



Diary for December

All events at the Memorial Hall unless otherwise shown

Sun	1st	Dog Club - Field	10.00-11.00 am
		Bowls	3.00-5.00 pm
Tues	3rd	Bowls	1.00-3.00 pm
		NSYC	7.00-9.30 pm
Wed	4th	Pilates	9.30-10.30 pm
		Parish Council	2.30-5.00 pm
Thur	5th	Gardeners	8.00-10.00 pm
Fri	6th	Dancing Club	8.00-10.30 pm
Sat	7th	Christmas Fayre	10.00-1.00 pm
		Private Booking	5.00-11.30 pm
Sun	8th	Dog Club - Field	10.00-11.00 am
		Bowls	3.00-5.00 pm
Tues	10th	Bowls	2.00-4.00 pm
Wed	11th	Pilates	9.30-10.30 pm
		WI	2.00-4.00 pm
Fri	13th	Carols on the Green	7.00-10.00 pm
Sat	14th	Cricket Club	7.00-11.30 pm
Sun	15th	Dog Club - Field	10.00-11.00 am
		Bowls	3.00-5.00 pm
Tues	17th	Bowls	2.00-4.00 pm
Wed	18th	Pilates	9.30-10.30 am
		Parish Council	7.00-9.30 pm
Thur	19th	Bowls	7.30-9.30 pm
Fri	20th	Dancing Club	8.00-10.30 pm
Sun	22nd	Dog Club - Field	10.00-11.00 am
		Bowls	3.00-5.00 pm
Tue	24th	Bowls	2.00-4.00 pm
Fri	27th	Dancing Club	8.00-10.30 pm
Sun	29th	Dog Club - Field	10.00-11.00 pm
		Bowls	3.00-5.00 pm

December 2013—Editor's notes



I was very sad to learn that David Williams died last month. I first met David at a village quiz when I was a relative newcomer to Stockbury and didn't know many people—he welcomed me onto his table and hoped I'd helped his team to win. We didn't win but from then and also since becoming editor for this publication, I got to know him better especially because of the Church Lottery. We would "discuss" the format and wording of the monthly article until we were both happy with it and he was so pleased when the Lottery proved successful enough to run a second year. The last time I spoke to him he was thrilled I'd won first prize and shocked I'd won first prize again the following month (not as shocked as I was!) He was also a volunteer deliverer of this publication. As Rev. Liz Cox writes on page 7, he will be missed.

As 2013 comes to a close, it only remains for me to wish you all a very merry Christmas and best wishes for the New Year of 2014!



Sue Gardner

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;
Reports from: Church Lottery Winners; Book Club; Affordable Houses; Community Bus; Charity Lunch; Letters; Fireworks; Ways to Combat Seasonal Disorders; An alternative Christmas Carol
Notices & Dates: Freighter information; Stockbury Observer Deadline dates 2014; Community Bus schedule; Library; Christmas Fair, Carols on the Green; Police Contact dates; Cricket presentation dinner; Christmas lights



Ding Dong Merrily...

by John Cockett

Now is the tail end of the year
 And Christmas time is getting near
 Very soon we are about to see in

The start of the New Year numbered "fourteen"

Until that event we have a very good reason
 To enjoy the coming happy festive season
 I wish Observer readers all the best
 And hope you celebrate that time with zest!

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 December are as follows:-

1 December 3.00 pm; Sung Communion
 8 December no service
 15 December 3.00 pm; Sung Communion
 22 December 3.00 pm; Carol Service

There will be Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve in Newington, Lower Halstow and Iwade church at 11.30pm.

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

SERVICES AT SOUTH GREEN CHURCH

Services will be held at the usual time, 10am, on 1st and 8th December.

You will be made most welcome in our little church

On the 15th we shall be holding our Carol service starting at 3pm followed by tea in the hall.

On the 22nd and 29th there will not be a service at South Green but you are invited to join the united service in Sittingbourne.

