

# THE STOCKBURY & SOUTH GREEN OBSERVER

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August '18 Diary All events at the Memorial Hall unless otherwise stated					
Wed	lst		other wise stated		
Thurs	2nd	Gardeners	8.00 - 10.00pm		
Fri	3rd	Dancing Club	8.00 - 10.30pm		
Sat	4th	Private Booking	5.00 - 11.45pm		
Sun	5th	Dog Club - Field	10.00 - 11.00am		
		Meet Your PCSO	11.30 1.30pm		
Mon	6th				
Tues	7th	NSYC	7.30 - 9.30pm		
Wed	8th				
Thurs	9th				
Fri	10th	Dancing Club	8.00 - 10.30pm		
Sat	11th				
Sun	12th	Dog Club - Field	10.00 - 11.00am		
Mon	13th				
Tues	14th				
Wed	15th	The Harrow Lunch Club	12.30 - 2.30pm		
		Sew & Chatter	2.00 - 4.00pm		
		Parish Council	7.30 - 9.30pm		
Thurs	16th				
Fri	17th	Gardeners	7.00 - 11.00pm		
Sat	18th	Flower Show	2.00 - 4.00pm		
Sun	19th	Dog Club - Field	10.00 - 11.00am		
		Private Booking	12.00 - 5.00pm		
Mon	20th				
Tues	21st	NSYC	7.30 - 9.30pm		
Wed	22nd				
Thurs	23rd				
Fri	24th	Dancing Club	8.00 - 10.30pm		
Sat	25th				
Sun	26th	Dog Club - Field	10.00 - 11.00am		
Mon	27th				
Tues	28th				
Wed	29th				
Thurs	30th				
Fri	31st	Dancing Club	8.00 - 10.30pm		



## **Violence Reduction Challenge**

Dear Resident

I am writing to seek your views on, and assistance with, a substantial piece of work which I launched last month.

My Violence Reduction Challenge is a significant programme, bringing together individuals and organisations from across the county and beyond. It will involve examining, in detail, issues related to violent crime in all its forms.

I will be asking the Violence Reduction Challenge to look at the whole of the journey; including early intervention and prevention, education, enforcement and rehabilitation.

The first step I have taken is to ask residents, victims, charities, public sector organisations, and others to submit to me their thoughts on violent crime in Kent through my all for evidence.

I would very much appreciate it if you were able to respond from your own perspective; whether you have been a victim, supported someone who has, or have not but have something else to suggest.

No ideas are off the table as part of the Violence Reduction Challenge.

You can submit any responses via my website at: www.kent-pcc.gov.uk/VRC.

Thank you in advance for taking the time to share this call for evidence and I look forward to hearing your views going forward.

Yours sincerely

#### Matthew Scott Kent Police & Crime Commissioner



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## St Mary Magdalene Church Stockbury



The services for August are as follows:

5 August – 6.pm Sung Communion 12 August – 6.pm Evensong
19 August - 6.0pm Sung Communion 26 August – 6.pm: Evensong.

The church will now be open on Saturdays from 10am to 4pm and on Sundays from 10am to 6pm until the end of September. Please do visit this historic and peaceful church which has been in Stockbury for over a thousand years.

Anyone wishing to visit the church can obtain the key from the village shop.

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 <u>www.thesix.org.uk</u> or contact the Rev'd Liz Cox

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

#### July Church Draw Winners CONGRATIULATIONS!





Five of our ladies (plus one husband), went to the Madginford WI Pie Lunch held a few weeks ago which was well attended with about 50 diners. Everyone obviously enjoyed their meal and the atmosphere was light hearted and jovial. All in all this was a very enjoyable outing.

Our display of 3 poppy curtains which we have been working on, was taken to the Kent Showground by Ann and Wendy, to create, with other displays contributed by many others, a memorial to mark the 100 years since the First World War ended and to remember those who served in the conflict. Stockbury WI received a special mention from the organisers for all the hours of hard work that our members and Dee Stevenson put into the making and displaying of thousands of poppies on site. I know that it caused a few headaches and late nights for Ann and Wendy but the finished area looked amazing.

Eight members attended the Centenary Celebrations at The Friars, Aylesford on the 11<sup>th</sup> July. We had a picnic in the beautiful surroundings and saw displays of imaginative flower arrangements, photographs and upcycled cushions which demonstrated the wealth of talent to be found among WI members. (Thank you Joyce for making our

cushion).

On Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> July seven of us received a very warm welcome from our dear friends at Westwell WI, who entertained us for the evening and treated us to a very



informative talk on the renovation and day to day running of Willesborough Windmill, with many anecdote's of life at the mill. Westwell WI was formed in 1918 and will be celebrating their centenary in November. We wish them well.

We are all looking forward to our summer meal at The Chiltern Hundreds during August.

Heather Tomsett

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Patrik Says ....

"You politicians ! ...." and this is usually followed by a barrage of abuse and misconceptions, which your local 'Monkey' has to endure.

MBC Councillor remunerations have recently been addressed by an independent panel. This panel found that we are working on average 12 hours per week and our remuneration should approximately reflect the minimum wage before tax. I can assure you that I spend easily twice that time and struggle to barely keep abreast of the basics. There is no extra pay, on the contrary, as the sole councillor of one of the biggest wards by area, I don't even get paid travel expenses for ward visits nor parish council attendance. I easily spend £50 a month on diesel for those trips, while my urban colleagues can walk their ward in 20 minutes end to end; I couldn't even drive across my ward in half an hour. If you feed peanuts, you get .... councillors?

This last month I had an unusual workload of planning (and other legal) objections. Most of these issues stem from activities by "new kids on the block". (These I define as residents who moved into the North Downs within the past six years.) Often there is the dream of living in the countryside, slowing down from the city life and utilising the potential of the new, big house and adjoining land. Those dreams are certainly not objectionable in principle but once LED floodlights go up and planning applications get filed, all sorts of alarm bells are being set off in the hamlet. If possible, your Councillor tries to double as counsellor in order to restore community peace. Administrative law is no substitute for a good neighbourly talk and early neighbourhood consultation.

You may have struggled recently to find certain items, like statutory documents, on the MBC website. This is being blamed (as usual) on the new website. I was told that during the next few months IT will be introducing a new site search tool, which is more powerful than the existing one, the new search function should make all documents far easier to find. Currently I find it more successful to use an external search engine like Google or Startpage to find hidden items on the MBC website.

The review of the Local Plan for 2021 is gaining pace: Regular readers may remember that I previously said that not much happens at MBC during August, not so in 2018: We will start the month with four consecutive evenings of members' workshops, our party will also spend a whole sunny Sunday in a stuffy hall debating our policies. I am sure that the other groups may hold similar meetings too.

It may be fair to say that there is little appetite across the political spectrum for further dispersal of new housing across rural villages nor for urban expansion. Theoretically we could think outside the box and take the decision to regress Maidstone, turn the town into an. unattractive dump where nobody in their right mind would want to live nor work. Somehow I cannot see a political mandate for such a position. Any other direction will unfortunately impose another 7,500 residential units upon us; this figure is derived from a national formula that is imposed upon local authorities by Central Government. Where will we put them? How will communities cope with even more 'new kids on the block'? Interesting times ahead...

The Strategic Planning Committee agreed to put the draft Statement of Community Involvement 2018 out for consultation. I made sure that the 2013 SCI can be easily found on the MBC website via its search function. Watch this space for further announcements.

The town centre will soon become a Business Improvement District. A BID is a business-led and business funded body formed to improve a defined commercial area. Businesses will pay an additional levy based on the rateable value of their property. and this will generate an income of approximately £2.15m over its initial five-year term. The BID will promote Maidstone in new ways. Car parking, reducing crime and anti-social behaviour, finding a better synergy between the town centre and Maidstone's heritage are some of their targets.

MBC are seeking views on the specific dog control measures to combat irresponsible dog-owner behaviour. In the North Downs this may be specifically relevant to Stockbury & Wormshill:

https://wh.snapsurveys.com/s.asp?k=152965605609

Enjoy the summer.

PATRIK GARTEN MBC's Monkey for North Downs Ward Email: <u>patrikgarten@maidstone.gov.uk</u> Phone: 0<u>1622-807907</u>



Because of carriageway resurfacing, Kent County Council has made an order prohibiting through traffic on various roads, on or after 1st August 2018 for up to 18 months or until the works have been completed. Planned dates will be indicated by signage displayed on site 30 days in advance.

