November 2016

Newsletter

Produced by the Stockton on the Forest Village Hall Management Committee

A Village Wedding

Congratulations to Alistair and Sophie

Holy Trinity Church to the Village Hall

Many thanks to Justine for sharing the photos

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The next issue will be in April. Submissions to sofnews@sky.com by 8th March 2017 please.

Stockton on the Forest Parish Council News

At long last we have got road markings outside the school although other works in the area, a street light and surfacing of the junction to the Hollies, have not happened yet.

There has been some **damage to the play area**, the picnic table has been broken and also there has been concern about the noise and behaviour of older children using the play area. Please can residents remind their children to **play responsibly** and respect the adjoining properties, especially when playing football and other ball games. Thank you.

The parish councillors do inspect and **litter pick** the area on a weekly basis and if you have any comments that you want to make then either see a parish councillor or contact the Parish Clerk.

We are still looking at **traffic and speeding issues** throughout the parish and are hoping to have a meeting with C of Y about the options, so watch the notice boards or website as to when this will be.

Ward funding - this is a pot of money provided by City of York Council for projects in our council ward (Strensall ward) and organisations/groups can apply for a grant towards their project. There are applications to fill & send in. Details can be found on the City of York website or contact the Parish Clerk.

If you have any questions relating to the village/parish you can speak with a parish councillor or contact the parish clerk details are on notice boards around the village and on the village website **www.stocktonontheforest.org.uk**

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Stockton Senior Citizens

Here we are once again nearly at the end of another year. We have had a very good year so far at the Senior Citizens with some good trips and talks. We still have a couple of months to go. At the time of going to print we are off on a trip to Sunderland. In November we shall be visiting the Metro Centre and our last outing of the year will be to the Christmas Market in Barnsley. We will be having our Christmas lunch at the North Star in Robin Hoods Bay. We hope everyone has a good Christmas and New Year 2017.

We hold our meetings in the Long Room of the Village Hall on the 3rd Tuesday of every month from 2-4pm; why not come along and give it a try.

For more information contact Ann Steel on 400124.

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We meet once a month at the Forest Park Golf Club. Originally it was the continuation of the 'Good Neighbours' that became no longer necessary but we are trying to carry on 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 £7.00 but for dietary reasons another choice from the menu could be purchased.*

No need to book just come along.

Wednesday 23rd November 2016
Wednesday 21st December 2016
Wednesday 25th January 2017
Wednesday 22nd February 2017

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

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Stockton on the Forest Women's Institute

It's surprising how time flies isn't it? Is it really 6 months since I last wrote about our W.I? Well here I am again. In May, June and July we had some really interesting and amusing speakers. One of them had us all drawing a cartoon horse's head and another tasting all sorts of wonderful fish dishes. We learnt how to cook fish in so many ways and also found out much more about the different types of fish, it was wonderful. I do wonder if anyone has tried out any of the recipes since! In August we all enjoyed a lovely evening garden party at the home of our President, Barbara, who also had a lot of pleasure showing off her automatically opening waste bin! (anyone who was there will know what I am talking about!)

Three of our members went down to Denman near Oxford and really enjoyed themselves. Barbara and Ann tried their hands at working with stained glass and Pam found out some very interesting facts whilst tracing her family tree!. Here they are in their Denman bags having won the quiz! (Barbara, Ann, member of another W.I. and Pam).

November brings our A.G.M and in December we will be once again all putting on our party wear and meeting at the Golf Club for our Christmas dinner and an evening of entertainment.

We have also started our darts matches again and as of now have won one and lost one – we'll try and do better!!

If you are anywhere between 19 and 109 please do not hesitate to come and join us – every second Wednesday evening of the month in the Long Room at the Village Hall from 7.30pm. Either contact our President Barbara on 400018 or just come along – you will be made very welcome.

Jill Hawkins

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.

Community Events:

Saturday 12th November – Coffee Morning 10-12

Saturday 3rd December – Christmas Fair at Stockton Hall 10-12 (if you would like a stall for yourself or your village group; or if you can donate a cake please contact Pam on tel: 400445)

Thursday 22nd December – Carol Singing at Stockton Hall, 2pm everyone welcome to join in.

