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*Copy of Magazine Guide Lines reinstated from the 1980's Parish Mag*

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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### **Refuse & Recycling**

**Food Waste** - *Weekly* - Every Friday   **Grey Lid Bin** - *3 weekly* - 14th  
**Blue Lid Bin** - *2 weekly* - 7th & 21st   **Green Bin** - *2 weekly* - 7th & 21st

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7th & 28th

**Stockton Church** 2.20 - 2.40pm

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## DIARY DATES



### October

- 1<sup>st</sup>** Coffee Morning with Archives ~ Village Hall ~ 10am – 12noon
  - 2<sup>nd</sup>** Silver Sunday ~ details local events pages
  - 4<sup>th</sup>** Brewed Awakening ~ Nelson Club ~ 9am - 12 noon
  - 8<sup>th</sup>** Meet Charley King ~ details local events pages
  - 10<sup>th</sup>** Stockton History Group ~ Village Hall ~ 7.00pm  
Southam Gardening Club ~ details local events pages
  - 12<sup>th</sup>** Friends Lunch Club ~ The Crown ~ 12.30pm  
Long Itchington History Group ~ details local events pages
  - 15<sup>th</sup>** Southam Indoor Market ~ details local events pages
  - 16<sup>th</sup>** Messy Church at Napton ~ details local events pages
  - 17<sup>th</sup>** **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ~ Village Hall ~ 7.15pm**
  - 18<sup>th</sup>** Brewed Awakening ~ Nelson Club ~ 9am - 12 noon  
Create & Play ~ Stockton Church ~ 9.30am - 11.00am
  - 20<sup>th</sup>** Afternoon Bingo ~ Nelson Club ~ 1.30pm
  - 26<sup>th</sup>** Armed Forces Veteran's Breakfast Club ~ details local events pages
  - 28<sup>th</sup>** Dementia Café ~ details local events pages
  - 29<sup>th</sup>** A.F.V.B.C. ~ details local events pages  
Galanos Party ~ details local events pages  
Film Club ~ Village Hall ~ 7pm
  - 30<sup>th</sup>** Craft Fayre ~ Galanos ~ see local events pages
- ### November
- 18<sup>th</sup>** Stockton's News A.G.M. ~ Village Hall ~ 2.00pm
  - 19<sup>th</sup>** Table Top Sale ~ Village Hall ~ 10am – 2pm



## VILLAGE BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



Jordan Fletcher, Sophie Storer, Levi Stringer, Sue Cooper, Dan Winfield, Yvette Bousfield, Josie Winfield, Nicola Winfield, Kerry Rowe, Julia Prior, Jane Langdon, Archie Coats, Malcolm Bodfish, Fred Bennett, Graham Neal, Terry Chaplin, David Noon, Rob Jerger, Andy Legg, Thomas Warner, Louise Boucher, Joseph Geraghty, Mark Tuckey, Margaret Chaplin, Lloyd Neal, Zac Matthews, Mila Cooper, Juliet Spark, Ewan Farmer, Violet Gulliver, Michael Husband, Freya Barford, Leighton Reading, Rebecca Jane Mitchell and Finn Cebrian Mitchell.

*Birthday list is being revised for 2023.  
If you wish birthdays/anniversaries to be included please get in touch.*





## **VILLAGE MATTERS**

**To have your news included please  
Contact by email - [stocktons.news@gmail.com](mailto:stocktons.news@gmail.com)  
or by hard copy to Editorial Team**



**Congratulations go to** Levi Stringer and Connor Chatland on the safe arrival on 31st August of Carter Chatland. A brother for Lacey and a Grandson for Jamie and Nicky and Great Grandson for Marion Stringer, Mandy and Jim Gaskins.



**Stockton's Year 5 Girls** (Maisie, Mila, Charlotte, Evie and Erin) had fun creating their own fundraising stool at Stockton's fun day in aid of Birmingham Children's Hospital!

They worked so hard designing their own posters, donating their much loved teddies and selling tickets and managed to raise an amazing £210! Well done girls! Such a wonderful cause!

A big thank you to those that kindly donated gifts and participated in their fundraising activities... you made the girls very happy and they had a great day.

*Photo's back inside page*

### **Stockton Local History Group**

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.

### **Create and Play in the Church ~ CV47 8JG**

Tuesday - Term Time Only - 9.30 til 11.00am

Contact: email: [deborahduttoncreative@gmail.com](mailto: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.

