

October 2019

Newsletter



Produced by the Stockton on the Forest Village Hall Management Committee

YORKSHIRE DAY!



On 1st August we opened the doors of the village hall to welcome the whole of North Yorkshire to join us for a Cake and a Cuppa to celebrate Yorkshire Day with BBC Radio York; combating loneliness. We estimate over 150 people, ranging in age from babies to seniors joined us, the noise of conversation was almost deafening. We were delighted to welcome Anna Wallace from Radio York who interviewed organiser, Karen, live on air!



Thank you to everyone who baked and brought cakes to share, we had a wonderful spread and the donation boxes collected £110 for **BBC Children in Need**. A huge THANK YOU to the village hall committee and all the helpers for their hard work on the day.



POPUP YORK

NEW! We will be welcoming **Pop Up York** to the Village Hall on Saturday 02 November 2019. They are an independent cinema and events company who screen films in the heart of neighbourhoods around York. We spoke to founder, Sam Watling, about it.

"I started running a community cinema in New Earswick a few years back and realised the power of great films to bring local people together. I believed that these sorts of events could work well across York and so Pop Up York was born.

"We're not competing with main-stream cinemas as we want to offer an affordable and sociable alternative without compromising on the quality (or size) of our film screenings! We think everyone should have access to the enjoyment great films can bring and even better if they can walk round the corner to do so with friends and family. As well as a relaxed atmosphere and reasonably priced drinks and snacks, we make sure there's time to chat to your friends before the film and we have an interval, like cinemas used to. There's crafting and colouring at our kids events for restless little ones, then quizzes and music in the evenings to keep the big kids entertained!

Stockton on the Forest Village Hall is the perfect venue for us because it's such a beautiful building right in the heart of the neighbourhood and we can't wait to bring these incredible films to you on our huge 16 foot high definition screen."

Pop Up York have Facebook and Instagram pages and can be contacted for private and collaborative functions. We can't wait to welcome them for their screenings of 'The Lion King' and 'Forrest Gump' in November! Look out for the poster inserts in this newsletter for more information!

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Stockton on the Forest Parish Council News

We would like to start by saying "thank you and goodbye" to Alan Piper as he leaves the Parish Council and "welcome" to new member Roger Wood.

During the past year we have maintained and inspected play area, litter bins, benches, salt bins and bus shelters throughout the parish and had some interesting discussions on dog poo, pot holes and fracking.

We have awarded grants to the church for £400 to maintain the grounds, the Village Hall £300 for new tables and the cricket club £500 towards a new mower

Planning: It's been a relatively quiet year with only 13 planning consultations discussed.

Improvements have been made to the footpath near Tom's shop, the footpath outside the hospital and a new bus shelter near The Fox with support from grants from our City Councillors.

We now have a working streetlight outside the Fox Inn and the road at the end of the Hollies has been finished with yellow lines repainted outside the school.

Hopgrove speed management: The road signs have gone back to their original position after a trial period - speeding still an issue on Hopgrove Lane South but also through the village and down Stockton Lane towards York. Police speed vehicles are regularly in the village.

Improvements to the junction of Hopgrove Lane South with Malton Road are being looked into.

A suggestion of linking the village and Hopgrove footpaths has been currently ruled out due to the potential high costs.

The Yorkshire Marathon ran again on Sun 20th Oct 2019. We would appreciate any comments, good and bad, from parishioners as to its impact on the village.

Our City of York Ward Councillors are Tony Fisher, newly elected and Paul Doughty who was re-elected.

Ward Funding: If any organisations or groups are interested in applying for a grant details can be found on www.york.gov.uk and search 'ward funding'

If you have any questions relating to the village/parish you can speak with a parish councillor or the parish clerk. Parish Council meetings are held on the last Wednesday of the month in the village hall, all are welcome. Details are on the noticeboards around the village or on the village website at

www.stocktonontheforest.org.uk



Stockton on the Forest Women's Institute

This year the WI has had another group of excellent speakers and trips out. The subjects of our speakers have been many and variable with some very interesting film shows to enhance them.

