

THE STOCKBURY & SOUTH GREEN OBSERVER

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September '18 Diary All events at the Memorial Hall unless otherwise stated					
Sat	1st				
Sun	2nd	Dog Club - Field	10.00 - 11.00am		
Mon	3rd	Private Booking	7.00 - 9.00pm		
Tues	4th	Bowls	2.00 - 4.00pm		
Tues	τιι	NSYC	7.30 - 9.30pm		
Wed	5th	Pilates	9.30 - 10.30am		
Thurs	6th	Gardeners	8.00 - 10.00pm		
Fri	7th	Dancing Club	8.00 - 10.30pm		
Sat	8th				
Sun	9th	Dog Club - Field	10.00 - 11.00am		
Mon	10th				
Tues	11th	Bowls	2.00 - 4.00pm		
Wed	12th	Pilates	9.30 -10.30am		
		W.I.	7.30 - 9.30pm		
Thurs	13th	Bowls	7.30 - 9.30pm		
Fri	14th	Dancing Club	8.00 - 10.30pm		
Sat	15th	Chrysanthemum Club	6.00 - 11.00pm		
Sun	16th	Dog Club - Field	10.00 - 11.00am		
		Chrysanthemum Show	All Day		
Mon	17th				
Tues	18th	Bowls	20.00 - 4.00pm		
		NSYC	7.30 - 9.30pm		
Wed	19th	Pilates	9.30 - 10.30am		
		Sew & Chatter	1.30 - 3.30pm		
		Parish Council	7.30 - 9.30pm		
Thurs	20th	Bowls	7.30 - 9.30pm		
Fri	21st	Dancing Club	8.00 - 10.30pm		
		Caravan Club - Field	All Day		
Sat	22nd	Caravan Club - Field	All Day		
Sun	23rd	Caravan Club - Field	All Day		
		Dog Club - Field	10.00 - 11.00am		
Mon	24th	Private Booking	7.00 - 9.00pm		
Tues	25th	Bowls	2.00 - 4.00pm		
Wed	26th	Pilates	9.30 - 10.30am		
Thurs	27th	Bowls	7.30 - 9.30pm		
Fri	28th	Caravan Club - Hall	8.00 - 10.30pm		
Sat	29th	Caravan Club - Field	All Day		
Sun	30th	Caravan Club - Field	All Day		
		Dog Club - Field	10.00 - 11.00am		
	31st				



Temporary Road Closures

Church Lane, Stockbury From **17 September** for up to 2 days

The road will be closed outside **St Mary Magdalene's Church**

The diversion route is via The Street, South Street Road, Chalky Road, A249 Sittingbourne Road, Church Hill, Church Lane and vice versa.

The closure is to enable overhead cable works to be carried out by UK Power Networks.

South Green Lane, Sittingbourne From the **15th September** for 2 days between the hours of 7am and 7pm

Between the A249 Sittingbourne Road and Rumstead Road.

The diversion route(s) will be via: NORTHBOUND - South Green, Pett Road, Pett Lane, Oad Street, A249 Sittingbourne Road (Westbound).

SOUTHBOUND - A249 Sittingbourne Road (Westbound), Church Hill, Honeycrock Hill, A249 Sittingbourne Road (Northeast bound), Stockbury Roundabout, A249 Sittingbourne Road (Southwest bound), Oad Street, Pett Lane, Pett Road and South Green.

The closure is for the road resurfacing of South Green Lane.

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St Mary Magdalene Church Stockbury



The services for September are as follows:

2 September – 6pm Sung Communion
9 September – 6pm Evensong
16 September - 6pm Sung Communion
23 September – 6pm: Evensong.
30 September - 10.30 Benefice service with Upchurch

Please Note

The above times are subject to works commencing in the church, possibly in late September and the church will then have to be closed. A definite start 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.

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

Remembrance Day November 11th 2018

This year marks the 100th 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 :

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- 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.

St Augustine's RC, Deanwood Drive, Rainham

Mass Times Weekdays 9.30 am Saturday 10.00 am and 6.00 pm

August Church Draw Winners CONGRATULATIONS!

