

# STOCKBURY OBSERVER

AND SOUTH GREEN

*'In the Garden of England'*



## Diary for October

All events at the Memorial Hall unless otherwise shown

Tues 1st	Bowls	2.00-4.00 pm
	NSYC	7.30-9.30 pm
Wed 2nd	Pilates	9.30-10.30 pm
Thur 3rd	Gardeners' Show + AGM	6.00-10.00 pm
Fri 4th	Dancing Club	8.00-10.30 pm
Sun 6th	Dog Club - Field	10.00-11.00 am
	Bowls	3.00-5.00 pm
Tues 8th	Bowls	2.00-4.00 pm
Wed 9th	Pilates	9.30-10.30 pm
	WI	7.30-9.30 pm
Thur 10th	Bowls	7.30-9.30 pm
Fri 11th	Dancing Club	8.00-10.30 pm
Sat 12th	Church Harvest Fair	11.00-1.00 pm
Sun 13th	Dog Club - Field	10.00-11.00 am
	Bowls	3.00-5.00 pm
Tues 15th	Bowls	2.00-4.00 pm
	NSYC	7.30-9.30 pm
Wed 16th	Pilates	9.30-10.30 am
	Parish Council	7.00-9.30 pm
Thur 17th	Bowls	7.30-9.30 pm
Fri 18th	Dancing Club	8.00-10.30 pm
Sun 20th	Dog Club - Field	10.00-11.00 am
	Bowls	3.00-5.00 pm
Tue 22nd	Bowls	2.00-4.00 pm
Wed 23rd	Pilates	9.30-10.30 am
Thur 24th	Bowls	7.30-9.30 pm
Fri 26th	Dancing Club	8.00-10.30 pm
Sun 27th	Dog Club - Field	10.00-11.00 am
	Bowls	3.00-5.00 pm
Tues 29th	Bowls	7.30-9.30 pm
Wed 30th	Pilates	9.30-10.30 am
Thur 31st	Bowls	7.30-9.30 pm

## October 2013—Editor's notes



I would like to thank my Sub Editor for volunteering to step into my shoes and putting the finishing touches to the September edition. I hope the experience wasn't too traumatic!

There are many things to look forward to this month (see "Notices & Dates" below) and please don't forget to put your clocks back on the night/morning of the 26th/27th for that extra hour's sleep that some of us may be able to enjoy.

I'm sorry it was not possible to publish the September edition on-line last month but it will be uploaded shortly along with this October edition.

This month:



**Regulars:** St Mary Magdelene and South Green Service dates; W.I.; Poet's Corner; Puzzle Corner; Cottage Gardeners; Not So Young Club

**Reports from:** Church Lottery Winners; Cricket Club; Book Club; Balloon Race & Bake Off results; Fun Quiz

**Letters:** Dog Fouling (again)

**Notices & Dates:** Freighter information; Library; Stockbury Observer Deadline dates; Community Bus schedule; Macmillan Coffee Morning; Harvest Fair; Halloween Fireworks; Birds of Prey –Up Close; Christmas Fair, Charity Lunch; Christmas crafts; International Evening; Free events at Ranscombe Farm Reserve

Sue Gardner

## All Change?

by John Cockett



How quickly we've got to October  
September has had to move over  
And summer has come to its end  
With winter just round the bend!  
I wonder does anyone know  
If we are looking forward to snow  
But don't try to work out the odds  
It's all in the lap of the gods!!

## THE HARROW

Roy and Di welcome you to the Harrow pub and we look forward to meeting you and becoming part of the village. We are open from 11 am-11 pm Mon-Sat and 12 pm-9 pm Sundays and are now serving Sunday Roasts 12-5 pm. Bookings only on 01795 842546 or 07973 282818

## 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](http://www.stockbury.org.uk) within 5 days of the meeting at which they were approved**

## St Mary Magdalene Church Stockbury



The services in October are as follows:-

6 October – 6.00pm, Sung Communion.  
13 October – 6.00pm, Evensong  
20 October– 6.00pm, Sung Communion  
\*27 October – **3.00pm, Evensong**

- as this is the Sunday that the clocks go back, services will be at 3.00pm from 27 October until further notice.

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](http://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

Our evening meal at the Rose and Crown, Hartlip was well attended and held a collection to help

provide Syrian women in need. Our contributions will be added to Hartlip PCC's collection and the goods to be sent direct to Syria.

