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**Email** Stocktonfccc@outlook.com

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

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### Octobers Events:

**3rd MacMillan Fundraiser @ Brewed Awakening**

**4th Extraordinary General Meeting - All Members Welcome - 8.00pm**

**21st THE GUITAR HEROES - 9pm plus**

**Late night PIZZAS served 10 til 11pm**

**27th CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT ~ 7.30pm - with Ian Nash**

**28th GARYOKE - 8.30 plus**

**Late night PIZZAS served 10 til 11pm**

**30th KIDS HALLOWEEN PARTY**

**BREWED AWAKENING ~ 9.30am til 12 noon ~ Every Tuesday**

**AFTERNOON BINGO ~ 2.00pm ~ Alt. Thursdays - 12th & 26th**

**EVENING BINGO ~ Every Saturday ~ Eyes down 8.00pm (Top Room)**

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

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### **Magazine Policy**

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

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

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

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

*October is upon us and how the weather has changed, who would have thought that not many weeks ago we basking or rather baking in sunshine. Crops gathered in, fields ploughed and pumpkins for sale ready for Halloween.*

*The village is busy again this month with the W.I. hosting three different events open to all, a Lavender Service on the 5th , a Fashion Show on the 9th and a Coffee Morning on the 21st see page 10 for more details.*

*For children daring to go out there is a spooky event at the Nelson Club on the 30th.*



## 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 ~

Brewed Awakening: Nelson Club ~ 9.30am - 12Noon - **3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th & 31st**

Clubbercise: Village Hall ~ 7.00 - 8.00pm

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

Chess Club: Nelson Club ~ 5.30 - 7.30pm

Lazy Cat Yoga: Village Hall ~ 7.30 - 9.00pm

#### ***Thursday :~***

#### ***Friday :~***

Toddlersaurs: Village Hall ~ 9.30 - 11.30am

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

#### ***Saturday :~***

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

### Regular Monthly Village Events

#### ***Monday***

Women's Institute: 1st Monday of Month ~ Nelson Club ~ 7.30pm ~ **2nd**

Parish Council Meetings: 3rd Monday of Month ~ Village Hall ~ 7.15pm ~ **16th**

#### ***Tuesday***

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

#### ***Wednesday***

Friends Lunch: 2nd Wednesday ~ The Crown ~ 12.30pm ~ **11th**

Church Lunch: Every 3rd Wednesday ~ 12noon ~ **18th**

#### ***Thursday***

Afternoon Bingo ~ Alt. Thursdays ~ Nelson Club ~ 2.00pm ~ **12th & 26th**

#### ***Friday***

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

#### ***Saturday***

Coffee Morning & Library: Every 1st Saturday ~ Village Hall ~ **7th**

Whist Drive: Every 2nd Saturday ~ Village Hall ~ 7.30pm start ~ **14th**

Stockton Cinema: Every last Saturday ~ Village Hall ~ 7.00pm ~ **28th**

# STOCKTON CHURCH

METHODIST AND ANGLICANS IN UNITY

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

www.thebridgesgroup.org.uk  
Tel:01926 812383

THE BRIDGES GROUP	<u>1<sup>st</sup> October</u> Trinity 17	<u>8<sup>th</sup> October</u> Trinity 18	<u>15<sup>th</sup> October</u> Trinity 19	<u>22<sup>nd</sup> October</u> Trinity 20
PRIORS HARDWICK	Morning Worship 9.00am	HARVEST FESTIVAL 6.00pm	BCP Holy Communion 9.00am	
PRIORS MARSTON	Morning Worship 10.30am	CW Holy Communion 10.30am	HARVEST FESTIVAL 3.00PM	“4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday” 3.00pm
WORM-LEIGHTON				Morning Worship 10.30am
NAPTON	CW Holy Communion 10.30am	Morning Worship 10.30am	CW Holy Communion 10.30am	Evensong 5.00PM
STOCKTON	Morning Worship 10.30am	Holy Communion METHODIST LED 10.30am	MESSY CHURCH STOCKTON/ NAPTON 4.00pm	CW Holy Communion
LOWER SHUCK-BURGH				BCP Holy Communion 9.00am

BCP = Book of Common Prayer CW = Common Worship

**FIFTH SUNDAY – 29<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER**

**TRINITY 21**

**THE GATHERING AT THE CHURCH OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN,**

**PRIORS HARDWICK**

**10.30AM**



# 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	Wendy	01926 812694
	Rachel	07915 056184
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	1926 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 in Stockton and Neighbouring Villages*



A poster for a 'Lavender Service' at Stockton Church. It features a circular wreath of purple lavender flowers at the top. The text is centered and reads: 'Lavender Service', 'Stockton Church', 'Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2023 at 2pm', 'Readings, Poems & Hymns', 'Tea & cakes afterwards', and 'Stockton WI'. At the bottom, there are three small illustrations of cakes. The sides of the poster are decorated with vertical sprigs of lavender.

Lavender Service

Stockton Church

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2023 at 2pm

Readings, Poems & Hymns

Tea & cakes afterwards

Stockton WI



A poster for a 'Coffee Morning' at Stockton Village Hall. It has a decorative border of green leaves. The text reads: 'Stockton Village Hall', '10am Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2023', 'Coffee Morning', 'In aid of Myton Hospice', 'Tombola, Raffle', 'Bring a brais, Jewellery & handbag stall', 'Delicious cakes', and 'Stockton WI'. In the center is an illustration of a white cup of coffee with a cookie on the saucer.

