

# April 2017 Newsletter

Produced by the Stockton on the Forest Village Hall Management Committee

## Winter White...



Thanks to Alison and James for sharing their special day with us.

**Ali said....** "We had always dreamt of a winter wedding. Being unsure what weather December would bring it was important that we kept everything local. The village hall was the obvious choice, but having grown up in the village and attended events at the hall we wanted it to feel like a different place. It goes to show with a little bit of imagination you can create a dream wedding venue in your own village. I would recommend the hall to anyone. If you would like any information on how we did it or to hire items like chair covers please contact me on 07746137565 or see <https://www.facebook.com/vintageweddinghireyork/>"



## Celebration Events Village Hall Special - 2 ½ days for only £350

Set up one day; hold your special event the next day and then half a day to clear up afterwards!



## Something old, something new...?

Over the last few years the village hall has been extensively refurbished and redecorated. We have seen an increase in its use for special celebration events like the wedding reception above but the management committee now feel that the main entrance is letting the building down. We are looking at options to replace the doors and modernise the décor so that the first view you see reflects the rest of the building and its excellent facilities. Watch this space!



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## Stockton on the Forest Parish Council News

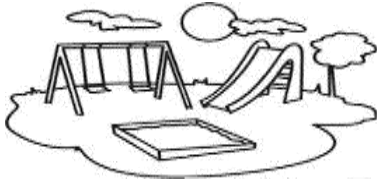
Footpaths; we have undertaken a review of all of the signage for footpaths and bridle paths in the parish and where needed new sign and markers have or will be fitted shortly.

We have got a new notice board for outside Tom's Shop as the old one's legs were rotten and the actual cabinet was needing repairs.

York City Council is proposing to look at speeding vehicles on Hopgrove Lane South. This will involve monitoring vehicle speeds and moving the 30 mph sign closer to the houses.

We are still waiting for the street light and re-surfacing by the Hollies.

As we come out of winter the play area will undoubtedly be used more frequently. With this in mind we have some money that we can only use to fund equipment for the play area.



If anybody has any ideas/requests please let any councillors or the parish clerk know and we will consider it. Play equipment is very costly and our funds are not huge!!

Ward funding – again I will mention it. If any organisations or groups are 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, 7.30pm, all are welcome. Details are on the noticeboards around the village or the village website:

[www.stocktonontheforest.org.uk](http://www.stocktonontheforest.org.uk)

## 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.

### Easter Services:

**14<sup>th</sup> April Good Friday** - Eastingle at 11am (particularly suitable for families and children)

**15<sup>th</sup> April Easter Eve (Holy Saturday)** 2-3pm the service of the Last Hour

**16<sup>th</sup> April Easter Day** - Easter Service 10.30am

### Upcoming Events:

We extend a warm welcome to all at Holy Trinity Church. Over the next few months we have various events happening that we would really love to invite you to.

We have coffee mornings on the **second Saturday every month, 10.00-12.00.**

**April 8<sup>th</sup>** coffee morning will have an **Easter theme**. There will be activities for children such as a trail, creating an Easter Garden and plenty of craft opportunities. Also there will be coffee, scones and stalls to get a bargain.

**August 12<sup>th</sup>** coffee morning has more fun activities and extra stalls for a **Summer Extravaganza**.

Another event not to miss will be a 'Murder Mystery' on **September 29<sup>th</sup>** written by our own Agatha Christie Pat Jennings. 7.30pm at the Village Hall.

We hope you will support our events and we look forward to seeing you.

**The Fund Raising Committee.**

The **Toby Carvery at Hopgrove** is collecting **Easter Eggs** to donate to the special needs children at **SNAPPY**. If you would like to buy one for them just drop it off at Hopgrove by **7<sup>th</sup> April**. Thank you.



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Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April  
Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May  
Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June  
Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July  
Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> August  
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September

*For more information see Pam Brighton or  
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## A Musical Evening

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Had you (for whatever reason) glanced through the window of the Long Room on the second Wednesday of January you would have beheld a rather bizarre sight! The "ladies" of the WI sitting in a circle in what has to be said a decidedly unladylike manner! Every lady had some kind of drum between their knees - yes, honestly - and were being instructed by the extremely talented and extraordinarily patient Steve Hill. Mr Hill took us through the basics of drumming (some doing rather better than others!) amidst much mirth and hilarity. Indeed, it was probably a toss-up as to which was louder the drumming or the laughter! By the end of this hugely enjoyable evening some very interesting rhythms could be heard!