On September 4th we took a trip in the super-hot weather on the Community bus driven by Rodney to the splendid Secret Garden at Sandwich.

In the Church Fun Quiz our team came 2nd from bottom out of 7 teams, but a good evening was had by all.

Three of our Art and Craft girls joined others at Bredhurst on the 10th for a Traditional Japanese Folded Patchwork Workshop.

The monthly meeting held on 11th gave a warm welcome to eleven Westwell W.I. members. The speaker, David Westphal, gave a talk on the Livery Companies of the City of London.

David was a wine maker and a member of the Vintners Guild in his time, though now he supports many Farmers Markets mostly with cheeses. Who knows, we'll probably see him again on our programme. We all enjoyed a ploughman's supper also appreciated by our visitors, who said what a lovely evening they'd had.

It will soon be our annual Carols on the Green (Friday 13th December) when once again we will don Victorian clothes and will be kept in tune by the Salvation Army Band. We will be donating non-perishable food for the Army to take away with them for their appeal and there will be an opportunity for you to donate as well if you so wish.

9th October "Aromatherapy and Product Making" with Jackie Gillard

(WI cont.)

Meetings from November to March will start at 3pm to try and avoid inclement weather conditions for our members.

Bridget

### STOCKBURY NOT SO YOUNG CLUB

The 'Medway Queen' paddle steamer was the subject of the talk given by Jill Ellen on the 3rd September. The old photographs told the steamer's history from when she was built in 1924, through the war years when she was used as a minesweeper and later to rescue the troops of WW2 from beaches of Dunkirk. She was due back in Chatham on the 21st September after much restoration and it is hoped that trips on the River Medway will be able to resume next year.

The 17th September's meeting was a noisy Beatle Drive and enjoyed by all.

Shirley Moss

### SERVICES AT SOUTH GREEN CHURCH

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

The service on 20<sup>th</sup> will include Holy Communion. You will be most welcome.

### MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October 10.30 – 12.30  
in South Green Church Hall.

Come and enjoy a coffee and a cake whilst having a chat with friends and neighbours.

There will be a bring and buy stall and contributions of cakes will be most welcome.

We look forward to seeing you.

Freddie Davey and Doreen Acock

### October Sudoku (medium)

Solutions on  
page 10

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# Harvest Fair

*In aid of Stockbury Church*

**SATURDAY 12<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER**

**11am- 1pm**

**Stockbury Village Hall**

**FREE ENTRY**

Home made Cakes      Preserves      Plants  
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*Everyone welcome*



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**Stockbury and South Green  
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## **Charity Lunch**

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November  
12-2pm**

**in Stockbury Village Hall  
this year in aid of**

**DEMENTIA UK**

**Adults £6.50**

**Young persons £3.00**  
(inclusive of tea/coffee and dessert)

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**Brenda Mace 01622 884746,  
Freddie Davey 01795 842978**



## **Stockbury Christmas Fayre**



**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December  
10.00am-1.00pm**

**There will be lots of really great ideas  
for last minute Christmas presents  
from many of the local arts  
and crafts designers  
and much, much more**

**Teas and bacon rolls**

**See the November Observer  
for more information**

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2013**

To be held at Stockbury Village Hall from  
2pm to 5pm.

### **Learn how to make a Christmas Welcome Ring.**

A practical workshop and demonstration by a  
professional florist. If you would like to  
participate, a list of materials required will be  
notified at a later date.

Enquiries to Mick Bingham 01795 842480

### **STOCKBURY OBSERVER DEADLINES**

Please note the following 2013 deadlines as the 3rd Friday  
of the month with the exception of 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:

October 18th  
December 20th

November 22nd

**The Editor**

### **Stockbury Village Hall Committee**

Once again there is an increase of dog  
fouling on the sports field.

The entire field is covered by the regulations  
and they are in place to prevent dog waste  
from becoming a health issue to all of us, and  
in particular children.