Stockton WI was formed in 1941 when a small group of intrepid and admirable ladies got together to help in the War effort by making a huge amount of jam on a small primus stove. By this I mean the sort of quantities we would balk at making even today with our modern equipment. The group has been in existence since that time though the "Jam and Jerusalem" has long since had its day!

Our numbers, unfortunately, have sadly diminished over the last couple of years and an injection of new and younger blood is required. We would welcome some new ideas and, indeed, the company of new people.

We meet once a month on the second Wednesday in the Long Room at the Village Hall at 7.30pm when we have a speaker or demonstration etc. followed by a cuppa and biscuit. But, that's not all, joining the WI opens the door to many other events via the local Ebor group or the NE Federation: Lunches, courses, visits to some fascinating places, rambles, darts matches, even holidays! Participate or not it really is entirely up to you. We would be delighted to welcome you and if you require any further information please contact our President, Mrs Barbara Hardisty, on 400018.

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We are happy that many parents and others join us for **Coffee and Croissants** on Monday mornings in term time (8.45-10am) and we have a regular group who come to the **Monthly Afternoon Tea** (usually the third Tuesday 2-4pm see notice boards for details).

Coffee mornings are held on the second Saturday of each month 10am-12noon. Several times a year this will be combined with a family activity morning like that held to celebrate Harvest Festival this month.

We also hold several social and fundraising events during the year like the Harvest Supper (see photos below) and the Murder Mystery Dinner Party this month.

The church is open each day during daylight hours for visitors, private reflection and prayer.

The churchyard is a peaceful place to walk and sit; you can find benches donated by families in memory of loved ones. You are most welcome here, but please respect the space as sanctified ground.

There are notices in the church porch and on walls, explaining the rules set by the diocese of York as to what is allowed to be put on graves. Please read these to avoid any confusion.

Any enquires about weddings, baptisms, thanksgiving services and funerals can be made to Rev. Nick Bird or the churchwarden (Ennis Tweddle on 01904 400364)



Marathon Man!

Well, he finished! 12 hours and 21 minutes, rather wet, pretty tired, but he survived (which is more than can be said of all his toenails).

On the 7th June the Revd. Nick Bird, vicar of Stockton on the Forest and Hopgrove, ran home to Dunnington from Whitby in aid of **Carecent**, a York charity which provides breakfast for some fifty homeless, unemployed or otherwise socially excluded members of our community. As well as food, they provide clothes, a place to wash, and friendship. As Nick is soon to turn 50 himself, it seemed the right challenge to run the 50 miles home (53.5 as it turned out)!

With a lot of the sponsorship coming from parishioners, who enjoy watching him suffer, over **£3000** was raised. Thank you to everyone who was able to support him.



Dean's Garden Centre

Fundraising is going well at Dean's Garden Centre York, for their staff nominated Charity of the Year, which for 2019 is **York MIND**. Up to the beginning of October the customers and staff have raised the fantastic amount of **£7,904.48**. This has been achieved by holding various events including prize grids, a second-hand bookstall and a staff games evening.

There are further fundraising events scheduled for later in the year including a Christmas charity day to be held at the Garden Centre on **Friday 6th December**. More details will be available nearer the time in-store and on the website.

If anyone would like to support this worthwhile charity there are collecting tins and a wishing well around the Garden Centre for your donations.

Tickets for Breakfast or Tea with Father Christmas are now on sale and can be purchased from the Garden Centre, but hurry as spaces are limited! Tickets are £13.99 per child, which includes a hot meal, unlimited squash, biscuit decorating, festive colouring sheets and a present from Father Christmas and £4.50 for each accompanying adult (max. of 2 adults per child).

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GREENFINGERS Stockton on the Forest Gardening Club

All our meetings with guest speakers continue to be held in the Village Hall Long Room on the first Monday of each month (except for Bank Holiday Mondays – then it is the following Monday). Our annual membership fee remains at £10 with members paying a £1 entry fee at meetings to help cover the cost of renting the room.

