

# THE STOCKBURY & SOUTH GREEN OBSERVER

September 2022

## Hall Diary

All events at the Memorial Hall unless otherwise stated

Thurs	1st	Gardeners	8.00 - 10.00pm
Fri	2nd	Zumba	9.30 - 10.30am
Sat	3rd		
Sun	4th	Dog Club - Field	10.00 - 11.00am
		Cricket - Field	1.00pm - 7.00pm
Mon	5th		
Tues	6th		
Wed	7th	Pilates	9.30 - 10.30am
Thurs	8th		
Fri	9th	Zumba	9.30 - 10.30am
		Private Booking	6.30 - 10.00pm
Sat	10th		
Sun	11th	Dog Club - Field	10.00 - 11.00am
		Private Booking	11.00am-7.00pm
Mon	12th		
Tues	13th	Bowls	2.00 - 4.00pm
Wed	14th	Pilates	9.30 - 10.30am
		Parish Council	2.00 - 4.00pm
Thurs	15th	Caravan Club Field	ALL DAY
Fri	16th	Zumba	9.30 - 10.30am
		Caravan Club Field	ALL DAY
Sat	17th	Caravan Club Field	ALL DAY
Sun	18th	Dog Club - Field	10.00 - 11.00am
Mon	19th		
Tues	20th	Bowls	2.00 - 4.00pm
Wed	21st	Pilates	9.30 - 10.30am
		Parish Council	7.30 - 9.30pm
Thurs	22nd		
Fri	23rd	Zumba	9.30 - 10.30am
		Caravan Club Field	ALL DAY
Sat	24th	Caravan Club Field	ALL DAY
Sun	25th	Caravan Club Field	ALL DAY
		Dog Club - Field	10.00 - 11.00am
Mon	26th		
Tues	27th	Bowls	2.00 - 4.00pm
Wed	28th	Pilates	9.30 - 10.30am
Thurs	29th		
Fri	30th	Zumba	9.30 - 10.30am

## The Glorious 12th ... or Carmegeddon?

As has been well publicised, National Highways will be closing the Stockbury roundabout slip roads on and off the eastbound carriageway of the M2 on 12th September for 4 months. There will be well signposted diversions on all the major routes in order to minimise the impact of the closures.

The exact numbers are still uncertain but modelling carried out by a Parish Councillor indicates that the volume of traffic on the northbound carriageway of the A249 is likely to increase by between 50% and 60%. As queues of traffic on the A249 will be more extensive and last for significantly longer throughout the day, the number of vehicles rat running through the lanes could increase from an average 350 to 600 - 700 vehicles on a daily basis and up to 1,000 whenever there is an accident or broken-down vehicle on the A249.

The Parish Council expects that a considerable number of drivers will not follow the diversion routes but will instead use the M2J4 and M2 Farthing Corner Services. Whilst this alleviates some of the pressure on the northbound A249 and thereby reduces the potential rat running, it creates another issue in that Matts Hill Rd will quickly become blocked by traffic heading towards the village or more likely towards Hartlip and Newington. It is conceivable that 2,000+ vehicles may take this route and this will ultimately result in gridlock in the surrounding area on a daily basis.

Cont'd ...



**Where? The Harrow, Stockbury**

**When? Friday 30th September  
10.30am - 12.00pm**

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## The Glorious 12th cont'd ...

The Parish Council has asked both National Highways and Kent County Council Highways to design ways in which we can keep as much additional traffic as possible out of the lanes with as little disruption to Parishioners as possible. Both have assured us that they will take this seriously and look at what mitigations can be put in place.

At the time of writing (22nd August), we have been told by KCC that they will push for a few signs to be erected but nothing else as we are not the only small community that has problems. NH have assured us that they are looking at physical ways of preventing increased rat running but cannot yet confirm their plans.

If things go well and the lanes remain relatively free for residents to carry on with their daily routines without too much disruption, it would be a nice gesture of appreciation if you could email the people with overall responsibility to express thanks. Their key people are:

Daniel Rollinson, Project Manager  
M2J5@nationalhighways.co.uk

Simon Jones, Director of Highways  
simon.jones@kent.gov.uk

Obviously, if things do not go well, you should write to the same people. But before judging whether whatever the plans turn out to be are working, I would urge you to give things a week or so to settle down. What may appear good on day one might deteriorate and what might seem a disaster on day one may turn out to work well.

It goes without saying that once we have received the mitigation plans from NH, we will let people know via the Stockbury PC Facebook page what they are.