1st - Tina Jacobs 2nd - Liz Cox 3rd - Angela Brown

Cockett's Corner Ditty

We are rushing to the end of another year It should not really be a thing of fear

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- ✓ Sessions now running on 1st Tuesday and 4th Thursday of the month 2pm−4pm
- $\ensuremath{\boxdot}$ Other support and times can be considered.





STOCKBURY COMMUNITY BUS

Mondays - Sittingbourne Tuesdays - Maidstone Thursdays - Hempstead Valley Shopping Centre (Savacentre) Pickups from 9:30 a.m. close to where you live. Give us a try??



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Based in Stockbury/Home visits available



Patrik Says

Dear Residents

August started with four evening workshops in the first week! Jointly we launched some kites and mastered a new Strategic Plan. We were asked to focus on the outcomes which we want the Strategic Plan to deliver, not individual actions that might form part of the Plan.

I drummed the phrase that **the Council should be a Facilitator not a Regulator.** I said it so often I live in hope that it may stick. If it becomes the new Maidstone slogan, you know who said it first!

Even our Labour members committed themselves to reducing red tape.

Ideas included regeneration through culture, arts, leisure, heritage and sports across all age groups. Support and develop the buildings/venues/places where people meet.

We envisaged that Maidstone should be clean, green and well looked after. We want to increase trees in the right places; create a virtuous circle between waste and energy at a local level, create more wild areas for biodiversity including linking neighbourhoods/corridors.

Community participation shall be improved and resilient communities created, who care for their places. Support for Parish Councils, resident associations and community-groups was proclaimed as part of a policy of subsidiarity. More community halls for people to come together were planned and new community assets to be created when new developments take place.

In order to deal with the increasing housing demand, members across the political spectrum expressed a preference for a garden village or town for achieving the housing need. The Council should take an active role as master-planner for new communities.

Better housing standards, flexible living space, adapted for older people and to accommodate changes in people's circumstances. All these new developments shall use new or alternative building techniques to be on the forefront of modern designs. This way we are creating a virtuous circle by encouraging local businesses, which provide the new materials/services and develop new specialist skills which will be in demand, not only locally, but in far away places, thus bringing long lasting prosperity to Maidstone.....

No, we did not suffer heat-stroke, as you may expect. Some of your Borough Councillors, of all political colour, are visionary people who want to achieve the very best for our town and its communities.

Soon it'll be autumn and the realities of MBC life with all its shortcomings (mainly financial) and political adversaries will bring down our kites- with a bang.

Actually, MBC is not doing so badly with handling its finances and your taxes. Last year we had a **£185,000**

surplus. Conservatives wanted to put all of it to reserves for a rainy day. Unfortunately the leading coalition had other ideas: £40k will be used to pay for a new Heritage Officer, whose remit it will be, to boost support for the museum. -the museum is the place where every visitor is being subsidised at the tune of £10 of your council tax. Talk about throwing good money after bad

£10k will be used to create a new AONB in the Greensand Ridge. I am all for AONBs, I am actually the biggest supporter and promoter of the existing AONB and for that reason, I cannot see the merit in creating a new AONB, if, by the same token £10k annual funding has been withdrawn from the existing AONB.

While I am on the subject of **giving money away** for free, if your community runs a worthwhile project, come and talk to me. A Members' Community Grant fund has been created to assist with community development and cultural cohesion. I have the unique opportunity to spend a total of £1,000 to support local community groups and organisations with one off pump priming money.

The Community Fund should support local initiatives which:

- contribute to delivery of the Council's priorities
- are sustainable and do not create additional pressures on the Council's resources
- there is a tangible benefit to residents within the area represented by the councillor
- funding is not readily available from other sources
- expenditure is in accordance with the Council's constitution and the overall local authority legal framework.
- Preference will be given to projects where funding is matched from other sources.

QUICK NEWS:

A S106 legal agreement for the application at **Woodcut Farm (Junction 8)** has been drawn up. The applicant formally withdrew their appeal at the planning tribunal. The outline approval by committee from last November is the one which will now proceed.

Starting this summer, a £5.1 million investment in the Maidstone electricity network will be made by **UK Power Networks**. New cabling is being installed along a 4.1km route between electricity substations near the town centre and the Shepway area of Maidstone. A trench-less technique will be used to install the cables underneath the River Len and part of Mote Park.

