

THE STOCKBURY & SOUTH GREEN OBSERVER

'In the Garden of England'

June '19 Diary

All events at the Memorial Hall unless otherwise stated

Sat	1st		
Sun	2nd	Dog Club - Field	10.00 - 11.00am
		Cricket - Field	1.30 - 7.00pm
Mon	3rd		
Tues	4th	Bowls	2.00 - 4.00pm
		Private Booking	7.00 - 9.00pm
Wed	5th	Pilates	9.30 - 10.30am
Thurs	6th	Private Booking	10.00 - 4.00pm
		Gardeners	8.00 - 10.00pm
Fri	7th	Dancing Club	8.00 - 10.30pm
Sat	8th		
Sun	9th	Dog Club - Field	10.00 - 11.00am
Mon	10th		
Tues	11th	Bowls	2.00 - 4.00pm
		Private Booking	7.00 - 9.00pm
Wed	12th	Pilates	9.30 - 10.30am
		WI	7.30 - 9.30pm
Thurs	13th	Bowls	7.30 - 9.30pm
Fri	14th	Dancing Club	8.00 - 10.30pm
Sat	15th		
Sun	16th	Dog Club - Field	10.00 - 11.00am
		Cricket - Field	1.30 - 7.00pm
Mon	17th		
Tues	18th	Bowls	2.00 - 4.00pm
		Private Booking	7.00 - 9.00pm
Wed	19th	Pilates	9.30 - 10.30am
		Sew & Chatter	1.30 - 3.30pm
		Parish Council	7.30 - 9.30pm
Thurs	20th	Bowls	7.30 - 9.30pm
Fri	21st	Dancing Club	8.00 - 10.30pm
Sat	22nd	Sweet Pea Show	2.30 - 4.00pm
Sun	23rd	Dog Club - Field	10.00 - 11.00am
		Cricket - Field	1.30 - 7.00pm
Mon	24th	Private Booking	7.00 - 9.00pm
Tues	25th	Bowls	2.00 - 4.00pm
		Private Booking	7.00 - 9.00pm
Wed	26th	Pilates	9.30 - 10.30am
Thurs	27th	Bowls	7.30 - 9.30pm
Fri	28th	Dancing Club	8.00 - 10.30pm
Sat	29th	NSY Food Fayre	10.00 - 2.00pm
		Private Booking	2.30 - 5.00pm
Sun	30th	Dog Club - Field	10.00 - 11.00am

Stockbury Roundabout

Following a consultation with Parishioners last year, Highways England recently put forward a new option. Their proposal was for a new roundabout with a flyover for the A249. This had the advantages of cost (they felt they could afford it), and free flow of traffic to and from Sheppey.

Earlier this year, the Project Manager met with the Parish Council to discuss their new proposal. We expressed serious concerns:

- The flyover would mean that there were no gaps in the traffic to allow the use of the crossover at the bottom of Church Hill. Traffic would be flowing evenly at speeds in excess of 70 mph rendering the crossover extremely dangerous.
- The scheme would effectively cut the Parish in half.
- The design of the roundabout was poor and would lead to toppled HGVs if they attempted to navigate it at the speeds anticipated.

In mitigation, Highways England offered us a footbridge from Church Hill, over the A249, to the new access road proposed for the eastern side. This did not deal with the danger posed by the flyover when attempting to access Stockbury from the southbound carriageway.

With the support of Helen Whately and both our Kent and Maidstone Councillors, the Parish Council has been arguing for a road bridge from Church Hill to the access road on the other side. This would mean that vehicles could cross the A249 safely.

On Friday 24th, Helen chaired a meeting with KCC, Swale Borough Council, Stockbury Parish Council and Highways England. The meeting had been "packed" by someone at KCC presumably in an effort to get Helen's support without dealing with Stockbury's concerns.

Fortunately Helen is made of stronger stuff and held out for a solution which meets Stockbury's needs. This may be a bridge or an alternative eg traffic lights. What is clear is that she will veto the scheme at Department of Transport level unless Highways England and KCC come up with a solution that produces the outcomes we want.

