



## SEPTEMBER HALL DIARY

Thur	1st	Gardeners	8.00-10.00pm
Fri	2nd	Dancing Club	8.00-10.30 pm
Sat	3rd		
Sun	4th	Dog Club - Field	10.00-11.00 am
		Cricket - Field	1.00-7.00pm
Mon	5th		
Tues	6th	Bowls	2.00-4.00pm
		NSYC	7.30-9.30pm
Wed	7th	Pilates	9.30-10.30am
Thur	8th	Bowls	7.30-9.30pm
Fri	9th	Daisy Foundation	9.45-12.45pm
		Dancing Club	8.00-10.30 pm
Sat	10th		
Sun	11th	Dog Club - Field	10.00-11.00 am
		Cricket - Field	1.00-7.00pm
Mon	12th		
Tues	13th	Musical Playtime	10.00-10.45am
		Bowls	2.00-4.00pm
Wed	14th	Pilates	9.30-10.30am
		WI	7.30-9.30pm
Thur	15th	Bowls	7.30-9.30pm
		Caravan Club - Field	
Fri	16th	Daisy Foundation	9.45-12.45pm
		Caravan Club - Field	
		Caravan Club - Hall	6.30-11.30pm
Sat	17th	Caravan Club - Field	
Sun	18th	Dog Club - Field	10.00-11.00 am
Mon	19th	Caravan Club - Field	10.00-10.45am
Tues	20th	Musical Playtime	10.00-10.45am
		Bowls	2.00-4.00pm
		NSYC	7.30-9.30pm
Wed	21st	Pilates	9.30-10.30am
		Craft and Chatter	1.00-3.00pm
		Parish Council Meeting	7.00-9.30pm
Thur	22nd	Bowls	7.30-9.30pm
Fri	23rd	Daisy Foundation	9.45-12.45pm
		Dancing Club	8.00-10.30 pm
Sat	24th	Chrysanthemum Show	2.00-4.00pm
Sun	25th	Dog Club - Field	10.00-11.00 am
Mon	26th		
Tue	27th	Musical Playtime	10.00-10.45am
		Bowls	2.00-4.00pm
Wed	28th	Pilates	9.30-10.30am
Thur	29th	Bowls	7.30-9.30pm
Fri	30th	Daisy Foundation	9.45-12.45pm
		Caravan Club—Field & Hall	6.30-11.30p.m.

**SEPTEMBER 2016 Regulars:** St Mary Magdalene Service dates; W.I. note; Poet's Corner; Gardeners;  
**Reports/Articles:** Crime /Book Cub / Orchard  
**Notices & Dates:** Deadline dates ; Community Bus schedule; Library;

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### Playing Field New Benches

For those of you who use the playing field regularly, you will be pleased to see the 7 new benches which are now in place. These have been funded by donations from parishioners in memory of loved ones, village organisations such as the W.I. and the Dog Club with funds also provided by the Village Hall and the Cricket Club. The new benches are of really high quality with printed metal plaques



The photograph above shows some of those who have donated towards a bench. We still need a few more and if you would like to commemorate a bench in memory of a loved one, please call:-

**Mick Bingham 01795 842 480**

**Chris Porter 01795 843 715**

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Society members will be on hand to answer any of your questions on the growing and showing of our Chrysanthemums and Dahlias and we would welcome anyone wanting to join the Society either as a showing member or just as a helper. The blooms on display are not just grown in a few weeks, but it is a year long task to get these lovely flowers on the show bench. So please come and support us at Stockbury Village Hall on

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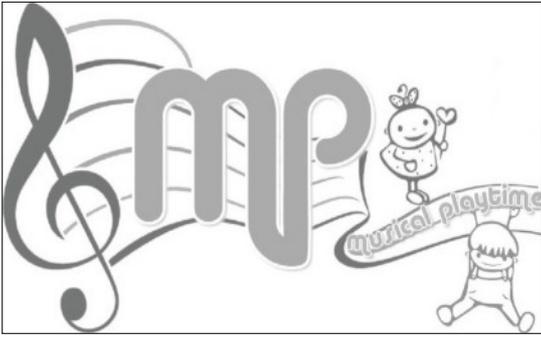
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### STOCKBURY SIGN RESPONSE

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### Book club review

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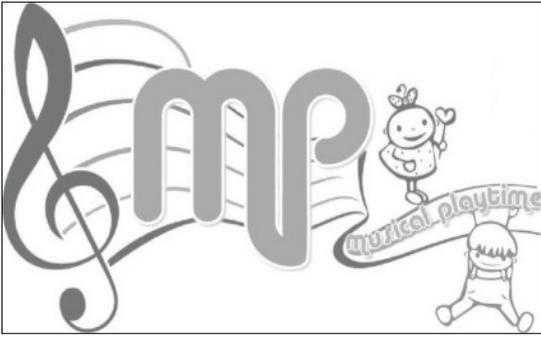
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If the hedge or trees start to impede traffic either because they have grown out into the road, or are hanging over the road presenting a danger to high vehicles, KCC can issue an enforcement notice requiring you to cut them back. These notices are issued to the land owner and are legally enforceable. If you do not act within 21 days, KCC have the option of bringing in a contractor and charging you for the work, so well worth acting first!

