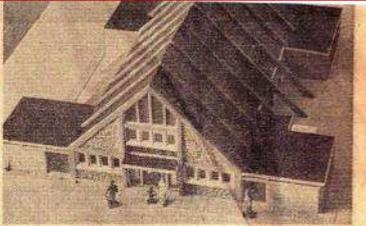


April 2013

# News letter

Stockton on the Forest Village Hall Management Committee

## 1973 ~ Celebrating 40 Years ~ 2013



A model of the proposed new Stockton-on-Forest village hall.

### Tote-double and bingo aid village plan

**BIGGEST** money-spinner in Stockton-on-Forest's efforts to raise the first £8,000 for their village hall rebuilding scheme is a 'tote-double' pool.

Launched five months ago as the brainchild of Mr. Brian Auld, a teacher at Stockton Hall School, it is now raising about £20 per week, half of which goes to the scheme.

Since fund-raising activities began last August, the rebuilding sub-committee has banked a total of £230. The bulk has come from the tote-double and £60 from bingo sessions, now held every Monday.

Now all village organisations have been invited to stage an event during a carnival week at the beginning of June. The carnival committee needs for the first time on Tuesday.

#### Annual affair

Mr. Tom Game, chairman of the rebuilding sub-committee, told the Evening Press: 'We hope to have an event on every day of the week. If it is successful we hope the carnival will become an annual affair.'

Reason for all the activity at Stockton-on-Forest is a school plan for the future of the present hall, a wood and felt roof building put up over 20 years ago.

Mr. Game said: 'We don't expect this building will last another ten years without a lot of money being spent on maintenance and repairs.'

The population of the village is growing rapidly and this was another reason why we decided to start the fund with the aim of reaching the first phase in about three years.

#### Three phases

Plans for the scheme — in three phases — were drawn up by architectural assistant Mr. Cyril Marlow, of Stockton Lane. He is giving his services free and is being backed by his firm.

Mr. Game said: 'If we had decided to wait until getting the £16,000 needed for the complete scheme, it would have taken 10 years. So we decided to get the existing hall out of the way first phase.'

Phase I, costing an estimated £8,000, involves building a main hall on to the back of the present hall, allowing the creation of a large stage area in the original building. Seating accommodation increases from 100 to 180.

Phase II (about £6,000) will add two dressing or committee rooms and two toilets. Seating now up to 250.

Phase III (about £8,000) will include the demolition of the existing wooden hall, although retaining the extension built by voluntary labour three years ago. A new entrance hall will be built, with cloak room, a club room over the top and a new kitchen. Total seating capacity, 300.

The people of Stockton-on-Forest will not, however, be expected to raise all the £16,000. It is hoped that about 60 per cent of the cost will be met by grants.

Stockton-on-Forest are to be kept informed of the scheme's progress.

Re-building committee fundraising in the news 1971-1973

Many thanks to Joy Moseley for finding these clips (and much more) from the village archives.

New booking: Rosemary Conley Diet and Fitness will be starting a regular Wednesday morning class in May. See the enclosed flyer for details.

In this issue: Around Stockton pages 1-3, Gardening pages 4-5, Seniors page 5, Kids pages 6-8, Hobbies pages 9-10, Sport page 11 and our Supporters page 12. Plus a village info page to pull out.

### Villagers to go it alone on community centre

VILLAGERS at Stockton-on-Forest on Monday voted to rebuild their present community centre with the village's new primary school.

At a public meeting held by the Stockton-on-Forest Village Hall Management Committee, a plan to rebuild the village hall was agreed by villagers present at the meeting. The plan was to rebuild the hall on the site of the present hall, which was built in 1953. The new hall would be built on the site of the present hall, which was built in 1953. The new hall would be built on the site of the present hall, which was built in 1953.

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### CARNIVAL EVENTS BOOST HALL FUNDS

CARNIVAL events in the village hall raised a total of £1,000 for the rebuilding fund. The events included a quiz, a raffle, and a variety of stalls. The total amount raised was £1,000, which will be used for the rebuilding of the hall.



