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8.) We will try to print anything that wont land us up in court 9.) We do not endorse ALL the views expressed. 10.) We don't judge between those in dispute. 11.) We want to provide news, views, opinions and reports. We do not want to be unfair, biased, censorious or condemnatory.

Airing a view is an opinion but a continual airing of that view and/or it's opposite becomes an argument.

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DIARY DATES



3rd Coffee Morning with Archives ~ Village Hall ~ 10am - 12 noon
Galanos House Summer Fete ~ 10am - 4.00pm see page 16
Stockton Petanque Open Melee

5th W.I. ~ Nelson Club ~ 7.30pm

6th Brewed Awakening ~ Nelson Club ~ 9.00am - 12 Noon
Village Hall A.G.M. ~ 6.00pm

14th Friends Lunch Club ~ The Crown ~ 12.30pm
Long Itchington History Group ~ see page 19

15th Afternoon Bingo ~ Nelson Club ~ 1.30pm

16th Rhythm Street ~ Nelson Club
Charity Quiz Night ~ 7.30pm (Upstairs)

18th Drive It Day ~ Nelson Club

19th **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ~ VILLAGE HALL ~ 7.15pm**

24th Film Club ~ Village Hall ~ 7.00pm
Intruders ~ Nelson Club

27th Folk Night ~ Nelson Club

30th Dementia Café ~ Galanos House ~ 2.30pm ~ see page 17



VILLAGE BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



Happy Birthday wishes go to Daisy Fletcher, Josh Woodhall, Sophie Canning, Tia Broderick, Holly Robinson, Marty Woodward, Leila Scott, Joel Enston, Harley Cordner-Young, Bill Biddle, Ebony Haymes, Kim Rowe, Dion Tulloch, Jessica Neal-Brooks, Olivia White, Molly Versey, Jasmine Legg, Louis Etienne, Nick Watkins, Toby Bousfield, Arianna Bryers, Ros Harvey, Ami Jerger, Chloe Neal-Brooks, Francesca Rossiter, Lacey Chatland, Eloise Thomas, James Jarvis, Hazel Newman, Alfie Williams.

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Stockton Church 16th September ~ 2.20 - 2.40pm

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VILLAGE MATTERS

To have your news included please

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

Results of the Stockton Produce Show 2022

Class	1st	2nd	3rd
VEGETABLES V1 - 3 potatoes of one colour. Either white or red	-	-	-
V2 - 3 carrots, tops trimmed to 4 ins.	Tom Lowe	School Garden	John Paxton
V3 - 3 courgettes	Chris Millidge	Anthea Knight	John Paxton
V4 - 5 tomatoes, small or cherry	Anthea Knight	Trudy Windsor	Mary Lee
V5 - 5 tomatoes medium/large	John Paxton	Tom Lowe	Trudy Windsor
V6 - 3 peppers of the same type either sweet or chilli	Tom Lowe	-	-
V7 - 1 lettuce	John Paxton	-	-
V8 - 1 cucumber	C. Millidge	-	-
V9 - 6 beans, dwarf or French	Anthea Knight	John Paxton	Sandi Couchman
V10 - 6 beans, runner	John Paxton	Sue Gill	-
V11 - Longest runner bean	Alwyn Farran	Sue Gill	Trudi Windsor
V12 - Display of vegetables on a plate, up to 5 varieties	School Garden	Tom Lowe	-
V.13 - 1 wonky vegetable- the most amusingly shaped vegetable	John Paxton	Tom Lowe	-

Class	1st	2nd	3rd
FRUIT			
F1 - 3 dessert apples	Wendy Burrows	Sandi Couchman	-
F2 - 3 pears	Wendy Burrows	Sue Gill	Gemma Jeff
F3 - 6 plums	Ashley Leeman	Margaret Redgrave	-
F5 - 10 blackberries	Wendy Burrows	Liz Donovan	-
F6 - 1 display of fruit on a plate, minimum 3 varieties.	Chris Milledge	-	-
FLOWERS			
FL1 - 3 roses in a vase, mixed varieties	Mary Lee	Sue Flegg	Margaret Redgrave
FL2 - 1 vase of mixed flowers, minimum 5 varieties	Sue Flegg	Mary Lee	School Garden
FL4 - 3 Dahlias	Edna Noon	School Garden	Trudi Windsor
BAKING, JAMS & PRESERVES			
B1 - 1 Victoria sponge 7"	Diane Emberton	Margaret Redgrave	Sue Flegg
B3 - 3 decorated cup cakes - theme Royalty	1st Margaret Redgrave	1st Holly Redgrave	-
B4 - 3 homemade biscuits	Sue Flegg	Diane Emberton	-
B5 - 3 Scones - any variety	Wendy Burrows	Sandi Couchman	Sue Flegg
B6 - 1 pot of home-made soft fruit jam (e.g. strawberry, raspberry)	Sue Collerson	Mary Lee	Chris Millidge

Class	1st	2nd	3rd
B7 - 1 pot of homemade stone fruit jam (e.g. plum)	Mary Lee	Sue Collerson	-
B8 - 1 pot of homemade marmalade	Anthea Knight	-	-
B9 - 1 pot of homemade chutney or pickle	Tom Lowe	-	-
CHILDREN 5 Yrs AND UNDER			
C1 - Animal or monster made from a selection of fruit and/or vegetables	George Leeman	-	-
CHILDREN 6 - 12 YEARS			
C3 - Animal or monster made from a selection of fruit and/or vegetables	Harrison Coombs	Emily Leeman	-
C4 - 1 decorated cup cake, any theme.	Finlay Coombs	-	-

STOCKTON LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

The first meeting of the new Stockton Local History Group was held in the village hall on 5 August to discuss the various ways in which the group could go forward. The importance of the material held by Stocktons News Archives was emphasised and ways of digitising these records were discussed. Some voice recordings exist from Cyril Monk and Josie Hancox but if anybody else in the village has recordings please let us know. The same goes for any written personal histories. There seemed to be the most interest in the histories of village families and also the significant buildings such as farmhouses, Stockton House, St. Michael's Church, the Methodist Chapel, etc.

