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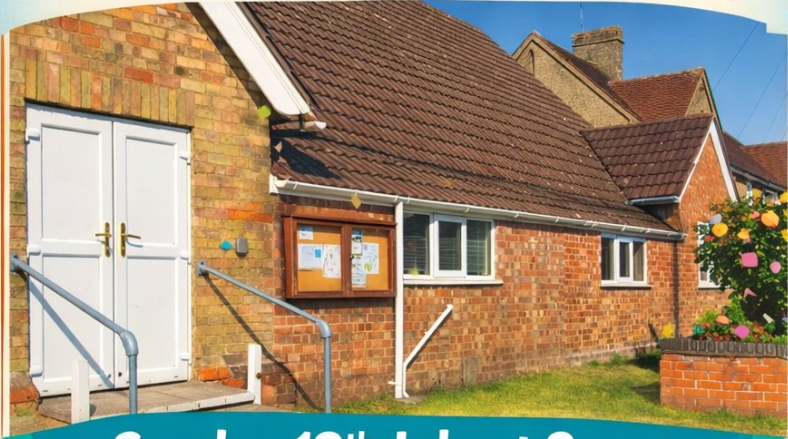
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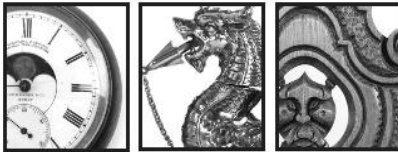
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We would like to take this chance to wish you all a good summer break (hopefully no more record breaking high temperatures) as we take a month off for a well earned break to all the hard working volunteers, both contributors and those who deliver your magazine, and look forward to seeing you in September.

Ed's



Village Calendar



Regular Weekly Village Events for July and August

Monday :~

Knit & Natter: Church ~ 2 - 4pm

Tuesday :~

Create & Play: Church 9.30 - 11.00 am ~ (Term Time) **7th & 14th**

Cubs & Scouts: Stockton Scout Hut 6.45pm - 8pm (Term Time)

Clubbercise: Village Hall ~ 7.30 - 8.30pm

Wednesday :~

Chess Club: Nelson Club ~ 5.30 - 7.30pm ~ **1st 15th 29th & 12th 26th**

Lazy Cat Yoga: Village Hall ~ 7.30 - 9.00pm

Thursday :~

Bingo ~ Nelson Club ~ 1.30pm Eyes Down ~ 2.00pm **2nd 16th 23rd 30th & 6th 13th 20th**

Beavers: Stockton Scout Hut 6.15pm - 7.30pm (Term Time)

Friday :~

Toddlersaurs: Village Hall ~ 9.45- 11.15am (Term Time)

W.I. Craft Morning: Football Club ~ 10 - 12noon

Saturday :~

Bingo:8.00pm ~ Nelson Club (Top Room) ~ **4th 18th 25th & 1st 8th 15th 22nd 29th**

Regular Monthly Village Events

Monday

Women's Institute: 1st Monday of Month ~ Nelson Club ~ 7.30pm ~ **6th**

Parish Council Meetings: 3rd Monday ~ Village Hall ~ 7.15pm ~ **20th, Aug 17th**

Tuesday

Brewed Awakening: Nelson Club ~ 10.00am - 12.30pm ~ **14th 28th & 11th 25th**

Folk Night: Last Tuesday of the month ~ Nelson Club ~ 7.30pm

Wednesday

Friends Lunch: Every 2nd Wed ~ The Crown ~ 12.30pm ~ **8th & 12th**

Church Lunch: Every 3rd Wednesday ~ 12noon

Friday

Quiz Night ~ Village Hall ~ 7.00pm ~ **10th & 14th**

Saturday

Coffee Morning & Library: 1st Sat ~ 10am - 12Noon ~ Village Hall ~ **4th & 1st**

Whist Drive: Every 2nd Sat ~ Village Hall ~ 7.30pm ~ **11th & 8th**

Stockton Cinema: Every last Saturday ~ Village Hall ~ 7.00pm ~ **25th & 29th**

Pétanque Melee ~ F.C. & C.C. ~ All Welcome ~ 2.00pm ~

STOCKTON CHURCH

METHODIST AND ANGLICANS IN UNITY

The Bridges Group of Parishes
email:admin@thebridgesgroup.org.uk.

www.thebridgesgroup.org.uk
Tel:01926 812383

THE BRIDGES GROUP	5th July Trinity 5 <i>green</i>	12th July Trinity 6 <i>green</i>	19th July Trinity 7 <i>green</i>	26th July Trinity 8 <i>green</i>
PRIORS HARD-WICK	Morning Worship <i>(Pet service)</i> 9.00am	Evensong 5pm	Holy Communion BCP 9am	
PRIORS MARSTON	Morning Worship 10.30am	Morning Worship 10.30am	Holy Communion CW 10.30am	
WORM LEIGHTON				Morning Worship 10.30am
NAPTON	Holy Comm CW 10.30am		Family Service (all ages) 10.30am	Evensong 5pm
STOCKTON	Morning Worship 10.30am	Holy Comm Methodist Tradition 10.30am		Holy Comm CW 10.30am
LOWER SHUCK-BURGH				Holy Comm BCP 9am

