

THE STOCKBURY & SOUTH GREEN OBSERVER

August 2022

Hall Diary

All events at the Memorial Hall unless otherwise stated

Mon	1st		
Tues	2nd	Bowls	2.00-4.00pm
Wed	3rd	Pilates	9.30-10.30am
Thurs	4th	Gardeners	8.00-10.00pm
Fri	5th	Zumba	9.30-10.30am
Sat	6th		
Sun	7th	Dog Club - Field	10.00-11.00am
Mon	8th		
Tues	9th	Bowls	2.00-4.00pm
Wed	10th	Pilates	9.30-10.30am
		Parish Council	2.00-4.00pm
Thurs	11th		
Fri	12th	Zumba	9.30-10.30am
Sat	13th	Gardeners Summer Show	2.00-5.00pm
Sun	14th	Dog Club - Field	10.00-11.00am
Mon	15th		
Tues	16th	Bowls	2.00-4.00pm
Wed	17th	Pilates	9.30-10.30am
Thurs	18th		
Fri	19th	Zumba	9.30-10.30am
Sat	20th		
Sun	21st	Dog Club - Field	10.00-11.00am
Mon	22nd		
Tues	23rd	Bowls	2.00-4.00pm
Wed	24th	Pilates	9.30-10.30am
Thurs	25th		
Fri	26th	Zumba	9.30-10.30am
Sat	27th		
Sun	28th	Dog Club - Field	10.00-11.00am
Mon	29th		
Tues	30th	Bowls	2.00-4.00pm
Wed	31st	Pilates	9.30-10.30am

Withdrawal of Bus Route 332

Stockbury Parish Council is shocked and appalled at the decision of Kent County Council to withdraw its subsidy to bus route 332 which serves the Parish's children. It is the latest in a series of poor decisions by both National and Local Government which has led to the systematic withdrawal of services to rural communities.

Whilst Chalkwell have yet to confirm that the service will be withdrawn, it is highly unlikely that they would be prepared to run the service at a loss.

We are assured that those eligible for free transport will continue to receive it from KCC through the use of taxis (albeit from another budget within KCC which is also under extreme pressure), but the children of working parents who do not have any special educational needs will inevitably suffer.

In the view of the Parish Council, this latest decision appears to be part of a concerted effort by Government and County to further isolate rural communities and will eventually lead to the demise of many of those communities. Children are the future of small communities and if parents cannot rely on services, it is inevitable that they will choose, instead, to settle in urban environments.

There is no longer a public bus service serving the village since the nearest bus stops have been permanently removed from the A249. Parents, particularly parents working locally or those who do not drive or have access to a car, are naturally very concerned as to how their children will get to school.

Strong consideration is being given to a suggestion that the village forms a 'Walking Bus' scheme along the carriageway of the A249 to the Sittingbourne schools. It's regrettable that this will inevitably cause some disruption and delays to other road users, during both morning and afternoon rush hours but parents are understandably horrified and extremely worried at how they will cope with the loss of their school bus, especially with no other public transport available as an alternative. Other villages similarly affected by the removal of school bus services may also be considering this option and KCC should understand the strength of feeling on this issue.

Parish Council Meeting

The Parish Council *will not* be holding a formal meeting in August. The next meeting will be on Wednesday 21st September.

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What Will We Do Without The 332?

As some of you may have already heard, Kent County Council have decided to stop subsidising the 332 bus route that services the village and is ostensibly the school bus for most of our children attending schools in Sittingbourne. This has come about as they seek to make a £2m saving in their budget and the 332 is one of the routes they are choosing to not spend £45k a year on. At the time of writing there has not yet been confirmation from the route operator, Chalkwell, that the route is being binned but the reality is that they aren't going to run it without the KCC funding. This is despite KCC receiving a £35m grant from central government to introduce new subsidised bus routes with a view to getting people out of their cars and onto public transport. But, this £35m can only be used for new routes and not to "prop up existing" ones. I have suggested that KCC make a change to the existing 332 route, call it the 332B which would technically be a new route and therefore eligible for the £35m support but this has fallen on deaf ears. Our local MP Helen Whately, who also happened to be the Exchequer Secretary to the Treasury which is the department that wrote the rules about how the cash could be spent, has been contacted with no response ... Granted, this was about the time that Boris got ousted but I wrote to her on 4th July and have had nothing other than an email from a member of her staff asking me to confirm our address. Bottom line as it stands at the moment, as of the new school year, there will be no bus.