Stockbury and South Green Churches Charity Lunch

Our joint venture was again a great success and raised £285.55 for Dementia UK. Many thanks to all who supported the event.

Freddie and Brenda

December Sudoku (medium)

Solutions on page 10

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Stockbury WI

The Church Harvest Fair took place although the event wasn't as well patronised as usual so takings were a bit down on previous years. Maybe now there are new people in the village, the Christmas Fair will see some new faces looking in, in Dec. Our cake stall did sell everything though and the bacon rolls were appreciated.

Irene, our Sports and Leisure Rep, had a good response for the Tenpin Bowling event. Nine sporty lasses went to Chatham and had a fun time in three teams to challenge each other. Joyce's team won.

Another November meeting was held at Wendy's for the annual programme planning.

Our monthly meeting was cancelled due to the Hall being used for the gathering after David Williams' funeral. W.I. ladies were pleased to host this and arrange the catering. David had been our auditor and a good supporter of the W.I. for many years and will be missed. We extend our condolences to his family.

A party of ladies have tickets to go to the Show Ground at Detling to enjoy an appearance of Adam Henson on 21st Nov. That's right up Julia's street!

There has been another request for our catering services, after the Official opening of Stockbury Affordable Houses, to take place on 4th Dec. from 2-4pm, which will fill a gap on that Wednesday!

Other December activities include an invitation to the Gardeners on the 5th, Christmas Fayre on 7th, our party afternoon on 11th and the popular Carols on the Green and in the hall on the 13th - we hope to see you there in good voice!

January's meeting is a talk by Gardeners Chairman Chris Spree entitled "Walled Garden – 1st 10 years" on 8th Jan. So, new ladies in the village, why not come along and see what we enjoy?

In the meantime, we all wish you a wonderful Christmas and a happy and carefree New Year from us all.

Bridget

STOCKBURY NOT SO YOUNG CLUB

Members braved the fireworks on the 5th November for an evening of Alternative Bingo! (a game brought back from Holland by Rosemary) which caused much laughter. Final arrangements were made for our Christmas Dinner and stall at the Christmas Fayre. Please come and support us on the 7th December.

The 19th November was our last meeting of the year when we had our usual party, with food, fun and games. We will be back on the 4th February with a welcoming bowl of soup. Why not come and join us. Members wish everybody a Merry Christmas.

Shirley Moss



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- * Christmas gifts
- * Plants and garden produce
- * Cakes
- * Jewellery
- * Raffle for Christmas Hamper
- * Teas and bacon rolls

Affordable Houses

The 8 new houses in the village have now been occupied and the parish council believes it would be a good idea to keep a list of anyone who has a connection to the parish and might be interested in occupying one of these houses, or one of the Hyde houses in Bull Lane, if they become vacant at some time in the future. This will enable us to inform any interested parties as soon as a vacancy occurs and to pass on names to the relevant housing association.

If you would like to, please register your name with the clerk, Sherrie Babington:

e mail - stockburypc@sherriebabington.co.uk
phone - 01634 867173

Stockbury Parish Council



STOCKBURY OBSERVER DEADLINES

Please note the December 2013 deadline is the 20th.

The following 2014 deadlines are generally the 3rd Friday of the month with the exception of January, May, August and October, 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:

December	20th 2013	July	18th 2014
January	24th 2014	August	22nd 2014
February	21st 2014	September	19th 2014
March	21st 2014	October	24th 2014
April	18th 2014	November	21st 2014
May	23rd 2014	December	19th 2014
June	20th 2014		