18th October- Let's make a really big den and use boxes too!

25th October - Half Term





# THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY POETRY COMPETITION

Closing date Friday 14th October 2022

To enter our 'Poppy Poetry Competition' all you need to do is write a poem themed around remembrance / reflection / veterans or what the poppy means to you. Your poem can be as short or as long as you like. There are two categories, one for adults and one for children (upto 16 years). The lucky winner will have their poem framed and read out at our **Poppy Lunuch on 27th October**.

Email your entry to [jawilson@britishlegion.org.uk](mailto:jawilson@britishlegion.org.uk) or drop your entry into The Community Hub and Cafe (next to Galanos House).





## 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*

### NOTES OF AUGUST 2022 MEETING

*Please note that these are an informal record. For a formal record please refer to*

*the authorised minutes on our website.*

**Village Facilities: A426 Road Repairs** - a complaint was made to the County Councillor about the closure of the road during daytime hours in contravention of the advertised closure. A complaint was also made about the **Post Office Lane road closure** and the length of time it took for the repair and the disruption that was caused to the bus service. **Severn Trent Water problems** - the parish council will write to the CEO asking for more details about the replacement of ageing pipework.

**Planning Matters: Stockton Hall Farm** - the Planning Department are now taking enforcement action against the owners of this site in relation to the unauthorised use of the driveway for HGV's and the development of the site from agricultural use. The planning application for further development of the site has not been validated and cannot go ahead. (22/01617) **Tollgate House** - demolition of existing garage and replacement with new double garage - application approved. (22/02332) **The Crown Inn** - replacement of unit - application approved. (22/02241) - **Windmill Farmhouse, Rugby Road** - erection of additional storey extension - prior approval granted. **Greenacre Barn, Napton Road** - excavation of pond - No representation by the parish council. (22/01967) **Lower Tomlow Farm** - conversion of roof space above garage into residential - although this property is in Napton Ward the parish council expressed its support for the application that would provide accommodation for a trainee farmer. (22/01653) **Coventry Bridge Meadow** - proposed warehouse industrial units - although this site is in Napton Ward the parish council expressed its objection to an increase in heavy traffic through Stockton without any provision being made for traffic calming. **Radar Speed Signs** - a site visit will be arranged with the supplier of the equipment.

**Annual Fee for Defibrillator** - the parish council will find out what service is provided for this fee.

### NOTES OF SEPTEMBER 2022 MEETING

**Planning Matters: Stockton Hall Farm** (unauthorised activity on the site) - a new planning application is due to be submitted. Stratford Planning believe this is the best way to deal with the enforcement issue. **Grange Farm, Tomlow Road** (22/00690), construction of agricultural worker's dwelling - the PC had no objections on the condition that an agricultural tie is placed on the new dwelling in perpetuity. **55 Elm Row** (22/02472), 1.5 storey rear extension - no

representation by the PC. **16 Tuckwell Close** (22/02620) , first floor front extension and upgrade of façade material - no representation by PC. **5 Victoria Terrace** (22/00902), construction of dropped kerb for vehicle access - permission refused. **Windmill Farmhouse, Rugby Road** (22/02253 and 22/02241) - permission granted.

**Village facilities: Memorial Green, Jubilee Fields** - the parish council confirmed that they had no objections to children playing on the Memorial Green or the Jubilee Green. **Churchyard Wall** - the chairman was authorised to have further discussions with the vicar and to report back over a request to help with funding to rebuild the brick wall to the north-east of the churchyard. **Children's Playing Field** - the PC agreed that some grant bids could be submitted by the parish council when this was preferred by the funding body. They also agreed that if a bid was submitted to the Veolia Trust for grants from the Landfill Tax that they would contribute the 10% share that was required in order to secure the 90% remainder. **Stockton FC&CC lease renewal** - the PC agreed to write to Ian Southcott at Cemex about the delays in negotiating the new lease. **Radar Speed Signs** - the PC discussed possible sites for the proposed signs and agreed to set up an online meeting with the supplier. **Defibrillator** - it has now been confirmed that the annual charge of £134 + VAT covers public liability insurance, theft and damage insurance, counselling services if needed, servicing and linking to the Ambulance Service systems.