Stockton Village Hall

10am Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Coffee Morning

In aid of Myton Hospice

Tombola, Raffle

Bring a brais, Jewellery & handbag stall

Delicious cakes

Stockton WI



A poster for a 'Fashion Show by Wanda Fashions'. It features a large yellow starburst in the center with the text 'Fashion Show by Wanda Fashions'. Below the starburst is a row of silhouettes of models in various outfits. The background is dark with spotlights. Text on the left says: '£5 entrance fee including glass of wine or fruit juice'. Text on the right says: 'Clothes available to buy and order'. At the bottom, it says: 'Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2023', '7.30pm', and 'The Village Hall'. The bottom left corner says 'Stockton WI'.

£5 entrance fee including glass of wine or fruit juice

Fashion Show  
by Wanda Fashions

Clothes available to buy and order

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2023  
7.30pm  
The Village Hall

Stockton WI



## Lions Furniture Sales

2nd Saturday of the month 9.00am - 11.30am  
Behind Southam Co-op

## Southam Gardening Club

[thesouthamgardeningclub.blogspot.co.uk](http://thesouthamgardeningclub.blogspot.co.uk)

Tel: 01926 813986 or 815086.

**Lucy Hartley** will give an illustrated talk on

**‘Climate Change and our Gardens’**

at 7.30pm on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October

at the Catholic Church Hall,

next to Wood St car park.

All are welcome. Non-members £4.50. Refreshments included.

Further information: [thesouthamgardeningclub.blogspot.co.uk](http://thesouthamgardeningclub.blogspot.co.uk)  
or tel 01926 813986 or 815086.

## Long Itchington History Group

**Meeting at Community Centre 7.30pm**

***[www.longitchingtonhistory.org.uk](http://www.longitchingtonhistory.org.uk)***

WEDNESDAY 11<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER STARTING AT 7.30.

“History of Kaye and Nelson Cement Works”. John Frearson

Admission £3

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

Programmes available on request



## Southam Indoor Market

Grange Hall, Coventry Road, Southam

10am to 12.30pm.

**Free Admission Free Parking**

Wide variety of **local producers & suppliers**

meat, cheese, eggs, fish, honey,

wholefoods, cakes, savoury bakes,

homewares, gifts, cards, arts and crafts.

Refreshments available from the **Market Cafe**

Forthcoming market dates are: Saturdays **21<sup>st</sup> October**,

18<sup>th</sup> November and 16<sup>th</sup> December

Stallholder enquiries by email only please to: [southamfirst@outlook.com](mailto:southamfirst@outlook.com)

Find us on Facebook: Southam Indoor Market



**Community Hub & Café**  
(Next to Galanos House, Banbury Road, Southam)  
Follow us on Facebook @ RBLCommunityHub for updates

**Regular Monthly Events:**

**National Silver Sunday (Free)**

Join us, bring a friend, and have a dance. Helen Pearson will be here to entertain us. Please wear something Green – a top, scarf, hat, trousers etc

Everyone is welcome to come along. Please telephone 01926 812185 Ext 5365 to book your place. Every other month

Next date: **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October. 2:30pm**

**Nosh and Natter**

Cost £10.00 - 2 Course homemade hot lunch and dessert. Everyone is welcome to come along, booking is essential. First Wednesday of every month.

Next date: **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 12 noon - 13:30pm**

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

**Sporting Memories (Free)**

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

2nd Wednesday of each month 10:30am - 12:30pm

Next date: **11<sup>th</sup> October** Open to everyone, come along on the day.

**Armed Forces Veteran's Breakfast Club**

Last Wednesday of every month Next dates: **25<sup>th</sup> October 10am - 12noon**

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

**\*Extra Date: Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October 10am**

Join the Banbury AFBVC at the Community Hub and Café

Open to all serving and ex-serving personnel

**Galanos House Dementia Café (Free)**

Dementia support group with music and refreshments

Last Friday of every month Next date: **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2:30pm - 4pm**

Open to everyone, come along on the day.

**New Events:**

**Patchwork & Creative Stitching**

Adult & Community Learning Starting Monday **2nd October 10am - 12noon**

**British Sign Language Course for Beginners**

Adult & Community Learning Starting Tuesday **3rd October 10am - 12noon**

Contact: [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/acl](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/acl) Tel: 01926 736392

## **Southam Book Festival Talk (Free)**

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 7pm

**Jason Cobley** will talk about his book 'A Hundred Years to Arras', which is the story of Private Robert Gooding Henson of the Somerset Light Infantry and his journey from the farm to the trenches. His story is that of the working-class Tommy; young men caught between rural values and a new kind of war. It is a story where the land knows no time. Refreshments will be available from the café.

## **Menopause Fayre (Free)**

**Dr. Kurti Viswanathan & other menopause specialists**

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 7pm - 10pm

Open to everyone, come along on the evening.

## **Poppy Appeal Launch Celebrations**

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October. Details TBC

Join us to remember and show your support for the service and sacrifice of our Armed Forces, veterans, and their families.

## **Save the date:**

### **Children's Halloween Party**

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October. Details

TBC

### **Christmas Bingo!**

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November 7pm.

Open to everyone – booking not required.

### **Christmas Craft Fayre**

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 10am-4pm

Everyone welcome. (Stall holders - £15 for the full day and we provide the table, spaces are limited. Call 01926 812185 Ext 5365 to book).

### **Breakfast or Lunch with Santa**

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December. Details TBC

### **Meet and Make with Santa and his Elves**

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December. Details TBC



**'UNIQUE' POPPY COMPETITION**

To enter our 'Unique' Poppy Competition all you need to do is create a Poppy using anything that you like. Your entry can be any size - there are no rules, so get creative! The competition is open to everyone and the winners will be announced at our Poppy Launch on Thursday 26th October.