The Editor

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The Editor

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December Crossword

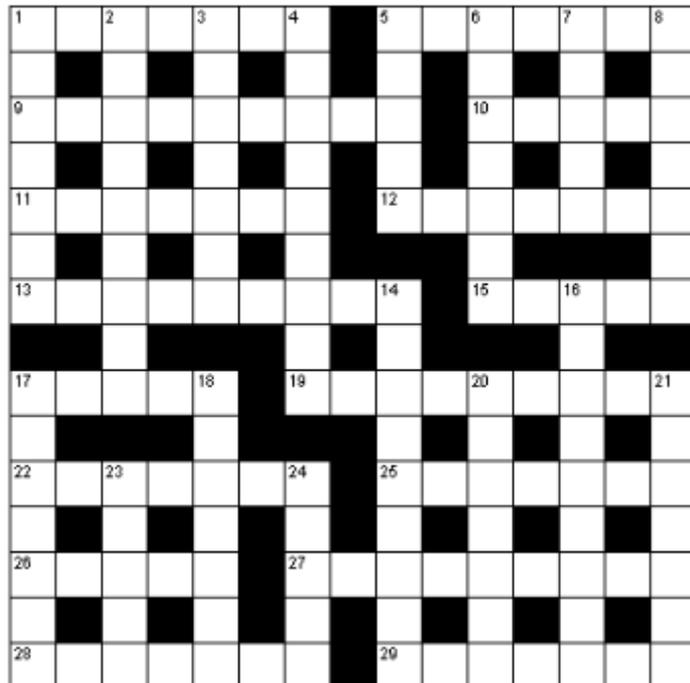
Solutions on page 10

Across

1. Cargo (7)
5. Spin (7)
9. Quietude (9)
10. Seat (5)
11. A part of a broadcast serial (7)
12. What Popeye ate (7)
13. Switch (9)
15. Impudent (5)
17. Place (5)
19. Meet (9)
22. Outcomes (7)
25. Red (7)
26. Excuse (5)
27. Pseudo (9)
28. After dinner treat (7)
29. Any simple chemical (7)

Down

1. Speediest (7)
2. Eradicate (9)
3. Hanging platform (7)
4. Hence (9)
5. Gambits (5)
6. Martyrs (7)
7. Tropical vine (5)
8. Profane (7)
14. Inordinate (9)
16. Artificial moon (9)
17. Custodian (7)
18. Grow worse (7)
20. Oblivious (7)
21. Withdraw (7)
23. Malfunctions (5)
24. Scrimp (5)



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 3 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 December 2013

If you thought that December was a time for forgetting the garden and putting your feet up in front of the fire, then think again. It's possibly the busiest time of the year, especially for planning the garden for 2014.

I am always in trouble for "talking" vegetables too much so this month I will start with flowers.

The time has not passed yet for planting tulips. Possibly it is reckoned better to plant after a good frost, the reason being that by then any mould and bacteria would have had a bashing from the cold. Daffodils: I would say that you could still plant now in the first week of December. A really great tip is to look for bargains in the shops as they will be marked down in price by now, so go and get a bargain. Remember, planting depths on most bulbs is two and a half times the size of the bulb. You may think 5 or 6 inches for a daffodil bulb is deep but it is correct.

Carnation cuttings can be taken now. Cut back chrysanthemums when they have finished flowering. Prune roses. If you planted sweet peas in September, they can be "stopped". This is done by pinching out the growing tip. Protect Christmas Roses (hellebores) by placing a cloche over them. If you want to risk leaving dahlias in the ground, cover them with a good layer of straw pegged down with chicken mesh. Later in the month you can start to take Chrysanthemum Cuttings.

This year I am going to try and force some rhubarb as I have several large plants and they need dividing anyway. This is done by splitting the crown with a pair of garden forks, taking the parts to the greenhouse where they are planted in compost then covered in black plastic to exclude the light. I will advise next month as to how I get on

Whenever I visit the beach in the summer I always take an old compost sack and pick up seaweed. The trick is to take it from the high tide line where the sun has already dried it out for you; firstly it is lighter to carry and is less smelly; secondly it is concentrated and hence less work in digging into the soil.

Before you strip down and compost your old bean haulms (stems/stalks) try burying them in the vegetable garden for a change.

Lift root vegetables before the heavy frost comes or you may not get them out of the ground!!

