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Villager of the Year ~ Luke Coles

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**CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT** ~ Every 3rd Friday 8.00pm ~ 16th

**FOLK NIGHT** ~ Last Tuesday of the month ~ 8pm ~ 27th

**Sat 3rd~ THE WARNING - LIVE MUSIC ~ 9pm ~ BAR**

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Family Fun Day 27th August  
Produce Show 26th August

Name the Bear at all Venues 25th - 28th August  
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Airing a view is an opinion but a continual airing of that view and/or it's opposite becomes an argument.



## 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 ~ **6th, 13th, 20th, 27th**

Brewed Awakening: Nelson Club ~ 9.30am - 12Noon ~ **6th, 20th, 27th**

Clubbercise: Village Hall ~ 7.00 - 8.00pm

#### ***Wednesday :~***

Chess Club: Nelson Club ~ 5.30 - 7.30pm ~ **7th, 21st**

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 ~ **5th**

Parish Council Meetings: 3rd Monday of Month ~ Village Hall ~ 7.15pm ~ **19th**

#### ***Tuesday***

Folk Night: Last Tuesday of the month ~ Nelson Club ~ 8.00pm ~ **27th**

#### ***Wednesday***

Church Lunch: Every 3rd Wednesday ~ 12noon ~

Friends Lunch Club: 2nd Wednesday ~ The Crown ~ 12.30pm ~ **14th**

#### ***Thursday***

Afternoon Bingo ~ Alt. Thursdays ~ Nelson Club ~ 2.00pm ~ **8th, 22nd**

#### ***Friday***

Charity Fun Quiz Night: Every 3rd Friday ~ Nelson Club ~ 8.00pm ~ **16th**

#### ***Saturday***

Coffee Morning & Library: 1st Saturday ~ Village Hall ~ 10am - 12 Noon ~ **3rd**

Whist Drive: Every 2nd Saturday ~ Village Hall ~ 7.30pm start ~ **10th**

Stockton Cinema: Every last Saturday ~ Village Hall ~ 7.00pm ~ **24th**





## DIARY DATES

*Include your village event for free*



Galanos House Events ~ see Local Events pages

- 3rd** The Warning ~ Nelson Club 9pm  
**7th** Friends Lunch Club Afternoon Tea outing - 3.00pm  
**15th** W.I. Treasure Hunt ~ see opposite  
**17th** Stone Punch ~ Nelson Club ~ 9pm  
**19th** **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ~ Village Hall ~ 7.15pm**

## JULY

- 1st** Napton Eco Fair ~ see Local Events pages

### BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday wishes for June go to

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*To include birthdays/anniversary please contact magazine.  
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**History of Nelsons and Local Cement Works Talk (Cali)**  
**21<sup>st</sup> 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**

# PHOTOGRAPHY

## Competition

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**Winners and prizes will be announced on 23rd June.**

**15th June**  
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Thank you to everyone who volunteered at our Big Help Out! We completed so many jobs and are so thankful to everyone who helped! **Family Fun Day!** We are planning our annual Family Fun Day on Sunday 27th August! We are planning a variety of activities! If you would like a business, charity or a local organisation stall, please get in touch via our Facebook page!

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

Tuesday - Term Time Only - 9.30 til 11.00am

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

- 6th** Lets make play dough
- 13th** Do it yourself - No Wendy or Deborah, but space to play
- 20th** Little houses
- 27th** Waterplay



## 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*

### STOCKTON PARISH COUNCIL - ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2023

**Villager of the Year** - The Villager of the Year Award for 2022 was presented to Luke Cole to recognise his achievements as Chairman of Stockton Football and Cricket Club, including the development of new activities, "organising one-off events such as the Jubilee and leading on the construction of the new changing rooms. Luke was congratulated by the Chairman and very graciously donated his £50 award to Stockton Playing Fields.