Email your entry to [jawilson@britishlegion.org.uk](mailto:jawilson@britishlegion.org.uk), or drop your entry into the main reception at Galanos House (please include your name and contact details)

Closing date Friday 13th October 2023

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## DIARY DATES

*Include your village event for free*



### October

**3rd** MacMillan Fundraiser @ Brewed Awakening

**4th** Extraordinary General Meeting - All Members Welcome - 8.00pm  
Nelson Club - 8.00pm

**7th** Coffee Morning & Stockton's Archives – Village Hall – 10am – 12 noon

**26th** Friends' Lunch Afternoon Tea – Galanos Hub - 3pm

**30th** October - 3rd November - Autumn Half Term

### November

### Mobile Library

**Stockton Church 2.10 ~ 2.30pm** 6th (Now every 4 weeks)

For further information, ring Mobile Library enquiries on 01926 851031  
or visit the Mobile Library on-line at  
[www.warwickshire.gov.uk/mobilelibraries](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/mobilelibraries).

### Refuse & Recycling

**Food Waste** - *Weekly* - Every Friday **Grey** Lid Bin - *3 weekly* - 6th & 27th

**Blue** Lid Bin & **Green** Bin - *2 weekly* - 6th & 20th

Missed Bins Tel: 01789 260616

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01926 410410 - Customer Services at W.C.C .

## VILLAGE MATTERS

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or by hard copy to Editorial Team



### BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday wishes this month go to  
**Mila Cooper, Joshua Howard, Levi Stringer**  
and special **60th** wishes to **Sue Cooper**

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

## POPPY APPEAL 2023



The 2023 Poppy Appeal is fast approaching. Every poppy counts and your support is as vital as ever as our Armed Forces community face fresh challenges over the coming months and remain in need of help.

This year's Poppy Appeal in Southam & District will run as normal. We have many kind volunteers in our community who collect door-to-door and in other locations, including supermarkets and schools. We hope to make the 2023 Poppy Appeal bigger and better than ever and are always looking for new door-to-door collectors or businesses wishing to fundraise for us.

If you are a local business, group, school, or organisation, or an individual, and you would like a Poppy Box, school pack or wreath, please do contact us now with your request. Our volunteers will deliver boxes from 19-25<sup>th</sup> October. Collections can also be made from Galanos House, Southam, by prior arrangement. This year, a Poppy Appeal launch event will be held at the Community Hub & Café by Galanos House at 10.30am on **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October**. The Community Hub will also serve as an extra location in Southam to donate over the Remembrance period.

Any organisations wishing to order wreath ahead of Armistice Day on 11 November and Remembrance Sunday on 13 November, please let us know by **Friday 14 October**.

As every year, we appreciate your support and hope that you can continue to work with us to ensure a successful 2023 Poppy Appeal.

To order Poppy boxes, wreaths or if you have any queries, please call Galanos House on 01926 812185 (select option 1) or email either of your Poppy Appeal Organisers for Southam & District:

Jo-Anne Wilson [jawilson@britishlegion.org.uk](mailto:jawilson@britishlegion.org.uk)

Tracey Powell [tpowell@britishlegion.org.uk](mailto:tpowell@britishlegion.org.uk)

**Thank you for your ongoing support**

I owe a really big 'Thank You' to **\*\*SEB NEAL\*\*** for taking such great care of me on Saturday 9th September after my silly accident. Seb you were wonderful and don't forget our date to go dancing when I'm back on my feet. (Only joking Dorne).

Many, many thanks to my neighbours Debra and Tony who never left me, really appreciate what you did, also all neighbours, the Nelson Club and friends for their help, concern, kind enquiries, wishes and cards. It is very much appreciated. I also want to say a big thank you to my family Sue, Howard, Rob, Andrea and John for their concern, love and ongoing support.

**Joan Ford**

## **Stockton Village Festival 2023**

Reflecting back on this years Village Festival, it hasn't been our best year in terms of weather, but overall the weekend went amazingly well.

Our theme for this years Scarecrow Trail was 'Royalty' and we pitched this loosely to aide people's creative inspiration. I think it's fair to say that the entrants delivered! We had some absolutely incredible entries ranging from music royalty, Queen Bee's, and of course some members popping up from our Royal Family, and so many other wonderful creations in between. The winners of this years vote were Stockton Primary for their wonderful 'Coronation' scene, which I know so many of the children contributed to during school time. A very deserving winner, followed closely in second place by Josie Winfield's incredible 'Pearly King & Queen'. As we say every year, a huge thank you to all who take the time to enter the trail, it is much loved by all and a delight to see so many people walking the trail.

A huge thank you and congratulations to our amazing WI for another fantastic Produce Show, this year taking place in the village hall (supported free of charge from our very kind Village Hall Committee). Another glorious display of fruits, vegetables, flowers, jams & cakes, the display simply lit up our village hall and the buzz of everyone coming together during this event was utterly heart warming. The best in show went to 'Mike' with a display of three very impressive onions. The cake stand outside the village hall did not disappoint either. A huge thank you to Stockton News for printing the programmes for the Produce Show, and as always to Joan Ford & all at Stockton WI for making this happen every year.

Our beautiful church was decorated and ready to host us all with delicious refreshments all weekend, I have to say we enjoyed a few cups of tea and slices of cake over The Festival and it was a glorious place to meet faces old & new and discuss the goings on over the weekend. Thank you to Jan Eaton and her team.