Several dog owners are clearing up dog  
waste left by other peoples dogs, so please,  
all dog owners, **pick up and bin it.**



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## October Crossword

Solutions on page 10

### Across

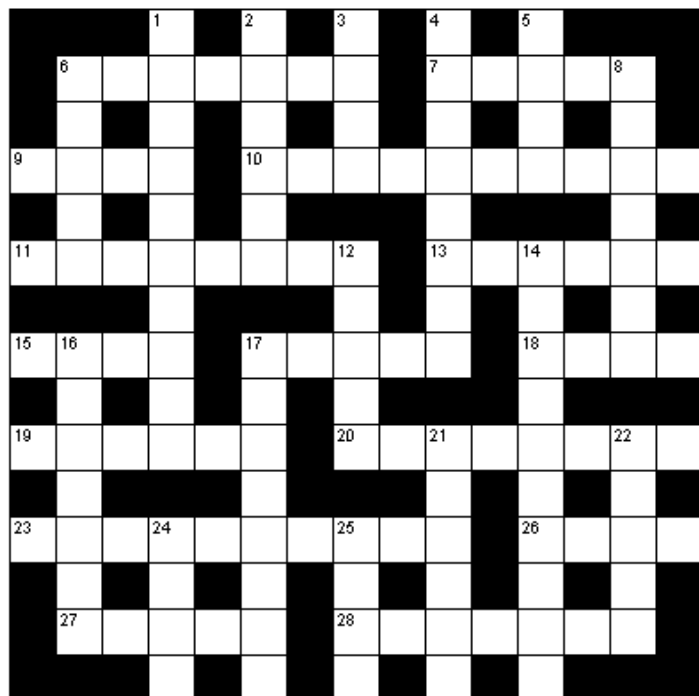
6. An ancient Greek philosopher (7)
7. Rule (5)
9. Clue (4)
10. Mallee (10)
11. Reciprocals (8)
13. Incongruous (6)
15. Aquatic plant (4)
17. An object (5)
18. Reflected sound (4)
19. Voice box (6)
20. Overt (8)
23. Portion (10)
26. Close (4)
27. A firm open-weave fabric (5)
28. Clear up (7)

### Down

1. Pharmacist (10)
2. Penny pinchers (6)
3. Ear-related (4)
4. Boring (8)

### Down Cont:

5. Speech disorder (4)
6. Descendant (5)
8. Feed (7)
12. Pig (5)
14. In a dutifully compliant manner (10)
16. Low leather step-in shoes (7)
17. Categorization (8)
21. Give delight to (6)
22. Picture (5)
24. Brusque (4)
25. Askew (4)



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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.

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# STOCKBURY COTTAGE GARDENERS

## October

I hope that you have all had a great growing season; I certainly have, albeit slightly later than it should have been. My observations in the garden are that all of the fruit and veg have had a great growing time; the fruit has benefited from a long cold dormancy period throughout the cold winter followed by the very warm summer, and now we and the wild life will enjoy the results.

The vegetables have really been stunning with large healthy crops of most vegetables having being harvested, eaten, and preserved by now.

Has anyone noticed the Crane Fly (Daddy Long Legs) this year they are around in large quantities and at the correct time of the year? I suspect that the wild birds will benefit greatly from these.

Well, what do we need to do in the vegetable garden? In the greenhouse the days are shortening so keep it vented well during the day but remember to close it as it starts to get dark. You will have the start of frosty nights in October so if you have green tomatoes pick them and take into the house for ripening. You must clear old plants and dispose of old compost. It does no harm to tip old grow bags and used compost onto the garden especially in Stockbury as it can only improve the soil structure.

On the vegetable plot, plant out purple sprouting broccoli and spring cabbage in the early part of the month. The ground should be cleared of weeds to avoid letting them drop seed that will grow next year. Tidy up debris that may be underneath brassicas. This is the time of year that pigeons will look at your garden produce so it may be a good idea to invest in some netting.

You should earth up leeks or increase the size of the blanch material used around the shaft. Lift carrots and dig potatoes

In the flower garden give roses a final spray against mildew and black spot. Remember when the leaves do drop pick them up and burn them. Roses will benefit from a good dose of manure if you have access to some. If you are in an exposed area and you have roses that have done well this year you may wish to take the top off of the plant in order to stop wind rock which will damage the finer roots.

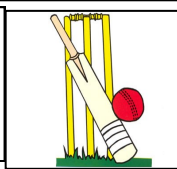
Late September to the early part of October is a good time to take hardwood cuttings from some of your favourite plants. Roses are reasonably easy to replicate in this manner. I start by taking good quality medium thickness wood from this year's growth, cutting several "sticks" approximately 9" long with several buds. Cut the ends at an angle - the top end should be cut just above a bud, drop the bottom end into some liquid hormone rooting powder, then insert a spade about 6" into the ground and tip some fine gravel or grit into the slot opened up by the spade then simply without damaging any buds heel in the sticks leaving 3 " protruding above the ground. Next year if you planted say 10 sticks you should get at least a 50% success rate. You will be amazed how easy it is!