SPC

## Speeding Drivers / Blaring Car Horns

Stockbury Parish Council has had a number of complaints about a small number of cars driving through the lanes in and around the village at speed, while continuously sounding car horns instead of slowing down, especially at corners.

This is not only distracting and upsetting to people in their homes, some of whom may be sleeping after a night shift or be unwell but it's also a danger to other road users including walkers, cyclists, other motorists and especially horse riders whose horses might be spooked by the noise of a blaring horn and throw the rider off. What do the drivers of these vehicles think a horse rider or cyclist can do when they hear the blaring horn of a speeding on-coming car, jump into a hedge?!?

SPC has spoken to the police about the problem of misuse of car horns which can constitute a criminal offence and offenders can be fined. In addition, the local authority can prosecute for noise pollution, again punishable by a fine. If you are one of those drivers referred to we would ask you to drive with consideration for all other road users.

SPC

## Stockbury Book Club

1979

by Val McDermid

Allie Burns and Danny Sullivan are junior reporters working for a Glaswegian newspaper during the winter of 1979. They are intent on hunting down story scoops which will further their careers and working together they discover a tax evasion

fraud and a terrorist plot. They make many enemies on the complicated road to exposure and eventual publication of these stories.

Following threats and blackmail, a murder occurs and the last third of the book is spent with Allie tracking down the killer. This final third is where the pace of the story picked up but a couple of us did find that the storyline at the beginning didn't seem to have much connection with this section. Comments such as "predictable" and "slow pace" were used during our discussion although to be fair, there were some positives.

We were interested in reading about how things have changed for women in the workplace since the 1970s and recognised how male attitudes and sexist references could be rife in the newspaper industry at that time. The sense of place and period was engaging too.

Generally, we found this a "readable" book but not one of our favourites and gave it a score of 5 out of 10.

Jan Butterfill

## Stockbury Gardeners

In order to write this month's notes, I needed to find some shade inside of the caravan awning, its such a hard life finding time to put my thoughts down on paper, (Ed, take note).

(Duly noted and ... ? - Ed)

As we left for a week away, it was impossible to depart without taking away some of our fresh vegetables; my view is if you grow them, they should be eaten!! So in an electric skillet we cooked numerous meals such as, curried aubergine, stir fried peppers, vegetable curry; I must apologise to the veggie readers as I admit we did include meat in some dishes, however with some careful manipulation of plates, still managing to cook the whole meal in one cooking utensil, if nothing else we saved on the washing up.

I have noticed how all our flora and fauna have been affected by all the hot dry weather and lack of rainwater in recent weeks. We have seen hawthorn bushes on Pevensy marshes in full berry, elderflowers finished and with fruit too. The blackberry bushes must have had a superb pollination, as there are masses of berries for the picking; nature is very advanced as a result. In Stockbury the onion harvest was early, brussels have grown to over 3 feet tall, and chillies and peppers are in abundance.

This month Gardeners are not meeting in the Village Hall, instead visiting Quex Park and walled garden near Margate, culminating with a fish and chip supper on the beach in Margate. If anyone is interested in joining us please let our Secretary know.

Our Summer Show went ahead and a big thanks to all of you that assisted with setting it up and dismantling the tables afterwards, and of course the caterers, they know who they are!! We also welcomed some six new members, one of which entered and won a first prize. Well done.



Chris Spree

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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*

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**Sat 17th 8pm**

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## 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*

*Please book your place directly with The Harrow on*

*01795 -843222*

*We would love you to join us*

## The Harrow

There were plenty of visitors on the playing field on Saturday 20th, drawn by the appearance of an army Scout helicopter, once flown in the Falklands. Everyone interested and intrigued. Ged had kindly agreed to transport his Army Scout helicopter to the playing field for our Family Fun Day and there was interest in abundance. The young and not so young were able to climb aboard and sit in the pilot seat and learn of its history and what all the peddles and switches do from Ged who once flew a helicopter.

It has been suggested that the 'copter just might be our only mode of transport on leaving the village over the next few months ... if you want a job Ged!

Elsewhere, there was fun on the Green and in the pub garden where various games and a BBQ were enjoyed by all. Thanks to Dave & Jo Tingey who expertly manned the BBQ and to all those who came along and joined in with the fun, games and high jinx.

Our first ever Thai Night was a huge success, the pub bustling with happy diners, jostling with the evening drinkers in a most convivial atmosphere. Plenty of positive comments were heard throughout the evening about the authenticity and quality of the food eaten too. For those of you that have already booked for September, you are in for a treat! Those of you that would like to sample the delights - alas the September booking has closed as we are already fully booked!