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Stockton Village Hall marks its 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this summer. Do you remember fundraising to pay for the new building? Did you go to the Beat Dance or the weekly Bingo? Did you take part in a Whist drive or sponsored walk? Were you one of the first users of the new hall? We'd love to hear your story and see any pictures you have of the early days. It would be lovely to put together a memory board to commemorate 40 years of life at the village hall.

We think that 40 years is worth celebrating and want to organise one or more social events for the village – what do you fancy? A 70s night? Bingo? A Whist Drive? Barn dance? Bring and share lunch? Let us know what you'd like and we'll see what we can do. They'll be a suggestion box in the village hall for your ideas or email: [sofnews@sky.com](mailto:sofnews@sky.com).

The Village Hall Management Committee have been working hard again this year to make improvements to the hall and to try to find new regular bookings for the community.

This winter the exterior doors have been painted, new efficient hand dryers have been installed in the toilets and kitchen, new curtains have been put up in the Long Room and the Long Room door has been replaced after widening to give better access for all users. We hope you'll like the improvements.

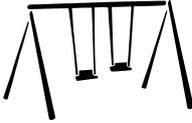
A big THANK YOU to **Jill Hawkins**, Founder of the Village Newsletter and Editor for many, many years. We appreciate all your hard work and devotion to this publication.



## Stockton on Forest Parish Council: News from the chair, David Crossley

On behalf of the Parish Council we would like to wish everyone a very Happy Easter.

Parishioners will be pleased to hear the parish council have agreed that there would be **no increase** in parish council tax for 2013.



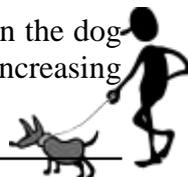
**Stone Riggs Play Area** - Due to vandalism and wear and tear, the surfaces under each of the swings are going to be re-laid and the big swings replaced. Also a goal post and net are to be provided on the area all at a cost of over £3000.

Extensive **drainage work** has taken place at the Bar Lane end of the village, replacement of piping and culverts. This will hopefully avoid any further flooding problems. Part of Sowerys Trod footpath has been resurfaced by a working party of councillors.



The Parish council is in the process of organising its own **website**. This will enable Parish Council information to be available. It is hopefully planned for all village organisations to have a page on this website for information about their activity. We would also like ideas for a **village logo**. Designs and further information to be sent to the Clerk - Fiona Hill email: [fiona@thebyre.me.uk](mailto:fiona@thebyre.me.uk)

And finally a plea to all dog owners to act responsibly and collect their dog mess and dispose of this in the dog bin or take it home and not put it in the ordinary litter bins or left around. Sadly there has been an increasing amount of dog mess not being cleaned up. **So please dog owners clean up after your dog!!**



### It's All Happening at Holy Trinity!

Following our record attendance at the Christmas Eve Crib service when we had a congregation of over one hundred of which 35 were children, we're hoping to make the church more child friendly in the future, so watch this space.

"What an absolute gem," were the words of Phil Thomas, the Diocesan Buildings officer. "Some of the best 20th Century stained glass windows I have seen." So we hope to surprise him with the **TRINITY WINDOW** in memory of Marion Cooper. Inspired by the Tree of the Trinity and designed by Helen Whittaker of Barley Studios, it has been described as 'absolutely stunning' and will go in the north bay of the chancel opposite the Ellerker window.

Thanks to the generosity of people in the village in providing four benches, the Garden of Remembrance provides a very pleasant area to sit and reflect while John Hall is hoping to create a wildflower meadow in the old part of the grave yard. Already there are paths cut through it.

Our popular **COFFEE MORNING** continues on the second Saturday of the month so do come along and enjoy one of Kath Wright's famous scones and a cuppa. You can also pick up a book bargain or search among the bric-a-brac. We also have a vintage clothes stall occasionally.

Our Fundraising Committee has an exciting programme for this year, so don't miss out. The **MURDER MYSTERY** was an outstanding success and in October we are planning a supper evening with **THE FORESTERS** who are always very popular.

**St.CRUX CAFÉ and SALE** is on Tuesday June 11th - we always require help for the café plus books and bric-a-brac for the stalls AND cakes, the ladies home baking sells like - well, hot cakes.

Then on Saturday July 6th, Sir Ian and Lady Juliet Macdonald host our **GARDEN PARTY** at Hazelbush House. This is one you cannot miss, fabulous buffet lunch under the parasols on the lawn, wine, good company - what more could a person want?



