



November 2018



# Newsletter

Produced by the Stockton on the Forest Village Hall Management Committee



It's been a whole year since the last issue of the Village Newsletter, what were your highlights?



Friends, Family, Celebrations, Training, Scarecrows, Dancing, Singing and lots of Cake!



**OUR BIGGEST EVER**  
**CAKE**  
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**EVENT**

Yorkshire Day  
 Wednesday 1st August

Stockton on the Forest Village Hall  
 10am til 12 noon

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## Stockton on the Forest Parish Council News

1. The recent resurfacing of the road and associated works in the village has made a great improvement to the appearance of the village. We have a number of ongoing road discussions that may have some impact on the village. This is more long term however.
2. Duelling Improvements to the A64. This is at an early stage but is hoped that plans will be up for public discussion sometime next year assuming funding is allocated to the improvements. This then will impact the other on-going road discussions.
3. Footpaths we are still waiting for the signs to be supplied and fitted.
4. The new play area equipment has bedded in now, we hope you like it. The area is inspected regularly by parish councillors and is annually checked by ROSPA who produce a report. Any equipment that needs repair or is of concern is repaired. Please take a look and let us know what you think.
5. A new bus shelter has been fitted opposite the school/ next to the Fox as the previous one was badly damaged. This was jointly funded by City of York Council and Coastliner Bus Service
6. Ward funding – again I will mention it. If any organisations or groups interested in applying for a grant details can be found on [www.york.gov.uk](http://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 the village website [www.stocktonontheforest.org.uk](http://www.stocktonontheforest.org.uk)

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*We meet once a month at the Forest Park Golf Club to have a nice meal and a happy social afternoon. It is not just for pensioners, there is no age barrier and you don't have to reside in Stockton or nearby. No need to book, just come along for 12 noon and choose something from the menu.*

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2018**  
**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2018**

*For more information see Pam Brighton or  
Maureen Sutcliffe or tel: 400445*



## **Stockton on the Forest** **Women's Institute**

Those of you who think joining the WI means doing a lot of knitting, sewing, baking and singing Jerusalem may be a bit disappointed. Yes, many of our members do all of this and more (very well too) but there are many other activities in which you can participate. Both the Ebor Group and the North Yorkshire East Federation, to which Stockton belong, organise outings, trips, courses, dinners and lunches all of which you can attend if you wish. These are very varied and range from gliding for the more intrepid members to stained glass making with everything else in between! It is a great way to meet lots of new people.

Stockton WI meet on the **2nd Wednesday** of each month when we have an excellent speaker - the subjects being extremely variable and very interesting. This year has been a particularly good year, our speakers taking us to the outer islands of Scotland where they spent months cut off from the mainland due to appalling weather to a lady who retired (or thought she had) but found herself becoming a roving reporter for Radio York.

You are guaranteed - a warm welcome and friendly members. Why not give it a try - you can have 3 taster sessions for £1 each.

If you wish to know more please contact Mrs Barbara Hardisty on 400018.

*Vicky Gilbert*

## Holy Trinity Church - Stockton church is alive and kicking!



We average 24 for the Sunday congregation and up to 12 for the Wednesday communion service. We are presently taking part in a course called "Leading your Church into Growth" and many interesting ideas and plans have been discussed. We as a church would like to be a more vibrant presence within our community. Yes we would like more people to be part of our church group in the services and activities that regularly take place. Believe it or not, we are a welcoming bunch that meet regularly and would welcome all to come to any service or activity. These include monthly coffee mornings (every second Saturday) and periodic Family Fun mornings.

However, one of our aims is to be of some service to our village. We have started a group called "Silver Service" which provides afternoon tea with some entertainment for our more elderly residents. It has been really successful for people to socialise, chat and have a happy time. Our next event is 20th November. If you want a friendly place to meet people and enjoy a lovely free afternoon tea, you would be most welcome.



We have just started an event called "Coffee & Croissants". This is a chance for Mums, Dads & Carers of small children to have a chat and free coffee/croissant after dropping off their older children at school. Toys and games are available for small children. Everyone is welcome of all faiths and none. There is no obligation and no charge. We have been so happy to welcome those who have already been, why not come along and swell the numbers every Monday 8.30-10.00am (term time only).

We would love to meet you. Why don't you try one of our services or activities? We promise you a non-pressured welcome. The church building is open daily from 9-5. You are welcome to visit.