THE BRIDGES GROUP	02.08.26 Trinity 9 Green	09.08.26 Trinity 10 Green	16.08.26 Trinity 11 Green	23.08.26 Trinity 12 Green	30.08.26 Trinity 13
PRIORS HARDWICK	9.00am Morning Worship	Evensong 5.00pm	Holy Communion BCP 9.00am		THE GATHERING 10.30AM
PRIORS MARSTON	Morning Worship 10.30am	Morning Worship 10.30am	Holy Communion CW 10.30a		
WORMLEIGHTON				Morning Worship 10.30am	
NAPTON	Holy Communion CW 10.30am		Morning Worship 10.30am	Evensong 5.00pm	
STOCKTON	Morning Worship 10.30am	Holy Comm In the Methodist Tradition 10.30am		Holy Comm CW 10.30am	
LOWER SHUCK- BURGH				Holy Comm BCP 9.00am	

THE BRIDGES GROUP NOTICE BOARD

LOWER SHUCKBURGH, NAPTON, STOCKTON
PRIORS MARSTON, PRIORS HARDWICK & WORMLEIGHTON

Programme for Children and Youth

Create & Play: Tuesday mornings from 9.30 – 11am (term times) in Stockton Church – for further details, contact: Deborah Dutton on 01926 819016 or 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 3rd 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 to pray for our communities. 4 groups are in person, or 1 is online. If you would like to join, please contact the Group leader below:

Every Tuesday online at 6.15pm Zoom	Katie	07965 209 075
Every Wednesday at 8pm in Stockton	Wendy	01926 812694
1 st & 3 rd Thursdays at 2.30pm in Stockton	Jan	01926 817991
Every Thursday at 8pm in Napton	Julia	01926 811476
Every Friday online at 7:15am Zoom	Katie	07965 209 075
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.

www.thebridgesgroup.org.uk

WHO'S WHO

Parish Council	Chairman	Howard Collerson	813181
	Clerk	Robbie Robinson	814094
	Councillors	John Emberton	814267
		Helen Kittendorf	815376
		Chris Millidge	812991
		Terry Warner	813424
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Wendy Rumsey	813730		
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	Administrator	Susan Holloway	812383
	Church Warden	Wendy Turner	812694
	Church Flowers	Wendy Turner	812694
Village Hall Bookings	Helen Kittendorf	07902775078	
Stockton School	Head Teacher	Mrs. A. Bedgood	812483
Little Acorns			813789
Toddlersaurs	Becca Makepeace	07733107197	
Group Scout Leader/Scouts	Jo Brough	07568 653158	
Cubs	Toby Leeman	07866 563301	
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Women's Institute President	Sue Gill	07502207380	
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	Marion Stringer	812887	
Advertising Editor	Steve Kittendorf	07706155358	

LOCAL EVENTS

Events and News from Our Neighbouring Villages

Southam Open Gardens Weekend

Southam Open Gardens is on
Saturday 18th & Sunday 19th July, 11am-5pm,
with 9 gardens to explore.

Entrance is by programme (**£5 per person**, school age children free) available from Jacqueline the Florist on Market Hill prior to the event and, during the Weekend, from the Heritage Centre, Tithe Place, High St or from any of the gardens. Programmes are valid on both days. All proceeds will go to support Southam In Bloom

Southam Heritage Collection will be open and on the Saturday there will be a Craft Fayre in St James Church. Several of the gardens will be serving refreshments and some will have plants to sell. So come along, have a couple of great days out, and pick up plenty of ideas for your own garden!!

Marton Museum
is open til end Sept
Sundays 2pm - 4pm
Come to see our new
farming displays!
Marton CV23 9SA
www.martonmuseum.co.uk





VILLAGE MATTERS

To have your news included please
Contact by email - stocktons.news@gmail.com
or by hard copy to Editorial Team



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday wishes for **July** go to Richard Rumsey, Robert Cox and Ashley Adkins

Special 80th Birthday wishes go to Marion Stringer and 50th to Little Dodger (Jamie Stringer).

And for **August** to Charlotte Howard, Emily Howard and Carter Chatland and Happy Wedding Anniversary to Simon and Charlie Kermode

To include birthdays/anniversary please contact magazine.

Tel: 01926 813730/812887 or email before 15th of month

Refuse & Recycling

Food Waste - weekly Grey Lid Bin - 3 weekly - **July** 10th 31st **Aug** 21st

Blue Lid Bin & Green Bin - 2 weekly - **July** 10th 24th **Aug** 7th 21st

Missed Bins Tel: 01789 260616

Mobile Library

July 3rd & 31st **August** 28th **Stockton Church** 2.10 - 2.30pm

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&**

Football Club House, Napton Road

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STOCKTON CHARITY CUP

Stockton Charity Cup Cheque Presentation to Myton Hospices at Stockton Football & Cricket Club, Monday 1st June 2026.