Maidstone Borough Council has announced the third expansion of **The Business Terrace**, in a project that will create much-needed affordable office space for growing businesses in the town centre.

The **Kent and Medway Business Fund** (KMBF) is to open for new applicants. The KMBF will be opening to new preapplications from the 1 September 2018. KMBF is financed by recycled loan repayments from the former Regional Growth Fund schemes and aims to offer funding to businesses across Kent and Medway.

Looking to start up your own business and become your own boss? A series of 4 evening workshops will be organised by **The Business Terrace**. Mondays **3rd** - 24th September 6-8pm. Please check at

www.businessinmaidstone.co.uk/events to find out what other opportunities there are. Cont'd....





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

13th and 27th September '18

At the Village Hall

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Cont'd - Patrik Says

Current Consultations can be found at: www.maidstone.gov.uk/home/primary-services/ council-and-democracy/additional-areas/have-yoursay/tier-3-primary-areas-/current-consultations

and

maidstone-consult.limehouse.co.uk/portal/

And finally: The national www.planningportal.co.uk will be introducing a fee of £20 for filing planning applications. This charge won't apply to applications which are sent by email or post directly to MBC .

PATRIK GARTEN MBC Councillor for North Downs Ward Including Stockbury

Email: <u>patrikgarten@maidstone.gov.uk</u> Phone: 0<u>1622-807907</u>



Saturday 25th August, shopping at MB Farm Shop. NEVER shop on an empty stomach so the saying goes! Well it went like this...

"Taste this honey roasted ham Sir?"

"Thanks, very nice"

"Would you like to try our latest line of home made butter, lightly salted?"

"Mmm, nice"

You can see where this is going can't you!!

Well six fresh baked bread rolls, a couple of slabs of home cooked honey roast ham, complete with home churned fresh butter, just like we had as kids were paid for at the till as I headed for home.

We are so lucky to have home produced food right on our doorstep.

Hold on, this is supposed to be a gardening column!

It's the time of year to be annoyed by wasps, however before you reach out and swat one or destroy a nest, they are functional. Firstly, we have noticed on several occasions that dragonflies often take them in the air and devour them in flight, a sort of drive through take away? Secondly for those that are pestered by cabbage white caterpillars, we have seen wasps devouring them. Normally I try and avoid spraying and put fine nets over the cabbages to stop eggs being laid, invariably this fails and a plethora of hungry jaws eat into my Christmas Brussel sprout plants. This year NO nets, just wasps and the help of mollusc munching thrush's and tits have saved my plants, there has been some collateral damage, but nature will balance it out in the end.

Early in the year we purchased from Aldi an insect hotel, comprised of stumps of bamboo canes, wood with holes drilled in and some straw and fir cones wire mounted in a wooden box. I for one never thought that I would be able to entice insects into a few artificial holes suspended on our wood store and hanging on a nail? Whoa and behold and without resorting to Daltons weekly I spotted a bee carrying a piece of rose leaf and followed it to the insect hotel. I was treated to a shoulder height view of the bee laying her eggs and sealing up the "tube" with the leaf. So now I know who is making off with bits of my rose plant! After cutting a very neat hole in the leaves, it's wait for it, the" leaf cutter bee". One wonders what would happen if I had sprayed the rose with insecticide?

This month 16th September, the Sittingbourne & District Chrysanthemum Society are holding their annual show and once the show is over they will be selling off the wonderful blooms that have taken the top growers in the county over 10 months to produce. Interested? Then see separate advert in the Stockbury Observer.

Also, this month the Stockbury Gardeners have a scoop and have managed to attract Jim Buttress of BBC fame, and former head of Royal Parks. He is presenting a talk in the village hall about his career. Well worth a visit, members are free but for non-members a nominal £5.00 will be charged; this is going to be a popular event so please if you require seats please let our secretary know. The time is 8pm the date is 6th September.

Our Summer Flower & Vegetable Show took place on 18th August. With due respect to the appalling growing conditions the show was well attended and a big thanks go out to all of the members who took part in the competitions, congratulations to the trophy winners. A big thanks to all that helped set up, run and dismantle the



tables afterwards.

Stockbury members are taking part in shows/ competitions throughout Kent this month at the Kent Federation



of Horticultural Societies in Maidstone and the National Vegetable Society Competition at Canterbury.

