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

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

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

## WHO'S WHO

|                            |                  |                  |              |
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## Village Calendar



### Regular Weekly Village Events

#### **Monday :~**

W.R.C.C. Mobile Warm Hub Community Café ~ Village Green ~ 10.30 - 12.30  
from 26th June - 25th September - Free Tea/Coffee/Biscuits

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

Knit & Natter: Church ~ 2 - 4pm

#### **Tuesday :~**

Create & Play: Church 9.30 - 11.00 am ~

Brewed Awakening: Nelson Club ~ 9.30am - 12Noon - **July 4th 11th 18th 25th**  
**August 1st 8th 15th 22nd 29th**

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

#### **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

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

#### **Tuesday**

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

#### **Wednesday**

Church Lunch: Every 3rd Wednesday ~ 12noon

**Thursday** Afternoon Bingo ~ Nelson Club ~ 2.00pm ~ **July 6th 20th**  
**August 3rd 17th 31st**

#### **Friday**

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

#### **Saturday**

Coffee Morning & Library: Every 1st Saturday ~ Village Hall **July 1st**  
**August 5th**

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

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





## DIARY DATES

*Include your village event for free*



### July

- 1st** Coffee Morning with Stockton Archives ~ Village Hall ~10am – 12noon  
Napton Eco Fair - details pg 12
- 1st /2nd** Exhibition showcasing the work of textile artist and author Claire Fell  
as well as Galanos House Residents artworks ~ Galanos House
- 8th** Galanos Summer Craft Fayre ~ Galanos House ~ 10am - 4pm
- 12th** Friends' Lunch ~ The Crown ~ 12.30pm
- 12th** Nelson Club A.G.M. ~ Nelson Club ~ 7.30pm
- 17th** **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ~ Village hall ~ 7.15pm**
- 24th** *Stockton Primary School summer term ends return 6th September*
- 25th** *Southam Academy School summer term ends returns 6th September*  
*\*Please check with schools to be certain*

### August

- 21st** **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ~ Village Hall ~ 7.15pm**
- 25th ~ 28th** **VILLAGE FESTIVAL WEEKEND**

#### ***Editors Ramblings:-***

*Summer has arrived bringing with it hot sunshine, thunder and hail all in one day! Let's hope we don't get a repeat performance on our Village Festival day. Isn't it a lovely feeling when village organisations pull together and give us all the opportunity to have a fun filled weekend. Thank you in advance all the organisers and those taking part for all their hard work, much of which goes unseen in the hours it takes in preparations.*

*Have you all seen the lovely improvements to the Playing Field just in time for the village to enjoy this summer? Well done to all those on the Playing Field Committee, what an achievement. Let's make sure their hard work is repaid by those who use it keeping it looking good and litter free.*

*\* A **W.R.C.C. Mobile Warm Hub Community Café** has just arrived in Stockton providing free tea/coffee/biscuits on the village green and will be there every Monday 10.30 - 12.30pm until 25th September.*



## VILLAGE MATTERS

To have your news included please  
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or by hard copy to Editorial Team



### BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Belated congratulations to Shirley and Albert Cox who celebrated their 65th Wedding Anniversary in June.

Happy Birthday wishes for **July** go to Richard Rumsey, Marion Stringer, Robert Cox and Jamie Stringer, with **Special Wishes** for **Pete Noon** who is **80yrs** young.

Happy Birthday wishes for **August** go to Charlotte Howard, Emily Howard and Carter Chatland.

*To include birthdays/anniversary please contact magazine.*

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

Colin and I would like to say a huge thank you to Cllr Andy Crump, and Cllr Terry Warner for all their hard work, and tireless efforts making it possible for our local bus to still service the village during road closures. We are totally dependent like many others on public transport now, and it's peace of mind when you have important appointments etc to know your buses are running.

*Colin and Dot Starr*

### Refuse & Recycling

**Food Waste** - *Weekly* - Every Friday

**Grey Lid Bin** - *3 weekly* - **July** 14th **August** 4th & 25th

**Blue Lid Bin & Green Bin** - *2 weekly* - **July** 14th & 28th **August** 11th & 25th

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

**July** 14th **August** 4th & 25th

**Stockton Church** 2.10 - 2.30pm

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The PPE Service at Warwickshire County Council has a volume of products that can no longer be used as PPE. This might be due to the use by date having passed, the quality and safety certificate not being completely correct, or it no longer being a product that is recommended for use. Even though they are no longer suitable for PPE, we are keen that these products are put to good use in other ways. For example, when gardening or painting, gloves can keep hands clean. Face coverings can be used in situations where a face mask isn't required but a face covering is recommended.

We are now making these products available for charities and community organisations. Anyone taking these items will be required to complete a form stating they understand that these items cannot be used as PPE, and boxes will be clearly labelled.

The products are:

Sanitiser (5l, 500ml, 250ml) Gloves: S, M (nitrile, boxes of 100)

Coveralls Gowns Wipes (packs of 100) Visors Goggles

Disposable face coverings (packs of 50) Transparent masks (packs of 50)

The service also has a number of other products that do not now need to be kept in stock which we are also offering. This includes cleaning sprays and cardboard boxes suitable for packing or storage.

Evans Safe Zone cleaning sprays (use by 10/23). Cases of 6. [Safety data sheet](#)

Selgiene Extreme cleaning sprays (no use by date). Cases of 6. [Safety data sheet](#)

Boxes (cardboard, around 0.5x0.5x0.4 m, packs of 10)

Reusable (fabric) face coverings M/L vinyl gloves (use by 2025, packs of 250)

Type IIR masks (use by 11/23, cases of 1000)

Items will be issued on a strictly first come first served basis.