Many of us will have made the choice to live in Stockbury and then supported our child's choice of school, based on the fact that there was a reliable bus route to get them there and at the end of this summer term, there were around 15 children that used the service. Of these 15, 5 are what are known as "entitled scholars", which means that they live more than 3 miles from their nearest appropriate school or there is no safe route for them to walk there. For Stockbury, the nearest appropriate school is deemed to be Westlands and KCC must provide transport to get those 5 to school. If your child goes anywhere else, tough – it is currently down to you to get them to school. We've been in touch with Shellina Prendergast, our KCC Councillor, who has advised that we apply to KCC for the "Home to school transport". This is done by going onto the KCC website, creating an account if you don't have one already and search for "apply for home to school transport". When you fill in the form it will ask you why you are applying which is where you need to say that there is no safe route to get your child to any school. The chances are that you will be refused and it then goes to appeal. Shellina will support anyone in this process, fully understanding that there is no safe route for a child to walk out of the village and that scrapping the bus is going to cause more car journeys, involving joining or crossing the A249, despite the central government's £35m which is supposed to be reducing them ...

If we aren't successful in our appeal, what are we supposed to do? We both work and are already busy taking our younger daughter to her school in the opposite direction. We won't be alone in this predicament.

It should also be remembered that whilst the 332 ran predominantly as a school service, it was available to all and its removal is yet another example of the way KCC view our village. Please don't use your cars, we are cutting your parish in half with the re-development of the M2 Junction 5, removing the safer route (Honeyrock Hill) for

the A249 in the process, supported Arriva in closing the bus stops on the A249 and now we are taking away your bus. When are KCC going to do something to support Stockbury?

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Parish Council for their efforts to keep the 332 but this is a KCC issue and there is little they can do. If anyone wants any help with the home to school transport application or any other information, then please feel free to get in touch.

Dave Canham
07767 635885

A Whimsical Evening at The Harrow, Stockbury

Friday 12th August, 2022
From 7.30pm

Everyone please come along and enjoy the
free entertainment

All performers please confirm you will be attending

Brendan
07944 811668

Emergency Road Closure

Rumstead Lane, Stockbury
1st August, 2022

It will be necessary to close Rumstead Lane, Stockbury from 1st August 2022 for up to 5 days.

The road will be closed between the junctions of Rumstead Road and A249 Sittingbourne Road.

The alternative route is via Rumstead Road, South Lees Lane, South Green and A249 Sittingbourne Road.

This is to enable carriageway patching to be carried out by Kent County Council.

Community Harvest Festival
Stockbury Church
9th October

Just to give you a 'save the date' to put in your diaries, there will be a community Harvest Festival held in Stockbury Church on Sunday October 9th at 4.30pm. All welcome, further details in the next Stockbury Observer.

Church Draw July Winners
CONGRATULATIONS!

1st £30 - Dorothy Stamatakis (182)
2nd £20 - Kelly Brooks (259)
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August**

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EVENTS

Fish'n'chip shop night on the 1st Friday of every month

Games night on the 2nd Tuesday of every month.

Quiz night on the 3rd Tuesday of every month.

Coffee and cake morning every Friday

**Seniors Lunch 11th August
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The Harrow

July was a trying month for us, with Covid making its presence known once again within the village and the extreme 40°C heat for several continuous days; however that did not deter us from carrying on with our organised calendar for the month and, some would say foolhardy, folk joined us for our usual games, lively quiz and live music evenings. But on the flip side of the coin, our pétanque team got an extreme soaking playing a home game in a deluge Noah would have been proud of but were triumphant, if squelchingly wet, at its conclusion. Many of those warm and dry in the bar were a little bemused as to the reasons why the game continued in such a downpour! Very hardy (or foolish!) our pétanque Percheron team!

Every Friday is now officially 'Coffee and Cake Friday' at The Harrow! Come and join us with your friends in the relaxed atmosphere of the pub for a catch up and a natter. Don't forget to join our Seniors Lunch on the 11th August either!

Our August calendar of events for you includes a Family Fun Day on Saturday 20th August from 11.00am through to 6.00pm. Come and join in a day full of fun and games for the whole family including games such as Quick Cricket on the field plus face painting; enjoy a pint or three of guest beer, a jug of Pimms perhaps and something to eat from the BBQ which will be running from 1pm until 3pm. Bring the family and join us; a day of fun, laughter and a few surprises awaits you!

