

Diary for August

All events at the Memorial Hall unless otherwise shown

Thur	1st	Gardeners	8.00-10.00 pm
Fri	2nd	Dancing Club	8.00-10.30 pm
Sun	4th	Dog Club - Field	10.00 am
Tues	6th	NSYC	7.30-9.30 pm
Fri	9th	Dancing Club	8.00-10.30 pm
Fri	16th	Gardeners	8.00-10.30 pm
Sat	17th	Flower Show	All Day
		Village Fete	All Day
Sun	18th	Dog Club - Field	10.00 am
		Cricket - Field	1.00-7.00 pm
Tues	20th	NSYC	7.30-9.30 pm
Wed	21st	Parish Council Meeting	7.00-9.30 pm
Fri	23rd	Dancing Club	8.00-10.30 pm
Sun	25th	Dog Club - Field	10.00 am
		Cricket - Field	1.00-7.00 pm
Fri	30th	Dancing Club	8.00-10.30 pm

BIN DAY CHANGES

Please note that the new Recycling and Rubbish Collection day will be **WEDNESDAY** from week commencing 5 August 2013 starting with a recycling week (8 August) with a black bin collection on the 5th Please see MBC's leaflet W2 or www.recyclingtogether.co.uk for changes to what can now be recycled

Green and Pleasant Land by John Cockett

July heard nationwide Wimbledon cheers
To celebrate a win after 77 years
As the rugby Lions trounced the Wallabies
Stockbury CC do well but no centuries
We really hope our England team take their turn
To retain the ashes in that tiny urn!



August 2013—Editor's notes



Because I was a Gamesmaker in 2012 I was lucky enough to buy a cheap ticket to go to a Lottery Funded concert in July. Our Boris organised this mostly as a platform to try and persuade more people to volunteer. Some top class acts were also there to help entice the masses. It was an extremely hot day but over 30,000 people turned up. How many new volunteers sign up is another matter.

Many people volunteer in our community without any incentives. They are our unsung heroes as without them, things just wouldn't get done. Consider the ladies who regularly make refreshments at many of our events in the hall, and if it wasn't for a small army of local volunteers, the Summer Fair on 17th August just would not happen. On the subject of volunteer events, I have written a report on page 8-9 on the highly successful path clearance that took place on an equally hot summers day as that concert in July but with no promise of any top class acts as reward.

Also this month:

Regulars: St Mary Magdelene and South Green Service dates; W.I.; Poet's Corner; Puzzle Corner; Cottage Gardeners; Not So Young Club
Features: Letters;
Reports from: Community Bus; Church Lottery Winners; Path clearing x 2; Book Club; First Aid; Farewell to Mary and Peter
Notices & Dates: Changes to rubbish/recycling collections; Library, 2013 Stockbury Observer Deadline dates; Community Bus schedule; Cricket Club fixtures; Summer Fair and Stockbury Bake Off; BWAG bat surveys; Stockbury Church Fun Quiz (September)



Sue Gardner

Stockbury Parish Council Minutes

The minutes for a 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 were approved

St Mary Magdalene Church Stockbury



The services in August are as follows:-

- 6 August - 6.00 pm Sung Communion.
- 11 August - 6.00 pm Evensong
- 18 August - 6.00 pm Sung Communion
- 25 August - 6.00 pm, Evensong

The church is now open from 10.00am to 4.00pm every Saturday and Sunday until the end of September. You are invited to visit and enjoy the peace of this special building.

Details of the range of services held within the benefice of the six parishes, to which Stockbury belongs, can also 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



Stockbury WI

Kent West's 95th anniversary celebration day on 19th June was held at The Friars, Aylesford. It was a glorious day and the weather warmed up beautifully for the hordes of visitors to enjoy all on offer to the full. In the Piazza through the day, various Institutes performed their playlets, sketches, poems and dances. Cray District Choir gave two medleys. In the Barn there were displays to view; Denman College where Mary was on duty to let everyone get up to date on the courses; Art and Crafts including demonstrations on Patchwork; card making and beadwork, where we were enthralled by the varied and attractive collection of pin cushions crafted by members, including one made by Wendy; Home Economics where tasters were available and an interesting display of kitchen utensils from bygone days. In the grounds the Sports & Leisure section had boules, croquet and smite to try out and a mini orienteering course to master.

