

STOCKBURY OBSERVER

AND SOUTH GREEN

'In the Garden of England'



Diary for September

All events at the Memorial Hall unless otherwise shown

Sat	1 st	Caravan Club	
Sun	2 nd	Bowls AGM	2 pm
Tue	4 th	Bowls	2-4 pm
		NSYC	7.30 pm
Thu	6 th	Gardeners	8 pm
Fri	7 th	Dancing Club	8 pm
Sun	9 th	Bowls	3-5 pm
Tue	11 th	Bowls	2-4 pm
Wed	12 th	WI	7.30 pm
Thu	13 th	Bowls	7.30 pm
Fri	14 th	Dancing Club	8 pm
Sun	16 th	Bowls	3-5 pm
Tue	18 th	Bowls	2-4 pm
		NSYC	7.30 pm
Wed	19 th	Parish Council	7.30 pm
Thu	20 th	Bowls	7.30 pm
Fri	21 st	Dancing Club	8 pm
Sun	23 rd	Bowls	3-5 pm
Tue	25 th	Bowls	2-4 pm
Thu	27 th	Bowls	7.30 pm
Fri	28 th	Dancing Club	8 pm
Sat	29 th	Private Booking	9.30 am - 12.30 pm
Sun	30 th	Bowls	3-5 pm

St Mary Magdalene Church Stockbury



The services will be held in Hartlip church until further notice.

The services for September are as follows:-

2 September	- 6.0pm;	Sung Communion
9 September	- 6.0pm;	Evensong
16 September	- 6.0pm;	Sung Communion
23 September	- 6.0pm;	Evensong
30 September	- 10.30am;	back-to-church-Sunday service at Newington church.

There are a range of services held within the six parish cluster to which Stockbury belongs. Details can be found on the parishes' website – www.thesix.org.uk. or contact The Revd Liz Cox.

For Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals please contact The Revd Elizabeth Cox - tel. 01795 - 844241

Penny Stevens, PCC secretary

September 2012—Editor's notes



It only seems a few weeks ago I was editing the August edition. Didn't we do well in the Olympics?! During my time as a Games Maker driver, I safely delivered all my passengers to their destinations, even if a little late on occasion (due to road closures, honest, guv'nor!) The Paralympics are on track (pun not intended!) to be even more successful.

It's been a funny old summer: early on, too much rain and too cold for many insects to be out there pollinating. Then we were moaning about it being too hot! Maybe, we'll have an indian summer and crops planted later will have enough time to produce acceptable yields before the early frosts.

Talking about lean times, contributions to this edition of the Stockbury Observer have been rather thin on the ground but hopefully there's enough here to keep you going until the next one!

In this month's edition:

Regulars: St Mary Magdelene and South Green Service dates; Poet's Corner; Puzzle Corner;

Features: Letters Page; Knitting pattern; Footpath work; **Reports from:** NSYC; St Mary Magdelene; Draw Results; Parish Council notes; Book Club

Notices & Dates: Library, Gardeners Barn Dance; Stockbury Cricket fixtures (Sep); Community Bus schedule; Hog Roast; Poor's Land Charity

Sue Gardner

SERVICES AT SOUTH GREEN CHURCH

You are most welcome to join us at our service at 10am each Sunday. The service on the 9th will include Holy Communion.

We shall be holding our Harvest Festival on the 30th.

All that glisters...?
by John Cockett

Summer has not been a great one
With September the start of the autumn
But wasn't it triffic
To see the Olympic
And all the gold medals GB won!

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By 30th September 2012

Footpath Clearing – Thanks



I wish to thank the person or persons who gave their time to cut the Green Lane footpath from the burned out car to the footbridge over the M2. I am most grateful for your help.

Jim Davey

NOT SO YOUNG CLUB

We all prayed for good weather for our visit to Rosemary's garden on the 17th July. Members arrived with plates of sandwiches and cakes and, yes, we were able to sit in the garden all the evening enjoying the sun.

7th August we were back in the hall for a session of Bingo. On Saturday the 11th August, six members joined the Community Bus for a most enjoyable trip to Mount Ephraim Gardens. Our thanks to Ian (our driver) and Sue for taking care of us.