Does anyone know the whereabouts of the **Dr Lucy Riddell Cup** - it was awarded at the last carnival and hasn't been seen since. Did you win it? If you know where it is please contact Bobby Hughes on 400188 to arrange collection. Thank you.



## Stockton on the Forest Women's Institute

Following our challenge mentioned in the last newsletter when we managed to swim or walk over 209 miles I feel I must grab your attention and let you know what we are going to enjoy in the next few months.

**April - Tony Cleaver** is coming to talk to us – he is really well known for his talks on Junior Schools and Flowers – should be most enlightening.

**May - David Thompson** is going to tell us about his time in Nazareth

**June - Discover** who is *the last liquorice grower in England* with **Tom Dixon**

**July - Barbara Wetherill** will be regaling us with her experience as an ATS driver.

As you can see we really do enjoy very varied and interesting speakers and to top it all a cup of tea and biscuits always completes our evening's entertainment!!

Should you wish to join us we meet every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday evening of the month in the long room of the village hall where you would be made very welcome.

For further information please contact Mary Coulson on 422715 or just come along.

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### **STOCKTON HOUSE AND EARLY METHODISTS A HISTORY FROM GEORGIAN TIMES**

By M. D. Jefferies



Price £7.50p (£7 to Stockton residents)

The Book can be obtained from Stockton House, Stockton on Forest, or can be delivered if you contact Marion Tel: 400217.

You can also purchase it from the Village shop.



Karen, Tony and family, are celebrating 20 years at the Highwayman Cafe.

A lot has changed over the years. Nearly all the haulage companies that ran this side of the country, no longer exist, although we still do get the odd one or two truck drivers in the Cafe now and again.

Our trade is passing trade so we get a variety of people that are out for the day or on holiday or a meeting point for a get together. We also have trade from our local emergency services, Police, Fire, Ambulance and also the local Army barracks at Strensall.

We serve an all-day breakfast, hot and cold sandwiches, healthy snacks, lunches, including a homemade special every day.

Our senior citizens menu has been a success and will be changed for the summer months.

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Every year Dean's Garden Centre staff nominate a Charity of the Year and in 2012 it was The Alzheimer's Society. The customers and staff at Dean's both in York and Scarborough have raised the magnificent amount of £19,787.53 (our highest ever) including a £3,000 donation from the Partners of the business. We have done this by holding various fundraising events throughout the year including jubilee party, charity bike night, walking treasure hunt and brass band concert.

Bethan Wood at the Alzheimer's Society said "We are delighted with the amount that Dean's Garden Centre has raised for the charity. One in three people over 65 will develop dementia, so the condition will touch most of our lives at some point and this money will make a real difference to people living with dementia and their carers. We are hugely grateful for all of the hard work and support that Dean's Garden Centre has given us over the past year".

The Partners at Dean's Garden Centre said "We would like to thank our customers and suppliers for their continued support throughout the year and also thanks to all the staff at Dean's Garden Centre, York & Scarborough, who helped to raise this magnificent amount".

Dean's Garden Centre has chosen York Against Cancer & Yorkshire Cancer Research to support in 2013.

The Garden Centre at York was opened by Ken and Margaret Dean over 44 years ago, in December 1968, and has continued to grow and prosper ever since. A second Garden Centre was opened at Scarborough in 1986. Over the last twelve years over £146,000 has been raised for the Dean's Garden Centre staff nominated Charity of the Year, of which almost a quarter has been pledged by the partners of the business to add to the amount raised by staff members, suppliers and customers.



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## GREENFINGERS

### Stockton on the Forest Gardening Club

The Gardening Club meets in the Long Room at the Village Hall on the first Monday in the month from September to June/July. It is a popular and flourishing club, a third of its enthusiastic members coming from outside the village. We invite professional speakers to most meetings, often with delightful and informative slides and many also bring a selection of plants - I have a healthy and unusual collection myself, culled at little cost over the years from various meetings. In the summer months we organise visits instead of inviting speakers in.

