



THE STOCKBURY & SOUTH GREEN OBSERVER

'In the Garden of England'

Stockbury Roundabout Update

Most of you should have received a letter from the Department for Transport informing you that the scheme will be put to what is termed a "Local Public Inquiry" and that they will write again with the details of exactly what that will be, when it will be held and what the process will be. We await the follow-up letter with interest!

This is good news as it means that the Department for Transport is taking our comments seriously. Meanwhile, other things are happening in the background

Kent County Council

KCC have put in a bid for funding to build a bridge across the A249. The bid has made it to the top ten against that particular "pot" of money, but this is no guarantee that we will get anything. Their task now is to produce a credible business case that will stack up against the other 9 schemes vying for funding in the South East. One of the key parts of that business case will be the number of vehicles crossing the A249 to get to or leave the village; in order to establish this, they are carrying out (at the time of writing) a traffic survey at the bottom of Church and Honeycrook Hills.

Parish Council

The Parish Council has found a well qualified potential expert witness who is willing to help us put a case together for presentation at the Inquiry. We will be taking his advice on how best we put a case which persuades the Inspector that a bridge or similar crossing is essential and should be included in the HE scheme.

Once we know more, the Parish Council will convene another public meeting to check that everyone agrees with what we are doing and to discuss how best everyone (who wants to) can get involved.

Over the last few weeks, several people have suggested that we might need to adopt what I might best describe as "unorthodox tactics" to push our case up the agenda. My advice for the moment is that we keep going down the conventional route and only try more radical approaches if all else fails. Our aim is to win without acquiring notoriety, but ultimately winning by any means has to be our goal.

Phil Woods
Chair, SPC

National Highways & Transport Network Public Satisfaction Surveys

This year, for the second year, Kent County Council is taking part in the NHT Public Satisfaction Survey on highways and transport services. Whilst the main survey is being carried out by Ipsos MORI, who will be sending forms to a representative sample of households, we have also opted to take part in six web-based surveys on specific issues:

- Highway maintenance
- Accessibility
- Walking and cycling
- Public transport
- Road safety
- Tackling congestion

These surveys are publicly available online and may be accessed via our website using this link:

https://kccconsultations.inconsult.uk/consult.ti/Nationaltransportsurvey2019_20/consultationHome

The greater the take-up of the surveys, the more useful they will be in helping us to understand the priorities and concerns of people who live or work in Kent, so please feel welcome to complete any of the surveys which interest you.

Highway Improvements

Thank you for the responses received to the request for concerns and suggestions for road improvements in our Parish. These are now being considered for inclusion in our draft Highways Improvement Plan, this plan will then be passed to Kent Highways. Please be aware that your Parish Council can only make recommendations and not the final decisions.

The recurring theme in the responses was concerns at the speed of vehicles, in the main on our single track roads.

The dedicated email address for responses is now closed.

Chalky Road

Can residents of Chalky Road please cut back their dead and over hang trees and hedges ; in their current state they make the road very dangerous for drivers as they are unable to see around the bends.

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13 October -- 6pm Harvest Service

20 October - 6pm Holy Communion

27 October - 6pm BCP Evensong

There are a range of services held within the benefice of the Six Parishes, to which Stockbury belongs and can be found on the parishes' website – www.thesix.org.uk or contact The Rev'd Liz Cox

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Penny Stevens - PCC Secretary

St Augustine's RC, Deanwood Drive, Rainham

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Weekdays 9.30 am
Saturday 10.00 am and 6.00 pm
Sunday 9.30 am and 11.00 am

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£20 (103)

3rd - Anne & Julius Hutson
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Stockbury W.I.

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INSPIRING WOMEN

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After a lovely warm day in September, we gathered in the Village Hall for a demonstration of popular Greek cookery by Sue Hollings. She had cleverly adapted the traditional recipes to fit in with today's busy lifestyles. The dishes included – Hob to table Moussaka, Greek salad, omeleta horiatiki (Greek omelette) and Greek tzatziki sauce with pitta bread. She managed to do all this for 10 of us in less than an hour (pretty amazing) and also delighted us with a super moist Greek coconut cake called Greek Ravani that she had previously made for us to finish off the meal with.