Following this could have been difficult, but the next month Annamieka Jackson gave a very interesting, entertaining and instructive talk on her job as a Registrar - better known as "hatches, matches and dispatches"! As well as describing a job which varies from day to day with some extremely sad moments to the very happy, she also told us about several laws we should know, but probably don't! It was obvious that she had great empathy with whatever situation she was dealing with and thoroughly enjoyed her work.

As I write this we are looking forward to some more very interesting speakers this year. Not only that, but as members of the WI we have the opportunity to go on trips, courses and all sorts of activities organised by the North Yorkshire East Federation.

If you are interested in finding out about the WI do come along for a "taster" evening with us. You will find us in the Long Room of the Village Hall every second Wednesday in the month at 7.30 PM.

*Vicky Gilbert*

## Stockton Senior Citizens

Welcome to the start of another year and we at the senior citizens have a lot to look forward to. Our trips have already been booked for this year. In March we visited Skipton and Boundary Mill (for only £12) and coming up we have excursions to Wales, Southport, Holy Island and Bury Market to name just a few.

The speakers and entertainers at our monthly Village Hall meetings are very varied and interesting. Please come along and join us every 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month in the Long Room of the Village Hall 2 til 4pm.

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**Stockton on the Forest  
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Meetings are generally held on the first Monday of the Month (except Bank Holidays), in the Long Room of the Village Hall. We usually meet at 19:00 for a 19:30 talk. Annual Membership is only £10 & you will get a membership card which entitles you 10% discount at selected local garden centres. Non-members are very welcome to come and join us; it's only £2 on the door. If you know of anybody looking to join a local gardening club please point them in our direction.

### Speakers & Visits arranged for 2017

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2017 - Julia Lewis from Radio York's Sunday morning gardening programme. Julia will be talking about presenting a radio gardening programme, her own garden in Bishopthorpe & outside broadcasts/garden visits.

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2017 - Visit to Susan Nicholls garden "Holmfield" Fridaythorpe at 18:45. The cost will be £5.00 per head, full details nearer the time. This is a very interesting 2 acre Country Garden. Cost includes refreshments in aid of the National Garden Scheme.

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2017 - Visit to Martin Fish following his excellent talk. The cost will be £6.00 per head, full details nearer the time. The garden is situated in the village of Rainton near Thirsk. The cost includes refreshments in aid of the National Garden Scheme.

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2017 - Visit to Pauline Clayton's garden, 35, Main Street, Stamford Bridge. A  $\frac{3}{4}$  acre secluded garden that sweeps down to the River Derwent. It has tiered terraces, ponds, water feature, shrubs, borders. The garden attracts abundant wildlife & teas are served at the top of the garden.

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2017 - T.B.A.

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2017 - Clive Dawson "An Oasis in the City" (York Cemetery)

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2017 - Alison Pringle "The Trials & Tribulations of a Gardener". Alison makes a welcome return visit.

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2017 - Annual General Meeting & Christmas "Get Together"

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

# Dean's Garden Centre

Every year Dean's Garden Centre staff nominate a **Charity of the Year** and in 2016 it was The British Heart Foundation that was chosen. The customers and staff at York & Scarborough have raised the wonderful amount of £21,717, which includes a £2,500 donation from the partners of the business. They have done this by holding various events throughout the year including a beetle drive, baking competition and a brass band concert. Jane Mooney, the British Heart Foundation's fundraising manager for North Yorkshire said: "We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has helped make our partnership with Dean's Garden Centre such a success. The incredible amount of money raised will play a crucial role in helping us find new ways to help keep more hearts beating."

This year's charity of the year is the **Yorkshire Air Ambulance**. At the time of going to print the total For York & Scarborough combined is £2073.16. Air Ambulances are not Government funded and run entirely on donations and to keep both the ambulances in the air it costs £12,000 per day.