Around the chapel areas were 31 beautiful floral displays all arranged by ladies in the districts and depicting Inspirational Women over a wide field and a broad sweep of history. These were amazing and must have taken hours of work setting them in place. The 95 Challenge Scrapbooks were on show: some challenges were to read 95 books, complete 95 crosswords, make and sell 95 cupcakes, do 95 step-ups and write a story of 95 words which Brenda M did. Mary's results were in for 2 challenges. In another room was the collection of Scrappy Sams for us all to vote for our favourite. These were made from recycled bits and bobs and ended up as scarecrows, robots or whatever! The four ladies who attended had a wonderful and memorable day; I enjoyed meeting up with many ladies I'd not seen for years.

July's meeting at Stockbury was a chance for us to hear about Irene's "complete change of life" in 1989 when her husband was called by God to go to Kenya to help in charity work building schools and churches. She gave a

fascinating record of how hard it was, but it was truly amazing, having faith to see a way through the difficulties of basic living in the Masai area. Irene returned to the UK to take a job and support Roger's charity work. He later came to England to raise more funds by selling his paintings door to door. Irene had colourful clothing and beadwork on show that the Africans had given them as thank you gifts, and photo albums of the buildings created. The latest project the charity worked on were much needed pumps for water supplies. The charity has now been wound up but it was admirable work and has helped so many lives.

There is no meeting in August but we get together for a summer meal out.

Our September meeting on Wednesday 11th at 7.30 pm is a visit from our East Kent Link Institute, Westwell ladies. The speaker is David Westphal on Livery Companies of the City of London.

Bridget

STOCKBURY NOT SO YOUNG CLUB

On the 18th June Carol-Anne entertained us with a talk entitled the 'History of Hats' a journey back in time with hats from different periods. Members then made hats from paper and a fashion parade took place. The weather was lovely and we prayed for it to last...but... the evening to visit Pam & Lew's garden on the 2nd June - yes, of course it poured with rain! We had let the hall go for another booking so it was 'quite cosy' in Pam's lounge and a good jovial evening was enjoyed by everyone, with plenty of food and drinks. At least we were able to see Lew's lovely garden.

On the 16th June we had something new 'Alternative Bingo' organised by Rosemary.

Shirley Moss

SERVICES AT SOUTH GREEN CHURCH

Services will be held at 10am on each of the four Sundays in August.

The service on 25th will include Holy Communion.

You will be made most welcome in our little church.

August Sudoku (medium)

Solutions on page 10

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Farewell Mary and Peter

Here at Stockbury W.I. it won't be the same without Mary now that she and Peter have moved north. Since 1979 when Mary joined and soon after became secretary her W.I. journey began. It took her further than the village spreading herself county-wide to gain much more from the organisation, but without letting her loyalty to Stockbury suffer.

Mary held the posts of Federation Treasurer and County Chairman and served at county level. She attended many Annual Meetings whilst preparing for their move away and also organised a visit to Denman College for 2014, as well as attending our local get-togethers.

I'm sure many members past and present have been inspired by Mary's tireless work and passionate enthusiasm and have some wonderful memories of times that we have had together. So on behalf of us all, Mary, we thank you and wish you, Peter and the family every happiness in your new life in another county.

Bridget

SAVE STOCKBURY CHURCH FUND MONTHLY DRAW

Winning Tickets Saturday 13th July 2013

1 st prize	Angela Collins	Stockbury
2 nd prize	Irene Purkiss	Stockbury
3 rd prize	Jeremy Baldwin	Ely

Future Prizes

August		£30	£20	£15	
September	£50	£30	£20	£15	
October, November		£30	£20	£15	
December	£100	£50	£30	£20	£15

Tickets still on sale— now at £5 each until December

FIRST AID !