Stockton Charity Cup Committee were pleased to present to Jodie Jones of Myton Hospices with a cheque for £600.00

In total we raised £1100.00, with a further £500.00 to be split between Local Charities

Rick Musson

Photograph

Back - Noel Clough, Robbie Davis, Rick Musson, Sally Cole, Lisa Scott & Ian Sewell

Front - Amy Gulliver, Di Musson & Jodie Jones



Almond Cherry Cake Recipe for Village Festival

Ingredients:

- 4oz Softened Butter
- 5oz Caster Sugar
- 3 Large Eggs
- 3½oz Ground Almonds
- 1½oz S.R. Flour
- 4oz Cherries (Halved)
- 1 tspn Almond Essence

Method:

Cream butter and sugar.

Add eggs one at a time alternating with the ground almonds.

Fold in the flour, cherries and almond essence.

Put into greased and lined 7/8 inch tin.

180°c oven *adjust for fan oven* for 45 - 50 mins.

STOCKTON VILLAGE HALL FRIENDS' LUNCH CLUB

This is a group who meet on the second Wednesday of each month at The Crown for a meal, a chat and to make new friends. We enjoy a Carvery with a choice of four meats and a large selection of vegetables, and a delicious Dessert of the Day all for £9.95.

Everybody is welcome and if you would like to join us then give

Val Legg a ring on 717232.



STOCKTON'S WEATHER STATION



MAY 2026

Headlines - a proper bank holiday scorcher

In May the average **minimum temperature** was 11.5 deg. C, four degrees above the average minimum (7.7 deg. C.). The lowest temperature was 2.3 deg.C on the 13th. The average **maximum temperature** was 21.0 deg. C, four degrees above the average maximum (16.9 deg.C.). The highest temperature was 33.0 deg.C on the 26th. **Rainfall** was 35 mm, about 60% of the May average of 57 mm. The wettest day was the 19th with 8 mm. It only rained on 6 days. **Sunshine** levels have been close to the average with just 5% more sunshine than the average May. **Winds** blew mostly from the west, south west and south (20 days).

Trivia of the month - the warmest night this May was the 25th with a minimum temperature of 19.7 deg C. In Stockton we have to go back 12 years to 11 September 2014 when we saw an overnight (sweaty) minimum of 21.5 deg C.

The weather monitor



**Stockton's
Produce
Show**

**Saturday
23rd August
2026**

Stockton

VEGETABLES

- V1 - 3 potatoes of one colour. Either white or red
- V2 - 3 carrots, tops trimmed to 4 ins.
- V3 - 3 courgettes
- V4 - 5 tomatoes, small or cherry
- V5 - 5 tomatoes medium/large
- V6 - 3 peppers of the same type either sweet or chilli
- V7 - 1 lettuce
- V8- 6 beans, dwarf or French
- V9- 6 beans, runner
- V10 - Longest runner bean
- V11 - Display of vegetables on a plate, up to 5 varieties
- V12 - 1 wonky vegetable - the most amusingly shaped vegetable
- V13 - 3 Onions Red or White

FRUIT

- F1 - 3 dessert apples
- F2 - 3 cooking apples
- F3 - 3 Pears
- F4 - 1 display of fruit on a plate, minimum 3 varieties.

FLOWERS

FL1 - 3 roses in a vase, mixed varieties

FL2 - 1 vase of mixed flowers, minimum 5 varieties

FL3 - 3 Dahlias

FL4 - Indoor Flowering Plant

BAKING, JAMS & PRESERVES

B1a - Victoria sponge 7"/8"

B1b - Almond & Cherry **to recipe from this magazine**

B2 - 3 chocolate brownies

B3 - 3 decorated cup cakes - theme 'Sport'

B4 - 3 homemade biscuits - two categories a.) Savoury b.) Sweet

B5 - 3 Scones - two categories a.) Savoury b.) Sweet

Please note: No logo on jar and new lids must be used

B6 - 1 pot of homemade soft fruit jam (e.g. strawberry, raspberry)

B7 - 1 pot of homemade stone fruit jam (e.g. plum)

B8 - 1 pot of homemade marmalade

B10 - 1 pot of homemade lemon curd

CHILDREN 5 YEARS AND UNDER

C1 - Animal or monster made from a selection of fruit and/or vegetables

C2 - A painting or drawing of a single vegetable

CHILDREN 6 - 12 YEARS

C3 - Animal or monster made from a selection of fruit and/or vegetables



Each Entry 50p per Item
Children's Entries are free

Exhibitors only allowed one entry per class
but can enter as many classes as desired.

Exhibitors must provide own plates/vases and
are responsible for collection at end of show.

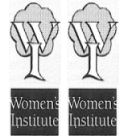
Unless Exhibitor states otherwise
all vegetables and fruit will be made up into
boxes to be raffled off at the end of the show.

Exhibitors to enter their items between
9.30am ~ 11.00am.

Judging will take place between
11.30am ~ 1.00pm.



