



THE STOCKBURY & SOUTH GREEN OBSERVER

November 2021

Stockbury Roundabout

As everyone will have noticed, enabling works have started on the A249 and surrounding roads in advance of construction commencing in January next year. It is fair to say that it has not been an auspicious start!

National Highways decided to close one lane of the northbound A249 during off peak hours which resulted in significant queues over a 10 day period; this in turn resulted in a lot of "rat running" in the lanes. We sincerely hope that by the time you read this things will have returned to normal ... for the time being.

The Parish Council has been assured by National Highways that when underway, the works themselves will not cause similar problems. They have given a commitment that 2 lanes will remain open at all times with a 50mph speed limit being imposed on the upper part of the A249. According to their Traffic Management Consultant, drivers will respect the speed limit and any queues will be no worse than normal. According to him, there will be no issue with "rat running". Needless to say, we do not share his optimism and we have been talking to Kent County Council about what measures could be taken to protect the lanes if things do not work out as promised by National Highways.

We also have to bid farewell to an old friend: Honeycrook Hill which closed on Monday 25th October never to reopen again. I am sure we will all miss the challenge of the bends and the banks liberally decorated with fast food wrappers, drinks containers etc. The less safe entry onto the A249 from Stockbury Village, Church Hill, is now the sole link between the Village and the main road.

The National Highways team meet with the Parish Council once a month but seem reluctant to share their traffic management plan and have fed us limited (and frequently wrong) information. We are trying to establish a better relationship with them, including a way of communicating in "real time" but this is proving an uphill struggle. At the moment, emails take over 3 working days to elicit a response which is entirely unsatisfactory.

You will have read elsewhere that National Highways will be parking their "information bus" outside the Village Hall on Friday 29th October; please go along if you are able and question them about what is happening and feed back any concerns you have but also please bear in mind that the people manning the bus are unlikely to be those who can make decisions. We would urge you to remain polite to them; they are just fellow humans doing a job.

We have emailed NH asking that the bus returns on a weekend but as seems usual, have yet to receive a reply.

The bus will be parked at Farthing Corner on Saturday 30th but it seems unreasonable to expect Parishioners to travel there, or to risk the parking fines that the service station seems keen on handing out at the moment.

The Parish Council will continue to maintain a Facebook page dedicated to the "improvements"

www.facebook.com/stockburypc

Please check this regularly if you are able.

There is a National Highways website dedicated to the works, it is useful but often out of date or inaccurate. It can be found at:

<https://highwaysengland.co.uk/our-work/south-east/m2-junction-5-improvements/>

The website also gives an interesting insight into how "on the ball" NH are; it quotes the cost of the scheme as being between £50 million and £100 million (of our money!). No private sector company could get away with not knowing the budget for something this size but NH are apparently unconcerned.

Please talk to a Parish Councillor if you experience problems or just want to know what the latest news is. It is important that we get feedback from Parishioners which we can then feed back to National Highways.

Fingers crossed that things get better rather than worse over the next 4 years!

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At the End of The Rainbow

On Saturday 23rd October, eleven Covid volunteers were treated to the 'At the End of The Rainbow' concert in Mote Hall in Maidstone. The concert was organised by the Maidstone Area Arts Partnership to honour and thank all the Kent based health and care workers, who achieved and bore so much on our behalf through the last eighteen months. The concert also aimed to raise funds for the MTW Charity which supports improvements to patient and carer experiences, research, improved facilities and equipment; encourages innovation and also training and welfare services for its staff in the Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells Hospitals Trust.

Stockbury's Covid Support Team were assigned a small clutch of tickets for its part in establishing a volunteer group who delivered groceries and medicines, as well as other support during the national lockdown. Many of these volunteers continue informally to support neighbours and those locally in need.

Starting with those who had given most of their time, invitations were issued and the lucky few were taken by Geoff Moody in the Stockbury Community Bus.