Now for the serious bit: it is time to plant onion seeds if you are serious about competition growing. Usually, I start planting seeds in individual pots and germinate them at 20 degrees C. Quickly drop the temperature to between 10 and 12 degrees after germination. I will not be giving away any more secrets on how to grow rows of really tasty onions weighing 2.5 kilos each, unless you come to the Gardeners meeting in the village hall on 5th December to which you are all welcome.

Finally the seed orders from D T Brown will arrive in time for distribution as well on the 5th and for those members who all ordered together we saved a massive £400.00 well done, all of you.

Have a very Happy Christmas.

Chris Spree—Chairman

Christmas Lights on the Village Green

Following the problems last year, when many of the lights were broken, the Hall Committee has decided to buy new lights which will be placed on the existing flowering cherry tree for the Christmas period.

The cost of these lights is approximately £300 and many of the organisations in the parish, as well as individuals, have contributed generously, but more money is needed. If you would like to make a contribution, please contact

Sue Porter 01795 843715

Saturday Freighter Service Stockbury Village Hall



The next collection date is not available at the time of going to print.

For more information : <http://www.maidstone.gov.uk> and click on **Saturday Freighter Service Dates**

Dear Editor

The Stockbury Fireworks and Halloween Hog Roast was excellent again this year. I brought along guests this time who were absolutely amazed at how good the fireworks were and likened them favourably to larger displays that they had been to. I cannot thank the Stockbury Orchard Fund Team enough for putting on this great event. It is a real boost to our village community and incredible value for money. The fireworks themselves must have been very expensive and the entrance fee pre-booked online was more than value for money.

Also thanks to MB Farms for the hog roast and Geoff Moody and helpers for the tea and coffee stand. I'm sure that was much appreciated. The face-painting booth was a success again (well done Jamie!) and many children and adults alike enjoyed having their face painted for the event. There were some pretty scary faces out there!

I was also impressed with the online survey conducted this year asking for our feedback on the event. It gave me the opportunity to comment on my only concern, which was safety of visitors, as I am aware that at least one person fell in the dark and was injured. Hopefully this can be addressed for next year. But all in all, an excellent night! Well done and thanks to everyone!

Denise Summer

Chris and Sue Porter would like to wish all their friends in Stockbury a very merry Christmas and a happy new year.

Instead of sending Christmas cards, we will be making a donation to Demelza House Hospice



STOCKBURY COMMUNITY BUS

Wow! How did that happen? How did we get to the end of the year so quickly? It only seems like a couple of weeks ago that I was planning our day trips and now here we are with Christmas chomping at our heels! I hope you're more prepared than I am!

I hope that you have enjoyed getting out and about these past twelve months on the bus; we've enjoyed having your company during our wonderful days out over the summer months and on our regular weekly runs. We've encountered traffic chaos, atrocious and glorious weather in equal measure, along with your good humour and patience, for which we are grateful, except for the traffic chaos bit!

The bus will do its last run of the year on Thursday 19th December, which will be to Hempstead Valley and resume its duties on Monday 6th January, after a well earned rest of drivers and tyres.

All that is left for me to do now is to wish you all a happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year on behalf of all of us at the Community Bus HQ.

See you in 2014!

Fiona x

STOCKBURY BOOK CLUB NOVEMBER MEETING



Book Club met in the warm and cosy home of Keith and Ann Rich who supplied refreshments as we discussed the book we read this month: Nineteen Minutes by Jodi Picoult.

This book tells the story of a 17 year old American boy who, as a result of years of abuse and bullying, turns a gun on his classmates at his school in New Hampshire. This was a very emotive book, especially in view of the fact that mass shootings seem to be always topical these days. The book encouraged the reader to consider many aspects of life, such as what it means to be different, how peer pressure affects us, the role of parenthood and the fine line between good and evil. It provoked a lot of discussion about gun laws and bullying in our group, with some surprising revelations! Some readers felt that it was too long-winded, however we all enjoyed it and we gave it a well deserved 8/10.