A special thank you to Chris Stubbings for spending his weekend driving 'Nelson' around the village raising a very impressive sum for our chosen charity too, we and so many others, always love to see and hear Nelson go by.

And of course the venues did not disappoint.

The Crown Inn had some marvellous bands on over the weekend, a very notable one being a ska band playing in the glorious sunshine on Saturday afternoon, I have it on good authority that the incredible music lured a fair few people out for a pint that day.

The Football & Cricket Club for once again hosting an out of this world Family Fun Day on the Sunday, an event which I know brings many to our festival and also supports other charities such as Dogs for Good (amongst many others) to raise vital funds. The Club also very kindly donated a brand new Nintendo Switch to The Village Festival this year which helped us to raise more money for our chosen charity. So a huge thank you to them.

Lastly the Nelson Club got on board with our theme and hosted an array of theme nights and games, really bringing the sense of fun & celebration to the



weekend. The music got almost everyone to their feet and the nights were rounded off by a much loved Festival classic game of 'Play Your Cards Right'. The team also supported us in our 'Name The Bear' not selling all tickets for one soft toy, but two! Jo & all of Team Nelson also hosted a quiz, lead by Joan Ford, to round of the Festival weekend on the Bank Holiday Monday, which was so well attended we had to de-camp upstairs. It was thoroughly enjoyed by all and really helped round up our great weekend.

As we say year after year, what we love most about this weekend is seeing everyone coming together and bringing a great sense of community to our amazing village.

So please get your thinking caps on, and your produce planned for next year, when we hope to do it all again.

We are thrilled to announce our community effort has this year raised £1693.88 for Teenage Cancer Trust. A huge thank you to every single person who got involved and helped raise this fabulous total.

***Till next year.***

***Stockton Village Festival Committee***

### **Can you help?**

I wonder if you can help me in my search for Warner relatives.

I was born in 1952 at 3 Elm Row (as it was then, I think the numbers changed when the houses were built opposite so it is probably no. 2 now).

My grandfather was Charles Lee a builder and my grandmother was Eva Jane Warner. She was born in George Street and her parents were Amelia (Ling) and Clement Warner.

I am trying to find out if there are still any Warners living locally. I was in touch with a David Warner but his email no longer works.

If anyone knows of a Warner I would love to get in touch as I have a couple of WW1 post cards from my great uncle who was killed and I think it would be nice if they could stay in the family if possible.

***Faith Badger*** (Greenbank, Lee)

Warner



## 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 - September 2023 Meeting.**

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

It was a very quiet meeting this month as 3 councillors on holiday and only 1 member of the public present.

### **Planning Matters:**

Land west of Jubilee Field, Stockton. The Scout Field 21/02 330/OUT  
Outline planning application for demolition and replacement of existing Scout Hut and construction of up to 13 self build / custom built dwellings and associated works with all matters reserved (except for access) Parish Council support.

**Next Meeting: 16th October 7.15pm**



### **News From Andy Crump**

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

**SDC Councillor for Southam Central and East and Stockton**

**Mobile: 07771335273 - [cllrcrump@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:cllrcrump@warwickshire.gov.uk)**

**[andrew.crump@stratford-dc.gov.uk](mailto:andrew.crump@stratford-dc.gov.uk)**

### **Local Councillor update for Stockton News – October 2023**

Sometimes, I'm asked to intervene in civil and private disputes and although I like to help, the council has little powers at times to intervene – I try to mediate whenever possible. People on social media often make uninformed assumptions and don't let facts get in the way of a good argument. Evidence is important when it comes to decisions, planning applications, allocations of funds etc – I've always be taught to never judge someone unless you've walked in their shoes. I work hard for our community but am old enough (and pragmatic enough) to realise that I won't be able to please all the people all the time, although I communicate as much as possible as well as regularly attending the Parish Council meeting and other events in the village.

**Hedges, parking, planning applications and speeding – hot topics**

This last month I've been trying to sort someone overhanging hedges (obscuring paths, rights of way, roads, signs,) as well as trying to deter some poor parking. Please remember that overhanging hedges etc impact residents with disabilities and sight impairments more adversely than other people – MANY ARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE LANDOWNER NOT THE COUNCIL. Some parking in the village leaves a lot to be desired, particularly obscuring views of people exiting junctions.

Last month, I continually pressured WCC to regulate contractors who put road closure signs etc in dangerous places, reducing visibility (Stockton crossroads was a prime example – I even got permission to move the signs myself). Cllr Warner and I also often liaise with WCC/Stagecoach to reduce disruption (caused by road works/closures) to bus routes/timetables in the village

**Speeding/noisy motorbikes** – I am aware also that speed can be a factor in serious collisions, however there are many other factors too e.g. drink or drug driving, driving without due care etc..(see Fatal Four below)

**Operation raises awareness of importance of passing horses wide and slow**

Ten per cent of drivers passed a horse and rider either too fast or too close is the result of an Operation Close Pass for horses that took place on Thursday 21 September 2023 on Smeaton Lane in Brinklow. This is despite the horse and rider duo being accompanied by a PCSO on a bicycle and all parties wearing hi vis.

The Operation was designed to actively target motorists who ignore Highway Code rules on how to safely pass equestrians on the road.

During the two-hour Operation approximately 45 vehicles passed a horse and rider (followed by a police cyclist equipped with a video camera) on Smeaton Lane to look out for motorists who passed them too fast or too close. Whilst the majority passed the horse and rider safely leaving at least 2metres and slowing to approximately 10mph or less, officers intercepted four motorists who did not comply with the Highway Code.