WOMENS INSTITUTE



Meeting 7.30pm at Village Hall first Monday of Month
President:- Sue Gill Tel: 0750 2207380
Secretary: Joan Ford Tel: 01926 810220

Josie opened our June meeting welcoming the members and we all sang Jerusalem.

Joan then went through the new events and outings and mentioned that the new members' list was available. She told us that we will be entering the Festival Scarecrow competition if anyone would like to get involved. We have an outing to Chedham's Yard living museum and heritage site in August as well as our garden party. Members were also encouraged to save the date of 24th October for a Craft Dabble Day.

The WI once more will be organising the Produce Show on Stockton Festival Saturday. We hope your tomatoes etc have made a good start. If you wish to enter, you will find the schedule of produce entries in the centre of this issue of Stockton's News and information on how to enter is provided. Good luck everyone!

Josie then introduced our speaker for the evening, Andy Crump, whose talk was on Fraud Awareness. It is almost unbelievable that there are so many unscrupulous people out there wanting to scam us for our hard earned money. Millions of people in the UK fall prey to scammers but only 5 percent of them report a scam. The demographics of scam victims are all ages and Andy went through the many various ways of people being scammed either through the post, email or text, online, over the telephone, on the doorstep or out and about. But fear not, Andy had some helpful hints for us:

1.If it sounds too good to be true - it is! **2.**If you haven't bought a ticket then you can't win it. **3.**You shouldn't have to pay anything to get a prize. **4.** If in doubt, don't reply. Bin it, delete it, or hang up. **5.** Never give someone access to your computer. **6.** Never tell anyone your PIN number. **7.** Never buy from unexpected doorstep callers. You can't tell a good trader from a bad one on the doorstep. Other tips were never disclose security details, don't assume everyone is genuine, don't be rushed, listen to your instincts and stay in control. For advice on scams call the Citizens Advice Consumer helpline 0808 223 1133 or to report a scam ring Action Fraud 0300 123 2040. Thank you Andy for an interesting talk with such good advice.

After the refreshments we held a table quiz on flowers and announced our competition winner who this month was Jill.

Our next meeting will be **Monday 6th July 2026 at 7.30 pm** at the Village Hall. The speaker for the evening is Howard Collerson - a Calligraphy Workshop followed by a cheese and wine evening. The competition item is a cup or mug so look out your mugs whether beautiful or unusual!

GARDEN JOTTINGS



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Growing and selling plants is a tricky business to be in. There are trends which I can't keep up with. The weather plays a big part obviously. Basically I would like a crystal ball to know how busy I might be and which plants will sell. To illustrate this let me tell you about the second Sunday in June which turned out to be the busiest sales day since starting here 27 years ago. Most of the purchases were done between 10.30am and 1.30pm. The previous Sunday the sales were about a tenth of this sum. My ability to be adaptable is challenged. Perhaps having had some rain means that people can get some planting done at the moment. Luckily I have plenty of plants almost ready for sale plus new cuttings taken but I'm not sure I could sustain that level of demand.

Some of the intensity of the jobs to be done at this time of year slows down a bit but most people who are keen can always find something to do. I rarely sit and enjoy it but I hope you can. Maybe some roses need dead-heading, some vegetables need picking especially peas and beans before they get too large and there are usually some weeds that continue to grow. If you have fruit trees they will need some pruning and some hedges might need cutting. The hornbeam here is usually trimmed around this time of year. Mowing is relentless unless we have another dry summer, a repetitive task but the results are pleasing.

Do try to visit open gardens for the National Garden Scheme, such a worthwhile charity, there are many to choose from. Incidentally I have already sent £800 plus to headquarters and there are still 3 months to go.

Christine



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

JUNE 2026 MEETING

These are informal notes only - for a full record please refer to the approved minutes on our website.

Village Facilities: Nelsons Way - movement of kerbstones, lighting column, etc possibly due to adjacent ditch. This has been raised with Warwickshire Highways but it is believed that the road has not been adopted yet and may still be the responsibility of the developer. **Children's Playing Field** - the parish council will commission a regular safety audit from an equipment supplier. The condition of the **footpath in High Street** between The Crown Inn and Lawrence's Neal's workshop is in a poor condition and will be reported to Warwickshire Highways. **Village litter bins and dog poo bins** - some of these are in a poor state of repair so the parish council is exploring with Stratford whose responsibility it is for repair and maintenance. If necessary the parish council will undertake a programme of refurbishment similar to the street light upgrade programme.

Planning Matters; 2 Greaves Cottages (26/01142)) loft conversion - permission granted under permitted development rights. **9 George Street (26/00509)** - replacement of front canopy, single storey front extension, first floor rear extension - no representation from parish council. **South Warwickshire Local Plan** and 5 year Land Supply - initial guidance from the government planning inspector has indicated that the SWLP does not provide sufficient new housing to meet national guidelines, this has resulted in an appendix to the SWLP that refers to 106 houses in Stockton off Sycamore close and Jubilee Fields.

REMINDER to all villagers - all the street lights in the parish are owned and maintained by the parish council so any faults or damage should be reported to the Parish Council Clerk or to any councillor.