If a charity or community organisation is able to use these items, or has any queries about them, please get in touch with details of the items they are interested in, and quantities they are able to take. We will then confirm what we can supply and delivery or collection will be arranged. Orders will need to be made as soon as possible

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***Stockton's News Team***

# Napton Eco Fair



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

**FREE entry, info, activities and refreshments**

## What's happening?

**Hear from the Broadcaster, Author and Journalist**  
**Tom Heap**

**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>

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## STOCKTON PARISH COUNCIL

Meetings held every 3rd Monday in Village Hall 7.15pm.

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*website .www.stockton-warks-pc.gov.uk*

### STOCKTON PARISH COUNCIL - JUNE 2023 MEETING

*These are informal notes only, for a formal record please refer to the authorised minutes on our website.*

STATEMENT BY THE PARISH COUNCIL - THE PARISH COUNCIL WOULD LIKE TO APOLOGISE FOR THE PROBLEM WITH THE MOWING OF THE GRASS IN THE CEMETERY WHICH WAS DUE TO A MISUNDERSTANDING WITH THE CONTRACTOR. THE COUNCIL WOULD LIKE TO MAKE IT CLEAR THAT FOR MANY YEARS THE TWO MOWING CONTRACTS (ONE FOR THE CEMETERY, THE OTHER FOR THE REST OF THE VILLAGE MOWING) ARE LET OUT ON A COMPETITIVE TENDERING PROCESS AND THAT THE CONTRACTORS HAVE BEEN PAID IN ACCORDANCE WITH THEIR CONTRACT AT ALL TIMES. THE CONTRACTS ARE IN THEIR FINAL YEAR OF THE THREE YEAR CONTRACT AND WILL BE RE-TENDERED IN TIME FOR THE 2024 SEASON.

**Village facilities - George Street verge protection** - the parish council is waiting for more precise costs from the County Council. **Flooding after storms** - the locations of drains that may be blocked will be passed to Cllr Crump.

**Stockton Hall Farm enforcement notice** - the County Council have made it clear that the full enforcement responsibility lies with Stratford District Council.

**Overhanging hedges and trees** - there has been an unusual amount of growth on hedges, shrubs and trees this spring so all households are asked to make sure that all growth that extends onto the pavements or roadways are cut back, especially where they might contain thorns, such as roses or brambles.

**Planning Matters: 17 Mount Pleasant (22/03259)** rear and front side extension with a further storey with dormer windows - no representation by the parish council. **The Boathouse, Flat 1, Station Road (23/01163)** Use of Class 3 dwelling house change to Class E Offices - no representation by parish council.

**Windmill Farmhouse, Rugby Road (23/00366)** Erection of hay and machinery barn, stable block and ménage - permission granted.

**Next Meeting** - 7.15 pm on Monday 17 July 2023

**Howard Collerson (Chairman)**



## **News From Andy Crump**

**WCC Councillor for Southam, Stockton & Napton**

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Just to start this month's edition by saying that I am now Stockton's District Councillor - 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. I try to attend the Parish Council (3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month 7.15 start in Village Hall to give my WCC and SDC updates, listen to PC and parishioners concerns as well giving Cllr Warner the benefit of one of my puns.

### **District Matters**

The Liberal Democrats took over the administration of Stratford District Council after the election on May 4<sup>th</sup>. Napton Councillor Nigel Rock is Deputy Leader and ex-Stockton Councillor Louis Adam is now chairman of the Planning Committee (I did that role for several years, it is a challenging but worthwhile role). The Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee has been offered to the party now in opposition and the new administration agreed to my re-appointment to that role. Between the 3 of us, I'm sure Stockton's (and the East of the District's) voice will be heard at SDC.

The debates over the past few weeks were around Grass cutting locally with some negative and positive comments e.g. areas look a disgrace whilst others mentioned the benefits to bees, insects etc. Most areas have now been cut but if areas have been missed, please let me know (SDC have been made aware of some). Personally, I had no real problem with it and I thought the positives outweighed the negatives.

The next debate was the Reserved Matters application for the 100+ bed Hotel at the Polo Grounds— again there were conflicting comments e.g. positive - job creation, potentially bring more tourists etc negative traffic, crime, more strain on Police and fire. One person, who was against the hotel, appeared to compare the potential newly built upmarket hotel to a hostel in New Zealand (NZ) which had fire deaths. I felt that undermined their argument. I have the Fire portfolio at WCC and am aware of the new/stringent regulations that are now pertinent to buildings in multiple occupation or multi-storey properties. Once the hotel is built (as well as during the building stage) it will be subject to numerous and comprehensive inspections, making it far safer than a hostel in NZ

As I know, if you comment on social media you leave yourself open to contradiction by others. People will pick up on inconsistencies too – recently I saw a post basically saying 'if you can't say anything nice, don't say anything' ,

yet when that person was challenged by someone over a comment – they said that person was the one person they wouldn't want to meet – I found that quite ironical. What happened to #BeKind.

**Planning** - I've also been contacted by residents about applications where I'm not the Ward Member nor is Stockton PC the appropriate parish council – as neighbouring councillor/council we can comment but our comments have far less weight than the appropriate ward member/parish council. Also, there must be evidence that meets planning standards etc to go against statutory consultees e.g. Highways, Flooding, Fire etc. 'What ifs' do not usually meet those standards. I've also been dealing with some long standing issues and trying to ensure some enforcement matters are progressed as quickly as possible (had meeting with Head of Planning and a further one with Enforcement Team manager at SDC – due another one with Enforcement too at WCC – situation is providing to be very complex)

### **County Council Matters**

I regularly visit the area with a WCC Highways officer and am working with the Parish Council to improve the verges and parking in George Street. I've advising organisations on grant applications, residents on flooding matters, broadband contractors, tree issues, neighbour disputes. Also been liaising with STW.