An update on progress will be in next month's Observer.

Phil Woods
Stockbury Parish Council

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The services in June are as follows:

2 June - 6pm Holy Communion.

9 June - 6pm BCP Evensong

16 June - 6pm Holy Communion

23 June - 6pm BCP Evensong.

30 June - 6pm Holy Communion.

**NB. The services in will take place in
Hartlip Church**

Penny Stevens - PCC Secretary

There are a range of services during Holy Week held within the benefice of the Six Parishes, to which Stockbury belongs and can be found on the parishes' website – www.thesix.org.uk or contact The Rev'd Liz Cox

For baptisms, weddings or funerals please contact The Rev'd Liz Cox on 01795 844241

May Church Draw Winners

CONGRATULATIONS!

1st - Rebekah Charlesworth

£40 (155)

2nd - Graham Seymour

£20 (251)

3rd - Erin Martin

£10 (179)

St Augustine's RC, Deanwood Drive, Rainham

Mass Times
Weekdays 9.30 am
Saturday 10.00 am and 6.00 pm
Sunday 9.30 am and 11.00 am

Stockbury Church Update

It's been an interesting month or two at the church. Having assured the builders that the church would be shut except for village funerals, we lost Terry Brown and had quite a job to get it ready for his funeral. My thanks go out to all the villagers who turned out and helped with the huge cleaning task.

The work is now coming to an end and we should shortly be able to return to have our services there. Sadly the next service will again be a special opening for the funeral of Brenda Mace, a long standing member of our church community as well as many other village organisations.

We will be having a 'Meet the Stone Masons & Architect Day' on 22nd June from 11am to 3pm, all will be welcome to come and see what has been happening and why. There will be light refreshments on sale too.

Our official re-opening will be on July 21st when there will be a short service at 6pm followed by refreshments and opportunities to view the new loo and trip to the Bell Tower.

We look forward to welcoming all our visitors over the summer.

God Bless

Calling Anyone With Vocal Cords!

The honour of Stockbury Village is a stake!

We need singers for this years 'Sing with the Six' event on 14th July, which was great fun last year.

I have booked Hartlip Church on **Wednesday June 12th** and **Tuesday June 18th** at 8pm, come to one or both as you can. We will see how we go and plan from there.

We will have a go at a couple of good songs together.

No previous experience necessary!

Call Sara on 01795 842914 for more information.





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TERRY BROWN

October 1939 - March 2019



I have known Terry for more than fifty years and in that time often had interesting conversations with him about the village, politics, religion, short mat bowls - well all life really. But it wasn't until I had a long chat with Doris (thank you Doris!) that I came to understand more fully the man behind the public persona.

An only child he was born of hard working and loving parents in Grecian Street, Maidstone on October 27th 1939. His father was in the army and away from home a great deal; his mother worked first delivering milk and later in the iron foundry to help keep the family. Some of you may remember that it was on September 3rd of that year when war was declared and it was in this unsettled world that Terry grew up.

Of necessity his parents had to find a minder for him during the day and his memories of this time were bleak. There was little to occupy him until his mother collected him after her work and took him home for a meagre tea. There was always the threat of bombing and some houses in Grecian Street were hit. Although he lived in an uncertain world he made friends whilst playing in the street and like many youngsters of that era found excitement and adventure in exploring some of the bomb sites near his home. As he grew it became part of his daily life to queue for essentials when they were available. Britain was almost bankrupt after the war and rationing continued until 1954 so food during his early years was very much in short supply. It all sounds a bit grim but everyone was in a similar position and communities everywhere pulled together often sharing what little they had. I mention this because it is clear from Doris' account, Terry's early years had a great influence on his philosophy of life.