**Financial Report** - The Parish Clerk reported on the financial position for 2022/2023. Against a budget of £34,975 the final spend was £24,414. The underspending was mainly due to lower grass cutting costs in the dry weather last year, lower spending on village hall and parochial church council costs and lower repair costs. It is anticipated that the underspend will be used this year with increased energy costs, expenditure on reconstructing the path to the playing field and work on the new cemetery extension.

### STOCKTON PARISH COUNCIL - CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2022-2023

Reluctantly the parish council has had to increase its precept (which is the money that is collected on our behalf through the council tax payments) by a significant amount this year due mainly to the increase in energy costs for street lighting. The yearly payment has increased from £2,000 to £6,200. Consequently the parish council has increased the precept from £26,500 to £30,000. So the parish council part of the whole council tax bill for a Band D property would be just under £53 p.a.

The parish council has continued to support two village groups with their plans for improving the facilities in the village. Stockton Football and Cricket Club have now completed the improvement of their buildings and the parish council's involvement has been as the prime tenant of the lease with Cemex and also as the body that all of the grants from Sport England have been made to initially. An enthusiastic Playing Fields Committee has now raised about £35,000 with another £10,000 promised, to be spent on new play equipment for the children of the village. This money will be spent in the coming year and further grants will be applied for to complete the overall project.

Last year I commented on two changes that might affect the parish council's relationship with the primary authorities at Stratford District Council and Warwickshire County Council. The first was the decision to change local ward boundaries and despite our objections to the Boundary Commission it decided to put Stockton in a new ward with parts of central and east Southam. The new councillor for this ward, Andy Crump, was elected last week.

Secondly the proposed merger of Stratford District Council and Warwick District Council did not go ahead apparently for reasons of due diligence when legal matters were explored. Consequently the parish council will continue to deal with Stratford for matters such as planning, waste and recycling, sport and leisure, etc. However despite the failed merger the long term local plans for Stratford and Warwick have now been combined in the South Warwickshire Local Plan. This plan will identify a growth strategy to meet the future needs for housing, jobs, infrastructure and open spaces until 2050. The Plan is going through a public consultation process that will continue until December 2025. The parish council has indicated in the latest consultation stage that it would not be averse to future housing development as long as there was some substantial, specific benefit to the local community such as investment in the building of affordable homes, improved village facilities such as the village hall and a turn-around point for the local bus service to avoid using Post Office Lane and High Street.

After several years of lobbying Severn Trent about the fragile state of the mains water supply in the village, they have finally committed to a programme of replacing the old water service so hopefully the years of water stoppages that we have suffered will be over.

Looking back to the parish council's action areas for the last year the results have been disappointing. The street lighting programme has been successfully completed and all the lights have been upgraded to LED lamps and the old concrete columns replaced.

A second action was to plant more trees around the village but this did not go ahead because insufficient volunteers came forward to look after the trees for their first couple of years. Thirdly the proposal to instal radar activated speed warning signs in Napton Road have been squashed by Warwickshire County Council who have a policy of only allowing such sites that they are fully funding and meet their criteria in terms of accident figures, vehicle density and speeds. In other words although the parish council is responding to pressure from parishioners over many years to do something about speeding and can fully fund the signs the County have decided that people have to be injured, perhaps seriously, before they will consider installation.

A further disappointment has been with affordable housing. Following the Housing Needs Survey carried out in 2021 the parish council was in consultation with Warwickshire Rural Housing Association to go forward with plans for a small development of 10 homes off Jubilee Fields. However, the Diocesan Office, who own the land did not wish to enter into discussions about releasing this land. The parish council has since heard that they are still considering plans to develop a larger site with one of the major house builders. The parish council will continue to work with Warwickshire Rural Housing Association to find other suitable sites for a small development of affordable homes for village people.

Turning to our action areas for this next year our first area is to investigate the strengthening of the grass verges in George Street that suffer from the effects of

vehicle parking. The parish council did instal some strengthening some years ago but this has not proved sufficiently robust and so the plan is to install a much more substantial grid system. The first stage is to hold discussions with Warwickshire Highways as the land is highway land and then to consult individual homeowners about the land outside their homes.

