



THE STOCKBURY & SOUTH GREEN OBSERVER

March 2021

Stockbury Observer Advertising Rates

A big thank you to those who have told us they are delighted to see (and receive) The Stockbury Observer back in printed form. This is thanks to a generous grant from KCC Cllr Shellina Prendergast and to the continuing hard work of the Editor in Chief Fiona (and Distribution Co-ordinator/technical wizard Geoff) not forgetting the army of volunteers who deliver it free of charge to each residence in the parish. At this point there is also a request from our esteemed editorial team for people to submit some new and interesting articles to put in forthcoming editions, they're tired of the same few people submitting every month (only joking!). But, everyone in the village has a story to tell, or something of interest to say and we want to hear it!

Regarding advertising in The Observer, as well as copies being delivered to residences by hand, copies are also displayed around the village, in the village hall and notice board, shop, church, pub and MOT station, so that the many visitors from surrounding areas who visit Stockbury can have access to it too. For businesses that advertise in The Observer, this is a guaranteed intro into over 300 households, plus those casual readers, every month.

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The paper version of The Observer ceased last year and loads of you complained about it, wanting the hard copy back rather than reading articles online. We listened. As a result, people have worked their socks off to make sure that The Observer can be published again: KCC provided a grant; The Observer team of 2 procured a printer, committed to editing it and spend hours printing it; an army of volunteers delivers it; one of your Parish Councillors has been supporting all this and all we asked of the rest of the village to do was to submit articles.

The same 6 or so people write virtually everything that appears in The Observer every month. This is not because they necessarily want to, but is to make sure you have something to read. Surely the least you can do to show your support is to put finger to keyboard and write something. What you had for lunch, what bugs you about Stockbury, what you like about Stockbury, your interesting hobby, your life story, your pet's life story ... anything!

We have asked multiple times over the last couple of years and the response has been underwhelming to put it mildly.

If The Observer has nothing to print, it dies. Simple as that. If it becomes just an echo chamber for the "usual 6", it dies. If people start contributing, it lives and thrives. In short, it needs you!

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News from Stockbury Church

Like many churches at the moment Stockbury is closed for worship. However, the key is available from the village shop for anyone wishing to use it for private prayer. Online service are streamed by Julian every week as well as many others offered by the Church of England. The Dean of Canterbury does a daily prayer and reflection from his garden come what may weather-wise!

The builders have recently finished the internal snagging works at the church and unfortunately have left a lot of dust everywhere as a wall had to be re-plastered but once the weather improves and the wall dries out, we will have a clean up.

One good piece of news is that we signed a Community Payback Beneficiary Agreement in October which has allowed for a team to come and work in the churchyard to our specifications. The team has been well supervised for six hours every Saturday and have undertaken the clearing of overgrown brambles, ivy, weeds etc in the churchyard. They have also created a wildlife habitat, trimmed the hedges, tidied the graves and laid paving at the entrance gate. Government Covid restrictions have paused the work at the moment but it will be resumed as soon as possible.

Do visit the churchyard and see the difference, especially as the snowdrops are all out at the moment - it is quite a picture. Penny Stevens

Stockbury Treasure Hunt

I am pleased to report that the village treasure hunt on New Year's Day went well and attracted 28 locals who took part. The idea was to walk around a defined route and find the answers to cryptic clues. Thanks to everyone for taking part and thanks to Sue for the mulled wine - I hope that you enjoyed your walk. The overall standard was very high which obviously means that it will be harder next time.

No one got all clues correct but a close fought contest was won by Bev, Glen and Sam Martin – congratulations! Chris Porter

Litter Pick

Many thanks to all those from Stockbury, Yelsted and South Green who took part in the litter pick on the weekend of 6/7th February. Much litter was collected and put into bags for collection – then the snow came! There were a large number of bags on Honeycrook and Church Hill and these were reported to MBC by me on Tuesday 16th Feb. I am pleased to report that these were all cleared the next day.