On July 6th a small group of eleven villagers attended a St John's Ambulance first aid course in the Village Hall. The group was guided through basic, essential first aid procedures which will equip them to assist in potentially life threatening situations as well as coping with small injuries. The confidence this knowledge gives to these individuals will allow them to help the wider public, should the need arise, before the arrival of paramedics or doctors at a medical emergency.

The session was ably taken by Janet and Rob from the Sittingbourne section of the St John's Ambulance. We also met Bradley, a comparatively new St John's Ambulance recruit, who lives in Stockbury.

I would like to thank everyone who gave up their Saturday morning to take part in this worthwhile exercise.

Ann Rich

STOCKBURY BOOK CLUB



Book Title: Toby's Room

Author: Pat Barker

Our Rating: 5/10

Toby's Room is a novel which revises familiar territory, the horrors of the First World War, yet concentrates on the themes of relationships and the art world. It begins with an intriguing 'dip' into an illicit affair between brother and sister and, when Toby is reported 'missing, believed killed' we expect tension and fascination as Elinor determines to discover the truth about her brother's death. However, our book club members felt that this book never really 'took off' and the remainder of the story was slow, boring and didn't really have anything to say. Elinor's work involved drawing patients who were undergoing facial reconstruction as a result of severe injuries. Whilst we found this interesting, it was almost, irrelevant to the plot. Elinor's desire to seek the truth is driven by her hope to finally close the door to Toby's room (in which she had taken up occupancy) and move on from her unhealthy and obsessive relationship with her brother. Most of us felt that perhaps she could have closed the door a bit sooner as this novel did drag on a bit!

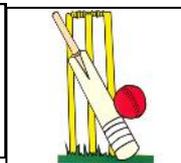
Allan Cooke read our poem this month, which was one of his choices - Rudyard Kipling's "If-". This poem addresses Kipling's son John and is about stoicism and masculine rectitude. The virtues expressed in "If-" are devoid of showiness or glamour, wealth or fame. For Kipling, the true measure of a man is his humility and his stoicism. It is claimed to be one of Britain's most loved poems: www.gradesaver.com/rudyard-kipling-poems/study-guide/section2/ and was certainly enjoyed by our book club members.

Next month we have our last meeting before the summer break and this will be reviewed for September's Observer. Happy summer reading to you all!

Denise Summer



STOCKBURY Cricket Club
in association
with Hartlip CC



Fixture dates for your diary:

July 28th	League	Holcombe & Blue Bell Hill	Home
August 4th	Friendly	Gore Court	Away
August 11th	League	High Halstow	Away
August 18th	Friendly	Cobham 2nds	Home
August 25th	League	Bobbing Court and Lower Halstow	Home
Sept 1st	Social	The BIG BASH BURDEN BBQ DAY	Home
Sept 8th	League	Littlebourne	Away

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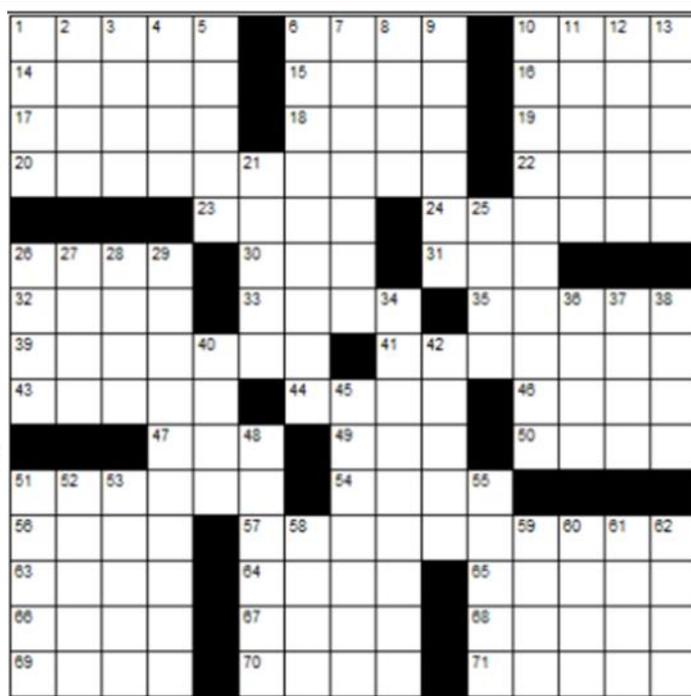
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August Crossword