Next Meeting: 7.15pm on Monday 20 July 2026.

Howard Collerson (chairman)



News From Andy Crump

WCC Councillor for Southam, Stockton & Napton
SDC Councillor for Southam Central and East and Stockton
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andrew.crump@stratford-dc.gov.uk

Local Councillor update for July and August 2026

The Planning Application from Richborough for the 75 homes of Sycamore close is still ongoing – if/when I receive any information.

Having stood down as Chair of Overview & Scrutiny Committee at SDC in April, it was pleasing to be re-elected as Chair of Resources and Fire & Rescue Scrutiny Committee this week. The role of Scrutiny is to be a 'critical friend' to whoever is the administration that runs WCC. I will ensure that this Committee does that to the best of its ability and that members of the Committee pull their weight and not just grandstand.

Overgrown Hedges etc...

With the 'mini' heatwave being followed by intense and prolonged and heavy rain, the hedges/undergrowth etc has enjoyed these conditions and has grown rapidly. Some paths have been partially blocked by them and WCC have sensitively trimmed them, being mindful of the **Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981**. Some hedges aren't in the control of the Council so it has to contact landowners about these issues. Please report to me or WCC any issues being caused by overgrown hedges etc.

Report to Stockton PC – 15/6/26

Stockton Crossroads – lots of work going on behind the scenes;

The launch of the Councillors' Grant Fund 2026-27.

The Fund will open for applications at **9am on Monday 15 June, with the deadline of 5pm on 26 July.**

There are three notable changes from last year.

These are:

- The Fund will move to a single funding round, replacing the two rounds offered in previous years.
- Organisations can apply for a maximum of £5,000.

The Fund priorities now align to the six key areas of focus in the new Council Plan 2026-2030:

- **Safe and strong childhoods**
- **Living well in Warwickshire**
- **Building brighter futures**

- **Economy, growth, jobs, and skills**
- **Highways and transport**
- **Proud places and safe communities**

Please use the following link to access the updated Guidance Notes: Councillors' Grant Fund 2026-27 Guidance Notes.

All application forms will need to be submitted using the Councillors' Grant Fund webpage.

South Warwickshire Local Plan (SWLP) – an update

Process - The Planning Inspectorate's assessment was that the SWLP was not currently sound. It led to an initial addendum being produced a few days for the joint WDC/SDC Cabinet Committee and a further one 40 minutes before SDC's Overview & Scrutiny Meeting, adding almost 3,400 homes to the Plan in Stratford District **INCLUDING 106 FOR STOCKTON. (at the OSC I stated that it was an increase in current Stockton house numbers by 16-17% - I have subsequently since written to the officer responsible for the Plan to remove these allocations)**

Legal and officer advice, I believe, is that the changes required need further public consultation. However, the hard stop of 31st December 2026 for plan submission does not allow time for this as far as I'm concerned.

A potential strategy is to dispense with officer analysis and member involvement after Regulation 19 responses are in and just submit them with the plan! I've been told that Oxford City Council tried this and have been served with an injunction stopping plan work pending a full Judicial Review (JR). The SWLP faces the same risk.

Regulation 19 consultation will not start before the middle of July and last eight weeks. Regulation 18 had over 22,000 responses and engagement on anything like this scale will extend officers proposed 10 week response review turnaround time well beyond the 31st December deadline.

Legal – I've been told that Community groups, Town and Parish Councils, and Lobbying groups all have grave concerns about the whole SWLP process, the current shape of the plan versus the Regulation 18 version, and site-specific concerns. At least one has already decided to seek legal advice about a JR. Others may follow suit or group together for a super JR. It only needs the court to halt the plan process while it hears a JR for SWLP to miss its December deadline. These same groups are also likely to contest the soundness of the plan at Examination

The SDC Full Council that was due to discuss this on 8th June was then postponed to 13th July, it has now been postponed a further 2 days until **15th July – I will keep residents informed. Once SDC has had this meeting, I will work with the Parish Council to organise a public meeting to discuss the village's response to the consultation**

Bridge Nursery (Tomlow Road near Napton – by the Canal Bridge !)

Do you know that the garden is open for charity every weekend from Easter until the end of September.

The charity is the National Garden Scheme which is nationwide. People open their gardens raise funds which are then distributed to **Macmillan Cancer Support**, **Marie Curie UK**, the **Carers Trust**, and other caring charities. Last year £3,875,596 was raised across the country
Please support a local business that is helping Charities too.

GRASSCRETE

I've had extremely positive feedback about the Grasscrete area in High St and it has tidied up the area really well. The Grasscrete in George St is serving its purpose as the verges are no longer being churned up – however there are some parts that need strimming and I've asked for it to be done.

Various

I will be going around the village in the near future, with a WCC Officer, to look at potholes, damaged paths, blocked drains, parking and hedge issues, line markings, parking near the church and school etc.

Outdoor summer fire safety

As summer continues, many people will start to spend more time outdoors. Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service (WFRS) is sharing top tips to help reduce the risk of outdoor fires while enjoying summer.