In September we usually organize a **FESTIVAL OF GARDENING** in the Village Hall, to which we invite villagers to contribute their own home grown flowers, fruit and vegetables. Entrance is free and there are always displays of interest to all gardeners and garden lovers. We invite adults and children to compete for flower and foliage arranging, marrow growing, group displays, scarecrows, craft work, natural jewellery etc. And the refreshments are to die for. This year we instigated an activity room for the children including a snail race track complete with a winners' podium. Other village groups take part - the School, the Brownies, the Toddlers' Group, the W.I. etc. And Dean's Garden Centre always contributes a wonderful display and contributes to the prizes.

Membership of the club costs an annual subscription of £10. Your membership ticket entitles you to a 10% discount at a number of local nurseries - including Dean's Garden Centre and Castle Howard Plant Centre. You very soon recoup that £10! But one-off visitors are also welcome at individual talks, at a cost of £2 per visit. Do come and join us - members range from novices to experienced gardeners and all are friendly and enthusiastic. Whatever your interests and level of expertise, you will be very welcome.

Our next speaker on April 8th will be Anneliese Emmans-Dean (*BUZZING: garden heroes and villains*); Followed by John Foxtan, from Castle Howard (*Grow your way to 5 a Day*) on May 13th.

We then go on to visit Rona Ashworth's Nursery in June (she will be the visiting speaker in September), and Steve Hickman's Agapanthus Nursery in July - before we start again in September to meet Rona Ashworth again, Susan Cunliffe-Lister from Burton Agnes Hall and our old friend Tony Cleaver (*European Gardens*). We finish the year with an AGM and Christmas party.

Contact Pat Jennings for more details on Tel: 400327

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Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May  
Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June  
Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July

Just come along from noon.  
For more details contact Pam Brighton  
Tel: 400445

## Stockton Senior Citizens

If there is anyone looking to fill an interesting couple of hours every 3rd Tuesday of the month, then come and join us at the Stockton Seniors meeting at 2.00pm in the long room of the Village Hall.

We have some very interesting speakers and also some very good full and half day trips.

We always finish our meeting with tea and biscuits or homemade scones.

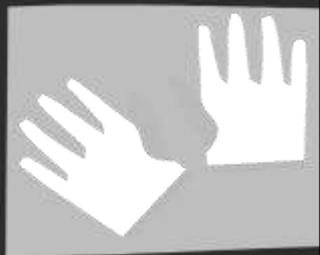
For details contact Ann Steel Tel: 400124.

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# Stockton-on-the-Forest TODDLER GROUP

Despite losing eight children to school in September our Toddler Group has continued to thrive and we have welcomed several new friends to the group. We have missed our past leaders Karen and Nicola, but Jane and Simone are getting used to running the group and are gradually finding their feet!!

We have been very busy doing art and crafts for our display boards in the hall. We have painted a Season Tree which we add to and change as each season comes and goes – autumn leaves, bonfires, fireworks, snowflakes and icicles have all been created. We have also done a fabulous Jungle Display. In October we provided a beautiful 'Sunflower Field' for Harvest Festival at church, complete with pumpkin from the Toddler Garden!



In November we had a wonderful morning at Stockton Primary School for the SOFEY Autumn Event. When the Gingerbread Man turned up on the school field some of us were brave enough to join in the chase!! In December we were very excited on our Christmas Party day, when we had a visit from Father Christmas! We also enjoyed making sheep, stars, angels and nativity characters for the church Toddler Christmas Tree.

We have lots of plans for Spring. We haven't done any gardening yet but our bulbs are coming up and we are looking forward to planting vegetable and flower seeds soon. We plan to make Mother's Day Flower Vases and lots of Easter bits and bobs too. And of course we'll carry on enjoying ourselves with the bikes and trikes, house, slide and toys!

If you are from the village and look after a child under 5yrs (parents, grandparents, childminders) you are most welcome to come along. Please contact Jane before turning up, on 401762.

We now have 18 regular members and because of this we have decided that for the moment the Toddler Group is only open to new members who live in the village.

Children from outside the village will be put on a waiting-list until a space becomes available. We run on Thursdays 9.30am - 11.30am (term-time only) at the Village Hall.

## STOCKTON ON THE FOREST DAY NURSERY

Christmas was a busy time at Nursery, the children enjoyed a party and a visit to the York Pantomime, Sleeping Beauty. Thank you to Stockton Primary School for inviting us to share their transport to the theatre.