Shirley Moss

LISA'S STARS

In the June edition of the Stockbury Observer, our local



See stockbury.org.uk for colour version of the Angel Pocket

Lisa's Stars representative, Sarah Jacobs, wrote to the Observer to thank the W.I. for their donation of wool. Several people have since asked for more information about becoming a knitter for this charity or if they can have a pattern. Sarah has kindly provided the following

easy pattern for an Angel Pocket which fits the needs of the hospitals to be knitted in pale pastel colours (not pink or blue for the 2 smallest sizes).

The Angel's Pocket is knitted in 4 sizes and will be used on the labour suites for tiny babies who are sadly born too soon.

For further information and Lisa's Stars contact for Pembury and Medway please email: sarahliskasstars@gmail.com

For more patterns: <http://cuddles-uk.org/pattpage.htm>

NOTE: Any unauthorized use, reproduction or sale of the knitting patterns is strictly prohibited. You may use this website and the knitting patterns for limited non-commercial, educational and personal use only. If you need clarification, email the team: stoke@bbc.co.uk

Angel Pocket instructions

Please use wool no thicker than 4 ply in white or any pastel colour. 3 or even 2 ply is fine especially for the smaller ones. Use the larger sizes and adjust needles to suit. They will of course come out smaller.

In 4 ply wool Size 9 needles 3.3/4mm

The finished size does not matter but here are the approximate finished sizes and weights:

Size 1 - 17cm [6 1/2"] square | 20gm [1/2oz] weight

Size 2 - 22cm [9"] | 30gm [1oz]

Size 3 - 28cm [11"] | 40gm [1 1/4oz]

Size 4 - 33cm [13"] | 70gm [2 1/4oz]

SQUARE :-[mitred]

CAST ON 75, [101] [125] [151] stitches;

1st row Wrong Side; knit to centre 3 stitches Slip 1, knit 2 together, pass slip stitch over, knit to end of row;

2nd row Knit;

Repeat these two rows until 3 stitches remain;

Next row :- Slip 1 knit 2 together Pass slip stitch over;

Fasten off.

TRIANGLE :- [mitred] This forms the pocket

At the cast on edge of the square [2 sides] Pick up 75, 101, 125, 151. stitches;

1st row:- Wrong Side: knit 2 together, knit to centre 3 stitches Slip 1. knit 2 together, pass slip stitch over, knit to the last 3 stitches, knit 2 together knit 1;

2nd row :- Knit;

Repeat these 2 rows until 7 stitches remain;

Next row Knit 1, knit 2 together knit 1, knit 2 together. Knit 1;

Cast off remaining 5 stitches.

To finish off sew lace round the 3 raw edges or you can crochet any suitable edging. Cut ribbon, or make a cord or crochet chain. 16" 18" 20" 22". Using either a large eyed bodkin or medium sized safety pin, thread the ribbon/cord from the right hand seam across the front pocket and out through the left hand seam. Gather up pocket and tie in a bow. If you wish to put a little motif or bow etc. on please do so.

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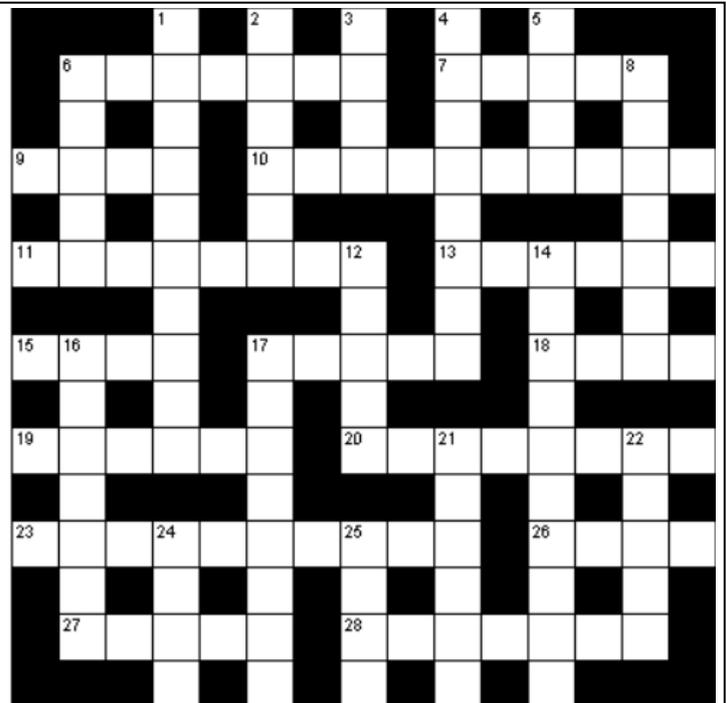
September Crossword