Malcolm and Pat, sharing their 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary cake at the "Silver Service" in September.

**Congratulations to you both.**



A little bit of rain wasn't going to stop us and our famous 'high-fiving' vicar!



Well done to everyone who ran!



### Revd Debbie – a new start

The Revd Debbie joined us in this group of parishes in July 2015 to serve her curacy, living in a house on The Village, Stockton on the Forest. She led services across the four villages of our benefice (Dunnington, Holtby, Warthill and Stockton), and was known to children and parents in Stockton School.

Debbie has now moved to continue her curacy in Tadcaster. We said goodbye to her at a service on July 22 this year, and we wish her well as she continues her ministry training.

*Nick Bird, Rector*

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Over the last 50 years, gardening has remained at the heart of the business growing their own range of bedding plants, herbaceous perennials, vegetable plants, cyclamen and bowls of bulbs at their nursery site nearby.

The Garden Centre has supported many charities over the years, and since 2002 a charity of the year has been nominated annually and this alone has raised **over £265,000** to date. For 2018 their chosen charity is **Macmillan Cancer Support** and up to the end of September they have raised **£9,286.44**.

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 £12.99 per child, which includes a hot meal, drink, biscuit decorating, festive colouring sheets and a present from Father Christmas and £3.99 for each accompanying adult. Visit the website, for further details. To help celebrate their anniversary there will also be the following events:

### Thursday 6th December 50th Anniversary Charity Day

This will include a cake stall, golden raffle, tombola and book stall, proceeds of which will go to Macmillan Cancer Support

### Friday 7th December 50th Anniversary Celebration Day

Special offers and golden envelope giveaway.

There is also a 50th Anniversary Children's Colouring Competition running from the 27th October until the 26th November. Please visit the Garden Centre for an entry form and special colouring sheet or download from the children's gardening page on our website.

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**YEOAKS** had a most successful evening in July to celebrate the **Society's 50th Anniversary Year**. The hall was full to capacity with people coming from all over the county and country - one couple from the South coast. This was to hear International star from Germany, Claudia Hirschfeld, who came especially for this concert on the day and returned home to Cologne the following day because of appointments there. A wonderful evening of music.

The society was also present at the hall providing music at the **"Cake and Cuppa"** morning on Yorkshire Day; also at the Church Summer Coffee Morning, and hopes to be at the Christmas fair again this year at Stockton Hall.

At the society's Christmas event on **13th December** we shall be entertained by one of the Blackpool Tower artists John Bowdler who always provides an enjoyable evening of popular music. Thank you for supporting the Society.



# 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.

### 2018-19 Programme

**Monday 3rd December 2018** AGM & Christmas Buffet

Note we don't have a meeting in **January & August**, one because of the weather & one because of holidays.

**February 4th 2019** Anthony Day a local bee keeper will be giving his talk and excellent presentation "All about Bees".

**March 4th 2019** Tony Cleaver with a power point presentation entitled, "York Gardens and Gardeners". Sub title, "Gardeners who put York on the Horticultural Map".

**June 3rd 2019** Group Visit to The Nursery in Acomb. A hidden attractive and productive garden, many different varieties of fruit and vegetables will be on show. Productive areas interspersed with informal ornamental plantings providing colour and habitat for wildlife. Tony Chalcraft (Chairperson of YACIO) & Jane Thurlow as featured on Gardeners World no less will be our hosts.

**Sept 2nd 2019** Gill Hodgson was the founder member of "Flowers from the Farm" and will tell us the story of what has become a nationwide success story.

**For more details contact Nigel on tel: 423206**



## WORLD WIDE AUDIENCE!

When we took the decision to re-print our book "In Days Gone By – A History of Stockton on the Forest" earlier this year, we had no idea what the demand would be.



We have already sold quite a few books within the village and one has gone as far as Louisville, **Kentucky, USA!** A lady who grew up in Stockton on the Forest saw our advertisement on Facebook and got in touch. She is delighted and has offered some information about her Dad and his carpentry skills inside The Fox!

Grateful thanks to Duncan Beal at York Printing Services Limited for all their help with the re-print. **Copies are currently on sale at Tom's Shop, Dean's Garden Centre or from Malcolm Jennings, Bobby Hughes, Steve Burton or Joy Moseley (Contact Tel: 01904 400309 or via email [joymoseley@btinternet.com](mailto:joymoseley@btinternet.com)).**

We received a letter all the way from **NEW ZEALAND** requesting information on the family of Robert Barlow who was born in Stockton on the Forest in 1788. Pauline, one of our newer members is now in touch with the lady and will do some local research for her.