Stay alert to doorstep crime

Stay Alert to Doorstep Crime! It happens when someone turns up without being asked and talks about repairs, services or other work. It often involves pressure or claims that aren't true.

You can report it at: <http://citizensadvice.org.uk/scams>.

Let's stay #SafeInWarwickshire.

Emergency contacts

Do you know who to contact in an emergency?

You can find your key contacts near you on the #Warwickshire Resilience Forum website!

Pick a risk and pop in your postcode at [https://](https://www.warwickshireresilienceforum.org/emergency-contacts/)

www.warwickshireresilienceforum.org/emergency-contacts/, and find out who's here to help where you are.

Rogue builder pleads guilty to fraud

A rogue builder, who scammed a Kenilworth couple, has pleaded guilty to fraud following a successful prosecution by Warwickshire County Council's Trading Standards service.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/7697/rogue-builder-who-scammed-kenilworth-couple-pleads-guilty-to-fraud>

Warwickshire Legal Services highly commended at awards

Warwickshire County Council's Legal Services team has achieved recognition in two categories at the Lawyers in Local Government Awards 2026.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/7709/warwickshire-legal-services-achieves-highly-commended-in-two-award-categories-at-lawyers-in-local-government-awards>

Cost of living website

Many different aspects of daily life have been affected by the rising cost of living.

To help find information to support with managing increased household costs visit: www.costoflivingwarwickshire.co.uk

The Crisis and Resilience Fund

The Crisis and Resilience Fund offer emergency help with essential living costs for low-income households after a sudden financial shock.

To ask about support call Warwickshire's Local Welfare Scheme on 0800 408 1448 or visit: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/crisisresiliencefund>

Cost of Living Support - SDC

<https://www.stratford.gov.uk/benefits-support/cost-of-living-support.cfm>

SEND Reform in Warwickshire

Warwickshire County Council has set out plans to strengthen support for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities, following approval of its Local SEND Reform Plan by Cabinet.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/7713/new-plan-agreed-to-improve-send-support-across-warwickshire>

Young voices take the lead in Warwickshire Youth Council

Young people from across the county have taken on new roles at Warwickshire Youth Council following a day of speeches, discussions and voting.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/7703/young-voices-take-the-lead-in-warwickshire-youth-council>

Road safety officer shortlisted for national Bikeability award

Warwickshire County Council is proud to announce that Louise Newham, Road safety officer and lead for Bikeability delivery in Warwickshire, has been shortlisted for the prestigious 'Rising STAR Award' at the 2026 national Bikeability Awards.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/7693/road-safety-officer-shortlisted-for-national-bikeability-rising-star-award>

Always stop for the lollipop

Warwickshire County Council's Road Safety Education team is issuing a plea to all drivers to stop when a school crossing patrol displays their

‘STOP’ sign.

Find out more: [https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/7712/drivers-always-stop-for-the-lollipop-](https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/7712/drivers-always-stop-for-the-lollipop)

School crossing patrol celebrates 35 years of service

Warwickshire County Council is celebrating the remarkable dedication of Jean King, who recently received a Long Service Award marking an incredible 35 years of keeping children safe on the county’s roads as a School Crossing Patrol.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/7708/warwickshire-celebrates-stockingford-school-crossing-patrol-s-35-years-of-dedicated-service>

Log highways issues and report feedback

Warwickshire County Council has launched a new platform to support the way customers can report a highways problem or log customer feedback through its website.

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4953/updates-to-the-way-customers-log-highways-issues-and-report-feedback>

Reporting highways issues – or let me know !!

cllrcrump@warwickshire.gov.uk

Warwickshire County Council is urging residents to report any Highways faults that they encounter while driving or walking in the county via its website.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4085/warwickshire-county-council-encourages-residents-to-report-road-issues>

PAVEMENT PARKING/PARK IT RIGHT – the excuse, I won’t be long isn’t sufficient – it only takes a few seconds for a collision to occur. THINK ABOUT OTHERS NOT JUST YOURSELF

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

Report waste crime

Waste crime costs the English economy an estimated £1 billion every year, but only 27% of incidents are reported. If you’ve seen large scale or repeated illegal waste dumping, contact CrimeStoppers 100% anonymously, online or call 0800 555 111.

Report it: <https://crimestoppers-uk.org/keeping-safe/rural-crime/environmental-crime>

Collection Calendar

SDC no longer post out the A5 bin collection calendar as a matter of course.

<https://www.stratford.gov.uk/waste-recycling>

A pdf can also be downloaded or printed

Paper copies can be requested still either by emailing info@stratford-dc.gov.uk or ringing 01789 267575. Residents in my ward of Stockton and Southam Central and East can use my contact details

(andrew.crumpp@stratford-dc.gov.uk) or 07771335273 if they need my assistance.

Missed Bins – please continue to report to SDC – the App is very useful for doing so and **make a note of your reference**. It helps SDC hold the Contractor to account.