The next meeting will be held on Monday 10th October at 7pm in the village hall and the theme will be Elm Row. If you have any personal recollections of the houses or the people who lived there please come along. If you live in Elm Row now you could find out about the people who lived in your house 100 years ago. We will be displaying lots of photographs of Elm Row together with census data, family histories, etc.

Howard Collerson 813181

Wendy Rumsey 813730

Marion Stringer 812887

Defibrillator update

To remind everyone, we have a village defibrillator located in the red telephone box in The Square. The defibrillator is very easy to use and is in a rotate cabinet to allow quick access. If anyone would like to see how to open the cabinet and to use the Defibrillator please contact me as either I or one of our volunteers will be happy to show you.

If you use the Defibrillator or have been asked to collect it by the Ambulance Service, can you please let me or the Parish Council know afterwards as we can arrange collection and replacement pads. If it is not used it can be returned to the Telephone box, but please let me know as it will need to be re registered with the Ambulance Service as being active.

Although the defibrillator is for adults it can be used on children over 8yrs of age. One of our volunteers has kindly offered to purchase paediatric pads which can be used on babies and younger children if needed but research suggests the use and requirement for such pads is extremely rare. If anyone would like to discuss this or feel they have a vulnerable child and would potentially benefit from such pads being available then please contact me. All information will remain confidential.

Sue Coutts

sue.coutts@hotmail.co.uk

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Upgrading landlines to digital technology – what you need to know

The technology that we use to make landline phone calls is due to be upgraded over the next few years but what does this mean for you as a landline customer?

Traditionally, landline phone calls have been delivered over the old ‘copper’ telephone network known as the Public Switched Telephone Network (PSTN). However, the equipment used in the PSTN was developed and installed in the 1980’s and is becoming harder and increasingly more expensive to maintain. BT has therefore taken the decision to retire the PSTN by the end of December 2025. Telecoms providers have been investing heavily in new systems and infrastructure networks such as full fibre, which means that in the future, landline calls can be delivered via digital technology called Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP), which uses a broadband connection.

Your landline provider will contact you well in advance of when the process to start migrating your old landline to your new telephone service will apply

to you and your property.

Once a home service is moved from PSTN to VoIP, the phone will generally work in the same way as it always has, but it will need to be plugged into a broadband router instead of into the phone socket on your wall. If you need any new equipment – e.g. a new router, your provider should sort this out for you. This change from PSTN to VoIP will affect other devices that rely on a phone line – such as some fire and burglar alarm systems and telecare devices. It is therefore important that you mention those devices to your provider and check if they need to be replaced or reconfigured in order to continue working when they notify you that your service is to be migrated.

Once the PSTN is switched off, if you wish to continue having a landline phone, but don't already have broadband or don't use a broadband service, you will generally still need to have a suitable connection. Ofcom expects that providers will have a range of options for people in this situation.

However, as VoIP services will operate successfully on broadband connections of less than 1Mbps, customers should not be forced to take out a high-speed broadband package if they do not want to.

One issue with VoIP that has raised concerns with residents is what happens during a power cut at your property? A phone connected to a broadband router wouldn't work as it gets its power from the property's mains electricity supply. So what if you needed to call the emergency services?

If you rely on your landline – for example, you don't have a mobile phone, are unable to use a mobile phone or you don't have a mobile signal inside your home – your ISP must make sure that you are able to contact the emergency services in the event of a power cut. This could be in the form of battery back-up so that your landline will continue to work for the minimum of at least 1 hour.

However, since the end of 2018, Ofcom's published guidance states an expectation to 'recommend only providing battery back-up or other protection facilities to vulnerable consumers.' If you would still quite like the option of a back-up solution but aren't in a vulnerable group, ISP Review's Solutions for Battery Back-up of Fibre Broadband and VoIP article provides you with some options.

If you have any further queries or concerns about the migration to VoIP technology, we suggest you contact your landline or broadband provider in the first instance. More information is also available at the Future of Voice website.