It was a rich and uplifting evening of singing, instrument playing and dancing. Four choirs, three dance schools, the Music Man Project and the City of Rochester Symphony Orchestra, were carefully co-ordinated in a programme built around the theme of the rainbow to entertain us.

From the opening brass fanfare to the closing finale involving all 280-ish performers, it was colourful, energetic, funny, uplifting, moving and impressive. Particularly touching were the performances by the Music Man Project (Kent/Medway) run by Sarah Mann and Andy Millest. This UK charity provides music education for people with learning disabilities.

Watching them wield hand bells, triangles, woodblocks, African drums, glockenspiels and tambourines, their commitment to joining in, getting it right and the huge smiles as they did so was both humbling and inspiring.

Finally, we had the opportunity to hear from Consultant Paediatric Trauma and Orthopaedic Surgeon, Rantimi Ayodele, about the excellent work of the MTW Trust and its charity. The audience applauded time and again as she revealed the successes of our local trust in increasing ICU capacity, delivering vaccines, assisting other trusts with emergency ambulances and, not least, one of only three trusts nationally to reduce long waiting times for other procedures.

A fantastic evening's entertainment, enjoyed by all who went.

You can find out more about the MTW Charity or make a donation by emailing mtw-tr.charity@nhs.net or call 01622 226428.

If you want to support the Music Man Project, email mmpkent@gmail.com for more information.

Sara Kemsley

Stockbury & Hartlip Cricket Club

AGM & Presentation Evening

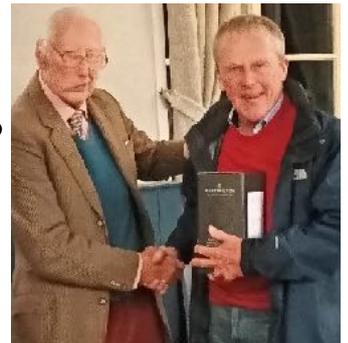
The 2021 AGM and Presentation Evening of the Stockbury & Hartlip Cricket Club was held in The Harrow on 10th October. We were delighted to be joined by a particularly healthy and sprightly looking John Yerburch, our President and his lovely wife Gill. Earlier this season John generously provided us with a shield to be presented to the winners of an annual match between the club and a President's XI. He also endowed the trophy to enable it to be engraved with the name of each season's winning team. Fittingly, that first match finished in a draw.

John presented awards to the following players: -

Batsman of the Season – Paul White
Bowler of the Season – Damian Doran
Allrounder of the Season – Henry Collister
Most Improved Player – Colby Barnes

The last two years have been especially challenging for the whole world; as a result of the impositions and constraints imposed due to the pandemic, many businesses, clubs and other organisations have not survived. Whilst changes have been required both on and off the field, the club has adapted well and cricket has continued to be played.

Several changes took place within the club: Chris Porter stepped down as Treasurer having been involved with the club since he and Sue moved to the village in 1988. He has adroitly managed the club's finances to ensure that cricket has continued at an affordable cost to players; Roger Milton retired having re-started the club in 2008 and taking over as groundsman a few years later. For the last few seasons, he has also been responsible for production of the fixture book as well as taking over as Captain and Fixture Secretary; Glen Martin stepped down as Chairman. John Yerburch presented Chris and Roger with engraved decanters to mark their long service to the club.



