



# THE STOCKBURY & SOUTH GREEN OBSERVER

September 2021

## September '21 Diary

All events at the Memorial Hall unless otherwise stated

|       |      |                      |                 |
|-------|------|----------------------|-----------------|
| Wed   | 1st  | Pilates              | 9.30 - 10.30am  |
| Thurs | 2nd  | Gardeners Club       | 8.00 - 10.00pm  |
| Fri   | 3rd  | Zumba                | 9.30 - 10.30am  |
|       |      | Dancing Club         | 8.00 - 10.30pm  |
| Sat   | 4th  |                      |                 |
| Sun   | 5th  | Dog Club - Field     | 10.00 - 11.00am |
| Mon   | 6th  | Power Wave           | 6.30 - 7.30pm   |
| Tues  | 7th  |                      |                 |
| Wed   | 8th  | Pilates              | 9.30 - 10.30am  |
|       |      | UK Paper             | 7.00 - 9.00pm   |
| Thurs | 9th  |                      |                 |
| Fri   | 10th | Zumba                | 9.30 - 10.30am  |
|       |      | Dancing Club         | 8.00 - 10.30pm  |
| Sat   | 11th |                      |                 |
| Sun   | 12th | Dog Club - Field     | 10.00 - 11.00am |
| Mon   | 13th | Power Wave           | 6.30 - 7.30pm   |
| Tues  | 14th |                      |                 |
| Wed   | 15th | Pilates              | 9.30 - 10.30am  |
|       |      | Parish Council       | 7.30 - 9.30pm   |
|       |      | Caravan Club - Field | All Day         |
| Thurs | 16th | Caravan Club - Field | All Day         |
| Fri   | 17th | Caravan Club - Field | All Day         |
|       |      | Zumba                | 9.30 - 10.30am  |
|       |      | Dancing Club         | 8.00 - 10.30pm  |
| Sat   | 18th | Caravan Club - Field | All Day         |
| Sun   | 19th | Dog Club - Field     | 10.00 - 11.00am |
|       |      | Caravan Club - Field | All Day         |
| Mon   | 20th | Power Wave           | 6.30 - 7.30pm   |
| Tues  | 21st |                      |                 |
| Wed   | 22nd | Pilates              | 9.30 - 10.30am  |
|       |      | UK Paper             | 7.00 - 9.00pm   |
| Thurs | 23rd | Cricket Club AGM     | 7.00 - 9.00pm   |
| Fri   | 24th | Zumba                | 9.30 - 10.30am  |
|       |      | Dancing Club         | 8.00 - 10.30pm  |
| Sat   | 25th |                      |                 |
| Sun   | 26th | Dog Club - Field     | 10.00 - 11.00am |
| Mon   | 27th | Power Wave           | 6.30 - 7.30pm   |
| Tues  | 28th |                      |                 |
| Wed   | 29th | Pilates              | 9.30 - 10.30am  |
|       |      | UK Paper             | 7.00 - 9.00pm   |
| Thurs | 30th |                      |                 |
| Fri   | 31st | Zumba                | 9.30 - 10.30am  |
|       |      | Dancing Club         | 8.00 - 10.30pm  |

## J5 A249 Update

The Parish Council and a representative from Helen Whately's office had an introductory meeting with Highways England and Graham, the works contractor, at the beginning of August.

A detailed schedule of works is currently being compiled by Graham and will be made available to the Parish Council as soon as possible.

The initial phase of moving affected essential services is to begin in September, which we have been advised will have a minimal impact upon the local residents and businesses. The more disruptive works will not begin before January 2022.

We are encouraging Graham to contribute regular progress and works updates to The Observer and via Social Media.

SPC

## Temporary Road Closure

Plum Tree Lane, Stockbury  
13th September, 2021

*The lane will be closed in its entirety.*

The alternative route is via West Wood Road, Hill Green Road and vice versa.

This is to enable urgent drainage works by KCC.



**Where? The Harrow**

**When? Friday 24th September  
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## Chickenstock 2021

Well, what a weekend!

Being previously regular festival goers how could we possibly resist the idea of a local music festival just the other side of the valley.