Our speakers commence at 19:30 but members generally arrive between 19:00 & 19:15 to have a chat & we can give any relevant information out about future events. Tea, coffee & biscuits are provided at the meetings. Several of our speakers do bring plants along for sale so it is always advisable to bring a few pennies along with you! Guests are always welcome with a charge of £2 on the door.

For our summer visits usually in May, June & July we pay whatever the venue asks as we usually have light refreshments ... cake, scones, tea, coffee & the like.

2019 - 20 Programme

Monday 7th October.

By popular demand a return of Gail and John Summerfield with their presentation of 'Pride In The Fall'

Monday 4th November.

Doug Stewart with his fascinating stories of the intrepid early Plant Hunters.

Monday 2nd December.

AGM followed by a Christmas wreath making demonstration.

Visitors are always welcome.

For more details contact Nigel on tel: 423206

Foil for SNAPPY update

THANK YOU to everyone who has been collecting lots and lots of aluminium foil, drinks cans and household cables to help raise money for **SNAPPY**. This year we have collected over 2.5 tonnes of recycling and raised more than £1600 so far!



*In the run up to
Christmas remember to
'Eat the mince pie, save
the foil!'*

Collection points at Stockton Village Hall, Holy Trinity Church, Stockton School and 40 Hopgrove Lane South. Also at Sainsbury's and Asda Monks Cross.

For more details call Karen on tel: 870759 or follow us on Twitter @foilforsnappy

HISTORY REPEATING ITSELF!

We are pleased to report that the re-print of our book "In Days Gone By – A History of Stockton on the Forest" was very worthwhile. Dozens have been sold by Dean's Garden Centre and by Tom at the shop plus the odd one or two sold by members. The Yorkshire Family History Society also has a supply.

If you require a copy of the book, it is currently on sale at Tom's Shop, Dean's Garden Centre or from Bobby Hughes, Steve Burton or Joy Moseley (Tel: 01904 400309 or via email: joymoseley@btinternet.com).



ELM TREE FARM HOUSE HISTORY

By sheer chance, The Sellers family who resided at Elm Tree Farm at the turn of the century happened to mention that one of their young relatives recently went to live in a town called Natal in South Africa.

Coincidentally, papers found up one of the chimneys of Elm Tree Farm House during renovations, included a letter to a Miss Tompson.... from a young man from Stockton who posted it from.... Natal, South Africa in 1888!

WARTHILL STATION

We have had a visit from Michael Elsworth whose Father was the Station Master at Warthill Station from around the beginning of WW2. Now in his late 80's, Michael's recollections of life in the village and connections to the railway are invaluable to our archives. We are most grateful to him for travelling all the way from New Zealand to share his memories which we will add to his previous recorded account held in our Archives.

FLOWER FESTIVAL

We were most fortunate to have two of our members create a superb display for the recent Flower Festival. Jane Phythian and Janet Cockerill produced a model of Holy Trinity Church (in its previous shape, prior to renovation) and the churchyard complete with headstones, grass and flowers. It was quite amazing to see seed pods as gargoyles and tiny berry bouquets as floral tributes. Thank you both very much.



OUR NEXT MEETING

26th October: Sheriff Hutton Village Hall – A History Fair. Our group will be represented and we will be among many other History Groups from the Ryedale area of Yorkshire. This is the first of hopefully many History Fairs and it is open to the general public. For more details, please contact Joy Moseley.

21st November: History Group **AGM**. Topics to be discussed are to include the appointment of a new Chairman (following the sad death of Malcolm Jennings earlier this year) and changing the time of our meetings to afternoons.

Coming Up in 2020:

March 19th: History of Electricity Supply in Yorkshire (Ivan Adams), **June 18th:** History of the Railways in Yorkshire (Ivan Adams), **September 19th:** TBC, **November 17th:** AGM and Festive Fare.

MEMBERSHIP

We currently have a membership of approaching 30 people and are delighted that this number is continuing to grow steadily. We welcome everyone to our meetings in the **Long Room** of the Village Hall and encourage anyone who has an interest in the history of the village and the wider area to come along. Similarly, if you have any information which we can record for a wider audience to enjoy, please get in touch or come along. We look forward to seeing you there (**£2.00 entry fee**; refreshments provided). Alternatively, contact Joy Moseley (Tel: 01904 400309 or via email: joymoseley@btinternet.com).