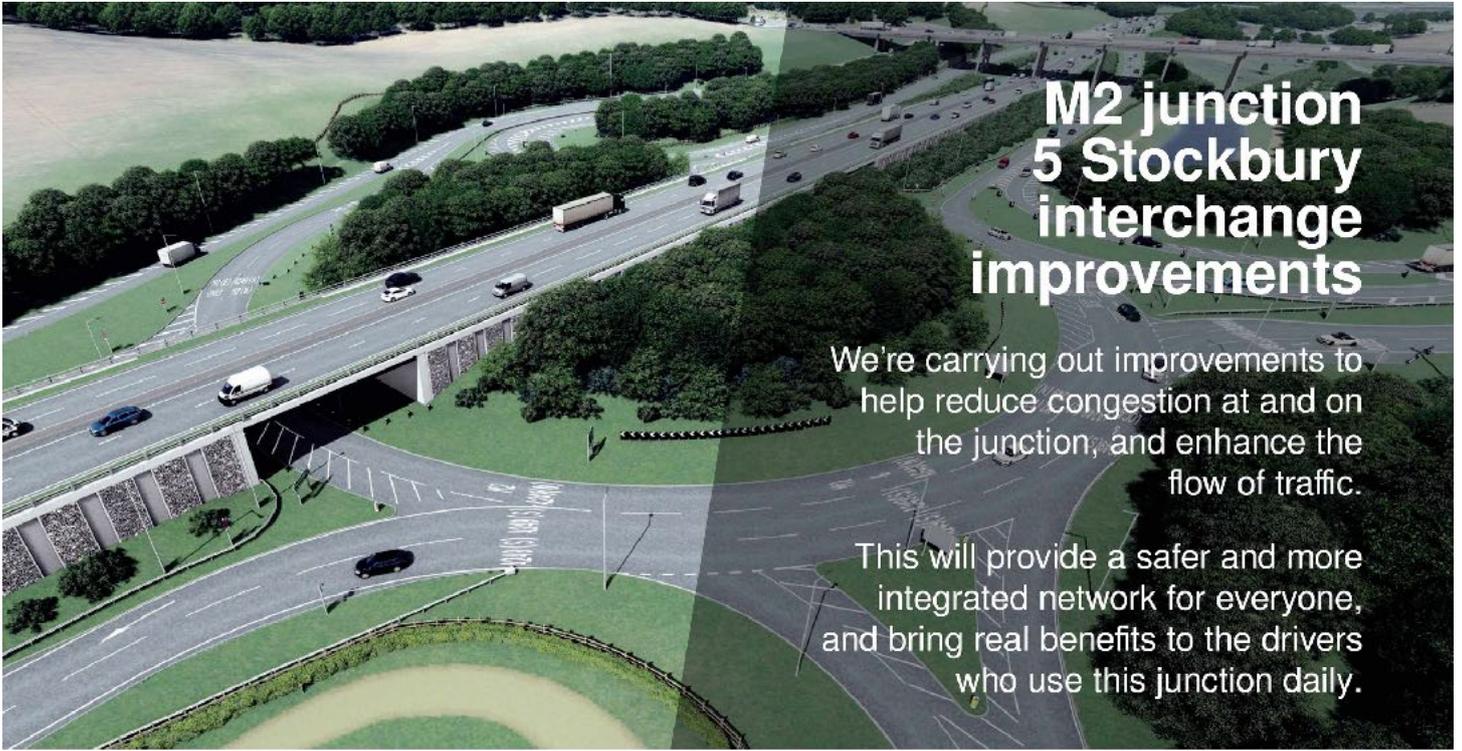
The following were elected: -

Chairman – Paul White
Treasurer and Secretary – Mark Webb
Captain and Fixture Secretary – Enrique Page
Vice-captain – Damian Doran
Pitch preparation – Enrique Page and Damian Doran

The club is always looking for players, umpires, scorers and help with ground maintenance. If you'd like to be involved, please speak to one of the above or contact Enrique or Damian:

Enrique - 07522 691831
Damian – 07967 890010

Glen Martin
Outgoing Chairman



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To find out more, please come and meet the project team at **Stockbury Memorial Hall** on **Friday 29 October from 11am to 4pm**. We will be in other locations 27 - 30 October, details can be found on our website highwaysengland.co.uk/m2-j5 or scan the QR code.

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Stockbury Kent

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and

Canterbury Christmas Market
Wednesday Dec 8th

To book a seat for either trip please call:

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Memory Lane

I just thought it would be nice to recap on some of the memorable things I've seen and been apart of since moving to the village some 18 years ago. Which isn't that long compared to some!