An enquiry from **ITALY** via the village website requested information about a Ship in a Bottle. The person had received a gift of a ship in a bottle, with a sticker saying it had been made in Stockton on the Forest!



Further investigation among our members revealed that a small cottage industry by Dennis Gabitas produced the ships and he apparently travelled as far as America giving talks on how they were made! Various villagers were employed to assist the production of the ships.

### YORK CIVIC TRUST



We enjoyed a fantastic talk by David Fraser, Chief Executive of York Civic Trust. The work of Y.C.T. is very much about "promoting heritage; shaping tomorrow". We are pleased to confirm that the History Group now has an Affiliate Membership of the York Civic Trust.

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS

**29th October to 18th November:** Armistice Commemoration  
Details of those from our community who served in both World Wars will be displayed in Holy Trinity Church, Stockton.

**Thursday 22nd November:** History Group AGM and a brief talk by our resident Metal Detectorist, Dave Williams on the finds he has uncovered plus Festive Fare!

**Thursday 21st March 2019:** Marion Jefferies will talk on the "Land Army with specific connection to Stockton on the Forest".  
N.B. This meeting will be held at 2pm NOT 7.30pm.

### MEMBERSHIP

We currently have around 30 members. Meetings are usually at 7.30pm in the Long Room of the Village Hall and we 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).

# Stockton Hall Hospital

## Stockton Hall Fitness Challenge

Priory colleagues from a range of different locations and sites including Stockton Hall Hospital have been taking part in the Virgin Pulse Global Challenge. Starting at the end of May, the challenge lasted 100 days and involved teams of seven people aiming to increase their daily steps (tracking using the Pulse step counter or their own device). The goal was to encourage people to change their exercise habits for life.

Stockton Hall had six teams taking part one of whom, the Stockton Superstars managing to achieve an impressive 6,774 miles of activity over the period. The challenge is now over but Stockton Hall staff are still continuing their exercise routines including taking walks around the village at lunch breaks.

## Stockton Hall Charity Bike Ride

On Friday 20th July 12 people from across Stockton Hall Hospital took part in a cycle ride from York to Bridlington - a distance of 60 miles and a real challenge for some of us!

The aim of the ride was to raise money for the charity "A smile for a child". Their purpose is to enable disabled children to get into sport and also to buy equipment to help children to live fulfilling and meaningful lives.



We have succeeded in raising £1,000 to date. Many thanks for all those who have supported us financially, physically and with flapjacks!

## 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 tonnes of recycling and raised more than £1400 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 Sainsbury's and Asda Monks Cross. **For more details call Karen on tel: 870759 or follow us on Twitter @foilforsnappy**

## Mark Fuller - My time in Cubs 2011-2018



Back in the Spring of 2011 my Son was attending Beavers in Stockton on the Forest and thoroughly enjoying it. One evening he brought

back a letter from the Cub Leader who was looking for help to run her pack evenings and I offered my services. On my first night I just stood at the back and I thanked my lucky stars that I wasn't in charge! On my second night I ran through some construction site safety activities and let the Cubs dress up in high vis-vests. They sat quietly and listened to every word I said, and by the end I was beginning to understand the tremendous value of Scouting. By the end of term I had my own uniform, necker and woggle and was in the unenviable position of being the Cub Scout Leader.

In the beginning there were only 5 Cubs but a recruitment drive worked very well and we have run the pack with 12 to 18 members ever since. Looking back at my records I have had 75 children (mostly boys but some girls) coming through Cubs in the past 7 years.

Here is a small sample of the Scouting activities we've undertaken in our little Hut: We have filled the Hut with bicycles for Cycle maintenance; made bird and bat boxes that we gave to the Parish Council; made mini explosions and foul smells for our Science badges; learnt how to map read and how to tie lots and lots of knots; welcomed our local Vicar to discuss faith issues. Away from the Hut we have visited the York Minster Stonemasons Yard and followed the York Cat Walk through the City; walked along the River Ouse looking at the flood defences and taken Bellboats and Kayaks on the same river; visited the York Mosque where we learnt about the Muslim faith; attended nature days at the Castle Howard Arboretum.