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Dementia Café

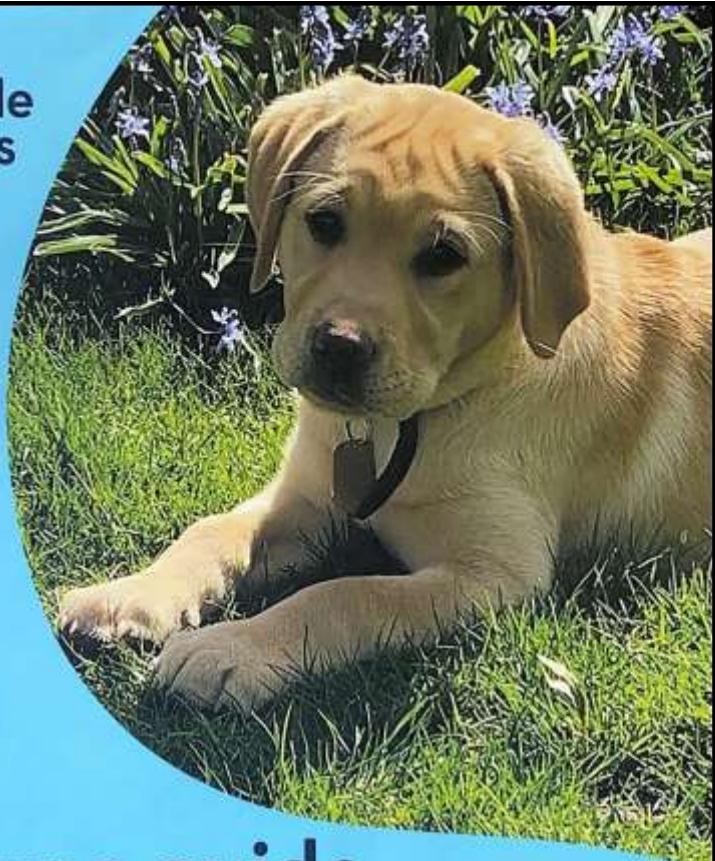
Join us at The Community Hub & Café (next to Galanos House)

Our dementia café support group welcomes people with dementia and their carers to meet in a safe and welcoming environment. The group is open to everyone and is a great opportunity to meet others and share experiences. There will be volunteers on hand to offer support and practical advice.

Next Dates (Last Friday of every month)
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We are grateful to all the teens who attended our pizza night on 20th July.

Stockton Primary School P.T.A.

Chair: Sarah Lloyd-Moss **Secretary:** Lucy Boyden **Treasurer:** Emma Baldwin

Email: stocktonprimaryschoolpta@gmail.com

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On Thursday 16th June the children enjoyed the family picnic and sports day, the weather was beautiful. The PTA supplied each child with an ice pop to cool down, they were very well received. We had a wonderful time watching the children support each other in their race's.

Frozen Fridays are proving very popular on the playground.

The PTA would like to wish the year 6 children the best of luck as they move on to their chosen high school.

We are very much looking forward to the summer holidays and wish everyone a fantastic summer.

Kind Regards,

Lucy Boyden

LONG ITCHINGTON HISTORY GROUP

SEPTEMBER MEETING AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE.

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Priors Hardwick	9.00am BCP Communion	5.00pm Patronal Festival Evensong	9.00am Morning Worship	
Worm leighton		9.00am BCP Communion		10.30am Harvest Festival
Lower Shuckburgh				Wednesday 28th at 10.00am Midweek BCP Communion
Napton	10.30am CW Communion	10.30am Morning Worship	10.30am CW Communion by extension	4.00pm Harvest Festival
Stockton	10.30am Morning Worship	10.30am Methodist Communion	4.00pm Messy Church	10.30am CW Communion
Priors Marston	10.30am Morning Worship	10.30am CW Communion	10.30am Morning Worship	10.30am Morning Worship

Letter from Rev. Gillian Roberts

New beginnings

September is the time we usually reflect on new beginnings for the children and young people starting a new phase of their education – either nursery, primary, secondary school, college or university. Facebook will be full of pictures of them standing by their front door in their smart new (usually too large) uniform! It can be quite daunting, as well as exciting, as they make new friends, find their way around new places and enjoy new experiences. Our thoughts and prayers are with them all.

We are also trying a new initiative at church: “Forest Church” - to help people make a deeper connection with God through nature. We hope it will help us re-engage with the land, the seasons, the source of our food and to celebrate local crafts etc. It’s about being attentive to the environment – valuing God’s creation and being aware of the damage we are causing to the natural world. It’s also about finding a sacred space where we can encounter God, to experience a sense of awe in nature. Look out for details of our plans to celebrate the autumn equinox.

This September, we are also expecting a new leader of our nation, a new prime minister, to take us in a new direction. I wonder what you expect of that new leader? I hope they will model British values – which are generally based on Christian values. And they wouldn’t go far wrong if they were to model their lives on that of Jesus. In order to achieve that, they should be attentive and engage with others – whatever their background. They should have empathy and compassion for the marginalised and exploited. They should stand up for justice and equality. They should have integrity, authenticity and credibility in order to earn our trust. And they should have a genuine love for others and be committed to the well-being of all God’s people. I think that might be a good start!

“When Jesus saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless.” [Matthew 9:36]

*God bless,
Gillian*

The Bridges group NOTICE BOARD

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Babies & Toddlers Group: Monday mornings from 9.30 – 11am (term times) in Napton Village Hall – for further details, contact: Helen Eadon on 07811 010440

Messy Church – on 3rd Sundays of the month at 4pm in Stockton Church

Mid-week programme for Adults - Home Bible Study Groups

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

Every Wednesday at 8pm in Stockton	Gillian	01926 815831
1 st & 3 rd Thursdays at 2.30pm in Stockton	Jan	01926 817991
Every Thursday at 8pm in Napton	Julia	01926 811476
Weekly (day varies) at 7.30pm in Napton	Angie	01926 812225

Social get-togethers

Knit & Natter: Mondays at 2pm in Stockton Church	Jan	01926 817991
Knit & Natter: Mondays at 2pm in Napton	Jayne	01926 813227
Coffee & Chat: 1 st Thursdays at 10am in Priors Hall	Anna	07870 685124

Parish enquiries

For initial enquiries about baptisms, weddings, funerals and graveyard matters etc, please contact Susan, our Group Administrator, on 01926 812383 or email: admin@thebridgesgroup.org.uk. Please note that Susan works part-time but she will get back to you as quickly as she can.