Like having to shut your garden gates to save your plants from being trampled on when Nick used to herd the sheep from one end of the village to the other. Having to queue outside the old MB Farms butchers shop which could only fit five people inside at any one time. A far cry from the lovely butchers and shop we have now.

Meeting up outside the pub on a cold, snowy morning to head out for a nice walk and then to be greeted back with a warm welcome by Chris and Caroline at The Harrow. Their New Year's Eve parties were something to remember. Lots of fun had by all.

The Village Hall events organised by Sue and Jackie, like Back To School, which saw a load of grown-up people behaving badly and Anne trying to keep us inline. The food at these events cooked and prepared by Sue and Jackie was outstanding. To this day I never know how they managed to serve 100 plus guests.

And I still miss seeing Martin with his high vis jacket and trolley going round the village on a fortnightly bases, picking up the litter and keeping our village clean and tidy.

I'm sure there are many more stories that can be told by villagers that have lived in this lovely village a lot longer than me. So, I look forward to reading all about it in the next issue.

Penny Arundel

An Evening of Motown

Many thanks to all who came and danced their hearts out and had a wonderful evening at the Motown evening held in the Village Hall last month.

After expenses, you raised £150 which was presented to the PDSA.

Terry

(Apologies to Terry Holliday - I got it wrong! - Ed)

October Church Draw Winners

CONGRATULATIONS!

1st £40 - Glen Martin (84)

2nd £20 - Sylvia Pay (57)

3rd £10 - John & Gill Yerburgh (126)

Patrik Says ...

Dear Residents,

Wow! What a month we had! We had two full council meetings where important decisions were taken.

I told you that the Conservative Party is seeking to introduce four yearly elections, which received over 70% support by you the consulted electorate. Because this is a constitutional change we required a 2/3 majority; our motion failed at the hands of the Liberals.

While I cannot predict the next move, a call for a referendum may well be on the cards. I hear you ask: 'A referendum? Won't that be expensive?' My answer is that you cannot put a price on democracy. If you won't fight for the will of the people, there is nothing worth fighting for. Secondly, although a referendum may cost over £100,000, an annual saving of £80,000 will quickly outweigh that expense if the will of the people gets its way and we get 4 yearly elections.

Remember, it's not only about the electoral cycle but hand in hand goes the question of whether North Downs can remain a Rural Single Member Ward or whether it'll be chopped up and attached to other wards.

The Electoral Commission is very adamant that if we want to retain elections by thirds, we must have three members per ward in future. In order to get the required number of electors per elected member, the current rural ward of North Downs would have to be split up and sections attached to urban wards.

The second decision of the evening was our proposed move to an executive system of government. The Conservatives won that vote and we will see exciting changes in how Maidstone will be administered in future – hopefully led more by members and less by officers. The devil will be in the detail and more debate is to be had. This vote was a crucial one.

Just a week later we had another meeting, in order to put forward our Local Plan Review for the final Regulation 19 public consultation. This review was jointly conjured up between all political groups over the past two years, while the Liberals were leading the Council.

Oh, what a surprise! The Liberal Party voted unanimously against it on this occasion. There was no need to take this step, the plan did not change since it was last supported by them. I can only guess that political electioneering was the sole motivation. In the weeks leading up to this vote, all Councillors were lobbied by a barrage of Anti-Lidsing campaign emails.

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Patrik Says cont'd ...

The sitting Conservative Boxley Councillors in whose ward Lidsing falls, were too much of a temptation to be targeted by a blunt political ambush.

A week in politics is a long time and I read interesting news about this political party in the local press: <https://www.kentonline.co.uk/maidstone/news/lib-dems-suffer-blow-in-group-exit-at-council-255865/> It's not for me to comment here.

Coming back to the Local Plan Review, the Conservatives have now acquired it as their own by default. Not doing so would have thrown us back by 18 months and eventually left us without a Local Plan and no defence against unsuitable planning applications. A risk which we were not willing to take.

