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Village Calendar



Regular Weekly Village Events

Monday :~

Senior Day Centre: Village Hall ~ 9.00am - 3.00pm

Knit & Natter: Church ~ 2 - 4pm

Tuesday :~

Create & Play: Church 9.30 - 11.00 am ~ **2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd**

Brewed Awakening: Nelson Club ~ 9.30 - 12 noon ~ **2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th**

Clubbercise: Village Hall ~ 7.00 - 8.00pm

Wednesday :~

Chess Club: Nelson Club ~ 5.30 - 7.30pm

Lazy Cat Yoga: Village Hall ~ 7.30 - 9.00pm

Thursday :~

Friday :~

Toddlersaurs: Village Hall ~ 9.30 - 11.30am

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

Saturday :~

Bingo: Eyes down 8.00pm ~ Nelson Club (Top Room)

Regular Monthly Village Events

Monday

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

Parish Council Meetings:~ Village Hall ~ 7.00pm ~ **11th**

Tuesday

Folk Night: Last Tuesday of the month ~ Nelson Club ~ 8.00pm ~ **30th**

Wednesday

Church Lunch: Every 3rd Wednesday ~ 12noon ~ **17th**

Village Hall Friends Lunch Club ~ 2nd Wednesday ~ Crown Inn ~ **10th**

Thursday

Afternoon Bingo ~ Alt. Thursdays ~ Nelson Club ~ 2.00pm ~ **11th & 25th**

Friday

Charity Fun Quiz Night: Every 3rd Friday ~ Nelson Club ~ 8.00pm ~ **19th**

Saturday

Coffee Morning & Library: Every 1st Saturday ~ Village Hall ~ **8th**

Whist Drive: Every 2nd Saturday ~ Village Hall ~ 7.30pm start ~ **13th**

Stockton Cinema: Every last Saturday ~ Village Hall ~ 7.00pm ~ **27th**



DIARY DATES

Include your village event for free



May

- 1st** Galanos Events ~ see Local Events pages
- 4th** **(DONT FORGET TO TAKE YOUR PHOTO ID WHEN YOU VOTE)**
- 5th** Garyoke ~ Nelson Club ~ 8.00pm
- 7th** **PARTY IN THE PARK 2pm - Stockton Playing Field**
- 8th** Scouts Open Day ~ see page 11
- 10th** Long Itchington History Group ~ see Local Events pages
- 11th** **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ~ 7.00pm ~ Village Hall**
- 12th** Elvis Tribute Night ~ £10 Members, £15 Non Members ~ Nelson Club
- 15th** Southam Gardening Club ~ see Local Events pages
- 27th** 'Pact' Live Band ~ Nelson Club ~ 9pm

Refuse & Recycling

Food Waste - Weekly - Every Friday **Grey Lid Bin - 3 weekly - 12th**
Blue Lid Bin & Green Bin - 2 weekly - 5th & 19th

Missed Bins Tel: 01789 260616

Stockton Recycling Centre: To book a slot over the phone please ring
01926 410410 - Customer Services at W.C.C .

Mobile Library

Stockton Church 2.10 - 2.30pm ~ 12th

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

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.

2nd - Duplo Fun 9th 'Let's Paint'

16th - No Wendy or Deborah but space to play

23rd 'Tye Dye' Bring a baby grow or light coloured fabric to dye

30th - Half Term



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



Happy Birthday wishes this month go to Jon Howard

*To include birthdays/anniversary please contact magazine.
Tel: 01926 813730/812887 or email before 15th of month*

7th MAY PARTY IN THE PARK 2pm

Weather permitting, celebrate the Coronation with afternoon tea at our children's playing field, off St. Michael's Crescent.

Bring your own seats, tables, food, drink, umbrellas, gazebos, etc and set up from 2pm onwards.

Your kids may want to bring their kites, footballs, bikes, etc and make good use of the space.

The gates will be open so that you can bring it all up in the car.



**History of Nelsons and Local Cement Works Talk (Cali)
21st June 2023**

**at the Nelson Club (Top Room) Stockton
7.00pm for a 7.30pm start (Approx 2hrs)**

Guest speaker is John Frearson Historian and Archivist

Admission £3 per person, Bar Open, All Welcome

Lent lunches

Thank you to everyone who supported our Lent lunches this year in Stockton and Napton. We have raised an amazing £860 thanks to your very generous donations. This will be shared between Embrace the Middle East and Tearfund to support the earthquake victims in Syria and Turkey.

Thank you to Stockton First Scouts for the lovely gift of a potted flower plant. It was a lovely thought.

Marion Stringer

Thank you for the lovely potted flower.

Sheila Stevens

What a lovely surprise we had on Easter Sunday. Thank you to the 1st Stockton Beavers, Cubs and Scouts for the Viola Pot you gave us, one of my favourite flowers. You really made our day.

Shirley and Albert Cox

A TALE OF A BIG BELL AND SOME SMALLER BELLS

The 6 year restoration of the Elizabeth Tower and Big Ben was completed just in time for the Remembrance Sunday Service in November 2022. The tower is just over 160 years old and must be one of the most famous images on Earth.

However, our own bell tower at St. Michael and All Angels in Stockton houses three bells that have been there OVER 400 YEARS. The first bell bears the inscription “Be yt knowne to all that doth me see that Newcom of Leicester made me 1608”. The other two bells bear a Latin inscription “IHS Nazarenus Rex Idueorum Filipe misereremei” which my poor Latin translates as “ The Nazarene King of the Jews had mercy on his Son” with one being dated 1620 and the other 1622. So for 400 years think of the local happenings that they have seen and the national historical events that they have witnessed and been rung in celebration of. However their main purpose must have been to call villagers to the church services on Sundays and also to mark the countless occasions of the weddings and funerals of parishioners.

They may have rung in 1625 to celebrate their first Coronation, that of King Charles 1, and since then for 16 subsequent Kings and Queens. They may have also rung to celebrate royal funerals, weddings and jubilees such as Victoria’s wedding to Prince Albert in 1840, and the Jubilees of Queen Victoria in 1887 and 1897 and Queen Elizabeth in 1977, 2002 and 2022. They would also have celebrated the end of World War 1 on 11 November 1918 and VE Day on 8 May 1945.