The Village BT Telephone Box – Have you ever used it?

The History Group have approached the Parish Council with a view to purchasing the BT Telephone Box which is situated outside The Fox Inn. They would very much like to refurbish it and turn it into an Information Point for both locals and visitors alike.

The Parish Council have discussed this proposal and contacted BT who has informed them that the phone is still functioning and is still being used occasionally for making calls!

Should the phone box be kept as a telephone in case of emergencies because the mobile phone signal is so poor in the village? Should the box be restored and converted as in other villages? Red phone boxes are becoming a rare sight. Would you be interested in getting involved with saving the phone box? Please let us know your thoughts on this matter.



Stockton Hall Hospital

This year has been a busy one for Stockton Hall in terms of work in the local community. Patients at Stockton Hall have been helping regularly to keep the village clean by doing a number of litter picks throughout the year. Local residents are always welcome to join us when these take place, the more hands the merrier!

Patients have also been carrying out volunteer work at Beetle Bank Farm just up the road where they have been helping to clean out animals and are currently helping with the design and development of a sensory garden for the farm's visitors.

Holy Trinity Church has now also become a place where our patients are increasing their skills by helping to keep it clean and the grounds maintained – we have only just started this but hope it becomes an ongoing venture!

We have also held a variety of charity events including coffee mornings for both the Alzheimer's society and Macmillan.



In conversation with...

Denby Hawkins

I was born in 1937 in Leeds and grew up in a back to back house with two older brothers and an outside shared toilet.

I worked as an architect in Leeds until 1972 when I transferred to work in York and bought a house in Stockton on the Forest, it was one of the new houses on Kingsmoor Road and cost £6500. I thought this might do for 5 years or so and here I am still in the same house nearly 50 years later!

My first introduction to village society life came a couple of years later when I was invited to help with the Drama group. Like most people I only wanted to help back stage; building, painting and moving scenery. I was quite creative and painted - so I'm told - some beautiful and brilliant backdrops for the plays and pantomimes. After much persuading I took my first role on stage as a mad Russian with just one word to say. This lead on to bigger roles, including Hobson in Hobson's Choice, Charles in Blythe Sprit and Scrooge in A Christmas Carol, etc.

Around 1976 I joined the Stockton and Hopgrove Cricket Club; I was a mediocre batsman but managed to con the opposition into believing I was a demon spin bowler. In the early days we didn't have a pitch so played on the Knavesmire. Later on we played on the fields behind Stockton Hall but when it expanded in the late 1980s we were forced to move again and were invited to join in at the recently formed Hopgrove Playing Fields Association alongside the archers and footballers. I joined the playing fields committee, later becoming secretary and landing myself the job of groundskeeper and could be seen cutting the grass and making sure the pitch was up to scratch most Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays in summer. As I got older I switched from playing to umpiring before finally retiring.

In the 1990s the landlord at the Fox Inn set up a Petanque club behind the pub. This became very popular with people like me playing for fun but also as part of the team in the local league. When the land was sold for building in 2008 the club moved to new purpose build terrains at the back of the village hall where you can find them most Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays. I was made president of the club this year when Dick Wright retired.

Along with the drama group and the cricket club I got roped onto the village hall committee by Jill in the early 1990s as the Clerk of Works. I was able to use my skills as an architect to create plans for the new toilets and other works that have been needed. In the early 2000s, after several people stepped down, and being the only man left standing I became chairman of the village hall committee where I still sit today.

In my retirement I have taken up golf, being so fortunate to have a course right on the doorstep, you can find me there a couple of times a week.