Terry's school life ceased when he was fifteen (he went to Eastborough, now Vinters School in Maidstone). He had hoped to work for the Post Office but they found him to be colour blind so it was not to be. Briefly he worked for a glass works but really office work did not suit him and he then sought employment with Redifusion, a television company. For a number of years he installed cables and aerials for the firm, eventually moving on to TV sales. It wasn't all work; he played cricket and was a member of the local darts team and followed Sunderland..... a childhood whim which lasted a lifetime !

But, back to the young Terry! At the age of 18 his connection with Stockbury began; his parents Sid and Molly moved to Rose Cottage, The Street. Whilst living there he played cricket for the local team and was in the pub's darts club team and as ever he kept up his interest in football. (In the 70s he was Director of Maidstone Football Club.) Anyway, after a couple of years a young Doris

Maddocks caught his eye and he asked if he could take her to a dance in Bromley (a cricket connection) Because Les and Dot Spratt, a long time village couple, were going there too he was allowed to escort her. Two years later (1961) they became engaged. Parsonage Oast was renovated in the following years and in 1964 after their wedding they moved in to begin married life. Their children, Nick and Louise came on the scene a few years later and Terry, made a decision to branch out a bit to support his new family. He bought a coachworks at Tovil and ran the business whilst still retaining his Redifusion job.

In the next few decades we see Terry following his passions in earnest. Aside from his undoubted business acumen, he firmly believed that everyone should be able to settle in the place of their birth if they wished and to this end he supported the low cost housing scheme in Stockbury, something for which he was criticised. He was also of the opinion that young people, indeed anyone who made a mistake which brought them before the law should be given a second chance. His public work made it possible for him in some small way to follow through with these ambitions. He was on Stockbury Parish Council, twice as chairman and he was also a serving JP at Maidstone for 25 years. One of the people who knew him at court sent Doris a letter recently telling her that but for Terry giving him a second chance his life might well have been a disaster. Testament indeed.

Meanwhile Terry was supporting his family; he had sold the coachworks and moved to Parsonage Farm when Doris' father was unable to carry on working the farm. He was a rock for Doris during the sad decline in her father's health as well as her mother's passing. With the farm now uppermost in his mind he realised diversification was necessary if they were to survive, which was how the butchery first took shape cloistered in the old thatchers' huts, later the pigsties. No worries.... they were cleaned out! But of course it didn't end there as we know. He was the ideas man behind branching out into buying the village shop and developing the farm shop.

He was always thinking of ways in which he could engage people in village activities, keeping alive our small community as much as possible. In the 80s he and Dr. Jim Russell put their heads together to revive the Village Cricket Club and both boosted the start with a donation. Although he didn't play at the time he always supported them and then in 1990 he, along with others brought about the Short Mat Bowls Club and he took part in their matches.

We are almost up to date now. Having resigned in 2011 from the stresses of the Parish Council he still didn't take life easy. He was often seen driving the farm's butcher's van on deliveries or to farmer's markets but in 2012 his health came under threat; he had a serious heart attack which left him fighting for his life. There was a long road to recovery but he retained his interest in the farm though of course by this time his son Nick had taken over and he lived to see his grandson take an active interest in the business as well.

Terry's long life was celebrated in Stockbury Church only a few weeks ago. It was a place he loved and a building he admired and respected and he would have been pleased to see it so full of his friends. Cont'd ..



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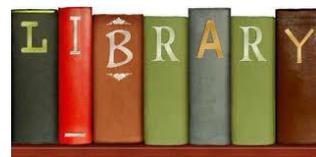
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Please be vigilant and report suspicious characters or incidents to the police and also to your co-ordinator (details below).

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Rosemary (Ann) Ballard (Co-ordinator)
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Any ideas and views would be greatly welcomed at the above mentioned e-mail address.

If you know of any other residents who would like to receive information from Stockbury Neighbourhood Watch, then please ask them to either contact the Co-ordinator on the above telephone number or e-mail their details to the above mentioned e-mail address.

Stockbury Church Preserves



And there will be some wonderful raffle prizes from local business!!!