**Severn Trent Water** - following the water stoppages this summer, Severn Trent have offered to attend a meeting so it was proposed to arrange this for Monday 19th December at 7.15 pm prior to the normal Parish Council meeting.

**Next Meeting - 7.15 pm on Monday 17 October.**



**News From Your Warwickshire County Councillor  
for Southam, Stockton & Napton**  
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**Stratford District Councillor for Southam South**  
**[Andrew.crump@stratford-dc.gov.uk](mailto:Andrew.crump@stratford-dc.gov.uk)**

I've been involved in local politics since 2007, and at times it has felt like a life-time, but then I look at our Queen's public service and it was much, much more than a life time. A Herculean effort of unprecedented proportions  
The long reign of Queen Elizabeth II was marked by her strong sense of duty and her determination to dedicate her life to her throne and to her people (as well as her family). Things changed from being the Monarchy to the Royal Family  
For many the Queen was the one constant point in a rapidly changing world as society changed beyond recognition,  
I read this comment on a local Facebook - The Queen lived her life in the full view of the public for over 70 years and never ever lost her dignity or composure, a truly remarkable woman – I couldn't sum it up any better.  
As King Charles said - My mother's reign was unequalled in its duration, its dedication and its devotion. Even as we grieve, we give thanks for this most faithful life.

### **FREE MONEY (not really)**

Councillor Grant Fund - Round 2 fund for 2022/23 launched on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> of September at 9am with a closing date of **Sunday 16 October at 5 pm**. The application process, as in previous years, will be online .

In short, the fund is aimed at community and voluntary organisations to support small-scale projects within my division that support the following outcomes:

We want Warwickshire to have a thriving economy and places that have the right jobs, skills, education and infrastructure.

We want to be a County where all people can live their best lives; where communities and individuals are supported to live safely, healthily, happily and independently.

We want to be a County with a sustainable future which means adapting to and mitigating climate change and meeting net zero commitments.

### **HS2 – A425 2 WAY TEMPORARY LIGHTS FROM 5/9/22 TO 25/11/22**

Two-way temporary traffic lights are planned to be in operation along sections of A425 Leamington Road, from Monday 5 September 2022 until Friday 25 November 2022, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

This is to allow HS2 to begin construction of the temporary re-alignment of a new carriageway. Works already underway relating to the temporary re-alignment of a section of the A425 Leamington Road and the construction of the green tunnel under the existing carriageway.

To minimise potential disruption to the traffic flow, the two-way temporary traffic

lights will not be switched on in both locations at the same time.

### **Local Welfare Scheme**

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 in the form of emergency food parcels or credit for energy. Call 0800 408 1448.

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### **Lining/Road Markings between Stockton & Southam**

**I am pleased that I have been able their renewal from my delegated transport budget.**

### **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**

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. 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.

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<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

**JOGGING – Please wear something that makes you easily seen, preferably use the paths wherever you can and if you do have to run on the road, it is advisable that you run on the right hand side of the road , facing the traffic (especially if wearing earphones and you can't hear traffic coming from behind).**

Councillor groans –

**Wow, aren't some animals amazing? Just passed a hospital, and a sign outside read 'Guard dogs operate at this hospital'.**

I saw a sign that said, SQUIRRELS DRIVE SLOWLY. Very talented creatures. My dentist is also a dog walker, she once took both my canines out.

Finally I've been holding the contractor to account over the roadworks on the A426 – e.g. unsafe siting of road signs near crossroads, unauthorised road closure etc. Also I've trying to impress on WCC Highways/Transport – the significant impact on buses to the village during road closures in the village for utility works and for the need for them to be speedily expedited.

*Kind regards*  
*Andy*



## STOCKTON'S WEATHER STATION - AUGUST 2021

Headlines - Hot, dry, sunny - a real August !!!

In August the average **minimum temperature** was 14.6 deg.C, nearly two and a half degrees above the average (12.3 deg.C). The lowest overnight temperature was 9.1 deg.C on the 5th. The average **maximum temperature** was 25.0 deg.C, about three and a half degrees above the average (21.6 deg.). The highest temperature was 32.1 deg. C on the 12th and 13th August. **Rainfall** of 17. mm this month was less than one third of the average of 62.9mm. It only rained on seven days and the wettest day was the 16th with 10mm. The **wind** blew mostly from the north-west, west and south-west (18 days). It has been a very sunny month with **sunshine** hours being one third above the average.

