

# THE STOCKBURY & SOUTH GREEN OBSERVER

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# October '18 Diary

All events at the Memorial Hall unless otherwise stated

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Mon	1st	Bowls	7.00 - 10.00pm
Tues	2nd	Bowls	2.00 - 4.00pm
	3rd	NSYC	7.30 - 9.30pm
Wed	4th	Pilates	9.30 - 10.30am
Thur	5th	Gardeners	8.00 - 10.00pm
Fri		Dancing Club	8.00 - 10.30pm
Sat	6th		
Sun	7th	Dog Club - Field	10.00 - 11.00am
Mon	8th	Private Booking	7.00 - 9.00pm
Tues	9th	Bowls	2.00 - 4.00pm
Wed	10th	Pilates	9.30 - 10.30am
	11th	W.I.	7.30 - 9.30pm
Thur	12th	Bowls	7.30 - 9.30pm
Fri	13th	Dancing Club	8.00 - 10.30pm
Sat	14th		
Sun	15th	Dog Club - Field	10.00 - 11.00am
Mon		Bowls	7.00 - 10.00pm
Tues		Bowls	2.00 - 4.00pm
	16th	NSYC	7.30 - 9.30pm
Wed	17th	Pilates	9.30 - 10.30am
	18th	Harrow Lunch Club The Harrow	12.30 - 2.30pm
	19th	Craft & Chatter	2.00 - 4.00pm
		Parish Council	7.30 - 9.30pm
Thur	20th	Bowls	7.30 - 9.30pm
Fri	21st	Dancing Club	8.00 - 10.30pm
Sat	22nd		
Sun	23rd	Dog Club - Field	10.00 - 11.00am
	24th	Art Exhibition	10.30 - 3.00pm
Mon	25th		
Tues	26th	Bowls	2.00 - 4.00pm
Wed	27th	Pilates	9.30 - 10.30am
Thur	28th	Bowls	7.30 - 9.30pm
Fri	29th	Dancing Club	8.00 - 10.30pm
Sat	30th	Private Booking	10.00 - 2.00pm
Sun	31st	Dog Club - Field	10.00 - 11.00am

# You Are Invited To Have Your Say on Britain's Future Outside The EU

Brexit: What next?

Brexit will affect us all; rightly, people have very strong feelings about it and I'm determined to get the best possible deal for us in Kent and I want to make sure that everyone feels their views have been heard.

Many people have contacted me over the last 3 years to tell me what they think; I have lost count of the number of emails I have read and replied to but I know that exchanging letters and emails isn't the same as talking about something face to face.

I would be delighted if you would join me for a 'town hall' meeting to give you the chance to do exactly that – an opportunity to tell me your views and ask me about mine, in person.

I feel strongly that we mustn't let Brexit continue to drive people apart. It's no good if Remainers only speak to Remainers and Brexiteers to Brexiteers – that just makes the divisions grow. This way we'll come together for the conversation so everyone hears other viewpoints, including how others will be personally affected by Brexit. This is ever more important and as the options for our future relationship become clearer. I will use what you tell me when I speak in debates and talk to Brexit Ministers in Parliament.

There will be a public session open to everyone in Faversham and Mid Kent.

When? - Friday 5th October Where? - Lenham Community Centre What time? - 7.30pm

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7 October – 6pm Sung Communion
 14 October – 6pm Evensong
 21 October - 6pm Sung Communion
 28 October – 6pm Evensong

### **Please Note**

The above times are subject to works commencing in the church, possibly in October and the church will have to be closed; a definite date has not been settled yet. Notices will be put at the church and shop or please enquire from Liz Cox, Brenda Mace or Penny Stevens.