The sound of our bells is one of the things that has been a constant for villagers for four centuries and links them back to their ancestors. Life back then will have been much simpler but often hard and short with most of the village relying on agriculture for a living. Nowadays the village has grown and the ties between people may be looser as a result of increased mobility but we can rely on the bells as an unchanging symbol of the past and a link to all the events that have unfolded in our village and on the wider scene over four centuries.

Howard Collerson

THE CORONATION OF KING CHARLES III THE BIG HELP OUT



As part of the Coronation Celebrations, the King has declared Monday 8th May as a “Festival of Volunteering” to encourage people to volunteer in their local area.

In Stockton we have the following groups that would like to recruit more people to help them out in their efforts to build a better community. Please approach them if you are interested in helping them:

St. Michael’s Church

Contact - Wendy Turner 01926 812694. Email: wendyt2694@yahoo.co.uk

Scouts, Beavers and Cubs

Contact - 1st.Stockton.Scouts@gmail.com

Stockton Playing Fields Committee

Contact - Hollie Jones. 07595 491951

Stockton Village Hall

Contacts - Val Legg 01926 814640

Helen Kittendorf 01926 815376 helenkittendorf@hotmail.co.uk

On a slightly wider front there are:

Galanos House

Contact - galanoshouseadmin@britishlegion.org.uk

Tel: 01926 812185

Southam Lions

contact - 01926 814436

Southam Rotary

Contact - rotarygbi.org

Myton Hospice

Contact - volunteering@mytonhospice.org

Tel: 01926 838836

Warwickshire Community & Voluntary Action (CAVA)

contact - wcava.org.uk

And nationally:

Blood donors

Contact - Blood.co.uk

The Big Help Out

Contact - thebighelpout.com



Can you lend us a hand?

Help us to do something amazing. Join in, Lend a hand. Make a change.

To mark His Majesty The King's Coronation, thousands of organisations across the country are getting together to give us all the chance to help out in our own local communities.

No matter what you are good at, there'll be something to suit helping hands of all shapes and sizes! From checking in on someone who'd like a bit of company or volunteering for a charity the more of us who join in, the bigger help we will be.

Between 11am - 1pm on Monday 8th May 2023, come along to Stockton Scout Field (adjacent to the playing field) to see what our wonderful VOLUNTEERS provide for the young people of Stockton (and beyond!)

Take part in some great activities, including tent pitching, games, fire cooking and community crafts!

Or just join us for tea and cake 🍰🍰



Volunteering has always been a huge part of what makes this country great. The Big Help Out will put volunteering centre stage for a day and give people who want to volunteer easy ways to join in. So please save the date and join us in your community.

Bev Gyle OBE, Chief Scout

Citizens Advice Bureau

If you need advice or if you're worried about the cost of living, we're here to help. Warwickshire Our out-of-hours service will continue on Monday evenings from 5pm-7pm, for people who are unable to contact us during the day, through our Freephone number: Across Warwickshire, from Monday 3rd April 2023, our new service will be operating Mondays to Fridays 9am-5pm, through our Free-phone number: 0808 250 5715 0800 995 6047

Information Stockton News received on how to find a local Dentist:

As a dentist in the local area, I understand the importance of helping patients easily access the services they need. That's why I wanted to bring to your attention a helpful resource for finding a nearby dentist office.

At <https://www.dentistnearme.uk>, patients can easily search for and locate registered dentist offices in their area.

Best regards, Mary Williams



STOCKTON'S WEATHER STATION - MARCH 2023

Headlines - Dull, wet and cool.

In March the average **minimum temperature** was 3.4 deg C, in line with the monthly average (3.2 deg). The lowest temperature was -2.7 deg c on 10th March. The average **maximum temperature** was 9.6 deg C, just less than one degree below the average (10.3 deg). The highest temperature was 16.0 deg on the 30th. **Rainfall** was 110mm this month, 130% higher than the long term average of 47mm. It rained/snowed on 17 days. The **wind** blew mostly from the north, west and south-west (20 days) . It has been a dull month with only 80% of normal **sunshine** levels.

Trivia of the Month - on the three days it snowed (8, 9 & 10th March) we probably had only a few centimetres of snow but when the thaw came it produced 62mm of water in the rain gauge, more than half of the monthly rainfall total. This has been the wettest March since 1947.

The Weather Monitor

STOCKTON HISTORY GROUP

Meeting Bi-Monthly in Stockton Village Hall - 7.00pm
*An informal meeting of those interested in sharing photograph's
and information about the village we live in.*

STOCKTON HISTORY GROUP - 27 MARCH 2023

The topic of our meeting in March was the history of the families that lived in Victoria Terrace, Napton Road, The Hill and Greaves Cottages. Like our previous meetings it was well attended and there was a pleasant buzz of conversation as people recalled their memories. There were two important contributions, one from Shirley Cox who wrote down the names of all the families who lived in Greaves Cottages (where she was born and lived until she married Albert) during the 40's, 50's and 60's. The other contribution was from Edna Noon who did something similar for Victoria Terrace and Napton Road. Edna and Pete moved to Victoria Terrace in 1972 and have lived there for 51 years. The evening finished with a display of photographs and maps as far back as 1887 that traced the building of these houses. Thank you both for digging deep into your memories.

The next meeting is planned for late May or early June and as the evenings will be light we are planning a visit to the Church and Churchyard to discover its history and the stories of some of the graves.

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Football: Rick Musson - 01926 813018

Apologies to all those affected by visitors parking on the roads surrounding the football club. As the football season comes to an end, the club hosts a variety of cup finals that attract many supporters. We are working on improving facilities to increase parking capacity.

We will be hosting our **Annual Family Fun Day on Sunday 27th August!** We have lots of activities planned! If you would like a stall at the event to sell business items or raise funds for charity or your local voluntary organisation, please get in touch via our Facebook page!

The club would like to send their love, thanks and well wishes to Rev Gillian on her retirement! Rev Gillian has always supported events at the football club, particularly the Christmas light switch on. Thank you Gillian, you are always welcome at the club and if you fancy a game or two of pétanque feel free to join the crew!

Stockton Football Club.



From your Stratford District Councillor

Louis Adam

Email: Louis.Adam@stratford-dc.gov.uk

Tel: 07971 342940

Due to the boundary changes I have not been able to run in the local elections for Stockton in 2023, but I would like to say it has been an honour serving the community on the District Council for the past four years and I wish my successor all the very best.