The second action is for the parish council to undertake some preparatory work to ensure that the new cemetery extension will be ready for use in the near future as the existing cemetery has little capacity left for full burials. This work might include a survey of the fencing and gates and strengthening of the entrance area. The third action will be to support the development of the children's playing field by resurfacing the access track from St. Michael's Crescent as the track gets very muddy in wet weather.

Finally I would like to express my thanks to the various people who have supported me in the past year, the Parish Councillors, the Parish Clerk and our County and District Councillors.

*Howard Collerson*

## **ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL - MAY 2023**

**Election of Chair** - Howard Collerson was elected as Chairman for the year.

**Report from Andy Crump, Warwickshire County Councillor , to the Annual Meeting** - "As Stockton's County Councillor, I attend as many PC meetings as possible and provide the PC and the Stockton Facebook pages with weekly updates at the very least (more often if needed). I respond to residents' queries either at the PC meeting itself, via FB , phone calls or emails. Over the past year I have helped residents with school place issues, help with social services, and other issues etc. Highways concerns have been addressed, including potholes, linings and signage. I've been dealing with Broadband Contractors in the ward and there were one or 2 issues, particularly regarding access and quality of work, which lead to one having its permit temporarily suspended by WCC- I do hope this won't happen in Stockton but please let me know if it does. Over the next few weeks, I will be attending the village with an officer to look at issues raised by residents and councillors e.g. verge erosion, signage etc. I've worked with Parish Councillors on dealing with STW and we've managed to get positive responses on several issues. Road closures have caused issues regarding bus services accessing the village and Cllr Warner and I have worked tirelessly to achieve successful outcomes on several occasions. My community grants have also supported several village organisation and long may this continue. Best wishes Andy".

**Village Facilities: Speed Awareness Signs** - following the County Council's decision not to allow the installation of radar activated speed awareness signs in Napton Road, the parish council will write to the Leader of Warwickshire County Council and the Chair of the Warwickshire Road Safety Partnership to seek a review of this decision in the interests of public safety. **Verge by**

**Nelson's Way** - the Estate Maintenance Company are responsible for keeping this tidy and will be contacted to carry out the work. **Overhanging hedge in Napton Road** - Warwickshire Highways will be asked to contact the householder about cutting back the hedge that obstructs the view of approaching cars. **Safety of play equipment** - the responsibility for regular checks of play equipment at the playing field will be discussed with the Playing Fields Committee.

**Next Meeting - Monday 19 June @ 7.15pm.**  
**Howard Collerson (Chairman)**



### **News From Andy Crump**

**WCC Councillor for Southam, Stockton & Napton**  
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### **Thank you**

I would like to thank everyone who voted for me in last month's SDC elections, it was much appreciated. It is the 4th time I've been elected to serve at Stratford (I must have been very young when first elected I hear you say - ha ha) I would also like to thank all my family and friends who have been a great support to me. I work hard for our area and worked hard during the election too (I remember the golfer Gary Player saying the harder he worked, the luckier he got). There will be times when I disagree with residents/comments, times when I can't help but I will always try to respond to enquiries and point people in the right direction too. Now we have 4 district councillors for the Southam/Stockton area, some queries may fall in one of those councillors wards not mine so I will pass them on. I am still/also the County Councillor for Southam, Stockton and Napton and, as always, happy to receive queries regarding County issues via FB, email, phone or in person (did have a letter not too long ago as well). No doubt you will see me out and about in all parts of my district ward, feel free to come over chat to



me.

### **Report for the Annual Meeting**

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### **Big Help-Out (8<sup>th</sup> May)**

It was great to be able to visit the Stockton Scout Hut and see what they do first hand and get a cuppa from Jo and the team. It was nice to chat and have a rest, as earlier, they had got me doing manual labour/gardening down at Stockton FC & CC, which I quite enjoyed (but my artificial hip didn't ha ).