These motorists were pulled aside and given words of advice by officers about their driving and provided with information on the requirement, produced by the British Horse Society.

The Highway Code is now specific about what drivers need to do to safely pass horses:-

- Slow down to a maximum of 10mph

- Be patient, and do not sound a horn or rev the engine

- When safe to do so, pass the horse wide and slow (2 metres minimum if possible)

- Drive slowly away

Warwickshire Police Rural Crime Team said “Our aim is to educate road users so they know how to safely pass horses on the roads. It’s important the many equestrians in Warwickshire feel as safe as possible on our roads and we chose Smeaton Lane, Brinklow due to the many local horse riders who use it who have contacted us to express their safety concerns about vehicles passing them too close or too fast.

Although not in the Highway Code, we cannot stress enough how much the hi vis worn by the horse, rider and cyclist improved their visibility. During the operation we also visited stable yards to hand out high visibility tabards and Operation Snap cards to encourage riders to report moving traffic offences such as dangerous or careless driving to the police, plus information about The BHS Horse incident reporting app and Warwickshire Horse Watch.

### **Road Safety: Fatal Four (from last month too -still applies)**

To help improve safety across the county, Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service is reminding people of dangers of the ‘fatal four’ behaviours behind the wheel - drink and drug driving, not wearing a seatbelt, using a mobile phone, and speeding.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4406/warwickshire-fire-and-rescue-service-raises-awareness-of-road-safety-with-unique-installation>

### **Fire Safety in the home**

Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service is taking proactive steps to raise awareness about fire safety in the home.

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4538/fire-service-urge-residents-to-stay-safe-and-well->

### **Business Fire Safety**

Businesses across Warwickshire are being advised to prepare for upcoming changes in fire safety legislation set to take effect on the 1st of October 2023.

Find out what this means for your business: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4540/warwickshire-businesses-urged-to-make-fire-safety-a-priority-ahead-of-changes-to-legislation>

### **Nominate a location for EV Charging**

Can you help by getting involved and suggesting possible locations for future electric vehicle (EV) charging points in the county?

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/electric-vehicles/request-new-electric-charging-point>

### **Voices of Tomorrow Youth Conference**

Young people are being encouraged to save the date for Warwickshire’s second youth conference organised by young people for young people, which is taking place on Friday 3 November 2023.

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4532/save-the-date-voices-of-tomorrow-youth-conference-on-friday-3-november-2023>

Download image: [VoicesofTomorrow\\_2023.png](#)

### **Let’s Talk Warwickshire podcast: Fire and Rescue**

In the latest Let’s Talk Warwickshire podcast, Chief Fire Officer, Ben Brook, talks about the latest fire inspection report and the work undertaken to promote equality, diversity and inclusion within the service.

Listen here: <https://letstalkwarwickshire.podbean.com/e/warwickshire-fire-and-rescue-service/>

### **School Streets pilot scheme**

An innovative new pilot scheme from Warwickshire County Council is aiming to make the county’s school streets safer for its youngest residents.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4539/creating-safer-school-streets-in-warwickshire>

### **Caring for someone with dementia**

As part of World Alzheimer's Month, find out more about the range of support that is available in Warwickshire for people who are caring for someone with dementia.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4549/support-for-people-caring-for-someone-with-dementia>

### **On-Call Firefighters**

Calling local organisations!

Do you have an office or base within five minutes of a WFRS on-call fire station? Help protect your community and show #CorporateSocialResponsibility by supporting colleagues to become on-call firefighters!

Find out more: <https://bit.ly/on-call-employers>

### **Bin Collection Calendar**

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

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

A pdf can also be downloaded or printed

Paper copies can be requested still either by emailing [info@stratford-dc.gov.uk](mailto:info@stratford-dc.gov.uk) or ringing 01789 267575. Residents in my ward of Stockton and Southam Central and East can use my contact details ( [andrew.crump@stratford-dc.gov.uk](mailto:andrew.crump@stratford-dc.gov.uk)) or 07771335273 if they need my assistance.

### **Help from Warwickshire County Council**

If you are struggling with money and need help now, Warwickshire County Council can help with:

- ☐ food, energy and water bills
- ☐ money advice
- ☐ aspects of family life
- ☐ accessing emergency food
- ☐ mental health support

Find help here: <https://costoflivingwarwickshire.co.uk/home/i-need-urgent-help>

### **Reporting highways issues – or let me know !!**

[cllrcrump@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:cllrcrump@warwickshire.gov.uk)

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

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

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=IwAR3vkf03zQgXUeHH04ODEqfid1b1msbwpVg8DG6nQn47HoAcw mw5LL9Joc>

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

**A taxi driver licensed by Stratford-on-Avon District Council has been suspended for 14 days by the District Council's Licensing Panel, for failing to report driving convictions on his driver renewal application form.**

The driver, licensed for 11 years, failed to inform the Licensing Authority of these convictions and did not disclose these convictions as required on two subsequent renewal applications submitted by him.

The convictions had occurred when the driver was not on duty as a taxi driver and although he had not been disqualified by the Court, a total of 12 points had accrued on his licence.

The District Council's Policy and Conditions for Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Drivers states: *'the proprietor of a licensed vehicle should notify the Council in writing of any conviction or caution recorded against him or of any penalty points incurred within 7 days of such a conviction being imposed.'*

The driver apologised and said he did not realise he had to notify the District Council about the penalty points.

The driver was also issued with a Formal Written warning as to his future conduct.

**Stratford-on-Avon District Council is preparing a new Council Plan that will be in place for the next four years.**

Stratford-on-Avon District residents, local businesses, parish and town councils, voluntary groups and partners are being given the chance to help create this new plan, as the District Council begins a consultation.