Thanks
Kind Regards,
Cllr Louis Adam

Member for Long Itchington & Stockton
Stratford District Council



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

APRIL 2023 MEETING

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE THE
ANNUAL PARISH MEETING at 7.00 PM ON THURSDAY 11th MAY
in **THE VILLAGE HALL.**

These are informal notes only, for a full record please refer to the authorised minutes on the parish council website.

County and District Council Matters: The planning application for the **Aldi** Store on the Southam by-pass has been approved and the store is likely to open next spring. A planning application has been submitted to convert **Southam Police Station** to assisted living apartments. Enforcement of the **Stockton Hall Farm** planning refusal is underway.

Planning Matters: *Grange Farm*, Tomlow Road (22/00690) - application for agricultural workers dwelling, permission refused.

Village Facilities: *Car parking at Football and Cricket Club* - The club are looking at options to extend the car parking area in response to increased use of the club facilities. *Perimeter fencing at Laurel Farm* - The parish council will contact the land agent acting for the land and raise concerns about the poor condition of the boundary fencing and the general tidiness of the site. *Public address system* - The Clerk will investigate choices for the purchase of a PA system that would help communications in parish council meetings.

Local Council Elections: Six current members of Stockton Parish Council have been re-elected unopposed. A vacancy for the seventh position will be advertised shortly. The council thanked David Crate, who has not stood for re-election, for his service on the council. The elections for the new ward of Stockton and Southam Central and East will take place on **4th May (DONT FORGET TO TAKE YOUR PHOTO ID WHEN YOU VOTE)** and the council thanked the retiring District Councillor, Louis Adam, for his help and support during the last 4 years.


Parish Cemetery: A recent inspection of the cemetery showed that several gravestones are potentially unsafe and that action needs to be taken to remove the hazard. The headstones or crosses that are unsafe will be laid flat whilst attempts will be made to contact the families, who remain responsible for the maintenance of graves.

Villager of the Year 2022: Two nominations were received. Luke Cole, who as chairman of Stockton Football and Cricket Club, has been responsible for the introduction of new sports, the redevelopment of the changing rooms, and organisation of annual events such as the Jubilee Celebration and the Christmas Lights Switch-On. Martin Geraghty and Mark Jordan who sponsored and raised

money for the senior citizens Christmas Dinner at the Nelson Club. The parish council decided to make the award to Luke Cole. The parish council thanked all the nominees for their contribution to community life in the village. A presentation to the winner will be made at a future meeting.

Next Meeting: 7.00 pm on Thursday 11 May in the village hall. Annual Parish Meeting followed by the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council.
Howard Collerson (Chairman)

I will be standing in the Southam East, Central and Stockton Ward at the Stratford DC Elections in May and would hope you could vote for me. Below are some of my credentials

	<p>News From Your Warwickshire County Councillor for Southam, Stockton & Napton Mobile: 07771335273 - cllrcrump@warwickshire.gov.uk Stratford District Councillor for Southam South andrew.crump@stratford-dc.gov.uk</p>
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1. I have been a Stratford District Councillor for 11 years- past Chairman of Planning and current Chairman of Overview & Scrutiny (OSC) – I have fought successfully against unwanted development, as well as getting significant improvements/modifications to others. My scrutiny skills enable me to effectively challenge public bodies. At last week’s OSC the Police (and P&CC – Police & Crime Commissioner) were again requested to provide appropriate resources in our area. This is (and will continue to be) one of my top priorities. In addition to this, I act as a conduit for local residents’ to the Police, who have been unable to get a response in other ways.
2. Having worked in Local Government for over 30 years, I know who, and how, to approach to get the best results for residents (not always the most obvious person)
3. I’m around/about in Stockton several times a month, approachable in Shops, at the Parish Council meeting, recently at the Nelson Club and Stockton FC &CC, in Pubs and I like to think I’m very active and always accessible on social media, responding promptly to emails, texts, FB messages, calls. My weekly Facebook updates have been going out now for many years on several local pages. I have consistently contributed a comprehensive article to Stockton News, for many, many years
4. I endeavour to be as responsive as possible – I believe my responses are

prompt, practical, pragmatic and proportionate and are usually fact based, with an emphasis on what can be done lawfully.

5. I actively participate in local groups (and try to support financially) .
6. HS2 – I, with others, have stood up to them on many occasions, particularly around its desire to extend the A425 road closure. I communicate any HS2 traffic related issues regularly.
7. When the new 123+ refuse, food, blue and green bin system was introduced in August, I co-ordinated a twice weekly missed bin list for the whole of Southam and other villages including Stockton. This caused the contractor to do extra collections, especially on a Saturday, as well as picking up any fly-tipping quickly. I have ensured several vulnerable residents have been able to access the assisted collection service offered by Stratford District Council (SDC).
8. I have a reputation and track record, I believe, for standing up for, protecting and supporting residents, especially those who are vulnerable.
9. During the early stages of the Pandemic, I was proud to be part of a local Team that fetched shopping and prescriptions for those who were shielding, providing a sympathetic ear for people who couldn't see friends/relatives etc – my phone rang many a times a day, including calls from Stockton villagers. I was able to liaise with the volunteers organised my many, in particular, the Coutts family and also make prescription and food deliveries/collections to Stockton.
10. Social landlords – create a lot of work for me and I liaise with them and SDC to ensure they meet their obligations, particularly around repairs, heating issues, damp. As Chairman of Overview & Scrutiny at Stratford, I was able to request a major 'player' in the market attended our Committee, and heard first hand residents' complaints and came up with an improvement/action plan.
11. Other areas I've been involved with are Buses, Broadband, ASB/Police, Grass cutting, speeding, street sweeping, leisure centre, ensuring developers meet their obligations, advising residents on how to deal with management companies – a wide range of experiences.

Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS) – STOCKTON

Road Safety is one of my priorities and I am on Warwickshire's Road Safety Partnership- which tries to reduce the amount of people killed or seriously injured on Warwickshire's roads. The Parish Council (PC) and I felt that the village would benefit from a VAS but despite our strenuous efforts, WCC (as the

Highway Authority) refused this request. This was even after the PC agreed to fund it and I offered use of my delegated budget to help iron out any issues. The PC and I will continue to press our case – in the meantime I will spend my budget on safety measures, where possible, e.g. improved signage and line markings by the crossroads and up from Greaves' Cottages, 30mph signs, edge of road lines between Stockton and Napton. (all are examples of recent spends from my delegated budget)

Broadband – I had a query from a local resident – here's my reply, hope you find it helpful if they come back again

This presumably is a government initiative and if so, we must accept this is for the best. **(yes – but contractors should respect residents' needs too and give advance notice)**

Nobody seems to know anything about all this activity, particularly the second visit. (Contractors need to give advance notice - usually via letter through the door – could you find out who these contractors are please – 1 of 3, Gigaclear, Voneous or Swish – if they refuse to please call me and I will come up)

I have to say that both teams have worked hard and efficiently but you will understand my concerns:

1. Why has no clear cut information been given about the work being carried out very recently. (Contractors should be doing so as part of their permit approval – and can be fined)
2. Why has no clear cut information been given about the work just starting today? (Contractors should be doing so as part of their permit approval – and can be fined)
3. The residents would like to know such details about what is being done, why it is necessary, who has sanctioned it - Government initiative to ensure that fibre broadband is rolled out to all parts of the country., who is paying for it (definitely not the councils – broadband companies are funding it but I don't know if they are getting incentives from the Government to do so – SIR JEREMY MAY KNOW),

who is carrying it out Gigaclear, Voneous or Swish

and very importantly, why there is no notification about such a disruption.

(Contractors should be doing so as part of their permit approval – and can be fined)

Today for instance, I could not move my car into the road because barriers had been put across the driveway and the pavement was being dug up **(This is unacceptable – although when I had a similar issue, SWISH did respond very efficiently).**

"Joe public" needs to be made aware of what and why etc etc - if the details are made known, this obviously leads to an understanding which results in a much better response from the public **Gigaclear, Voneous or Swish are the main contractors**

One other question I have is this. If two companies are carrying out the work in our road, why is this necessary? Is one fibre "pipeline" not enough to provide

whatever is required? Is there a need for better co-ordination to avoid replication? Surely each company could be given a different area to provide this service? **Unfortunately the companies do not want to co-operate and the Government's position is that competition is healthy and allegedly provides better services/prices for residents**

Having spoken to many neighbours about the disgraceful state of affairs, we feel we are entitled to know everything. – **(I agree – happy to discuss further)**
For information – at least one of the firms had their permits temporarily suspended for poor works on the footpaths (until they remediated them properly), some have been fined for breaching permits .e.g. starting too early, wrong place etc, no prior notification to residents

Barriers/sandbags/signs

There are a few discarded around and about – the contractors should take them away but if you see some left behind please report via

<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

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-report-form.cfm?fbclid=IwAR3vkf03zOgXUsEHH04ODEqfid1b1msbwpVg8DG6nQn47HoAcw mw5LL9Joc>

PAVEMENT PARKING/PARK IT RIGHT – (seen some corking examples recently) – not helped by the amount of roadworks, traffic lights and dug up paths at the moment.

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.

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

I've got a lot of sympathy for ploughmen. Some of their jobs are harrowing. I ordered a cricket ball from Amazon the other day, I'm still waiting for a delivery.

I used to suffer from terribly bad splinters. Thankfully they've gone now
Touch wood!

I asked my mate if he could say WONTON backwards.

He refused, shouting NOT NOW.

Kind regards

Andy

07771335273 – cllrcrump@warwickshire.gov.uk

WCC Councillor for Southam, Stockton & Napton

SDC Councillor for Southam South – andrew.crump@stratford-dc.gov.uk

Stockton church

Methodist and Anglicans in unity

The Bridges Group of Parishes

www.thebridgesgroup.org.uk

	7 th May	14 th May	18 th May	21 st May	28 th May
Priors Hardwick	9.00am Morning Worship	5.00pm BCP Evensong	7.00pm Ascension Day Service	9.00am BCP Comm	
Wormleighton					10.30am Morning Worship
Lower Shuckburgh				24 th May 10.00am BCP Comm	
Napton	10.30am CW Comm	10.30am Morning Worship		10.30am CW Comm	5.00pm BCP Evensong
Stockton	10.30am Morning Worship	10.30am Methodist Communion			10.30am CW Comm
Priors Marston	10.30am Morning Worship	10.30am CW Comm		10.30am Morning Worship 4.00pm Messy Church	3.00pm “4 th Sunday”

Letter from Rev. Gillian Roberts

Thank you!

A huge thank you to everyone for all your kind words, messages and gifts on my retirement from ten years in parish ministry. My house is full of cards and looks like a florist shop – it is wonderful! I have had an amazing send-off, including a little song composed for me by the Arc School; words of thanks from the Diocesan Director of Education, a book of portraits from everyone at Stockton School, and handmade cards from all the schools!

On Easter Sunday, we started early with a dawn vigil on the top of Napton hill, saw the sun rise through the mist and lit the Easter candle, before sharing breakfast. The morning service in St. Leonards was full of people, love, joy, music and the Holy Spirit, as we celebrated the triumph of the cross and the power of the resurrection of Jesus. And ate Easter eggs!

And then, a retirement party in Stockton Church. There were people from all the parishes, wider communities and friends I haven't seen for ages. I was overwhelmed by your kindness, good wishes and generosity. The gifts were beyond my wildest expectation. The church was beautiful, the food delicious and to hear the bells rung was very special. It was a very happy and wonderful occasion. Thank you to everyone who made it all happen.

It has been a very emotional time for me, realising that I no longer have responsibility for the “cure of souls” of my parishioners and that my journey has to take a different turn now. Hopefully some spiritual seeds have been sown – with others coming after me for the harvest. I pray that I have left some sort of legacy and not just as the first woman priest on the list of clergy at the back of church.

Please can I also explain that it is the accepted protocol for those leaving parish ministry not to get involved with the life of the local church for at least six months so that a different rhythm of working can be established. It's also a courtesy that I don't interfere when a new priest is appointed (which may take a while). I will still be living in my home in Stockton (as it's not a vicarage) and will still enjoy catching up with you, but please don't ask me about taking services for you, because I can't!