When we first heard about Chickenstock in 2019 we decided to go and get a taster by getting a Friday night ticket to see what it was all about. We had a great evening – except for the weather which was awful – and decided then and there we would go for the whole weekend the following year. Then, well you know what happened, it was postponed and tickets were held over until 2021.

We touted the idea to our friends and neighbours in the meantime, and this resulted in a number of us staying on site for the whole weekend and others just dipping in to particular days.

I know that there may be some controversy regarding the festival but I have to say that on site everything seemed very well organised leading to a very satisfactory experience. There was great diversity in the acts and types of music, which meant there was something to please every taste and to challenge some to listen to styles they may not have come across before. The Main Stage was much bigger and more professional than in 2019 and the Rooster Stage gave other acts opportunities for exposure. The Community Village offered a satisfying shopping experience and the range and quality of the food was excellent. Vegans and meat eaters alike being well catered for!! The Henhouse offered story-telling, magic and skills workshops and the fire dancer at the close of the evening was phenomenal.

Even the weather defied the forecasters and was nowhere near as bad as had been predicted. Suffice to say I have already bought my “early bird” tickets for next year and would recommend anyone who likes a bit of live music and the beautiful British countryside to do the same.

Long live Chickenstock!

Jackie Smith & Steve Andrews

## Stockbury Gardeners

The summer show was the 75<sup>th</sup> to have taken place in Stockbury and what a fantastic turn out considering the current restrictions. Recent entry records were broken with over 170 entries received prior to the show. The judge who travelled from Hampshire to attend, commented on the equality of the exhibits.

The chairman of The Gardeners recorded a record onion weighing in at 3030g, just imagine the size of the onion rings that you could make!

Our last meeting was attended by the Kent Wildlife Trust, who viewed the outlying areas of the playing field. They then gave



their initial thoughts on what the village might carry out to enhance the habitat for wildlife. The Gardeners have been given the authority to manage the area and wish to engage with any village residents who might have an interest in promoting wildlife habitat in the outlying field edges. The KWT are at this stage only advising on planting arrangements. Please contact The Gardeners if you wish to become involved in this worthwhile project.

Now is the time to reap the benefits of the season's hard work. Make sure that you pick beans before they get old and stringy. Tomatoes always come to maturity at the end of the season and form a glut, so freezing and making sauces is a good way of using up surpluses. Towards the end of the month apples and pears can be picked and stored, I also suspect that this year's hedgerow harvest of blackberries will be a huge crop. Let's hope that the Bramley crop is a success, there is nothing quite like blackberry and apple pie. (or crumble - Ed)

Our next meeting is Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September in the hall, and our speaker is our own Nicki Bonner, who will demonstrate floral art displays with a hands on experience afterwards for all to participate in.

Chris Spree

## Stockbury Book Club

### The Salt Path by Raynor Wynn

This first autobiographical book is written by one half of a couple in their middle years, who undertake to walk the South West Coastal Path, after losing their home in a court case which resulted in their eviction. The case was brought by friends who owned the house and with whom they had been friends for many years.

They undertake to do this with very little in the way of weekly income (£49) and a very flimsy tent! Moth, her husband has also just been diagnosed with a degenerative illness which will and does impact on his ability to do such a physically demanding task. Those of you that are familiar with this path, will know it can be very arduous in places and that is without factoring in the very variable weather.

This became one of the group of books we have read over the years, that we all thoroughly enjoyed and the score of 8.5 overall, reflected that. The courage, fortitude and humour Raynor Wynn writes with, was regarded as very impressive. To think to take on such a task, after two things so devastating had happened to them, arguably takes substantial tenacity. Several people described it as a courageous and emotional book - with great flashes of humour. Anyone who enjoys descriptions of scenery and places they visited along the path, will not be disappointed either.

Arguably not many of us would think to take on an undertaking such as this, in the face of such high levels of adversity. It makes a very interesting read.