Needless to say camping outdoors plays a very important part in Scouting and for some Cubs it is their first experience of sleeping under canvas away from their parents. Over the years we have camped at Pateley Bridge, Richmond, Harrogate, Elvington, but we are also lucky to have Snowball Plantation at the end of the village where we have spent many many nights doing everything from having snowball fights to learning how to light fires, from building shelters to roasting marshmallows, playing games to learning Morse code. As you might expect for camping trips in England we have had everything from sub-zero to blistering hot, not to mention driving rain, but despite this (or because of this) I can truly say that the Cubs have enjoyed every minute of it, always returning home sleepy, smelly, but smiling.

None of this happens by itself and the only reason that we could do so much is with the support from many other Scout Leaders and Parent Helpers, including Kath Shapcott, our Group Leader and Paul Richardson, my loyal assistant.

Scouting is evolving and adapting to keep up with the modern age but will continue to be a unique place for Children to develop, make friends and learn skills for a lifetime. I'm proud to have played a small part in it and wish Ashley, my replacement, all the best.

I'm very confident that she will continue the work we have done over the last 7 years and have many more adventures.

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## What's on at the Village Hall

### Mondays

#### **Happy Feet Tea Dances**

(weekly 1.30-4.00pm)

Contact: Steve and Sharon Conroy  
(01944) 758066

#### **Greenfingers Gardening Club**

(1<sup>st</sup> week of the month 7.15pm)

Contact: Nigel Collinson 423206

#### **York Pole Dancing Academy**

(weekly 6.00pm)

Contact: Marisa 07321 298932

### Tuesdays

#### **Stockton Foresters Drama Club**

(weekly 7.30pm)

Contact: Pat Jennings 400327

### Wednesdays

#### **Yoga for the over 50s**

(weekly 11.00am)

Contact: Nestor Portnoy 613962  
or 07503 157356

#### **Women's Institute**

(2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto: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**

(2<sup>nd</sup> week of the month 7.30pm)

Contact: Keith Jackson (01751) 431522

### Fridays and Saturdays

**No regular meetings or events**

### Sundays

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**Revd. Nick Bird**

Tel: 489349

Associate Priest

**Revd. Canon Terry Joyce**

Church Business Contact:  
**Ennis Tweddle tel: 400364**

### At the Scout Hut

**Mondays – Beavers**

**Tuesdays – Cubs**

**Thursdays – Scouts**

Adult helpers needed in all sections, if you would like to get involved in one-off events or on a regular basis please get in touch to find out more.

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

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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.

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.

This term our toddlers were involved in creating displays for both the Garden and Harvest Festivals. For the Garden Festival they painted sunflowers and decorated wooden spoons. For the Harvest Festival, they enjoyed vegetable paint stamping, which was used as a background for our toy tractor and trailer, filled with harvest vegetables. 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 the age of 5 (all Parents, Grandparents, Childminders etc. are welcome) and would like further details, please contact **Julie Morgan-Cox on 07742026446**. 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. 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.



## Sticky Fingers Tiny School



### Hello from the Sticky Fingers Tiny School Team!

We have been very busy decorating and improving the bungalow at Stockton on the Forest School. We moved in in April and it is a delight to see the children enjoying their wonderful environment. 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 juicy pears from the pear tree, digging up potatoes and all the delicious produce from our allotment.

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 Snow Queen, also visited York Minster and we look forward to visiting the Railway Museum too.

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 enjoy working in 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.”**

The start of the academic year has provided us with a clear focus on Achievement at Stockton on the Forest Primary School.

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.

At the end of September we welcomed GIST into school to deliver some Heavy Goods Vehicle safety training to children. Here children learned how they can contribute to the achievement of others as they were made aware of the challenges faced by HGV drivers in keeping other road users safe. Children learned about driver blind spots, stopping distances and had the opportunity to sit in the driver's seat so they could see for themselves the view the driver has. The session provided children with an enriching learning experience whilst also supporting them to become more aware of how to ensure their own safety.

As we moved into October our thoughts began to turn to Armistice. To mark the start of the City of York's 6 week period of remembrance to Armistice Day, children from our school attended a large scale event held at York Minster. The event focused on the effects of WW1 in York and gave children the opportunity to meet veteran personnel. The children were both impressed and moved by their experience which helped them to recognise and be grateful for the achievement of others.



We are now beginning to look forward to our Christmas Fair taking place on December 7<sup>th</sup> 2018 from 3.15pm. Each year, as well as a superb raffle and tombola, we celebrate the achievement of children who create, develop and run their own stalls. From nail varnish and tattoos to hoopla and popcorn, there is always something for everyone to enjoy. Please feel welcome to join us.