## Trivia of the Month

The warmest January to August years since regional records began in 1892. Only two Augusts have been warmer since these records began (1995 and 1997)

The driest August since 1995.

The warmest August night (18.3 deg C on the 13th) since 2004.

## STOCKTON VILLAGE HALL

**Bookings -** Helen Kittendorf Tel: 815376

[helenkittendorf@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:helenkittendorf@hotmail.co.uk)

Welcome to this month's Village Hall News: We hope you have all managed to have a nice summer & maybe even a holiday!

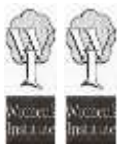
The "Ber" months have certainly started with a distinct nip in the air mornings and evenings, but fear not... Our amazing coffee morning is going strong, with the next one being, **October 1<sup>st</sup>** - why not pop along for a slice of cake & a cuppa with the option to eat in or take away, perfect start to the weekend! We now have Stockton's News making a regular appearance with the Village Archives for people to browse our history and see how the village has grown and changed over the years.

On the last Saturday of the month, we continue our new style film club at cinema night, the film will no longer be advertised around the village but feel free to contact Steve Kittendorf on 01926 815376 or [stevekittendorf@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:stevekittendorf@hotmail.co.uk) for information on how to join the club or what the film choice is for the month. The Friends' Lunch was well supported at The Crown, with many villagers enjoying the carvery. The next one is **Wednesday 12th October** at 12.30pm and comes highly recommended as a great way to have a nice meal in the company of friends ....no-one should feel lonely at any time. To book your place please phone Val on 814640

Other news to look forward to is our tabletop sale, this will be on **Saturday 19th November** - a chance to declutter before Christmas and maybe make some money selling some of your preloved things. Tables are £6 & must be prebooked/paid for - please contact Helen Kittendorf on 01926 815376 if you would like to book a table.

The Village Hall committee are looking for new recruits so:  
"You like coffee, you like cake, you have some interesting ideas, WE NEED YOU. We don't do boring, we do do food, most meetings are held with a side order of food. Interested....contact Helen 01926 815376, or Val on 01926 814640





## WOMENS INSTITUTE

Meeting 7.30pm at Nelson Club first Monday of Month

President:- Sue Gill Tel: 01926 460278

Secretary: Joan Ford Tel: 01926 810220



It was lovely to get back to our regular meetings after our summer break and after we all sang Jerusalem Sue introduced our speaker, Steve Allen, who took us through A Musical History Trip Part 2. As soon as Steve put on his flat cap and took up his guitar he became Eli back in 1860 telling us about the industrial revolution. It was a fascinating and unusual talk as he showed us slides, played his guitar and spoke in his black country accent. He gave us a glimpse of life back then when people who owned land became coal mine owners. He told us of the children and women who worked down the mines, the children sitting in the dark for hours to open gates, some only 5 and 6 years old. The horses never saw the light of day and they worked so hard. He took us through the inventions of the next hundred years, so many of them, including the Davy lamp, and the tunnel built under the Thames helped by Isambard Kingdom Brunel. We heard about the building of Clifton Suspension Bridge, the invention of the motor car, the hydrogen balloon, aeroplanes and saw slides of all kinds of flying contraptions. Also of interest was the suffragette movement, the slum clearance and building of council houses as well as the NHS.

Joan informed us that 14 of our members had taken part in the recent Produce Show and that Wendy Burrows was the WI overall winner with 12 points. Close runners up were Chris Millidge and Anthea Knight with 11 points each. Our craft stall at church had been a success and our scarecrow Matilda and Miss Trunchbull had been brilliant. Mary thanked everyone who made cakes and preserves for our festival stall.

Joan also went through the trips amongst them a sign language course and an evening with Mark Francis of the Great British Sewing Bee at Fillongley. We were also reminded of the Group Meeting at Napton on 20th September. The ladies lunch in September was to be at the Fox & Hen.

Sue Flegg won the competition of an item from 1860 to 1960 with her beautiful christening robes.

As our contribution to the National WI Big Green Week Campaign during September we propose a special Green Walk on the 27th September. This will be a gentle stroll around the fields and farmlands to observe any changes, both positive and negative to the environment, following the recent "drought" conditions. Let's hope we see lots of little 'green' shoots.