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*Phil Woods*



### Stockbury Litter

As many of you will know, we have a group of volunteers who pick up litter around the parish. However, the need for clearing both Church and Honeycrook Hills regularly is such that we could do with a few more. These roads are the main entrance to the village and with more help they could be kept clean and tidy; it really doesn't take much time.

Litter pickers and black bags supplied and if you are interested, please call:-

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As many of you will know, we have a group of volunteers who pick up litter around the parish. However, the need for clearing both Church and Honeycrook Hills regularly is such that we could do with a few more. These roads are the main entrance to the village and with more help they could be kept clean and tidy; it really doesn't take much time.

Litter pickers and black bags supplied and if you are interested, please call:-

*Chris Porter - 01795 843715*



## CRIME REPORT

### INFORMATION

There have been an increasing trend of people approaching properties and gathering information shortly before an offence takes place. The person will usually make an excuse for being on/approaching the property, when they are actually looking around the property, possibly looking to return later. An example recently was when a person approached a property asking if any logs were for sale, having no reason to do this. The next day, a quad bike was stolen from the property.

### IF VEHICLES ARE SEEN

#### PLEASE REPORT THE REGISTRATION NUMBERS

PCSOs Ryan Waring & Dave Rowley

### CALLING ALL ADVERTISERS

It's never too late...to advertise in the **Stockbury Observer**

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

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

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If you are a new customer please also attach your ad, preferably in MS Word, Powerpoint or Publisher. Please bear in mind when designing your ad that large solid blocks of colour may not look so good in black and white on the paper version, despite looking great on our web version.

The Observer is delivered to every household in this parish plus there is our internet presence, so this is a great opportunity to promote **your business**

### Community Bus

#### Weekly Schedule

**Mondays – Sittingbourne**

**Tuesdays – Maidstone incl. Lockmeadow Market**

**Thursdays – Hempstead Valley Shopping Centre (Savacentre)**

Pick ups from 9.30 am close to where you live

**Call 07551-454702 to book your seat**



### Stockbury Parish Council Minutes

*The minutes for our parish council meeting will be approved at the following meeting and will then be published on [www.stockbury.org.uk](http://www.stockbury.org.uk) within 5 days of the meeting at which they were approved*

## USEFUL CONTACT INFORMATION

**Cricket Club**—Tom Bulbrook 07780 440526  
[th.bul2@yahoo.com](mailto:th.bul2@yahoo.com)

**Church Matters**—St Mary Magdelene  
Revd Liz Cox 01795 435184  
[elizabeth.cox448@btinternet.com](mailto:elizabeth.cox448@btinternet.com)

**Community Bus**—Booking line 07551 454702  
**Dancing Club**— Brian Crisp 01634 231886

**Dog Club**— Mick Bingham 01795 842480  
**Electricity Problems** **0800 7838866**

**Environment Agency**—Incident hotline 0800 807060

**Fly Tipping & Waste Collection**  
Including bulky items 01622 602162

**Gardeners**—Lex Sargent 01795 842741  
[stockburygardeners@live.com](mailto:stockburygardeners@live.com)

**Golf Society**—Jeff Hall 01795 843296  
**Hall Bookings**—Sue Porter 01795 843715

**Maidstone BC Councillor – Patrik Garten**  
01622 807907  
[patrikgarten@maidstone.gov.uk](mailto:patrikgarten@maidstone.gov.uk)

**MB Farms stores and Post Office** 01795 842401

**Neighbourhood Watch**—  
Local co-ordinator—Tony Kerr 01795 844077

**Not So Young Club**—Shirley Moss 01795 842 691

**Kent Messenger correspondent**  
Claire Adams 01795 841140  
[foxgloveadams@aol.com](mailto:foxgloveadams@aol.com)

**Parish Council - Sherrie Babington** **01634 867173**  
**Pétanque Club**—Mick Bingham 01795 842480

**Photographic Club**—Tim Arnold **01795 843049**  
[timharnold@btinternet.com](mailto:timharnold@btinternet.com)

**Stockbury Observer Editor** **07944811668**  
Brendan Ferrill—[Stockburyobserver@gmail.com](mailto:Stockburyobserver@gmail.com)

**WI Brenda Mace** **01622 884 746**

**Police – Emergency only** **999**

**Non-emergency** **101**

**& ALL General enquiries**

**Police Community Support Officer for Stockbury**

PCSO Ryan Waring 07969584213

5872@kent.pnn.police.uk

PCSO Dave Rolley 07772226097

59079@kent.pnn.police.uk

**Crimestoppers (confidential)** **0800 555111**

**Public Footpaths & bridleway (problems with)**

[westprow@kent.gov.uk](mailto:westprow@kent.gov.uk) 03000 41 71 71

**Roads, potholes etc** (manned 24 hours) 03000 41 81 81  
[www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/report-a-problem](http://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/report-a-problem)

**RSPCA** 0300 1234999

**Short Mat Bowls**—Tony Russell 01795 842738

or Angela Russell 01795 842738

**South East Water emergency** **0333 000 0365**

**South East Water Leak line** **0333 000 3330**

**Potholes**

[www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/report-a-problem](http://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/report-a-problem)