The children and staff also put on a little 'Christmas Nativity'. The children proudly wore their Nativity outfits and really looked the part. Well done to them all.

On returning to Nursery in the New Year our older children celebrated Chinese New Year by creating a Chinese Dragon. They also tried Chinese food using chop sticks, created Chinese lanterns and shared information about China.



When the Snow arrived great fun was had by all. Snowmen were built, and experiments with ice art were of great interest. The children placed natural materials in trays and added coloured water leaving them outdoors to freeze. The frozen art works looked very impressive. The children also brought snow indoors to observe it melting and shared information about where snow comes from and how it is created.

In February the Nursery started a NATURE CLUB on Thursday afternoons 13.00 - 15.00 which is open to all children aged 2 - 5yrs. The club gives children the opportunity to explore and investigate nature and the environment around them, including planting, mini beasts, gardening, nature walks, cycle of life of plants, water etc.

If you are a keen gardener and would like to help us at Nature Club please get in touch.

Our two chickens Smartie and Twirl are happy and supplying nursery with plenty of eggs. The children enjoy feeding and caring for them.

We are now offering CRECHE BOOKINGS in the nursery. Our Breakfast and Afterschool/holiday club is running well. We work with the local school to offer wrap-around care for children 5-8yrs. The children enjoy creative activities, board games, action games and exploring the outdoor area.

If you would like further information or if you want to meet us please get in touch email: [stocktondaynursery@live.co.uk](mailto:stocktondaynursery@live.co.uk) or phone 400698.



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## School News

Each year the school choose a charity to support and this year we have chosen The Bethany Project. At the end of last term we were highly delighted to welcome the **Bethany Choir** from Tanzania. Their singing is truly inspirational and there wasn't a dry eye in the hall. The children looked amazing in their brightly coloured traditional clothes and chatted happily with pupils and staff about their life in Africa. Throughout the year we hope to raise money by holding different events at school.

Saplings is our class of Year 2 and 3 children. They are learning about the Romans and had a fantastic trip to the **Yorkshire Museum** in the Museum Gardens, as you can see from the photo!

Our oldest children in Oaks class have been involved with the **Children's University** scheme run by the University of York and local businesses. We had a very interesting trip to Tesco to continue our learning about Fairtrade tea. The highlight (for me) was the tea tasting session!

We will be holding our **Science Week** shortly and in preparation the children have been finding out all they can about microbes. They had great fun inventing their own virus / bacteria or fungi using play dough and displaying them in petri dishes.



Roman Soldiers at  
The Yorkshire  
Museum



Kite making for the  
Chinese New Year

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## SOFEY News

The Stockton on the Forest Early Years Partnership is a committee incorporating the Primary School, Stockton on the Forest Day Nursery

and the Stockton Parent and Toddler Group along with local Child-minders. The committee meets three times a year to organise an event for children 0-5 years of age who are connected to the village. This helps build a sense of community and helps aid the transition from pre-school to school reception class.

In November we held our annual **Gingerbread Hunt**. The children decorated biscuits, did gingerbread themed activities and had great fun chasing our gingerbread man around the school grounds singing "run, run as fast as you can you can't catch me I'm the gingerbread man".

The next SOFEY event '**Spring into Science**' on **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March** was a fun morning with activities based around the spring and animal life cycles. We even had some animals visit us turning the playground into a mini farm for the morning!

If you would like to find out more about Stockton on the Forest Primary School or the next SOFEY partnership event which will be held in June, as part of the new starter's induction days, contact the school on 400366.



Tea tasting  
with Oaks





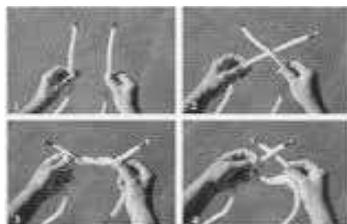
## 1<sup>ST</sup> STOCKTON-ON-THE-FOREST BROWNIES

We started the autumn term with a bang doing our **Scientist badge**. We made balloon rockets, solved the mystery of the stolen cake using acid-base indicators and found out about famous scientists and inventors. The highlight was the eruption of our papier-maché volcanoes. We learned how to disco dance, funded by the Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers that were kindly donated last year. We are collecting again so if you shop in Sainsbury's and have spare vouchers we would be very glad to receive them.