The Plan will now go forward to its final public consultation and I encourage you, as always, to have your say. It will take place between 29 October and 12 December 2021 and can be accessed via the MBC website: <https://maidstone.gov.uk/home/primary-services/council-and-democracy/primary-areas/consultations>

As a human society we need houses, we need to home the current generation and provide an affordable living place for the **future generation**. A lack of housing supply will do nothing but push housing costs to even higher unaffordable levels.

As locally elected councillors we have, in law, no choice to agree or disagree national housing formulas. This is beyond our remit. The democratically elected Government of the Nation, rightly so, developed a housing strategy and it is our task as democratically elected local councillors to find the least harmful local solution. The sad consequence of previous local plans was that, while disbursing thousands of homes across the Borough, we destroyed the soul of many small villages, grew separate villages into one and, most of all, we drained exiting infrastructure to its limits.

I feel that if we do have to build at this scale to meet our housing need, then by concentrating development in a few places may allow us to build fresh infrastructure into the settlement from the outset. This Local Plan Review determines merely which part of the Borough may or may not be suitable to take the brunt of the needed development. We have no choice over the numbers.

In the end it is the choice of two areas of land next to motorways, in Lidsing as well as Lenham. Approving two garden settlements here will protect the rest of the Borough for decades to come. Maybe I should have controlled my tongue. I was publicly crucified when I said: *"It'll be hard to find a less attractive place to concrete over. Who wants to live next to a motorway anyway?"*

If I had my way, my very personal desire would be to breed squirrels, crows, rabbits and bees and not build any houses at all. However, I've been elected by humans to represent humans.

My whole ward will receive no more than NINE(!) new houses as a result of this review.

Another valuable point was added to this plan. A corridor in Otham Valley will now be safeguarded from new development until the fate of a much needed, Leeds-Langley relief road will be decided. This is a crucial addition. While Maidstone is not the Highways Authority and has no powers nor means to build this road, we will make sure that this road can eventually be built in a specially reserved corridor, before this will be clogged up by more development. In fairness to the Liberals, they never supported a Leeds Langley relief road nor this new safeguard.

In the past year, Maidstone's Waste Crime Team have seized 17 vehicles and issued 21 Fixed Penalty Notices for fly-tipping, ranging from £300 - £400. Six of those were for duty of care offences. This may include householders who employ unlicensed waste carriers who fly-tip the waste rather than dispose of it properly. Always make sure, when employing waste carriers, that they are licensed. It's a legal requirement to carry the licence on the vehicle.

MBC's Waste Crime Team were featured on national TV on 4th October as part of the BBC One series 'BBC Defenders'.

And finally ... I promised some very exciting news about litter (not fly-tipping) enforcement: An enforcement camera, full of artificial intelligence (AI) went live on 30 September to catch litter-louts; this is the first camera of its kind in the UK. Maidstone is at the forefront of anti-litter-technology!

I am always sceptical about CCTV and worry about civil liberty implications. On this occasion however, I'll happily drop my guard. The camera is live 24/7 and the AI reads all the motion in its view. Only when it detects somebody throwing litter it will record, no other images will be retained at all. Next, the recorded images can be reviewed by a human and will be immediately discarded if the AI made a mistake. However, if the images show indeed somebody littering, the law will come down with a mighty fixed penalty upon the culprit – so be warned!

Where is this camera stationed? Let me tell you this much, it can and will be moved around the Borough.

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Stockbury Gardeners

For anyone with the slightest interest in the humble bumblebee and its habitats, please put November 4th into your diary, as we have Dr. Nikki Gammons presenting a talk on some 110 varieties of native British bees. The presentation will start at 8pm; we do welcome non-members to the talks if you fancy a bit of post lockdown entertainment.