***God bless,
Gillian***

The Bridges group NOTICE BOARD

LOWER SHUCKBURGH, NAPTON, STOCKTON
Priors Marston, Priors Hardwick & Wormlington

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

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. 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

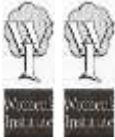
Parish enquiries

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

For any queries related to baptisms, weddings, funerals, graveyard applications or general administrative business, please contact Susan, our Group Administrator on admin@thebridgesgroup.org.uk

For more specific local church matters, the churchwardens are Wendy Turner and Rachel Knight
wendyt2694@yahoo.co.uk or rachelknight@gmail.com



WOMENS INSTITUTE

Meeting 7.30pm at Nelson Club first Monday of Month

President:- Sue Gill Tel: 01926 460278

Secretary: Joan Ford Tel: 01926 810220



Our April meeting was opened and the members welcomed and we all sang Jerusalem. Joan then took us through the notices and forthcoming events which included An Evening with the Land Army to be held at Napton, a trip to the Houses of Parliament, a visit to Smiths Nurseries.

She told us the May competition is for a piece of royal memorabilia and also reminded us that the tiaras or headwear for the group meeting competition should be brought to the May meeting.

It has been decided that we are to hold a Coffee Morning for a charity later in the year. Joan also thanked the members for chocolate donated to the Playing Fields raffle.

The NFWI raffle was available to members.

The Bulb Scheme is once more available so members were invited to put names down for their choices if wished. The list for the diaries is out, this year they are navy and cost £7. An exchange table was also set out with books, knitting patterns, recipes etc for members to take or contribute to.

She then introduced our speaker for the evening, Clive Garner, who gave a talk on the history of silk from its discovery in China. 5000 years ago a cocoon fell from a tree into the first emperor's tea and it was noticed this was made of a lustrous thread, such a simple way of discovering silk. The caterpillars feast on white mulberry leaves and once this was controlled the silk trade began. We were told of the main routes of the silk roads, the first of them ending up in Rome as the Romans loved the silk for their robes etc. The merchants travelled 5000 miles by camels and horses in large groups as the roads were very unsafe. Clive also talked about the history of the silk workers in Coventry and in particular Cash's top shops. This was a very interesting and enjoyable talk made even better by the beautiful silk scarves, tie dyed by Clive, which were for sale and which some of us couldn't resist. Also for sale were silk greetings cards and other items made from silk.

We then held a parade of those of us who had made Easter Bonnets for the competition and Sheila was voted winner so well done to her!

Our next meeting will be **Monday 1st May 2023 at 7.30 pm at the Nelson Club**. We have Resolutions followed by Reuben Lynch- Toast Master.
Competition - Royal Memorabilia.



Garden Jottings

from Bridge Nursery - your local Hardy Plant Specialists



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

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

¼ mile from Crossroads Garage – look for our Tourist Sign

Reading through old gardening books reminds me of how much time (and money) must have been spent applying chemicals to plants, lawns, fruit trees and vegetables. These days gardeners can only buy a limited range of products and most are now wildlife friendly. I would like to think that slug pellets are a thing of the past and that, instead, nematodes are used to control these destructive pests.

I can just about tolerate slugs and snails, greenfly, and other bugs but my main problem is ants particularly in the tunnels. They make nests deep inside some of the potted plants which disturbs the roots and can kill a plant. It is very difficult to get rid of them. There seems to be an endless supply of them as soon as the weather warms up. If anyone has a tried and tested solution please let me know.

Later this month you can start to plant dahlias out, bedding plants can be planted into hanging baskets, window boxes or other containers to brighten up your front door or patio. Plant cabbages, courgettes and sweetcorn, sow more carrots, peas, French beans and runner beans. Your houseplants might need to be re-potted into slightly larger pots then put outside for a few weeks. This is a good time to take softwood cuttings of things like penstemons. Cut pieces which are about 4 inches, remove the lower leaves, insert round the edge of a 3 inch pot, water and place somewhere shady, you'll have new plants within a few weeks.

This can be one of the best months of the year, everything is so fresh and promising, try to take time to enjoy it.

STOCKTON VILLAGE HALL

Bookings - Helen Kittendorf Tel: 815376

helenkittendorf@hotmail.co.uk

Hourly Rate £9

Wow May already, the year is romping on at full throttle, the days are drawing out again and summer is around the corner.

Our coffee mornings are in full swing usually on the first Saturday of the month, however this month someone has booked the first Saturday of May.....We wish our new King a happy and stressless day, a coronation doesn't happen very often, some of us have not seen one before. Please don't worry, join us on **MONDAY 8th May 10-12noon** and we will have our usually offering of delicious cakes on offer to cater for everyone including those who require Gluten free. Pushed for time is no reason for missing out, we offer a take-out option. It's always nice to see so many faces, old and new, so don't let the coronation be a reason for missing out. Hope to see you then.

The **Friends Lunch Club** continues to be a big success, it is so lovely to enjoy a meal with so many "friends". The Carvery offered by the Crown Inn, for our meals are delicious, what more could you ask for; good food, good company, and no washing up!! The next meet up is **10th May**, 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 next Lunch club meal paid for.

The friends lunch club are planning a special trip out for "**Afternoon Tea**" please contact Helen or Val for further details, 01926 814640 or 01926 815376, the date is **7th June** but the places must be booked and paid for during May to enable the correct booking numbers to be catered for.

Stockton Cinema continues to run, its film and supper night on the last Saturday of the month, **27th May** is the next one, supper being served at 6.30pm but please remember to contact Helen on 01926 815376 to book a supper, we need to know in advance for catering purposes. Our new style "Film Club" means we no longer advertise the film but for full details and information why not join the film club by contacting Steve Kittendorf on 01926 815376 or stevekittendorf@hotmail.co.uk, and you will be able to keep up to date with what film is being shown. The film starts at 7pm and refreshments are available as usual. Missed last month's film, don't worry, the DVD will be offered for hire through the library, £1.00 hire and £5.00 refundable deposit when returned. Contact Helen or Val if you wish to hire the film.

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

Stockton Pétanque



Chairman – Richard Rushton
Administrator – John Emberton 01926 814267
Club Captain – Rich Powell 07957848075
www.stocktonpetanqueclub.org.uk

Stockton Pétanque Club played in the semi-final of the West Area European Cup Plate against a very strong Nomades team at Kenilworth on 15th April. After losing both triples in round 1 we came back strongly in the pairs and Rich Powell and Rich Rushton had a good win to put us back in contention at 1-2. Unfortunately Nigel May and Sarah Jerger narrowly lost their game to concede the match. Dave Hancox and Becky Rushton were still playing and put up a good fight but lost their game 12-13, meaning an overall result of a 1-4 loss.