Services for 2016:

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.

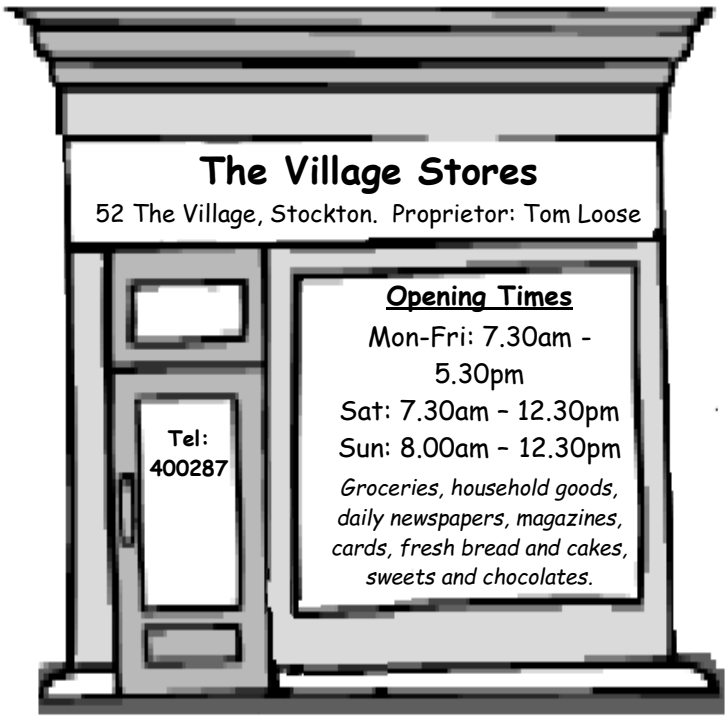
Sunday 4th December 10.30am – Christingle

Saturday 24th December 4.00pm - Crib Service

Saturday 24th December 11.00pm - Midnight Christmas Communion.

Sunday 25th December – 10.30am - Morning prayers (no communion)

The church is usually open daily from around 9:00am until 5:00pm, for quiet contemplation.



REORDERING OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH STOCKTON ON THE FOREST

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) has received permission from the Church of England Authority to reorder parts of our village church. Throughout the process the PCC has consulted with architects, submitted plans to the appropriate authorities and the village public through leaflets and public meetings.

The Church Authority (DAC) was of the opinion that the proposed alteration to the church is not likely to affect the character of the building, the archaeological importance of the church or the archaeological remains existing in the church or its surroundings.

The reordering of the church was seen as part of the mission/vision of the PCC to allow enhanced worship, flexible usage and community involvement. The main areas of change are as follows;

1. Removal of one pew at the front of the church on the north and south side and lowering of the floor. This would allow for more space for baptism and wedding parties when standing at the front of the church.
2. Removal of 4 pews at the back of the church on the north & south side & lowering the floor. This area would be carpeted with space for coffee mornings, after service coffee when you could talk to someone face to face. It could also be offered to the village as a resource i.e. Mum/Dad on the return school run popping in for a coffee and chat with friends for a few minutes. The entrance area would be far more spacious for entrance of weddings, funerals and larger processional services.
3. A new freestanding kitchen unit, which would be covered and unobtrusive when not in use, in wood appropriate to the existing church surrounds. This would enable light lunches to be provided at appropriate times.
4. Repositioning of the sound and heating systems.
5. New stone flooring for the porch with new lighting & noticeboards.
6. New bookcases and storage units in wood appropriate to the existing church surrounds
7. Reinstatement of some pews to create a more aesthetic symmetry.
8. A honeycombed grass hard car parking area for 3/4 cars alongside the driveway. This would greatly help elderly church members lacking mobility.

The PCC has been diligent in its discussion of reordering of the church. Flexibility and adaptability of use is a great positive for the existing church congregation. It will be in line with our mission to get to know the people whom we live among and yet do not currently know.

The work will be carried out within the next calendar year. The firm of a local man, Mr. Adam Swann will undertake the work. As a church body have talked about these changes for many years. We will now make it a reality for ourselves and the community in which we live.