Moira Cooke

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# How Things Have Changed

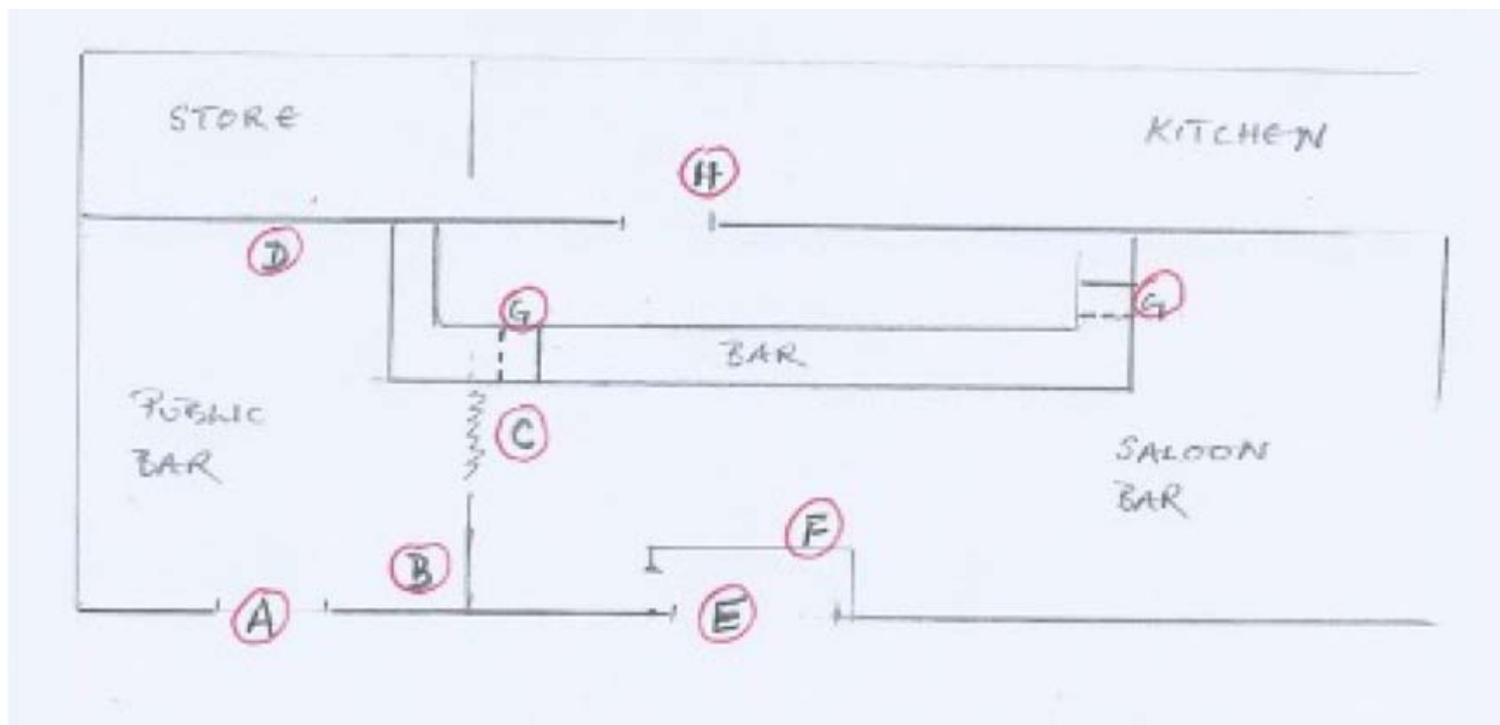
## Part 4

Before I begin part 4, maybe you remember the very Dickensian description I gave of our village shop in the 60s. Well here's a view of the shop front and garden as once it was, stretching right down to the Harrow's land. That garden apparently was very productive and also housed a couple of pigs, much to the annoyance of the neighbours as the aroma, particularly in hot weather, was far from pleasant.



When writing about the changes I've witnessed over the years I haven't mentioned our pub, until now. It has had a long history, though not as long of course as our Church of St Mary Magdalene or the manor houses dotted around the parish. When we were writing the history of Stockbury (*A Stroll Through the Past* is on sale at the shop for £9.95) we could not find definite records of the origins of The Harrow. We have photos from the early 20<sup>th</sup> century but tithe maps did not reveal more information.

If only we could visualise how The Harrow has morphed into how it looks today in the way transformations are portrayed *Homes under the Hammer* style! That of course isn't possible but I will try and create some visual images for you from my own memories. Perhaps a rough diagram will help .... because the layout of the building has changed radically over the decades I need to explain a few things, so bear with me.