Mobile Library Dates

6th and 20th June '19

At the Village Hall

Cont'd - Terry Brown

It is clear that Terry was a caring individual, stubborn, maybe, driven, perhaps but he was always cognisant of the plight of people less fortunate than himself and he was able to fulfil his vision of a happier life for everyone in some small practical ways over the years. Many people whose lives he touched will miss him. Our sincere condolences go out to Doris and her family at this time.

Ann Rich



Stockbury Book Club

The Guernsey Literary & Potato Peel Pie Society by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows.

This short novel is set in 1946, following the end of WW2 and is written in the form of letters between the residents of the island of Guernsey and a writer, Juliet Ashton.

Juliet is searching for a topic for her next book and is contacted by a farmer on Guernsey who is a member of the island's book club: The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society. The plot develops through her correspondence with him and several other islanders and she decides to visit them. Through these letters and her stay on the island, we learn about how the society began during the German occupation.

We admired the way that information about the occupation was conveyed and woven into the story. We read about the oppression, the strict curfews, the lack of food and the cruelty but we also learnt about the strength of the island community and their bravery. The book is sad and touching but humorous too; the author paints some interesting pictures of many quirky characters!

Most of us did find the letter format confusing at the start but enjoyed the mix of historical fact with fiction and gave an overall score of 8 out of 10.

Jan Butterfill

Please Note: An altered version of our last review on 'The Garden of Burning Sand' was printed in the Hartlip Forum. The Hartlip version did not accurately reflect our views of the novel.

Cockett's Corner Ditty

Many hip, hip, hip, hoorays
We've just had two Bank Holidays

Children have tired their little legs
Running around looking for Easter eggs

The unusual weather did not help
By making the eggs sag and melt!



Stockbury Gardeners

Returning from Chelsea on an electro-ped trike and deposited at Victoria station, we were glad to get the weight off our feet after a long day. Reflecting on our trip, Chelsea is a world class exhibition with the stands trying their best to outperform the rest of the growers and exhibitors.

This year Medwyn Williams MBE, returned to Chelsea after a break of ten years, made it with his 12th Gold Medal. We were fortunate enough to share a glass of bubbly with the family.



His vegetables were started into growth in October 2018, kept in insulated rooms, heated with 20 degrees of heat and encouraged into growth with LED lamps which simulate sunlight, all of this to produce such a fantastic result. Wow!!

Its worth noting that our very own Phil Johnson was exhibiting at the Kent Garden Show, with a stand selling his own sweet pea seeds and his display won best in show. Not only did the flowers look fantastic, the scent was out of this world, well done Phil.

Back in Stockbury we are about to exhibit our flowers at the Sweet Pea and Rose Show; watch out for the banner outside of the village hall. The show is open to the public at 2pm for 2 hours on the 22nd June.

Prior to that, on the 6th June we are visiting our Chairman's garden at 6:30 for a BBQ and a peek at his secrets! New members can attend should you wish to join. Old members wishing to re join will also be welcome.

During the holiday weekend I hope that you managed to get some time in the garden, you should have been watering cauliflowers as they will not fill up their curd unless a lot of water is supplied. I have been planting out brassica plants which included Cavolo Nero a type of kale which grows in the form of a large fleur-de lis in dark green and is full of iron. and a second sowing of marathon calabrese which I will have to freeze to supply the tasty heads into the winter. In the greenhouse spray cucumbers with water regularly to keep red spider mites at bay. Dead head roses as they finish flowering.

An update on the robins; a nest appeared in one of the outbuildings and a brood of 6 fledged on the 26th May. The tit boxes have been filled up and the parents have been busy ferrying caterpillars in and out for a week now.