Eight teams played in our annual Charity Pairs on Easter Saturday – 8th April. The final was contested by Stockton's Rich Powell and Jeff Rand against Whitnash's Glen Woodward and Hannah Griffin, with Glen and Hannah emerging as winners. The event raised £148 for the Myton Hospice Charity.

We had a turnout of 14 players for the April melee. After three rounds there were three unbeaten players, the top prize going to Charlie Caruana with a 25 point advantage, just pipping Chris Caruana who was on +23. Rich Rushton was not far behind on +20, taking third place.

The club's Winter League finished on 25th March with Rich Rushton and Sarah Jerger tying on 85 points each, having just pipped Dave Hancox, the early leader, by one point (84). A play off between Rich and Sarah saw Rich as the 2022/23 Winter League champion

The annual Singles League started on 14th January and after 10 weeks Diane Emberton and Rich Rushton have a joint lead with 6 wins each, just ahead of Nigel May and Sarah Jerger on 5 wins each.

Our next melee, scheduled for Saturday 6th May – Coronation Day, has been cancelled. So our next melee will be **Saturday 3rd June**. Everyone is welcome – we will provide the boules and tuition in the rules.

LOCAL EVENTS

Events and News from Our Neighbouring Villages



Community Hub and Café

Next to Galanos House, Banbury Road, Southam

Regular Events: - Open to everyone, come along on the day.

Dementia Café (Free) - Support group with music and refreshments

Next date: **Friday May 2.30pm - 4.00pm iday 26th**

Café Muse (Free) - Dementia friendly Music Café

Tel: 01789 267567 to book your place.

Next date: **Thursday 25th May 11am - 1.00pm**

Sporting Memories (Free)

Reminiscence about all things 'sport' and some gentle exercise with guest speakers

Next date: **Wednesday 10th May 10:30am - 12:30pm**

Light lunch available afterwards for only £2.00

Armed Forces Veteran's Breakfast Club

Come along, purchase your own Hub Breakfast, and join in with the banter

Last Wednesday of every month **Next date: 31st May 10am - 12noon**

Monday 1st May – The Hub is 1 year old!

Come and wish The Hub a Happy 1st Birthday. Ukulele ladies will be entertaining, raffle prizes to be won, come, and celebrate with us, plenty of cake for everyone! Open to everyone, come along on the day.

Nosh and Natter (NEW – hosted by the Community Hub and Café)

Everyone is welcome to come along, booking is essential.

Next date: **Wednesday 3rd May 12 noon - 13:30pm**

Cost £10.00 - 2 Course homemade hot lunch and dessert.

Please telephone 01926 812185 Ext 5365 to place book your place.

*Free transport available from Southam library to the Community Hub –

Please book Collection outside Southam Library: 11:45 Return to Southam

Library: 14:00

The Kings Coronation Celebrations

Friday 5th - Monday 8th May

Café Open 9am - 5pm everyday

Raffle prizes to be won, Large mounted TV showing live coverage of the Kings

Coronation Service Open to everyone, come along on the day.

Cruse Bereavement Support Talk - 'What is Grief'- National

Part of National Grief Awareness week -

Tuesday 9th May 7pm - 9pm

Please telephone 01926 812185 Ext 5365 to place book your place.

**‘It takes Balls to Talk’ Suicide & know your support structure –
Part of Mental health Awareness week.**

With Alex Cotton – Warwick Uni Senior Practitioner in Mental Health

Monday 15th May 7pm - 9pm Over 18’s only

Please telephone 01926 812185 Ext 5365 to place book your place.

Father’s Day Sunday Lunch

Why not bring your father to a special Father’s Day Sunday Lunch

2 courses for £10.95 per person

Telephone 01789 267567 Ext 5365 to book reserve a table.

Long Itchington History Group

www.longitchingtonhistory.org.uk

**WEDNESDAY 10th MAY STARTING AT 6.30.
PLEASE MEET AT KINETON CHURCH YARD**

Guided Walk around Kineton led by members of Kineton History Group.

Admission £3

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



Southam Gardening Club

thesouthamgardeningclub.blogspot.co.uk

Tel: 01926 813986 or 815086.



Robin Pearce will give an illustrated talk entitled
‘Exploring the World of Daisy-like Flowers’
at 7:30pm on Monday 15th May at the Graham Adams
Centre, St James Rd., Southam.

Also a Plant Sale with many bargains.

All are welcome. Non-members £3.50.

Refreshments included.



First Stockton Scout Group

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

BEAVERS

The Beavers have had a great term with lots of fun and laughter, We had a great visit from Jim, an Air Traffic Controller, who told us all about his job and helped us work towards our Air Activities Badges. With the lighter evenings now, we're looking forward to lots of outdoor activities, including hikes and wide games. We ended the term with a huge Badge Ceremony, where over 100 badges were awarded!

CUBS

We've had a fun filled half term in Cubs, starting with a police visit, where we spoke with two officers, tried on uniform, had a look through the gear carried in the police car and sounded the siren! We created maps of Stockton in preparation for our night hike the following week, and finished the term with Easter activities and making delicious chocolate egg nests. We're looking forward now to a term of better weather, lighter evenings and outdoor activities!

SCOUTS

The Scouts have been learning about keeping safe online, making and painting Warhammer models, and saying goodbye to a Scout that has been with the group since Beavers. Laura ran her last Scouts session, treating her fellow Scouts to a brilliant taskmaster themed evening. We wish you all the best at Explorers Laura! For those of us left behind, we're expecting a fun term of fires, bush craft and backwoods cooking.