### **Water Safety Advice**

With warm weather expected over the next week or so, Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service are urging residents to resist the temptation of swimming in open water.

Find out more about being water safe: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4217/fire-service-urges-people-to-bewateraware>

### **Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service is going from strength to strength, latest statistics say.**

An average of under nine minutes from call to being on the scene of over 4,500 incidents, 84% of calls being handled effectively within 90 seconds, life-saving prevention measures reaching nearly 100,000 people, more than 4,000 safe and well checks and over 1,350 'Hospital to Home' visits are among the highlights being reported by Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service for the year 2022-23. Each year, Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service looks into how it has performed against its targets. This is so it can ensure it is performing the best it possibly can, making sure that the residents of Warwickshire are getting a great service. For 2022/2023, the main highlights of the findings are as follows:

- Important, life-saving prevention messaging has reached 93,295 people. This includes over 4,000 safe and well checks, which is a free service to help people stay safe and reduce the risk of fire in the home. During the visit, the team provide fire safety advice, check that smoke alarms are working and replace/install new ones if needed. To book a check, click here: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/safeandwell>

- 4,537 incidents were attended. This figure includes everything from Road Traffic Collisions (RTCs) to house fires and all in between. This number is 24% higher than the previous year.
- There were 1,352 ‘Hospital to Home’ visits, which support elderly and vulnerable patients who have been treated at hospital and are well enough to return home to get back to where they feel safe and can be supported to live independently.
- It took an average of just under 9 minutes for the service to be on the scene of a reported fire incident.
- 84% of life risk and property emergency calls were handled within 90 seconds.
- In the area of Fire Protection, 1,847 premises in the county have been directly influenced by our work, including building and planning regulations consultations, post fire inspections, licensing applications/renewals, marriage act applications/renewal, sports grounds, business fire safety checks and heritage property.

The research also found that a staggering 90% of the 196 Accidental Dwelling Fires (ADFs) were confined to the room of origin. This could be because of several reasons including closing doors, a quick response time and assertive actions by firefighters. The property owner and/or its occupants may have also had a fire door, making the spread of fire almost impossible.

Councillor Andy Crump, Warwickshire County Council’s portfolio holder for Fire & Rescue and Community Safety, said “It has been another fantastic year for Warwickshire’s Fire and Rescue Service which has produced amazing results. We should remember that these have been achieved while the severe heat conditions of last summer greatly increased risk.

“These figures are a testament to those working both in the forefront of the service attending incidents, and also those in the background who do so much to prevent accidents and fires, educating and empowering communities to take positive steps to help protect themselves.

“An excellent fire service relies on successful teamworking, and this report shows exactly that. From those arranging the safe and well checks, to those handling the incoming emergency telephone calls, everybody has worked hard to keep the people of Warwickshire safe. I extend the thanks of the county council to all the service’s staff.”

If you are looking at ways of improving fire safety in your home or business, go to [warwickshire.gov.uk/firesafety](https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/firesafety) for useful advice. You can also keep up with what Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service gets up to by following them on their various [social media accounts](#).

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.](https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/firesafety)

## **Great Big Green Week in Warwickshire**

To mark Great Big Green Week 2023, Warwickshire County Council is showcasing some of the amazing community projects addressing the climate change emergency.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4238/celebrating-the-great-big-green-power-of-community-in-warwickshire>

## **BBQ Safety**

Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service is urging everyone to be careful with barbecues in the sunny weather expected over the next few days.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4230/warwickshire-fire-and-rescue-service-issues-bbq-warning-as-temperatures-rise>

## **Don't miss out on healthy free school meals**

With the cost of living on people's minds, many parents and carers may be wondering if they are eligible for free school meals to help with household budgets.

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4229/are-you-missing-out-on-healthy-free-school-meals-for-your-child->

## **Applying to change schools in September**

Warwickshire families who want their child to start a new school this September are being encouraged to apply now.

Find out how to apply: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4237/now-is-the-time-to-apply-to-change-schools-in-september>

## **New Community Autism Support Service**

Autistic people in Coventry and Warwickshire, or those awaiting a diagnosis, are now able to access improved support through the all-age autism support service.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4231/new-community-autism-support-service-launches-to-support-people-across-coventry-and-warwickshire>

## **Recognising the value of unpaid care**

Warwickshire County Council and partners are using Carers Week (5-11 June 2023) to highlight the challenges unpaid carers face and recognise the contribution that they make to families and communities.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4233/raising-awareness-of-the-value-of-unpaid-care-this-carers-week>

## **Supporting young people with a learning disability**

Did you know that young people aged 14 or older with a learning disability are eligible for a free annual health check provided by the NHS?  
Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4236/supporting-young-people-with-a-learning-disability-to-stay-happy-and-healthy>

### **Enhancing Child Safety**

This year, Child Safety Week has a theme of Safety Made Simple, which highlights how simple changes for parents and carers can help prevent the scariest accidents even when they are under pressure.

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4235/enhancing-child-safety-warwickshire-county-council-supports-child-safety-week-to-keep-children-safe-and-minimise-accidents>

### **Rugby security firm cuts costs with electric vehicles**

A forward-thinking business in Rugby is securing its future after receiving two grants to go green.

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4239/electric-vehicles-cut-costs-for-rugby-security-firm>

**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>

**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 ARE LOCKED AND SECURE.**

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

A decorative border with a repeating floral pattern surrounds the central text. The pattern consists of small, stylized flowers and leaves arranged in a continuous line.

