

November 2015

Newsletter

Produced by the Stockton on the Forest Village Hall Management Committee

Summer at the Village Hall



Projector and screen installed in the Long Room



Festival of Gardening (see page 8)



Open Gardens - Art exhibition and cream teas (see page 2)



BIG screen Wimbledon finals



A fresh coat of paint



(see page 2)
Community Defibrillator installed

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The next issue will be in April. Submissions to sofnews@sky.com by 8th March 2016 please.

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

For bookings and information regarding Stockton on the Forest Village Hall please contact the **booking secretary on 400409** or see our pages on the websites www.stockonontheforest.org.uk and www.hallshire.com



OPEN GARDENS 12th July 2015

We opened the curtains in the morning to discover what appeared to be a beautiful day and so it turned out to be, but a busy one too!

On arriving at the village hall we found one of the art displays already in place – and a very interesting display it was too. It was Sue Richmond's idea to show what a lot of talent we have in the village at the same time as opening the wonderful gardens and I think you will agree that it proved a great success. There were in all, I believe, 5 members of Stockton displaying their work that day, including Sue Richmond, Sue and Jimmy Boldry, Julie Lightburn, and Catherine Sutcliffe Fuller, with a great variety of styles of painting and lots of interest. Unfortunately I personally never had time to look at them!!

Thank you to all the people who opened their gardens this year. There were one or two new ones and they all proved to be very popular and enjoyed by the nearly 200 folk who went round them. I believe everyone had their favourite.

In addition, the "teas in the village hall" including scrumptious cakes, scones with jam and cream all washed down with copious cups of tea served in "proper teapots" scrounged from all over the village proved to be a great success. Anyone still looking for their teapot?

Of course it was also great that the Garden Festival had taken place the day before which meant that some of the exhibits from that day could also be displayed making the hall look really colourful.

Deans Garden Centre and Hopgrove Nurseries very kindly donated lots of plants to be sold and there were only a handful left at the end of the day.

Whilst all this excitement was going on some members of the public had booked their seats in the long room in order to watch the Wimbledon finals on our new big screen in peace and quiet –but was it? – no – some noise emanated from there too!!

And to cap it all **£826.00** was raised for village hall funds which really was a splendid result.

Well done everybody!

Jill Hawkins

Defibrillator now available for all

In the last issue we reported that we were going to use some of the legacy money to install a **CPAD** – Community Public Access Defibrillator. Well it's now here! In a bright yellow cabinet on the front of the village hall you can't miss it.

The unit has been registered with the Yorkshire Ambulance Service so if you need it call 999 for an ambulance and they will give you the code to open the door.



A training session was held in September which was well attended by a wide cross-section of village residents and village hall users. Did you know that with CPR alone a patient has only a 5% chance of survival after a cardiac arrest but if a CPAD is available this rises to 50-85%. We hope you will agree this is a valuable asset for Stockton on the Forest.



**Do you like meeting new people?
Can you handle a phone and a bit of email?
Can you spare a few hours a week?
Then we want to hear from you!**

The Village Hall is looking for a new Booking Secretary to take over in April 2016.

If you might be interested please call **Vicky** on **400409** for a chat to find out what's involved.

PARTY TIME? Please note Village Hall policy means bookings cannot be taken for teenage or 18th to 21st birthday parties. Sorry.

Does Stockton have an otter?

Last month, our small pond was attacked and we lost four goldfish and a twenty year old, 2½ lb tench!



The perpetrator knocked over a heavy terracotta ornament, a planted urn and a substantial marigold clump. It couldn't have been a heron. A fox or a cat could not have reached down to the bottom of the pond to get at the tench. It had to be an aquatic mammal. Around the edges of the pond we found the gill covers and the pectoral fins of the tench, along with many scales and a frog's skin. The scale of the damage and level of disturbance points to an **otter**.

I have since been online to find out more about otter attacks. It seems that, with the improvement in water quality in our rivers, otter populations have expanded considerably since 1990. Otters require huge stretches of river to sustain them, and lately, easier sources of food have been sought, resulting in many reports nationally of attacks on garden ponds. One unfortunate family near Lockerbie lost over 200 koi carp to otters, costing them more than £10,000!