Solutions on page 10

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|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Wooden box | 49. Bran source | 1. Fashionable |
| 6. Food | 50. Sleigh | 2. Graphic symbol |
| 10. Rodents | 51. High regard | 3. Ends a prayer |
| 14. What we are | 54. Fortitude | 4. Sourish |
| 15. Unusual | 56. Car trunk (British) | 42. Malodorous |
| 16. Biblical kingdom | 57. Unfaithfulness | 5. Go in |
| 17. Unreactive | | 6. Pretentious |
| 18. Keen | 63. A lightly-hit baseball | 7. A pasta dish |
| 19. Departed | 64. Nipple | 48. Hits |
| 20. 100th anniversary | | 51. Subsided |
| 22. Cain's brother | | 52. Alcoholic |
| 23. Start over | 65. Hangman's knot | 9. Mass confusion |
| 24. Apprehend | 66. Feudal worker | 10. In spite of everything |
| 26. Not first | 67. Every single one | 11. Pueblo brick |
| 30. Be unwell | 68. Complete | 12. Notes |
| 31. Central | | 13. Refine metal |
| 32. Comply with | | 21. Approaches |
| 33. Agitate | 69. Whitetail | 25. Jazz phrase |
| 35. Pizazz | 70. Flower stalk | 26. Not a win |
| 39. Outdo | 71. Entangle | 27. Adjoin |
| 41. Umbrage | | 28. Arid |
| 43. Metal | | 29. Typographer |
| 44. Border | | 34. A mathematical function |
| 46. A period of discounted prices | | 36. A Freudian stage |
| 47. Mayday | | 37. Small island |
| | | 38. Marsh plant |
| | | 40. Found in some lotions |



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, see page 7 for details. Please provide your articles 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.



STOCKBURY COTTAGE GARDENERS

I hope you are all enjoying the fine weather.

And there is more good news:

STOCKBURY GARDENERS gained no less than 10 first prizes in the Kent Federation show at the County Show!!!

This month in the Greenhouse

Be careful to shade greenhouse plants from the hot sun and if necessary damp the floor down in the daytime and keep the house well ventilated to avoid overheating. Close the door at night if only to stop the fox getting in and ruining crops! Believe me they do. The dilemma is cucumbers love a damp atmosphere, tomatoes love a dry one, and somewhere there has to be a compromise.