Coming up for you during September:

- **2nd - Fish & Chip Night - Please book your table in advance - takeaway available**
- **6th - Games Night - 8pm start**
- **7th - Tractor Club - 12.30pm**
- **13th - Quiz Night - 8pm start**
- **17th Live Music with The Three Hats - 8pm start**
- **20th - Thai Night - FULLY BOOKED - takeaway available - 6pm - 9pm**
- **30th - MacMillan Coffee Morning - 10.30am - 12pm**

Our guest beers this month are:

**Trooper** is a premium British beer, inspired and developed by Iron Maiden's lead singer Bruce Dickinson and handcrafted at the Robinsons Brewery in Manchester.

It is a beer which has true depth of character with malt flavours and citric notes from the unique blend of Bobek, Goldings and Cascade hops which dominate this deep golden ale with a subtle hint of lemon.

**Kentish Best** brewed by Canterbury Ales, an award winning family run micro brewery outside of Canterbury.

It is a 3.7% traditional amber best bitter with well balanced hoppiness and honey malts.

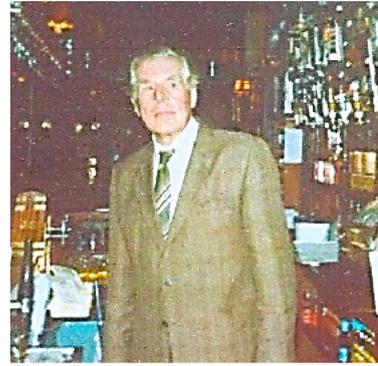
Please don't forget come along and support our **MacMillan Coffee Morning** on Friday the **30th September**. Mark the date on your calendars and in your diaries and together we can accumulate a huge donation for this worthy cause.

If you are able to bake us a cake for the MacMillan Coffee Morning it would be very much appreciated. Please let us know if you are intending to do so.

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.

## A Local Historical Figure



This is the late Mr. Norman Brown, former landlord of our pub, who ran it with his wife Pat, 1964 – 1983. A real gentleman of the old-fashioned kind. He always greeted customers, suited immaculately in a collar and tie and was

rarely seen without his jacket. He would greet you most politely and expected manners in return. No matter how diverse your interests or hobbies he would be sure to introduce you to a relevant snippet of information or newspaper article the next time you went in for a drink. If he had heard an interesting viewpoint on the radio, it was a chance for him to introduce it into the conversation. There was never a dull moment.

He and his family became part of the village at a time when inns were always centres of social activity. Alcohol was not yet supermarket cheap, television channels were not numerous, box sets weren't there to distract and mobile phones, Twitter, Facebook – what were they?

During his watch the public and saloon bars were amalgamated, the one-arm bandit machine disappeared, and theme nights crowded out the pub through all the seasons. Customers jostled with each other, smoke curled up and painted the ceiling a dull ochre and at the centre of it all remained Norman, totally in charge and calm as you like!

A lifetime ago!

Ann Rich

## A Message from the M2J5 Scheme

It has come to the attention of our representative from the project, that a recent letter drop regarding our M2 eastbound slip and Oad Street closures did not reach all addresses in Stockbury. If you have not received a letter sent in August from National Highways about these closures, can you please drop Ellen Dennison an email on [ellen.dennison@graham.co.uk](mailto:ellen.dennison@graham.co.uk) with your street name.

## Stockbury Harvest Festival

### Stockbury Church

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October at 4.30pm**

Come and join us for a Harvest Service of Thanksgiving followed by bread, cheese and wine.

Help us to revive a village community tradition.

# Polly's Beautique At The Herb Garden

Surrounded by fields my Salon will offer you a peaceful and private treatment allowing you to relax, enjoy and be beautiful...

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£40

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## M2 junction 5 Stockbury interchange improvement scheme

In September, we'll be closing the M2 eastbound (towards the coast) slip roads on and off the motorway from Stockbury roundabout. This means you will not be able to access Stockbury roundabout from the eastbound M2, or join the M2 eastbound from Stockbury roundabout at junction 5.

The slip roads will be closed from 12 September 2022 until 13 January 2023, at which point both slip roads will re-open. However, access from the M2 eastbound to the A249 northbound will temporarily be via Stockbury roundabout, until the dedicated slip opens in March.

We know there's never a good time to complete this kind of work at a busy junction like this, and understand these closures will cause disruption to journeys, for which we apologise.

### Oad Street closure

We'll also be closing Oad Street between the A249 and Woodgate Lane from 5 September for five weeks to finish our widening work that we started in the Spring. All businesses remain open as usual.