## COMPETITION TIME!



Pick up an entry form from the Garden Centre, for our Children's Easter Colouring Competition, There will be a prize for each of the following age groups: - 4 years and under, 5-7 years and 8-11 years. Entries must be returned by closing time on 21<sup>st</sup> April.

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## News from Studio 14

April is going to be a very busy month for me here at Studio 14, with preparations for three exhibitions.



First there's the **York Art Society's** spring exhibition at the De Grey Rooms, next to the Theatre Royal, which runs from Tuesday 11th April though to Easter Sunday. I'll be helping set up ready for the preview evening on Monday 10th, to which you are welcome to attend between 7pm and 9pm. The York Art Society have members of all abilities, from beginners to professionals, who work in many different mediums; which always makes for a very interesting exhibition. If you're a budding artist you might want to pop along to see about joining – they meet just down the road at Christ Church, on Stockton Lane.

Moving swiftly on, helped by Karen Nash, I'll be manning the York Modelrail stand at the Knavesmire over the Easter weekend. The **York Railway Show** is one of the biggest in the country, so it's a good day out with the children, even if you don't have a train set in the loft.

And moving on to the last two weekends of the month, I'll be opening my studio again as part of **York Open Studios**, York's largest annual arts festival. This year I'll be joined by Fiona Sheehan who uses the same acrylic medium as me, but in a completely different way. Her textured semi-abstract work is an interesting contrast to my finely detailed landscapes. We'll both be delighted to show you our work and answer any questions - it's free entry and there'll be lots of homemade cake as usual.



Studio 14, The Bull Centre (next to Dean's Garden Centre) will be open from 6 – 9pm on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April and then for the two weekends 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup> April from 10am – 6pm on the Saturdays and 11am – 5pm on the Sundays.



**Julie Lightburn**

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# Stockton Hall Hospital

Partnerships in Care

At Stockton Hall, we have been working tirelessly over the last 4 weeks to raise as much money as we can for the **St Leonard's Hospice, Accumulator Challenge**. Patients and staff have been donating generously and taking part in all the activities and fundraising. We raised **£2188.35**, which is an incredible achievement - especially as we are such a small community with only 400 people (patients and staff) so we are over the moon to have reached our target.

We have been holding restaurant evenings where patients have cooked and served a 3 course healthy meal to other patients, bacon sandwich morning, staff raffle, coffee morning, charity donations and we held a charity football match on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> march supported by York City FC. We have also had charitable donations from friends and family and we have been overwhelmed by the support from everyone and also from our company, Partnerships in care.

This has been a great opportunity for patients to develop skills in team work, budgeting and business and we are really proud of everyone who has helped us achieve this.

A huge

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In 2016 we collected a massive **791kg**, this raised **£317.80** from just the rubbish.

BUT on top of that we also received **£211.30** in donations of scrap metal taken directly to Clancey's at Murton and **£228.94** in Christmas charity collections as a direct result of raising awareness about SNAPPY through the recycling collection.

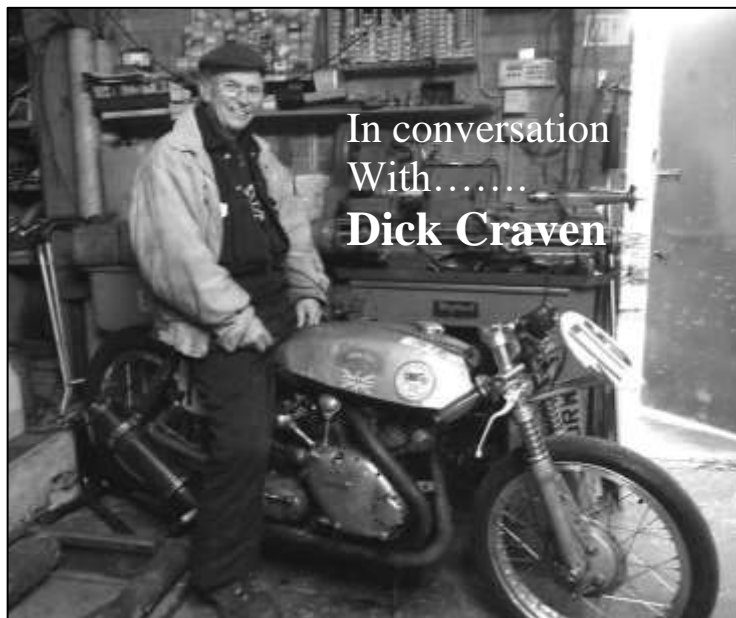
**A grand total of £758.04!**

Every penny goes towards helping this small charity to improve the lives of children and young people with disabilities and special needs.