The fourth Yorkshire Marathon passed through Hopgrove and Stockton on the Forest on Sunday 9th October 2015. The congregation from Holy Trinity Church joined the many village residents to cheer, support and 'High 5' the runners as they passed by.

Terry Joyce and Debbie Coyne outside Holy Trinity

Nick Bird and a sign on Stockton Lane at Hopgrove

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

Stockton Hall Hospital

Partnerships in Care

Stockton Hall Hospital held its annual BBQ in early August. The theme this year was Wild West and both staff and patients really got into the swing of things by dressing up, making cakes and joining in with all the games and competitions on the day.

The musical entertainment of the day was brought by local musician Jonny Gill and the hospital band made up of the doctors and hospital staff. A great day was had by all and plenty of cash was raised to send to St Nicholas Fields, a community conservation project in York.

Keeping in the charity theme, members of Stockton Hall's staff embarked on a team bike ride to Bridlington to raise more money for charity. There was a great turn out for the day with all members of staff who volunteered completing the 40 mile cycle.

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Event

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Supplies

Our Christmas Department is now open for all your Christmas decorating needs.

Parties

Starting from just £150 for 6 children. 2 hours of decorating cupcakes and playing games! We can also arrange for **Hen Parties** and **Team Building Days** just ask!

***Unit 26C**, The Bull Centre, Stockton, **(01904) 400789,** www.icedyorkshire.com*

GREENFINGERS

Stockton on the Forest Gardening Club

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 Deans Garden Centre in Stockton-on-the-Forest & Scarborough as well as at Vertigrow on Malton Road & Rogers in Pickering.

Non-members are very welcome to come and join us, it's only £2 on the door & this includes tea/coffee & biscuits & sometimes cake! If you know of anybody looking to join a local gardening club please point them in our direction.

Diary Dates:

Monday **7th November** 2016 - Martin Fish, BBC Radio York presenter & Kitchen Garden Magazine writer giving a talk "My life in gardening so far"

Monday **5th December 2016** - AGM & Christmas Gathering

Monday **2nd January 2017** – No meeting

Monday **6th February 2017** – TBC

Monday **6th March 2017** - Barbara Hickman from Helmsley Walled Garden

Monday **3rd 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.

For more information, please contact Nigel Collinson on 07917844235 or Email: nigelthegardener@hotmail.com

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Dean's Garden Centre

Fundraising is going well at Dean's Garden Centre York, for their staff nominated Charity of the Year, which for 2016 is the **British Heart Foundation**. Up to the 17th October the customers and staff have raised the fantastic amount of **£5358.84**. This has been achieved by holding various events including a monthly prize grid, second-hand book stall and a 'Dean's Bake Off' earlier in the year. If anyone would like to support this worthwhile charity there are collecting tins and a wishing well around the Garden Centre for your donations.

In other news, the construction of the new **Coffee Shop** is now underway which once completed will include larger indoor and outdoor seating areas, a new kitchen and servery plus internal modifications to customer toilets and staff facilities. We are very much looking forward to welcoming our customers to the new Coffee Shop which we hope to have completed by **Spring 2017**.

Once again our **Children's Tallest Sunflower** competition was a great success with over 100 children being involved and 10 schools. The winners were in joint 3rd place Amelie & Luca Hardimand and Sam Ayres both with sunflowers of 265cm, 2nd place was Dylan Carter at 266cm and in 1st place Maddie Petty whose sunflower grew to a great 299cm. Thank you to all who took part and to our suppliers for donating the sunflower seeds.

We will be running a 'Colour/Decorate a Christmas Tree' competition for children aged 14 and under from **1st November 2016**, details of which can be found at the Garden Centre nearer the time.

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York Electronic Organ & Keyboard Society

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. **£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.

BLACKSMITH'S GARAGE

BLACKSMITH'S GARAGE is a friendly local business in Stockton on the Forest, selling, servicing and repairing all makes and models.

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BLACKSMITH'S GARAGE

Snappy

Thank you to everyone who has been collecting lots of aluminium foil and drinks cans to help raise money for SNAPPY.