Across

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| 6 Effeminate (7) | 18 Thin flat circular plate (4) |
| 7 Wife of Odin (Norse mythology) (5) | 19 Seizes (6) |
| 9 Looked at (4) | 20 Wages (8) |
| 10 Indicative of (10) | 23 Bode (10) |
| 11 Marked with linear discolorations (8) | 26 Sickesses (4) |
| 13 Wriggle (6) | 27 Mediterranean herbs (5) |
| 15 Anagram of "Seek" (4) | 28 Movement downward (7) |
| 17 Creates (5) | |

Down

- | | |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1 Benevolences (10) | 14 Underscores (10) |
| 2 Decorate (6) | 16 Singalong (7) |
| 3 Profound (4) | 17 The head of an editorial page (8) |
| 4 Infractions (8) | 21 Least high (6) |
| 5 Depressions (4) | 22 Acclaim (5) |
| 6 North African country (5) | 24 Pocketbook (4) |
| 8 Rules (7) | 25 Fathers (4) |
| 12 Levees (5) | |



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To contact the editor: Email:

stockburyobserver@googlemail.com

All stories, notices, letters, recipes, articles and pictures welcome.

All contributions must have a genuine name and contact details otherwise the article will not be considered for publication.

Please try to write your article as concisely as possible. The

Editor may have to change your layout etc. in order to fit the space onto the pages.

Deadline third Friday of the month, sooner if possible please.

All emails will be acknowledged.

Views expressed by contributors are those of the author and not necessarily those of the Editor or Parish Council. However, the Editor reserves the right to publish, shorten articles/letters or reduce the size of notices.



The Church Fun Quiz held on 30th June was enjoyed by everyone taking part. There were 8 tables and Quizmasters Stuart and Mat put us all through our paces. The winners were "Cornered" from Stockbury. Well done!

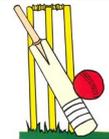
Thank you also to our Team of helpers - Liz, Phil, David, Penny, Frank and to those who stayed and cleared away.

We do appreciate the support we receive from the Village and friends for this event. We raised £372 approx. for Stockbury Church. Thank you all.

Brenda Mace
On behalf of Stockbury PCC



STOCKBURY Cricket Club
in association
with Hartlip CC



Sept 2nd	Club Social Cricket & BBQ Day	Home
All welcome		
Sept 9th	League Herne 1st XI	Away
Sept 16th	Friendly Pegasus	Home
Sept 23rd	Friendly Three Horseshoes	Home
Sept 30th	Friendly Borden	Home

All matches start at 1.30 pm

To have a chat about playing, call Tom on 07788584806

Saturday Freighter Service
Stockbury Village Hall



3rd November—10:15—11:00

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ST MARY MAGDELENE—CHURCH REPORT

We now know that thanks to a generous grant from the National Churches Trust that our project is financially secure, which is a huge relief and a real answer to our prayers.

The building work has begun in earnest and you will see that the building is now covered in scaffolding and sheeting. We have had a few hiccups: 30,000 bees had to be served with an eviction notice when they took exception to the scaffolding being erected. They are now settled happily in a new home. We were also struck by lightning early into the project. Contractors were on site but luckily no-one was hurt and not too much damage done.

Meanwhile, we continue to worship in Hartlip Church and will be happy to welcome friends to join with us. We look forward to joining with Newington for the "Back to Church" Sunday service on 30th September. We felt it really would not work to hold our own "Back to Church" Sunday service when we don't actually have a Church at the moment!

The draw continues to go well and it is not too late to contact David for tickets to join.

Keep us in your prayers as we keep all in ours.