# **Stockton's Produce Show**

A faint, artistic background image of a bee on a flower, rendered in soft, painterly colors of yellow, green, and blue, providing a naturalistic theme for the produce show.

**Saturday  
26th August  
2023**

**Stockton  
Village  
Hall**

**Contact:- 01926810220/07979441692**

## **VEGETABLES**

V1 - 3 potatoes of one colour. Either white or red

V2 - 3 carrots, tops trimmed to 4 ins.

V3 - 3 courgettes

V4 - 5 tomatoes, small or cherry

V5 - 5 tomatoes medium/large

V6 - 3 peppers of the same type either sweet or chilli

V7 - 1 lettuce

V8 - 1 cucumber

V9 - 6 beans, dwarf or French

V10 - 6 beans, runner

V11 - Longest runner bean

V12 - Display of vegetables on a plate, up to 5 varieties

V13 - 1 wonky vegetable - the most amusingly shaped vegetable

V14 - 3 Onions Red or White

## **FRUIT**

F1 - 3 dessert apples

F2 - 3 cooking apples

F3 - 3 Pears

F4 - 6 plums

F5 - 1 display of fruit on a plate, minimum 3 varieties.

## **FLOWERS**

FL1 - 3 roses in a vase, mixed varieties

FL2 - 1 vase of mixed flowers, minimum 5 varieties

FL3 - 3 Chrysanthemums

FL4 - 3 Dahlias

## **BAKING, JAMS & PRESERVES**

B1 - 1 Victoria sponge 7"

B2 - 3 chocolate brownies

B3 - 3 decorated cup cakes - theme Royalty

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

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

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

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

B8 - 1 pot of homemade marmalade

B9 - 1 pot of homemade chutney or pickle

B10 - 1 pot of homemade lemon curd

## **CHILDREN 5 YEARS AND UNDER**

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

C2 - A painting or drawing of a single vegetable

## **CHILDREN 6 - 12 YEARS**

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

C4 - 1 decorated cup cake, any theme. ....

A decorative border with a repeating floral motif surrounds the central text area.

Each Entry 30p per Item  
Children's Entries are free

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

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

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

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

Judging will take place between  
11.30am ~ 1.00pm.

Hall open to public from  
2.00pm.

Announcement of winners and the raffle draw 2.30pm  
All items to be removed by 3.00pm

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**

I had a craving for chocolate, so I bought a double decker.

Just going to drive it down to the sweet shop now...

I saw a sign in a restaurant that said " breakfast at any time". So I ordered toast during the French revolution.....

I see Tintin's been stopped by airport security, he set off the metal detector

A lorry load of cutlery has fallen off of a lorry at the M1/M25/M11 junction.

Never seen so many forks in the road.

***Kind regards***

***Andy***

# STOCKTON CHURCH

METHODIST AND ANGLICANS IN UNITY

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

www.thebridgesgroup.org.uk  
Tel:01926 812383

|                                   | <b>2<sup>nd</sup> July</b><br><b>Trinity 4 -</b><br><b>Green</b> | <b>9<sup>th</sup> July</b><br><b>Trinity 5 -</b><br><b>Green</b> | <b>16<sup>th</sup> July</b><br><b>Trinity 6 -</b><br><b>Green</b> | <b>23<sup>rd</sup> July</b><br><b>Trinity 7 -</b><br><b>Green</b> | <b>30<sup>th</sup> July</b><br><b>Trinity 8</b><br><b>- Green</b>  |
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| <b>Priors<br/>Hardwick</b>        | 9.00am<br>Morning<br>Worship                                     | 5.00pm<br>BCP<br>Evensong                                        | 9.00am<br>BCP<br>Comm                                             |                                                                   | 10.30am<br>Outdoor<br>Gathering<br>@<br>Wigrams<br>TurnMa-<br>rina |
| <b>Worm-<br/>leighton</b>         |                                                                  |                                                                  |                                                                   | 10.30am<br>Morning<br>Worship                                     |                                                                    |
| <b>Lower<br/>Shuck-<br/>burgh</b> |                                                                  |                                                                  |                                                                   | 9.00am<br>BCP Comm                                                |                                                                    |
| <b>Napton</b>                     | 10.30am<br>CW<br>Communion                                       | 10.30am<br>Morning<br>Worship                                    | 10.30am<br>CW Comm<br>4.00pm<br>Messy<br>Church                   | 5.00pm<br>BCP<br>Evensong                                         |                                                                    |
| <b>Stockton</b>                   | 10.30am<br>Morning<br>Worship                                    | 10.30am<br>Methodist<br>Comm                                     |                                                                   | 10.30am<br>CW Comm                                                |                                                                    |
| <b>Priors<br/>Marston</b>         | 10.30am<br>Morning<br>Worship                                    | 10.30am<br>CW<br>Comm                                            | 10.30am<br>Morning<br>Worship                                     | 3.00pm<br>“4 <sup>th</sup><br>Sunday”                             |                                                                    |



|                                   | <b>6<sup>th</sup> August<br/>The<br/>Transfiguration<br/>- White</b> | <b>13<sup>th</sup> August<br/>Trinity 10 -<br/>Green</b> | <b>20<sup>th</sup> August<br/>Trinity 11 -<br/>Green</b>   | <b>27<sup>th</sup><br/>August<br/>Trinity<br/>12 -<br/>Green</b> |
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# THE BRIDGES GROUP NOTICE BOARD

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

## Programme for Children and Youth

**Create & Play:** Tuesday mornings from 9.30 – 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)

## STOCKTON VILLAGE HALL

**Bookings -** Helen Kittendorf Tel: 815376

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

*Hourly Rate £9*

To start, we would like to say Thank You to all of the 'Friends Lunch Club' that attended our Afternoon Tea over at Galanos, it was a lovely afternoon, the food was delicious, the company was fabulous & it was nice to support another local cafe. Many have asked if we shall be organising another, the answer is, Yes of course, details once the next date has been set will be discussed during our Lunch Club lunch at The Crown. Many Thanks to Wendy for the photo from the Afternoon Tea.