You can find out more about these closures on our project webpage: [nationalhighways.co.uk/M2-j5](http://nationalhighways.co.uk/M2-j5)



We're carrying out improvements to help reduce congestion at the junction, and enhance the flow of traffic. This will provide a safer and more integrated network for everyone and bring real benefits to the drivers who use this junction daily.

To find out more, please visit our website: [nationalhighways.co.uk/m2-j5](http://nationalhighways.co.uk/m2-j5) or scan the QR code. You can also call us on 0300 123 5000 or email [m2j5@nationalhighways.co.uk](mailto:m2j5@nationalhighways.co.uk)



## **Patrik Says ...**

Readers may remember that over the years my summer newsletter is always full of information about important surveys. I won't break with tradition this year!

### **OPERATION BROCK**

The Council is calling for change in the way that Op Brock is implemented on the M20 due to the amount of disruption it causes to residents and businesses in Maidstone. As I explained before in this space, MBC is not a Highways Authority but Operation Brock affects the economy of the Borough, we therefore have a responsibility towards our citizens. We need to build an evidence base in order to take our concerns forward to Government and the relevant Highways Authorities. We therefore ask local people impacted by Operation Brock how it affects their daily lives.

Operation Brock is not a long-term solution for the border control issues. We cannot tolerate this becoming the 'new normal'. The government needs to look at alternatives now – not later.

The MBC survey can be accessed here:

<https://letstalkmaidstone.uk.engagementhq.com/the-m20-operation-brock?page=1>

### **RESIDENTS' SURVEY**

Just a reminder about the current Residents Survey. The results of the survey will have impacts for the future priorities we will set. So far, there have been close to 3000 responses but we need more, particularly from those who are under 34 years of age and people who are in employment. The deadline is Sunday 4th September and every participant over 18 years of age who completes the survey, will receive a complimentary 7-day gym membership at Maidstone Leisure Centre.

<https://letstalkmaidstone.uk.engagementhq.com/resident-survey-2022-2>

### **MBC EMERGENCY PLANNING TEAM**

The unprecedented heat and the lack of rain have kept MBC Emergency Planning Team busy this summer; they are proactively working with partners within the Kent Resilience Forum. If you should become aware of any EMERGENCY issues within your local community that need to be brought to our IMMEDIATE attention could you please send an email to the Emergency Planning inbox:

[emergencyplanning@maidstone.gov.uk](mailto:emergencyplanning@maidstone.gov.uk)

South East Water have reassured the Kent Resilience Forum that arrangements have been put in place to ensure they are ready and able to respond to any emergency situations that could occur and impact water supply. Please report water leaks or any outage to SEW directly on 0333 000-0002

<https://inyourarea.digdat.co.uk/southeastwater?pc=>

### **MAIDSTONE HERITAGE OPEN DAYS**

MBC is once again supporting England's largest festival of history and culture – 'Heritage Open Days' – with free events from Friday 9th to Sunday 18th September.

There will be lots of events: a chance to discover more about the fascinating past of Kent's County Town in a totally unique way. You can visit one of the grandest perpendicular churches in England, see a beautiful wall painting of a grand picnic created during the reign of Elizabeth I which is normally hidden from sight, enjoy a behind-the-scenes tour of the Carriage Museum or a bespoke tour of the archives of Kent

inventors of the past and some of their astounding, weird and wonderful inventions and innovations. There are also Mote Park Guided Walks and Mote Park Hidden Histories events.

Finally, don't forget on 11th September, the **Maidstone Mela**.

All info can be found on Visit Maidstone:

<https://www.visitmaidstone.com/whats-on/heritage-open-days>

### **BUSINESS IN MAIDSTONE**

Business In Maidstone have updated their business directory. The new directory makes it easier than ever for people to discover businesses in Maidstone. It is the perfect tool to find new partnership opportunities, suppliers or service providers. You can browse and join the directory for free.

<https://businessinmaidstone.co.uk/business-directory/>

At the above address you can also sign up to the Business in Maidstone Newsletter. The current edition lists many currently available business grants like The Workplace Electric Vehicle Charging Scheme, The Green Recovery Voucher Scheme, which offers up to £1,500 to Maidstone businesses towards energy efficient measures, Low Carbon grants as well as training workshops and fully funded events.

Grants of between £1–£10k are advertised to part-fund the development and launch of a new product or service which focuses on innovation or improving digital systems and the manufacturing Growth Programme provides free advice, support and grant funding to manufacturing SMEs to achieve their growth ambitions. Thousands of pounds worth of funding has already been awarded, get in touch with us to see if you are eligible.