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, Stockton Nursery and 40 Hopgrove Lane South.

For more details call Karen on tel: 870759

Stockton-on-the-Forest

TODDLER GROUP

We are all very excited to be back after the summer break although we were sad to say goodbye to Amelia and Isabelle who have moved on to Primary School. We are very proud of them and know they will do brilliantly. We have welcomed another baby girl into the group and are looking forward to having some new friends to play with. We would like to thank Janette who did a great job of buying and preparing our snacks last year. You will be missed too!

One of our activities so far this term has been looking after our toddler garden. Before summer we planted tomatoes, carrots, corn, pumpkins and strawberries and we have been watering them to help them grow. We have done a display for Harvest Festival in Church by painting fruits and vegetables such as lemons, peppers, carrots, corn and potatoes and using them as stamps to make our pictures.

We will also be doing activities to celebrate Halloween and Bonfire night 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 SOFEY.

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 to end 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 (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 **Winter** themed morning on **Thursday 1st December 2016** in the Reception Classroom at Stockton Primary School. All pre-school children from the village are welcome to attend with their parent or 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.

SOFEY Allotment

As well as organising an event each term the SOFEY partnership also use their funds for community projects.

At the time of going to print work is well underway on the new SOFEY Allotment. Situated between Stockton Day Nursery and Stockton Primary School it will provide a communal learning area where the children can grow fruit and vegetables and learn about the food they eat.

SOFEY would like to thank the Stockton Parish Council for their generous donation towards paying for the raised beds.

A HUGE Thank you to Mr Nicholson for his time and hard work last month siting and levelling the raised beds, clearing the site of big weeds and building the composting area for us.

1ST STOCKTON-ON-THE-FOREST BROWNIES

During the summer months we were *'buzzing about'* doing our Wildlife Explorer badges. We started with a fascinating talk from Maureen about honey bees, made butterfly feeding stations and then set to work creating a ***'Bug Hotel'*** in the churchyard as part of the ***'York Urban Buzz'*** project. We are hoping to find lots of interesting bug *'guests'* checked into our hotel when we go back to visit in the spring. There should certainly be lots of new spring bulbs and other plants for them and you to enjoy. We finished our wildlife badges with a trip to the St Nicholas Fields Environment Centre where we did some pond dipping, met some gigantic insects and learnt about different types of trees.

We also squeezed in a trip to the **Holgate Windmill** to see what happens to all the wheat that insects help to pollinate. We had lots of fun grinding flour!

This autumn we are continuing with the animal theme and will be starting our Friend to Animals badges soon. We will be making Christmas Stockings for the animals at the York R.S.P.C.A shelter and filling them with food. If anyone would like to support us in this work additional donations of dog and cat food etc. would be most welcome,

Already this term we have enjoyed a theatre trip to see *'Gangster Granny'* and by the time you read this we will have competed in the Brownie district swimming gala. We also have Cheerleading lessons coming up provided via the Active Kids Sainsbury's vouchers that many of you kindly donated to our pack.

We are getting quite full again but if you would like to register a child to join Brownies please visit **https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter/**

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

Is there anyone in the village that can help?

The Scouts and Brownies need some repairs doing to their hut. We have had our leaking Portakabin taken away and after doing some ground work the kind people from Rhodes are going to provide us with a container that should keep all our camp equipment dry. Thanks to Paul the Cub leader for organising this.

The **floor** in the hut needs some serious repairs doing as the floor bounces a little too much, every time the children jump up and down the leaders hold their breath.

The **plumbing** needs looking at as the damp in the toilet is out of control and the whole hut could do with a lick of paint too.

We are not looking for an Extreme Makeover but if there is anyone who would like to volunteer please get in touch.

Oh and if **George Clarke** is out there we would love to hear from you.

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

Bloodaxe Reading Challenge 2016

Jorvik Viking Centre and Explore York Libraries are challenging children to read 4 books on Heroes and Heroines between Saturday 22 October 2016 and Saturday 28 January 2017. You will get a sticker for each book you read and a certificate when you have read all 4 books.