As many of you know, coffee mornings are held on the first Saturday of the month, along with our well stocked library, however, we are running low on books, do you have any fiction paperbacks that are able to be donated? All we ask, is that they are in good condition to be shared. If so, the Village Hall can accept these during Coffee Mornings or on Friday mornings when Toddlersaurs is running.

As per each month, Film night will be on the last Saturday of the month (please note there will be no film night in August) & coffee morning on the first Saturday of the month, hope to see you there!

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.

Enjoy the sunshine,  
***The Village Hall Trustees***



## Community Hub and Café

Next to Galanos House, Banbury Road, Southam CV47 2BL

Café open daily 9am - 5pm.

For a full list of events visit our facebook page:

**@RBLCommunityHub**

or contact us on 01926 812185 Ext 5365

**New Summer Menu available including our Brand New Children's Menu.**

**Armed Forces Veteran's Breakfast Club** *Last Wednesday of every month*

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

**Next dates:** 26<sup>th</sup> July & 30<sup>th</sup> August 10am - 12noon

**Galanos House Dementia Café (Free)** *Last Friday of every month*

Dementia support group with music and refreshments

Open to everyone, come along on the day.

**Next date:** 28<sup>th</sup> July & 25<sup>th</sup> August 2:30pm - 4pm

**Sporting Memories (Free)** *2nd Wednesday of each month*

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

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

**Next date:** Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July & Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> August 10:30am - 12:30pm

**Silver Sunday (Free)** *Every other month*

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 to book your place.

**Next date:** Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> August & National Event Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2:30pm

**Nosh and Natter** *First Wednesday of every month.*

Everyone is welcome to come along, booking is essential.

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

**Next date:** Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July & Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 12 noon - 13:30pm

Please telephone 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

**1st -2nd July.**

Exhibition showcasing the work of textile artist and author Claire Fell, as well as Galanos House Residents artworks

**Summer Craft Fayre**

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July, 10am - 4pm.

We have lots of local artists and crafters joining us.

Everyone welcome - come along and browse at your leisure.

Our café will be open serving breakfast until 4:30pm. We also have a selection of hot/cold drinks, homemade cakes and lunches available.



## Garden Jottings



from Bridge Nursery - your local Hardy Plant Specialists

Christine Dakin, Bridge Nursery

Tel: 01926 812737

Tomlow Road, Napton.

[www.bridge-nursery.co.uk](http://www.bridge-nursery.co.uk)

¼ mile from Crossroads Garage – look for our Tourist Sign

After complaining about the weather last month I shall continue to grumble because there were just a handful of days when the ground was not too wet to plant new plants. I daren't plant anything now, it's too dry.

I grew up on a small holding where my parents grew salad crops commercially. From a very young age me and my brothers helped and got our hands dirty. We worked in a couple of acres of glasshouses and the jobs were stringing, side-shooting, de-leaving and then picking and grading tomatoes. Then they were sent off to Covent Garden wholesale market. Filthy work, I still hate the smell of the plants but like the fruit. Interestingly the small fruit were not considered desirable so local Italian families would come and strip the plants at the end of the season to make tomato sauce and passata. My 93 year old dad still grows half a dozen plants each year!

Dead-head roses and regularly pick sweet peas. Feed tomato plants use 'Tomorite or liquid seaweed. Pick peas and beans before they get too big. Dig up early potatoes. Sow more carrots (but not too thickly like I did).

Try growing some mixed salad leaves in a pot so you can cut them regularly.

Later this month the onions, shallots and garlic might be ready, wait til the leaves have died down.

*Christine Dakin*



## STOCKTON'S WEATHER STATION



**MAY 2023 -Headlines - A high pressure system established itself off the north of Scotland by mid-month and dominated our weather system with rainless days but cool northerly winds.**

The **average minimum temperature** was 9.0 deg. C, about one and a half degrees above the average (7.7 deg. C). The lowest temperature was 5.0 deg. C on the 2nd May. The **average maximum temperature** was 18.1 deg. C, just over one degree above the average (16.9 deg. C) The highest temperature was 22.0 deg.C on the 28th. **Rainfall**, at 39.5 mm was only 70 % of the average (57mm) and more than half of this fell on 8th and 9th of May. It only rained on 7 days. **Sunshine** levels have been above normal recording 10% more than the long term averages. The **wind** blew mostly from the north, north east, and east (18 days). **Trivia of the month - The 7th May was the first day this year to reach 20 deg C making it the latest such day since 2015.**

*The Weather Monitor*



The 'Heart of England' Regional Summer League is now at the halfway point, with the Knights, captained by Rich Powell, 2<sup>nd</sup> in the premier league and The Yeomen, captained by Sarah Jerger, in 8<sup>th</sup> place.

The Heart of England Inter-Club Championship was held on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June, with Whitnash emerging as top club with 10 wins from 12 games. Hampton-in-Arden were second with 8 wins and Stockton were joint third with 6 wins. After 18 weeks of the Club's annual Singles League, Sarah Jerger has a clear lead with 12 wins, well ahead of Rich Rushton with 8 wins with five players vying for third place with 7 wins each.

After 11 weeks of the Club's Summer League, Anthea Sansom is in the lead with 34 points, just ahead of John Emberton and Catherine Black, one of our new members, tying for second place with 33 points.