# SOFEY ALLOTMENT NEWS

The children's community allotment sited at Stockton Primary School has proved even more popular and productive in its second year. We used the money and gift vouchers we earned at last year's Festival of Gardening to buy an apple tree and some seeds to plant in our allotment this year. We also had some donations of seeds from Nigel the Gardener, thank you.

In the winter we planted garlic and onion sets. We harvested these in June and made garlic bread to eat, it was yummy. Mrs Binns used the onions and garlic in the school kitchen to make chilli for our school dinner.

In the spring the children planted lettuce, radishes, popcorn, peas, beans, pumpkins and potatoes. In the summer we picked and ate strawberries, lettuce and peas.

During the summer holidays children at the nursery worked really hard watering the plants twice a day because it was so hot. The children also harvested the runner beans comparing the lengths, sorting long and short, before cooking them with pasta. In September we dug up the potatoes and harvested pumpkins, they were enormous!



We created a display of our hard work for this year's village 'Festival of Gardening' where we also sold our produce and made nearly £35 to spend on seeds and plants for next season.

**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 tel: 400366 for details.**

# Brownies

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

As usual we have been super busy at brownies. At the beginning of the summer we enjoyed a trip to the fire station and earned our fire safety badges. The highlight of the trip was when the fire crew demonstrated how to take the roof off a car to rescue people.



We then moved on to the 'Grow Wild Project', planting wild flower seeds at the school and in the churchyard. This is a national scheme sponsored by Kew Gardens. Unfortunately some of our seeds fell victim to the long hot summer but we had a great time planting them and learnt how hard it is to look after a garden properly. We will try again next year with our spare seeds.



Before we broke up for the summer we enjoyed a lovely trip to the woods. We learnt how to use a compass and made skeletons and fairy houses out of the things we found on the ground.

We then had a couple of sessions learning about the countryside code and how to stay safe in the great outdoors before receiving Out and About badges. For our final session of the summer we had our own wacky sports day organised by one of our ex-brownies who is now at guides.

Now we are back after the summer we are learning about communication and it is all systems go to try and get our new donated kitchen fitted. To help fund new kitchen appliances we will be having a Christmas Fair on 1st December. Please come and support us if you can.

The unit is still very full and we now have a waiting list in operation. If you would like to put your child's name on the waiting list please go to:

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

*Brownie leadership team*

Stockton on the Forest Scout Group  
and 1<sup>st</sup> Stockton Brownies

## CHRISTMAS FAIR



**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December**

**1.00 - 3.30pm at the Scout Hut**

**Games, stalls, cakes, refreshments**

Fundraising towards the new kitchen

**EVERYONE WELCOME**

## Bloodaxe Reading Challenge 2018

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 27<sup>th</sup> October 2018 to  
Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2019.



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 author Tony Bradman and hear him talk about his book 'Anglo-Saxon Boy' on Wednesday 27 February 2019.

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



**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*



## THE STOCKTON FORESTERS

It's Christmas time at a picturesque inn.  
 The fire's aglow, the logs gathered in,  
 A sparkling tree, snow starting to fall –  
 What could possibly spoil it all?  
 Well, blood on the snow would be a start,  
 And murder suspects would play their part  
 In ruining this peaceful, festive scene.  
 Who on earth could the villain have been?  
 Surely not Bryan, our jovial landlord,  
 Providing, with Sally, such good bed and board,  
 And friendly support to returning guests:  
 Pamela and Derek and the rest.  
 For sweet little Marjorie a welcome is made,  
 Elderly, polite and a little staid.  
 She's a contrast to Isabel, young, vital but shy,  
 Who is puzzled by Derek and wonders why  
 He's so nervous, edgy and easily upset  
 But comforted by Sally, the kindest host yet.  
 Outdoors girl Pamela is more contrast still  
 To Lionel and Joan, whose complaints are shrill:  
 Arrogant, unpleasant, a pair of townies,  
 As different as skinheads are to Brownies.  
 But though unpleasant, they do not appear  
 To have reasons to harm the other guests here.  
 Who's body lies bludgeoned in the snow?  
 And "Who Done it?" we do not know.  
 The inn is cut off, the tension grows,  
 The weather is wild as it continually snows.  
 If you want to discover who did murder obscene  
 Before the police arrive on the scene,  
 Come and visit "The Crippled Harlequin",  
 And delve into this den of sin.  
 We're presenting the play at the end of November.  
 Put the date in your diary so you remember,  
 And buy your tickets before they sell out  
 From Rob, our friendly ticket tout.