The District Council is currently consulting on the following core areas of focus:

Residents and Communities  
Climate Change  
Housing

Delivery of Service  
Health and Wellbeing  
Local Economy

The draft Council Plan is now out for consultation and residents and businesses are invited to complete the questionnaire on the District Council's website: <https://online1.snapsurveys.com/councilplan>

Paper copies are available on request by email to [consultation@stratford-dc.gov.uk](mailto:consultation@stratford-dc.gov.uk), telephone 01789 267575 or in person at the District Council Offices in Stratford-upon-Avon.

**The consultation runs until Tuesday 24 October 2023.**

**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 –**

I've just signed my contract for the world egg eating competition.

It's binding

I accidentally swallowed a bottle of invisible ink earlier.

I'm at the hospital waiting to be seen

A thousand cases of Red Bull were stolen from a warehouse last night. Really, how do these people sleep at night?

I feel bad for the staff working in Gregg's in this heat. They must be baking in there.

Limbo dancing equipment for sale

£8 won't go lower

***Kind regards***

***Andy***



The Club's Summer League has just three weeks to go and Catherine Black, one of our newest members, is well ahead with 80 points, followed by Sarah Jerger on 75 points. With 6 points available to winners each week, it could be a very tight finish!

The Club's annual Singles League is two thirds of the way through and Sarah Jerger is in the lead with 14 wins, just ahead of Rich Rushton and Catherine Black with 12 wins each.

Just 9 players turned out for the Melee on 2<sup>nd</sup> September. After three rounds, there was just one unbeaten player - Doreen Scrutton, one of our most senior players. Well done to her. The runner up - with best points advantage from 2 wins - was Jeff Rand.

Our next melee will on be Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> **October**. Everyone is welcome – we will provide the boules and tuition in the rules.



## STOCKTON'S WEATHER STATION



### STOCKTON'S WEATHER STATION - AUGUST 2023

**Headlines - It seems to be a “No Summer” summer, but the figures show it to have been typical for August**

The **average minimum temperature** was 12.6 deg. C, very close to the average (12.5 deg. C). The lowest temperature was 8.2 deg. C on the 5th July. The **average maximum temperature** was 22.6 deg. C, one degree above the average (21.6 deg. C) The highest temperature was 27.3 deg.C on the 10th. **Rainfall**, at 41 mm was only 63% of the average (65mm) and the wettest day was the 6th with 10mm. It rained on 11 days. **Sunshine** levels were close to normal recording 96% of the long term average. The **wind** blew mostly from the west and south-west (25 days).

**Trivia of the month - no thunder recorded in August - the first time since 2013.**

*The Weather Monitor*





# Garden Jottings

from Bridge Nursery - your local Hardy Plant Specialists



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

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

1/4 mile from Crossroads Garage – look for our Tourist Sign

Does your garden look dreary through the winter months? Having a few splashes of colour can lift your spirits on dark days. I wouldn't be without *Lonicera fragrantissima*. This is a shrubby honeysuckle which has creamy scented flowers for weeks and attracts bees. *Viburnum farreri* 'Nanum' is a slow growing shrub with small pink flowers from mid to late winter. The shrubby wallflower, *Erysimum* 'Bowles Mauve' is a mass of purple flowers almost all year round. One of my favourite shrubs is *Cornus alba* 'Elegantissima', the red stems show up well from October til March. To see a wide range of colourful plants do try to visit places such as Anglesey Abbey in Cambridgeshire where there is a wonderful, much photographed winter garden.

One of my favourite roses here is one called Sally Holmes, she has masses of flowers and is completely disease-free. I intend taking lots of hardwood cuttings this month. Books tell you to dig a trench outside and put your 6-10 inch cuttings in it but it would get waterlogged so I put them in deep pots round the edge and keep them in the tunnel. They don't all root but any that do is very pleasing, I never get tired of propagating plants, it is so satisfying.

I will be having a sale this month, many plants will have generous discounts, check Bridge Nursery Facebook page for details.

## 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.

### October

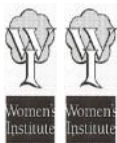
3rd - Water Play

10th - Do it yourself - No Wendy or Deborah but space to play

17th - Make little houses or a bed for your cuddly from a box

24th - Make and play with playdough

31st - Half Term



## 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 September meeting was opened by Sue who welcomed the members and we all sang Jerusalem.

Joan then took us through the notices and the future events.

The Produce Show had been a huge success and enjoyed by many.

There followed the speaker Pamela Manning and she spoke as a “wise woman” dressed in a costume of Tudor times and telling us about contraception of those days.

We are to have a very busy October with the three events we have organised.

There are posters advertising these but in short the first is the Lavender Service at Stockton Church on 5th October at 2 pm. The craft club has been busy making lavender bags for this and there will be tea and cakes after the service. Any donated cakes would be gratefully received. All are welcome, not just the WI. The second is a Fashion Show by Wanda of Dunchurch at the Village Hall on the 9th October at 7.30 pm £5 entrance, glass of wine or fruit juice included. The WI models do have a bit of fun with this one although take it very seriously once on “the runway”. Again all welcome.

The third is a Coffee morning in support of Myton Hospice to be held at the Village Hall on Saturday 21st October at 10am. There are tombola and jewellery and handbag stalls, bric a brac, raffle and of course delicious cakes to have with your hot drinks. Any donated cakes would be gratefully received.