**The collection continues in 2017**

Collection boxes throughout Stockton and Hopgrove. For more details contact Karen on (01904) 870759.

For more information about SNAPPY and the work they do see [www.snappyyork.co.uk](http://www.snappyyork.co.uk)  
Also on Facebook and Twitter



Dick has lived in Stockton on the Forest for over 35 years. His two passions are engines and wildlife. He still works full time mending cars at his garage in Murton but comes home at lunchtime to feed the water voles in his pond.

Dick grew up on a farm so has always loved nature. He has a large pond which a year ago was plagued by otters and herons but with the addition of some electric fencing and some strategically placed string it has now become a haven for water voles (one of the fastest declining wild mammals in the UK). He also has tawny owls and barn owls living in the nesting boxes on his property, he feeds these at night and some are so tame they will take food from his hand.

Dick's main passion is motorbikes and racing. He's raced all his life and become champion at both grass track and drag strip racing. His favourite bikes are those from the 50s and 60s, the bikes of his youth.

His motorcycle collection is a hobby that grew and grew. It started off with a few bikes he bought to save them going for scrap; now restored they are well worth the few hundred he paid for them. Dick now has around 270 bikes ranging in age from 1924 to the present day; along with thousands of pieces of associated memorabilia, extending to three barns full! People often ask why he doesn't take the bikes to shows, but he says it's as much about the extras as the bikes and you can transport it all.

Many of Dick's bikes have been used in TV shows like Emmerdale, The Royal, My Parents Are Aliens and Heartbeat which had up to 19 bikes in the show at any one time. Most recently Dick and his collection have been the stars of TV show 'Shed and Buried' with Henry Cole.

The Craven Motorcycle Collection is housed opposite the Bull Centre in Stockton. It will open for this season on **Easter Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April** and will be open every first Sunday of the month until the 1<sup>st</sup> October. Entry is just £5 (children free). Well worth visiting.



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### Tuesdays

**Stockton Foresters Drama Club**  
(weekly 7.30pm)  
Contact Pat Jennings 400327  
**Senior Citizens**  
(3<sup>rd</sup> week of the month 2.00pm)  
Contact Ann Steel 400124

### Wednesdays

**Yoga for the over 50s**  
(weekly 1.30pm)  
Contact Nestor Portney 613962 or  
07503157356

### **Women's Institute**

(2<sup>nd</sup> week of the month 7.30pm)  
Contact Ann Proctor 489386

### **Parish Council**

(last week of the month)  
Contact Fiona Hall - Clerk  
Email: [parishclerk@thebyre.me.uk](mailto:parishclerk@thebyre.me.uk)

### Thursdays

**Parent and Toddler Group**  
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**York Electronic Organ Society**  
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### Fridays and Saturdays

**No regular meetings or events**

### Sundays

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Stockton on the Forest Primary School, Stockton Scout Group and 1<sup>st</sup> Stockton Brownies are collecting Sainsbury's **Active Kids Vouchers**.

If you have any spare please pass them on to us. Collection boxes are at Stockton School, the Scout Hut, Holy Trinity Church, Stockton Village Hall and the Village Shop.

*Thank you.*

## Holy Trinity Church

*Services:*

**Wednesdays at 10.00am**

(Communion)

**Sundays at 10.30am**

(1<sup>st</sup> Sunday – All age worship,  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday - Morning Prayer  
2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Holy Communion)

Church usually open daily 9am-5pm

Rector:

**Rev. Nick Bird**

Tel: 489349

Associate Priest

**Rev. Canon Terry Joyce**

Assistant Curate

**Rev. Debbie Coyne**

Church Business Contact:

**Pam Brighton - 400445**

## At the Scout Hut

**Mondays – Beavers**

Contact – Kath Shapcott

Tel: 421096

Mob: 07736 940402

**Tuesdays – Cubs**

Contact – Mark Fuller

Mob: 07770 796109

**Wednesdays – Brownies**

Contact – Liz Bates

Tel: 400408

**Thursdays – Scouts**

Contact – Stuart Watling

Mob: 07795 954851

General enquiries to Group Scout Leader Kath Shapcott.