*Pat Jennings*



The Stockton Foresters are presenting the thriller "At the Sign of the Crippled Harlequin" by Norman Robbins in the Village Hall, Stockton on the Forest on Thursday 29th November, Friday 30th November and Saturday 1st December at 7.30pm.

Tickets £7.50, including light refreshments, from Robert Palmer (400386) or the Village Shop.  
 Wine and Juice Bar - Unreserved Seating

*Pat Jennings - Secretary (tel: 400327)*

## Stockton & Hopgrove Cricket Club

After being relegated last season this year was time to have a fresh start. The season started off well with an easy win bowling Thorpe Willoughby out for just 63. This was the start of a great season.

Although still struggling for numbers, wins kept coming. Remaining unbeaten in the league on a Saturday all season. The only blip came in a cup match losing at South cave. But this didn't stop the momentum as we got through to another cup final beating Stamford Bridge.

The evening league team fared a lot better too. Getting some good results, beating the teams that finished 1st and 2nd. We eventually finished 4th.

The excellent season was rewarded at the league dinner with captains Dan Fairclough and Jamie Kerrison picking up the league trophy and Dan collecting the cup trophy too. Dan also won the best bowling average in the division. Plus Jamie was voted player of the season in the evening league.



**We are still looking for new players to join us. Anyone interested ring Rich Kerrison on 01904 400541 or 07986619125.**



### Notes from the Fox Inn 5's and 3's Dominoes Team.

The season 2017/18 ended on both a low note and a high note. The team needed to win the last game of the season to stay up but were beaten 9-6 so were relegated.

The high note was Tony Kerrison and Barry Sellers made it through to the Finals night held at Tang Hall WMC. They achieved a 2-1 victory in the Semi-Final and then greater feats followed with a 2-0 victory in the Final. This was the second time in 4 years that the pair had become **York and District League Pairs Champions**.



A brilliant achievement, as the League has 32 teams with more than 320 affiliated players. **Well done indeed!**



The Fox Inn darts team goes from strength to strength. Following on from back to back league wins in 2017 we gained promotion to division 3 of the York Open Darts League, we spent the 2018 summer season consolidating our position. A mid table finish ensued. Regular matches and competitions are scheduled throughout the year. Great team spirit runs through the squad, with social events alongside the darts. Winter season is now underway. We play on a Thursday night throughout the year and would like to extend a warm welcome to players old and new. Come and join in the fun. BOOM Come on The Fox!



Another pétanque summer season comes to an end and the familiar struggle begins to get the annual Club Tournaments finished. The York and District league matches were reduced in number this season and the Fox Pétanque teams topped and tailed Division 2 of the tournament. Fox 1, therefore, gained promotion and will play in Division 1 next season. As ever, a very big thank you to the Fox Inn who provided us with after-match refreshments that were universally praised by home and visiting teams.

Angus Hamilton, our youngest member at 13, has been selected for an England Youth Squad and has attended several training days, mainly in southern England, during the season. However, the highlight was a residential 3-day training event (without parents) in Slovakia in August along with 4 other squad members, 3 National coaching staff members and similar teams from France, Germany, Czech Republic, Slovakia and Hungary. The training was organised in mixed nationality groups, so providing a memorable experience - very well done Angus!

We will be playing throughout the winter behind the Village Hall on Monday and Thursday nights starting at 7pm. New members, whether complete beginners or experienced players are always very welcome, why not come along and give it a try?

Further information contact Barbara Hardisty 400018 or Robert Palmer 400386.



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**FOREST PARK GOLF CLUB NEWS**

We have some **quizzes** coming up on 7<sup>th</sup> November, 5<sup>th</sup> December and 30<sup>th</sup> January. These take place in the Clubhouse from 7.30pm. All welcome, only **£1.00pp** entry fee and food at £4.00pp.

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](mailto:admin@forestparkgolfclub.co.uk)



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# Festival of Gardening

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2018, here's what you missed!



Stockton on the Forest Primary School

## Christmas Fair

Friday

7<sup>th</sup> December 2018

3.15 – 4.45pm

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## CHRISTMAS FAIR

At Stockton Hall

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> December  
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Gift stalls & Seasonal games  
A cuppa and a mince pie