Our next meeting will be **Monday 2nd October 2023 at 7.30 pm** at the Nelson Club. The Speaker is Eddie Smallwood - Barber and Surgeons in the War of the Roses. Competition - a Pretty Cup and Saucer.

## STOCKTON VILLAGE HALL

**Bookings** - Helen Kittendorf Tel: 815376

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

*Hourly Rate £9*

October already, how did that happen?

Halloween will be here before we know it.

The next Tabletop sale on **11th November**, from 10am till 12 noon, a good time to clear out things no longer required, you never know there may be “Cash in your attic” Tables are £7 and need to be booked in advance, contact Helen on 01926 815376 so book yours early to avoid disappointment. Everyone loves a “Bargain Hunt” so even if you have nothing for the Tabletop sale, come along and have a look at what is on offer. One person’s “junk” is another person’s “treasure” and an eco-friendlier way to find that thingamajig that you have

always wanted.

Our coffee mornings are in full swing usually on the first Saturday of the month, why not join us on **7th October 10-12** 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 is no reason for missing out, we offer a take-out option.

It's always nice to see so many faces, old and new

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, is delicious and what more could you ask for; good food, good company, and no washing up!! The next meet up is **11th October**, 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 Lunch Club meal paid for.

Following the success of the last "afternoon tea" at the Hub, we will be repeating the event on **25th October @ 3pm**. Please contact Anthea on 01926 815922, if you wish to come but remember to be quick the last date for booking and payment is 11th October

Stockton Cinema continues to run, its film and supper night on the last Saturday of the month, **28th October** 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. For full details and information of what film is showing can be obtained by contacting Steve Kittendorf on 01926 815376 or [stevekittendorf@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:stevekittendorf@hotmail.co.uk), shown. The film starts at 7pm and refreshments are available as usual.

We are on the look out for any **painters/decorators** that could help with some work on the hall, please contact Steve Kittendorf on 01926 815376 or [stevekittendorf@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:stevekittendorf@hotmail.co.uk) for details if you are able to assist

And now for "The Village Hall Appeal":

**WE NEED SOME HELP PLEASE!!** *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.*

**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.

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

## Stockton's Archives

### STOCKTON'S NEWS FROM THE PAST - NO.4 A TEMPERANCE SOCIETY

**From a newspaper report of April 1883 - School Room** - A large meeting was held in the above school room to start a branch of the Church of England Temperance Society at Stockton. The Rev W Tuckwell gave a very interesting speech in which he complimented Mr Tyrer, of Stockton House, for the very great zeal he took in the cause, as this meeting had been brought about entirely by him, so it was decidedly "his baby" and he (the Rector) was very pleased indeed to come and christen it. The Rev K Cox said he had great pleasure in addressing a few remarks to them with the object of starting another branch of the Church of England Temperance Society, he having started a great many branches in different counties, to cope with and defeat, as far as possible, a very great evil. He asked them to think how great an evil war was, but our war in the Crimea, great as it was, and expensive as it was, cost England 24,000 men and £120,000 a year and lasted two years. He said drink cost £147,000,000 in Great Britain and kills ten times as many a year as the Crimean War did. It exceeds all the money spent on bread, tea, cocoa, milk, sugar and rice. All were asked to help in the temperance cause, and the Church of England Temperance Society took all in from the highest in the land to the lowest, the Queen being Patron. The Rev W Tuckwell, in conclusion, said Mr Cox had given them a most practical, sensible and moderate lecture and urged upon the people to bring up their children in the temperance cause. Especially he liked the way Mr Cox dealt with the moderate section as there were a great many good men, not teetotallers, who would belong to a temperance section. He said if a working man had, say, two glasses of beer every day it would amount to about 1s. a week; that if, put in Government security, from about 18 years of age to 50, would secure an annuity of £25 a year for the remainder of his life. He (the Rector) said "Mr Tyrer is your president, and you could not have better, because he has not only the inclination but the will and time to bestow upon the work.". Mr Tyrer then stated that he had some cards for both sections and several joined the society and other names were obtained. Mr Tyrer, with his usual great kindness, invited visitors from the neighbourhood, Southam, Long Itchington and Napton to supper at his house and most of them availed themselves of his kind hospitality.

## **Stockton Football Club Team Photograph**

### **Stockton's News September 2023 Issue**

The season was 1957 - 1958. Mr. W.H.C. Bicknell was Chairman and his younger son Malcolm was Club Captain. The year 1957 marked the 50th anniversary of the club winning the Garland Cup for the first time. This cup was won by Stockton in the two succeeding seasons and it was presented to the winning side to be kept by them in perpetuity. It is now the Stockton Charity Cup.

I think that the two people who cannot be clearly seen in the photograph are Geoff Eadon from Napton, half hidden by Joe Bennett (or is it Ivan Bennett?) and to Graham Hudson's right and Sid Biddle to Graham's left and in front of Les Hawker. Geoff played at left half and Sid played in goal. Standing between Joe Bennett and Keith Noon is Barry Tomkins, wrongly identified as Curly Noon.

The puzzle is why Joe Bennett is in the photograph. Bred and born in the village, in 1957 Joe was playing for Southam and Curly Noon was in the very good side that Warwick Town had at that time. Both of these superb footballers returned to play for their home village towards the end of their long and distinguished footballing careers.

The team photograph was almost certainly at Lockheed, Leamington, where the Leamington and District League held their annual presentations. The actual date that the photograph was taken also presents another puzzle since Stockton had won the league the previous season 1956/57. I was serving Her Majesty from August 1957 for two years (National Service) and my own records are incomplete. The photographs in the present club house should confirm the cup Kanga is holding is indeed the Leamington and District League One Championship Trophy.