**Quick off the mark contacting me** – someone contacted me 2 hours after I had been elected on 5<sup>th</sup> May about a query that had been going on since January, another with a query about a query that was in the Napton ward. Whilst I've had 2 queries recently which went back to Dec 21 and August 22

### **Working hard for the Community**

Many unsung heroes do so much work in the community to help others, so it was great to see Luke Cole's efforts rewarded by being named Stockton Villager of the year. (I must be getting old, I went to school with his mum and played football with his dad). Well done Luke. Hollie and her team are also doing a great job on the Playing Field.

### **Councillor Grant Fund Open for Applications (Closing date 18/6/23)**

Warwickshire County Council has launched the first round of its successful Councillor Grant Fund which is open to community and voluntary groups across the county.

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4165/warwickshire-county-council-launches-councillor-grant-fund>

**HOARDING** – In my role as Portfolio Holder for Community Safety and Fire, I hear about this quite often "Hoarding can present unique challenges when it comes to fire safety. Cluttered homes often have compromised escape routes that hinder evacuation during an emergency, as well as making it more difficult to fight fires at source.

“Warwickshire Fire and Rescue firefighters are well-trained to tackle such incidents, but prevention is always the best approach. Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service (WF&RS) urges residents to be aware of the risks associated with hoarding, maintain clear exits, and ensure they have smoke alarms fitted that are in proper working order.

WF&RS wants to ensure that people have the support and resources they need to address this disorder while reminding them of the fire hazards that can arise from it. By increasing public awareness, we can prevent avoidable tragedies and keep Warwickshire communities safe."

WF&RS offers free home safe and well visits, where it visits your home and provides you with fire safety advice, checks that your smoke alarms are working and replaces/installs new ones if needed.

If you have a friend or family member who you believe could benefit from a safe and well check, visit <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/fire-safety/apply-safe-well-visit/1>.

For further fire safety tips and advice, visit our website at <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/firesafety>.

### **King's Awards for Enterprise 2024**

His Majesty's Lord Lieutenant of Warwickshire, Tim Cox, is encouraging Warwickshire-based companies to apply for the prestigious King's Award for Enterprise. Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4164/warwickshire-s-lord-lieutenant-announces-the-opening-of-applications-for-the-king-s-awards-for-enterprise-2024>

### **Adapting to the impacts of climate change**

It's great news for Warwickshire residents as Warwickshire County Council announces its new climate change adaptation action plan.

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4173/supporting-communities-to-adapt-to-the-impacts-of-climate-change-in-warwickshire>

### **Vital support for parents and carers**

Warwickshire County Council is encouraging parents and carers to consider that they may be entitled to additional support.

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4167/could-you-be-missing-out-on-vital-support-as-a-parent-carer->

### **Warwickshire Brighter Futures**

A young jobseeker has found a fulfilling career which enables him to help others after discovering his vocation during a Warwickshire Brighter Futures breakaway camp.

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4168/craig-finds-fulfilling-new-direction-and-brighter-future>

### **Targeted Youth Support Integration Event**

Over the last six months Warwickshire County Council's Targeted Youth Support team has been delivering a 'Young Refugee Youth Project' at a Warwickshire hotel. Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4159/targeted-youth-supported-team-hosts-integration-event-for-young-refugees-and-local-youth>

### **Warwickshire House Project Update**

More young people leaving care have been supported by the Warwickshire House Project to move into their new homes. Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4163/warwickshire-house-project-helps-move-young-care-leavers-into-their-new-homes>

### **Henley and Wootton Scout Group HQ Opening**

More than 300 young people from across the West Warwickshire Scout District recently came together on St George's Day to enjoy a range of activities from archery to CPR training.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4158/official-opening-of-henley-and-wootton-scout-group-hq>

### **Support for local independent business**

A coffee shop owner who turned her passion into a successful business says support from Warwickshire County Council made "a massive difference" in enabling her to weather one of the toughest times ever for SMEs.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4172/grant-and-guidance-made-massive-difference-to-bake-180>

### **Our Commonwealth @ Market Hall Museum**

A new exhibition case has gone on display at Warwickshire's Museum telling the story of Horace Boyer's journey from India to Leamington Spa in 1947.