Something to think about:-

In spring 2020 the law around organ donation is changing. Since 2014, the WI has been campaigning to encourage everyone to talk to their loved ones about their wishes on death for organ donation. The move in England for organ donation will be a system of 'opt-out' instead of the present 'opt-in' way, in the hope of saving hundreds more lives in the future. The 'opt-out' system is already in place in Wales.

Speaking of Wales, the annual WI Day was on 16th of September, marking the anniversary of the first WI in Llanfairpwllgwyngyll, North Wales in 1915.

ALL ARE INVITED to our next meeting in Stockbury Village Hall, on Wednesday 9th October 2019 at 7.30 pm for a talk on SCAMS AND SCAMMERS by a representative from the Nat West Bank.

Please contact Pat on 01622-734093 to reserve a seat.

Heather Tomsett

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STOCKBURY COMMUNITY BUS

The Joy of Driving the Village Bus

The Gardening Society organised a trip last month to see the Salutation Gardens in Sandwich. I have been driving the Community Bus on the regular weekly shopping trips for a while now, so offered to take the bus further afield on this occasion.

There are great perks to being the driver, you know. You often get into places for free or somebody usually buys you a coffee or something. If you have to reverse for any reason, people think you are the most amazing driver in the world. Oh, and you can be as anti-social as you like because you have to concentrate on the road ahead, right?

That said, I love driving people in the bus. They are all very friendly and really grateful for the service we provide. You can listen in to the stories going on behind you but you don't always know who is talking to whom but people have such interesting back stories that come out in bits and bobs over time. This person used to do fruit-picking while this person remembers the hop gardens. Someone else worked for a big company in London and kept horses. This person remembers who lived in which house as you pass by and also remembers the scandals that were rife, it would seem. Were the 1940's and 50's really so much more intriguing or was it just that everyone was young then? Certainly Stockburyites seem to have been great party-goers and – throwers in the 'old days'.

As for the bus itself, it is modern and drives as easily as a car. Sure, you have to remember that it is rather longer and that different speed restrictions apply. I am 5' 2" and female; it is not difficult; I used to drive a bigger bus in Maidstone for a charity for the elderly. This is easier. The regular shopping trips do not take up so much of my day and everyone who uses the bus is a good time keeper. I have not had to haul anyone out of their house yet or help them finish their breakfast first, nor try to take someone home from a dementia day care session. Have you ever tried to get in a block of flats for someone who has no idea where they live?

I would urge anyone who enjoys driving and has a little time to spare to consider driving our bus. You never know where it will take you or what you will find but you will enjoy the journey.

Sara Kemsley

We Are Recruiting!

We are looking for more volunteer drivers to drive the bus locally a couple of mornings each month to help keep this much loved and relied on service by the residents of Stockbury and Hartlip, on the road.

You must be over 25 and have the category 'D1' valid on your driving licence. Over 70's are encouraged to call!

If you have some free time each month and are able to offer it for this worthy cause, please contact Fiona on 07551 454702 for a chat and more information with no obligations but I can't promise no arm twisting!

Fiona Moody

Not So Young Club (NSYC)

Hello from the Stockbury Not so Young Club

At the begin of the year at our birthday party, we had a wonderful speaker Mr Mel Reece ; he is an author that talks about his life experiences, he is just brilliant to listen to.

Back in July we had an outing to the Walpole Bay Hotel in Cliftonville; it was a fantastic afternoon out. We hired the Stockbury Community Bus and Kevin drove us down there. It is a family run hotel, they were very welcoming. One of the owners gave a talk about the history of the hotel and how they have been lovingly renovating it. They had there 15 minuets of fame as they were on the TV show The Hotel Inspector but they didn't agree with host of the show. We then had a lovely cream tea and a wonder around the hotel looking at all the lovely things they have on display.

Recently we had a talk by one of our very own members and he talked on his life in the police force and all the varied jobs within the force that he had done. It was such an eye opener as to how the police used to work and how they were treated in the good old days. We never knew we had our very own James Bond amongst us

In the summer we have two of our meetings in member's gardens where we take along food and have a bit of a picnic; this also gives us time to catch up as sometimes when you have a speaker you don't get the time.