If you have any fly tipping to be cleared up, you can either do it on line or by telephone – both work really well.

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<https://maidstone.gov.uk/home/do-it-online/report-it/top-6/report-a-street-cleansing/report-fly-tipping>

Chris Porter

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Edo Savietto

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Stockbury Gardeners

Trying to clean the dirt from the top side of the polytunnel was proving to be an issue two weeks ago; the avian deposits left on the top side with a little mould does build up over a couple of years of use. What is important is the advantages of a polytunnel are not lost by a reduction in natural light levels through dirty polythene. Great!!! I tried a solution of "Fairy" mixed with bleach and while extended on tip toes a long window cleaners brush. NO ... it still will not budge ... Then along came another "Beast from the East", three days of freezing snow and a build up of nearly 250mm of snow frozen onto the dome of the tunnel.

Monday 15th February, it thawed out and in thawing out large areas of solid snow slid down the roof, taking the dirt and bird poo with it, perfect!

About temperature. In the greenhouse Saturday 13th February overnight temperature minus 9 degrees. Sunday 21st February plus 32 degrees. So, if you have plants and seedlings in the greenhouse you can see how quickly you need to react to avoid losing them. Heating at night and ventilation in the daytime.

March is the time to start planning if not already done, plan where and when to sow seeds, inside and outside.

I took some chrysanthemum cuttings in November/December, then transplanted into pots at the end of February. It doesn't finish there as they will be transplanted yet again in about 6 weeks into 10" pots to be exhibited in the village hall around the end of October.

Hopefully the Stockbury Gardeners will have a newsletter shortly with a diary for the rest of the year. As I write this Boris is about to announce the Lockdown recovery. Fingers crossed.

Chris Spree

WANTED!

The Stockbury Observer requires a delivery person for the Chalky Road area.

The round would take approximately less than an hour once a month and a batch of newsletters would be delivered to you for onward distribution.

If you are interested, please contact the Editor at stockburyobserver@gmail.com

Noticeboard Faux Pas?

The School Drama Group will be presenting a performance of Hamlet in their main hall on Friday at 7.30pm. Friends are invited to attend this tragedy.

Weight Watchers are to meet at the local hall on Tuesday at 8pm. Please use the large double doors at the side entrance.

The Low Self-esteem Support Group will meet on Monday at 7pm. Please use the back door.

Stockbury Book Club

The Hearts Invisible Furies

by John Boyne:

This is a novel detailing the significant events in the life of the protagonist, Cyril Avery, told in the first person. It is also a cultural history of the socio-political and socio-cultural attitudes to unmarried pregnancy and homosexuality, from post war 20th century to early 21st century in his homeland, Ireland. It also encompasses attitudes in other countries with regard to homosexuality and the AIDS pandemic.

Banished from her hometown by a priest who denounces her as a whore for becoming pregnant out of wedlock, Cyril's birth mother moves to Dublin where she finds steady work and puts her son up for adoption. The violent circumstances of her public shaming and her son's birth introduce a theme in the novel. People are shaped by both personal events and the socio-political and socio-cultural norms of the time and place in which they live.

There were similar themes running through book club members opinions of the book in that they felt overloaded with sexual detail and considered the language expressing the subject matter was handled rather crudely. 4 of our 9 members did not finish the book as a direct consequence of this.

Some found the jumping around of the storyline clumsy and in the end a bit predictable and contrived, but of those who persevered, there were positive comments about some of the humour, the portrayal of Cyril's sterile upbringing and its consequences, and the irony of the outcomes for the two main characters.

Naturally the scoring for the book was very varied ranging from 3 to 9 therefore giving an overall mark of 6/10.

Next month our meeting will be at 7pm on 8th March when we will be discussing "The End of Everything" by Megan Abbott.