Our next meeting will be **Monday 3rd October at 7.30 pm** upstairs at the Nelson Club when our speaker is Allan Rimmer - Grey Gap Year! The competition is an item representing an interesting time in our later years.

# Stockton church

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	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> October Trinity 16</b>	<b>9<sup>th</sup> October Trinity 17</b>	<b>16<sup>th</sup> October Trinity 18</b>	<b>23<sup>rd</sup> October Bible Sunday</b>	<b>30<sup>th</sup> October All Saints Day</b>
<b>Priors Hard- wick</b>	9.00am Morning Worship	5.00pm <b>Harvest Festival</b>	9.00am BCP Comm		
<b>Worm- leighton</b>		9.00am BCP Communion		10.30am Morning Worship	
<b>Lower Shuck- burgh</b>				<b>Wed 19<sup>th</sup> at 10.00am Midweek BCP Comm (Note change of date)</b>	10.30am <b>The Gather- ing</b>
<b>Napton</b>	10.30am CW Comm	10.30am Morning Worship Team	10.30am CW Comm 4.00pm Messy Church	5.00pm BCP Evensong	
<b>Stockton</b>	10.30am <b>Harvest Festival</b>	10.30am Methodist Communion		10.30am CW Comm	
<b>Priors Marston</b>	3.30pm <b>Harvest Festival</b>	10.30am CW Communion	10.30am Morning Worship	3.00pm Café Church	

## Letter from Rev. Gillian Roberts

### **Farewell to the Queen**

It was with deep sadness that I heard of the death of her Majesty the Queen on 8<sup>th</sup> September.

As soon as the announcement was made, Operation London Bridge kicked into action and a whole process of arrangements had to be put into place, with guidance coming thick and fast from Lambeth Palace and the Diocese! There were short services of prayer and reflection held in our four larger churches. There were books of condolence, with the official photo of the Queen, and a place to lay floral tributes in each church. Arrangements were made for the bells to be tolled. And new plans were put in place for our Sunday services for the following two weeks – which focused on giving thanks for the life of the Queen, to remember those who are grieving and prayers for King Charles.

The Queen was such a special lady: devoted to the people of this country and the Commonwealth, a wise leader and a faithful Christian whose trust in God was the bedrock of her life of service. She lived out her faith every single day.

Many people have expressed to me that it feels like our “comfort blanket” has been pulled away. In this ever-changing and increasingly fragile world, it sometimes felt like the Queen was the only constant who could be relied on. It has brought out a great sense of loss, giving people permission to let go of grief not just for the Queen, but also other deeply held (often deeply hidden) losses in their own lives. Let’s be kind to each other at this time.

But in this time of grief and vulnerability, we can cling to the hope we find through Jesus, we can find hope even in the face of death.

“I am the resurrection and the life” says the Lord. “Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.” [John 11:25]

*God bless,  
Gillian*

# The Bridges group NOTICE BOARD

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Priors Marston, Priors Hardwick & Wormleighton

## Programme for Children and Youth

**Create & Play:** Tuesday mornings from 9.30 – 10.45am (term times) in Stockton Church – for further details, contact: Deborah Dutton on 01926 819016 or [deborahduttoncreative@gmail.com](mailto:deborahduttoncreative@gmail.com)

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month at 4pm – venues TBC

## 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 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> 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 <sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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](http://www.thebridgesgroup.org.uk)

## LOCAL EVENTS

*Events and News from Our Neighbouring Villages*



### **Messy Church is coming to a church near you!**

Messy Church is about creativity, celebration and hospitality, for children and adults.

A usual session includes (sometimes messy) crafts and activities, a story from the bible; and ends with a meal (like a picnic or pizza!)

This month, on **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October**  
we will be at St. Lawrence's Church in Napton  
from 4.00- 5.30pm,  
when we will be thinking about  
God's love for the planet

We look forward to seeing you!

(Children must be accompanied by an adult)

There is no charge and there is no need to book but if you have any special dietary requirements, it might be helpful to know about them in advance please.

If you have any questions, please phone Gillian on 01926 815831 or email [gillian@thebridgesgroup.org.uk](mailto:gillian@thebridgesgroup.org.uk)

## **LONG ITCHINGTON HISTORY GROUP**

**OCTOBER MEETING AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE**

**WEDNESDAY 12th OCTOBER STARTING AT 7.30.**

"St. Mary's Church, Warwick". Tim Clark.