Remember :- *HE WHO PLANTS A GARDEN, PLANTS HAPPINESS.* (Chinese proverb)

Chris Spree—Chairman



**STOCKBURY Cricket Club**  
in association  
with Hartlip CC



## Home to Bobbing Court and Lower Halstow Sunday 25/8/13

Having made his maiden fifty in the previous league game, Ted Ratcliffe went one better by registering his first century for the club against Bobbing Court and Lower Halstow. Batting with confidence and style the opener raced to his fifty off 32 balls and his century in 63 balls. He was eventually caught for 106 in the twenty second over. His opening partnership of 151 with Louie Newell, who went on to make 43, provided a solid platform for another big total. Clifton Muil (30 from 18 balls), Oscar Ratcliffe (48 from 38 balls) and Nick Emery (32 from 24 balls) maintained the excellent run rate and the innings closed on 297 for 7 from 40 overs.

The total always looked beyond Bobbing Court and Lower Halstow, none of whom managed to score double figures. Tom Bulbrook took the first 3 wickets for 5 runs in his 7 over spell, whilst Clifton Muil returned figures of 4 for 9 from 5.4 overs and James Newell took 2 for 7 in his 4 overs to dismiss the visitors for 42 as Stockbury again claimed maximum points.

## Away to Littlebourne C.C. Sunday 8/9/13

Stockbury travelled to Littlebourne full of confidence following convincing wins in their previous two league games. Captain Tom Bulbrook came second in the competition to predict which way up a coin would land and Littlebourne chose to bat. Tom used his disappointment at this early set back as motivation, producing an opening spell of accuracy and aggression to record figures of 3 for 16 from his first 6 overs as he and fellow opener James Newell reduced the home team to 29 for 4. Further wickets proved hard to come by but Clifton Muil (0 for 21 from 9 overs) and Luke Collins (0 for 27 from 7 overs) bowled accurately to restrict Littlebourne to 189 for 6 from 40 overs.

Louis Newell and Ted Ratcliffe started confidently, the latter racing to 27 from 21 deliveries including 6 fours before being caught on the wide long on boundary. Oscar Ratcliffe batted in circumspect fashion for an hour and a half to score 20 runs but Simon Clare (37), James Newell (18) and Tom Bulbrook (15) were the only other batsmen to reach double figures as the visitors were dismissed for 154 in the 37<sup>th</sup> over.

The result meant that Littlebourne leap-frogged Stockbury to take 4<sup>th</sup> place in the league. The disappointment with which the result was viewed by the players is a measure of the progress which this young side has made.

## Home to Pegasus C.C. Sunday 15/9/13

Stockbury fielded a strong team for the penultimate game of the season against Pegasus.

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## Home to Pegasus C.C. Sunday 15/9/13

Put in to bat, the home side lost early wickets to a somewhat benign attack slipping to 23 for 5 from 7 overs. Simon Clare and Dan Oates set about resurrecting the Stockbury innings with a partnership of 29 which was broken when the former was dismissed lbw for 17. Dan continued to play the anchor role in partnerships worth 48 with Joe Martin (37 from 35 balls) and 44 with Jon Brignall before being bowled for 32. Jon then attacked the opposition spinners with gusto hitting 4 towering sixes to the square leg boundary before being run out attempting a third run off the final ball of the innings. This did not prevent him registering his maiden fifty for the team as the Stockbury innings closed on 171 for 9 from 40 overs.

Unfortunately, the weather gods chose to intervene and both captains shook hands without a ball being bowled in the visitors' innings as both teams retired to The Harrow to debate what might have been.

Glen Martin

## Fun Quiz

Once again 6 lively teams entered into the spirit of the Fun Quiz, brains polished and raring to answer the questions set by Quizmasters Stuart and Mat, ably helped by Emma and Louise and not forgetting Rebekah, their little helper.

There was a tie for first place so tie-breaker questions were posed to both teams and "Oceans Seven" were declared the winners.