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What's on at the Village Hall

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(weekly 2.00-4.00pm)

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Greenfingers Gardening Club

(1st week of the month 7.15pm)

Contact: Nigel Collinson 423206

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(weekly 6.00pm)

Contact: Marisa Schofield 07321 298932

Tuesdays

Stockton Foresters Drama Club

(weekly 7.30pm)

Contact: Pat Jennings 400327

Wednesdays

Yoga for the over 50s

(weekly 10.00-11.30am)

Contact: Nestor Portnoy 613962

or 07503 157356

Mobile Library

(every 2 weeks 12.05-12.15pm)

Contact Dean (01904) 552655

Women's Institute

(2nd week of the month 7.30pm)

Contact: Barbara Hardisty 400018

Parish Council

(last week of the month 7.30pm)

Contact: Fiona Hall - Clerk

Email: StocktonPC@outlook.com

Thursdays

Parent and Toddler Group

(weekly 9.30am - 11.30am, term time only)

Contact: Julie Morgan-Cox 400755

History Group

(every two months 7.30pm)

Contact: Joy Moseley 400309

York Electronic Organ Society

(2nd week of the month 7.30pm)

Contact: Keith Jackson (01751) 431522

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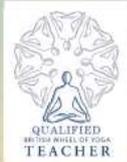
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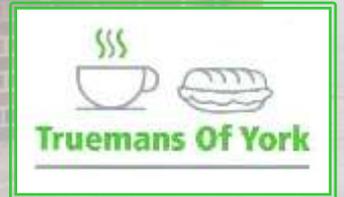
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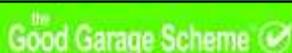
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General enquiries to Group Scout Leader **Kath Shapcott.**

Tel: 421096

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Wednesdays – Brownies

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Stockton-on-the-Forest BABY AND TODDLER GROUP

We are a friendly parent-run group offering children the opportunity to play and make friends prior to starting school. We also welcome new mums and babies and have a designated baby area. In addition we offer support to parents and carers by providing a regular meeting where parents can talk to each other and share tips/advice.

The children participate in a wide range of parentally supervised activities: arts and crafts; play time with a variety of large and small toys, gardening, games and song time. The children enjoy a healthy snack while the parents/carers enjoy a drink, biscuit and a chat.

On our last session before the summer holidays our children enjoyed our party day, which involved party food, balloons, pass the parcel and party games.

In May we entered the Scarecrow Competition by making Paddington Bear and came 1st place! The toddlers used straw to make Paddington's arms, legs and body and also painted his suitcase.



Recently our toddlers have been involved in creating a few displays. For the Garden Festival they painted a volcano and made trees for our Jurassic Park inspired display. In addition the toddlers entered the children's competition at the Garden Festival by making sock monsters.



For the Harvest Festival display they made tractors out of cardboard tubes and bottle tops. We have lots of painting and arts and crafts planned for the rest of the term, including Christmas themed crafts. Like last year, we also hope to have a visit from Father Christmas on his sleigh.

WE HAVE SPACES AVAILABLE TO WELCOME NEW CHILDREN TO THE GROUP. If you look after a child under 5 years old (all Parents, Grandparents, Childminders etc. are welcome). We run on **Thursdays (term time only) 9:30-11:30am** at the Village Hall and the price is **£2.50** per session. No booking required, just drop in. If you would like further details, please contact **Julie Morgan-Cox** on **07742026446**.



Sticky Fingers Tiny School



Hello from the Sticky Fingers Tiny School Team!

Sticky Fingers are a team of motivated and experienced professionals. Our aim is to care for each child, meet their individual needs while they have fun, make friends, grow and learn.

We are a small and homely setting. We embrace the outdoors and the many stimulating opportunities it provides.



This summer the children have enjoyed picking and eating the delicious produce from our allotment. We used our potatoes to weigh and count and we made mash, roast, wedges and boiled potatoes.

We hatched three sets of chicks; this was amazing to watch especially as they came out of their egg shells, they are very cute.

The mud kitchen has been very busy including lots of mixing, weighing and measuring. The children climb up the climbing wall with confidence and love looking over the fields and seeing the animals and tractors.

We have recently been to the theatre to watch the play 'Yellow is the colour of Sunshine'. We also visited the York Walls and had trips to the woods.

We value the importance of building good relationships with our parents/carers and enjoy getting to know them. We arrange settling in visits for children and their families before they start and have ongoing communication to celebrate and support each child as they grow and learn.