Our losses were much more modest, of course, but I am circulating this information to find out if any other similar attacks have occurred in or around the village. Please get in touch if you have had a similar experience. **John Hall**. E: rhojohn17@yahoo.co.uk

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Stockton on the Forest Parish Council News

Since the last publication in April we have had elections for the Parish Council. There are seven places and we had seven applications so all were enrolled as parish councillors. The only change was that Pat Hearn retired as a member and her place was filled by Allan Piper. May we take this opportunity to thank Pat for her time and input on the parish council and to welcome Allan on to the team.

There is nothing much to report from the PC, however we are keeping an eye on the Barr Lane position and pressing City of York Council to resolve the lack of road markings outside the school. We are looking at traffic and speeding issues throughout the parish and are hoping to have a meeting with C.Y.C. about the options, so watch the notice boards or website as to when this will be.

On the play area (situated on Stone Riggs at the junction with Gay Meadows) we have added some extra signs pointing out that the play area is for the use of school aged children and for all users to respect our neighbours and their properties.

If you have any questions relating to the village or parish you can speak with a parish councillor or contact the parish clerk details are on the village website, www.stocktonontheforest.org.uk

Stockton and Hopgrove *Luncheon Group*



Meets at the Golf Club once a month
Good Food, Good Company

We meet once a month at the Forest Park Golf Club. Originally it was the continuation of the 'Good Neighbours' scheme but nowadays we are trying to carry on the tradition by having 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. At present we have a two course meal for £6.50 with a choice of dishes.

No need to book just come along.

Wednesday 25th November 2015

Wednesday 16th December 2015

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

Stockton Senior Citizens

**WE NEED MORE NEW MEMBERS OR
FACE CLOSURE IN 2016**

Here we are in the last few months of the year but we still have some very good trips lined up and of course our regular **monthly** meetings at the Village Hall.

We welcomed our first new member for a long time, from Dunnington, to our September meeting but our numbers are still dwindling, so if you are free on Tuesday afternoons do join us, you will really enjoy yourself in the run up to Christmas. Our next meeting is **17th November 2015.**

Our two remaining trips for this year are Saturday 14th November to Barnsley and Saturday 12th December to a very good Christmas Market in Bury. Tickets are available from Tom in the Village Shop. We are also looking forward to our Christmas Lunch coach trip to the White Horse we know they will put on a good meal from past experience, so why not come along.

**For more information contact Ann Steel
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Also - I hope you all saw the wonderful flower display which represented our 100 years outside the Church.



In addition our W.I. put on a display at the Garden Festival in July and several members baked cakes for the Open Gardens too! - What a busy lot we are!!



In August the annual garden party was held here at our house and it really was a lovely evening. I duly put up the gazebo but it was not used much as it was such a warm evening and everybody preferred to just sit in the garden. Once again a good time was had by all and the food gets more interesting and varied every year!

We have now had our first official darts match which was against Snainton and we did not win but certainly improved on last year's effort. Debby got a "3 dart finish" which left us all in hysterics but certainly gave us all hope!! We will do our best with the rest of the season but do not think that can be topped!

September saw us competing in a 3 way quiz - for bars of chocolate! This is one evening when we all have to think for a change instead of enjoying someone else talking to us like Mrs Diane Bird who came in October to speak on "Life Coaching!". November sees the AGM and of course in December we finish the year with our Christmas party at the Golf Club.

If you would like to become a member or give us a try please contact Mrs Barbara Hardisty on 400018 or just turn up on the second Wednesday of each month when we all get together in the long room of the village hall. As you can tell we are certainly not all jam and Jerusalem anymore!!

Jill Hawkins.

I'm very excited to announce that I'll be opening my Gillygate Pop up Gallery from Saturday 20th November to Friday 3rd December; it's next door to Café no: 8



I'll be sharing the shop with six other local artists so it'll be a unique opportunity to not only see the work of this diverse group of artists, but also to purchase unique arts and crafts . . . just in time for Christmas! If you need a special Christmas card or a gift for those special people in your life this could be just the place to look. Julie.

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Holy Trinity Church



It's all go at Holy Trinity Church, we hope you'll be able to join us for the weekly Sunday and Wednesday morning Church services, our social events and fundraising activities.

We are pleased to announce that our new Curate, the Revd. Debbie Coyne is now 'up and running' and is already winning many friends through her humour and warmth. She and the Revd. Nick Bird are likely to become an effective double act, and so we wish her well.