Our June melee attracted 16 players on a hot, sunny afternoon, including friends from East Midlands. After three rounds there were three unbeaten players, the best being Vicki Lloyd from East Midlands with a +21 points advantage. Lizette Powell was a close second with +20, playing for the first time in over a year. Iain Cunningham was third with +18.

**Our next melee will on be Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July.**

Everyone is welcome – we will provide the boules and tuition in the rules.

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

Tuesday - Term Time Only - 9.30 til 11.00am

Contact: email: [deborahduttoncreative@gmail.com](mailto:deborahduttoncreative@gmail.com) Tel: 01926 819016

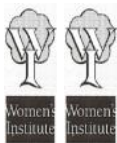
All sessions suitable for all under-fives, including babies who can find things to discover, hold and investigate, all parents and carers welcome.

4th July ~ Let's paint

11th July ~ Let's make summer flowers

18th July ~ Do it yourself

Summer Holidays

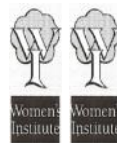


## WOMENS INSTITUTE

Meeting 7.30pm at Nelson Club first Monday of Month

President:- Sue Gill Tel: 01926 460278

Secretary: Joan Ford Tel: 01926 810220



Our June meeting was opened by Sue, and the members welcomed, and we all sang Jerusalem. She then reported to us on the National Federation meeting in Cardiff in relation to the Resolutions.

Joan then took us through the notices also mentioning the future Scarecrow Trail and Beer Festival. There is the Ludlow Food Festival trip and also the Federation Quiz to take place in Bedworth. The Big Day Out in Cambridge got a mention, the Annual Meeting at the Spa Centre and most importantly our Treasure Hunt taking place in the village prepared by Mary and Marion.

The Produce Show organised by the WI is to take place on 26th August and details and schedule will appear elsewhere in this issue.

There was a reminder about our craft group which takes place on Friday 10 am til 12 at the Football Club. Not everyone is expected to make something, members can just pop in for a coffee and chat. Sandi told us about a barbecue she is arranging which is expected to take place in August. Sally gave details of the ladies lunch for June which is at the Rugby Tavern, Cubbington.

Nearly 20 of us had attended the Group Meeting at Napton which we had looked forward to the speaker being Lesley Smith, historian and Curator of Tutbury Castle. Her talks are always highly entertaining and informative costumed portrayals of a variety of historical characters and this time she became Katherine of Aragon, the Spanish Tudor Queen. Lesley gave a spellbinding talk as usual and we laughed and sighed with the Queen through her sad tale. Of course the supper afterwards was delicious as usual, well done Napton WI.. She then introduced our speaker for the evening, Judith Morris who explained how she had given up her admin jobs to become a self-employed professional declutterer.

She did this really as she considered herself a born organised tidy person so giving up the admin was no hardship. She restores order to your homes, the problems appearing to be unwanted gifts, clinging on to out of date expensive clothes, the lack of time and the emotional attachment to items. I think we all know something about that. She does have a Facebook page offering her services.

The competition for a single rose was won by Margaret Redgrave and we collected the roses together in a beautiful and bright bouquet to be given to the lucky raffle ticket holder which was Sandi.

Our next meeting will be **Monday 3rd July 2023 at 7.30 pm** at the Nelson Club. The Speaker is Cym Beasley on Felting. Competition - a Photo of Stockton.

## STOCKTON'S NEWS FROM THE PAST - NO.2 - AN ALLEGATION OF FRATRICIDE

### **From a newspaper report of October 1878 - The Prisoner's Examination.**

On Monday at the Court House, Southam before Wm. Chamberlain and A H Thereby, Esquires, the prisoner, Edward Fletcher, was brought up on the charge of having feloniously, wilfully and of his malice aforethought, killed and murdered Frederick Fletcher. The room was densely crowded. Mr Wood appeared for the prisoner. Supt. Palmer had charge of the prosecution. R H Kinchant, Esq, chief constable of the county, was present. The first witness was Esther Fletcher, mother of the deceased and prisoner, whose examination in chief revealed little more than the facts already stated, nothing being elicited as to the previous relations of the two brothers. The gist of the defence was to suggest that youth Cleaver had done the act and the witness, Esther Fletcher, was cross-examined by the prisoner's solicitor at some length. She said Cleaver and his father went to her house between 11 and 12 at night. The former took deceased's jacket with him. It was then trampled and marked with blood as at present. She went with the two Cleavers to the spot, a distance of a mile and a half, and found her son, Frederick, lying alone. He showed signs of knowing her but Daniel Cleaver told her she had better go further off as she would make him worse. He also told her to fetch some brandy. John Cleaver, the father, immediately on seeing her son's state ran to call the landlord up, but Daniel never left till he was dead. Witness was further cross-examined as to whether Daniel Cleaver and her son had not had a quarrel about a fortnight before, but she declined to say so. She said they had had words but it might be two months ago, she could not say. It was very trifling and they had seemed good friends for some time. Cleaver was sober as far as she could say. Did not hear anybody run past her cottage a quarter of an hour before Cleaver called her. Daniel Cleaver was next called. He said he was a labourer at Broadwell. His age was 18. He and the deceased were playfellows. He went with him to the Boat Inn on the night in question. They arrived there about eight. Prisoner was there. They all remained there until closing time, 10 o'clock. Witness and deceased had three pints of beer between them. Witness, the two Fletchers and Edward Goode left together. After crossing the canal bridge the two Fletchers began "jangling" about fighting. Deceased knocked Edward down. Before this he peeled off his coat and gave it to witness. Deceased also knocked Goode down. Goode said nothing but got up and ran away. When Edward Fletcher got up he struck deceased. Witness walked on about five yards and said "Come on Fred". Deceased went to him, but Edward said "If you want anything you can come back and have it". Deceased went