See elsewhere in the magazine for details of other church activities & events or visit our website: www.thebridgesgroup.org.uk



**News From Your Warwickshire County Councillor
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YOUR LOCAL COUNCILLOR UPDATE FOR STOCKTON NEWS

These reports are done with the best of intentions – make of them what you will. Undoubtedly some may disagree with my comments in this report but that is their choice.

KEY BORED WARRIORs -I've borrowed this phrase from someone on Facebook this week. Recently there have been some anonymous/group member posts criticising local firms/organisations (criticism that I personally didn't think was justified – in my opinion) I think those people need to have the courage of their convictions and put their name to the criticism - better still speak to those organisations directly. Both times the comments could have been modified to ask a question in a fair but challenging way – #Be Kind seems to have gone out of the window.

With the hot conditions and the ground being parched – WF&RS are advising not to burn waste in the garden or allotment (heard an anecdote of an allotment fire being left unattended) and not to use disposable BBQs in parks, fields etc These conditions/drought etc may continue for a good while so continue to be careful please.

Again I've heard tales of people swimming (and diving into) in quarries locally – please advise family and friends not to.

Why is cold water shock dangerous?

Anything below 15°C is defined as cold water and can seriously affect your breathing and movement, so the risk is significant most of the year.

Average UK and Ireland sea temperatures are just 12°C. Rivers such as the Thames are colder - even in the summer.

How does it happen and what are the cold water shock symptoms?

Cold water shock causes the blood vessels in the skin to close, which increases the resistance of blood flow. Heart rate is also increased. As a result the heart has to work harder and your blood pressure goes up. Cold water shock can therefore cause heart attacks, even in the relatively young and healthy.

The sudden cooling of the skin by cold water also causes an involuntary gasp for breath. Breathing rates can change uncontrollably, sometimes increasing as much as tenfold. All these responses contribute to a feeling of panic, increasing the chance of inhaling water directly into the lungs.

Notification of **POSTPONED WORKS**: Upcoming BT Openreach improvement works near Ufton, Warwickshire FROM HS2

With reference to my e-notification below of 1st August 2022, there are some discrepancies in the notification we have issued and the way the work is now planned. So in light of these, next week's work has been suspended and will be deferred until after the August Bank Holiday weekend.

Please accept apologies for the confusion and inconvenience caused.

Lack of water locally –

- In an incident, stw hand deliver bottled water to people on this register. Residents can register here: <https://www.stwater.co.uk/get-in-touch/join-our-priority-services-register/>

Pensioners struggling with household costs

Older people in receipt of Pension Credit will receive a contribution toward food and fuel this summer from Warwickshire County Council.

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/3066/help-for-warwickshire-pensioners-struggling-with-household-costs>

We know that sudden unexpected costs can create real challenges for people experiencing financial hardship. If this is you or anyone you know, help is available.

www.warwickshire.gov.uk/localwelfarescheme

For practical and wellbeing support go call the hotline 0800 408 1447 or go to www.warwickshire.gov.uk/coronavirusvulnerable

The Warwickshire Local Welfare Scheme supports the most vulnerable residents at times of unavoidable crisis when they have no other means of help. The scheme provides basic and essential help for food and energy in the form of emergency food parcels or credit for energy. Call 0800 408 1448.

If you're finding it hard to feed your family help and advice is online at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/foodsupport and

www.warwickshire.gov.uk/foodbanks

For people struggling to afford heating bills, Act on Energy provides free advice on energy efficiency and grants and projects available in your area to help keep you warm this winter.

Find out more at <https://actonenergy.org.uk/>

WFRS – Community Consultation – please respond if you can.

The consultation runs from 4 July to 25 September and can be found at: <http://ask.warwickshire.gov.uk>.

Respect your country parks

Burton Dassett Hills Country Park continues to face damage to the park and livestock and park rangers are asking the public to take care to help preserve this and the county's other green spaces.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/3161/warwickshire-country-park-rangers-plead-with-visitors-to-respect-parks>

Extra support for secondary school applications

Parents and carers of children who will be starting Year 6 in September are being given extra support to prepare for their child's application to secondary school in the autumn.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/3099/warwickshire->

parents-and-carers-given-extra-support-to-get-ready-for-secondary-school-applications

A plastic-free future

With Plastic Free July now ended, Warwickshire County Council is encouraging residents to continue to make positive steps to reduce their use of single-use plastics.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/3162/be-a-part-of-the-solution-beyond-plastic-free-july-2022>

Stay well this summer

Looking after ourselves by being safe in the sun and focussing on our physical and mental health are all important to support our wellbeing.

Find out how you can stay well this summer: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/3163/staying-well-this-summer->

Helping residents with living costs

Warwickshire residents can find information to help them to live well from Warwickshire County Council.

Find out more about the support available: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/3169/helping-residents-with-living-costs->

WFRS Wholetime Firefighter Recruitment

Morgan Amed, a recent Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service recruit shares his journey as recruitment for Warwickshire whole time firefighters opens.

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/3147/warwickshire-fire-rescue-service-now-taking-applications-for-wholetime-firefighters>

Summer Holiday Activities and Food

The Government's Holiday Activities and Food programme (HAF) is available once again this summer throughout the county and some activity providers still have spaces.