Penny Stevens - PCC Secretary

Details of the range of services held within the benefice of the six parishes, to which Stockbury belongs, can be found on the parishes' website <a href="https://www.thesix.org.uk">www.thesix.org.uk</a> or contact the Rev'd Liz Cox

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

# 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

# September Church Draw Winners CONGRATULATIONS!

1st - Dote Collister
£40 (89)

2nd - Fiona & Geoff Moody £20 (134)

3rd - Betty Town £10 (71)

# Remembrance Day November 11<sup>th</sup> 2018

# 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary WW1 1918-2018

On the 11<sup>th</sup> November, Stockbury Church (currently closed for repair) will be open for the Act of Remembrance and a Service of Commemoration of this poignant anniversary, against a stunning backdrop of poppies created by the WI and the placement of the haunting 'There But Not There' silhouettes. All are welcome so please come to this tribute to those killed or wounded in battle, it starts at 11am at the War Memorial.

During the evening of the 11th, in conjunction with 'Battle's Over, A Nation's Tribute', Stockbury will join towns and cities across the country in taking part in a national beacon lighting ceremony to take place next to Stockbury Church. Details of the national schedule and events can be found at <a href="https://www.brunopeek.co.uk">www.brunopeek.co.uk</a>.

People are invited to bring torches or lanterns and attend this moving event next to our church at 6.30pm for a 6.45pm start. Tributes will be paid to those wounded or killed in the Great War, then at 6.55pm The Last Post will be played followed by a 2 minute silence with the beacon being lit at 7pm. Bells will ring out for peace at 7.05pm.

This short ceremony will be succeeded by a torch lit procession from the church to The Harrow, where simple refreshments of bread and cheese will be served at 7.30pm against a background of the WI poppies, posters and poems from WW1 and a display of artefacts and mementoes of the Great War, loaned by villagers.

Because of the numbers expected to attend the beacon lighting, including children, people are asked not to park on Church Lane but in the village and walk up to the church. For the safety of those walking, the road will also be closed for a short time while the torch lit procession takes place. Transport will be provided for those that need it courtesy of The Stockbury Community Bus.

For catering purposes, would you please let Anne (01795 842850) or Fiona (01622 884551) know if you will be attending The Harrow after the beacon has been lit. If calls aren't answered, please leave a message.

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# Patrik Says ....

**Dear Residents** 

It's about a year now that I've been writing my monthly rant, first starting in Stockbury and then slowly expanding the distribution via various local volunteers and networks.

Most authors must wonder whether anybody even bothers to read one's writings but lately I've found it incredibly encouraging getting some feedback. Most of it is very positive and so far I have not received any death-threats! A keen reader pointed out that I had a dyslexic moment with my abbreviations. Hey, the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty is "Naturally Outstanding"!

Last month, I reported how we councillors embarked on a mental kite flying exercise. I am not a member of the Heritage and Culture Committee., however, I hear that Labour and Liberal members on that committee are translating foresighted visions with large increases of spending.

This runs contrary to my mantra of the local authority being a facilitator: Cut red tape, provide opportunities and encourage the private sector; especially the Arts and Culture would have wonderful opportunities to engage with the creative field. This does not require throwing lots of dollars at some costly, over-rated hype, meaning to say that many aspiring artists would welcome a council which provides venues and a bit of free advertising through existing channels, with little red tape in exchange of an opportunity. The Pilgrims Way Artists Annual Exhibition in Lenham has embraced this spirit for years, very successfully. (Obviously it is NOT organised by the Council.)

I went for a workshop last week, it was all about encouraging business and making Maidstone the business capital of Kent. Another event with great ideas. - by the way, if you have any recent local business case studies, please let me know.

Two days later I sit on the Licensing Committee: New legislation introduces an updated licensing framework in England for activities involving animals. Home boarding and day care for dogs now requires a licence. I am all for animal welfare and this is a positive idea, -in theory - BUT a four dog home day-care licence costs the same as the licence to run a kennel for 50 dogs: a whooping £485! This does not create business in Maidstone, it destroys small business! I wonder how many dog-sitters will now claim that they are merely looking after a friend's dog, rather than properly registering their business? I asked to have my dissent minuted.

And another one: - I couldn't believe it when I saw this key performance indicator: Percentage of fly tips resulting in enforcement action: 61.1%. I queried this at Committee and was told that, indeed, I can take this message to my community: There is a very high chance that fly-tippers will get prosecuted by MBC!