Missed bins -. Contacts are streetscene@stratford-dc.gov.uk or Telephone: 01789 260616

Or download the app [https://www.stratford.gov.uk/online-forms/missed-bin-reportform.cfm?](https://www.stratford.gov.uk/online-forms/missed-bin-reportform.cfm?fbclid=IwAR3vfkf03zOgXUsEHH04ODeqfid1b1msbwpVg8Dg6nQn47HoAcwmw5LL9Joc)

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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.

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

Councillor groans -

Did you hear about the violinist who was sacked for being on the fiddle.

The triangle player in our band has just retired, we thank him for every ting.

I've just won a knobly knees competition, it was over 2 legs.

I taught my dog to play the trumpet on the Underground – in 15 minutes he went from Barking to Tooting

Why did the ram run off the cliff – it didn't see the ewe turn

Did you hear about the dozy motorist that drove into the stream to dip their headlights?

Andy -07771335273 – cllrcrumpp@warwickshire.gov.uk

Stockton Pétanque



Chair – Catherine Black
Administrator – John Emberton
Club Captain – Rich Rushton
www.stocktonpetanqueclub.org.uk

The Club has been very active socially in June, hosting two '41 club' groups from Rugby who enjoyed evenings with a difference, playing pétanque for two hours followed by a French themed buffet. We have also invited a U3A group from Rugby to try out pétanque as one of their social activities, and have bookings in July for a Rotary Club and 'Simply Social' group to enjoy similar evenings.

We welcome all local clubs and companies looking for a social evening with a difference to come and play with us. We provide the boules, coach the players in the rules, and organise friendly competitions.

On the playing side, ten Stockton players entered the qualifying competition to represent the Heart of England Region in the National Inter-Regional Championship in September with Alfie Potter and Jeff Rand gaining selection. Alfie also had great success in the National Singles Title Championship where, facing the top UK players, he reached the quarter finals. Unfortunately he was drawn against Dean Ashby, from the England #1 team, which he lost with a fighting 8-13.

In the meantime five Stockton ladies competed in the International Women's Day finals. Emily Adams and Sally Hayes represented the Heart of England Region in the pairs championship and Catherine Black, Becky Rushton and Sarah Jerger played in the triples championship, reaching the semi finals in the gold division, losing narrowly to three England players. Well done to all of these players, who are establishing Stockton Pétanque Club firmly on the Regional and National maps.

After 9 rounds of The West Midlands Summer League, Stockton Knights have won 16 of their 24 games and are 3rd in their table, Stockton Villagers have won 16 of their 28 games and are top of their table, and Stockton Yeomen have won 13 of their 24 games and are 3rd in their table.

After 11 weeks of Stockton's Summer League Jeff Rand and Steve Neale are leading the pack, just ahead of Nouri Beladaci, Richard Prosser and novice Greg Coyne.

After 18 weeks of the annual Singles League Steve Neale is in the lead with 13 wins, just ahead of Nouri Beladaci on 12 wins and Rich Rushton with 10 wins.

There was a good turn-out of 22 for the June melee and after three rounds there were just three unbeaten players with Sarah Jerger taking the honours with a +19 points advantage. Jeff Rand was 2nd on +15, just pipping Richard Prosser on +14.



STOCKTON VILLAGE HALL

Bookings - Helen Kittendorf Tel: 07902 775078

email: helenkittendorf@hotmail.co.uk

Hourly Rate £10

As we head into the summer months, let's hope we have some great weather to enjoy and relax! Our regular events will continue throughout July and August and we hope to see you then.

Latest news:

Our new website is now up and running but will continue to be developed over the coming weeks – www.stocktonvillagehall.org.uk

We have a new Village Hall sign on the side of the porch wall, so it is easier for visitors to find when coming down the hill!

Our new AV equipment is installed – great sound and vision for our Cinema Nights and also for hirers of the hall if required

Don't forget to join us for our 80th Anniversary Celebration on Sunday 12th July - tickets are priced at £12 per person and selling fast - the price includes Afternoon Tea as well as some great entertainment so contact Helen and book your place now!

Our weekly / bi-weekly events are scheduled as followed:

Seated Chair Exercise Class – every Thursday at 11am

Community Singing Group – 1st and 3rd Friday in the month

Our monthly events are scheduled as followed:

Coffee Morning on Saturday 4th July and 1st August from 10am- 12 Noon

Lunch Club is on Wednesday 8th July and 12th August at 12.30pm at The Crown

Quiz Night is on Friday 10th July and 14th August starting at 7pm

Whist Drive is on Saturday 11th July and 8th August at 7.30pm

Cinema Night is on Saturday 25th July and 29th August starting at 7pm – supper is available from 6.30pm. If you would like to know about the upcoming film and supper that is on offer, please contact Steve @ stevekittendorf@hotmail.co.uk

Upcoming events – hold the dates!

Murder Most Medical - Friday 23rd October at 6.30pm

Christmas Wreath /Table Decoration Making – Saturday 5th Dec at 2pm

2026 Panto – Aladdin - Wednesday 30th December at 2.30pm

Thank you for your continued support and use of the Village Hall - we look forward to seeing you very soon at one of our events.