Sittingbourne & District Chrysanthemum & Dahlia Society

We are holding our Late Show on Sunday 16th September at Stockbury Village Hall from 2 to 4pm.

Refreshments will be available throughout the afternoon as well as a Tombola to raise Society funds.

Members and exhibitors will be on hand during the afternoon to answer any questions you may have and pass on their growing techniques.

Show blooms are to be sold to the public at the end of the show.

Come and enjoy the afternoon with us on 16th September.

THE HARROW AT STOCKBURY

We are now Serving a Full Menu

Lunch and Dinner Tuesday to Saturday Sunday Lunch 12.00 to 4pm

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September's Events

Saturday 1st - Anniversary Party Sunday 2nd NO LUNCH Service Friday 7th - Fish & Chip Night Saturday 8th NO EVENING MEAL Service Friday 21st - Steak Night Saturday 22nd - Live Music - Mel Harris Saturday 29th - Gourmet Night (No Evening Meal Service)

Opening Hours

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

Phone: 01795 843222



Fun Quiz Saturday 13th October Stockbury Village Hall. 7.30 start Tickets £6 Contact Brenda Mace 01622 884746

Stockbury Christmas Fayre is now on Saturday 8th December 10am - 1pm.

STOCKBURY COMMUNITY BUS

CALLINGALL PASSENGERS!!

Hello All!

We're off again! But this time with Alan playing tour guide and taking good care of you for the day while Kevin has a well deserved rest!

Where are we off to?

Chartwell House and Garden, the home of Sir Winston Churchill for over 40 years' in Westerham, Kent.



When?

Wednesday 24th October; we will aim to leave the Village Hall at 9.30 arriving at Chartwell with plenty of time for you to look around the house and garden at your leisure. There is also the Landemare Café to tempt you to something naughty after your wanderings and also retail opportunities at The Chartwell Shop.

Maybe it might even be a good place for all those budding artists out there to take your pencils and pastels and use your talents and immortalise the setting in your own unique way?

A combined ticket into Chartwell House and Garden is £14.40 or just £7.20 for the garden alone, payable on arrival or both can be purchased online in advance at <u>www.nationaltrust.org.uk/chartwell</u>.. Entrance into the house is on a timed entry ticket and is a self-guided tour, so make sure we will have arrived before booking your slot! Chartwell is a National Trust property.

The bus fare is free for those with a National Bus Pass concession but will be £7 for those without.

We would expect to be back in the village around 4pm.

Why not join us for another good day out?

SO ARE YOU COMING??

Call Fiona NOW!! 07551 454702

Ts&Cs Apply:

Please be aware if purchasing tickets in advance, if we do not get enough participants for this trip, the bus WILL NOT go and we will not be accountable for your out of pocket expenses.



Tuesdays with Morrie by Mitch Albom

Mitch Albon is a very popular American author and this particular book has seen sales of millions of copies worldwide.

It is a fairly simple short story which is easy to read but its popularity lies in the messages given by the central character, an elderly ex-college professor called Morrie Schwartz..

He is going through the final stages of his life but is brave and filled with happiness as he reflects on his life. He has recently met up with one of his ex- students after twenty years, a journalist named Mitch Albon. It is through this rekindled relationship of mentor and student that he gives his thoughts on making life meaningful.

"So many people walk around with a meaningless life.....they're chasing the wrong things. The way you get meaning into your life is to devote yourself to loving others, devote yourself to your community around you and devote yourself to creating something that gives you purpose and meaning".

The book can be summed up as being sentimental, touching and thought provoking.

It was enjoyed by most of our group because of the quality of the writing and the fact that it helps you to reflect on life. It certainly created a lively discussion and we gave it a high score of 8.5.

Jan Butterfill



Stockbury Cottage Gardeners' presents Jim Buttress on 6th September 2018 at Stockbury Memorial Hall

Stockbury Cottage Gardeners - helping members to grow and show vegetables & flowers

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

Observer Deadline!

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

Monday 24th September, 2018

Please email your contributions to **stockburyobserver@gmail.com**

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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.

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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 <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
South East Water	Emergency Only Non-Emergency	0333 000 0365 0333 000 3330
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