If you complete the challenge you will have a chance to meet an author at York Explore Library during the February half term holiday and will get a free child voucher for the newly refurbished Jorvik Viking Museum.

You can sign up at any library, **including the mobile library**, so come and be a hero or heroine with us!

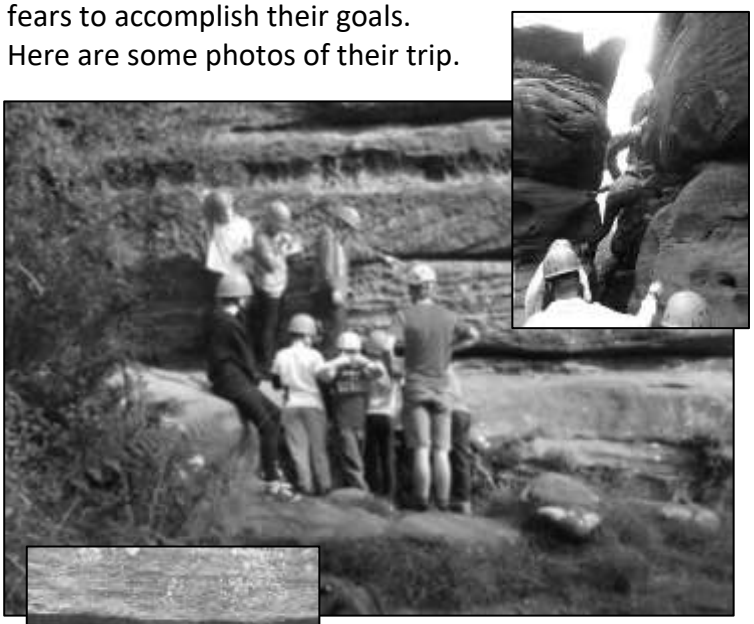
Here at Stockton on the Forest Primary School we very much live by our motto;

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

In July we said "goodbye" to our very grown up Year Six children and wished them well on the next stage of their academic journey. At the opposite end of the school we welcomed our new Reception children, who are at the very start of their school life. It is always a delight to nurture these children and see them develop into outstanding members of our school community. We also welcomed children further up the school. Hello to: Kayleigh, Leila, Hollie, Charleigh and Freddie. Finally we welcomed Frances Whyte to our school. Frances completes the team for Upper Key Stage Two, as the Year Six Teacher.

As is the tradition, our Year Six children set out on their four day residential trip to Bewerley Park (near Patley Bridge) accompanied by Sarah Mills (Head) and Frances Whyte (Class Teacher). The children and adults had a marvellous time, developing new skills and overcoming fears to accomplish their goals.

Here are some photos of their trip.



News from Studio 14

Julie's first solo exhibition has been on display along the main corridor of York Hospital, since September.

You have just a couple of weeks left to catch the display of paintings, near to "Junction Five"; if you happen to be in the hospital between now and the 13th November. There's an ongoing programme of art exhibitions at the hospital, helping improve the environment for patients, staff and visitors. Donations from the sale of paintings goes towards the Art and Design Teams work in using the arts to help relieve sickness and preserve the physical, mental and emotional health of people across North East Yorkshire.

Julie will be at our village Christmas Fair at Stockton Hall on 3rd December. She'll be selling her cards and prints, as well as Christmas cards and gifts. She'll no doubt have a few small paintings with her, but if you want to visit her studio at The Bull Centre, just give her a call to arrange a suitable time.

Stockton on the Forest Primary School

Christmas Fair

Friday

25th November 2016

3.15 - 5.00pm

Grand Prize Raffle – *Fantastic family days out, hampers, vouchers, and more to be won.*

Also Cakes, Games, Stalls and Refreshments

I am now your Village Hall Booking Secretary.

I don't know quite how it happened but there it is! For those of you who know me, I passed on the job of treasurer to Trish.