GREAT! This is positive news!

Why does the County Council undermine our efforts? Have you heard of the 'Household Waste Recycling Centre Consultation'? KCC proposes charging you for taking 'non-household waste' to the local tip.

The consultation runs until 1 November 2018, and can be found at <a href="https://www.kent.gov.uk/wasteconsultation">www.kent.gov.uk/wasteconsultation</a> Any savings at County level will be more than outweighed by bigger cost to MBC, due to increased fly-tipping.

While we are talking about consultations, do you have any thoughts about the Borough's sports facilities and playing pitches? A public consultation will be launched shortly. In the meantime, I would like to hear from anybody who is involved in community sports within the North Downs.

Finally, you may have noticed that I referred you to two entirely different web-addresses for last month's consultations. I queried this with the IT department and found that planning related consultations are not listed on the consultations web-page:

https://www.maidstone.gov.uk/home/primary-services/council-and-democracy/additional-areas/have-your-say/tier-3-primary-areas/current-consultations

The reason is that Planning Policy use a procured system which is separate to the one run by the Policy and Information team. I was given assurances that actions will be taken to bring all consultations to one central location on the website.

All in a month's work......

PATRIK GARTEN

MBC Councillor for North Downs Ward Email: patrikgarten@maidstone.gov.uk

Phone: 0<u>1622-807907</u>

### STOCKBURY ARTS FAIR.... and MUSIC

Sunday October 21<sup>st</sup>
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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 Coordinator on the above telephone number or e-mail their details to the above mentioned e-mail address.



Mobile Library Dates
11th and 25th October '18
At the Village Hall



# Stockbury Gardeners

Members this year have had a mixed year growing fruit vegetables and flowers. Early in the season we had high temperatures and the result was that the garden suffered badly; late rain but warm soil temperatures levelled out the effect, in particular dahlias made a late resurgence.

Its not too late to plant garlic, broad beans, and onion sets for next year. Jobs now will be to remove weeds and start to think about arranging manure and compost to treat the ground.

Vegetables and fruit need to be stored if you have surplus, carrots can be lifted and stored in damp sand or old compost in a shed. Late potatoes can be lifted, pick a dry day and leave them on the surface to dry a little before storing an a lightproof sack.

I have noticed that my tame robin has reappeared now that the autumn is coming, he is just letting me know I suppose that he would like me to stock up with bird feed for him and his feathered friends.

I have been drenching the ground with Nematodes, it is a little late but as the soil temperature has remained high, I decided to punish the slugs for eating my onions! Nematodes are a parasitic worm which will latch on to a slug and devour it from the inside; sounds really gory when you describe it like that !!!

The next meeting of the Stockbury Gardeners is on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October at 8 pm where we have our AGM and our autumn flower and vegetable competition.



A crop of French beans

Chris Spree

# REMEMBRANCE BEACON



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# INSPIRING WOMEN

# Stockbury W.I.

Well! Here we are in October, where does the time go?

The last two WI meetings have been purely pleasure – We had a lovely meal

at The Chiltern Hundreds | Public House & Restaurant in August and in September we had a great trip to the Hazlett Theatre to watch Half a Sixpence, a musical based on the novel` Kipps` by H G Wells. The production was put on by the Kent Musical Theatre Society, a Sittingbourne based group and as always, they put on a tremendous and very professional show, which we all enjoyed.

Now we must get back to business and begin making plans for several important events taking place over the next few months – The Stockbury Christmas Fair, which we will involved in, is on Saturday 8th December from 10am – 1pm and our old favourite, Carols on The Green with the Salvation Army, will be on Friday 14th December. We will be collecting donations of non -perishable foods, i.e canned foods, pasta, rice etc. which the Salvation Army distribute to the needy. There will be boxes to put these donations into inside the hall and will be gratefully received.

We wish our member Di good luck with her coffee morning in Upchurch, to raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Support. She has been doing it for 30 years, so I am sure it will be a great success as always.