We are open Monday to Friday from 8am to 6pm

We care for babies and children from 0-5 years

We also provide before, after school and holiday care for children at Stockton on The Forest, and also Sand Hutton and Warthill primary schools. The children really enjoy their time, making new friends and doing a range of activities. Our fun includes; pond dipping, den building, bush crafts, sensory walks, mini beast hunts and campfire cooking. We enjoy multi sports which are active and rewarding including; football, dodgeball, rounders and athletics, also cooking, Lego, parachute games and much more!

We work in close partnership with the school and know that this supports the children and their families when they leave us to move onto big school.

Our team is led by **Paula** who is very happy to talk to you about any of your childcare requirements.



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Stockton Primary School News

Here at Stockton on the Forest Primary School we very much live by our motto;
"Happy, healthy, learning for life and caring for all."

What a busy year it has been at Stockton on the Forest Primary School! The months have passed so quickly but as we begin a new academic year we take the opportunity to reflect on some of last year's highlights.

In March we celebrated World Book Day. This year we spent the day in school focussing on the works of Ted Hughes, who was the Poet Laureate from 1984 to 1998. We all enjoyed finding out more about him and hearing some of his works. A feature of our World Book Day celebrations is always our paired reading session. Children from across school enjoy meeting to share a favourite book or story.



At the beginning of April our children undertook their annual fundraising sponsored event. Our parent partnership is helping the school to raise money to make necessary improvements to our outdoor area.

During the last week of the spring term we always hold our annual Easter events. Children across school take part in our decorated egg competition which is judged by members of our school council, for the hotly contested prizes of chocolate Easter eggs. For those wishing to enjoy the fun at home, we hold a family competition. We are always amazed by the creativity of the entries and the attention to detail that makes judging such a difficult task!



For many of our children the end of year KS2 production is the high point of our year. This year our KS2 production was Treasure Island. The school hall rang with catchy songs, talk of rum and of course a few 'shiver me timbers!'

The academic year ended with our Parent Partnership summer event. This year our school hall transformed into a café with teas, coffees and cakes available to buy. For those who wanted to 'splash the cash' there was a tombola and raffle as well as children's stalls.

The big highlight was a visit to our school by 'Forever', a traction engine. The engine impressed many and stole the hearts of a few. Thanks to Paula and Matt from the nursery for organising such a treat.



The first week back after the long summer break saw our Y6 children attend the annual residential experience. This year we visited Peat Rigg on the outskirts of Pickering. Here the children enjoyed challenging activities such as climbing, zip wiring and abseiling. For each individual the whole experience provided a range of opportunities which helped them to learn that they could achieve far more than they ever thought possible, particularly when working as part of a team and with the encouragement and support of those around them.



We have already made a great start to the year since September where we have welcomed new members of staff onto our team and of course held our Harvest celebration in Holy Trinity church.

The year ahead promises once again to be full of enrichment that enhances the learning experience for all of our children at Stockton on the Forest Primary School.

CHRISTMAS IS COMING!

Come along to one of the village Christmas fairs to buy lots of lovely gifts and cakes. Have a go at the raffles and games; and enjoy a cuppa and a mince pie with friends. Help to support your local community!

Sunday 1st December: 11.00am - 3.00pm
Stockton on the Forest Scout Group - at the Hut

Friday 6th December: 3.15 - 4.45pm
Stockton on the Forest Primary School - in the school hall

Saturday 14th December: 10.00am - 12.30pm
Holy Trinity Church and Friends at Stockton Hall in the admin block

Brownies

1ST STOCKTON-ON-THE-FOREST BROWNIES

At Brownies we are now 1 year into our brand new Brownie programme. We have spent the last year working towards our 'Express myself' Theme badge which has involved learning about different types of communication and ways to express how we are feeling. We have made pop up theatre scenes, learnt some sign language (thanks again to Mrs Nash!), made felt pennants, explored sensory stories and much more. Quite a few of the girls have also completed performer badges and painter badges in their own time. Their level of creativeness never fails to impress the leaders.