This month in the vegetable garden

- Keep down weeds in the veg patch and clean up any brassica debris that may be hiding slugs and harbouring diseases. Tomatoes will need to be pinched out after about 6 or 7 trusses have formed. Also, keep them well fed and you will be rewarded with a bumper crop. Keep them tied in, as there can be nothing worse than a full stem of large unripe fruit and the stem breaks because of lack of string!!
- Show onions sown in December and January will need to be harvested in order for the late August and September shows.
- Beetroot will need to be harvested when large enough; if you let them get too big they will take two hours to boil! I always pull them up when they are a really tasty tennis ball size.
- Fruit will need netting to keep the marauding birds from randomly tasting the harvest; in my case I need large nets to keep the big kids from stealing the odd fruit.
- Celery will require loads of water and feed, remember it is a bog plant so keep it wet and you will be rewarded with a really crunchy crop.
- In the hot weather runner and French beans can be syringed with a good spray of water in the late evening to assist pollination, in HOT weather the flowers tend to drop off and the harvest will be a lot smaller. Keep picking them and you will be able to crop them well into September. I always start to freeze them now as well, it's best to freeze the early and best part of the crop to eat at Christmas.
- Carrots need a lot of water as they will go to seed if they dry out; if you are thinning them I always leave it until very late in the evening and on a windy day.
- Potatoes need lifting (early variety) and still keep the main crop sprayed with Dythane in order to combat Blight.
- If you have any gaps from lifting early harvests of vegetable you can always put a catch crop in the garden, for instance Pak Choi is a very fast growing crop, and also I would sow a row of spring onions now to crop in the spring.
- Earth up celeriac and keep an eye on the blanching material on the leeks.

This month in the flower garden

- Dead head roses as soon as they have dropped a few petals; this will avoid the plant putting energy into the seed head or rose hip. Keep them watered and feed them well. Spray against mildew and black spot every 2 weeks
- Lavender will need little water but what a wonderful show we have this year, I always avoid cutting the lavender flower heads off too soon as they provide seeds for the birds.
- Box and Yew hedges will need clipping soon, box sooner rather than later in particular.

Don't forget the flower and vegetable show on the 17th August and the next meeting in the village hall.

Have a great summer.



Chris Spree
Chairman



**STOCKBURY SUMMER
HORTICULTURAL SHOW
AND
VILLAGE FÊTE**

SATURDAY 17TH AUGUST 2PM 'TIL LATE

VILLAGE HALL & PLAYING FIELD

~PLANTS AND PRODUCE ~
~SIMON STOCK'S TREE~
~STOCKBURY BAKE OFF ~ BALLOON RACE~
~HOOK-A-DUCK ~ HORSESHOE TOSS~
~FACE PAINTING ~ COCONUT SHY
~ SWEET STALL~
~GUESSING GAMES ~ FAIRGROUND RIDES~
~WELLY FLINGING ~ THE COW PAT
~ TABLE RAFFLE~
~TUG-OF-WAR ~ MINI MARATHON
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Footpath Clearance

Grateful thanks to the three people who gave up their time to help with the clearance of undergrowth and overhangings in Green Lane. Special thanks are due to Ian Finnis and John Cockett who spent time on two days during the first week of July and did an outstanding job on the first 120 metres or so of the path. On Sunday 14th July only one person turned up to help: Sue Gardner and I cleared a way through the very overgrown section past the site of the former Green Lane Cottages so the path is now passable throughout.



It is expected that Public Rights of Way will be arranging for the thorough clearance of the section beyond the former cottages and should also be clearing the footpath beside Beaux Aires Kennels.

If there are public footpaths in the parish which you would like to use but which are impassable do let me or the Parish Council know.



Jim Davey

(see back page for contact details for Jim:
Editor)

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STOCKBURY COMMUNITY BUS

The wheels on the bus didn't go round and round for three and a half hours on our way to The South East Airshow at Manston International Airport. In fact, the hare AND the tortoise would have been faster! Yes, we got caught in the well documented traffic chaos on our way to the show but get there we did ... eventually (!) and spent the afternoon in awe of the skills of both pilots and war planes.

A thank you to our travelling companions is a must, for their good humour, patience and our very own, exclusive rendition of 'The Wheels on The Bus Are Going Nowhere'. A special mention for Sean, too who was the only child travelling with us and despite the very long day, was an angel!

Whitstable Oyster Festival is our next destination on Friday August 2nd. If you are hoping to go and haven't booked yet, please don't delay as seats are going fast.