We send much love to our dear friend and fellow member Brenda Mace, who is unwell in hospital at this time and our best wishes also go to her family.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm and our guest speaker will be Claire Pearson on the topic of Medical Detection Dogs. Please feel welcome to come and join us.

**Heather Tomsett** 

# THE HARROW AT STOCKBURY

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# **October's Events**

Tuesday 2nd - Pie& a Pint
Friday 5th - Fish & Chip Night
Saturday 13th NO EVENING MEAL Service
Wednesday 17th - The Harrow Lunch Club
Saturday 20th - NO EVENING MEAL Service
Tuesday 30th - Crib Night
Wednesday 31st - Spooky Hallowe'en Supper

# **Opening Hours**

Monday - Closed for now Tuesday - Thursday 12.00-23.00 Friday & Saturday 12.00-12.00am Sunday 11.30-21.00pm



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# STOCKBURY COMMUNITY BUS

During the hottest and most glorious Summer since 1976 (well arguably) a party of chilled out villagers were looking forward to a shorts and T shirt day at the beach. With the prospect of fish and chips for lunch (after the obligatory fix of culture at the Turner Contemporary and a quick cappuccino in the achingly stylish coffee bar of said gallery) the perfect seaside day out was planned.

Unfortunately the great British Summer reasserted itself and the trip commenced with torrential rain and very unseasonably low temperatures. Undeterred by the prospect of a washout, a minibus full of cheerful individuals in sensible cagoules boarded the bus. Our driver Kevin (happiness personified) navigated the journey with ease and no aquaplaning and in no time we were decanted into the Turner Contemporary.

What a revelation! For those philistines amongst us who thought it was just a pit stop before a good lunch, it proved to be a really interesting and informative couple of hours, with a wide variety of interesting exhibits, both permanent and temporary. It was great, thoroughly enjoyable and to be recommended, even if the tide was in and we didn't get to see the Anthony Gormley figure!

After the gallery, various groups (having purchased snazzy looking umbrellas from the gallery shop) braved the rain to find lunch which, in some cases (no names, what happens in Margate stays in Margate) lasted through several hours and bottles of wine (the advantage of taking the mini bus rather than driving!) until it was time to meet Kevin and the mini bus for the return journey which was initially accompanied by the not so dulcet tones of Chas and Dave singing 'Down to Margate'.



Thank you Kevin, it was a terrific day out and some of us are looking forward to Chartwell on the 24th October, home of the greatest Briton of all time, Winston Churchill, can't wait, see you on the bus and I'll bring my Turner umbrella, just in case...

To join the Chartwell trip please

Call Fiona NOW!! 07551 454702



# **Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine by Gail Honeyman**

Well its not too often that we all agree about a book – but this month we managed it!

Whilst some people thought it had a bit of a slow start and wondered 'where it was going' so to speak, everyone – without exception felt it was a good story – well told.

It tells the story of a woman who although employed at the same place for ten years, leads a very solitary and lonely life, with seemingly no relationships in her life except with 'Mummy' who she apparently speaks to on the telephone each week. As the story unfolds, it becomes more and more apparent that Eleanor is far from fine.....

This is Gail Honeyman's first novel and she has said her inspiration for the book was because she wanted to write a novel about the concept of loneliness in younger people. Her perception was that this was a much more acknowledged concept in older people – and relatively under reported in younger ones.

Without trying to not give too much away (in case you haven't read it and decide to) the story builds very well. The character of Eleanor gives the book a very different slant and her characterisation is excellent. There is some poetic license to say the least about certain aspects of her dealing with the NHS Mental Health services – but it is fiction after all!

# **Inconsiderate Driving**

The Parish Council has received a number of complaints from villagers about a growing trend for car and van drivers to continuously sound their horns whilst travelling through the lanes around the village. This practice is not only antisocial but also dangerous, particularly for horse riders whose horses are spooked by the noise. An inconsiderate driver, according to S.3 of the Road Traffic Act 1988, is one that drives without giving sufficient thought to others.