Reverend Liz Cox
20, Pear Tree Walk, Newington,
Sittingbourne, Kent ME9 7NG

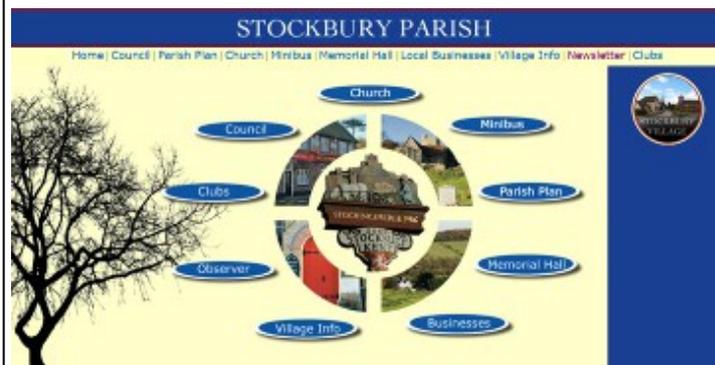
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September Sudoku (moderate)

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	4		1					
				7		2	3	

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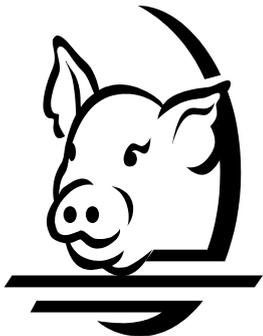


The caller is Mrs Margaret Browning

For tickets contact Judith on 01795 479440

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Save Stockbury Church Fund - Monthly Draw—Winning Tickets

Held at MB Farms, Stockbury on Saturday 11th August 2012

The winners were

1 st prize	David Stevens	Newington
2 nd prize	Roger Holliday	Stockbury
3 rd prize	Angela Linsdell	Stockbury

The next draw will be held at 12 noon at MB Farm shop on 8th September.

Prizes: £50 ■ £30 ■ £20 ■ £15

Draw tickets from now to December cost £5— one payment to cover each monthly draw from now until December 2012.

The estimated repair bill to the church is substantial. If you do not wish to enter the draws, or even if you do, any donations to the church funds would be very much appreciated. If you are a tax payer we can claim gift aid relief from the Inland Revenue of one quarter the amount you have donated in addition to your own donation. So a donation from you of £10 would give us a total receipt of £12.50 and a donation from you of £50 would give us a total receipt of £62.50.



If you are interested please write to me at Beaux Aires Cottage, Yelsted Road, Stockbury, Sittingbourne, Kent ME9 7QY or ring me on 01622 737392.

Thank you for your interest in this draw and for your support.

David Williams

Treasurer, Stockbury PCC & Save Stockbury Church Fund

Stockbury Book Club July meeting



We had our summer Barbecue in July this year and we managed a lovely evening in the midst of what has been a terrible summer until recently.

In the midst of some good food we discussed Small Island by Andrea Levy. Like most books that the group read opinions varied quite widely. One 'wise' member voiced the opinion that books were like art—all a matter of individual interpretation. For those of you that do not know the book, it is about early West Indian immigrants arriving in London in the 1950's. Some of you may remember it was televised not too long ago.

We continued our now established pattern of a member choosing and reading a poem. This month Keith read WH Auden's " Stop all the clocks". Sensitively read and enjoyable.

We meet in September to review The Wild Family by Kobie Kruger.

Moira Cooke

Letters Page

Dear Editor,

We would like to thank everyone who came along to the warming party we held as new landlords of The Harrow pub on Friday 17th August. We hope you all enjoyed it.

We would like to mention that we are open every day from 12 noon, closing no earlier than 10.30 pm during the week and later over weekends.

All our food is home-made and is fresh every day. Our menu changes often so there's always something new to try.

Once again, many thanks for your support and making us feel so welcome.

Charles & Maxine
THE HARROW PUB

Dear Editor,

Please can you include the following appeal in the Stockbury Observer:

"LOST" - 2 large glass water jugs engraved with W.I on the side.

If anyone knows of their whereabouts please contact me, Brenda Mace 01622 884746.

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Stockbury Parish Council
Notes from the meeting of 15th August 2012.
Full unsigned minutes will be published in the near future.

Applications received by the Parish Council for their consideration

MA/12/1299 Keepers Cottage, Rumstead Lane, Stockbury.

Single storey side extension and alterations to existing dwelling.