Events:

Friday 13th November 7.30pm at the Village Hall. The sinister Seven + One present 'Garrotted in the Grotto' a murder mystery evening with three course dinner. Tickets £10 from Arnie Twedde tel: 400364 and John Hall tel: 400182.

Saturday 14th November 10am – 12noon Coffee Morning at Holy Trinity Church.

Late November – Look out for our Advent Trail around the village. Open to all ages. Bring your completed answer sheet to the Christmas Coffee Morning to be entered into the prize draw. (For details see noticeboards)

Saturday 12th December – Christmas Coffee Morning 10am – 12noon at Stockton Hall Hospital – Stalls, cakes, raffle, refreshments and family activities.

Services:

Every Wednesday at 10.00am and Sundays at 10.30am. First Sunday of the month is an All Age service. Other services are Holy Communion.

Sunday 6th December 10.30am – Christingle
Sunday 13th December 6.00pm – Carol Service
Thursday 24th December 4.00pm - Crib Service
Thursday 24th December 11.00pm - Midnight Christmas Communion.



The third Yorkshire Marathon passed through Hopgrove and Stockton on the Forest on Sunday 11th October 2015. The Holy Trinity Church congregation joined the many village residents to cheer, support and 'High 5' the runners as they passed by.



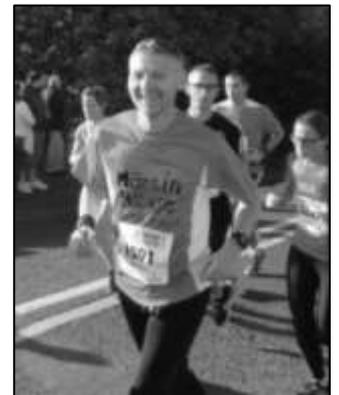
"I'd like to say a massive thank you to you and your congregation for your support at the Yorkshire Marathon.

It was lovely to receive a motivational hug during the race and was one of the highlights that kept me going to the finish. It was a beautiful event (and weather!) so thank you for your support.

I was the big green Fairy :o)"

Our own **Fr. Nick Bird** was running in aid of Martin House Hospice. "Stockton is just the most fun, and friendly, place that the marathon runs through."

Huge CONGRATULATIONS to all the Stockton and Hopgrove residents who completed the marathon.



HARVEST TIME AT HOLY TRINITY

Saturday 17th October saw our annual Harvest Coffee Morning with activities. We were delighted to see so many families enjoying the morning.

Along with the usual refreshments, books, bric-a-brac and cakes the children enjoyed a scarecrow trail round the church yard, craft activities, puzzles and snail racing at Stockton Speedway. Sadly the snails were too sleepy for full races but a couple stayed awake long enough to do a lap of the track.



For those of you who had a guess.... there were 311 conkers in the jar and the Harvest Bear was called Sally. A huge £214.83 was raised for church funds. Much appreciated.



**Introducing....
Debbie Coyne
(Curate)**

Hi, I was ordained curate in York Minster on 5th July and since then I have been living and working in Stockton on the Forest and the Benefice of Rural East York. I work alongside the Reverend Nick Bird (so don't worry he is still around!!).

I grew up in various areas of the UK, as my father is also ordained. I first came to York when I was 18 to study English Literature and Psychology at York St John University. I was determined not to follow in my father's footsteps and be ordained but instead decided I was going to be a primary school teacher and therefore planned to do a PGCE in primary teaching post university. However, God had other plans.

I have always had a faith. I wasn't baptised as a baby but I was taken to church because my parents believed and I was too young to be left on my own. I decided at the young age of 3 that I wanted to be Jesus' friend and prayed for this to be the case. Ever since I have chosen, despite some rather difficult and challenging circumstances, to believe and, as a result, I have found my faith has gone from strength to strength. (I was baptised, but not till I was 12.)

Post University I felt it was right I had a gap year working for a Church in York as their Youth and Children's Parish Assistant. As this was an unpaid post I also started working as a Special Education Needs Teaching Assistant. I continued this latter job, in York and Tanzania, for three years. It was during this time that I began to acknowledge that God might be calling me to ordained ministry. This is a rather long and complicated story but if you are interested please do ask about it! In short, I believe God gave me a choice and, despite reservations, I turned down the invitation to interview for a primary PGCE and entered training in Theology and Ministry at Cranmer Hall, Durham University. Then, after three years, in discussion with the Diocese of York and after praying, I believed it was right for me to come here.