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4169/new-exhibition-at-market-hall-museum-warwick-our-commonwealth-journey-from-india-to-warwickshire>

### **Be water aware**

As the weather and temperatures begin to improve, Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service (WFRS) is asking residents to stay safe when spending time in and around water.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4119/warwickshire-fire-and-rescue-service-urges-people-to-stay-safe-around-water-with-increasing-temperatures-expected>

### **Laws on employing children**

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4126/do-you-know-the-laws-surrounding-employing-children->

### **Hate Crime in Warwickshire**

Everyone should feel safe and respected in Warwickshire, regardless of their race, ethnicity, religion, sexuality, gender, or any other characteristic. Don't be afraid; speak up and #ReportHateCrime here: <https://reporthatenow.com>

**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](mailto: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=IwAR3vkf03zQgXUsEHH04ODEqfid1b1msbwpVg8DG6nQn47HoAcw mw5LL9Joc>

<https://www.stratford.gov.uk/online-forms/missed-bin-report-form.cfm>

**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**

**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](mailto: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**

When I was baptized the priest poured water on me while wearing a Batman costume. Well, it was a blessing in disguise really.

Just read an interesting book on joining metals together. It was riveting.

I'm reading a book on adhesives, I can't put it down

Just played cricket against my local fish and chip shop team. Their bowlers and fielders were rubbish but their batter was exceptional

Kind regards

Andy -07771335273 – [cllrcrump@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:cllrcrump@warwickshire.gov.uk)

WCC Councillor for Southam, Stockton & Napton

SDC Councillor for Southam Central and East and Stockton –

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# Stockton church

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www.thebridgesgroup.org.uk  
Tel:01926 812383

	<b>4<sup>th</sup> June</b> <b>Trinity Sunday -</b> <b>White</b>	<b>11<sup>th</sup> June</b> <b>Trinity 1 -</b> <b>Green</b>	<b>18<sup>th</sup> June</b> <b>Trinity 2 -</b> <b>Green</b>	<b>25<sup>th</sup> June</b> <b>Trinity 3 -</b> <b>Green</b>
<b>Priors</b> <b>Hardwick</b>	9.00am Morning Worship	5.00pm BCP Evensong	9.00am BCP Communion	
<b>Wormleighton</b>				10.30am Morning Worship
<b>Lower</b> <b>Shuckburgh</b>				9.00am BCP Communion
<b>Napton</b>	10.30am CW Communion	10.30am Morning Worship	10.30am CW Communion	5.00pm BCP Evensong
<b>Stockton</b>	10.30am Morning Worship	10.30am Methodist Com- munion	4.00pm Messy Church	10.30am CW Com- munion
<b>Priors</b> <b>Marston</b>	10.30am Morning Worship	10.30am CW Communion	10.30am Morning Wor- ship	3.00pm “4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday”

# The Bridges group NOTICE BOARD

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## Programme for Children and Youth

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

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

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

## Mid-week programme for Adults - Home Bible Study Groups

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

Every Wednesday at 8pm in Stockton	Gillian	01926 815831
1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursdays at 2.30pm in Stockton	Jan	01926 817991

Every Thursday at 8pm in Napton	Julia	01926 811476
Weekly (day varies) at 7.30pm in Napton	Angie	01926 812225

## Social get-togethers

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

## Parish enquiries

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

See elsewhere in the magazine for details of other church activities & events or visit our website: [www.thebridgesgroup.org.uk](http://www.thebridgesgroup.org.uk)

## LOCAL EVENTS

*Events and News from Our Neighbouring Villages*



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For a full list of events visit our facebook page

[www.facebook.com/RBLCommunityHub](http://www.facebook.com/RBLCommunityHub)

or contact us on 01926 812185 Ext 5365

### Galanos House Recruitment Fayre

**Friday 2nd June** 10am - 4pm & **Saturday 3rd June** 10am - 12noon

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**Wine Tasting Event with an accredited wine specialist 3rd June** 7.00pm

Join us for an evening that's educational, fun and great value for money.