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/3149/it-s-not-too-late-to-book-onto-summer-activities-available-for-eligible-warwickshire-children>

Stray Bale Bike for the Commonwealth Games

New, if temporary, landmark appears in Warwick Castle Farm Park for the Birmingham 2022 cycling Road Races.

Find out more about this amazing story: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/3186/warwick-s-straw-bale-bike-for-the-birmingham-2022-road-races>

Wheels for wellbeing

If you're looking to take up cycling, Wheels for Wellbeing's useful guide showcases a great range of inclusive cycles including two, three and four wheelers, hand cycles and wheelchair cycles.

Visit: <http://ow.ly/iI350K4Ei2>

Multiply Call for Projects webinar

Adults looking to improve their numeracy skills are set to benefit from a £270 million investment in new courses, helping to level up opportunities for more people to progress and get well-paid jobs.

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/3181/multiply-call-for-projects-webinar>

Saving Water this Summer

Did you know emptying and refilling your paddling pool every day for a week could use up to 3,700 litres of water!

Become a paddling pool pro and help to save water and look after the environment. For more hints & tips head over to the website: <http://ms.spr.ly/6018jGIK2>

Warwickshire Libraries Young Poet Laureate

Could you be Warwickshire Libraries next Young Poet Laureate?

This is a unique opportunity for a young person aged 13 - 17 years to develop their writing skills and take part in events and activities under the mentorship of a professional poet.

Find out more at <http://warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/3082/could-you-be-warwickshire-libraries-next-young-poet-laureate>

Heatwave advice – Stay cool and hydrated

In light of the upcoming heatwave, which starts from today and runs until the weekend, please do stay cool and hydrated. Apply sunscreen, stay in the shade and avoid the sun between 11am – 3pm, when the UV rays are strongest.

For tips please go to <https://www.metoffice.gov.uk/weather/warnings-and-advice/seasonal-advice/health-wellbeing/tips-for-keeping-older-people-cool>

Heatwave advice - heat exhaustion or heatstroke

If you or someone else feels unwell with a high temperature during hot weather or after physical exertion, you may have a heat-related illnesses such as heat exhaustion or heatstroke.

To find out more please go to: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/heat-exhaustion-heatstroke/>

PAVEMENT PARKING/PARK IT RIGHT –

Every week, I get reports of some terrible parking – with cars blocking pavements (especially dropped kerbs), making it impossible for people with mobility scooters or with push chairs to get by, without going into the road. In some cases, too, emergency services vehicles (particularly fire appliances) would struggle to pass. PLEASE THINK OF OTHER PEOPLE, NOT JUST

YOURSELF I've made the new Beat Manager aware of parking issues in Stockton (recently she issued 15 tickets in Southam for parking violations).

RECENTLY THE CONTRACTORS RESURFACING THE A426 PARKED IN PLACES MAKING IT DIFFICULT TO EMERGE SAFELY FROM THE CROSSROADS – After a few emails , they were quickly moved .

ASB– PLEASE REPORT ANY ASB , however trivial it may seem. Small incidents can lead to bigger ones, so better to stop them before they escalate .Also, the more calls/incidents the Police have, the sooner they will realise there is a problem in a certain area – particularly around the park/scout field etc. PLEASE ALSO ENSURE YOUR PROPERTY AND CAR IS LOCKED AND SECURE.

Reporting out of hours highways issues can be challenging, the best number

for that is 01926 415000.

streetlighting@warwickshire.gov.uk or 01926 412515 (not all are currently owned by WCC – some owned by town or parish council.)
https://www.fixmystreet.com/reports/Warwickshire

It is worth noting for future reference that anything immediately dangerous on the highway should be reported direct to the Police on 999, which is the same process for any pressing issue Out of Hours.

During normal office hours - 8:30am to 4:30pm, WCC call centre is best on 01926 412515

Driving/Speeding

ALL ROADS ARE AN ACCIDENT WAITING TO HAPPEN, NO ROAD CAN EVER BE MADE ACCIDENT PROOF AND WHILST SPEED IS A FACTOR IN ACCIDENTS , DRIVING WITH OUT DUE CARE AND DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE ARE MAJOR FACTORS TOO.

Councillor groans –

I grew up in a rough area - as a child the local bullies would cover me in chocolate and cream and put a cherry on my head. It was tough in the gateaux. Does anyone know if it's legal to eat poached salmon?

I just read a report on the effects of Beavers on the environment, it was pretty Damming.

Kind regards

Andy

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From your Stratford District Councillor

Louis Adam

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The most impactful thing at district level is the totally unacceptable amount of missed bin collections over the past few weeks.

The new 123+ system was introduced at the beginning of August which changed the regularity of collections and introduced the new food waste caddy. But it also led to our area being serviced by new Biffa contractors working out of a Warwick depot, being that SDC & WDC partnered for the contract.

These changes, along with impacts from the weather, staff shortages and inadequate new equipment have led to a chaotic and unreliable system of collection that has still not been fixed. Also due to the temperatures and length of time waste has been standing, insect infestations have been widespread.

I am furious at the appalling service we have had to endure and have been in regular contact with both officers and the, now new, portfolio holder to try and rectify this for residents.

I have been helped by people keeping me up to date with missed collections so that I can pass this on and have them addressed, thank you.

There are clearly issues with communication as Biffa reported no missed collections when so many were reported and still outstanding. I believe this has now been identified due to my complaints and the missed collections that people have reported will now be registered like they should have been.