# Stockton-on-the-Forest TODDLER GROUP

So far this term we are all enjoying getting to know some new friends in the group as well as welcoming some lovely new babies. Just before Christmas we had our end of term party and had a very special visit from Santa who brought all the children a gift. We made Christmas crafts and our Christmas tree display for Church. This term we have been making our 'Toddler Tree' using our hands to make the leaves and enjoying playing with some lovely new toys.



Over the next few weeks we will be planting seeds in our toddler garden and watching them grow into some delicious fruit and vegetables. We will be watering them each week so they will be ready for picking in the coming weeks and months.

We will be having a mini Easter egg hunt in the village hall as well as making some Easter crafts to take home and for the Church display. We are also looking forward to our next visit to the Reception Class at Stockton School as part of the SOFEY partnership.

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 9.30-11.30** and it costs £2-£4 per session depending on the age of the child. 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 Early Years Partnership

We are a committee comprising Stockton Primary School, Stockton Day Nursery, Stockton Toddler Group and any childminders who wish to get involved. We meet once a term and arrange a social event, held at the school, for children aged 0-5yrs and their carers. These themed events give the children an opportunity to socialise with other children their age and to become familiar with the primary school aiding their transition into Reception Class. For more details see our page on the village website or phone 400366.

At the time of going to press we are preparing for our Spring event on 30<sup>th</sup> March. This year we are looking at growing. We will be looking at the seeds inside fruit and vegetables and planting them, making cress heads and talking about baby animals.

We are also looking forward to getting our **Children's Community Allotment** up and running and hope that lots of people will come to our working party on 1<sup>st</sup> April to help us finish building it. Watch this space!

**If you have any leftover vegetable seeds or plug plants please pass them our way.**



# 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.**"

We would like to showcase a variety of events that we have held at our school, over the past year. These events highlight the huge range of sports/activities and workshops which all our children have the option to experience. Miss Bell ensures that our children take part in lots of different sports. These photos show the **Primary Cross Country event**, with the children sporting our brand new team hoodies. Well done children! During Literacy Week, **Pines class** had a wonderful time sitting in our outside story-telling area.

**Willows class** created some fantastic art work & sculptures based on work by Sir Antony Gormley, as part of the City of York Live Arts Week. **Oaks class** successfully completed their residential camp at **Bewerley Park**, near Pateley Bridge and were extremely proud of all their accomplishments, from high wire to canoeing.



In December, we held a very successful Christmas Fair and our **Key Stage One** children performed their **Nativity** exceptionally well.



During **World Book Day**, all the staff dressed up as Wally, from the books "Where's Wally?!! All the children could choose to dress up as their favourite character too and bring along a book to read with a reading buddy.

**Please come into school to view our displays or for our Sharing Assemblies.** Don't forget to look at our Easter display in Church!

*We hope that you enjoy our photos!*

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# Brownies



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

After a busy few months we are pleased to report that 1<sup>st</sup> Stockton on the Forest brownies are now all officially 'Friends to Animals' and have the badge to prove it. We started our badge with an evening full of animal themed games, followed by a visit from the R.S.P.C.A. She brought with her a lovely rescued greyhound and told us how they help unwanted and cruelly treated animals. After the R.S.P.C.A. visit, the brownies were very keen to try and help the animals. They made Christmas stockings filled with animal themed goodies during our Christmas party at Pizza Hut. The finished stockings were placed under the Christmas tree at the R.S.P.C.A animal home in York. We had a lovely letter back telling us how grateful they were for our kind donation.



In the New Year, we continued our badge by making bird feeders and had a very exciting visit to Pets at Home. The brave brownies held snakes, lizards and rats. For some it was the first time they had been in close contact with such animals, quite a personal achievement to overcome their initial fear. We finished off our badge by learning about extinct and endangered animals and how we can help to protect different species. Using this information the brownies created some fabulous board games which will also count towards their next goal which is 'Toymaker' badge.