Other events at your pub during August are:

- **5th - Fish'n'Chip Night** - please book ahead/takeaway available
- **9th - Games Night** - 8pm start
- **11th - Seniors Lunch** - from 12.30 - please book ahead
- **12th - A Whimsical Evening** - from 7pm
- **13th - Live Music with Emily Jayne** - from 8.30pm
- **16th - Quiz Night** - 8pm start
- **20th - Family Fun Day** - from 11am-6pm
- **23rd - Thai Night** - please book ahead/takeaway available

Our guest Real Ales this month are **St Austell Summer Blond** 4.5% - an irresistible golden ale, perfect for the balmy summer days, followed by **Doombar** 4.00% - named after the dangerous Doom Bar sandbank at the mouth of the Camel Estuary in north Cornwall, this is a flavoursome, well balanced amber ale which is extremely moorish! Pop in and quench your summer thirst with a pint!

We are always looking for new shareholders and this is a relatively inexpensive way to become part owner of your very own village pub. If you or anyone you know would be interested to become a shareholder please contact Chris Porter on 01795 843715 for more details.

Stockbury Book Club

The Nightingale

by Kristin Hannah

This is the story of two sisters facing hardships and perils in France during WWII.

Vianne and Isabel Rossignol have to grow and develop rapidly in order to survive the Nazi occupation, with as little threat to their family unit as they can manage. Their father

already damaged emotionally by his WWI experiences and essentially is estranged from his daughters.

Vianne, the eldest, is married to Antoine Mauriac, who must leave her to fight in the war. She, with their five-year-old daughter Sophie remain in the family cottage and encounter conflicting emotions when a German officer is billeted in their home. Isabelle meanwhile, single and at eighteen, rebellious, reckless and full of the passion of youth, has her own way of dealing with the occupation.

Each character, of consideration for safety and of necessity hides the reality of their lives from the others. The result is an intrigue of actions and tension with twists of fate right up to the end.

We were all captivated by this novel for its clearly drawn characters, for the atmospheric wartime descriptions, for the empathetic story line. There were cleverly woven themes which, it was felt, reached their several conclusions in an unhurried and believable manner, unlike some narratives which rush all the closures into the very last chapter. The story delivers chilling insight into various aspects facing civilians, often women, during an occupation by a foreign power. We felt this all the more in the light of present events in Ukraine.

All but one of us gave the book 9 / 10 whilst that other member allocated an 8.

Ann Rich

Stockbury Gardeners

Keeping the poly tunnel and greenhouses normally is a problem for no other reason than but to keep them warm, this month it was the opposite. I tried industrial fans, misters and even pulling weed suppressant material over the top of the roof to create shade and believe it or not I succeeded in reducing the temperature; even so, I recorded 59°C at one point. The onions were cooking and I am afraid, alas, they have gone. We have lost quite a few plants as we could not water them, concentrating only on the vegetables.

On a lighter note, the chillies and tomatoes have loved the heat and something that I never succeed with - melons!! So much so I found a use for my wife's old, tights, - not so much old but unwanted, - by cutting them up and stringing the melons in them (see picture).



This month, although we are still awaiting confirmation, Christine Bartlett is talking about "Orchids for Beginners". Thursday 4th August in the Village Hall, free to all. Start time is 8pm. Also this month, two of our members are competing at the New Forest Show, in the Southern Area Vegetable Championships, we wish them much luck.

Our Summer Show will be on the 13th of August, please put the date in your diary, its open to all at 2pm after the judging has finished.

I have found a very good value veggie crop to grow and eat in 4 or 5 weeks, Dwarf French Beans. Sow now and you will with regular picking be eating them up until the frosts, they really grow well in the greenhouse as well. The variety is Ferrari, I suppose because they grow so fast,

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Whether you're heading to the countryside, the coast or the airport, we've got some useful tips to get you there and home safely.

We recommend that you check your vehicle before travelling. Ensuring your tyres, lights, oil, and screen wash are all in check before setting off can avoid a breakdown.

The summer holiday leads to more traffic on the roads, so please do pack extra food and water and allow additional time to get to your destination.

We understand how frustrating delays are, so we want to help you plan your journey within or through our south east region.

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however they are definitely not red!!

On a plus point we have started finishing our meetings slightly earlier, in order to get a quick pint in at The Harrow on the way home, now come on, that should get you out from in front of the TV!!

See you at our Summer Show!

Chris Spree

STOCKBURY COMMUNITY BUS

As many of you know Fiona Moody was the admin genius behind the Stockbury Community Bus, as well as expertly driving it, for a very long 10 year stint until she gave it up in December 2019. Stockbury Parish Council wanted to mark the end of her tenure with a small presentation at a village event, to show their grateful thanks and present a token of appreciation for all the hard work Fiona had put in. Unfortunately, there were no suitable village events planned for the presentation to be made before Covid struck in March 2020, when all events were cancelled; so the presentation was postponed and postponed until very recently when the grateful council finally presented Fiona with her gift on behalf of the parish.