Jo Brough

Group Scout Leader / Beaver Leader
1st Stockton Scout Group

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LONG LIVE THE QUEEN

SOUVENIR PROGRAMME

of the Celebrations

In connection with

The Coronation

OF HER MAJESTY

Queen Elizabeth II

TO BE HELD IN THE PARISH of STOCKTON
in the County of Warwick

ON THE

SECOND DAY OF JUNE, 1953

— PRICE SIXPENCE —

The Copy of the programme of events has been supplied by Marlene Sedgeley and contains the following information:-

Advertisements from:- W. H. Cox, Church Street, Buiding Repairs and Decorations - R. Tuckey, Family Butcher (School Street) as well as his brother **T. Tuckey, Family Butcher** (Post Office Lane). **Rugby Co-operative Society Limited** (The Square) providing **Grocery & Provisions , Bread, Confectionery, Butchery, Fish, Coal and Milk. The Barley Mow** has everyone catered for with **Darts, Dominoes and Cabaret**. Music by the **Barley Baa, Baas** (Irene - Piano, Jim - Sax, Johnny - Drummer and compere Mr. A. Brooks. 'Why go to the theatre for a night out when you have the old **Barley Mow**' their advert asks, Come and hear 'Brooko's Discoveries'!

H. A. Neal at the **Post Office** (Mount Pleasant), an agent for Townsends seeds, not only sells **General Stationery, Fancy Goods and Groceries** but **Leamington Dairies Ices** as well and also states that 'If we haven't got it We'll get it in'. Across the other side of the square **S. J. Way a Baker and Confectioner**, are specialists in **Christening, Birthday and Wedding Cakes. The King's Arms** (Becks Lane) offers you a pleasant evening with your friends at **Whist Drive** every Tuesday and a **Social Evening** every Thursday with **Mrs. G. Neal** (Piano), **Mr. Bill Ward** (Drums) and **Mr. Frank Neal** (Compere). **Bunty Motor Coach Tours** from Spon End in Coventry has 27 to 37 seaters available and so does **Aston's** from Marton who offers both coaches and taxies.

This event had its own committee who gave their thanks to all parishioners and organisations who gave generously to its appeal for funds for this National Holiday. "It has been the endeavour of those responsible to cater for the enjoyment of every man, woman and child in Stockton, and it will only be through circumstances beyond their control if they fail to do so."

Wishes were extended to the people of Greaves' Cottages who were holding their own celebrations.

The Coronation Committees consisted of Mr. H. Bodfish (Chairman) Mr. E.J. Sheasby, Mr. B. Hodges, Mr. R.E. Airdrie, Mr. A. Brooks, Mr. T. Pittom, Mr. A.E. Priest, Mr. B. Evetts, Mr. E.J. Hudson, Mr. R. Noon, Mr. E. Thomas, Mr. F. Pittom, Mr. E. Brown, Mr. M. Elson, Mr. R. Sedgeley, Mrs. K. Hunt, Mrs. R. Noon, Mrs. A. Duckett, Mrs. R. Cox, Mrs. E.J. Hudson, Mrs. W. Gardener, Mrs. Spragg, Mrs. V. Sedgeley, Mrs. A. Green, Mrs. Weaver and Mr. C. Gardner.

Public Tea Arrangements - Tea cartons will only be issued on the presentation of a tea-ticket which have already been distributed. Tea will be provided for non-residents at a nominal charge of 2/6d. All available seating accommodation will be placed ready and the Committee asks the younger people to give the older ones preference. Rick sheets will also be spread about for seating accommodation. When you have finished with your tea cartons please place them in the receptacles provided. If wet, tea will be distributed in the School. Old age pensioners may have their tea in the Village Hall if they wish.

Timetable of Events:-

- 1.15pm - Assemble on Village Green
- 1.30pm - **Fancy Dress** Judged and Prizes given for 1. Decorated Vehicles,
2. Ladies 15yrs and over 3.Gents' Fancy Dress 4. Girls 8 to 15yrs
5. Boys 8 to 15yrs 6.Children under 8yrs 6. Best dressed Bandsman
- 2.00pm - **Short Service** conducted by Rector and Methodist Minister
- 2.15pm - **Procession** consisting of The Band, British Legion Standard, and Fancy Dress Entrants. The route taken - Manor Road, St. Michael's Crescent, School Street, Post Office Lane, Victoria Terrace, Elm Row, High Street, The Square, School Street, Post Office Lane and finishes in Mr. Adkins field in Napton Road. The committee to award two handsome prizes for the best decorated houses on the route.
- 3.00pm - **Children's Sports** with the Headmaster and Staff in charge were-
Relay, Novelty and Sack Races for boys 9-12 and 12 - 15yrs
80yrd Flat, Wheelbarrow and Novelty Races for boys 7 - 9yrs
Potato and Skipping Races for girls 9 - 12 and 12- 15yrs
80yrs Flat and Novelty Races for girls 7 - 9yrs
Shopping Race for girls 12 - 15yrs
Toddlers Race for those up to 5yrs and Infants Races 5- 7yrs
- 4.00pm - **Comic Football Match** wearing fancy dress. Referee Mr. F. Neal
- 4.30pm - Tea and Cartons distributed.
- 4.45pm - **Married v. Single Football Match**
- 6.00pm - **Adult Sports** - (open to Stockton residents only) -
Tug-of-war, and 100 yrds, Ladies Egg and Spoon , Slow Bicycle,
440 yrds, Ladies Threading the Needle 100yrs with Gents holding the
needle, Ladies Skipping, Band (musicians to carry instruments)
One Mile. Musical Arms, and Motor- Cycle Novelty races.
- 8.00pm - **Presentation of Prizes** followed by Dancing in the Field which will
continue until the Firework Display and Bonfire on the Green at dusk.

After the Firework Display a **Grand Carnival Dance** on the Village Green until
1.30pm (Village Hall if wet). Music supplied by Sims of Warwick

Memories from those who were there:-

Money was collected each week from those who wanted a pre-packed tea prepared by ladies of the village. It was collected from a large tent.

Mrs. Windsor

As I remember a Sports Day was held in the field which held Mr. A. Adkins house, Napton Road, which is where the houses of Weaver's Way, Grange Farm Drive and Arnolds Corner are.

I was 16 years old, weighed 9 stone with a 30inch waist. I was propositioned to run in the one mile race. The only runner I remember was Graham Hudson. He won the race, I came second, my prize a brass fender brush with the Queens head and date, Coronation 1953. My wife brases it weekly.

Mr. Bill Stanley

I can remember it rained all day and covering poles in red, white and blue crepe paper.

Mick Childs

At the Coronation I was 12yrs old. It was a wet day and it started with fancy dress on the green. I was dressed as a Coronation Cover Girl - A short dress made out of magazine pictures and it was teaming down of rain.