September heralds our last Day Trip for this year (where did the summer go?!) and is to Goodnestone Park Gardens on Wednesday the 11th. The admission price to the gardens is £6.00 for adults, £5.50 for senior citizens and £2.00 for children, 6-16 years of age. There is plenty to explore for all garden lovers, from a walled garden which was restored during the 1960's and 70's, to an arboretum and gravel garden which was completed in 2003 as well as a woodland garden thrown in for good measure! After all that exploring, you can also relax and enjoy a well earned cuppa and a slice of something naughty!

The bus will leave Stockbury Village Hall at 9.45 and collect those not within easy reach of the Village Hall en route.

To book for either (or both!) of these trips, please call me on 07551-454702 or send an email to communitybus-stockbury@hotmail.co.uk. I look forward to hearing from you.

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Fiona x

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STOCKBURY SUMMER HORTICULTURAL SHOW AND VILLAGE FÊTE SATURDAY 17TH AUGUST



It'll soon be here!!

The Horticultural Show and Village Fête will open at 2pm and we would love to see you there. Come and marvel at what those horticulturalists can do with a bit of soil and a seed or two and then join us on the Playing Field for fun and games, ride the Fun Fair, browse the stalls or just relax with a cup of something and listen to some live music before and after cheering on your Tug-of-War team or Mini Marathon runner.

Have you perfected those cup cakes yet?? 2.30pm on the day. She will be on the



Don't forget to get your entries to **Tina Jacobs** *before* Playing Field.

the Mini Marathon?? If you are entering either the junior register with Heather Tomsett at the Sweet Stall before The junior race is for under 16's, adults 17 and over.



How's the training going for or adult Mini Marathon, please the start of the race at 4.30pm.

Are the members of your Tug-of-War team looking like Popeye and eating their own weight in spinach??!! Each team needs to consist of willing participants! The winning team will be duly rewarded.



The Lucky Laundry Line is asking for donations of any unwanted gifts that you may have cluttering your house up! If you have any such items, please ring Tina Jacobs on 01795 844694 leave a message and she will get back to you. All donations will be gratefully received but please no alcohol.

We will be having an informal Fête meeting for all those of you who have already, or would like to volunteer to help out on the day of the Fête, on Tuesday 30th July at the Harrow Pub. The meeting will start at 7.30pm and we would be very pleased to see you there!

See you there!!!

Fiona

STOCKBURY OBSERVER DEADLINES

Please note the following 2013 deadlines as the 3rd Friday of the month with the exception of August and November when it will be the 4th Friday. Please send your submission as soon as you can—no need to leave it to the last minute.

Many thanks for your consideration:

August 23rd	November 22nd
September 20th	December 20th
October 18th	

The Editor

Use them or Lose them...

Footpaths, that is! But more on footpaths in a minute.

I realise I may have shot myself in my editorial foot by including the caveat "weather permitting" to last month's appeal for volunteer path-clearers. I was silly to assume this meant "its off if it's raining"! Clearly, experiencing one of the hottest summers for a long time, rain wasn't the reason why only I turned up to join Jim Davey, resplendent in my Galapagos*-bramble-resistant (but not resistant to nettles as I painfully discovered) land-clearing clothing, factor-45 slopped on any exposed skin and baseball cap (not a "cool" fashion statement for a woman of my mature years but efficient enough in keeping the sun off my head and to stop my hair being bleached a paler pink). Not forgetting my bottle of water.



At least I was able to wield my newly-sharpened brush cutter at nettles and brambles without fear of chopping off anyone else's legs as long as Jim stayed well away from me! My reputation of being a walking disaster with sharp objects is based on one little incident going back a few years when I nearly cut off my finger (as exaggerated by those who witnessed the bloody event—it just needed a few stitches) whilst cherry tree grafting and is still talked about whenever knives are mentioned in my presence. It was an accident, a little slip of the knife. I'm **over it!** Okay?