<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKMBC/bulletins/326727f>

### **MBB START-UP WORKSHOP -THUR 15th SEPT**

If you've started your journey in business or are thinking about starting-up in Maidstone, our MBB workshop can give you the tools and knowledge to kick-start your venture. This is a FREE workshop for Maidstone Start-ups only. To be eligible for our workshop you must be a pre-start up or a business in its early stages (no more than 18 months old).

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/mbb-start-up-workshop-tickets-386929314997>

### **MBC WEBSITE**

If you have visited the [maidstone.gov.uk](http://maidstone.gov.uk) website, you will have been prompted to subscribe to a MBC's e-newsletter service which regularly sends important updates and messages to over 33,000 subscribers. Launched in late 2021, the Stay Connected newsletters has News, Whats On in Maidstone, Environmental Services and Business topics and we have now added Climate Change and Biodiversity to the growing list.

### **BIODIVERSITY AND CLIMATE CHANGE**

A 'Go Green Information Centre' in The Mall, will be launched in early September to help anyone who may be confused, sceptical or doesn't know where to start with becoming more green and sustainable. People will be able to drop by for advice, resources and to find out about solutions, products and services to help them become

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**Following its previous success, we are re-establishing a traditional games evening at The Harrow Pub on the second Tuesday of every month.**

**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.**



**OBSERVER DEADLINE**

**MONDAY 26<sup>th</sup> September**

Please email your contributions to  
**[stockburyobserver@gmail.com](mailto:stockburyobserver@gmail.com)**

**Mobile Library Dates**

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> September, '22  
9.10am - 9.40am

**At the Village Hall**

**Church Draw August Winners**

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

1st £30 - Sophie & Richard Ratcliffe (127)  
2nd £20 - J Sladden (220)  
3rd £10 - Joan Baldock (151)

## Patrik Says cont'd ...

more sustainable.

### AND FINALLY

The Community Catalyst for West Kent is a two-year, KCC-funded project to help people and communities across the country to use their talents to start and run small enterprises and community businesses that support and care for other local people. It is a social enterprise working across the UK to try to make sure that people who need care and support to live their lives can get that help in ways, times and places that suit them, with real choice of attractive local options. The project is working to support small enterprises to provide care and support to older people, people with learning disabilities, people with physical disabilities and people with mental health conditions. They may work in people's own homes, support them to access the community or provide an activity in the local area that is available to these audiences.

[www.communitycatalysts.co.uk](http://www.communitycatalysts.co.uk)

PATRIK GARTEN

MBC Councillor for North Downs Ward (Conservative)

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## Stockbury Parish Council Minutes

The minutes for our Parish Council meetings will be approved at the following meeting and will then be published on [www.stockbury.org](http://www.stockbury.org) within 5 days of the meeting at which they are approved.

## Preserving

### Cucumber Pickle - a simple recipe!

As the vegetable growing season draws to its conclusion, do you have a glut of cucumbers? Don't know what to do with them? Why not turn them into a pickle? Some of you may have already sampled Cucumber Pickle at The Harrow's recent Family Fun Day barbecue.

This recipe was originally produced in The Observer as 'Bread & Butter Pickle' and is not credited. Over the years I have altered the original recipe slightly, as one does.

You will need:

- 2 pounds/1 kilo cucumbers
- 1 large onion peeled, quartered and cut into ¼ inch slices
- 2 flat tablespoons salt
- 900ml cider vinegar
- 2 teaspoons yellow mustard seeds
- 1 heaped teaspoon dill seeds
- 9 flat tablespoons sugar

To make:

- Wash cucumbers and remove ends; cut into ¼ inch slices.
- Mix with the onion slices in a colander and sprinkle with the salt.
- Cover and leave to drain for 4 hours or in a fridge overnight.
- Combine the remaining ingredients in a large saucepan and bring to the boil.
- Add the vegetables and bring back to boil.
- Remove from heat.
- Loosely pack into sterilised jars and ensure there is at least a ¼ inch gap at top of jar and vegetables are covered with the liquid and seal with new sterilised lids.
- Leave to mature for at least a couple of days before eating.

It keeps well and is best kept in the fridge after opening so as to remain crisp and green. It is truly delicious!

Penny Spearman



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Community Bus	Booking Line	07551 454702
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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
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Golf Society	Philip Painter	07850 190204
Hall Bookings	Sue Porter	01795 843715
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Parish Council Clerk	Sherrie Babington	01634 867173
Pétanque Club	Tina Jacobs	07743 910185
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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
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