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

**Wednesday 7th June** 12 noon - 13:30pm Everyone is welcome to come along, booking is essential. 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

**Silver Sunday (Free) Sunday 11th June** 2:30pm

Join us, bring a friend, and have a dance. Andante Music will be here to entertain us. Everyone is welcome to come along. Please telephone 01926 812185 Ext 5365 to book your place.

**Sporting Memories (Free) Wednesday 14th June** 10:30am - 12:30pm

Reminisce about all thing's 'sport' and some gentle exercise with guest speakers.

Light lunch available afterwards for only £2.00 Open to everyone, come along on the day.

**Father's Day Sunday Lunch – Sunday 18th June**

Why not bring your father to a special Father's Day Sunday Lunch Gift vouchers available 2 courses for £10.95 per person Tel; 01789 267567 Ext 5365 to book reserve a table.

**Armed Forces Day - Saturday 24th June** – Further details to follow.

A chance to show your support for the men and women who make up the Armed Forces community: from currently serving troops to Service troops to service families, veterans, and cadets.

**Armed Forces Veteran's Breakfast Club - Wednesday 28th June** 10am - 12noon. Come along, purchase your own Hub Breakfast, and join in with the banter.

**Galanos House Dementia Café (Free) Friday 30th June** 2:30pm - 4pm



Dementia support group with music and refreshments Open to everyone, come along on the day.

# Napton Eco Fair



**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July, 10:30 till 4**  
**Napton Village Hall**

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## What's happening?

**Hear from the Broadcaster, Author and Journalist**  
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**Sky News 'The Climate Show', BBC's 'Countryfile',  
'Costing the Earth' and '39 Ways to Save the Planet'**

- **Practical advice – ideas for saving energy, water and money, zero waste, caring for nature**
- **Stalls, talks, people to talk to, things to look at**
- **Repair shop, frock swap, recycling**
- **Grow your own, food preservation, low energy cooking, bee and chicken keeping, free plants**
- **Cycle health checks, EV's, e-bikes, UBUS, active travel**
- **Napton Cidery, Napton Buffalo ice cream, Flowers from the Farm, environmentally friendly goods**
- **Activities for children, books**

Booking is not essential but will help us know numbers for catering.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/napton-eco-fair-tickets-626382074647>

DETAILS CORRECT AT TIME OF PRINTING

For further info call 07910 124324



## STOCKTON VILLAGE HALL

**Bookings** - Helen Kittendorf Tel: 815376

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

*Hourly Rate £9*

June already, how did that happen? the year is romping on at full throttle, summer season is here.... apparently, but I think someone forgot to inform the weather, hopefully it will improve.

Our coronation coffee morning was a success, thank you to everyone who came out to support us, it was lovely seeing so many familiar faces, and a few new faces. Hopefully now you have tasted our cakes, you will want more.

The **coffee morning** returns to the usual time and day, the first Saturday of the month. Please join us on **Saturday 03<sup>rd</sup> June 10am-12pm** and we will have our usual offering of delicious cakes on offer to cater for everyone including those who require Gluten free. Pushed for time doesn't mean you have to miss out, we offer a take-out option. It's always nice to see so many faces, old and new, so don't miss 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 14<sup>th</sup> June, 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.

**Stockton Cinema** continues to run, its film and supper night on the last Saturday of the month, 24<sup>th</sup> June 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](mailto: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 rent the film.

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





And now for **"The Village Hall Appeal"**:

*Visitors to the village hall often tell us what a wonderful building we have, providing a place where all sorts of activities and events are held. Yes, parts of the building are just over 100 years old but improvements have been made over the years to make the Hall a warm and comfortable place to use, not least the modernization of the kitchen last year.*

**WE NEED SOME HELP PLEASE!!**

*Coffee morning is held on the first Saturday of the month. Could you help us set up the hall beforehand from 9.30am and then help in the kitchen/ serving*

through to 12.00 noon when the hall is cleared away and closed by 12.30pm. **Stockton Cinema** puts out a film on the last Saturday of the month. Could you lend a hand for an hour to set up the hall from 17.00pm on the Friday night beforehand? At 6.00pm on Saturday we start to prepare and serve supper by 18.30pm. The film starts at 19.00 and usually finishes around 21.00pm, the hall is then cleared away and closed by 21.30pm. We are looking to strengthen the committee. We are currently six strong, but an additional pair of hands or two would be fantastic. Have a word with the committee members if you could lend a hand.