Jackie Smith

Ditty Corner

The sky it did empty snowdrifts aplenty
Upon unsuspecting souls
The drifts were so deep
They reaped havoc on South Street
And kept all the residents ice-snow-lated

There once was a Stockbury gnome
Who longed to play out in the snow
Although it lay quite thick
From Farmer Brown a sack he did nick
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- -Distribute safety advice
- -Help make sure that elderly and vulnerable residents are not targets to criminals
- -Gather information to help police tackle local problems
- -Alert residents when there is a particular crime problem in the area

Our aim is to help people protect themselves and their properties and to reduce the anxieties of becoming a victim of crime.

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

Co-ordinators will cascade any information from the police or neighbours to members.

CONTACT NUMBERS:

Emergency : 999

(crime in progress/life threatening)

Non-Emergency : 101

Rosemary (Ann) Ballard (*Co-ordinator*)
(01622) 736331

Alternatively you may e-mail the Co-ordinator at:

stockbury-neighbourhood@outlook.com

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.

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Patrik Says ...

Dear Residents,

All signals appear to be on green for local elections in May, so this may be my last frank and outspoken rant at you. Next month I'll have to be very careful what I say in times of election purdah.

So let me say it now, it was an honour and (mostly :-) a pleasure to work for the communities of the North Downs and to represent your voices over the past five years.

Whether you agree(d) with me or not, it will be vital that you make your voices heard in May and give your mandate to the candidate who shall represent you for the next four years. **Five minutes of your time will mean a lot to the candidate of your choice.** It will give elected politicians reassurance that we are representing your wishes and it will send a signal to the unelected ones that their politics are not in your interest. In May you will be asked to vote for your Kent County Councillor, the Police and Crime Commissioner and whether or not you want to keep me as your Maidstone Borough Councillor

I certainly won't take your vote for granted in May, and with that in mind, sleeves up and onto the **recent reports**:

By the time The Observer reaches you, Maidstone Council will have ratified **next year's budget**. As I indicated last month, a council tax increase of 1.99% will be proposed. While the national Labour Party speaks about a council tax bombshell, which will hurt middle-income households, I fail to note any opposition from our local Labour ranks to the proposed increase. It will be up for us local politicians how we balance the budget and there is no decree from Westminster that we are obliged to increase council tax. At the Council meeting on 24 February The Conservative Party put forward a motion that the budget for Planning Policy be increased. Although this funding will not come from council tax, the Conservative Party were minded to vote against the budget if our motion fails. Please check the local press for an update.

Across many areas of my ward I chased up **missed waste collections** over the past weeks. Waste / recycling tonnages increased by almost 25% over the Christmas & New Year holiday period. Queuing delays at the Allington waste plant did then slow collection rounds. To allocate resources in support of front-line crews, MBC suspended the garden waste service. Although since 9 January services are running normal again, I am aware of quite a few problems in my ward, the recent snow and road-works did not help. Please report your missed bin online: https://self.maidstone.gov.uk/service/report_a_missed_bin_collection and should it not be cleared within 48 hours please contact me.

In the past I wrote about the **AONB Management Plan** and invited you to participate in its consultation. I am pleased that, with a bit of a delay, it is now complete and up for ratification across local authorities in Kent. If you would like a copy, please ping me an email.

Current consultations can be found at: <https://maidstone.gov.uk/home/primary-services/council-and-democracy/primary-areas/consultations/live-consultations> Nothing too controversial at the moment but the Taxi Licensing Policy and the Street Trading Policy review may be of interest to some.

On the 21st January 2021, the Council were successful in obtaining an **Interim Injunction** which will give the Council the legal backing it requires to halt the activities on the illegal waste site in Bell Lane Boxley. Failure to comply with the Injunction are a committal offence and not only binds those cited in the Order, but also persons unknown, who may turn up on site and dump further waste materials.

Over the past 24 months I've been lobbied by various residents to support the **RSPCA campaign concerning fireworks**. The Communities, Housing and Environment Committee resolved that Maidstone shall

- encourage public firework display providers to advertise their events in advance
- promote a campaign about the impact of fireworks on animal welfare
- lobby the UK Government to restrict the maximum noise level of fireworks
- to lobby KCC urging them to encourage local suppliers of fireworks to stock quieter fireworks for public displays.