February is the time of year we always think about our guiding friends around the world. This year the brownies voted to think about Germany so we had an exciting evening learning some German numbers, playing German party games and finding out about the history of the Berlin Wall. We also made Black Forest troll pencil toppers and of course indulged in some German foods. Quite a lot to pack into an evening!

We have space at the moment for a couple more brownies to join us, so if you have a child who is interested in becoming a brownie now, or in the future, please register your interest at:

[http://www.girlguiding.org.uk/get\\_involved/volunteer/register\\_your\\_interest.aspx](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk/get_involved/volunteer/register_your_interest.aspx)

We can only accept new brownies between the ages of 7 and 10. A waiting list operates for younger girls.

Liz Bates, Jane Palmer, Kath Brooks and Maggie Wilson



The evening on **Holgate Windmill** back in December was very well attended and we were treated to an excellent talk and slide show by Richard Green and Helen from the Holgate Windmill Preservation

Society. What I didn't realise was that this windmill is fairly unique having 5 sails (4 is more usual) and is the oldest one in the country. They now grind their own flour which was on sale - no, I didn't indulge, my bread making skills are nil. So, having whetted our appetites, I suspect that a visit can be arranged for those interested.

Members of the History Group visited the **Guildhall** on Sunday 29th January for a conducted tour which was extremely interesting as we saw parts of the Guildhall not normally open to the public.

Built mid-15th Century and bombed in 1942 leaving only the stone shell of the building, the replaced West window by Harry Harvey who lived in York, still looks



magnificent but have you seen where Margaret Clitherow was held overnight? It is actually outside so you have to go through the yard to get to it. Then we went down Common Hall Lane which runs under the Guildhall and is thought to be in line with the Roman Bridge across the Ouse and leads directly to the river which had not long flooded so it was pretty muddy.



There was an excellent turn out of both members and guests at our March evening on "**Regency Harrogate**" by Pru Bebb. She shared wonderful insights into "taking the waters" and the entertainment scene of the wealthy; to the workhouse of the poor. Ladies promenading in

fabulous dresses and bonnets; and tales of the Mail Coach and its valuable contents were enjoyed by all.

Everyone is welcome to join us at our next meeting on **22nd June** - "The Haymarket" by Ben Reeves of Yorkshire Archaeological Trust.

There will also be an Antiques Roadshow/Valuation event to be held on **Saturday 30th September** called "An Auctioneer's Lot".

For more details on meetings or events **contact Joy on 400309** or see our page on the village website.



## THE STOCKTON FORESTERS

A remote Greek island: sun, sea and sand,  
 A virtual Paradise, serene and bland.  
 But, as writhing through Paradise a serpent went,  
 So Max lays plans with lethal intent.  
 Should he marry or murder a brunette or blond?  
 Of which loving female is he more fond?  
 Well, actually, Max is in love with the loot,  
 And while planning to drown, poison or shoot,  
 Distant cousins arrive to shoot down Plan A,  
 Drowning his plans and poisoning his day.  
 Mourning Uncle Jonathon, seeming bereft,  
 Their real intent is post mortem theft.  
 Not distracted, Max contrives Plan B,  
 Involving a boat, a drug and the sea.  
 But into this melee Edgar appears,  
 His only neighbour, whom Max fears  
 Will uncover his devious plots,  
 For, as a crime writer, he ties readers in knots.  
 So Max comes up with tricky Plan C,  
 As deviously daft as it can be.  
 But to George and Mary he should have paid heed,  
 For they're also consumed with murderous greed.  
 And what of the doomed and bedraggled wives?  
 If you want to discover if either survives  
 You must come and see our very next play  
 On the 18th, 19th and 20th of May.  
 "Anyone for Murder" is the name of the show:  
 Hilarious chaos, as blow follows blow.  
 Book tickets early so you don't lose out  
 From Rob, our friendly ticket tout.