The best advice I can give is to continue to report missed collections, via the app if possible, and to leave missed bins out until they are collected. I know this is frustrating and I will continue to push for this service to be fixed until it is.

Create and Play in the Church ~ CV47 8JG

Tuesday - Term Time Only - 9.30 til 11.00am

Contact: email: deborahduttoncreative@gmail.com Tel: 01926 819016

All sessions suitable for all under-fives, including babies who can find things to discover, hold and investigate, all parents and carers welcome.

Dear all, what a long time no see. As some of you may know I have been lounging around all summer with a broken ankle, it is much improved. However I am delaying the start back of create and play until I am fit enough to move pews about and am more agile . So currently I am sorting a lot of other stuff out and plan to re commence create and play on Tuesday 19th September.

Meanwhile I know some of you are been attending the holiday lunches and we would welcome feedback on this.



STOCKTON'S WEATHER STATION



STOCKTON'S WEATHER STATION - JUNE 2022

Headlines - Wetter, warmer and sunnier than normal.

The **average minimum temperature** was 11.6 deg. C, one degree above the average (10.5 deg. C). The lowest temperature was 8.0 deg. C on the 18th June. The **average maximum temperature** was 21.8 deg. C, two degrees above the average (19.8 deg. C) The highest temperature was 30.5 deg.C on the 17th.

Rainfall, at 62.5 mm was 10 % above the average (57mm) and nearly half of this (25mm) fell on 5th. It only rained on 9 days. **Sunshine** levels have been above normal recording 10% more than the long term averages. The **wind** blew mostly from the north-west, west and south-west (24 days).

Trivia of the month - a month of contrasts with the highest temperature of 30.5 deg C on the 17th followed two days later by a high of only 14.0 deg C. Also a string of 17 rainless days between 10th and 26th broken by 20mm of rain on the 18th.

STOCKTON'S WEATHER STATION - JULY 2022

Headlines - locally the hottest day ever recorded - 37.6 deg C on 19th July.

The **average minimum temperature** was 14.2 deg.C, nearly two degrees above the average (12.6 deg.). The lowest temperate was 9.5 deg. C on the 2nd. The **average maximum temperature** was 24.8 deg. C nearly three degrees above the average (22.0 deg.) and the hottest temperature was 37.6 deg. C on the 19th July. **Rainfall**, at 15.5 mm, was only 26% of the July average of 59 mm and it rained on 10 days, mostly in the first and last weeks. The wettest day was 2nd with 6mm. **Sunshine** was 8% higher than our normal July levels. The **wind** blew mostly from north-west, west and south-west (25 days)

Trivia of the month

The five hottest days recorded locally -

37.8 deg C on 19 July 2022

37.0 deg C on 18 July 2022

34.7 deg C on 25 July 2019

33.9 deg C on 1 July 2015

33.8 deg C on 21 July 2020

STOCKTON VILLAGE HALL

Bookings - Helen Kittendorf Tel: 815376 helenkittendorf@hotmail.co.uk
Hourly Rate £7.50p

“Wow” can you believe August is almost done, meaning the ‘Ber’ months are just around the corner.

Summer is not over yet, with bank holiday weekend festivities still to be enjoyed, along with the sunshine and warmth.

The village hall will be open for tea, coffee and biscuits on 27/08/22 from 10.00am – 12.30pm, the perfect place to grab a cuppa and purchase your map before setting off on the scarecrow trail.

Unfortunately there will be no ‘Film night’ at the end of August, due to the bank holiday activities. We will, however be back in September with the launch of our very own “film Club” which will allow a greater control of the films to be shown. We will no longer be advertising the film night, all communication will be done by email or phone, so if you don’t want to miss out and you want to receive details of dates times and film; please make sure you have registered your email address or telephone number with Steve on stevekittendorf@hotmail.co.uk, or on 815376

If you enjoy cakes why not join us for our coffee morning, on the first Saturday of the month, with lots of..... you guessed it.... delicious cakes on offer to cater for everyone including those who require Gluten free. The next one being 3rd September. Hope to see you then.

The Friends Lunch Club continues to be a big success and continues to run once a month. The Carvery offered by the Crown Inn, for our meal is delicious and there is pudding too! The next meet up is 14th September, there are limited spaces so don’t forget to book your seat with Val on 814640. Raffle tickets are available, and the prize is your Lunch club meal paid for.

We are currently looking for someone to join the team, so watch out for the flyers if you are interested in joining in.

The village hall AGM will be held 6th September 2022, in the Village Hall @ 6.00pm. This is open to the public so if you are curious about us, do come and join us.

The village hall is available for hire, please contact Helen to discuss your booking needs on 815376.

Stop Press: Higher rates will be increased from 1st October



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All I can think about at the moment (10th August) is watering and trying to stay cool. Keeping the plants in the nursery alive is the main priority and a close second are the garden plants. We have had no water due to burst mains on three days during the heatwave which causes me considerable anxiety. It will inevitably mean that there will be some casualties. There may also be a shortage of produce for all the local village shows not to mention a reduction of fruit and veg to harvest by commercial growers. More imports?

The highest temperature in one of the tunnels was 46.9 degrees on 12th July, needless to say I didn't linger very long in that intense heat.