This month leaf clearing is a good idea but an even better idea is, when gathering, to start a compost heap containing just leaves. Leaves do not always decompose as fast as normal vegetation so keep a separate pile for them; or you can bag up the leaves in used compost bags which gives them a good purposeful use. Most compost bags when finished with can be put to other purposes. I sometimes turn them inside out (black side outward) roll them down like a pair of trousers and plant potatoes in them. Starting them off in some soil in the bottom of the old bags, gradually unroll the bag and keep topping up with more soil as the bag grows. Don't forget to cut some drainage holes though.

On the bench in the greenhouse, I also open out the plastic bags and lay them underneath horticultural felt to help retain moisture underneath pot plants, and seedling trays.

An advantage to living in Stockbury is that we live close to the Kent Showground and have relatively good access to functions that take place. Last month I managed to sneak into the National Fruit Show, this annual event showcases the fruit industry in the UK. Certainly, an impressive display of fruit with local growers and equipment suppliers taking part.



Knowledge is knowing that a tomato is a fruit
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Philosophy is wondering if a Blood Mary counts as a smoothie!

Chris Spree

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Zeina's Ginger Orange Chicken

I came across this recipe a very long time ago and have altered it over the years. It's an unusual flavour - Israeli origin I believe but I haven't looked in to it.

Ingredients:

The Spice Mix

- Dried Mint (1 tbsp)
- Coriander seeds (2 tsp)
- Cumin seeds (2 tsp)
- Whole cloves (1 tsp)
- Black peppercorns (1 tbsp)
- Cinnamon powder (1 tsp)
- Cardamom pods (1/4 tsp, seeds only)
- Nutmeg (1/8 tsp)
- Allspice (3 dried berries)
- Red chilli (you can substitute this for paprika) (1.5 tbsp)

The Main Recipe

- The spice mix (1 tbsp)
- Chicken thighs (10, skinned)
- Stock cube (1)
- Fresh ginger (3 inch piece sliced finely)
- Honey (2 tbsp)
- Lemon juice (5 tbsp)
- Orange juice (1.5 Litre)
- Salt (to taste)
- Olive oil (1/2 cup)
- Fresh mint (1/2 cup)

First you'll need to make the spice mix:

Dry fry all spices on a medium flame for about half a minute. Put it all in to a grinder and grind until you have a nice fragrant mix (*don't sniff, will sneeze!*). Keep as you would any spice mix

I'm not an expert in any of this - I'm just a home cook and I do a bit of research into interesting spice mixes online etc. Please read the safety instructions/expiry dates etc of your spices before making the mix and keep note of everything - please be safe.

Method to the Madness

- Fry the chicken on a medium flame in the olive oil until sealed. Sprinkle in the spice mix. Fry a little bit more. Careful not to burn the chicken at this stage as olive oil has a low boiling point.
- Add the orange juice and the stock cube (make sure the cube has fully disintegrated), lower the heat and cover. Cook until the orange juice becomes a syrup. Keep an eye on this process because it'll sneakily burn and caramelise if you're not paying attention. This is a super needy recipe, you need to be around it a lot.
- While the orange juice is cooking down, prep this: in a separate bowl, mix the lemon juice, honey, mint and ginger together.
- Once the orange juice is syrupy, taste it for salt and add any if needed.
- Add in the lemon/honey/mint/ginger mix and stir until incorporated.
- Cook for a few minutes - taste. Is it yum? It ought to be yum!

Serve with a fresh green salad and pita bread.

You can garnish this with slices of oranges and pine nuts but I usually can't be bothered And enjoy!

Love Zeina



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BAR

RESTAURANT

EVENTS

FUNCTIONS



THE HOOK AND HATCHET INN IS LOCATED ON 573 ACRES OF PARK AND WOODLAND. THERE ARE A NUMBER OF DESIRABLE AMENITIES ONSITE OTHER THAN JUST THE FABULOUS BAR AND DINING AREA - PAIRED WITH A WIDE SELECTION OF BEERS, ALES, SPIRITS AND WINES AND ALSO FANTASTIC HOMEMADE PUB FOOD! THE PUB IS DOG FRIENDLY AND ALSO BOASTS AN AREA FOR HORSES TO BE TIED UP AND WATERED FREE OF CHARGE OUTSIDE TOO! THE HOOK & HATCHET IS ALWAYS BURSTING WITH EVENTS.