It's long overdue but thank you Fiona for your sterling efforts in supporting the Community Bus. And also, it should be noted that 2 years before resigning from the Bus Committee, Fiona took over The Stockbury Observer and has made it the fascinating and eagerly awaited monthly newsletter it now is! Some people are just gluttons for punishment but in another 5 years or so Fiona might just get another keyring ...

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(Such. an impressive bag for a keyring! Thank you for your unexpected and generous kind gesture, it will be treasured always. - Ed aka Fiona - guess the cats well of out the bag now!)

September Trips

Wednesday 7th - The bus will be going to Quex Park at Birchington-on-Sea. There is plenty to do and see within the park, whether it is viewing the Waterloo Tower, browsing the farm shop or garden centre, taking an alpaca for a walk, or just enjoying a leisurely lunch in the cafe. We will aim to leave Stockbury by 10:45am and should be returning by around 4:30pm.

On Friday 23rd we will make another attempt to visit Rye; hopefully this time there will be no Covid cases or hospital appointments that will prevent anyone from joining us. Priority will be given to those who booked a seat on the original July trip but if you are interested in going then please call and if any of the original passengers cannot make the 23rd September then there should be space. The cost of this trip will be £10, for those passengers who have a National Bus Pass the concessionary fare will be just £5. We will aim to leave Stockbury/Hartlip by 10am and will be returning by around 4:30pm.

If you are interested in booking a seat on either trip, then please call Geoff on 07551 454702.

Geoff Moody

Patrik Says ...

Depending on which local issue of my newsletter you receive, some readers may already have seen that the Local Government Boundary Commission for England has launched its second consultation on the electoral boundaries review for Maidstone.

They amended the proposals, which were initially put forward by MBC and on which many of you commented. Your voice has been heeded and the Commission's latest proposal is to retain the North Downs Ward in its entirety but to merge it with Harrietsham and Lenham to form a 3 member super ward. It looks like a step in the right direction.

There are two concerns remaining:

1. The representation, or lack of, of residents in the smaller communities: Will an elected councillor heed to the smaller communities concerns when the bigger issues in Lenham are the real vote winners?
2. And secondly from a candidates view, such a large ward by area is simply too big to be campaigned on, especially in all-out elections as we will have from 2024 onwards.

The current revision is not the final decision and there will be heated debates to be had in the months to come. I see the conundrum that North Downs' registered voter numbers have been dwindling over the past years and that there are some policy considerations where boundary lines can and cannot be drawn; eg Parishes shall not be divided. However, I personally would like to see North Downs to remain separate from Harrietsham and Lenham and will continue to lobby the boundary commission accordingly.

Please support my quest and take part at the current public consultation which can be found here:

<http://consultation.lgbce.org.uk/have-your-say/32722> and closes on 28 September 2022.

Report It! Report It! Report It!

Service failures are always annoying, and I acknowledge that some areas in the North Downs have more than its fair share. Please report missed bins and fly-tipping promptly: <https://maidstone.gov.uk/home/primary-services/street-care-and-cleaning/litter,-bins-and-street-sweeping>

Government works by statistics. Unless residents report issues through the proper channels, government institutions will not be aware of the problems.

All too often I see angry outbursts on social media about anti-social behaviour or missed bin collections. When I then ask officers whether there are any particular local problems, they show me their computer printout, which is a white sheet. There is little point in moaning on Facebook or Nextdoor unless the issues are also reported through the correct channels! That goes not only for Maidstone's services but for all government institutions such as KCC (Highways) and the police. It is the official reports of service failures (or lack thereof), which will determine how your taxes shall be spent to resource local government. I reiterate: Government works by statistics!

“Patrik, I need to talk to you about ...”

Unfortunately our current 2 tier system of local government is extremely confusing. Quite frankly it is ridiculous to such an extent that if you call me about dirty roads I can help you

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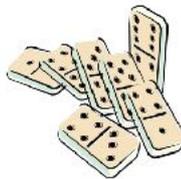
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This is a great opportunity to play old favourites and to learn some new games.

Come along for an evening of traditional fun in the gloomy depths of winter and beyond.

We aim to start about 8 pm and would love to see anyone interested and you are welcome to bring any games with you.