Thank you to our very small team of helpers, Sue, Julie, Brenda and David who set up hall, raffle and collected monies. Special thanks to Alan and Dave for clearing the chairs and tables away neatly and to anyone else who helped. Thank you all for your support.

Rev. Liz Cox was unable to be there with her team as she was ill in hospital and is now at home recovering. We all wish her well.

Brenda Mace

## Stockbury Bake Off

Thank you to all who entered the Stockbury Bake Off at the Stockbury Village Fête in August.

Many congratulations to our winners

Under 11's	1 <sup>st</sup>	Izzy Adams
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Grace Wood
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Rosie Wood
12-17's	1 <sup>st</sup>	Neeve Jarvis
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Faith Shackelford
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Lucy Wood
Over 18's	1 <sup>st</sup>	Gemma Adams
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Carole Greenhow
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Sue Franks



Tina Jacobs

## SAVE STOCKBURY CHURCH FUND MONTHLY DRAW—2013

### Winning Tickets Saturday 14th September

1 <sup>st</sup> prize	Sue Gardner	Stockbury
2 <sup>nd</sup> prize	Tina Jacobs	Stockbury
3 <sup>rd</sup> prize	Karen Butti	Beckenham
4 <sup>th</sup> prize	Anne Southern	Stockbury

### Future Prizes

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

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

## STOCKBURY BOOK CLUB



Book Title: The Secret Keeper

Author: Kate Morton

Our rating: 8/10

This month, book club met to discuss The Secret Keeper by Kate Morton which was our 600 plus page summer reading. Most members enjoyed this book with the average rating being given of 8 out of 10.

Amazon's description of this book says "Shifting between the 1930s, the 1960s and the present, The Secret Keeper is a spellbinding story of mysteries and secrets, theatre and thievery, murder and enduring love."  
<http://www.amazon.co.uk/The-Secret-Keeper-ebook/dp/B008PQ8XZK>

This sums up the story as 16 year old Laurel witnesses a crime scene one hot summer day. Keeping the secret right through to adulthood, Laurel then tries to piece together the mystery which involves three strangers brought together by chance in wartime London. Full of twists and turns, this book kept us guessing right until the end, when it revealed it's secret. Well worth a read!

Brenda Bingham also treated us to a lovely reading of Wordsworth's 'Daffodils'. It evoked wonderful memories of growing daffodils in pots as a schoolchild as well as recent depictions of the lovely daffodil display we see in Stockbury in the spring. With autumn and winter approaching fast, the reading was very uplifting! A little discussion was made of the fact that some of us were under the impression that Wordsworth's sister, Dorothy, actually wrote most of this poem for which William took the credit! If anyone knows otherwise, or any further details, please let me know!

Denise Summer

### DATE FOR YOUR DIARY:

Stockbury WI invites you to  
A VICTORIAN CAROLS ON THE GREEN  
With the Salvation Army Band  
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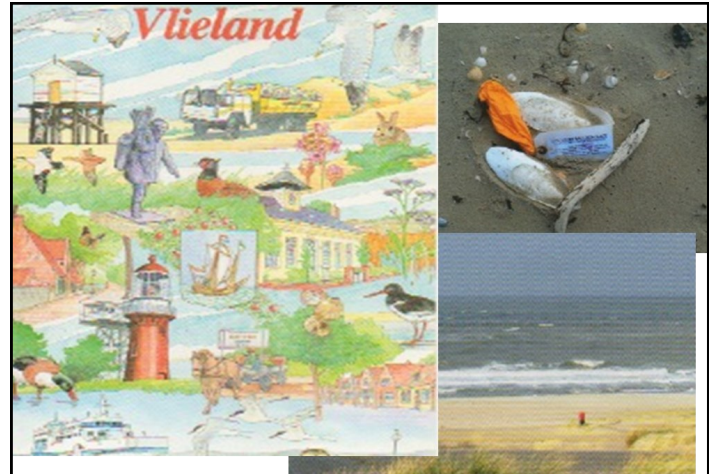
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## STOCKBURY BALLOON RACE

2013

Just how far could a balloon travel on the wind??

On that blustery Fête day back in August, we said 'Adios' to 60 balloons and let them ride the wind, not knowing if they would make it beyond the Stockbury Parish but hoping that would be the case. If we were lucky, they would perhaps make it to Sandwich to the east or Chelmsford, to the north.