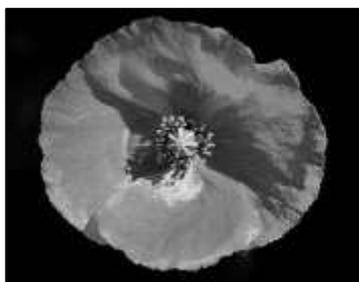
I have enjoyed the last few months of village life and ministry. It has been wonderful to begin to get to know some of you and learn about the various aspects of life within Stockton on the Forest. If you see me around please say hello and forgive me if I forget your name – it is not personal!

Please know you are welcome at Holy Trinity Church any time, especially for services on a Sunday morning – it would be wonderful to see you there! Meanwhile, do say hello and I look forward to seeing you around soon.

Debbie

Stockton Hall Hospital

Following the development of a new media suite at Stockton Hall, the patients are able to enjoy many new aspects of technology and use this to aid their recovery, use as an educational tool and develop their skills. One aspect of this is that patients have been able to use the new camera equipment to develop their photography skills and one such patient, Jake, was proud to have won 1st prize for his work at the Stockton on the Forest Garden Festival.



In the same week that Partnerships In Care celebrated their 30th anniversary Stockton Hall celebrated their 3rd annual BBQ. The event was planned by the patients and included inflatable games, a tombola, ferret racing and wet sponge stocks all designed and made by the patients. The food was excellent and everyone had a great day despite the weather being a bit grey. The cake stall also raised £125 for the York rescue boat charity.



2015 has been the Year of the Sunflower, and across the country various organisations have been having competitions to grow the tallest sunflower. Sunflowers are great for gardens but also a valuable crop, the seeds are used to produce sunflower oil, harvested for food for wild birds and are vital for insects and bees for the nectar they produce.

This year we organised a **Children's Tallest Sunflower Competition** to encourage young gardeners. The competition was a great success with over 70 children being involved and a number of schools. Thank you to everyone who took part and to our suppliers for donating the packets of seeds. We hope to run the competition again in 2016. Also we would like to thank Peter and Andrew Nash for their diary of the Sunflower from seed to flower, a fantastic read which can be seen on the display in the Garden Centre. Prize winners were 1st - Dillon Goodwill - 3.37m, 2nd - The Bensons - 3.27m and 3rd - Olivia Stokes-Roberts - 3.14m.

Charity News

Dean's Garden Centre, York, have raised £7067.08 so far in 2015 for their chosen charities of the year, **Martin House Hospice & Candlelighters**. They have done this by holding various events including a football match, book stall, quiz, tombola, etc. November's prize grid will be "A selection of children's hardback books donated by our supplier" to be drawn on 30th November. Please call in at the Garden Centre and enter for £1. Since we started the book stall in April 2014 we have raised £2335.38 so if anyone would like to donate any second hand books please bring them in and leave them at the information desk. We wouldn't be able to raise this wonderful amount without the customers and staff so thank you everyone for your support".

For our next event **Kirkbymoorside Town Brass Band** will be performing a fundraising concert on Saturday 14th November 2015, 7.30pm at Stockton Village Hall. Bar and Raffle. Tickets £7.50, under 16s free. Available from Dean's, or see Tom at Stockton Village Stores, or contact www.kirkbyband.co.uk or tel: 400099



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GREENFINGERS

Stockton on the Forest Gardening Club

We meet in the Village Hall at 7.15pm every first Monday in the month (apart from January and August). We enjoy a variety of speakers on every horticultural subject and we arrange a couple of group visits in the summer to horticultural centres of interest.

We also mount a **Festival of Gardening**, in July every other year (AND THIS WAS ONE OF THOSE!) to which all and sundry are invited to create or enjoy displays and competitions and contribute their own vegetable and floral produce. We even offer an activity room for the children which has proved enormously popular. This year we ran the event in conjunction with the Village Hall's Open Gardens day to make a really successful gardening weekend.

Our two summer visits could not have been more different! We were kindly invited by Chris & Di Thurstans to Pond Cottage at Stillington where as well as looking round their garden, Vintage Shop & little Motor Museum we were entertained with a very interesting quiz and excellent refreshments. What a pity the weather turned at about 19:30 so we were unable to sit outside as planned. Our July visit was to the Museum Gardens where our excellent guide Simone took us on a "walk and talk" to look at the "Medicinal Herbs". This was another very enjoyable evening and the weather was much kinder to us!!!