We do have some social evening where we will have a quiz or a beetle drive and we even play bingo and we have found some fun ways of playing it with cards and parcels it is such a laugh. There is ways something to suit most people. I think we are a friendly group of people, well I hope so, so if you feel like you would like to join us for some lighthearted banter and some fun. we meet the first and third Tuesday of the month at 7.30 in the village hall or if you would like some info, either give Rosemary a call on 01634-232672 or myself on 07961-902063.



We will be running this year's Christmas Fair, it will be on the 8th December in the Village Hall. So if there are any budding craft people out that would like a stall then please give either of us a call on the phone numbers above. There will be refreshments, a Christmas raffle, lucky dips for the children and so much more.

Judith Sanford



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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)
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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 Co-ordinator on the above telephone number or e-mail their details to the above mentioned e-mail address.



Patrik Says

Oh I hate his politics and all the bad things his premiership thrust upon us! But, Tony Blair made an interesting point on BBC4's Today Programme (19/09/19):

"Politics, at one level, it's like any other profession. If you spend your life thinking about it, working on it and studying it, - you'll probably know more about politics than somebody who doesn't. In any other walk of life we'd say that's natural. In politics we describe that as elitist." food for thought

Unlike mathematics, there is no definite, objective right or wrong answer in politics. It is not that politicians are not trying to do the right thing, rather it is whether they represent their constituents' best interest.

For now, I will impress my "elitist" report upon you and feed-back to you the latest happenings at Maidstone's Town Hall. – Your responses are, as always, welcome !

A lot of press coverage has been given to "Maidstone's Town Centre Opportunity Sites" plan. To be fair, Maidstone looks like architectural vomit: different shades of old, mixed with brutalist new, spiced up with retail sheds and post industrial monuments. All along the most treasurable asset a town can display: the river.

Any plan to enhance Maidstone's town centre will have my vote! Even better, if we could capitalise on the riverfront.

So no surprise then that a 14 storey sky scraper replacing Matalan & Lidl is less to my taste.

Having said that, most ideas, which consultants and elected members have jointly developed and considered, should improve the town centre's architecture and make it fit for the next half of this century. The "Maidstone's Town Centre Opportunity Sites" is NOT a planning application but a guidance for potential future developers of selected sites, which are mentioned in the document.

This document will bear some weight for future pre-planning considerations but it will not be a definite plan. When the document comes back to committee for final approval, I will seek to have a substantial boiler-plate-clause introduced, saying that we still continue to encourage alternative designs with substantial imaginative architectural and town planning foresight.

The Town Centre Opportunity Sites Document, sort of, runs parallel to the Local Plan Review. Oh yes, I will remind you again, time is running out on 30 September: please submit your comments: <http://www.maidstone.gov.uk/localplanreview>

In my own response I will include the need for AONB principles to be integrated as firm policies and I'll be pressing for a 'Dark Skies' Policy.

You heard me previously talking about my feelings regarding light pollution. Recently, I met a young

town's-man who was keen to tell me that he took his fiancée for a romantic night into our ward to gaze at the stars. – We are so blessed in the North Downs!

Another side-show regarding the Local Plan Review is the, now closed, call-for sites and MBC's own ambition to build a Garden Community / Town.

A lot of bad blood was let when members were accused of leaking confidential information. I, amongst other elected members, refused to be interviewed, by officers who were seeking to set up a leak-inquiry. While this whole thing somehow vaporised, I know for sure who the leak's source was - and that it was not a member!

As I write, the Conservative Group Leader is about to propose a motion at Full Council on 25 September, that all confidential papers should be made available to all elected members.

Oh, just to add, the discussed MBC Garden Village will NOT be in my ward nor anywhere in the North Downs. (I think that the Local Press was more explicit – so I'm not leaking here anything that is not in the public domain already).

Just for clarification, there MAY well be one or more development sites in the AONB and even in our ward, being proposed by a commercial developer. The responses by developers to the call-for-sites will be made public on 4 November, although Parish Councillors will be notified confidentially one month before.