**A249 NORTHBOUND ONLY** Sittingbourne Road (Detling Hill), Detling (Northbound Only) - From M20 Junction 7 Southbound to M2 Junction 5 (Stockbury Roundabout) From 21:00 – 06:00 for up to 10 nights of works

Alternative route via M20 Junction 7 to M20 junction 6 (London bound), A229 Blue Bell Hill between M20 Junction 6 to M2 Junction 3 (Northbound), M2 Junction 3 to M2 Junction 5 (coast bound).





## Stockbury Neighbourhood Watch

We are a Police registered Neighbourhood Watch Scheme. Neighbourhood Watch is a way for communities to help themselves stay safe. We are volunteers who work in partnership with the police to:

- 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

2nd, 16th & 30th August '18

## At the Village Hall

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Storms washing away roads, heat melting the roads, and brown lawns. I think 2018 will be a memorable year for these reasons alone. Apparently at the time of penning this we have more heat to come and talk of 35 degrees.

I know that this is a gardener's page, but I cannot resist poking fun at the Highways Agency and council. In this case the road to Hucking from Stockbury was badly damaged with the May storms, I am not sure too many of you have travelled the route recently but the repair team have laid what is probably the best road surface out side of Brands Hatch! Smooth, wide, flat and a pleasure to drive over. Ohh nearly forgot, pristine white lines and dotted ones at tee junctions. The tarmac team deserve recognition for the work. It's a big shame they were not employed to fill up the holes on our motorways and theA249. Gripe over.

During July some of our members entered exhibits in the Kent Show and they were very successful in coming home with some awards and prize money.

Our next village show is on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> August and the hall will be open to the public at 2pm until 4pm. All are welcome. Any entries should be in to the Show Secretary. by the end of 16<sup>th</sup> (Thursday).

The monthly meeting this month is a BBQ and viewing of the Chairman's garden from 7pm. Please advise any of the Committee if you can make it and get details of times and format from them.

Providing that you can keep the soil moist, planting fast growing Chinese leaves, Pak Choi. and salad leaves are all a current option and even basil and coriander will germinate in the ground now.

Recently seen in the garden Fritillary butterflies, slowworms, gold finches and a 5 foot frog.

Chris Spree





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



This year marks the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the end of the First World War.

Stockbury Parish Council would like to commemorate this significant anniversary with a community event

to take place on Remembrance Sunday. We would like to involve everyone, villagers, clubs and societies.

Some ideas for the event have already been put forward but we would welcome further input from you.

We would love to hear from anyone :

- Who has ideas/suggestions for the event
- Who'd like to become involved, either before or on the day
- Who had an ancestor in the war, especially any whose name is listed on memorials in Stockbury Church.
- Who'd like to make a donation towards a permanent memorial.
- Who has any medals, keepsakes, mementos, letters, diaries or other items/stories from the war which could be displayed on the day.

Please contact:

Anne Southern - 01795 842850 southernanne@ymail.com Fiona Moody - 01622 884551 effcee-emm\_gb@hotmail.com



We look forward to hearing from you.



**BIG THANK YOU!** 

We would like to say a Big Thank You to Sam and his team at The Harrow for providing the bar and the food at our recent celebration held in the Village Hall. Nothing was too much trouble, and everything was organised beautifully. We had many comments about how good the food was, which included gluten-free and vegetarian options.

We would recommend that anyone having 'a bit of a do' in the Village Hall speaks to Sam if they would like catering for their event. He's very good ... and very reasonable!

Sue & Graham Franks, School House, Stockbury

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## STOCKBURY COMMUNITY BUS

#### CALLINGALL PASSENGERS!! CALLINGALL PASSENGERS!! CALLINGALL PASSENGERS!!

#### Hello All!

So here we are AGAIN with an additional trip – potentially number FOUR on our list.

Those of us on the visit to Tea-Pot Island will remember when we had finished 'putting the world right' we got to thinking of new potential trips and mentioned how nice it was to be so close to the river at Yalding; so I mentioned the 'Kentish Lady' which is a small glass enclosed cruise vessel which operates from the wet side of the Archbishop's Palace and travels two or three locks up river through Allington and Yalding before turning around and coming back. What I was thinking is that we go on the three hour lunchtime cruise as it suits what we do, taking a leisurely cruise whilst having lunch on board; this can be a 'Picnic Box', fresh fruit tea/coffee/ water or my particular choice, Fish & Chips, tea/coffee/ water but we would need to determine how many of each when we book. The cost per person whether you have the Picnic Box or Fish & Chips would be £23.00, which includes lunch and travel on the boat, not forgetting an additional £5.00 for your bus fare for fare paying passengers, free for concessionary bus pass passengers.