In February we enjoyed a Brownie adventure to the Eureka children's museum in Halifax. We travelled by train and had a fantastic time exploring the science exhibitions and playing in the role play areas. We got to be doctors, dentists, cooks, garage mechanics, actresses and lighting technicians all in one day. A brilliant time was had by all. We can't wait to go on another adventure soon.

We took part in the village Festival of Gardening with a display about how to make our gardens more friendly to bees.

We are now looking forward to taking part in the Brownie swimming gala and starting work on our next Theme badge.

If you would like to put your child's name on the waiting list for Brownies please go to:

<https://go.girlguiding.org.uk/join-us/join-as-member/>

Girls can become Brownies after their 7th birthday.

Brownie Leadership Team



SOFEY ALLOTMENT NEWS

The children's allotment, which is located between the village school and the nursery, continues to be very popular. Sadly the weather was not kind to us this year so we didn't have any excess produce to sell at the village Festival of Gardening but we hope next year will be more successful.

If you have any **spare seeds** that you would be willing to donate or if you could spare an hour to help us with **weeding** and general maintenance of our allotment we'd love to hear from you. Please phone **400366** for details.

Bloodaxe Reading Challenge 2019

Explore York Libraries and Archives are delighted to be working with the Jorvik Viking Festival again on the Bloodaxe Challenge.



Are you brave enough to take part?

The Challenge runs from
Saturday 26th October 2019 to
Saturday 11th January 2020.



Your challenge is to read 4 books with a historical link. You will be given a Viking character sticker for each book you read and when you have read 4 books you will get a bonus character sticker, a certificate, a ticket to get free entry into the Jorvik Viking Museum and the chance to come to Explore York Library to meet an author.

You can join up at any of our libraries, **including the Mobile Library in Stockton**, so come along and we will see you there!



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To leave Lydia richer and full of lust
For Marcus, the lover, the gigolo, the cheat?
Or will neighbour, Amelia, naive and sweet,
Put a spoke in the wheel of their lethal schemes?
Is everything really all that it seems?

Then the L.G.Drama Group's in despair,
'Cos audiences are getting frighteningly rare.
Ideas to prep up their presentation
Find the group deep in meditation.
Joyce fancies staging a lively musical
Till Gordon points out a glaring flaw:
Two women and one and a half men is all
They can truly muster to perform all
The parts in Showboat or South Pacific
So her suggestion's not judged too terrific.
Bernard says a farce would be ironic:
No audience but they would find it a tonic.
But Gordon comes up with a cunning plan
To stop the group becoming also-ran.
His plan is extreme and will cause a buzz,
But will it work? You bet it does!!
It goes so well, they next indulge
In pantomime - audiences bulge.
What is their secret? Bernard approves
As Margaret makes some sexy moves,
And Joyce agrees to go along
Provided she can sing a song.
But pantomime is not a doddle:
Costumes can fail and props may wobble.
The pantomime horse proves hilarious
And Bernard's set's dangerously precarious.
But the audience enthusiasm revives
And the Group, we're sure, again survives

So the three for one price we now proffer.
We challenge you finding a better offer.
If you want to accept it, do remember
To book your tickets for late November.
Book early so you don't lose out
From our ever friendly ticket tout



The Stockton Foresters began over 75 years ago and we still meet every Tuesday in the Village Hall at 7.30pm.

We produce a show twice a year. We welcome new members, whether or not they wish to tread the boards. Backstage and front of house workers are indispensable and highly valued. Set builders, wardrobe designers, props providers, technicians etc... all are welcome. We now have a younger membership, injecting new blood into the group, but we would love to attract more participants especially more men. So come and join us or contact me for more details.

Pat Jennings - Secretary - Tel: 400327

Our next production is a comedy triple bill of;

Last Tango in Stockton on the Forest

by David Tristram,

Bang You're Dead

by Paul Reakes

and

Last Panto in Stockton on the Forest

by David Tristram.

**Thursday 28th, Friday 29th and Saturday 30th
November at 7.30pm at the Village Hall.**

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FOREST PARK GOLF CLUB NEWS

The club is open every day, except Christmas Day, for a game of golf or to practice on the driving range.