I think that I mentioned it before: The proposed Garden Community of 5000 houses is NOT a planning application, but a mere corporate ambition by the Council, which may sit side-by-side with commercial developers' responses to the call for sites.

For the less "elitist" reader: The Council acts with two different hats on:

Firstly MBC acts as a site promoter on a commercial Garden Community enterprise. This would be in competition with potential commercial site promoters.

The other role MBC fulfils, is being the Planning Authority who decides which of those promoted sites will or will not become part of the reviewed local plan.

PATRIK GARTEN

MBC Councillor for North Downs Ward (Conservative)

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Kevin Masters

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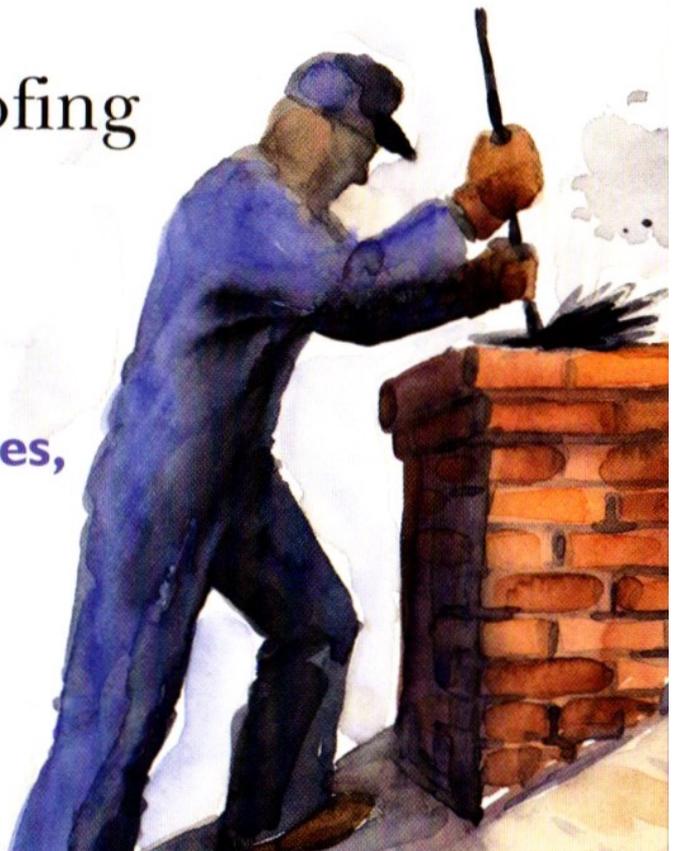
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Stockbury Gardeners

Stockbury Book Club



Are you up to it? If not, why not get ready for your gardening year, 2020 by joining our expanding Garden Society. Guys, we have a lot of new ladies willing to show you how to grow vegetables and flowers. Interested? Then come along and see us on Thursday!! To be PC, gals, we have men able to give advice as well.

This season has seen our members competing at national and county level, winning awards in flower arranging and in the vegetable classes. Our Chairman has even been interviewed by BBC Radio Sussex and Kent.

This month we should be clearing debris from under our roses and burning the diseased leaves that may have dropped. Feed potash to fruit trees in readiness for any rain (hope), it is said that if you treat fruit trees well, they reward you with copious quality fruit in the following year

Plant garlic as soon as you can so that they benefit from a long period of cold. Make use of the last greenhouse produce, freeze and dry it if you have surplus, then fumigate the inside with all of the windows closed prior to bringing in overwintering plants. Wash all used pots and canes in mild bleach in order to kill bacteria, that would otherwise overwinter. Any old canes can be cut up and turned into insect hotels ready for next year.

Our next meeting is on Thursday 3rd October, we will be holding our AGM and our Autumn Flower & Vegetable Show. Entries should be with our Show Secretary before Wednesday evening on 2nd October.



See picture of Kent Federation of Horticultural Societies (KFHS) recent show in Ditton. Hotly contested tomato class.

Chris Spree

1066 and All That

W. C. Sellar & R. J. Yeatman

You will need a bit of background to this choice of reading matter! It was decided that we would like to read a classic book for August.