I moved to Stockton in 1965 and following the birth of my daughter was persuaded to join the W.I by Barbara Hardisty. From there I got involved in the local pantomime. It was a very happy time as both my daughters were involved as well. This production was put on once a year for many years and as there were no men in the W.I. they were "imported" to take key roles. The W.I then joined with other villagers to create what is now known as The Stockton Foresters. I gave up on the fishnets when I got to 40 but remained a part of this group for over 40 years in various capacities on stage and off. I was representing them on the village hall management committee when I was persuaded to take on the role of Booking Secretary for the first time.

During the 60's and early 70's I was one of those who, with a lot of others, helped to organise village carnivals to raise money for the new village hall which opened in 1973. It was hard work but very rewarding. Those were the days of trailers, variety shows, pet shows, and stalls galore. A great time was had by all. There were even pram races down the village street!!

Much to my surprise I became a Guider with Barbara for some years but gave it up when work beckoned. Taking guides camping was really good fun and my son always had to come with me – poor lad!!

I have always been involved in the village life with the exception of a few years in the 80's when circumstances took me away for a while but on my return I got back into the swing of things taking on such roles as Treasurer for the Church, including organising a couple of carnivals, Chairman of the Drama Club and the Petanque club, and as already stated Booking Secretary for the Village Hall.

The job hasn't changed that much since I last did it 16 years ago, it's still about the people and the village, except now we have a website and email!

The village has always been a great part of my life and I feel very grateful to everyone who has persuaded (or even bullied!) me into taking part in all these activities. It has been, and still is, a privilege. I would also like to say "thank you" to all those people who have supported me through some very difficult times.

If you want to book the Village Hall please do not hesitate to call me on 400442 and I will do my best to accommodate you.

Jill Hawkins

What's on at the Village Hall

Mondays

Greenfingers Gardening Club
(1st week of the month 7.15pm)
Contact: Nigel Collinson 423206

Tuesdays

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

Wednesdays

Yoga for the over 50s
(weekly 1.30pm)
Contact Andrea 07986 375098
Women's Institute
(2nd week of the month 7.30pm)
Contact Mary Coulson 422715
Parish Council
(last week of the month)
Contact Fiona Hall – Clerk
Email: parishclerk@thebyre.me.uk

Thursdays

Parent and Toddler Group
(weekly 9.30am – 11.30am, term time only)
Contact Kelly Price 07846 938809
History Group
(every two months 7.30pm)
Contact Joy Moseley 400309
York Electronic Organ Society
(2nd week of the month 7.30pm)
Contact Keith Jackson 01751 431522

Fridays and Saturdays

No regular meetings or events

Sundays

York Pole Dancing Academy
(weekly 6.00pm)
Contact Marisa 0781298932

The **Fox Petanque Club** also meet behind the hall on a Monday and Thursday evenings from 7.00pm Contact Barbara Hardisty 400018

All rooms available for hire at any time if vacant

For all bookings and enquiries call Jill Hawkins on tel: 400442

Are you new to the village or lived here a long time?

Does the history of your house or the village interest you?

Perhaps the History Group can help!

Why not come along to one of our meetings?

Our next meeting will be on:

Thursday 1st December 2016

We will hear from **Richard Green** who will be telling the story of **Holgate Windmill**.

Plus a display of The Times Newspaper 1793, The Scotsman 1824 and The Radio Times 1950.

We welcome everyone to our meetings, to enjoy the speakers, learn a little more about our village and its heritage. Refreshments are provided. Meeting fee only £2.

At our last meeting, we enjoyed listening to Frank Swann on one of our many Oral History Recordings and members brought along their own curiosities – ranging from the Military Medals of Maureen Sutcliffe's Father, to a fabric press, to an extensive Postcard collection dating from 1942 of this area and further afield.

Look out for the posters on the Village Notice Boards with details of the forthcoming meeting, or visit: **www.stocktonontheforest.org.uk**

Unless otherwise specified, meetings take place in the **Long Room,** Village Hall, Sandy Lane, Stockton on the Forest at **7.30pm.**

If you require further information please contact **Joy Moseley on 01904 400309.**

THE FOX INN

13th October, 2016

TO ALL WHO READ THIS NEWSLETTER

It is with much regret and sadness that I have to inform you all that I am leaving the Fox Inn.