There were two bars in The Harrow, the small public bar, where no female was expected to be and the saloon bar where you took your wife or girlfriend. There were two 'flaps' in the bar (G) allowing the landlord access to the tables. Above the bar was an intricate wrought iron glass holder designed by John Cockett. There was a door at the back of the bar (H) leading to the kitchen and to personal accommodation. If you crossed the wooden floor of the public bar (entry at A) which was often covered in mud during winter months, opposite you would be an old dart board. There was a full size half wall jutting out at (B) and the gap between that and the bar was screened with a heavy curtain (C) The tiled area we have now was not in evidence as the solid wall (D) was not removed until much later. There was a door (E) where you were able to enter the saloon bar and to protect the customers from the cold air was a partitioned 'porch' (F) which on reflection took up a lot of space. The furniture was all brown and banquettes lined the walls; lighting consisted of low wattage, red shaded wall lamps (very cosy actually!) and I think there was some harsh strip lighting somewhere, (time blurs the image!) But the ceiling I do remember clearly; it was a dark ochre yellow and yes you've guessed it, that once it had been white and was stained with nicotine!

In the 1960s pubs were places where people gathered to drink with friends or to chat over a pint after work. Food, if it was on offer, consisted of pickled eggs (present in a jar on the bar) or maybe pickled walnuts, crisps of course ... one flavour only and perhaps a pork pie. Our pub was no different in this regard. Gradually as attitudes and expectations changed public houses began tentatively to supply meals. The Harrow was no exception albeit the offers were rudimentary by today's standards; sandwiches, a ploughman's, perhaps soup or ham and eggs, not much else but it was a

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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**

start. At some point in the early 70's the saloon entrance was blocked in, which certainly gave more space to the bar.

The way The Harrow has been used as a public space has been very fluid over the years. Historically we know that Stockbury Clubs and Church committees all met at the pub. To some degree this has always happened and only changed significantly when the new Village Hall was erected in 1958. However during the late 60's and into the 70's, before supermarkets geared up to sell cheap alcohol, before many people had video recorders, before the technology boom gave

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## How Things Have Changed cont'd ...

us streamed programmes, people found their entertainment in the local. Informal social gatherings meant that the pub was often brimming with clientele, both local and from out of town; sometimes from foreign climes as well.

Gradually there came a crossover from just drinking to the expectation that meals would be provided and The Harrow turned its hand to being part restaurant, always a difficult compromise in a space as narrow as our pub is.

I have to mention the delicate matter of toilets. You see the 'Gents' for years was completely separate from the pub building necessitating braving the elements every time the need arose. And (I am assured) that whilst standing a person could view the whole of The Street ... interesting! The facilities also could be accessed from the road even when the pub was closed. This wasn't a good arrangement as it led to hygiene problems as well as vandalism. Fortunately a thoughtful landlord had the toilets incorporated into the main building, which was much more comfortable for the gentlemen.

I shouldn't leave out the garage at the side of the pub. There used to be a single wooden door to the right of the double doors. One day in the late 1960's a lorry crashed into the single door, totally demolishing that end of the garage wall; it always has been a rather dangerous corner. The door was never replaced.

In the past couple of decades our pub has had a chequered career and not always a successful time either. When Shepherd Neame took over the pub they made extensive changes to the inside, taking down that wall (D) I mentioned and using the former store room as an extended dining area. The optics and glasses shelves were shifted to the right and access to the upstairs closed off in the bar area. As years passed sadly trade declined, rose again and declined once more resulting in the very real prospect of Stockbury losing The Harrow. At that point, with a great sustained effort, when the business came on the market for sale, parishioners and others purchased The Harrow and again made changes to bring everything up to modern standards and to make the pub attractive. The dividing wall (B) came down and 18" of the long bar was removed to provide more space. The wrought iron had been removed making the bar area lighter. The banquettes disappeared; the carpet came up and revealed a lovely wooden floor. Different, lighter tables and chairs came in, colour adorned the walls, the ceiling was no longer yellow! And outside a smart community pub sign appeared along with beautifully designed wall plaques (created by Jill Brooks). Our band of intrepid decorators, builders, electricians, plumbers had transformed the old place and everyone was proud of the result.