FOOD AT THE HOOK & HATCHET INN

FOOD IS AVAILABLE 7 DAYS A WEEK FROM NOON, AND EARLIER ON WEEKENDS AND BANK HOLIDAYS TO CATER FOR BREAKFAST GUESTS.

Hall Diary

All events at the Memorial Hall unless otherwise stated

Mon	1st	Power Wave	6.30 - 7.30pm
Tues	2nd	Bowls	2.00 - 4.00pm
Wed	3rd	Pilates	9.30 - 10.30am
		UK Paper Band	7.00 - 9.00pm
Thurs	4th	Gardeners	8.00 - 10.00pm
Fri	5th		
Sat	6th	Private Booking	All Day
Sun	7th	Dog Club - Field	10.00 - 11.00am
Mon	8th	Power Wave	6.30 - 7.30pm
Tues	9th	Bowls	2.00 - 4.00pm
Wed	10th	Pilates	9.30 - 10.30am
		W.I. (Commte Rm)	2.00 - 4.00pm
		Parish Council	2.00 - 4.00pm
		UK Paper Band	7.00 - 9.00pm
Thurs	11th		
Fri	12th		
Sat	13th		
Sun	14th	Dog Club - Field	10.00 - 11.00am
Mon	15th	Power Wave	6.30 - 7.30pm
Tues	16th	Bowls	2.00 - 4.00pm
Wed	17th	Pilates	9.30 - 10.30am
		Parish Council	7.00 - 9.00pm
Thurs	18th		
Fri	19th		
Sat	20th		
Sun	21st	Dog Club - Field	10.00 - 11.00am
Mon	22nd	Power Wave	6.30 - 7.30pm
Tues	23rd	Bowls	2.00 - 4.00pm
Wed	24th	Pilates	9.30 - 10.30am
		UK Paper Band	7.00 - 9.00pm
Thurs	25th		
Fri	26th		
Sat	27th	Private Booking	All Day
Sun	28th	Dog Club - Field	10.00 - 11.00am
Mon	29th	Power Wave	6.30 - 7.30pm
Tues	30th	Bowls	2.00 - 4.00pm

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 November

Please email your contributions to
stockburyobserver@gmail.com

Calling All Advertisers

Our annual rates for advertising in 12 editions are:

A whole page £400

A half page £200

A quarter page £120

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

If you would like to place an advert in The Observer, 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 artwork, preferable in MS Word or as a PDF file.

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 meetings will be approved at the following meeting and will then be published on www.stockbury.org within 5 days of the meeting at which they are approved.

Mobile Library Dates:

The mobile library will be at the
Village Hall on

**Thursday 4th November
from 9.10am - 9.40am**



Useful Contact Information

Church Matters St. Mary Magdalene		01795 227329
Community Bus	Booking Line	07551 454702
Cricket Club	Enrique Damian	07522 691831 07967 890010
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
Gardeners	stockburygardeners@live.com	
Golf Society	Philip Painter	07850 190204
Hall Bookings	Sue Porter	01795 843715
Kent County Councillor	Shellina Prendergast shellina.prendergast@kent.gov.uk	
Maidstone BC Councillor	Patrik Garten - patrikgarten@maidstone.gov.uk	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 Clerk	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 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
Short Mat Bowls	Ann Rich - email: ann.stockbury@btinternet.com	07718 070807
South East Water	Emergency Only Non-Emergency	0333 000 0365 0333 000 3330
Stockbury Observer - Editor	stockburyobserver@gmail.com	
The Harrow Public House	booking@theharrowstockbury.co.uk	01795 843222
WI	Ann Ballard - email: rosemary.ballard@outlook.com	01622 736331