I told residents who wrote to me regarding fireworks, that there is no magic bullet to deal with this problem. Enforcement is difficult and expensive but at least this is a first step in the right direction.

And finally, **more good news**: In January, the Strategic and Infrastructure Committee was presented by officers with a suggestion to reduce parking fees for electric cars by 50%. The whole thing sounded a bit gimmicky and half-baked and we requested further reports for the next meeting. In February Cllr David Burton (Con) proposed and I seconded a motion to actually make parking **FREE** for all electric vehicles across the Borough. The motion was carried. We want to set a positive signal to promote business in Maidstone and, at the same time, enhance the local air quality. Electric vehicles are becoming more and more affordable, good second hand EV cars are available for less than £5,000. So this local incentive is enabling for everybody. – I hear that we have a reputable car workshop for EVs in Stockbury too.

PATRIK GARTEN
MBC Councillor for North Downs Ward (Conservative)
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Blast from the Past?

Once upon a time ...

A big mac was something we wore when it rained.

Healthy food consisted of anything edible ... meat and potatoes.

Fish didn't have fingers.

Seaweed wasn't recognised as a food.

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The Stockbury of The Past

Over the course of a couple of years, I regularly chatted with a neighbour over a cup of tea and a cigarette. He was born a few inches outside the Stockbury boundary, but spent the majority of his life living in the parish and had some fascinating tales to tell of days gone by. Some were about everyday life and included the horse that would take him up to the blacksmith and back when he was a young boy, the “milk cow” kept by the family, the days when what is now a muddy track behind the waterworks was a main road etc. These were all fascinating but his tale of an event during Second World War stands out.

His family were farmers, rearing pigs amongst other animals. As most of you will know, slaughtering a pig required permission from the Ministry of Food during the war. Once permission had been gained and the deed done, an inspector would call to approve the carcass and to stamp it as being OK to sell.

Permission was sought and granted for the slaughter of one pig but being in need of some extra meat (obviously for home consumption!), two were actually slaughtered. The pigs were duly prepared, divided into halves and hung.

Then the inspector arrived earlier than expected ...

Whilst his father kept the inspector talking, the teenage son was despatched to smuggle one pig out of the window and hide it on the farm.

The inspector duly inspected the two pig halves that remained, approved them for sale and stamped them. It was only as he left the house that he was heard to remark that he had never seen a pig with two left halves before.

Sadly my friend is no longer with us but I am sure that others have similarly interesting or amusing tales to tell. If so, perhaps you would like to share them in The Observer?
Phil Woods

Size Isn't Everything!

Playing the Organ in Stockbury Church

A few months ago, I was asked if I would play the organ every once in a while to keep it working. Rather like cars and people, church organs are quite complex bits of machinery that seize up if they sit around doing nothing.

Now, I am a pianist, which is not the same thing as an organist at all but I reckoned I knew enough to give it a useful workout now and again. Besides, it would be fun to try and teach myself more about it. So I downloaded some organ music, put on my thermals, packed a torch and set off for St. Mary Magdalene.

First hitch was finding all the power switches needed to bring the thing to life. Do we really need to turn the main lights on to get a sound out of the organ? Surely that is like having to switch on your headlights before you can start the car.

Next hitch was that it is still so dark in the organ loft that I could not see my feet or which pedal was which note. Yes, organists have to play with their feet as well as both hands. Mental note: tie torches to my shoes next time?

Then a merry hour playing through hymns trying all the different stops and keys to see (or rather hear) what difference each one made.

Hands!

The keyboard works in sections: different sounds according to which ‘stops’ you are using.

Feet!

The pedal board has the equivalent of black and white notes which you have to work with both feet without looking!

And booms-a-daisy!