We look forward to our next read which is Brighton Rock by Graham Greene. If you have never read it, why not get hold of a copy and read along with us? You can compare your notes with our next month's book club report.

Denise Summer

SAVE STOCKBURY CHURCH FUND MONTHLY DRAW—2013

Winning Tickets Saturday 9th November

1 st prize	Terry Brown	Stockbury
2 nd prize	Angela Collins	Stockbury
3 rd prize	Sheila Roper	Newington

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Hal I oween Firework Party

Did you take yours? We all took ours!

What?? You say.

Carved pumpkins of course! What a wonderful array there was; you are a talented bunch! It was such a shame the wind was so fierce on the evening of the Firework Party so the candles inside them wouldn't stay alight to show them at their best. Thank you to all of you who took the trouble to bring them along.

Once again, we were treated to a magnificent display of fireworks that lit up the clear night sky with plenty of loud 'BANGS' to keep us all happy and a roaring bonfire to boot! A magnificent achievement in itself after all that rain.

Of course, this wonderful evening event wouldn't have been possible without the business and private donations from the following:

Nick and Terry Brown for the use of the Hog Roast machines and for donating a pig.

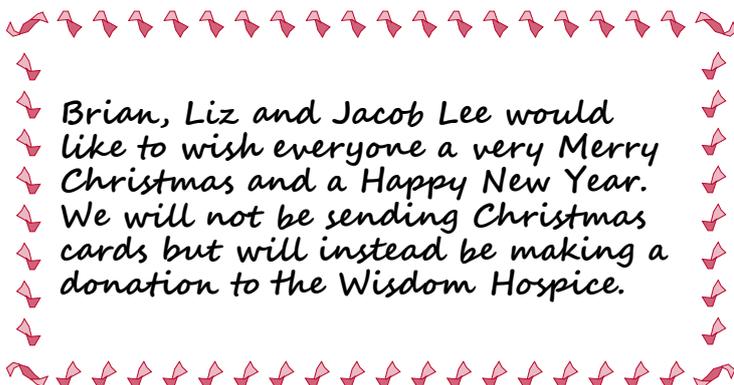
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And our small army of volunteer helpers:

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And finally, a huge thank you to the foolish souls who make up the Firework Party Committee; without all their plotting, planning and hard work, none of us would have enjoyed this spectacular evening. Until next year ...

Fiona



David Scott Williams 22 July 1934 - 2nd November 2013

It was with sadness that we learnt of the death of David on 2nd November. David had been quietly struggling with ill health for a long while, but had not let it stop him getting around and carrying out all his duties until the last 6 weeks of his life.

He was not only a good friend to many but used his talents as an Accountant to the advantage of many organisations in the village. He was Treasurer to the Forum, Stockbury PCC, Save Stockbury Church Fund, Stockbury Parish Council, the Poores' Land Charity in Stockbury and many more.

He was solely responsible for the setting up of the monthly draw in aid of the Save Stockbury Church fund, which has been very successful due to his hard work. He took a major part in the all the administration for the recent restoration work at St. Mary Magdalene Church, Stockbury, dealing with bills from many sources and applying for refunds from the VAT man.

At any village function you were sure to see David, running his bowling balls at the Fairs, taking floats around to stalls, selling raffle tickets at Carols on the Green and generally just being there, always ready to listen.

We have lost a good friend and he will be much missed by us all.

Rev. Liz Cox

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25th December Closed
26th December 10 am to 12 pm
1st January 10 am to 12 pm

POLICE CONTACT POINTS

Source: http://www.kent.police.uk/Your_Neighbourhood/ward.seam?id=1050&cid=269411

Police Contact Point

Sunday 8th December 2013 12.00 PM - 1.00 PM
Venue: Stockbury Village Hall, The Street, Stockbury
Sunday 22nd December 2013 12.00 PM - 1.00 PM
Venue: Stockbury Village Hall, The Street, Stockbury

Police Contact Point (cont.)