Our Neighbourhood Police Officer has confirmed that the drivers concerned are likely to be committing an offence of careless and inconsiderate driving along with harassment, alarm or annoyance. The officer has powers under S.59 of of the Police and Reform Act 2002 which allows an officer to seize and remove a vehicle, which he or she believes is being driven inconsiderately or carelessly and causing, or is likely to cause, alarm, distress or annoyance to members of the public.

In the first instance a warning will be given and if the offence continues the officer can use the power above to seize the vehicle. In order to identify a driver suspected of driving inconsiderately in this way the officer needs only a partial number plate and description of the vehicle. In fairness to those who may not realise they are committing an offence (ignorance of the law is not a legal defence) we are publishing the information now so that fair warning is given.

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# KCC Consultation on Charging for Household Waste

KCC are currently holding a consultation into the introduction of charges of around £4 a bag for householders to take domestic amounts of 'non-household' waste 'including' soil, rubble, hardcore, plasterboard, etc to the Household Waste Recycling Centre, or as we call it, the tip.

The Parish Council are against this idea, we already suffer from both business and domestic refuse being fly-tipped in the lanes around Stockbury. This fly-tipping creates eyesores, causes inconvenience when blocking roads, can be dangerously sited (or just dangerous if it contains noxious materials) and can often take many months to get MBC or KCC to shift and at considerable cost, which is ultimately borne by council taxpayers.

We believe the introduction of charges will put more people off taking stuff to the tip so encourage even more fly-tipping, especially by people from other areas who come to quiet rural lanes to offload unseen. Further, charges once introduced in principle, will no doubt increase and be extended to other types of waste, hence the word 'including' until there will no longer be a 'free' service. Householders pay more than enough council tax already, so any current services should continue to be provided 'free' and at no further cost to the taxpayer.

It should also be remembered that householders from Stockbury already have to take refuse to the tip that could previously have been dumped in the freighters that visited the village hall. That very useful and convenient service was axed owing to cost cutting. It's arguable that the cost of removing fly-tipped waste is more than the cost of providing refuse freighters or skips in this and other areas.

Currently, extra effort is being put into identifying fly-tippers through examination of fly-tipped loads, the use of CCTV and public reporting of even partial number plates. Fly-tipping is a criminal offence under S.33 of the The Environmental Protection Act 1990 and carries a fine, in the Crown Court, of £50,000 and up to 5 years imprisonment, whilst the vehicle that is used for fly-tipping can be seized and disposed of. So please report if you see someone dumping...

An associated offence under the same Act is throwing stuff out of cars, eg sandwich wrappers, plastic bottles, paper cups etc, which the driver/owner of the vehicle can be prosecuted for, even if it isn't that person who chucks the stuff out! Again, the police only require a partial number plate and description of the vehicle to find the culprit.

So, back to the Waste Consultation, our MBC councilor, Patrik Garten, has advised that as many people as possible who object to this proposal should complete the online questionnaire so that KCC is fully aware of the strength of feeling. There is a link to the consultation document below.

Time is of the essence as the consultation ends on November 1<sup>st</sup> so please get onto the website, or get someone to access it for you if you don't have the

technology (our internet club can help with this!) fill it in and encourage others in Kent to do likewise.

www.kent.gov.uk/wasteconsultation

# SEPTEMBER 1st 2018 A YEAR ON....



And the crowds came to The Harrow for a great celebration, in fact to mark the anniversary of the official opening of our community pub. What an achievement; a whole year! Thank you Sam and all your team for your hard work in continuing to make the project a success. At last we all have a pleasant place to meet up, have a good meal, a drink and a chat with friends.



From a fiery beginning, through floods even, to a variety of successes – the Tuesday lunches, the Silver Surfer meetings, the New Year celebrations, the odd quiz, petanque and darts evenings, gourmet nights, private functions, a beer

festival and now Sam's adventurous menus. Congratulations chef!

But of course we were all in The Harrow to acknowledge another great achievement, a very visible one: the vibrant, colourful and delightful designs created by talented Jill Brooks. Her representation and unique view of Stockbury through the seasons have been transferred to four large canvases mounted on the front of the building. They add a zing to the Harrow, which no other pub in the area can match. Thank you Jill for freely giving of your expertise and time, and for the pub sign too!