Deadline for comments to MBC - 28/08/2012

MA/12/1317 Cherry Tree Farm, Pett Road, Stockbury.

Permanent retention of existing poultry house and feed silos permitted under reference.

MA/12/1173; and erection of a detached farmhouse and garage to replace existing mobile home.

Deadline for comments to MBC - 03/09/2012

MA/12/1369 Court Farm, Yelsted Lane, Sittingbourne.

Erection of first floor extension and conversion of garage to additional living accommodation (resubmission of MA/11/1331)

Deadline for comments to MBC - 05/09/2012

MA/12/1174 Telling Cottage, South Lees Lane, Stockbury. Erection of an open fronted triple garage (resubmission of MA/11/2051)

Deadline for comments to MBC - 28/08/2012

Unsociable Activities on the A249

Councillor Cathcart reported that the antisocial activities were still continuing at Detling Airfield. He stated that the police were aware of this and were monitoring the

situation. A follow up meeting had been arranged for 4th September to monitor the actions that had been taken to date.

Highways Matters

It was reported that South Street Road had recently been resurfaced.

Fourayes

The Chairman welcomed Mr Acock to the meeting. He spoke regarding the positive discussions held at the July meeting and the balanced views that were received regarding Fourayes. He stated that he had received positive feedback from this meeting.

The Chairman asked Mr Acock if feedback could be given to the PC at regular intervals regarding Fourayes. Mr Acock agreed to this.

Cherry Orchard

The Chairman reported that the Parish Council had been offered the tenancy for the Cherry Orchard. He spoke regarding the conditions of the tenancy and asked members if they were in agreement with this.

Members unanimously agreed to accept this offer.

Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of Stockbury Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 19th September 2012 at 7.30pmin Stockbury Village Hall.

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FRIDAY August 17th 2012, THE PUB...

This particular Friday night in Stockbury turned out to be successful in so many ways. The weather was fine, the venue was crowded, friends chatted ever louder, dancers filled the spaces and good music filled the air. All this came about because of the generous welcoming gesture of Maxine and Charles, the new Harrow landlords, who provided a plentiful, free and delicious buffet and a talented guitarist for our evening entertainment. Post Olympic mood was lifted; we all had a very pleasant evening and hope that this momentum will give the Harrow a new lease of life.

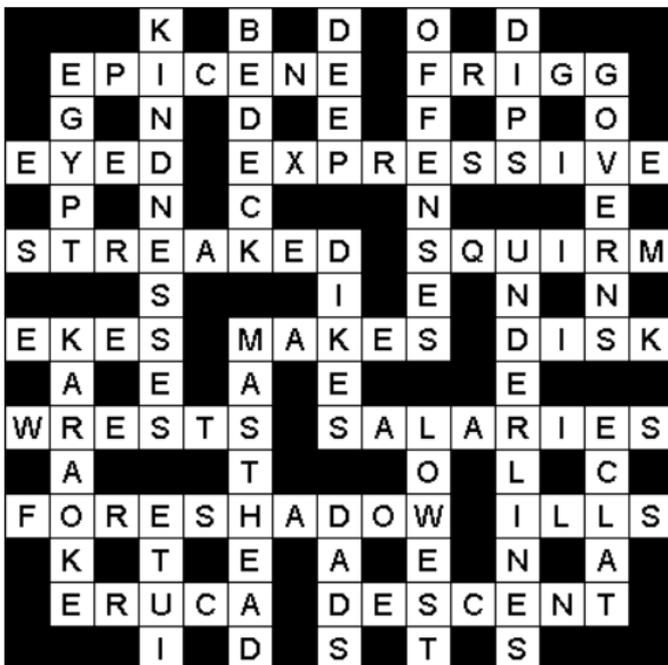
Thank you Max and Charlie for a great night — it was much appreciated.

Ann Rich

Mobile Library

The mobile library stops out front of Stockbury Village Hall every Thursday between 10.00 and 10.30 am.

Puzzle Solutions:



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5	7	8	6	9	1	3	4	2
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8	5	4	3	1	7	9	2	6
9	3	1	4	2	6	8	5	7
2	6	7	9	5	8	4	1	3
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7	4	2	1	8	3	5	6	9
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South Green Rendezvous Club	
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