 	<b>WOMENS INSTITUTE</b> Meeting 7.30pm at Nelson Club first Monday of Month President:- Sue Gill Tel: 01926 460278 Secretary: Joan Ford Tel: 01926 810220	 
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Our May meeting was opened and the members welcomed and we all sang Jerusalem.

Joan then took us through the notices and the trip to the Annual Meeting at Cardiff. The Group meeting was also to take place at Napton during May. Stockton WI have organised a Treasure Hunt on the 15th June - 6 pm for 6.30 pm start (maps available at the Nelson Club £2 per adult) - prize to the winner. This is OPEN TO ALL, please come along and support us. (look out for the posters in the village).

Joan read out this year's resolution which had been put forward for Womens' Institutes to engage with national and local authorities to work to improve the quality of life of both humans and wildlife. This was carried.

She then introduced our speaker for the evening, Reuben Lynch, who is a Toastmaster born on the Caribbean island of Montserrat. He was a really good speaker, one of the best our WI has had and he looked wonderful in a full toastmaster uniform with scarlet coat. He told us he is believed to be Britain's first black professional Toastmaster starting off in the British Army where he served for 22 years. He qualified to butler standard to manage one of H M Officers' Mess. He told us about the luncheon arrangements for The Princess Royal when she visited the regiment as Colonel in Chief and how he later worked as a conference and banqueting manager in a Warwickshire hotel for five years. This talk was not all about matters of etiquette and protocol, which were very important to him, but he also told us about his working life in such an engaging manner interspersed with a bit of ripe language here and there. The competition for a piece of royal memorabilia was won by Sue F with her wonderful Coronation carriage and horses.

Our next meeting will be **Monday 5th June 2023 at 7.30 pm at the Nelson Club.**

The Speaker is Judith Morris - Decluttering.

Competition - a Single Rose.



## Garden Jottings

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Dear Garden,

I'm writing to say that I'm sorry that so much needs to be done, to my eyes you are looking overgrown and rather neglected. There are some good reasons for this. The main one is the weather, it has been cold and very wet. There were quite a few plants which didn't make it through the winter including Phormiums, shrubby salvias, hebes, cistus and dieramas. So there are gaps which rather look like they are being taken over by weeds especially cleavers (or do you call it sticky willy?) and also rosebay willow herb. Then there are the spaces left due to over enthusiastic removal of various plants which I'd begun to hate. The continuing wet weather has prevented any planting from happening. Then there are the rabbits which continue to dig around new plants exposing the roots, grrr. If/when the ground begins to dry out please rest assured that I, with the help of Sarah, will be doing our best to get rid of the weeds and get some planting done. There have been quite a few garden visitors who surprise me by making positive comments and help raise funds for the charity although I have had to deter a few people who have arrived wearing super smart 'town' shoes.

In the polytunnels it looks a bit more promising, everything is thriving, there is abundant growth, cuttings are rooting and seeds are popping up daily. The sales beds are filling up quickly, not easy after having had to throw away so many frost damaged stock for the first few weeks of the year. If we ever get any sustained warmth it will all be very jungle-like. There are frogs and toads in and among the pots in the tunnels which always startle me when they are disturbed. There is much to be done, I will get out there instead of sitting here at the laptop.

*Christine*



The 'Heart of England' Regional Summer League started on 10<sup>th</sup> May with the best eight teams from the five clubs in the West Midlands area playing each other on Wednesday evenings.