# **Dog Fouling**

Once again we are asking every dog walker who uses the Hall field to clean up after their dogs.

One weekend in September this year we found the rear car park had been fouled in several places; this was not very pleasant for Mr Milton who was mowing grass there.

A visit to the field found several more deposits left by dogs, which were removed by members of the Dog Club, before training could begin.

It is a *legal requirement* to clean up after your dog, and the fines have now been increased. There is a dog waste bin on the Hall forecourt. Please use it!

# PLEASE CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR DOG.

Thank you

Hall & Playing Field Committee



# Fun Quiz (in aid of Stockbury Church) Saturday 17th November 2018 Stockbury Village Hall



Starts 7.30pm £6.00 per person (Bring your own drinks)

Teams of 6-8 per table

Contact Brenda Mace 01622 884746

# **Observer Deadline!**

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

# Monday 29th October, 2018

Please email your contributions to

# stockburyobserver@gmail.com

# **Calling All Advertisers**

Our annual rates for advertising are very reasonable and have remained unchanged for the 7th consecutive year:

# £85 for a half page or £55 for a quarter page

Our advertising year starts in June and new adverts for less than 12 months duration will be charged on a prorata basis. Rates for ads smaller than a quarter page will be given on application.

If you would like to take out an ad, please email stockburyobserver@gmail.com The editor will confirm receipt and an invoice will be sent along with details of how to pay.

If you are a new customer, please also attach your ad, preferable in MS Word or Powerpoint. Please bear in mind when designing your ad that large solid blocks of colour may not look so good in the black and white paper edition of The Observer, despite looking good for our online edition.

This is a great opportunity to promote your business as The Observer is delivered to every household within the Parish of Stockbury as well as having an online presence.

# It's never too late to advertise in The Stockbury Observer!

# **Stockbury Parish Council Minutes**

The minutes for our Parish Council meeting will be approved at the following meeting and will then be published on <a href="www.stockbury.org.uk">www.stockbury.org.uk</a> within 5 days of the meeting at which they are approved.

# Free Small Ads

The "Small Ads" section is for Stockbury Parish residents to sell, redundant or unwanted items in good condition. If you have any such items, please send the details to the editor at <a href="mailto:stockburyobserver@gmail.com">stockburyobserver@gmail.com</a> and they will be advertised for free in The Observer for **one month only**.

We accept no responsibility for the quality of the items advertised for sale or the handling of payment between buyer and vendor.

# **Useful Contact Information**

Church Matters St. Mary Magdalene	Revd Liz Cox revlizcox@outlook.com	01795 435184
Community Bus	Booking Line	07551 454702
Cricket Club	Roger Milton	
Crimestoppers	(Confidential)	0800 555111
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
Gardeners	stockburygardeners@live.com	
Golf Society	Jeff Hall	01795 843296
Hall Bookings	Sue Porter	01795 843715
Kent County Councillor	Shellina Prendergast <a href="mailto:shellina.prendergast@kent.gov.uk">shellina.prendergast@kent.gov.uk</a>	
Maidstone BC Councillor	Patrik Garten - patrikgarten@maidstone.gov.uk	01622 807907
MB Farms Stores & Post Office		01795 842401
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Neighbourhood Watch	Ann Ballard	01622 736331
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Parish Council	Sherrie Babington	01634 867173
Petanque Club	Tina Jacobs	07743 910185
Photographic Club	Tim Arnold - timarnold@btinternet.com	01795 843049
Police	Emergency Only Non-Emergency	999 101
Police Community Support Officers for Stockbury	Daniel Genn daniel.genn@kent.pnn.police.uk	101
Public Footpaths & Bridleway	Reporting issues with westprow@kent.gov.uk	03000 417171
Roads, Potholes, etc	(manned 24hrs) - <u>www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/report-a-problem</u>	03000 418181
RSPCA		0300 1234999
Short Mat Bowls	Tony or Angela Russell	01795 842738
South East Water	Emergency Only Non-Emergency	0333 000 0365 0333 000 3330
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