November and December kept us busy with our joint Christmas Fair and making decorations for our Santa themed Christmas tree. We thought about the Jewish festival of Hanukkah when we made our own dreidels and enjoyed some doughnuts and had a Christmas party.

We are very grateful for the generous grant provided by the Parish Council for the new heating system complete with safety covers for the heaters to protect the children. It arrived just before the snow and now we have a lovely warm hall.

We started the New Year by working on our **Brownie Traditions badge**. We found out about the history of brownies, tried on old uniforms and learnt some traditional skills such as knot tying. We also did a puppet show about the history of brownies and had an 'old fashioned' brownie meeting where the girls underwent an 'inspection' and did some brownie exercises from 1912 - the girls soon decided that they prefer brownies the way it is today!



February saw us cooking valentine hearts and celebrating world Thinking Day. There were divisional events and for our own celebration we had an Australian evening making didgeridoos, fairy bread and aborigine style paintings. We are now looking forward to getting healthy by taking part in the Sainsbury's active kids challenge.

If there are any girls between the ages of 7 and 11, who would like to join our friendly group please contact:

Liz Bates on 400408; Jane Palmer on 400386; or Kath Brooks on 400128 or come along to the Brownie Hut on Wednesday evenings in term-time for sessions that run from 6.15 until 7.45pm.



Last year at the Stockton on the Forest Cubs pack we...

Went camping with hundreds of other Cub at the County Cub Camp at Pateley Bridge. Night times were freezing cold (but no one noticed because we were all tucked up in warm sleeping bags) and the days were filled with exciting Cub related activities. Everyone really enjoyed themselves and went home a little dirtier but with a smile on their faces. We also had evening events and overnight camps at Snowball Plantation and intend to do the same this year.

We went canoeing, had a trip around the York Flood Defences and went for a trip to the Magna Science Park.

We concentrated on Fitness and Science during Tuesday evenings in the Hut. We all exercised by doing press ups and circuits and performed scientific experiments including making foaming monsters, water cannons, wormeries and LED glowies.

We also found time to make bird boxes, read maps, be athletes and artists along with many other things.

We were visited by the local Vicar, the Community Support Officer, the York Astronomical Society (who brought their own telescope to show us the surface of the moon) and a blind gentleman who discussed dealing with his disability.

This year we want to do more camping and water sports. I intend to concentrate on our Global Challenge activity badge and want to raise some money for a charity.

It's a big world out there and there are always exciting things to do. They just need organising.

Stockton on the Forest Cubs pack meets on Tuesday evenings at the hut in the village. We are currently almost at capacity with 18 cubs (boys or girls aged between 8 and 10 and a half) and are hoping to arrange many exciting activities for the year ahead.

However, in order to ensure that the pack survives I need another regular Adult helper. I am looking for someone who can you spare a few hours a week to help me to co-ordinate and to assist with the weekly evening activities?

I find it a very enjoyable and rewarding experience and we could do so much more as a pack if I had an extra pair of hands.

For an informal discussion please contact Mark Fuller on 07770 796109.

We may soon have spaces for new Cubs so if you want to try us out please contact Mark on the same number.



## EVEN LESS LEFT!

We were delighted to let you all know in the Autumn Newsletter that we only had a few of our Village History book 'In days gone by' remaining.

It's even less now at under 20 – Tom has a few in the Village shop and we remain most grateful to him for his sterling efforts in selling so many on our behalf – many thanks Tom.

Also in the last edition we announced funding was arranged to carbon date artefacts found in recent digs around the area and are excited that some were indeed of late Roman origin and a few even earlier bronze age pieces; confirming habitation in the locale from centuries ago.

Our programme for 2013 is now in place with some first class speakers booked. The first at our March meeting on Thursday 21st will be Chris Doyle speaking on 'The Georgian Gentry of York', on June 20th it's Russell Marwood on 'Oliver Cromwell's Head', in September, on the 20<sup>th</sup>, 'A Club meeting – looking at recent finds and project updates', with our AGM on November 21st when our member Robert Palmer will speak to us on 'The Local Topography' – the very important earth on which we stand.