And so we are at the present day waiting for the next phase of change whatever that may be.

Ann Rich

(Thank you so much Ann, for such a fascinating series of trips over the last few months, back into the Stockbury of old and its transformation into the 21st century - Ed)

## Recipe

### Zeina's Turkish Inspired Kebabs

#### Ingredients

- Brown bread : 2 slices, toasted
- Garlic: 1 whole fresh bulb, minced (must be fresh)
- Red chilli flakes: to taste or 1.5 tsp (don't use powder, the flavour profile is completely different)
- Egg : 1 large
- Chicken stock cube: to taste
- Tomatoes : 7
- Salt (for the tomato sauce): to taste
- Yoghurt: lots of it!
- Pita bread
- Olive oil

#### Method to the Madness:

- Fry the minced garlic until it's beginning to caramelize. Cool. Blend with a little water and the chilli flakes until you have a smooth paste. Do not be tempted to smell this. Will suffer immediate short existential crisis!
- Blend the mince meat if you can into the mix as well, then put it all in to a large mixing bowl.
- Toast the brown bread then crumble in to bread crumbs - add to the mix.
- Whisk the egg and also add in to the mix. Put the whole mix to the side - in the fridge is best.
- Begin the tomato sauce by chopping them and putting them in to a pot, covered on low heat to release the water faster. Mash, cook and season it until you're happy. Add

- olive oil - only add the oil when all the water of the tomatoes has dried or you'll end up needing a lot of oil.
- Fry the paste in its olive oil a little. Make sure to not over season as this is an element to a larger dish and everything might get too salty. Set aside.
- Back to the meat mix. The stock cube is used instead of salt here, so melt a cube in a little bit of warm water. Add a bit of this intense stock to the kebab mix, mix well and fry/bake/barbecue a small kebab to taste check. Add more stock if you need more salt, add more toasted brown bread if you need less. If the kebab is too crumbly, add another egg.
- Make the kebab shapes how you like them - I don't like using sticks because you get this false sense of security and then the kebab falls off! And they add their own flavor in which doesn't always work. But if you're comfortable using them, go ahead. Try and make the kebabs as flat as possible if you like more of a crunch (I do).
- Bake/fry/barbecue all the kebabs!
- Layer toasted pita bread in a large tray. Pour the tomato sauce all over it. Do the same with the yoghurt on top of the tomato sauce. Place the ready kebabs (and any skewer sticks you may have used) on top of the yoghurt and you're done!

Note: if you're up for a more intense flavour, add chopped fresh mint and parsley to the yoghurt before layering. You can also add raw mashed garlic.

Eat. Blame me if you don't like it. Then forgive me!

Zeina Toric-Azad

# THE HARROW

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## **Patrik Says ...**

August is rather quiet on the political front in Town-Hall. It may just be the calm before the autumn storms, - watch this space ... nonetheless I have compiled some information which may be of interest to you:

### **Pods on Car Parks**

Wasn't I ranting last month, what a wonderful idea it would be to double up the use of the town's ugly but necessary car parks, by providing much needed housing on stilts over it? MBC invited residents and stakeholders to have their say and a noisy influx of nimby-ism by neighbours to this proposed development brought those ingenious plans to a crashing halt. Back to the drawing board ... maybe a few trees on the car parks, to make them a bit prettier, and a few more houses on our green-fields ...?

### **Surge in 'illegal' tree-felling during lockdown**

Forestry Commission figures show there was a 70% increase in reports of suspected illegal tree felling in England last year. It is feared landowners are acting ahead of tough new laws for illegal felling. The new Environment Bill going through Parliament will bring unlimited fines for illegally destroying woodland.

### **My quest to stop floodlights in the AONB**

I wrote previously about my one man-mission to stop installations of unsuitable spotlights. The nationally-recognised guidelines for AONBs say that anything stronger than an old-fashioned 100W halogen spotlight is too bright. The only way to place restrictions is to attach conditions to new planning applications, if and when they come in. So whether somebody changes internal floorboards (not kidding!) or rebuilds their whole house, I now routinely seek to impose lighting conditions for any planning applications within the AONB outside those villages which have streetlights. Close to 30 planning applications received my spiel and so far I haven't received any death threats yet but I would appreciate your feedback whether or not you support this approach.