*Pat Jennings*



The Stockton Foresters are presenting

### **"Anybody for Murder?"**

by Brian Clemens and Dennis Spooner  
(in association with Samuel French Ltd.)

on **Thursday 18, Friday 19 & Saturday 20 May**,  
 7.30pm., in the Village hall, Stockton on the  
 Forest. Tickets at **£7.50**, including light supper,  
 may be obtained from  
 Robert Palmer on 400386, or the Village Shop.  
 Wine & Juice Bar    Unreserved Seating

## THE STOCKTON FORESTERS DRAMA GROUP

Incredibly, 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, in mid May and late November. This May (18th – 20th) we shall be presenting "**Anybody For Murder**", a hilarious comedy by Brian Clemens & Dennis Spooner. However, our repertoire has also included classics such as "Hobson's Choice", plays by Terry Pratchett, Alan Ayckbourn and local playwrights. Whatever we choose it is nearly always a sell out and hugely enjoyed as much by us as by the viewing public. As we also include a light supper in the interval and a running wine and juice bar, we remain unique in York as a whole entertainment evening.

We welcome new members, whether or not they wish to tread the boards. Indeed, the backstage and front of house workers are indispensable and highly valued. Set builders, wardrobe designers, electricians, media manipulators, props providers, all would find a welcome. The enthusiasm in the group is catching and we do also lead a lively and active social life as well as a make-believe one. The pub calls every Tuesday evening at 10 o'clock and we have a couple of dinners per year besides the after-show parties and the occasional group visits to other shows.

Although the coming play has been cast, new members would be welcome to join us at any time. The feeling of camaraderie is great fun. Come for a taster – you won't regret it!

*Pat Jennings - Secretary (tel: 400327)*

### Otter update

In the autumn of 2015, many of those villagers with fishponds in their gardens were visited by a group of otters.



The resulting devastation was even caught on CCTV at Dick Craven's Motorcycle Museum and the marauding mustelids were filmed at Dean's Garden Centre (a group of three adolescents). During 2016 no further reports of attacks have been received but it was said last year that a group of three otters were run over on Holtby Lane in late summer. I must say that it seems most unlikely that three of the animals were run over at the same time. If anyone has factual information about the incident I would appreciate an E-mail or phone call on rhojohn17@yahoo.co.uk or (01904) 400182.

*John Hall.*



The Fox Inn at Stockton on the Forest welcomes customers old and new to our Traditional Country Pub. With a cosy natural fire, relaxed homely atmosphere, dog friendly bar area and friendly experienced staff, we aim to make your visit a great experience, every time.

We would like to thank all our customers for their continued support during the change of management which took place last year. Ray has become the new Licensee of the Fox and Lisa has taken the role of Front of House manager.

Ray will continue to be our superb head chef, creating wonderful, traditional home-cooked meals from our fantastic menu, which has a huge selection of dishes to cater for all dietary needs. In addition, we have a **Pie night special every Monday**, a **Fish and Chip special every Thursday** and a **serve yourself Curry night special on the last Tuesday of every month**; along with Ray's amazing **Sunday Lunch**.

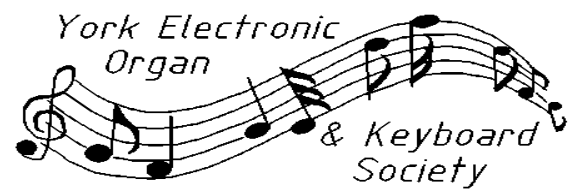
We host a fun **general knowledge quiz**, which takes place fortnightly on a **Wednesday**, with a raffle and sticky 13's card game; all with great prizes. A free **chip butty supper** is provided to all who take part. We also have great regular **Darts and 5's & 3's Domino's teams**, who compete in the local leagues.

We would like to take this opportunity to inform you about our up and coming **Bed and Breakfast**, which will be situated above the pub, offering 3 fantastic, newly renovated, en-suite double rooms to let, at competitive rates. We will also be opening to the public for **breakfast and morning coffee**. For further information please contact us on 01904 400747 or pop in for a chat with a member of staff. Or see our new website [www.thefoxinnyork.co.uk](http://www.thefoxinnyork.co.uk).