The plan would be to start picking up to leave the village around 10:30 to have time to park in Maidstone as near as possible to the boat and make sure we are there in time according to their instructions. I would expect to leave between half three to four and be back in the village by five.

To get a booking on this popular boat we need to move fast and accept it would have to be **THURSDAY 27<sup>th</sup> September**, not the normal Wednesday! Don't worry though; Fiona has kindly agreed to move the weekly Hempstead Valley run to Friday that week.

**Don't forget** to book for our **Margate** trip on **Wednesday 29th August** either.. Fish & chips, cockles & mussels and the **Turner Contemporary** are waiting for you '*darn Margit*' as well as a trip down Memory Lane at Dreamland.

Free for concessionary bus pass holders or £5 per person for those without, payable as usual on the day and of course don't forget another quiz!

Why not join us for another good day out -3 last year, hoping for 6 this year.

#### SO ARE YOU COMING??

Call Fiona NOW!! 07551 454702

## **Cockett's Corner Ditty**

A while ago the lawns were green The best that they had ever been

But now that it has died right down The grass is a crisp and beautiful brown

Could this be a timely warning And a sign of Global Warning?



When choosing books to suggest for future reading in the group, it is inevitably always a gamble. As everyone knows, other people's opinions, be them professional reviewers or just someone you know – often fail to coincide with someone else's experience of that book; and so it was with this month's choice. The book was called 'Ragtime' by E.L. Docrow. It was based on a stage play and as a group we pondered over how successful it was as a book.

People found it a disjointed book, which weaved a story around both fictional and real people. Set in the early 20th century (before the First world War), in the Northern states of North America, it centred on three families that were black, Jewish and white middle class. The 'real' characters woven into the story were as disparate as Harry Houdini, Sigmund Freud and Henry Ford. It covered issues of racism, immigration, fame and privilege to name but a few of its components. All these disparate threads do merge in the story, but at times it is hard to follow and many people found it too disjointed and too much of a slow burn! Most people that got to the end found it worthwhile but for some it was not felt to be worth the effort. I personally enjoyed it a lot and did wonder if the fact I listened to it on Audio (whilst driving up and down to Cornwall) made any difference. We gave it a score of  $6\frac{1}{2}$ .

Incidentally whilst trying to work out in my head how to construct the review of this interesting but difficult book, I came across a definition of Ragtime music which said "Ragtime is a style of music which is based on the regularity of a march, but stresses the offbeat in such a way that the beat is intensified. Irregularity and regularity combine to give the excitement of this music's overall effect". That in itself is a complicated statement – so maybe no wonder the book felt a bit on the indecipherable side.

I guess it is up to the reader to decide if the title is a good fit to the book – but for me I just think of that famous Scott Joplin piano tune....!

It was also BBQ evening for us and we were graced with a hot evening, wonderful food and good company.

Moira Cooke

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Your local officer will be holding a police surgery on:

## Sunday 5th August

## Stockbury Village Hall



## 11:30 - 13:30

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For more information, please contact your local policing team by calling **101**.

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

#### **Useful Contact Information**

Church Matters St. Mary Magdalene	Revd Liz Cox elizabeth.cox448@btinternet.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 shellina.prendergast@kent.gov.uk	
Maidstone BC Councillor	Patrik Garten - <u>patrikgarten@maidstone.gov.uk</u>	01622 807907
MB Farms Stores & Post Office		01795 842401
Member of Parliament Faversham & Mid Kent Ward	Helen Whately - helen.whately.mp@parliament.uk	
Neighbourhood Watch	Ann Ballard	01622 736331
Not So Young Club	Rosemary Leonard	01634 232672
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 <u>daniel.genn@kent.pnn.police.uk</u>	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/</u> <u>report-a-problem</u>	03000 418181
RSPCA		0300 1234999
Short Mat Bowls	Tony or Angela Russell	01795 842738
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