Admission £3

For further details and to request transport please contact  
David Williams 01926 812573

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or contact us on 01926 812185 Ext 5365

**Children's Board Games** Every Sunday 10am - 12pm

**Armed Forces Veteran's Breakfast Club (AFVBC)**

Last Wednesday and Saturday of every month 10am - 12noon

**Silver Sunday - celebrating older people** Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October

(Free event. Call us to register your free place)

Music by Cathy Morris, teas, coffees and homemade cake. Everyone welcome.  
2:30pm

**Meet Charley King, author and Illustrator of Mr Blinking**

FREE Children's colouring activities and book signing with Charley and local publisher Beercott Books Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October 10am - 2pm

*We're proud to be supporting Southam book festival. Come and see our 'book in a window' display.*

**20 years on site Galanos Party** Saturday 29th October Details / Times TBC

**Chistmas Craft Fayre** Sunday 30th October 10am - 4pm



**Southam Gardening Club**  
thesouthamgardeningclub.blogspot.co.uk  
Tel: 01926 813986 or 815086.



Michael Brown will give an illustrated talk entitled  
‘Gardens in the time of Jane Austen’  
at 7:30pm  
on Monday 10th October  
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.

# **INDOOR MARKET**

**The Grange Hall, Southam**

**10am – 12.30pm**



## **FORTHCOMING MARKET DATES:**

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October**

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November**

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December**

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It feels like, at long last, the pressure is reduced. The rush to get things done earlier in the year followed by the relentless watering during the heatwave. Were we all trying to keep some or all of our precious plants from dying due to lack of rain? Although there is always plenty to do it does seem more relaxed and leisurely and more pleasurable to catch up on some gardening after a long time when it was too hot to do anything. It might be best to wait and see which plants have survived and which haven't. It is encouraging to see fresh growth after the rain.

Here are a few reminders for this month.

Bulb planting should be well underway as long as the ground has softened up enough to make some planting holes.

Take cuttings of penstemons, salvias, pinks and gauras, put up to 10 cuttings round the edge of a 9cm pot and keep them damp, not too wet, and place in a cold frame, greenhouse or conservatory. They may well root in a few weeks.

If you have a lot of fallen leaves then rake up and add to the compost heap.

Cut down some but not all perennial plants, leaving some for wildlife to hibernate in.

Add compost or well rotted manure to the borders as much as you can, it will be good for the soil especially those of us on heavy clay.

If you get chance do visit one of the arboretums to see autumn colours. I really like Bluebell Arboretum near Ashby-de-la-Zouch.

The club's Summer League ends on 30<sup>th</sup> September and Dave Hancox is Champion with a big lead of 92 points, well ahead of Anthea Sansom, Rich Rushton and Becky Rushton who are vying for second place.

The Club Singles League will continue until December 31st, and Dave Hancox is ahead in this also with 19 wins, well ahead of the 'pack' of Iain Cunningham, Rich Rushton and Becky Rushton who are vying for second place.

Fourteen players turned up for the melee on 3<sup>rd</sup> September and after three rounds there was just one unbeaten player – Bill Bentley. Well done to him. Seven players ended up with two wins, the best of these being Rich Rushton with a +17 points advantage, followed by Rita David with +9 and Diane Emberton with +7.

We hosted our Annual Open Triples on 29th August in excellent weather. We welcomed some new friends from Brackley and some old friends from our Half Crown days - Jerome Rousseau and Philppe Bonnet. We played five rounds followed by a grand final. The French team - Jerome and Philippe - were in fine form and were unbeaten in the qualifying rounds, including a 13-4 win against the other finalists - Rich and Becky Rushton, playing with Paula David. However, Becky found some excellent pointing in the final and the Stockton team outclassed the French team with a 13-2 win. Well done to The Rushtons in what was an excellent day's play.

We played the first round of the Euro Cup for Clubs on the morning of 27th August in a home match against Hampton-in-Arden. We fielded the Knights team and Yeomen team in what we thought was a strong squad. Unfortunately the Hampton squad was in great form and took the match by four games to one.

The next open melee will be on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October. Everyone is welcome – we will provide the boules and tuition in the rules.