It is a decision that has not been taken lightly and is one of the hardest things I have ever done in my working life.

In my 2 years at The Fox I have been very fortunate to have met and I hope become friends with many of you if not all and I have been made to feel very, very welcome and a part of a fantastic community. It has definitely been 2 of the best years of my life and it really is going to be very hard for me to move on and leave such a fantastic pub which I hope in some way I have made, with the help of fantastic and loyal staff, a place where everyone is welcome and you have all enjoyed and can continue to do so.

The support you have all shown in making the pub the friendly, warm and inviting place it is to visit has been truly appreciated by myself and I hope I will see many of you again in the future.

This is a very hard letter for me to write as I feel that I could have achieved so much more here, but I leave with no hard feelings and the hope that I have had a positive impact on your wonderful village.

There are too many people who I would like to thank so I will leave it there, but you are all very special to me.

My very best wishes and hopes go to you all for the future and I thank you once again for making me feel a part of the Stockton on Forest family.

Yours sincerely,

Paul.

THE STOCKTON FORESTERS

It's Christmas, and Dr. Mortimore, highly respected,
Receives troubling news that's quite unexpected.
Trouble? More like a blast from the past:
He'll need to re-configure pretty fast.
Nurse Jane arrives with a shocking claim,
And, though quite unwilling to cast any blame,
All hell soon looms out of the fog –
Two dead husbands, a punk, a neurotic dog.
David's boss demands his presence this instant
Or his knighthood looks increasingly distant.
Wife Rosemary tries to calm Sir down,
Which is tricky when David's acting the clown.
Sister seeks Christmas gifts time after time
While Dr. Connolly's obsessed with his pantomime.
Patient Bill, randy and fond of booze,
Is plonked by mistake in Docs' room to snooze.
The young punk is rapidly losing his grip
As poor Matron unwillingly takes a trip.
In comes a Police Sergeant, very confused:
Are husbands, a son or a puppy abused?
And where do transvestite Matrons fit in?
It seems Dr. Bonney will have to step in.
Conformist and shocked but extremely loyal,
He's over his head but doomed to embroil.
Will he be able to save the day?
You'll only find out if you come to the play.
"It Runs in the Family" is the name to remember
On the 24th, 25th, 26th November.
Book early so that you don't lose out
From Rob, our friendly ticket tout.

Pat Jennings

The Stockton Foresters are presenting the hilarious comedy "It Runs in the Family" by Ray Cooney on Thursday 24th, Friday 25th, and Saturday 26th November at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Stockton on the Forest, York (in association with Samuel French Ltd.).
Tickets £7.50 (including light supper) from Robert Palmer (01904) 400386.

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 November (24th – 26th) we shall be presenting **"It Runs in the Family" by Ray Cooney.**

Although the coming play has been cast, new members would be welcome to join us, 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, props providers, electricians, media manipulators.....all would find a welcome. Delightfully we now have a younger membership, but **we urgently need more female actors!**

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. The feeling of camaraderie is great fun. Come for a taster – you won't regret it!

For more details contact Pat Jennings tel: 400327

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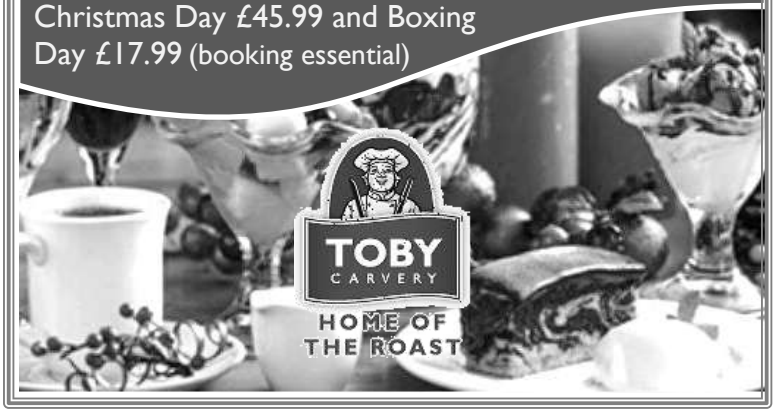

Personal Training available in Stockton on the Forest

I'm Caroline Turner, an experienced Personal Trainer with a proven track record of results.
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I am offering PT from Unit XVIIc Gym (opposite Vertigrow) which also runs a comprehensive range of classes including a Monday afternoon Yoga class run by me at 12:30pm, only £5. Please log onto the website for more details. **http://www.unit17c.co.uk/#front-page-4.** I also run a Yoga class at Earswick Village Hall on Thursday evenings 7pm to 8pm £5 per session.