Now what IS a 'classic' book? I hear you say. Well there are various definitions and I include here a few.....such a book should have relevance across multiple generations of readers; stand the test of time; have artistic quality; *give pleasure*.... I could go on, in fact if you are very interested just Google search for yourself!

Anyway we each chose a title and these were put into a hat, the first to be pulled out we would read. It turned out to be 1066 and All That by W. C. Sellar & R. J. Yeatman. Now one of us had gone 'off piste' a bit when choosing a title (not having read the above stated definitions!) Well it could be a classic, *giving pleasure* - to some.

The book is a farce; put it this way you have to have a completely crazy sense of humour and a smattering of history. Basically the authors send up in a gentle way everything that has happened in time from 1066 to the 1930s (it was published in 1936). As one of our number said it's a bit like Horrible Histories on TV. The real facts are manipulated and given silly names and generally, well, are ridiculous. A bit of light relief in a hot summer. Not too much concentration needed, rather a 'dipping in' experience.

HOWEVER it went down like a lead balloon. Everyone gamely read a bit, put it down, tried again. It's a very small book you understand but basically it was not popular. It was suggested that had it been dramatised it MIGHT have been more appealing. Oh dear! Needless to say the score out of 10 was 3½ despite the fact that one member apparently chuckled most of the way through and gave it a reasonable score. OUCH!

Ann Rich

Litter

Not everyone's favourite subject I know! However, I now have a new supply of large plastic bags as well as some litter pickers. We already have a small but dedicated group who regularly pick up litter and if you would like to join them, please call for equipment.

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Stockbury & Hartlip CC

For our last match of the season against Davington Priory and as it was a Home fixture I managed to raise A FULL TEAM OF 11 PLAYERS including another guest, Charlie Hamilton, a mate of Oscar's who travelled from London.

Knowing that our bowling was weak and that they had some good batsmen I convinced them to bat first and said we would try to bat out for the draw which is like a win for us. However they obviously wanted to win as they said if they scored a lot of runs quickly could they declare at 30 overs and make us bat for 50. Reluctantly I agreed.

They proceeded to take our bowlers to the cleaners with their Kent League player getting 131 before retiring not out and their opener reaching 61 before being clean bowled by the bowling find of the season Keith Mariner who then proceeded to mop up the tail (my high hopes were fulfilled) finishing with 3 for 28 from 5.1 overs. (We need a few more youngsters like him) Damian, Geoff and our guest Charlie weighed in with one each and Davington declared on 271 from only 29.1 overs.

Our reply started with promise, with our openers digging in and producing a stand of 40 before Charlie holed out for 21. Oscar battled on for 28 and the rest of the team stuck at the wicket well without scoring many runs and after 46 overs with Geoff and Damian at the crease the opposition conceded the draw in the evening gloom. Our 4th draw!

I would just like to mention that they said the pitch was the best they had played on this year so at least that is something I have got right.

Once again a good day was had by all and a Home and Away fixture is on for next year. **If there is a next year.** I add that remark because we have had to cancel too many fixtures for lack of players and I repeat some of what I wrote last month.

In spite of having recruited 5 new older players and persuading one to come out of retirement, it seems that they were right as we have had to rely on getting guest players from far and wide to fulfil our fixtures and have only fielded 11 players three times. If we are to continue we must get younger people with village connections to join us.

It appears that my aim of getting a pool of players from Stockbury and Hartlip WAS "Pie in the Sky" and it seems that unless we can get some local people who are prepared to join the club and commit to playing reasonably regularly **we may have to lose our cricket club** which would be a shame. Particularly as this is our inaugural season.

The time, effort and expense involved in phoning around begging 70 year olds from all over Kent to help us out (70+ guests have played for us 21 times) is really not on and the club cannot survive on that basis, as guests have appeared 27 times for us. In fact 8 of the 11 games that we actually played would have been cancelled if they had not helped us out as we would have had 8 or less players.

I will be producing a summary of the season with batting and bowling figures and list of award winners which will

be in the next edition.

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We want your help to choose your favourite item from a small exhibition we have arranged. **YOU**, the visitors, are to decide on the winner !

We hope to meet you soon !

Observer Deadline!