The Village Hall Trustees and Management Committee



STOCKTON JUNIORS



Stockton Juniors FC – Highlights of the Month

As another fantastic season draws to a close, Stockton Juniors FC has once again demonstrated everything that makes grassroots football so special. From trophy winning performances and league success to celebrating together as one football family, it has been a month filled with pride, achievement, and community spirit.

Presentation Day Celebration

One of the highlights of the year was our annual Presentation Day, which brought together players, coaches, parents, volunteers, and supporters from across the club. It was a wonderful day filled with smiles, laughter, celebration, and memories that will last a lifetime. Events like these remind us that Stockton Juniors is about far more than football. It is about friendships, personal development, teamwork, and creating a positive environment where young people can thrive both on and off the pitch. The day provided an opportunity to celebrate the hard work, dedication, and progress of every player throughout the season while recognising the invaluable contribution of our volunteer coaches and supportive families who make everything possible.

U8 Thunder Crowned Tournament Champions

A huge congratulations to our U8 Thunder team, who were crowned tournament champions following an outstanding display of football and sportsmanship. The boys showed tremendous determination, skill, and resilience throughout the competition while representing Stockton Juniors with great respect and maturity. Facing teams that included many of their friends, they demonstrated the values of grassroots football at its very best. After a thrilling final that went all the way to a penalty shootout, the team held their nerve to lift the trophy and create memories that will stay with them for years to come. Their success is a testament to the effort they have put in throughout the season and the fantastic support they receive from their coaches and families. We could not be prouder of their achievement.

U11 Lionesses Roar to Tournament Victory

Our U11 Lionesses also finished their season in spectacular fashion by being crowned champions at the Kingshurst Tournament. The girls were exceptional from start to finish, topping their group without conceding a single goal and demonstrating outstanding teamwork, commitment, and quality throughout the competition. After showing incredible composure to win a sudden death penalty shootout in the semi-final, the Lionesses produced another superb performance in the final to defeat the tournament hosts and lift the trophy.

This success reflects months of hard work, dedication, and continuous improvement. The players have embraced every challenge this season and thoroughly deserved their moment of glory. To finish the season as tournament champions was the perfect reward for their efforts and a proud moment for everyone connected with the team.

U12 Spitfires Earn Premier Tier Promotion

There was more reason to celebrate as our U12 Spitfires secured promotion to the Premier Tier for next season. This achievement is the result of a season built on commitment, teamwork, and a determination to improve week after week. The boys have worked tirelessly to reach this level, and promotion is thoroughly deserved. The Premier Tier will provide a new challenge next season, but the attitude and character shown by this squad suggest they will embrace it with confidence and enthusiasm.

Looking Ahead

While trophies and promotions are fantastic achievements, Stockton Juniors remains committed to the values at the heart of grassroots football: providing opportunities for young people to develop, enjoy the game, build friendships, and become part of a supportive community. As we head into the summer months, players and coaches will take the opportunity to rest, reflect, and prepare for the challenges ahead. We will continue to train, develop, and build for the future while celebrating everything that has been achieved this season.

Finally, we would like to thank our players, coaches, volunteers, parents, sponsors, and the wider local community for their incredible support. We are proud to represent our community and recognise that none of these achievements would be possible without the people who support us every step of the way.

Together, we are stronger.



Stockton Army

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Napton Road, Stockton Tel: 01926 812613

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11th July Live Music ~ ROAD HOGS

19th July WORLD CUP FINAL

AUGUST VILLAGE FESTIVAL : 28th Kids Disco 6 - 7.30pm

Band Imposters 9.00pm

29th Bingo 8.00pm

Liquid Insanity 9.00pm

31st End of Festival Quiz

12th Sept THROWBACK DISCO 18+ 8 til late - Tickets

Join us for sporting events with BT and Sky Sports

For last minute events or changes to the current planned events please see the following:

Web page: <http://nelsonclub.co.uk/index.html>

Find us on **Facebook & Twitter**

Stockton Football & Cricket Club

About Us: We are a non-profit, Community Amateur Sports Club, run by a team of volunteers for its members & the wider community.

The Club House

Recently extended to include disabled facilities and additional changing rooms.
Well stocked bar with Sky Sports & BT Sports. Pop into the clubhouse or see Facebook for information on upcoming

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STOCKTON VILLAGE FESTIVAL

Summer Bank Holiday Weekend
28th - 31st August 2026

Live Bands over the Festival Weekend
28th - 31st August

Beer & Cider Festival 28th - 31st August

Scarecrow Trail 29th - 30th August

Produce Show 29th August

Family Fun Day 30th August

End of Festival Quiz 31st August

Name the Bear at all Venues 28th - 31st August

Entering a Scarecrow

Are you interested in having some fun making a scarecrow for this event, there is no cost to enter a scarecrow for the trail, entry forms to follow.

The theme this year will be
“British icons of the past 100 years”

stocktonvillagefestival@gmail.com