A week on and to my amazement, I started getting balloons returned to me from The Netherlands, yes folks, **HOLLAND!!** Some very kind holidaying tourists spotted our balloons and returned them from the Dutch islands of Vlieland, Texer, Ameland and Egmond aan Zee on the Dutch mainland.

The balloon that travelled the furthest travelled approximately 259 miles (414.3 km) to the Dutch island of Ameland and was bought by Lewis Fox. Lewis wins a £15 gift voucher of his choice.

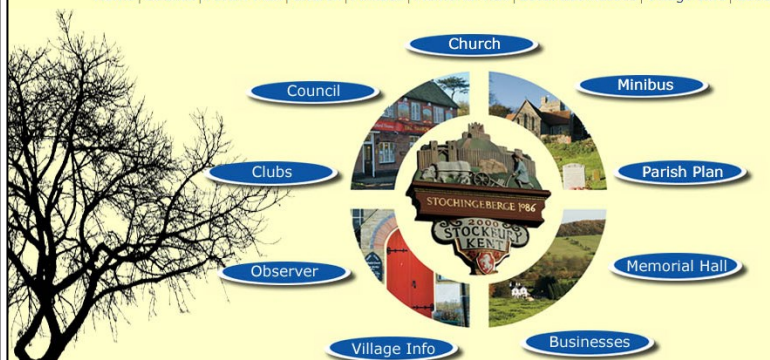
**CONGRATULATIONS LEWIS!**

Pieter Das, who lives in Holland, won the prize draw for the finder of the balloon.

Fiona

## **STOCKBURY PARISH**

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## **INTERNATIONAL EVENING**

Stockbury Village Hall

Saturday 30th November

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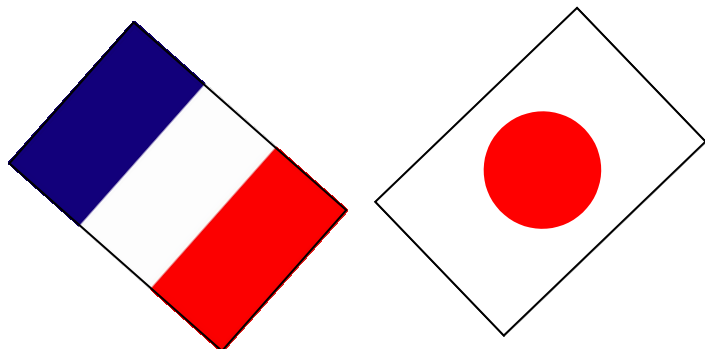
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Great for families or anyone who wants to have a go. We will be working with hand tools to create and maintain habitat for rare wild plants. All tools and instructions provided. Please wear suitable clothes and sturdy footwear, and bring a packed lunch. Meet at the main car park on the A228, just south of the M2. Booking essential: call us on 01634 292062, or email [ranscombe@plantlife.org.uk](mailto:ranscombe@plantlife.org.uk)

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Events (cont.)

be fully refunded as long as you attend the course you booked.

24 October, 9.30 am—4 pm: **Rustic Furniture** Fell a tree to provide materials for rustic furniture. Cleave and shave logs, then join them to make a seat to your design!

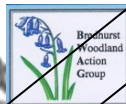
Thursday 21 November 9.30 am—4 pm: **Hurdle Making** Split chestnut poles and shave them to make components for your gate hurdle. Then join them for a long lasting, attractive hurdle.

Thursday 19 December, 9.30 am—3.30 pm: **Introduction to the Pole Lathe** An introduction to the pole lathe ... prepare a "billet" to turn on the lathe, straight from a freshly cut log – and learn to cleave, shave and then turn a dibber, candlestick or rounders bat.

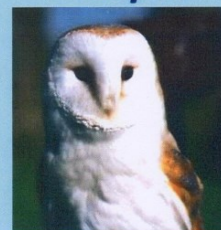
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**7.30pm**



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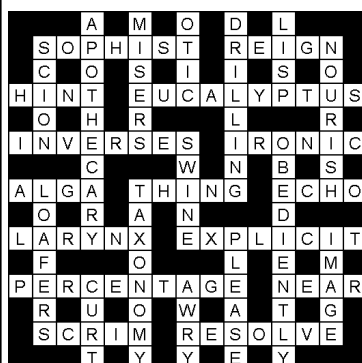
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## **Puzzle Solutions:**

**Crossword**

**Sudoku**



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