I look forward to helping you achieve your goals!

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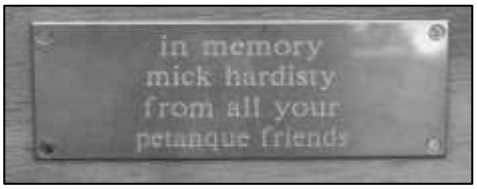
Stockton Fox Petanque Club

The Pétanque season will be drawing to a close in the sport's heartlands of France and Spain. However, the hardy players of Stockton Fox Pétanque Club will be donning thermals and playing throughout the winter. So come and join us behind the Village Hall on Mondays and Thursdays from 7pm followed by a thawing-out session in the Fox. The annual club tournaments are almost complete and trophies will be presented at the AGM in March.

Action at the Melée on 21st Septemer 2016

Some sporting clubs build massive spectator stands as a measure of their success. We at Stockton Fox Pétanque Club are content with our latest spectator facility. In Memory of Mick Hardisty, his many pétanque friends have erected a bench at the club (see front page).
A perfect place to relax and watch the proceedings on the terrains. It's not compulsory to smoke a pipe whilst sitting on 'Mick's' seat.



For more information on the Fox Petanque Club contact Barbara Hardisty tel: 400018 or Robert Palmer tel: 400386

Stockton & Hopgrove Cricket Club

Players needed urgently

The village cricket team needs players urgently! We have really struggled for numbers this year.

The season started on a very cold note with the first game played in rain sleet and a bitter wind; just to make things worse we were outplayed and lost by 100 runs. Things didn't get much better in the coming weeks losing the next few games. A victory then came in the cup against Askham Bryan, then again the week after in the league against Melbourne. The joy was short lived losing the next few but the team spirit never dropped. The low point in the season came with the next round of the cup! A trip to Hirst Courtney with only 8 men, at half way point of the game Hirst had got 160 and we had a chance but some poor batting saw us lose by 80 runs. Winning only 1 of the remaining games a very disappointing season ended.
The evening league team has had the same fortune, finishing bottom, winning only one game. Hopefully next season, in a different league, things will improve.
The club is always on the lookout for new players‼ Hopefully from the village as only one of the current players comes from Stockton! This is a must if the club is to continue, we have been going for over 70 years.
The club is also looking for a new shirt sponsor. Any businesses interested in this please get in touch.

Anybody interested in playing or sponsoring the team PLEASE get in touch with **Chairman Rich Kerrison** to find out what's involved. Tel: (01904) 400541; mob: 07986619125 or email: kerro32@fsmail.net.

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

We are in Division 2 of the York and District 5s and 3s League. Our first game of the season was on Monday Oct 24th at The Fox Inn. Our opponents that night were Clarence WMC.

We meet every Monday evening in the pub, come along and join us for a game, everyone welcome.

FOREST PARK GOLF CLUB

2016 has been an exciting year as it is our 25th anniversary year from opening. In July we celebrated with over 250 members playing golf. They were then treated to a fantastic trick golf show. He made hitting a golf ball from a tee placed just above a man's head, who was laid on the ground, look easy!

We were honoured to host an England Ladies Golf Final in August. The winners of this final won the event and claimed the trophy.

The club is open every day except Christmas Day for a game of golf or to practice balls on the driving range, and the clubhouse is open for coffee, cake, bar food, meals and beer.
Everyone is welcome. You do not have to be a member to enjoy our facilities.

We are now taking bookings for your Christmas event whether its for a few people or many. Please contact the club for details.
See our flyer in the newsletter.

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