Our 2015 speakers have also been varied with Gill Tomkinson covering "Lavenders & Pinks" and Bob Brooke giving us the info on the Poppleton Railway Nursery. At our last meeting we had Gail & John Summerfield from Westshores Nursery in Scunthorpe giving a presentation entitled "Staff only beyond this point please". Entertaining, friendly and obviously very knowledgeable, what more could we ask. They also had a good range of excellent plants for sale, a pre requisite for a gardening club really.

As for 2016 I have already got the wheels in motion putting our programme together, see below some of our confirmed speakers/visits:-

- 1/2/16 - John Plant (from Skewsby, North Yorkshire) "The making of Rowela Cottage NGS Garden"
- 7/3/16 - Alison Pringle (from York Museum Trust) "Rising to the Challenge" ... The trials & tribulations of a gardener!
- 4/4/16 - Provisionally, after the success in 2015 we plan to hold another Plant & Seed Swap
- 6/6/16 - Guided talk & visit to Poppleton Railway Nursery
- 5/9/16 - Alistair Taylor (from the Butterfly Conservation Trust) "Gardening with Nature for Nature"
- 7/11/16 - Martin Fish (BBC Radio York & Kitchen Garden Magazine) "My life in gardening so far"

The annual subscription is £10, and £1 per session attended, although anyone may attend individual talks for a charge of £2. Membership includes a monthly newsletter and your membership card entitles you to 10% discount at various garden centres, including Dean's and Castle Howard Plant Centre. We have a very healthy membership, made up of both experienced and novice gardeners, but most of all, friendly and helpful folk.

We have a full programme lined up right through to December 2016. Why not pop along to next month's talk for a taster - you may become hooked.

For more information, please contact Pat Jennings on 400327 or Nigel Collinson on 07917844235 or email nigelthegardener@hotmail.com

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Mondays – Dominoes 5s & 3s

Tuesdays – Ladies Darts

Wednesdays – Fortnightly Quiz

Thursdays – Mixed darts



What's new?

- Sky TV now installed in the snug.
- New specials in the restaurant
- Catering for family celebrations and
community dinners – ask for details.

Coming up....

- Christmas Menu available from
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- We are now taking bookings for
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Stockton-on-the-Forest TODDLER GROUP

We are all very excited to be back at the village hall after the summer break although we were sad to say goodbye to Lucas, Isabelle, Nicholas and William who have all started school, and to Tom who has moved away from the village.



We all want to say a massive thank you to Jane who has done such a wonderful job of running Toddler Group for the past couple of years, you will be missed. Everybody is doing a great job of helping Kelly out while she gets used to running the group. Already this term we have been watering our Toddler Garden and picking all of the strawberries, courgettes and green beans that we planted over the summer. Over the next few weeks we will be helping to create a display for the Harvest Festival in church using some of the vegetables we have grown ourselves as well as some handmade crafts. We will also be doing activities to celebrate Bonfire night and Halloween and lots of Christmassy crafts in the lead up to our end of term Christmas Party. We are also looking forward to our next visit to the Reception Class at Stockton School as part of the SOFEY (Stockton on the Forest Early Years) Partnership on 19th November.



Since we said goodbye to many of our friends starting school we now 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) please contact **Kelly Price** on **07846938809** with your contact details. We run on a **Thursday morning 9.30-11.30am** (term time) and it costs approx. **£4** per session. All parents help with the running of the group such as setting up, washing up and tidying away. The children participate in crafts, play time with a variety of large and small toys, gardening and song time at the end of the session. The children also enjoy a healthy snack while our carers have a cup of tea, a biscuit and a chat.

STOCKTON ON THE FOREST DAY NURSERY

We are a small friendly Nursery situated in the grounds of Stockton Primary school. Our staff team is highly qualified and enthusiastic in supporting the children to move forward in developing their individual skills.

We have recently refurbished the inside of our Nursery and now have 2 stimulating, fun, colourful rooms in which to care for and educate children. We are also very lucky to have an amazing outdoor area to explore and investigate and we are currently adding to the resources in this area.



We have been busy since our last article in March, we have planted, harvested and eaten produce grown in our own Nursery allotment, have enjoyed trips out into York and around the village, have taken part in the Early Years Partnership event at the school based around the hungry caterpillar story where we made potions, crowns and went pond dipping. We held a graduation service to say goodbye to our children who started school in September which was followed by a party hosted by Elsa with special guest appearance by Spiderman. We also held a fun sports afternoon.