I can't remember the winner it definitely wasn't me. We went home to change as we had to go down to the Town Piece for the sports afternoon as Dad was helping with the races. Not many people had come down as the weather was so bad.

Dad entered me for the skipping race. My mother had gone home with the two younger ones, my brother Stephen and sister Cynthia. When I lined up ready I discovered I was the only one in the race. Dad made me skip up to the tape on my own. The rope kept catching on the wet grass and Dad was holding the tape saying "Come on Jennifer". It was reported I won the race but it didn't feel like that to me.

We had free tea's and cake.

Jennifer Cahoon

I was nearly five at the time and can remember my dad bought a television so we could watch the Coronation. My sister Irene entered the Fancy Dress competition as 'Cherry Ripe' and my dad John Cox won a sugar shaker for coming first in the Sprint Race.

Robert Cox

I do not have a lot of memories of the village celebrations for the Coronation and they are quite vague as I was only five years old at the time. There was an afternoon fun sport event held in the old football field down the Napton Road and the thing that I remember was the mens' slow bicycle race. All of the men were trying to pedal very slowly and kept falling off. I think this disqualified them but one man balanced his bike on the back wheel and won the race. I thought that it was really clever to be able to do that.

I think that it rained during the day.

All of the children received a mug to commemorate the Coronation and I still have mine at home in a cupboard.

Velisa Brown

I haven't got a lot to offer in my memories of coronation day apart for one thing which really sticks in my head. A neighbour in St Michael's Crescent had just bought a television like this one.

This was the first time that I had seen a television and I can remember struggling to see anything due to the small screen and quite a few other neighbours in the house. The excitement was two fold, seeing the Coronation and also a television for the first time.

My only other memory was having a toy Coronation Carriage like the one shown.

Terry Warner



My parents Dolly and Jack Patterson bought a new T.V. with a then large screen. My mother made loads of sandwiches and my Gran, Mrs. Rose



Taylor all sorts of cakes. All the neighbours and friends came into our house No 4 Becks Lane Council house, now known as 4 Becks Close. Val Warner my friend came. I remember us kids had to sit on the floor.

My brothers Brian and Viv had a Coronation Coach and Horses. We all had a Coronation Mug and a tall blue glass beaker.

Sheila Stevens

I can remember sports in Arnolds fields with Syd Wilks as compere, also Mr. Fred Pittom delivering little white boxes with food in, Coronation Mugs for all the children and all day music, dancing (The Dosie Doe) and the flags all around the village.

Dick Redgrave

I remember having cakes and tea at my nan's and watching the Coronation on her T.V. with my friend.

Maureen Bird

The first thing I remember was it rained a lot. We had a Sports Day and a lady broke her leg doing the Slow Bicycle Race.

I was dressed for the fancy dress as a 'Wee Scott', and to watch the actual crowning of the Queen on T.V. we sat on the floor round the T.V. at Mrs. Vi Gardener's with her daughter Josie and other friends.

All the children were presented with a Coronation Mug.

Val Biddle

We were there, at the beginning. Mystified, the whole school was called to assemble in the gymnasium. Mr. Williamson, not long ago appointed our new headmaster, solemnly announced that our King George the VIth had died. We stood on the threshold of a second Elizabethan era.

My own emotions were a strange mixture of sadness for the new Queen and her family but a feeling that we were entering into a new and exciting age. And what an historic period I and my contemporaries have experienced. At the start we lived in a semi-twilight. My mother had only recently stopped having to fetch fourteen buckets of water from the pump in The Square to fill the copper, heated by a coal fire underneath. The bath was galvanised metal, hung on the wall between wash days. The bucket lavatory was in a brick built closet up the garden. Cooking was on the open range fire in the one and only living room. We went to school on the steam train from Stockton and Napton Station. Sweet rationing had just ended. Things could only improve.

Now we live in centrally heated houses and moan if the indoor temperature falls below 18° centigrade. Every day a shower or a bath beckons. No longer do we have to depend on Mr. Arnold Atkins, Mr. Duckett, Burn Carter or Mr. Burgess and their dairy herds to keep up supplied with milk, delivered to the door by pony and trap or fetched directly from the farm in a jug. We no longer rely on the midi-cart and the leather aproned men to empty the lavatory buckets on a Friday and step over the spills of human waste in the road when the midi-cart overflowed. The summer plague of flies have gone since the midnight carts have disappeared and the sewage has stopped being tipped, untreated, down the face of the rubbish tip.

All this was at the start of the second Elizabethan era and I was just seventeen. I will leave it for our present seventeen year olds to reflect on their own lifestyles so that they might measure where they were when King Charles came to the throne.

Albert Cox

I was a 15 year old pupil at Leamington College for Girls in 1952. Suddenly, one February afternoon, the Assembly Bell rang - most unusual. We all went along to the School Hall and Miss Waterfield, our Head Mistress, told us that King George VI had died.

The following day we were marched in 'Crocodile' form to the Town Hall to hear the Mayor give the proclamation of Queen Elizabeth II and we all shouted 'God Save The Queen', and were given a Commemorative Medallion.

I was living at Greaves Cottages and it was decided to form a small committee to organise a celebration for the Coronation Day. My Dad was treasurer and I was given the job of collecting weekly subscriptions from every household - 6d. per adult and 3d. per child.

To raise the necessary funds Whist Drives were also held in people's houses to add to the funds.

June 2nd, 1953, was not a balmy June day - of course - it rained. In the morning it was fine, we had a fancy dress competition and a fun 6-a-side football match.

We had a big marquee in the field opposite, where Mrs. Dorothy Baldwin and other ladies organised a delicious meal. Quite an achievement catering for a large number of people when it was only 8 years from the end of WWII and rationing. There was enough leftover for every household to be given more the next day. In the evening we had a great firework display, despite the rain. My sister remembers watching the Coronation on a neighbours 9" T.V. set. I remember going to the Regal Cinema in Leamington the following week to watch it.

The Coronation was bang in the middle of my 'O' Levels and the following day I had a Biology exam, one of my favourite subjects. I passed but with a much lower mark than I had hoped for, I blamed the Coronation!!

Shirley Cox



6-a-side Footballers
 Percy Hancocks
 Albert Cox
 George Bull

Fancy Dress: Clive Rawbone, Maurice Tiff, Mrs. Green, Percy Hancocks, **Shirley Hancocks**, George & Angie Bull.



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