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

Monday 21st October

Please email your contributions to
stockburyobserver@gmail.com

Calling All Advertisers

Our annual rates for advertising are very reasonable and have remained unchanged for the 9th consecutive year :

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

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

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

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

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

It's never too late to advertise in
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Stockbury Parish Council Minutes

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

Free Small Ads

The "Small Ads" section is for Stockbury Parish residents to sell redundant or unwanted items in good condition. If you have any such items, please send the details to the Editor at and they will be advertised for free in The Observer for **one month only**.

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

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October '19 Diary

All events at the Memorial Hall unless otherwise stated

Tues	1st	NSYC	7.30 - 9.30pm
Wed	2nd		
Thurs	3rd	Gardeners	8.00 - 10.00pm
Fri	4th	Zumba	9.30 - 10.30am
		Dancing Club	8.00 - 10.30pm
Sat	5th	CPR Course	10.00 - 11.00am
		PCC Fund Raiser	7.00 - 11.00pm
Sun	6th	Dog Club - Field	10.00 - 11.00am
Mon	7th		
Tues	8th	Bowls	2.00 - 4.00pm
Wed	9th	Pilates	9.30 - 10.30am
		WI	7.30 - 9.30pm
Thurs	10th	Bowls	7.00 - 9.00pm
		Caravan Club - Field	
Fri	11th	Zumba	9.30 - 10.30am
		Dancing Club	8.00 - 10.30pm
		Caravan Club - Field	
Sat	12th	Caravan Club - Field	
Sun	13th	Dog Club - Field	10.00 - 11.00am
		Arts & Music Fair	10.30 - 3.00pm
		Caravan Club - Field	
Mon	14th	Private Booking	7.00 - 9.00pm
Tues	15th	Bowls	2.00 - 4.00pm
		NSYC	7.30 - 9.30pm
Wed	16th	Pilates	9.30 - 10.30am
		Craft & Chatter	2.00 - 4.00pm
		Parish Council	7.30 - 9.30pm
Thurs	17th	Bowls	7.00 - 9.00pm
Fri	18th	Zumba	9.30 - 10.30am
		Dancing Club	8.00 - 10.30pm
Sat	19th		
Sun	20th	Dog Club - Field	10.00 - 11.00am
Mon	21st	Bowls	7.00 - 10.00pm
		Private Booking	7.00 - 9.00pm
Tues	22nd	Bowls	2.00 - 4.00pm
Wed	23rd	Pilates	9.30 - 10.30am
Thurs	24th	Bowls	7.00 - 9.00pm
Fri	25th	Zumba	9.30 - 10.30am
		Dancing Club	8.00 - 10.30pm
Sat	26th	Ricky la Rue Fund Raiser	7.00 - 10.00pm
Sun	27th	Dog Club - Field	10.00 - 11.00am
Mon	28th		
Tues	29th	Bowls	2.00 - 4.00pm
		Private Booking	7.00 - 9.00pm
Wed	30th	Pilates	9.30 - 10.30am
Thurs	31st	Bowls	7.00 - 9.00pm

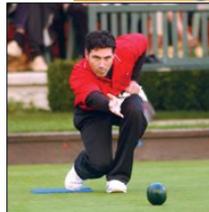
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We should all take gentle exercise RIGHT?



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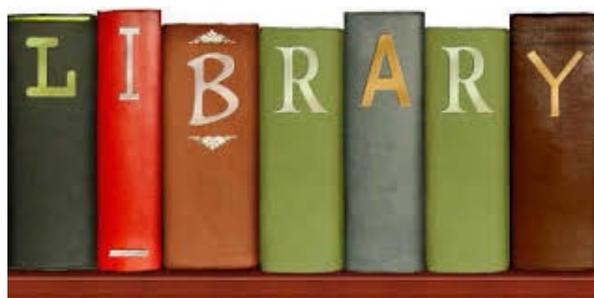
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and on most
THURSDAY EVENINGS
7.30 - 9.30pm**

**Do come and join us
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Mobile Library Dates

10th & 24th October '19

At the Village Hall

9.10 - 9.40am

Useful Contact Information

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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	Jeff Hall	01795 843296
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Police	Emergency Only Non-Emergency	999 101
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