This half term we are looking at harvest and autumn and have been on nature walks, talked about animals that hibernate and attended the Harvest Festival Service at the church.

After half term we will be looking at Christmas, winter and Diwali. We will be holding a Christmas lunch in December for families of the children who attend the Nursery to celebrate with us the season of good will as well as holding a fun Christmas party for all the children in the Nursery.

If you would like any further information about our Nursery visit our website at www.stocktonforestdaynursery.co.uk or contact us via email at stocktondaynursery@live.co.uk or phone us on 01904 400698 and ask for Andrea.



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 "Happy, healthy, learning for life and caring for all."

A scrapbook of photos



Our fabulous Tri-Golf team



Erin in Year 5 reading a story to Lilly in Year 1 during Whole School Reading afternoon



Hazel Trip to Dalby Forest



The summer SOFEY Event
 The Very Hungry Caterpillar



The Children's University
 Graduation Ceremony at York University



Willow class trip to the Yorkshire Museum



Willow Class Tea Party to raise money for SNAPPY



The Parent Partnership Summer Picnic – the perfect way to end the school year!



Sports Day July 2015 - Obstacle Race

We hope you have enjoyed looking at our scrapbook of photographs. If you would like to know more about the school see our website www.stocktonprimary.co.uk



Stockton on the Forest Early Years (SOFEY) Partnership is a committee comprising Stockton Primary School, Stockton Day Nursery, Stockton Toddler Group and any childminders who wish to get involved. Our next event will be a Gingerbread themed morning on **Thursday 19th November 2015** in the reception Classroom at Stockton Primary School. All pre-school children from the village are welcome to attend with their parent/carer.

If you would like to know more about SOFEY pick up a flyer or speak to Carolyn on 400366 or see our page on the village website.

Stockton on the Forest Primary School

Christmas Fair

Friday
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It has once again been a very busy time. Back in the summer we worked towards our circus performer badges. We made elephants from old milk cartons, made clown masks and learnt some mime skills. The highlight was a fantastic evening with Winston from the Shooting Stars circus skills team who taught us how to spin plates, balance peacock feathers and juggle with hankies. We even had our very own circus parade followed by a circus Q&A session. We were so inspired we created a fantastic circus ring themed display for the village garden festival. We hope lots of you were able to enjoy it.

We finished off the summer term with a nature hunt challenge around the village and some promise themed games on the school field. It is great to get everyone outdoors when the weather is fine.



After a good summer break we are now back in full swing. Our first meeting coincided with the Queen becoming the longest serving monarch. As our Brownie promise requires us to serve the Queen and our community we spent the evening testing our royal knowledge. We were surprised to learn that a number of members of the royal family have been part of our guiding family and that there was actually a 1st Buckingham Palace Guide Unit!

After some messy fun with autumn crafts we have now turned our attention to more serious matters by working towards our First Aid badges. By the time we have finished our basic and advanced badges we will know what to do in a wide variety of First Aid situations, be able to call the emergency services and know how to try and resuscitate someone. Hopefully we won't need to test out any of our new first aid skills when we try out Karate next term! The Karate sessions are being provided via the Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers that many of you kindly donated to our pack. Thank you once again for making this possible.

If you would like to register a child to join Brownies please visit

http://www.girlguiding.org.uk/get_involved/volunteer/register_your_interest.aspx

Girls can be registered as they approach their 7th birthday and we will contact you when a place becomes available.

Liz Bates, Jane Palmer, Kath Brooks and Maggie Wilson

STOCKTON-ON-THE-FOREST SCOUT TROOP

Beaver Scouts are the youngest section of the Scouting family. Their activities are based around making things, outdoor activities, singing, playing games, going out on visits, investigating nature, listening to stories, learning how to be safe and most importantly, making new friends.



If your child would like to become a member of the scouting movement contact Kath (01904) 421096 or email: ets86@hotmail.com



Beavers 6-8 years old Mondays from 6-7pm
Cubs 8-10 years old Tuesdays from 6.45-8.15pm
Scouts 10-14 years old Thursdays from 7-8.30pm



2015 so far

Since the last edition the History Group has continued to flourish with very interesting meetings and speakers so far.