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BWAG

(Bredhurst Woodland Action Group)

Weekly Bat Surveys

Until 29th August—meet at Hurstwood Road, Bredhurst

Bat surveys will be conducted on the following dates:

25 th July 20.45 hrs	15 th Aug 20.15 hrs
1 st Aug 20.30 hrs	22 nd Aug 20.15 hrs
8 th Aug 20.30 hrs	29 th Aug 20.00 hrs

Please note the change of start time each week. These may be altered nearer the time. If you wish to attend, please always phone beforehand to check the walk details.

Surveys are dependant on dry weather - if it is raining the walk will be cancelled.

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TO TAKE PLACE ON SATURDAY 17TH AUGUST 2013

**BASIC VANILLA CUPCAKE RECIPE
DECORATED TO YOUR OWN DESIGN**

**ALL ENTRIES TO BE GIVEN TO TINA JACOBS
BY 2:30 PM ON THE DAY, BEHIND THE VILLAGE HALL**

**JUDGING BY TWO INDEPENDENT JUDGES
WILL COMMENCE AT 3 PM**

THREE AGE CATEGORIES: UNDER 11, 12-17 AND OVER 18

GOOD LUCK TO EVERYONE!

**ALL UNTASTED ITEMS
TO BE SOLD AFTER THE JUDGING
PROCEEDS TO THE STOCKBURY ORCHARD FUND**

(Use Them or Lose Them! cont. from page 8)

Sharp objects aside and despite the extreme heat and the smell of barbecues drifting down Green Lane (in my head I could smell cooking meat, or maybe it was me being cooked by the extreme heat—also I realise this may be why nobody else came to path-clear) Jim and I managed to clear a good 50 metres of pathway of impassable nettles and brambles to just beyond the burnt-out car that's been covered for 2 years. An extremely rewarding 2 hours work and we both came away with all our digits and limbs if not a few stings (me) and scratches (Jim).

But back to using or losing our footpaths. It is obvious there are too many overgrown paths in our Parish for two people to keep under control (or four counting John Cockett and Ian Finnis who worked at the top end on a different day to us). All over the country, volunteers are needed to keep all our paths passable and Stockbury is no exception. Nature will take over if we let her and our paths will be lost forever.

The good news is there is a very small pot of money available to pay for Public Rights of Way to clear just a few rural footpaths every year but only if we ask and tell them which paths take priority. They have to be paths we want to walk but cannot because they are too overgrown. Other paths not reported will not be considered and will therefore be down to us as volunteers to clear. And if we don't clear them, we'll lose them. If you have a favourite path you can no longer use because it's overgrown, please

contact Jim Davey, details on the back page, a Parish Councillor or email me at the Stockbury Observer, giving details of where exactly the path is and/or its name.

Out of interest, one path many people would like cleared is Amels, also known as Middle Hill, at the junction of Honeycrook and Church hills down to the A249. This comes under Kent Highways and should be cleared by this department. But don't hold your breath.

If you can't join the next path-clearing working party, and it is a highly satisfying job, maybe next time you go for a walk you could take a cutter and pair of gardening gloves with you. As they say, every little helps!

Sue Gardner

*see suegardner.blogspot.co.uk to read about my land conservation volunteer antics from 2009

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Public Footpaths & bridleway (problems with)	
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	westprow@kent.gov.uk
Roads, potholes etc (manned 24 hours)	
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Puzzle Solutions:

Crossword

C	R	A	T	E		G	R	U	B		R	A	T	S
H	U	M	A	N		R	A	R	E		E	D	O	M
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E	S	N	E		E	A	C	H		T	O	T	A	L
D	E	E	R		S	T	E	M		S	N	A	R	L

Sudoku

1	4	5	6	8	3	7	2	9
8	7	3	1	2	9	5	6	4
6	9	2	5	4	7	8	1	3
3	1	7	2	9	8	6	4	5
2	8	9	4	6	5	1	3	7
4	5	6	3	7	1	2	9	8
9	3	8	7	1	2	4	5	6
7	6	1	9	5	4	3	8	2
5	2	4	8	3	6	9	7	1