I wonder if we should review what plants we grow and how we grow them. Warmer, wetter winters and hotter, drier summers could force this on us. Mulching borders with compost, bark chips or grass clippings would help retain any moisture in the soil as would densely planted areas. Is it an opportunity to grow more exotic plants? But please don't give up on lawns in favour of plastic grass. It heats up in hot weather making too hot to walk on. I've seen photos of weeds growing on it so not the maintenance free option people think it is.

I'm off to do a rain dance, so I'll take the blame if we get non-stop rain.



Southam Gardening Club

thesouthamgardeningclub.blogspot.co.uk

Tel: 01926 813986 or 815086.



Colin Ward will give an illustrated talk entitled
'Looking good at the moment'

at 7:30pm on Monday 19th September

at the Graham Adams Centre, St James Rd., Southam.

All are welcome. Non-members £3.50. Refreshments included.
Further information: thesouthamgardeningclub.blogspot.co.uk
or tel 01926 813986 or 815086.



WOMENS INSTITUTE

Meeting 7.30pm at Nelson Club first Monday of Month
President:- Sue Gill Tel: 01926 460278
Secretary: Joan Ford Tel: 01926 810220



The sun has certainly been shining during our WI summer break! Unfortunately the Group meeting at Napton had to be postponed due to the extreme heat of 40 degrees (that's a sentence I've never typed before) and will now take place in September.

In July a large party of us attended the Annual Federation Meeting at Dallas Burston. The room looked amazing with round tables with snowy white cloths and beautiful chandeliers. There were lots of stalls selling clothes, jewellery, handbags and ornaments etc.

All of the Officers came into the hall and took their places to the tune of Queen's, We Will Rock You. The first time I went it took me completely by surprise, the loud music, the clapping and a bit of arms waving in the air! Not what I expected from the WI!

John Johnson of Johnson Coaches, who are our sponsors, then gave a talk and he was a very good humorous speaker.

The morning's Speaker was Lesley Smith who many WI members have seen when she takes on the various roles she portrays in history, Elizabeth I, Nell Gwynne, Margaret Thatcher etc. She was an incredible speaker covering her life both personal and professional. She was brilliant and when she finished she had a standing ovation and members stayed standing as she walked through the tables to the exit. Lesley Smith is certainly to be recommended if you see her talk being advertised locally.

Richard Cole spoke during the afternoon. He also was very good, talking about his early life in London, meeting Jimmy Sommerville, joining Bronski Beat and then forming the Communards together. He told us how he went to college to study Theology and the various Parishes he had been Vicar of. Richard has now retired to Sussex.

The new Board of Trustees was introduced and lots of other WI business. It was a really good day.

We are now organising the Stockton Produce Show although the drought in August is playing havoc with our plans but we hope for the best. Our scarecrow is prepared and we are ready to bake! Our next meeting will be **Monday 5th September at 7.30 pm**, upstairs at the Nelson Club when our speaker is Steve Allan - Musical History Part II. Steve plays guitar with music from the period of time in history he is telling us about whilst showing us old photographs. Part I was absolutely fascinating so this is not one to miss. The competition is an item representing an interesting time in our later year



First Stockton Scout Group

Group Scout Leader Jo Brough Tel: 01926954940 07568 653158
email..jo.brough@warwickshirescouts.org.uk

We were very busy before breaking up for summer!

Members from all sections attended Get In Camp 2022. Along with more than 4,000 other young people from Warwickshire Scouting, they enjoyed lots of activities including archery, cycle smoothies, water rockets, giant inflatable obstacle courses, caving, and axe throwing!

To celebrate Her Majesty's Platinum

Jubilee, Beavers created a huge mural of the Queen! Frankie, Freddie, Henry, Jaxon, Neve and Phoebe were enrolled and Tim and Tia were presented with their Chief Scout Bronze Award, the highest badge in Beavers.

We also had our annual hike to the chip shop in Southampton!



Cubs have been learning all about traditional tracking skills using sticks and stones.

Scouts have been looking at creating their own Dungeons and Dragons characters as part of their creative and team work badges.

We are all now looking forward to seeing everyone in September for more fun. The aim of Scouting is to provide "fun, adventure and skills for life and give young people the opportunity to enjoy new adventures, experience outdoors and take part in a range of creative, community and international activities, interact with others, make new friends, gain confidence and have the opportunity to reach their full potential".

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Faith (aka Clumsy Beaver) recently performed on stage at the London Apollo as part of Gang Show 90, along with 140 other Scouts & Guides from all over the country. This was a one off show to celebrate 90 years of Gang Shows. Faith will be leaving us to attend University in September but will be back for visits!

If you would like to help our local young people to achieve #skillsforlife, please get in touch. Contact details can be found in the magazine.



WI Social – 14th July

10 ladies from Stockton WI met on the afternoon of 14th July in bright sunshine for a friendly pairs competition which was won by Marion Stringer and Sandi Couchman, followed by tea and cake in the clubhouse.

Heart of England Summer League

This was played every Wednesday evening and reached its conclusion on 27th July. After a good start, Stockton Knights suffered some bad results towards the end and finished 6th out of 8 in Division 1. Stockton Yeomen challenged for the top spot in Division 2 all season, but finished 2nd and should be promoted to Division 1 next year.

Melees

There was a disappointing turnout of just eight players for the 2nd July melee due to holidays. After three rounds there were three unbeaten players - Becky Rushton taking the honours with a +30 points advantage. Dave Hancox was second with +26 and Diane Emberton was third with +24.

The August melee was much better with 20 players turning out on very a hot day. Once again there were just three unbeaten players after three rounds: Chris Caruana with a magnificent +22 points advantage well ahead of Bill Bentley on +10 and Diane Emberton on +9.