back. Witness stood still about ten yards and saw the two brothers meet. No one else was near. In a minute or two deceased came back and said "Dan he's done it now, he's done it now, he nearly cut my arm off". When he got to witness blood was streaming from his arm like a pump spout. He never saw anymore of Edward. Witness went for a doctor subsequently. Was sober and so was Frederick. Goode and Edward were not quite sober. Cross-examined by Mr Wood, witness said deceased knocked Goode down without provocation. Goode made no resistance. Did not see the fatal blow or see knife in prisoner's hand. A knife was produced that had been taken from this witness at the time by Sergeant Underwood, but it was a comparatively harmless looking weapon. Witness made no effort to staunch the bleeding because he did not know what to do. Edward Goode was called. He said he was at the Boat Inn from 2 till 10. This witness could give no evidence of the actual occurrence as he saw some of the parties after he got up and ran away. He said he had been bowling in the afternoon. He was not drunk, He knew what he was doing. Prisoner had had some beer but knew what he was doing. Thomas Neal, landlord of the Boat Inn, said there was no quarrelling amongst the parties at his house. He sent Cleaver's father for the police. There were about five large pools of blood and it was also sprinkled about for twelve or thirteen yards. Dr Lattey said he was fetched by Daniel Cleaver about two o'clock on Friday morning. Deceased was lying covered up on the side of the road. He was dead. The wound was a very severe one, in a dangerous place and said he had no doubt it was the cause of death. It had been done by a quick blow from the prisoner's knife (produced). There were no other wounds on the deceased except a scratch on the cheek and an abrasion on one knuckle. PC White was also examined. He came early on the scene of the murder and went to prisoner's house at two o'clock and searched but could not find him. He afterwards met him soon after five the same morning with his wife and arrested him, finding on him the knife produced. Prisoner was fully committed for trial on the charge of wilful murder to the next Warwick assizes.

NOTE - In December 1878 at Warwick Assizes the jury found Edward Fletcher guilty of manslaughter, after a short 10 minute adjournment, and he was sentenced to 10 year's penal servitude.

## **Quizes for Village Historians**

*Taken from Stockton News issues May and June 2001*

*Set by Mr. Ralph Pratt*

### **Old Timers**

1. Local constable 1940's
2. Thirst quencher for horses, filched by other animals
3. Sharp Rector? After Higgs, before Bennett
4. Name characters well known by initials and nicknames: a) S.J. b) G & F c) W.H.C. d) Punch e) Wriggly f) Bronc
5. "May I come in" usually first four words after his entrance by .....
6. Traders/business people residing in Post Office Lane 1930's 1940's
7. Last Rector to reside at Rectory before demolition
8. Assistant to G & A Barr, paraffin hardware etc. Not exactly a ray of sunshine
9. Not a vessel for liquor, between Stockton and Long Itchington
10. At the going down of the sun, and in the morning, we will remember them 1939-45 (8)

### **Who, What or Why?**

1. Resident Stockton House after G. Blyth
2. Life Givers - there used to be 9 or 10.
3. Why did the Village Hall have a bumper attendance on 10th June 1940?
4. Former celebration area with an excellent Walnut tree
5. Old Square Face who left the village in November 1919
6. 95 years old, unfortunately not many visitors in recent years
7. Peaceful coexistence or maybe a little rivalry between proprietors,
8. Caroline Martha ..... and Sarah Elizabeth.....
9. Who were: Twet, Tink, Chilly and Yether?
10. 1961 - 5 Smooth and Quiet 1976 -9 Sleek and Sporty. Sounds like motor cars.
11. Building started 1939 - slight hiccup - completed 1946

## Can you help?

We have been asked if we have any photographs in our archives of the first Cop shop in The Square, and sadly we don't, have you?

Also we have no photographs of the Victory Hut that was situated behind The Crown, have you?

We have been collecting ANY historic items concerning Stockton, taking photocopies, filing and storing items for the past ten years to ensure that Stockton and it's history are available for all now and in years to come. Please help us to grow this important facility by allowing us to photocopy any old village photo's, newspaper cuttings etc. you may have, no matter how old.

Thank you in anticipation,

**Marion and Wendy**

## Who, What or Why?

1. Major Weaver
2. Village Pumps
3. Arrival of 99 evacuees from Grays, Essex
4. Jubilee Field
5. Church Clock
6. Methodist Church
7. Caroline Martha Badger and Sarah Cox, confectionery retailers
8. Arthur Turner, Thomas Rawbone, Frederick Childs and Ted Cox
9. 196-5 Rev. A.W. Bentley, 1976-9 Rev. N. Morgan
10. Manor Road

## Old Timers

1. Reginald Sutton
2. The 'Dog Well' (was situated top of Elm Row)
3. Rev. J. Gillet
4. S.J. Way (Then owner of the shop in the Square), G & F Wilks (Then owner of the shop in High Street/Napton Road) W.H.C. Bicknell, Arthur Berry, Kenneth Bicknell and Harold Priest
5. Tommy Stubbs, who had a Drapery shop in Leamington Spa
6. Arthur Neal (farmer), Tom Tuckey (Butcher), Ted Noon (hairdresser)
7. Mrs. Cox (maker of faggots, pies etc), Badger sisters (confectionery), Mr. Rawbone (Post Office), Mrs. Pittom (Ice Cream).
8. Rev. Royston J. Clarke
9. Ernie Rainbow
10. The Coffee Pot Bridge
11. A. Ayriss, D. Bennett, W. Cleaver, W. Green, P. Taylor, W. Thormicroft, D. Wall and G. Wright.