Stockton Pétanque Club has two teams in Division One – the Knights, captained by Rich Powell and The Yeomen, captained by Sarah Jerger. These teams played each other in the first game of the league with a 3-0 victory for The Knights. In the second round, the Knights secured a 2-1 win against a visiting team from Solihull, whilst The Yeomen went down 1-2 in an away game at Hampton-in-Arden.

The Club's annual Singles League started on 14<sup>th</sup> January and after 14 weeks Sarah Jerger is narrowly ahead with 8 wins, just ahead of Rich Rushton with 7 wins and Diane Emberton with 6 wins.

Our club Summer League started on 1<sup>st</sup> April, and Sarah Jerger has taken an early lead, being unbeaten after 7 weeks with 21 points, just ahead of Dave Hancox on 19 points. In third place is Catherine Black, one of our new members, with 17 points - very impressive for a novice. Well done to her.

Our next melee will on be **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June**. Everyone is welcome – we will provide the boules and tuition in the rules.



## STOCKTON'S WEATHER STATION



**APRIL 2023 Headlines - With 43.5 mm the first April since 2018 to have "normal" rainfall. (2022 -11.5mm, 2021 - 28 mm, 2020 - 31 mm, 2019 - 17.5 mm, 2018 - 63mm)** In April the average **minimum temperature** was 4.5 deg. C, half a degree above the average (4.0 deg. C.). The lowest temperature was - 1.1 deg. on the 3rd. The average **maximum temperature** was 13.3 deg. C, about one degree above the average (12.4 deg.C.). The highest temperature was 18.8 deg. on the 29th April. **Rainfall** was 43.5mm, about 90% of the April average of 49 mm. The wettest day was the 10th with 9 mm. It rained on 13 days. **Sunshine** levels have been 1% above the average for April. **Winds** blew mostly from the south-west, south and south-east (16 days). **Trivia of the month - April might have felt like a poor spring month but the statistics show that temperatures, rainfall and sunshine have all been in one with long term averages.**

*The weather monitor*

## Stockton's Archives

### STOCKTON'S NEWS FROM THE PAST - A NEW SERIES

This series is based on newspaper reports from the 1800's and 1900's that shed light on life in Stockton. They are mainly from the Leamington Courier and Warwick Advertiser and are in roughly chronological order.

In those days, just like to today, newspapers survived mainly in a diet of scandal, death and disaster.

We probably find the language of that time as being arcane, pedantic, flowery and often patronising and the picture painted is of a life much harsher that we can hardly imagine nowadays.

*Howard Collerson*

#### **From a newspaper report of August 1843 -**

#### **Tribute to the Memory of a Village Schoolmaster -**

In our obituary of the present day we have recorded the death of Mr. John Cooper, a schoolmaster at Stockton in this County. He appears to have been one of those whose virtues will be long cherished in the memory of the living. The following communication is sent to us by a Correspondent of the highest respectability and a resident of the parish in which the now lamented Instructor lived and died.

“This young man who was suddenly cut off by scarlet fever, had acquired a considerable reputation by the zeal and assiduity with which he devoted himself to the duties of his calling, for which his attainments particularly qualified him; while the integrity of his character and the kindness of his disposition accrued for him the confidence and respect of all who knew him. Both within and beyond the parish where he resided, his death has excited the deepest sympathy, which was most feelingly exhibited by all (and the number was considerable, including the Society of Oddfellows, of which he was a member) who attended his remains to the grave”.

NOTE - John Cooper is commemorated on a plaque on the interior west wall of the Church.



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## WHO'S WHO

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		Helen Kittendorf	815376
		Chris Millidge	812991
		Terry Warner	813424
		Wendy Rumsey	813730
District/County Councillor	Andy Crump	815745	
Member of Parliament	Jeremy Wright	01926 853650	
St. Michaels	Priest in Charge		
	Administrator	Susan Holloway	812383
	Church Warden	Wendy Turner	812694
	Church Flowers	Wendy Turner	812694
Village Hall Bookings		Helen Kittendorf	815376
Stockton School	Head Teacher	Mrs. Ann Bedgood	812483
Little Acorns			813789
Toddlersaurs		Jo Harvey	811120
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