## **Stockton Chess Group**

Meeting Every Wednesday 5.30pm - 7.30pm

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The Nelson Club

Stockton Chess Group was formed in May 2022, this was in reaction to my sons passion for playing chess, we visited a club in Leamington Spa, unfortunately this was run a little late in the evening and also on a school night. So being the village that Stockton is and with the amazing facilities the village has to offer, I posted on the 2 Stockton village, Southam, Long Itchington and Napton Facebook groups, to gauge the interest in forming a Chess Group.

The response was good, with over 30 interested responses, so I set into action trying to find a venue.

During the time of getting the responses from Facebook, Jo from the Nelson Club contacted me, and I went and had a chat. We decided on a Wednesday Evening 17:30 to 19:30, as this was a quiet evening at the club.

We have had 2 friendly competitions, in June and July, where a trophy was presented to the winner.

We do not charge for joining the Chess Group, chess boards are provided, we are not in a league, and do not calculate chess ratings, it is a group where all are welcome to come along and have a relaxed time playing chess.

We meet every Wednesday at The Nelson Club Stockton, in the snug. We would love to see you there.

***Shane***

# Stockton's Archives

*Taken from October Issues of Parish News 1970 -1979*

## Apple Curd

Mrs. R.T. Lowes

**3lb of peeled, cored and sliced apples** and put into saucepan with  $\frac{1}{2}$  **pint water**. Simmer till cooked. Strain or beat well. Put back into pan with **1½ lb sugar**, bring to boil, then allow to simmer for 10 mins, stirring all the time. Add **4oz butter**, and stir until well blended. Add **2 egg yolks** well beaten. Cook without boiling, until mixture thickens. Pot hot in sterilised jars. Will only keep upto 4 weeks.

## Apple Bread

Elizabeth Scruton

2 cups sifted plain flour    2tsps baking powder    pinch of salt  
1 tbs sugar    2oz melted margarine     $\frac{3}{4}$  cup of milk    1 egg

In a mixing bowl combine flour, baking powder, salt and sugar. Beat the milk and egg together. Stir the liquid into the flour mixture to make a lumpy batter, stir in the margarine.

Butter a 9" square cake tin. Sprinkle the bottom with  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup sugar and  $\frac{1}{4}$  tsp nutmeg. Cover with 2 cups of sliced apples. Pour the batter evenly over the apples and bake at 375°F for 25-30 mins or until bread tests done. Turn out apple side up to cool.

## Granny's Christmas Cake

$\frac{3}{4}$ lb brown sugar	$\frac{3}{4}$ lb butter	6 eggs	1lb Flour
1lb sultanas	1lb currants	$\frac{1}{4}$ lb raisins	2ozs cherries
6ozs candied peel	$\frac{1}{4}$ lb chopped almonds	$\frac{1}{2}$ tsp mixed spice	
2 tblsp treacle	1 glass brandy		
Tin 9" x3¼"			

Cream butter and sugar, add each egg separately and beat until stiff and uniform. Stir in flour, almonds, fruit, treacle and brandy. Transfer to tin, well lined with greased paper and bake for 6 hours and 20 mins at Regulo 1/250°F. Keep for 2or 3 weeks.

Half Quantity Tin 8" x 3" bake for 3hrs 45 mins.

**Always put brown paper around outside of tin**

## Crunchy Cinnamon Cake

Cake

2oz butter                      4oz caster sugar    1 egg                      4oz S.R. flour  
2½ fl oz milk

#### Topping

3oz soft brown sugar      1oz plain flour      1tsp ground cinnamon  
1oz butter                      2oz walnuts coarsely chopped

Cream butter and sugar together until light and fluffy. Add the egg and 1 tablespoon of flour and beat well. Fold in remaining flour and milk. Spread half this over the base of a greased and lined 8" sandwich tin. Place the topping ingredients in a saucepan and stir until melted. Cool slightly and spread half over the cake mixture. Cover with remaining cake mixture. Complete cake with final layer of topping. Bake in moderate oven 350°F or gas mark 4 for 30 - 40 mins. Cool on wire rack before serving.

*Please note we take no responsibility for how your baking turns out!*

### 1971

**Stockton** means Cowtown - ton is Saxon for Town and Stock for Cattle.

The Tower and Chancel of the Church are 15th Century.

That the Southam R.D.C. in a rough reckoning in 1970 estimated Stockton population as 1,008.