***Albert Cox, Goalkeeper (retired) 1953 - 1977***





**Who, what and where? Can you help?**



**Memories of Childhood**  
*from Mrs. Pam Noon recorded by Mrs. Irene Harkins and donated to  
Stockton's Archives.*

Horace Neal (Non) lived for most of his childhood, by choice, with his maternal grandparents at Cali, together with his brother. Their parents had a large family of boys and girls and their father was among the cement workers who, living in a 'works house' went on strike for more pay and better conditions, but he was spotted by the employer holding a banner (union) and was sacked and turned out of the house the next morning with his family and furniture on the street. The family had to move often before eventually settling in School Street.

Mrs. Pam Noon (nee Neal) was born at No7 George Street (her Grandmothers house). The rent was 5s10d. a week then. They had to move from there after her grandfather's death as nobody living there worked at the works. They moved into The Square and the rent for that house was 8s6d. They later bought the house and it was named 'Glendene' Pam's middle name. When Pam was 18yrs her parents got permission to use their house for a Post Office and became Postmaster and Mistress. Doctor Smorfitt used a room there one day a week for his surgery. The house had no bathroom and Pam, like many others in the village used the baths at the Nelson Club for 2d.

Pam attended a Secondary School in Leamington and caught the train from Stockton Station (a mile from the village) costing 7½d per day and any change was spent on a lollipop or sweets from a shop near to the school. Pam also belonged to the GFS (Girls Friendly Society run by Miss Pride (the then Vicars sister) and Miss Rita Rawbone. The meetings were held at the Co-Op 'room' which is now the workshop of Lawrence Neal - Chairmaker in High Street. Pam remembers every May Day that girls had a new summer dress to wear and children went 'Maying' around the village. This was the spring version of carol singing. Pennies were given and shared between the mayers. There was always a dance around the Maypole in the school playground on Mayday. The rectory lawn being used for country dancing displays by the school children at Church Fetes.

The doctors held a surgery at a house in Victoria Terrace and if you had to have a medicine he dispensed it if he had it with him otherwise you went to the chemist at Southam. You paid the doctor if he had to call at your house. He sent a bill. People, if they could, paid into sick-clubs, or unions, to ensure that they could afford to be ill before the NHS was born. Most children were born at home.

The Vicar at the time, used to let those inclined to perform, use a circular walled lawn at the Rectory for an outdoor theatre in the summertime. These amateur productions were always well supported and enjoyed.

When someone had a pig killed children would wait for the bladder to be inflated and used for a football. Many of the village children would swim in the canal near to where the 'Ladder Bridge' in the warm water that came from the 'arm' at the cement works. Some even set Eel lines there and caught their supper too!



Some enterprising talented villagers, of all ages, had formed a Concert Party and called themselves 'The Dominoes'. They performed for various charities all around the local area. They raised money also towards the cost of a new Chapel Sunday School building. Mr. 'Non' Neal opened the new building in the early 1950's, but unfortunately, lived only a few years afterwards. The building was demolished in early 2002 when the Methodist Chapel land was sold for building. The biggest single landlord of houses in the village in the 1920's was Nelson's Cement Company. They had built 4 streets of houses for their workers. These were tied cottages and were only allocated to the cement works employees. Rents were low, so were the wages, although the gardens were large. Therefore, after a gruelling day of manual work, a man could come home and relax by double digging his garden!





## **Ricks on Fire** **23<sup>rd</sup> October, 1931**

On Sunday evening two clover ricks belonging to Mr. R. Tuckey were discovered to be on fire. They were stacked near to the main road leading from Rugby to Southam on top of Stockton Hill. The blaze lit up the surrounding country and was seen from many miles round, and this brought to the spot, in addition to the villagers, many hundreds of people by motor and on foot, and the main road was lined with them. Southam Brigade came on to the scene, but after taking water from a pit on Mr. T. Tuckey's farm adjoining, they thought it useless to continue their efforts as the fire was too advanced and was left to burn away. It is believed that the ricks were accidentally set alight by picnickers.

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## **September, 1938 Fifty Years Ago** ***From 'The Birmingham Post' September 9<sup>th</sup> 1888*** **Mr. Tuckwell's Allotments**

Mr. Tuckwell the well-known Rector of Stockton, near Rugby, held yesterday the first annual gathering of the tenants of his allotment farm. Two years ago Mr. Tuckwell, than whom the agricultural labourers of England have no more firm and courageous friend - in spite of the bitter opposition of his Bishop, but generously aided by the patrons of his living, the Fellows of New College, Oxford - split up his glebe lands amongst the labourers of his parish. It was an interesting experiment, tried under very advantageous circumstances. Mr. Tuckwell's tenants enjoy the advantage of scrupulously fair rents, absolute fixity of tenure, and a kindly and public-spirited landlord. The experiment seems to have been crowned with complete success. Eighty acres are now occupied by allottees. The land, which was formerly in a neglected condition, has been brought into a high state of cultivation. The tenants appear to be more than content. It is said that they are able to provide their families by the sale of what they do not require themselves to pay their rent and make a small profit. Mr. Tuckwell himself declares that a labourer can cultivate as much as two acres of land in his spare time, and by that means add five shillings a week to his scanty wages may be the social - aye, and the moral - salvation of many an agricultural labourer. Mr. Tuckwell has already written an admirable pamphlet on the allotments question: we should like him to write another setting out the statistics of his first year's operations. In the meantime, his many friends in Birmingham will heartily congratulate him upon the first results obtained from his thoughtful and generous experiment.

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