Chris Spree

June Events @ The Harrow

1st June - Steak Night .. two steaks and a bottle of house wine for
£40

4th June - Pie and Pint lunch

7th June - Fish and Chip Night, including take away

15th June - the kitchen is closed due to an engagement party.. fear
not, we are still open for drinkers. *there will be a DJ

16th June - Fathers day Sunday Lunch

19th June - OAP Lunch Club

21st June - Fish and Chip night, including takeaway

22nd June - The kitchen is closed due a Birthday Party, we are still
open for drinkers

29th June - Steak night .. two steaks and a bottle of house wine for
£40

Every Thursday we offer early bird dinners from 5.30-8.30 (selected menu,
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for evening meals.**



The Harrow Sunday Funday

21st July

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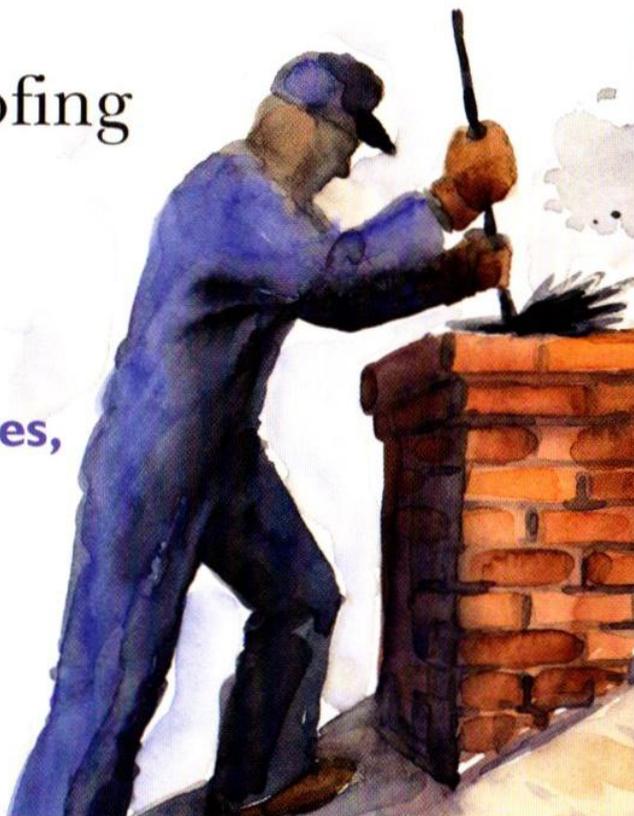
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(for back-copies of my Newsletters see:

<https://www.stockbury.org.uk/observer>

Parish Website

It was brought to our attention that the Parish Council website is frequently out of date and contains a few inaccuracies (e.g. the wrong MP!). Over the next few months, we will work to improve it and, hopefully, make it a little more responsive. In the meantime, please bear with us.....

Phil Woods
Stockbury Parish Council



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favourites and to learn new games.

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Village Bonfires

Can we all please show some consideration for our neighbours when having garden bonfires during the summer months. It is a sunny Bank Holiday weekend and I cannot use my garden because of inconsiderate people, who in the middle of the afternoon are having a bonfire!!

Please don't spoil the summer months when most would like to be outside enjoying the limited fine weather without being choked and smoked back indoors by bonfire fumes.

Thank you.

Anon

The annual local elections have passed and despite purdah being lifted I have little sensible nor important to rant.

Ok, what happened? Not much, we lost a seat, which we expected and we gained a seat which the Liberals handed us on a plate - they missed their deadline for filing their election papers. – LOL – you couldn't make it up!

Essentially Maidstone is still NOC (No Overall Control). Although the Conservatives are the party with the most seats, the Liberals are in charge, propped up by everybody else. – I get the feeling that being a Conservative is becoming a lonely position :-)

The biggest difference between the Liberals and Conservatives at MBC is that the Liberals represent urban wards while we mostly represent the rurals. From that point, the slow resurrection of the Labour Group is noteworthy. While three years ago they had only two members, they now doubled in size, to four. (This is how one writes headlines :-D)