Club Leagues

The Stockton Pétanque Club Singles League has just passed the half-way point with Dave Hancox in the lead with 18 wins, well ahead of the 'pack' of Iain Cunningham, Rich Rushton and Becky Rushton who are vying for second place. The club's Summer League has just six weeks to go and Dave Hancox has a big lead with 81 points, followed by Anthea Sansom on 65 points and Sarah Jerger on 60 points.

The next big event will be the club's **Annual Open Triples competition on Bank Holiday Monday, 29th August**, and the **next open melee will be Saturday 3rd September**. Everyone is welcome – we will provide the boules and tuition in the rules.

Stockton's Archives

Taken from previous September issues of Stockton News

1970

Round and About by Villager

Departures: Quite a number of folks have left the village in the last weeks. The Bishop family from the Barley Mow, Mr & Mrs. Clay from the Crown and Mr. & Mrs. Slevin from School House. **Post Lady:** Miss Emily Ward of The Square is retiring this month after 16 years. In future Mrs. Sanders will deliver all the mail in the Village and a Post Office van will deliver to the outlying houses and farms. **150 Woods:** Charles Gardner has been asked to donate a display of all the different woods he has collected to a permanent exhibition in the library of the Forestry Commission in London. He is making 150 egg cups, each in a different wood. **Gymkhana:** On 5th September last. A Sunny day added to the enjoyment of the spectators and entrants. Entries were restricted to a 5 mile radius, so as to discourage professionals, but the limit included approximately 14 villages. The prizes were presented by Col. And Mrs. J. Wormald of Stockton House. Entries were slightly up on last year.

1972

The Parish Holiday: During the last week of August, you may have seen some strange children in the village. This was because some ten families opened their home to some children from Birmingham who were in need of a holiday. These children were met by the families concerned from Leamington Railway Station on Friday, at 11.30am. After being checked by members of the W.R.V.S. who incidentally organise this scheme all through the month of August, they were allowed to be brought on to Stockton. On the following Saturday afternoon a programme of organised games and races had been prepared for them, these took place on the Rectory Lawn, supervised by Mr. Bob Barker. There was a break for a picnic tea. Southam Zoo was the attraction for Monday afternoon. The families and children were conveyed in cars. On Wednesday afternoon all went by coach to Warwick Park. The weather was warm and sunny and the children were able to enjoy to the full the facilities the Park had to offer. All gathered once more at the Rectory on Thursday afternoon for games and films. Too soon the week was over, and on Friday morning saw the departure of these children. Again the families who had had them, took them by car to Leamington Station. Some were very tearful, but as soon as they had been checked again by the W.R.V.S. workers, they were ready to board the train.

1973

Choir: Our thanks to Mr. George Finch for arranging a most successful 'Car Rally' in aid of our choir fund. At the time many of us thought his clues were rather difficult, but when we knew all the answers they seemed so obvious that we wondered why we had not thought of them. I learned something new on

that Rally - I was told, as a boy, that if you grasped a nettle firmly it did not sting - I learned that this does not apply to thistles. Please George don't ask me to gather 'The Longest' Thistle' again without supplying some stout leather gloves. One lovely warm Wednesday evening in August sbourt nine car loads assembled on the Green to take part in Mr. Finch's Car Rally. The route took us through Hamtous, Cotebas Htaeh, Gnlo Ihctconing, Nmoatr, a place where 'They Twitter well and the Bells Toll', Nleotmgin Tinhaggs, Lhil, Dnoarogr, Egdibrwas and finally, Eckfleon.

At *Bascote Heath* we had to find 'Where Tyme does not stand still'. At *Long Itchington* we had to obtain a weed from the Miner's Domain, this had a lots of us guessing. At *Leamington Hastings* we had to find Archdeacon Colley's 'Speak Pipe'. We had to pass by the Sunday Joint at *Grandborough* but we were able to quench our thirsts at the public house at *Flecknoe*, which was the finishing point. How eager we were to meet each other again, to compare answers and see who had the longest thistle and longest reed, best daisy chain and collection of coloured leaves.

Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Cheyney who were the winners.

Stockton Tufty Club: Tufty Club is for three to five year old children at which they learn about safety on the road and in the home. We meet once a month and all mothers and children are welcome. We have a story about some aspects of safety, practice our kerb drill and finish by playing a few games. On occasions we have a visit from a local policemen and a film show. The Christmas Party is enjoyed by all. Notice of our meetings appears in the V.G. Stores window.

For a change the July meeting took the form of a visit to Victoria Park. The coach collected us at 9.15am outside the Church. Despite it being a cool, cloudy day the children enjoyed the fine amenities of the park. Latterly the sun appeared and some children had a splash in the paddling pool. We arrived back in time for lunch after a happy morning.

1978

Flower and Vegetable Show and Auction at The Barley Mow 21st September at 7.30pm All produce must be entered by 7.30pm at the latest. Produce will be sold for the benefit of St. Michael's Church, (after the judging) at 9.00pm. Entry forms may be obtained from the Barley Mow, and from Evetts Newsagents.

The Feast of St. Michaels and All Angels

This year this falls on Saturday, 29th September, and so our Patronal Festival will be held on Sunday 30th September. We hope that all parishioners will come to Church on this day to thank God for their Church and all that it has meant (and still means) in the life of the village.



First Stockton Scout Group





WI Craft Group and Knit and Natter -
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