If you have any problems with your planning application(s) please let me know. I can also call-in applications in your support, when the officer is minded to refuse, but I must do so within 21 days of the validation date.

### **Keenest recyclers are contaminating waste**

A report by the Centre for Social Innovation, part of the Keep Britain Tidy charity, has warned that committed recyclers are among the worst offenders for putting rubbish in the wrong bins. They are so keen to ensure waste does not end up in landfill that they hope for the best and throw any plastic, whether suitable for recycling or not, into their recycling bins. In 2019-20, 525,000 tonnes of household recycling collected by councils was rejected at the point of sorting because of such contamination. Each tonne from a household bin that is rejected costs an extra £93 to incinerate, amounting to almost £49m a year. Here are more details of what you can put in your bin: <https://maidstone.gov.uk/home/primary-services/bins-and-recycling/primary-areas/what-can-i-put-in-my-bin>

### **Social Tariff for water**

Maidstone Borough Council is the first local authority that it is working with South East Water to help people on low incomes with their water charges. Over 7,000 residents whose household income is under £16,385, will have their fresh water charges capped at a ceiling amount. For waste water, customers receive a reduction of either 25% or 50% depending on their circumstances.

Qualifying customers in the Borough of Maidstone who are not already on the *Social Tariff*, will be advised by South East Water in writing that they have automatically been given the reduced rate. For more information about the Social Tariff please go to: <https://southeastwater.co.uk/get-help/help-paying-your-bill>

### **LoveFood@Lockmeadow reaches full capacity with world food outlets**

LoveFood@Lockmeadow is Maidstone's newest eating-out experience with up to eight amazing different eating experiences in one place.

An initiative of Maidstone Borough Council, the Food Hall is scheduled to open in October. All eight units will be filled with exciting local tenants ready to satisfy food lovers' tastebuds, featuring modern street-style food with a choice that spans the globe, including Thai, Jamaican, Asian, vegan and American.

LoveFood@Lockmeadow will occupy the vacant unit of Gourmet Burger Kitchen at the front of the building and the adjacent empty unit. There will be four food outlets on opposite side of the centre's front entry with a communal seating area. The Food Hall is part of improvements to Lockmeadow, which also include a children's play area between the stag sculpture and the River Medway.

### **And finally ...**

Maidstone's Brenchley Gardens is set to host a series of events this summer for everyone to enjoy free of charge, on weekends throughout September.

The concerts have been organised by Maidstone Area Arts Partnership and Make Some Noise, with funding from Maidstone Borough Council. They will be held on the Victorian Bandstand in the gardens, set in the heart of the town centre. The Sunday afternoon events will include Big Band, Jazz and Brass Band music, while the Saturday concerts will offer alternative music from local bands.

To help visitors enjoy the beautiful surroundings of Brenchley Gardens, MBC has also introduced bespoke deckchairs which are free for people to use throughout the summer. The deckchairs are available from 11am – 3pm, Thursday – Sunday each week, from 5 August until 19 September (weather-permitting). All the projects planned for Brenchley Gardens have been made possible thanks to financial support from the European Regional Development Fund.

Entry to all of the events is completely free of charge. Full details can be found here: [www.visitmaidstone.com](http://www.visitmaidstone.com)

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# Domestic Abuse

If you or someone else is suffering from domestic abuse please visit a Domestic Abuse webpage for advice and more information:

[www.maidstone.gov.uk/home/primaryservices/housing/tier-2-additional-areas/domestic-abuse](http://www.maidstone.gov.uk/home/primaryservices/housing/tier-2-additional-areas/domestic-abuse)

[www.nationaldahelpline.org.uk](http://www.nationaldahelpline.org.uk)

[www.womensaid.org.uk](http://www.womensaid.org.uk)

[www.mensadviceline.org.uk](http://www.mensadviceline.org.uk)

[www.childline.org.uk](http://www.childline.org.uk)

There are also helplines available if you would rather speak to someone:

- Choices Domestic Abuse Services  
**0800 917 9948**
- National Domestic Violence Helpline  
**0808 2000 247**
- Refuge freephone National Domestic Abuse  
**0808 2000 247**
- The Men's Advice Line for male domestic abuse survivors  
**0808 808 4994**
- National LGBT+ Abuse Helpline  
**0800 999 54428**
- Childline  
**0800 1111**

## Housing helplines

There are helplines available if you need help with housing:

- Shelter -**0808 800 4444**
- Choices -**0800 917 9948**
- Victim Support -**0808 168 9111**

# Observer Deadline!

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

**MONDAY 27th September**

Please email your contributions to  
**[stockburyobserver@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.stockbury.org) within 5 days of the meeting at which they are approved.

## **Stockbury & Hartlip Cricket Club**

Our game was against Nurstead who we last played when they had a team of colts and we had a 10 man team who's ages added up to around 700. So with a much younger team of ten but with 3 good batsmen (Oscar, Henry and Charlie Hamilton), Enrique looking to beat his previous 65 not out and the ever reliable Paul we were confident of a good showing.

When we arrived they were still rolling the pitch, which looked like a minefield and trimming the outfield. Our bowlers were looking forward to bowling on it and grabbing some cheap wickets especially our demon spinner Damian. We got 3!!!!!! One for Charlie and two for Colby whilst one colt proceeded to 104 not out and another to 39 not out in a total of 218 which contained only 18 boundaries. If the outfield had been shorter we would have been chasing 400!

Still if they could get them so could we ... NOT!!!!

Only three players managed to score runs. John amassed 6, Damian 4 and Paul finished on 13 not out. Fall of wickets went so ... 2<sup>nd</sup> over Henry 0, 3<sup>rd</sup> over Oscar 0, 4<sup>th</sup> over Enrique 0, 7<sup>th</sup> over Charlie 0, 8<sup>th</sup> over Colby 0. Our runs were then scored until Roger 0 and Keith 0 left Paul stranded. We finished on 34 but at least it was more than the 31 Gore Court got in their match. They cannot wait to play us at home later in the season.

So onto our home game against Egerton who only had 10 and were fielding a number of Colts; so once again hopes were high as we fielded a respectable team. Yours truly decided it was time he got a game of cricket, so opened with Oscar and proceeded to run himself out in the second over for the third duck of the season! Oscar only managed 6 but John 44, Enrique 30, Paul not out 21 and Andy 14 not out dragged us to a total of 138 for 5 in our 40 overs.

Unfortunately once again, we found it hard to remove their good batsman who finished on 58 not out and with the help of 27 extras they won in the 32<sup>nd</sup> over. Our wicket takers were Andy 2, Keith 1 and Damian 1 with 1 run out.

That third win is proving elusive!

Roger Milton

## **August Church Draw Winners**

### ***CONGRATULATIONS!***

**1st £40 - Jayne Baldock (152)**

**2nd £20 - Angela Collins (243)**

**3rd £10 - Olivia Clarke (124)**

## **Mobile Library Dates:**

**The mobile library will be at the Village Hall on**

**Thursday September 9th  
from 9.10am - 9.40am**

## Useful Contact Information

|   |  |                                |
|---|--|--------------------------------|
| Church Matters<br>St. Mary Magdalene              |  | 01795 227329                   |
| Community Bus                                     | Booking Line   | 07551 454702                   |
| Cricket Club                                      | Roger Milton - rogerandirene@btinternet.com                            | 01795 844642                   |
| 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                            | <b>Shellina Prendergast</b><br><b>shellina.prendergast@kent.gov.uk</b> |                                |
| Maidstone BC Councillor                           | Patrik Garten - patrikgarten@maidstone.gov.uk                          | 01622 807907                   |
| MB Farms Stores & Post Office                     |  | 01795 842401                   |
| Member of Parliament<br>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<br>Non-Emergency  | 999<br>101                     |
| Police Community Support<br>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/<br>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<br>Non-Emergency  | 0333 000 0365<br>0333 000 3330 |
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| The Harrow Public House                           | booking@theharrowstockbury.co.uk                                       | 01795 843222                   |
| WI  | Ann Ballard - email: rosemary.ballard@outlook.com                      | 01622 736331                   |