There are six stops on this little organ. You pull them out to send air through different pipes. This way the sound can be higher or lower, louder or softer, like flutes or trumpets.

Working these while keeping your fingers going – oh, and your feet – makes organ playing quite a ‘feat’!

Sara Kemsley

An Easy Treat ...

This is a go-to easy dessert; it comes from a Gill Meller recipe.

Blueberry Clafoutis

though you could use black cherries - SERVES 6

OVEN 200°C / 180°C fan / Gas 6
24cm baking dish and 1 separate bowl

Ingredients

300g blueberries / juice & grated zest of ½ lemon / large knob of butter, melted / 1 tbsp. granulated sugar / 50g plain flour / 75g caster sugar / pinch salt / 2 eggs beaten / 275ml whole milk

- Heat oven and grease the baking dish. Scatter granulated sugar onto the base and shake to coat
- Put blueberries into the baking dish with lemon zest and juice. Meanwhile gently melt butter.
- Sift flour into a bowl with the salt and caster sugar
- Combine melted butter, eggs and milk into a separate bowl
- Gradually pour this mixture into the flour & sugar bowl, whisking at the same time until smooth
- Gently pour the batter over the blueberries
- Bake for 30 minutes until just set then take out of oven, and sprinkle a little sugar over the top
- Wait 10 minutes before serving.

It will look puffed up and great for a few minutes but will gradually collapse whilst cooling. That’s fine. Serve with double cream or yoghurt if desired.

Sounds rather good to me and really easy! - Ed



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The Stockbury Gnome

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Just enjoy my exploits,

Norm the Gnome

FREE - ITEMS NEEDING A NEW HOME

I have a standing tapestry frame and a handheld one available.

The larger one has two positions to give a working area of c30 or 40 x 63cm.

The stand is 77cm high x 29cm deep and the angle is adjustable.

The smaller frame is 24 x 67cm.

I also have a working WHS electric paper shredder spare. It does a maximum of 5 sheets at a time and is 30 x 33 x 14cm to sit on a desk or floor.

Call 01795 842914 and leave a name and number.



Observer Deadline!

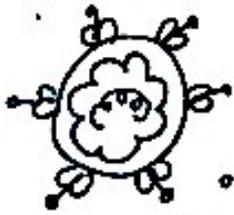
If you would like to advertise or have item included in next months Observer, we must receive it no later than

MONDAY 22nd March

Please email your contributions to
stockburyobserver@gmail.com

Puzzle Page

Wordsearch - Corona Virus



epidemic
pandemic
coronavirus



widespread
outbreak
cough
fever



facemask
spread

illness
global
germs



social distance
quarantine
toilet paper

S S D K S A M E C A F O C P J
I O A K E S B L L V U O A A E
P C E W S B S A P T R H S N S
A I F K D I B E B O W I I D H
H A P U A O V R N A Y T C E M
N L S C L V E A B L N U M M U
P D E S A A V M I A L V J I V
N I D V K I T T R Z D I A C Q
D S I O R E P A P T E L I O T
A T W U T F U E P I D E M I C
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Number Search

2 1 9 1 0 2 4 6 8 5 4
3 2 7 7 3 9 0 6 0 1 6
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5 3 1 4 5 5 6 7 1 2 5
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7 2 1 4 1 1 7 1 0 8 4
9 8 9 0 4 7 8 8 1 0 3

- Valentine's Day
- Last day of May
- Noon or Midnight
- Military time for 2:45 pm
- 7800 - 5600
- 02468
- 1501 x 63
- New Year's Day 2000

Sudoku

			1	8				7
	3		2			6	5	
1		9			5	4		8
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Answers to last months riddles:

- 1 - a river
- 2 - a pack of cards
- 3 - February, the shortest month!
- 4 - neither, a yoke is yellow!
- 5- your fingers
- 6 - a rainbow

How many did you get right?

Useful Contact Information

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Crimestoppers	(Confidential)	0800 55511
Dancing Club	Brian Crisp	01634 231886
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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