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The season's greetings to all our friends in Stockbury; may you have really happy celebrations!

This year instead of sending out Christmas cards we once again shall be making a donation to The Smile Train.

Very best wishes to everyone!

Ann & Keith Rich

WAYS TO COMBAT SEASONAL "DISORDERS"

Source: *The Week-End Book* first published 1924

(not sure if these will help over-indulgences during the Christmas season of 2013! - Editor)

Before Hobnailing the Liver...

Before Occasions devoted to *Hobnailing the Liver* it is recommended to take half to one ounce of Olive Oil or to drink a glass of milk. The Parkinson Herbal states that "if one doe eate five or sixe bitter Almonds before he fall into drinking company, it will keepe him from being overtaken more than the rest."

The Morning After...

On the Morning After, comfort the cold and feeble brain by recalling the warming of Mayster Isaac Judaeus who saith: "It is unpossyble for them that drinketh overmoche water in theyr youth to come to ye age that God ordained them."

Another...

Let no cautious weekender set forth without good stock of tobacco, for, in the words of an old ballad: It helpeth digestion, of that there's no question. The gout, and the toothache, it easeth: be it early, or late, 'tis never out of date, he may safely take it that pleaseth.

Tobacco prevents infection by scents, that hurt the brain, and are heady: an antidote is, before you're amisse, as well as an after remedy the cold it doth heat, cools them that do sweat, and them that are fat maketh lean: the hungry doth feed and if there be need, spent spirits restoreth again.

Tobacco infused, may safely be used for purging and killing of lice: not so much as the ashes, but heals cuts and slashes and that out of hand, in a trice.

Anon., 17th century

Scrooge: an alternative ending

by
Brendan Ferrill

We'd promised a trip to London for little Tim. It would be a special occasion. A thoughtful little child prone to inspired responses, he was one of the children under our care and support. It was our main aim for Tim to receive the joys of what most youngsters have. He had a kind and loving family and that was a great help. We managed to obtain special priced tickets within the budget allowed; we had just enough to cover the cost to see the show "Scrooge" and a little treat afterwards. I did not know if Tim would understand it though but with Tommy Steel in the lead role I thought Tim would be bound to enjoy most of the show because Tommy for me always had that ability to appeal to everyone particularly youngsters and I never forgot him singing the "Little White Bull" and "The Ugly Duckling", when I was a child.

At the final stage in the play, after the phantom of Christmas future had played it's dreaded part, Tommy Steel in the guise of Scrooge, was sitting on the end of his bed crying, anticipating that he would live for ever beyond the grave in the form of an old ghost with no one to turn to and only able to reflect on his life of errors in not treating mankind well; his cruelty to Cratchet his clerk, Bell's love unrequited, his meanness in putting his tenants on the street because he did not receive the rent

on time, not giving to the poor, making carol singers sad by whacking them with his twelve inch ruler. Through the apparitions, past, present and future, he had learnt his lessons but it was too late to put the new Scrooge into practice. He was sure that he had died and it only remained for him to pick up his monstrous chains and join his partner Marley with the other poor old ghosts.

In the par, the very renowned and accomplished actor, Tommy Steel, might like to know if he had become a bit staid in his performance, because he'd done it over and over again. Did he ever think, in spite of the standing ovations he received from many of his audience, if he really was that good? Who would dare to tell him... right at that instant!

But then, that is what happened: a very special moment as Scrooge sat there at the end of his bed. And it could only happen in this very special way because little Tim, infatuated with the new Scrooge, had taken everything in and accepted all that was happening. He did not know what was about to happen, not being one of Dickens' fans, well versed in the story so he was not aware of the expected ending and thus on this little child's thinking and on his unique awareness, a compassionate response to Scrooge's tears arose above the silence of the knowing audience all knowing but Tim.

"Don't cry Mr Scrooge."

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