The clubhouse is open for coffee, cake, bar meals, Sunday lunches and beer.

We are now taking bookings for your **Christmas event** whether it's for a few people or many.

Everyone is welcome. You do not have to be a member to come and enjoy our facilities.

Please contact the club for details on **01904 400425** or email: admin@forestparkgolfclub.co.uk



Petanque or French boules is a game that can be played by all ages and physical ability. It can be played at all levels from purely social to international level. Some of our members only play socially, some play in a local league, some in other clubs competitions, some at regional and inter regional competitions and our youngest member Angus is playing for the England juniors.

We always welcome new members and can give coaching and lend boules. We run club competitions and during the summer hold 2 or 3 open competitions on Sunday and one of these is for charity, this year it was for children with diabetes.

Once a month in summer we hold an open competition complete with lunch and you are paired with different partners over 5 games, this is a very enjoyable social day You are welcome to join us for a taster. Weather permitting we are at our piste behind the village hall from about seven to nine on Mondays and Thursdays and sometimes on a Friday lunchtime.

*Further information contact Barbara Hardisty
400018*

Stockton & Hopgrove Cricket Club



2019 saw the Saturday team start back in Division 1. A rained off first game then two wins saw us early leaders of the division. A narrow defeat then followed by some wins and close losses. Eventually we finished 4th which was a good effort in our first season back in the top division.

The Foss evening league team on a Wednesday night had a brilliant season only losing once and won the league by 4 points.

The club is always on the look out for new players for Saturdays and Wednesdays anyone interested contact club chairman **Richard Kerrison 07986619125**.

We are looking for match ball sponsors for the 2020 season these are £20 anyone interested contact Richard Kerrison.

Pictured is the Foss league winning team.





CELEBRATING 50 YEARS

Scouts

Stockton on the Forest

On **October 11th 2019** Stockton on the Forest Scout Group will celebrate its Fiftieth Anniversary. In May 1969 the group first opened its doors to the Youth of the village, becoming officially registered with head office in October of that year. The Group first started with a Scout section which at the time catered for children aged 11 to 16. Shortly after opening the Scout Section the group opened its Cub Pack catering for 8 to 11 year olds. The group sadly had to close its doors for Four years from 1996 until September 2000 due to a lack of Adult Leaders. The following year in 2001 the group opened its Beaver Section, which is how the group still stands today.



Over the past fifty years the group has been heavily integrated with the village, working closely with them on many projects. The village always showed its hospitality towards the group by aiding in its fundraising efforts, offering assistance with maintenance issues, just to name a few. The Group took part in the Stockton on the Forest Carnival annually until it ended, with young people dressing up towards the theme and often winning prizes!



Something that will always remain close to the group's heart is the annual remembrance service at the church, the group have always had a presence at this service, with the young people marching in and laying a wreath in honour of those that paid the ultimate sacrifice for our country.



Within Scouting the group has also had many successes, when the new Chief Scout Gold Awards came out in early 2002 Stockton on the Forest had one of the highest number of young people in the district to achieve this award.

Over the fifty years the group have also taken part in several international events, most notably a group trip to visit scouts in Holland and taking part in Euro Jam 2005 in Hyde Park, London, with around 100,000 Scouters coming together from over 65 countries.



In 2007, for the Centenary of Scouting, the group had nine people selected to go to the "One World, One Promise" World Scout Jamboree. While those nine selected were away at the Jamboree in Essex the rest of the group took part in more spectacular centenary celebrations. Beavers and Cubs spent the night in York Minster with the majority of the District, and the Scouts went to London to take part in the "Live07" show held in the O2 Arena. At sunrise on August 1st all of Stockton on the Forests members, no matter which of these events they were at, awoke shortly before sunrise to take part in the UK national event, where 400,000 Scouters all pledged their promises together.



We would like to finish by thanking all of the Leaders, both past and present, as well as the entire village for the support of the group over the past fifty year. As a charity we rely on our volunteers and supporters and without them we would not have been able to make this Fifty Year Celebration.



If you have any memories or photographs you would like to share please get in touch - email: softscouts@gmail.com

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