**Calling the
"Ladies" of Stockbury:**

Come and join like-minded ladies for a lovely lunch and a catch up

At

*The Harrow Pub on the last Thursday of the month
at about 12.30pm*

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We would love you to join us

with the cleaning of the edges and verges but I will have to refer you to my KCC colleague if your concerns refer to the moss and mud in the middle of the road.

I am probably right when I assume that most people do not care or even understand which local authority is responsible for what issue but we all want an efficient local authority which delivers local services effectively and on budget.

KCC, who receives about 80% of your council tax, is in total disarray: adult social services are under-resourced, juvenile social services are non-existent, schools are failing a whole generation and don't get me started on the highways, potholes or buses ... KCC is the largest County Council in the country. It is so big that it has lost touch with the community it is tasked to serve.

You may have read Maidstone's leader, David Burton, commenting in the Kent Messenger that Kent should be converted into three unitary authorities. A unitary is a local authority, which is responsible for all local services. One council / one councillor to take the responsibility for the dirt in the middle of the highway and the sides. By example, Medway is such a unitary authority.

Indeed, I regularly lobby Councillor Burton to pursue the push for a unitary authority. The KM article was very much in line with my own thinking. However, I do take one concern very seriously and I can assure you that we will not spend millions on officer's time and consultancy fees on a strategy for a super council. While the break-up of KCC is more than overdue, the process though will have to come from Westminster. Any change how local government will be organised will be prescribed by an Act of Parliament.

Only Parliament can decide whether Kent should be divided up into 3 or possibly 4 unitary authorities and which District Councils go to bed with another. It is in Maidstone's interest that we are the forerunners in this process and it is only right for the leader of MBC to hold preliminary discussions with his counterparts in neighbouring Districts. In my view this cannot happen too early and Councillor Burton has not only my full support on this but I will continue to actively encourage him to pursue this avenue.

Pop-up shops for Lockmeadow

Lockmeadow seeks independent designers, retailers, artists and more to transform and utilise a free, large space this summer. To find out more, please email your information and a photo of your products to :

alexakerstingwoods@maidstone.gov.uk

And finally ...some good news stories

Have a look at this: <https://youtu.be/YVgCeNSwmZU>

All too often people talk Maidstone down and spread negativity. This video is a little montage of all the great things that has been done over the past year.

There is much to be proud and positive about Maidstone. Of course, I will not sit on my laurels and I will continue to make a great place even better.

And, with those famous words, I hope that you will enjoy August. Maidstone has plenty to offer this summer:

<https://mailchi.mp/visitmaidstone/summer-holiday-ideas?e=a5f1fb8e93>

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PATRIK GARTEN

MBC Councillor for North Downs Ward (Conservative)

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Thursday 11th & 25th August, '22

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At the Village Hall

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Church Matters St. Mary Magdalene		01795 227329
Community Bus	Booking Line	07551 454702
Cricket Club	Enrique Damian	07522 691831 07967 890010
Crimestoppers	(Confidential)	0800 55511
Dog Club	Mick Bingham	01795 842480
Electricity Problems		0800 7838866
Environment Agency	Incident Hotline	0800 807060
Fly Tipping & Waste Collection	Including bulky items	01622 602162
Gardeners	stockburygardeners@live.com	
Golf Society	Philip Painter	07850 190204
Hall Bookings	Sue Porter	01795 843715
Kent County Councillor	Shellina Prendergast shellina.prendergast@kent.gov.uk	
Maidstone BC Councillor	Patrik Garten - patrikgarten@maidstone.gov.uk	01622 807907
MB Farms Stores & Post Office		01795 842401
Member of Parliament Faversham & Mid Kent Ward	Helen Whately - helen.whately.mp@parliament.uk	
Neighbourhood Watch	Ann Ballard	01622 736331
Parish Council Clerk	Sherrie Babington	01634 867173
Pétanque Club	Tina Jacobs	07743 910185
Photographic Club	Tim Arnold - timarnold@btinternet.com	01795 843049
Police	Emergency Only Non-Emergency	999 101
Police Community Support Officer for Stockbury		101
Public Footpaths & Bridleway	Reporting issues with. - westprow@kent.gov.uk	03000 417171
Roads, Potholes, etc	(manned 24hrs) - www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/ report-a-problem	03000 418181
RSPCA		0300 1234999
Short Mat Bowls	Ann Rich - email: ann.stockbury@btinternet.com	07718 070807
South East Water	Emergency Only Non-Emergency	0333 000 0365 0333 000 3330
Stockbury Observer - Editor	stockburyobserver@gmail.com	
The Harrow Public House	contact@theharrowstockbury.co.uk	01795 843222