We have learnt a lot about the workings of The York Minster Library from Mrs. McKeown

and had our usual September meeting, when members bring new finds to the Club for our annual Club evening.

Our next meeting on **Thursday 3rd December** will be the AGM where, after the usual regulatory items are dispensed with, our very own member David Williams will bring us up to date with his 'Metal Detecting Finds' talk.

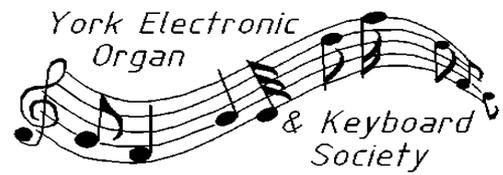
We still maintain contact with other groups locally and attend interesting lectures from York Architectural & York Archaeological Society.

Not much further on our search for the Roman road but are very excited that further discoveries may be made with the development due to start shortly 'in the middle of the village'!

May we remind everybody that you are most welcome to attend our meetings, 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 at 7.30pm. Meetings are advertised on the Village Notice boards – we do hope you can come along.

For more information please contact either:
Steve Burton - tel: 400060 or Joy Moseley - tel: 400309.



The YORK ELECTRONIC ORGAN AND KEYBOARD SOCIETY continues to provide excellent evenings of musical entertainment on the 2nd Thursday of every month at 7.30 pm at the village hall. If you have attended already you will know what a wide variety of music is provided by the professional artistes that come to us from all over the country, and sometimes from abroad. If not, can I again encourage you to "give it a go". If you like listening to music of whatever style you won't be disappointed; the modern instruments can be a big band one moment, a brass band next, small or large orchestra, instrumentalist or whatever. This year we once again hosted a local jazz group The Kay Peters 7 which made a change from the one artist having to do it all – which they do!!

Artists have to be booked well in advance and our concert calendar has already been filled for 2016.

We can promise something for everyone. Our December concert always has a Christmas flavour with a longer interval buffet. Our entertainer this year at that event will be John Bowdler one of the long standing Blackpool tower organists; make a note to come and enjoy a good evening out.

£7 charge for visitors, £5 members. You'll find a warm friendly welcome.

For more information contact Alf Hickling by email: alfyeoaks@mybtinternet.com or see local notice boards for monthly posters.



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THE STOCKTON FORESTERS

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 A man slumped, immobile, in a chair –
 The stranger can only gasp and stare,
 For poised nearby, still as a rock
 Is a woman, paralysed with shock.
 Still holding a gun, she's revealed as the wife
 Of Richard, who's brutally lost his life.
 But did Laura kill him? The stranger reacts,
 And helps to re-arrange the facts.
 A stranded motorist, he claims to be,
 But also a knight of chivalry.
 Most suspects live in this house together;
 It's up to the police to discover whether
 Any of them fired the fatal shot.
 Was it Jan or Angell? But surely not
 Mrs. Warwick, Richard's dotting mother.
 Could it be Miss Bennett, or another,
 Such as Julian Farrar, the local M.P.?
 It takes the pressure off Laura we see.
 But this plot is by Christie, let's not forget,
 So it's going to get more tricky yet.
 If you want the truth, it would be best
 To examine "The Unexpected Guest".
 Put the date in your diary so you will remember
 The 26th, 27th, 28th November.
 Book early to ensure you don't lose out
 With Robert, our friendly ticket tout.

Pat Jennings



The Stockton Foresters, by special arrangement with Samuel French Ltd., is presenting "The Unexpected Guest" by Agatha Christie in the Village Hall, Stockton on the Forest on **Thursday 26th, Friday 27th and Saturday 28th November at 7.30pm**. Tickets £7.50 (including light refreshments) available from Robert Palmer, Tel: 400386.
 Wine & Juice Bar. Unreserved Seating.

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 - usually, but not always, a play - twice a year, in mid- May and late November. This November shall be presenting 'The Unexpected Guest' by Agatha Christie. However, 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 designers, 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 more and younger women. Some of our present crew would like to give the boards a rest and direct a play or two. So please, come and join us to get a taste of the fun you could have.

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 at any time to witness our prat falls as well as the finished performance. The feeling of camaraderie is great fun. Come for a taster - you won't regret it.