### 1972

#### Old Stockton

There may be older cottages, messuages or tenements in Stockton but Mr. & Mrs Archie Lay's cottage must go on record as it will disappear for ever in the not too far distant future. I wonder how many other dwellings in Stockton can claim not only to be old but also to have their history recorded and preserved to the present day in deeds, indentures and covenants? The documents relating to the Lay's cottage and to others go back over two centuries to 1750.

First, a word about Mrs. Lay's own associations with the cottage. She came to live there as a girl of eleven or twelve. In actual fact, what is now seen as one cottage, was once two cottages: one being one up one down. Mrs. Lay can remember the time when there was a choice of two staircases! At one time, nine people, four generations, lived under the one roof, through from Granny to two great-grandchildren (*three of these being my mum, dad and sister ~ Ed*).

Until 1952 there was neither electricity or running water. The pump was always at hand! Electricity and water both came with the advent of St. Michael's Crescent. Living in one cottage most of her life, Mrs. Lay has certainly seen her way of life change dramatically.

To go back, how different it was a century ago to buy a cottage. In 1873, when the Lay's cottage and one other were bought by a Miss Sarah Hawkes, the purchase price was a mere £194 - £64 a cottage! (The bidding was not high enough at the auction at the Barley Mow, so the cottages were later sold

privately to Miss Hawkes). Neither did houses increase in value at 30% a year, for in 1843 one of the cottages on that piece of land was sold for £65. By the way, that mortgage for £65 only cost 5% per year in interest!

This is not to say that there are no similarities with house buying today. The deeds, conveyances and indentures relating to the Lay's cottage are couched in the same legal vocabulary as we know today - and are just as incomprehensible and repetitive to the layman.

From documents I gathered at least that people of varying occupations have lived on that plot of land, constructing various workshops, pigsty's etc. at different times, according to the tools of their trade. Some yeomen, a farmer, a besom maker, a tanner and a shoe-maker have resided in their turn.

Amongst the papers is the insurance plaque - in this case, County Fire - that was fixed to the outside wall in times past. In those days, your house was simply allowed to burn down if the passing fire engine (all of them belonged to the insurance companies) was not owned by the company with which you were insured!

The Lay's cottage, however, escaped destruction by fire. Now in its ripe old age it will be the unfortunate victim of a demolition gang. Like all of life, it returns to dust and illustrates once more that everything, us included, is here only for its allotted span.



### **1978 The Produce Show and Auction**

This was a great success and everyone who came along to the 'Barley' had a really enjoyable evening - exhibitors, camp-followers and buyers. At the end of an exhausting evening, a profit of £60 was in the kitty - a grand total. Our thanks are specially due to every youthful Frank, to George Finch and Tom Griffin, and to those many generous firms and individuals who gave prizes and worked behind the scenes.

### **1979 Flower and Vegetable Show**

On Sunday, 9th September, the Nelson Club held a Flower and Vegetable Show in aid of their Kidney Machine Fund. The schedule also included cakes, fruit and preserves.

The Club Committee take this opportunity to publicly thank everyone who entered the competition. A total of 190 entries exceeded all expectations and ensured the success of the show. The judges were most impressed with the quality of all the produce. Mrs. L. Evetts and Mrs. N. Bishop judges of the cake section said that 'the quality of baking was the highest we have judged this year.' (*Entries were at 5p each*)

### ***Extract of items from Parish Council News insert***

**Clerk** Mrs. G. Windsor was appointed Clerk after Mr. A. Cox stepped down.

**Middle School** - Transporting of the children to the new middle school (*Long Itchington*) seemed to be going smoothly but the Parish Council would like to get a shelter erected for them before the winter sets in.

**Refuse** - Household or garden rubbish can now be deposited in two skips at the Dunchurch end of the old tip and the gates are open on Saturday and Sunday mornings.

**Water** - During the summer dry spell the upper parts of the village had great difficulty in getting any water, the matter has now been taken up by County Councillor.

**Playing Field** - After much discussion it has been decided that the hedge between the playing field and the football field will not be removed, so the children's area will remain quite separate. The Playing Field Committee and the Parish Council have received a number of complaints about dogs being exercised in the playing field, also about youths on bicycles and mopeds riding about the play area, this is extremely dangerous to the small ones, so take your bikes up the drive, but leave them by the pavilion.



## WHO'S WHO

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## Stockton's Year 5 Girls - Maisie, Mila, Charlotte, Evie and Erin



Photo's from the W.I. Produce Show  
in August





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