Following the election of the Leader, Martin Cox (Lib), came the annual fight for Committee Chairmanships and Vice Chairs. For our opponents the gloves came off and the small groups, like Labour and Independents wield a lot of power. The committee system, which we operate in Maidstone, favours smaller groups but also allows the opposition more influence. Do you remember when I wrote last year about the Strategic Plan? There the Conservatives were very successful in pursuing their ideas even though we were and still are in opposition

The year ahead will soon address the Review of the Local Plan. By a national government formula we will be required to add another 7500 homes to the current plan. Councillors of most colour expressed a strong interest in a garden village; such a development will have less impact on existing village communities and the economy of scale will allow for better infrastructure, which can be planned from the outset rather than an ad-hoc patchwork as is currently the case. A recent call for sites is just about finished.

Please do not listen to any rumours or speculation in the press or elsewhere. There is a lot of hush, hush around but no decisions are imminent, all proposals from developers are being weighed and will be discussed in due course. It is fair to say that Maidstone has a plan of its own up its sleeve but this does not mean that this plan will be prioritised, it is one of many. When Committee debated this recently, many councillors disagreed that the public should be excluded. I requested my name to be recorded, that I voted for a public meeting.

While I am prohibited from saying what was discussed, I can assure you that nothing will happen this side of August and, when it does, you'll be the first one who I'll tell.



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With number two done with a successful trip to Canterbury enjoyed by all, here we go again. So where to this time??

The Grand Burstin Hotel Folkestone for a carvery lunch followed by a short drive up the hill to Capel-Le-Ferne home to The Battle of Britain Memorial complete with two historic aircraft and excellent views across the channel (weather permitting, of course!) gift shop and café – what more could you possibly want!?! Oh yes, a quiz!

We will pick up an hour later than usual, from about half past ten and make our way via the A20 to Folkestone in time for lunch which is a carvery and costs £11.00 for 2, I believe, so excellent value. We'll be there a good couple of hours before going up to the memorial which is free entry unless you want to try the 'Scramble Experience' which tells you more about the life of a fighter pilot and is a bit more interactive at a cost of £5.00; it appears interesting but not a must. We will be there another hour or so before making our way back via the M20.

The date for your diary is **Wednesday 26th June** and as lunch needs to be booked, get booking with Fiona asap. As usual the trip will be free for concession holders and £5:00 per person for those without. In addition lunch is payable as before on the day.

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Stockbury & Hartlip Cricket Club

Season update.

Unfortunately our first fixture was called off by the opposition as they were unable to field a team when we had a full eleven straining at the leash.

Rodmersham also cried off and our first game was a rearranged fixture at home to Old Gravesendians on a hastily prepared home pitch and only nine players; OG's lent us a fielder., however the strip played well enough for the opposition to score 218 with the Ratcliffes getting six wickets between them. Jemima had figures of 3 for 45, Oscar 3 for 62 and our guest Robin 2 for 18 with all bar the skipper getting a bowl our reply was a modest 55, with Paul White 18 and Robin 16.....we will gloss over the failures.

Our second game away to Hartley was far more successful as we came away with an honourable draw. Hartley batted first and reached 258. Once again all who wanted to had a bowl with 1 wicket each for Damian Doran and Cyril Davey. Jemima also ran out their opener who was backing up by deflecting a return shot onto the wicket. Our innings were dominated by a superb innings from Ted Ratcliffe of 123 not out and Geoff Fernand with 14 was the only other to get double figures. Michael Kinney played a stalwart innings at no.9 scoring 9 not out supporting Ted and earning us a draw.

Our game against Sturry was approached with real optimism as we were fielding what will probably be our strongest team this year. Our batting did not let us down and we had another hero in Joe Martin who became our second centurion making 116 not out. He was well supported by Ted with 40 (whilst injuring his thigh), Michael made a very good 18 (whilst injuring his back) and our guest Alex from O Gravesendians weighed in with 25 to give a very respectable total of 217 for 6.

The fielding half was rather different with none of our bowlers really making a mark. There were wickets for Damien, Mark Webb and Alex, with Joe bowling a very tight spell of 12.1 overs 1 for 41.