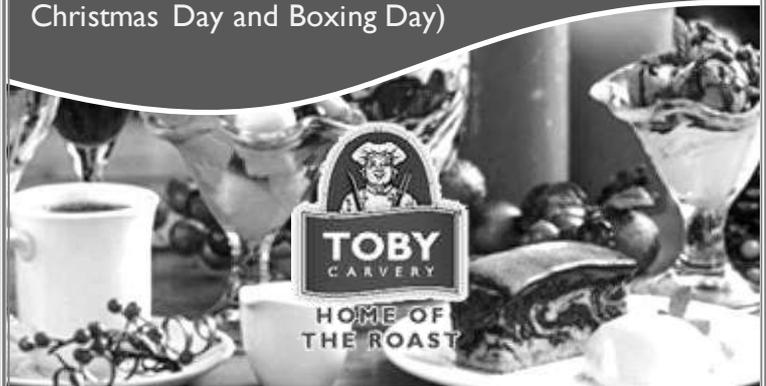
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Stockton & Hopgrove Cricket Club

Players needed urgently

After starting the season with a good number of players, numbers dwindled and half way through the season we had to **fold the 2nd team which has been running for 30 years!** Even down to one team we still only had 9 players twice and 10 on another occasion.

The club needs a new influx of players for the new season or could fold altogether. Could you play?

The 1st team finished 3rd from bottom in division 1 and the Foss evening league team unfortunately got relegated on the last game.

The club, at present, has nobody from Stockton that plays! It would be nice to have a couple of people from the village.

Anybody interested in playing PLEASE get in touch with **Chairman Rich Kerrison** to find out what's involved. Tel: 07986619125 or email: kerro32@fsmail.net



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We are busy as always here at Forest Park and it's not just Golf. In September we held a charity Fashion Show in aid of **Brunswick Organic Nursery** in Bishopthorpe, it raised **£570.00** to go towards a new mini bus as they had one stolen recently. Tim Crossley who many of you will know goes there 2 days per week.

Our **Christmas menu** is now available and bookings are being taken. The **clubhouse** is also available to host all your special functions, including **anniversary & birthday celebrations**.



Another summer season draws to a close: although the club was not as successful competitively as last year, the monthly Melées at the Village Hall continue to be very popular and enjoyable.

The York and District Summer league had a different format this season with the 10 teams dividing into 2 divisions based on results of the first rounds of matches. Paul Abbey, Mark Prangnell and Tony Wignall, playing for Stockton Fox 1 had the best results through the season of any triple in the league, winning 19 out of 26 games played. However, indifferent results from the 2nd triple meant Stockton 1 did not qualify for a place in the 1st Division. Some consolation was gained at the end of the season by the team coming top of the 2nd Division. Stockton Fox 2, also competing in League 2, achieved a commendable 3rd place.

A highlight of Stockton's home matches were the excellent suppers provided by Paul and his team at the Fox Inn. A big thank you is passed on to Paul.

Paul Abbey and Mark Prangnell, this time playing with a player from another club were the 2nd best qualifiers out of 12 triples for the Northern Region team which took part in the National Championships at Hayling Island in September. During these Championships they won 7 out of 10 matches, the 2nd best Northern result, which helped the Northern team gain promotion to Division 1 next season. At the time of writing this triple is due to represent the Northern Region in the English Pétanque Association's Champion of Champions competition at Oxshott in Surrey – Good luck to them.

We are in the middle of club tournaments, which will be finished by Christmas. However, new members are very welcome to come and play throughout the year. Why not call in for a social evening game under floodlights any Monday or Thursday evening from 7pm onwards at the Village Hall. Don't forget gloves and a warm coat.

Contact Barbara Hardisty tel: 400018 or Robert Palmer tel: 400386



York and District 5s&3s Champions 2015



5s & 3s is a game usually played in teams 2 vs 2. The object is to score 61 points exactly, gaining points for dominoes that divide by 5 or 3.

To score players count the two ends of the dominoes. For example play 6:6, 3 goes into 12, four times making 4pts. The next player has 6:3. Added to the double 6 end this equals 15. 5 goes into 15 three times but also 3 goes into 15 five times total = 8 pts.

It's a game played in pubs and clubs all over the country.

Tony Kerrison and Barry Sellers have been dominoes partners for the last two years and play in Division 2 for the Fox Inn, Stockton. In this summer's 5s & 3s championships they successfully beat 5 First Division teams to become York and District Champions! The finals were held at the Tramways Club and they were presented with their trophy at the Crescent Club.

CONGRATULATIONS to them both.



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