Planning of our 2014 programme is well advanced when we hope a further wide range of interesting speakers will address us.

May we remind everybody that you are welcome to attend our programme, to enjoy the speakers, to learn a little more about our Village and its Heritage and for a small outlay enjoy convivial company and refreshments.

We meet in The Long Room in the Village Hall on the dates mentioned above at 7.30pm.

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| 11th July      | MARK THOMPSON   |
| 8th August     | NICHOLAS MARTIN   |
| 12th September | PAUL ROBERTS  |
| 10th October   | ANDREW NIX  |
| 14th November  | JAMES SARGEANT  |
| 12th December  | JOHN BOWDLER<br>(of Blackpool Tower fame)               |

### 2014

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| 9th January   | ELIZABETH HARRISON |
| 13th February | RYAN EDWARDS       |
| 13th March    | PHIL BROWN         |

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The Stockton Foresters are presenting 'Murdered to Death' by Peter Gordon on **Thursday 16th, Friday 17th and Saturday 18th May** at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Tickets, £7.50 including light refreshments, from Robert Palmer Tel: 400386. Unreserved seating. Wine and Juice bar.

Warning: loud shots during the production.

**THE STOCKTON FORESTERS DRAMA GROUP**

Incredibly, the Stockton Foresters first began over seventy five years ago, and we still meet every Tuesday in the Village Hall at 7.30pm. We produce a show twice a year, in late May and late November. This May will see an hilarious comedy: 'Murdered to Death' (by Peter Gordon), and last November it was Alan Ayckbourn's 'Season's Greetings'. However, we're not totally hung up on farce: our repertoire has included classics, such as Hobson's Choice, Blythe Spirit and When We are Married etc., and we've also tackled plays by Terry Pratchett, Ray Cooney and local playwrights. We occasionally put on a musical or a musical play or a review. Whatever we choose, it's usually a sell-out and hugely enjoyed as much by us as by the viewing public.

We welcome new members, whether or not they wish to tread the boards. Indeed, the backstage and behind the scene workers are indispensable and highly valued. Set builders, wardrobe organisers, props providers, electricians, media manipulators, all would find a welcome.

Delightfully, we now have a younger membership, injecting new blood into the group, but we would love to attract more participants of either sex- though preferably not as superannuated as I am - the enthusiasm in the group is catching and we do lead a lively and active social life as well as a make-believe one. The pub calls every Tuesday at 10 o'clock and we have at least two parties a year besides the after-show knees-ups and occasional group visits to other shows.

Although the coming play has been cast, new members would be most welcome to join us - we can use as many hands as possible back stage - there promises to be as much frantic activity off-stage as on - and we always need a good team front of house. The feeling of camaraderie is great fun. Come for a taster - you won't regret it.

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## Stockton & Hopgrove Cricket Club

The cricket season will very shortly be on upon us and at the time of writing the village teams are hard at work tuning up in the nets and preparing the wicket and outfield after the ravages of a very wet winter and the damage caused by the incursion of horses from adjoining fields.



The club will be hoping for much better weather this season compared with last year when 50% of matches were ruined by the rain. In particular the Second XI and the Evening League side will be relishing the prospect of competing in higher divisions of their respective leagues having gained promotion last season. It could be a very challenging year.

Anyone requiring further information regarding the club and fixtures should contact club Chairman and Captain Richard Kerrison on 01904 400541



Despite the poor weather this winter we have managed to keep on playing, only thick snow or dense fog stops us – we can't see the boules.

A winter league operates every other Sunday and at the moment two of our four players are in first and third place but there are two competitions to go so anything could happen it's very tight at the top.

We have a varied membership, some only like to play socially, and some play evening competitions, some play at the weekend and some play for the region and even in competitions abroad. We have something for everyone.

It's an easy game to pick up and people soon become proficient. We are always looking for new members young or old so if you fancy giving it a go we practice on Mondays and Thursdays behind the village hall starting at 7.00pm. Boules and instructions can be provided.

For more information contact Barbara Hardisty on 400018 or just turn up.

**Forest Park Golf Club** will be hosting our second Yorkshire Professional Golfers Association Tournament on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2013, so if you would like to see the best pro's in Yorkshire come along to watch.

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