## A Village Childhood by Irene Harkins

*Taken from Stockton News July 2002*

Do you remember 'Parties' yard? *This was an interesting (if dangerous place) to play hide n seek, especially if 'Partie' saw you and threatened to 'skin yer'. We were a bit (well ..very) cheeky I have to admit.* (Tuckwell Close)

Do you remember the 'whirlpool'? *We were always warned against going up to see it but I often wondered if it was as dangerous as reported or if this legend was to prevent us from going in the farmers field.* Remember the 'dog well' up at the other end of the village? Did you ever earn some money picking hips:?

Did you dare each other to go into the air-raid shelter up Cali? *If you passed this test - without a candle or torch - you could be one of the 'gang'. I did pass the test but it was one of the most terrifying events of my life. I am still sure that the place is haunted by something. (Perhaps by the fear left behind by all the kids who have had to pass the 'test').* This test carried on for many a year as lots of the now forty year old village children will tell you of their badge of honour - *Eds.*

Did you ever fish for minnows down Brook-Bridge? Did you learn to swim up at the rессie? Did you ever run over the dilapidated ladder bridge on a walk to 'Braddle'? (Stocktonians name for Broadwell famous for it's ducks).

Did you ever have a 'scrap with George Street 'gang' for trying to spoil the huge bonfire they were preparing for November the fifth? *I had a jumping jack hit my welly for my trouble!* Do you remember building a really good 'camp' down the Raddie or up the cricket field? Did you go for a good walk on a Sunday evening up 'High Bully' (top of Mount Pleasant) to the 'Top Road' and along to the 'Wharf' (The Boat Inn) for a glass of pop before coming back through Cali, home again? Go on the train from Stockton Station? *I did, three or four times when we went to Waterloo (Merseyside) on holiday.*

Do you remember going to watch 'The Man in the Iron Mask' at the Village Hall when the travelling cinema came, and we smaller ones sat on those long thin benches at the front and the 'big ones' sat at the back? *The 'big ones' used to scare you on the way home.* Do you remember looking for empty 'pop bottles' and taking them back to the shop and getting money for them?

Remember the 'bakehouse' S.J. Way's, the cottage loaves and the lovely smell? Did you ever go 'sticking' with an old pram or a home-made cart made with pram wheels? Do you remember the 'Lightning Tree' or it getting struck? What about 'The Kings Arms' pub with it's REAL cellar? *I remember going there about 7 years old, to fetch my dad and grandfathers pint of mild in a jug sometimes on a Sunday dinner time.*

Did you fetch your milk from the farm every morning and have to wait for it to run over the cooler before you could have it? *I did from Burgess's and from Mrs. Carter's and will never forget the lovely smell of the dairy.*

Do you remember the fair (that still visits each year) being down on the Manor Bed? Remember many days spent picking blackberries and crab-apples for jam and jelly making? Food for free! Do you remember when the fields were full of Cowslips and everybody's Gran made Cowslip Wine! Did you go 'spudding' at

the Autumn half-term holiday? *I did we got 2/6d. for a whole day!* Did you help on a farm with the bailing? Did you spend hours out of doors having picnics of bread and jam sandwiches and a bottle of water, during the six week holidays? Did your mother or Gran soothe a wasp sting with a wet 'blue bag'? *Mine did. I suppose there must have been some sort of soda in them as this is said to take the 'sting' out of a wasp sting. Where have all the blue bags gone??*

You must remember when we had a police house in the village with a real life policeman assigned to us. Remember when we also had a concrete bus shelter. Remember when the waterpumps scattered all around the village still worked? *I do, and you could soak your mates under the one by the telephone box.*

Did you go on a Sunday evening Mystery Trip with Astons coaches, with Mr. Ken Hunt driving? Do you remember what your parents or grandparents used to reply if you as a child asked 'Where are you going?'. *Mine used to say 'There and back again to see how far it is', or 'To the back of Bill's mothers', or 'To see a man about a dog'. If we asked what we were having for Christmas or Birthday presents we were told 'A silver new nothing to hang round your neck', and if we asked what was for tea 'Bread and scrat' or Bread and pullit' was often the reply. If we were nosey enough to ask what somebody had just bought from the shop we were told that it was 'Half a pound of What's What' of course you replied 'What's that?' and of course the reply was 'What's what?'*

Do you remember when there used to be footpaths made from those diamond patterned, blue paving bricks? *I remember the two village roadmen, Mr. Spragett and Mr Fred Bench, weeding those paths around the village and keeping the place looking 'cared for'. Their hob-nailed boots used to scrunch and squeak when they walked along and they seemed to take such pride in a job well done. If they caught you dropping anything down they'd soon make you pick it back up! You knew if you were cheeky they'd tell you parents and you'd be in trouble.*

Do you remember Spangles and Eiffel Lemonade Crystals? *You'd dissolve them in water and make instant lemonade, tasted better if you just licked your finger and dipped it in the crystals.*

Do you remember playing five stones with 5 small pebbles or if lucky enough metal fivestones?

Remember those wooden tops that you chalked a pattern onto and whipped them. We seemed to have seasons for different games and were usually outside playing, even under the street lamp in the autumn and winter evenings unless it was foggy or raining. Talking of street-lamps they went off at midnight.

It really doesn't seem to be very long ago does it?

***Irene Harkins formerly Cox***, aged ..... (as my dad used to say when we asked him) 'As old as my tongue and older than my teeth'.



S.J. Way - The Old Bakehouse





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