Unfortunately more fielders were injured in the field and we only had 4 who could run fast enough to cut off the fours. Their batsmen were big hitters and the pitch played very well so everything was against us. However they only won with 2 overs to spare so overall it was a good performance.

But yet again it was one man who gave us a look of respectability and my thanks go to this week's superhero Joe Martin.

Even though fielding a full team has been problematic due to injuries, holidays and distant non cricket loving girlfriends, our opposition and our players have all enjoyed the games which have been played in a really friendly atmosphere.

I must also mention the teas; Sam from The Harrow has produced exactly what we wanted and plenty of it, so my thanks go to him.

Our next game is at home to Harvel on Sun 2nd June and we look forward to seeing you there.

Roger Milton



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Watch this space for more information or speak to Penny Spearman on 07756 068739



Stockbury W.I.

We were joined by WI Advisor Wendy Keast for our AGM last month and votes were taken to re-elect our President Ann, Vice President Di, Treasurer Joyce and Secretary Pat. A very big 'THANK YOU' to all of you for being so dedicated to your positions and doing a great job of keeping the Stockbury WI alive and kicking!! We are only a very small WI and all of us have to do our part and get involved in whatever needs to be done. We will welcome any new members if you would like to come and join us.

The 'End Plastic Soup' campaign is one of many that the NFWI has taken on to reduce the amount of single-use plastic pollution entering our oceans. Here are a few facts which remind us of how important it is to keep up the awareness of the campaign and encourage us to be less reliant on single-use plastic:-

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Our next meeting in the Village Hall will be Wednesday 10th July at 7.30pm

Heather Tomsett

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The fly tipping plague has diminished in recent weeks, probably partly due to Swale identifying a fly tipper on the Parish boundary who will be prosecuted. Unfortunately, the amount of litter thrown from cars has not diminished.

The Parish Council has agreed that we need drastic action to reduce the amount of rubbish dumped in the lanes, including fast food packaging and drinks containers. Over the next few weeks, we will be installing "trail cameras" at various points around the Parish. Their locations will be clearly marked with warning signs placed within 200 metres of each camera as required by law. Any evidence gathered will be forwarded to the team with specific responsibility for prosecutions at Maidstone Borough Council and any prosecution will receive the full support of the Parish Council.

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Phil Woods
Stockbury Parish Council

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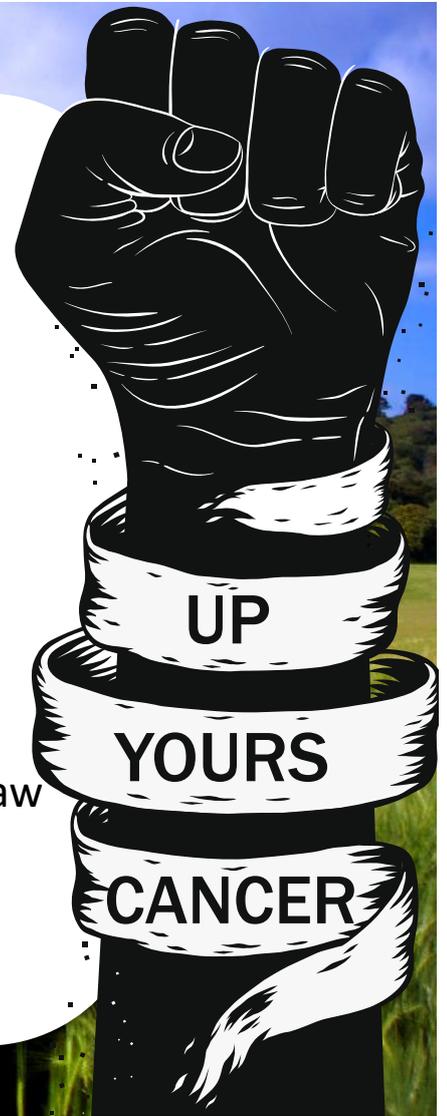
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