A warm welcome awaits you from all the staff at  
*The Fox Inn -*

*Ray, Lisa, Boo, Hayley, Aaron, Matt & Charlie.*

The Village, Stockton on the Forest, Tel: 400747



In addition to our usual monthly musical evenings last year we attended, in June, at the Church's coffee morning in celebration of the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday and then later on the Village fayre at Stockton Hall.



We had a display with free musical gifts and were able to provide live music but not to the quality and musicianship that you have come to expect at our **2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday** in the month evenings, when professional artists from all over the country and abroad come to play for your enjoyment. The variety of music performed is wide and covers all tastes; they'll even play your favourite piece – if you ask them nicely at the interval, which comes with free refreshments, The welcome is always warm and friendly, so come for 7.30 and enjoy yourself.

For more information contact **Keith Jackson tel: 01751 431522** or **Alf Hickling tel: 01904 760500**



### Just a few notes from the **Fox Inn 5's and 3's Dominoes Team.**

Since our last report the Fox Inn has experienced the ups and downs of the game of dominoes.

We started the New Year with a losing streak going down 8-7 twice then followed a 9-6 defeat by the league leaders.

However a reversal in fortunes has seen the team win their last two games 9-6, leaving us mid table with 4 games to play.

The top playing pair currently is Derek Askey and Terry Weston winning 6 consecutive matches with 13 individual games won with only 5 defeats.

Alan Jackson and John Hill enter the quarter finals of the York and District Pairs K.O Cup trying to emulate Tony Kerrison and Barry Sellers our previous winners from 2 years ago.

We meet on a **Monday** on match days at **8-30pm**. Some of the players go in during the week as well.

## Darts at the Fox Inn



Mixed teams play every Thursday, meeting around 8pm with games starting at 9pm. We play in the **SR Washers York Open Darts League** so if you fancy giving it a go pop along and see us.



Members of the **WI Darts Team** meet at the Fox Inn on Tuesdays for practise and matches.

## Forest Park Golf Club News

Forest Park's new restaurant will launch on 1st April 2017 with a steak night, followed by Friday and Saturday evening openings from 6pm with a larger menu range created by **Paul Worthington** (formally of The Fox) who now works at the golf club.



*Non members are welcome.* You don't have to be a member of the golf club to visit us.

The clubhouse also welcomes non-members for coffee, cake and bar meals 7 days a week, also Sunday lunches.

Over the course of the last 12 months over £1000.00 has been raised for **Brunswick Organic Nursery** in Bishopthorpe and over £900.00 for **Disability Sport Yorkshire** by both Captains of the club.

In early April 12 golf clubs from around York will descend on Forest Park for a York union event.



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**NON MEMBERS WELCOME**



By the time you read this we will have had our AGM and be into the York and District Summer League season. We are again entering 2 teams, so most Thursdays we will be hosting a match at the Village Hall terrains. Spectators, as long as they are not too vocal, are very welcome. Monday nights remain our main Club night, start time 7pm and new members are very welcome, why not come and give it a try?

**Melées** this year start on Wednesday April 19<sup>th</sup>, then May 17<sup>th</sup>, June 21<sup>st</sup>, July 19<sup>th</sup> and August 16<sup>th</sup> (all Wednesdays). These start at 10am (meet 9.30) for a full day of friendly Pétanque, usually 5 games guaranteed, all for £3.50 including lunch.

Other events at Stockton this year are:

The Stockton Memorial Pairs, a charity event, on Saturday **23<sup>rd</sup> September**

Northern Region Singles competition (including shooting contest) Sunday **1<sup>st</sup> October**

Northern Open Team Event on Sunday **22<sup>nd</sup> October**

**For further information contact Barbara Hardisty 400018 or Robert Palmer 400386**

## Stockton & Hopgrove Cricket Club



*Players needed urgently*

Another season is getting closer and the usual plea for new players is on us again!

We struggled through last season with numbers again and this was reflected in the results, we finished bottom on a Saturday and a Wednesday. The team still kept working hard together and we are sure this season will be a better one.

At the league end of season awards Nigel Collinson was rewarded for his years of playing for Stockton with getting inducted into the leagues' hall of fame.



This season starts on **29th of April** with a trip to Westow and the evening league starts first Wednesday in May.

Anyone wanting to have a game please get in touch with **Rich Kerrison 01904 400541 or 07986619125**