt to join him on the floor. We held a three

round melee, and the prizes went to the only two unbeaten players – Barry and Dianne Scott.

Open Melee 2nd July

20 players turned out for the July melee and after three rounds four were unbeaten – Ian Brittain (+24), Dianne Scott (+21), Barry Scott (+18) and Dave Hancox (+17).

Open Melee 6th August


18 players turned out for the August melee and after three rounds there was just one unbeaten player – Dave Hancox, who took first prize. There were no less than 9 players who won two games, the best being Natalie Turner with +15 and Barry Scott with +12.

Half Crown Summer League

After 19 weeks, Ian Brittain leads the field with 42 points, followed by Bill Bentley on 28 and Margaret Walker on 26, closely followed by Rosaleen Preston on 25 and John Bradshaw on 24.

West Midlands Summer League

In week 11 of the West Midlands Summer League The Half Crown Knights had a great 4-0 win against Whitnash Oats and now have an unassailable lead at the top of Division 1 with 35 wins from 40 games. The Villagers are half way in Division 2 with 22 wins from 40 games and The Jesters have 14 wins from 40 games.

	STOCKTON JUNIOR CRICKET	
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Stockton Junior Cricket Season Ends for U12's and U14's:

Cricket matches ended for Stockton Juniors at the start of July in frustrating style for both age groups. Stockton U14's game against Kenilworth was abandoned due to rain for a 2nd time resulting in a draw, having lost their previous home games to Stratford by 77 runs and a strong Leamington outfit. Overall though the team have improved on their first season with several players also going on to gain valuable experience with Stockton 1st and 2nd teams which bodes well for the future.

Stockton U12's final home game against Claverdon was a victory due to the away team only attending with 5 available players, and together they proceeded

to play a friendly game of pairs cricket. Prior to this the U12's continued to show great promise and demonstrate how well they had improved in just one season by bowling out a strong Stratford team for 134 runs and going on to bat out their full 20 overs before losing by 78 runs.

We now move on to plan for Winter training and prepare for next seasons fixtures at U15 and U13 level.

Our thanks go out to all those that have helped this season in providing transport and support at away games, hospitality, support and cakes at home games, and a big thank you to our main sponsor Stockton News for their support in providing team kit for our U14's.



STOCKTON F.C. - SUNDAY LEAGUE

Report by Dan Jones



After most of the summer off, pre-season training started at the beginning of the month. With the addition of our newly set up Sunday Reserve side, and friendly fixtures coming thick and fast.

It is full steam ahead before the new season officially starts on Sunday 4th of September. There is a lot of work to be done but all the players attitudes have been first class and they are all working extremely hard to prove their worth.

We would appreciate everyone's support for the forth-coming season and look forward to seeing you at our home games.

With the addition of the reserves we should have one team playing at home most weeks, so please come down and support us.

Friendly Fixtures

21-8-11 – Home Vs Hampton Magna

24-8-11 – Home Vs Warwick Roebucks

Dan Jones



USEFUL INFORMATION



Wheelchair Short-term Loan:- Stockton Church - 815831

Refuse & Recycling

9th & 23rd - **Grey** Lid Bin

2nd, 16th & 30th - **Blue** Lid Bin & **Green** Bin

If bin not collected on collection day then please report it Tel: 01789 267575

Stockton Household Waste Recycling Centre

A426, Rugby Road, Stockton, CV47 8LA

Sat, Sun & Mon 9am - 4.30pm

Mobile Library

Sept 13th

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.

Post Office Services Info

Southam Delivery Office, Southfield Road, Southam CV47 0FF

Tel: 01926 817404

Southam Post Office, Coventry Road, Southam - X Directory

Post Office Customer Service - 08457 740 740



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

- Magnetic wrist bracelet - August 9th
- July 20th - Tax Disc for Kawasaki Motor Bike issued at Long Itchington, valid till 31 05 12

Items not claimed last month to be disposed of at end of September 2011.

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

What help can I get from Warwickshire Direct?

Warwickshire Direct outlets are located within communities, often located with other services, where Warwickshire residents can speak to customer service advisors in person. Customer service advisors are specially trained in the wide range of services on offer and will try to resolve your query. This means that your council business can be dealt with in one place.

Types of services available

Housing benefit

Council tax

Education awards

Housing management

Disabled parking permit (blue badge)

Environmental services, including pest control, street lighting and highways

Trading standards

Electoral registration

Social service, including access to children's services

Registrars

Tourism

Police services available here

Crime and incident reporting

Lost and found property

Putting you in touch with local officers

Access to your local Safer Neighbourhood Team

Reporting anti-social behaviour and noise nuisance

Application for pedlars certificates

Firearms licences

Data protection requests

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

Witness - further information 01789 414111 ext, 4065

Warwickshire Against Domestic Abuse: 08004081552

www.talk2someone.org.uk

Southam Safer Neighbourhood Team:- Safer Neighbourhood Team will continue to operate out of the police station. No public access.

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

Address: Warwickshire Direct Southam, High Street, Southam CV47 0HB

Telephone: 01926 812366

N.H.S. Direct 08454647

Warwick Hospital 01926495321

Stowe Drive Surgery 08444773620

St. Wulfstan Surgery 01926810939

Southam Chemist 01926812287

Stratford Council 01789267575

Home Choice Plus 01789260861

Recycling 01789260616

Council Tax 01789260990

Home Woodchipping Service 01926738827

Electricity - 0800 056 8090 - Reporting loss of supply and Emergency

Gas - 0800 111 999 - Reporting smell of Gas

Water and Sewerage - 0800 783 4444

Citizens Advice Bureau - Southam Library - Tuesdays 10.00 am - 1pm

Prior appointment only service - 01789 200136

Member of Parliament for Kenilworth and Southam District - Jeremy Wright

www.jeremywrightmp.co.uk

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		Sheena Bennett	819070
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		Chris Millidge	812991
		Steve Kittendorf	812491
		James Neal	811349
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	Church Flowers	Judy Osborne	813579
	Stockton Rockz	Jane Langdon	815416
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		Emma Legg	814687
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		Margaret Powell	812022
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**Safer Neighbourhoods
Police drop in session**

Southam Safer Neighbourhood Team Community Surgery

September - 1st, 15th & 29th

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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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.