

THE Grapevine NEWSLETTER

Pantomime Time

It's that time of year again. Oh yes it is!

We have several new cast members as well as the usual stalwarts and rehearsals are well underway.

Tickets go on sale at the village shop from Monday 29th October and as usual we expect them to sell very quickly.

Stockcross Panto Players Proudly present



Dick Whittington

by Mike Ralphson

at

The Sutton Hall

**Thurs 29th Nov,
Fri 30th Nov & Sat 1st Dec,
At 7pm**

**Tickets £6 each available at
The Village Shop
From Monday October 29th**

**Theatre Bar open before the performance
& during the interval**

**FROM THE SUTTON HALL
STOCKCROSS
October 2012 No:83**



**Current Hall Hire Rates (£ per hour)
1st November 2011**

	Small Hall	Large Hall	Both Halls
Resident	6.00	9.00	12.00
Non resident	9.50	14.00	17.00

Call Jay on 01488 608769 to book
or visit our website

www.suttonhallstockcross.org

or email

suttonhall642@btinternet.com

Harvest Supper Thanks

The harvest supper couldn't happen without the generous support of so many people, from the teams that helped set up beforehand and cleared up after, everyone who contributed to raffle prizes and selling tickets, our fantastic washer-uppers, the hall committee and of course everyone who bought tickets and brought and shared such lovely food. And to those who "stood and served", we salute you! Hope you all enjoyed the Supper and the fantastic Idle Words.

Claire

Chairs' Report

So we're at the end of our first year sharing the chair and, dare I say, it's been a good one for Sarah and I. We've learnt lots and continue to do so and we're looking forward to taking this experience into next year.

I love this time of year. October in the village is a busy one, with both the Harvest Supper and the Quiz hugely popular events. As I write we have just enjoyed a very successful Harvest Supper and we're looking forward to what promises to be an entertainingly retro night.

There have been many hall improvements across the year, and having enjoyed so many terrific events we have much to celebrate at the AGM. We're looking forward to a second term and in the mean time we have some fun events to look forward to in the next few months including the Quiz, Film Night, The Stockcross Pantomime, Children's Party and Christmas Drinks. In the new year we'll begin plans for Stockfest 2013 but more about that next time.

Let us know if you would like to receive a copy of annual review that will be presented at the AGM.

Finally, Sarah and I would sincerely like to thank the committee and the wider village for all the continued support that goes into taking care of our precious village hall.

Siobhan & Sarah

Church Jumble



Lots of jumble to sell and plenty of helpers meant that the church raised over £400 at their annual jumble sale on 13th October. The homemade cakes on sale were delicious and of course Angela Painting's famous bread pudding was very well received.

Stockcross Sports Pavilion News

Speen Parish Council is delighted to announce that it is about to appoint a firm of architects to begin the design phase of a new sports pavilion at Stockcross recreation ground.

The project will be funded by a number of organisations including Sport England and Greenham Common Trust. It is hoped that funding will also be received by the Football Foundation. The project has reached this point thanks to close collaboration with AFC Newbury.

The pavilion is intended for both community and sporting activities. In addition to providing comfortable changing room facilities, the pavilion will provide toilet facilities, kitchen and a function room for meetings and other events.

Speen Parish Council wishes to engage with as many people as possible in the community so that, as far as practicable within the budget available, the needs of the community can be accommodated alongside funding partner requirements. For example, we would like to receive input from anyone who uses the recreation ground as well as any current or future possible sports users. We are particularly keen to hear from our local children and young people.

Two open consultation meetings will be held in the small room at Sutton Hall, Stockcross. These meetings will be held at 8:30pm on Monday 22nd October and at 8pm on Tuesday 30th October 2012.

If you cannot make either of the meetings and would still like to contribute, please feel welcome to contact Councillor Simon Darnton on tel: 01488 657801 or e-mail: simon.darnton@speenpc.org.uk

For Information

Speen Parish Council has changed their address to:

PO Box 6221
Newbury
RG14 9JS

AT YOUR LEISURE

Tennis Club

Stockcross Tennis club now looks very smart with the new fence, a practice area and cleaned courts. It has been a pleasure to play there this summer. The club has been delighted to welcome a number of new members. The courts will shortly be receiving some additional treatment before the winter sets in. A grant from the Greenham Trust has helped with the cost, although additional fund-raising is needed to cover the next stage.

STOCC

We enjoyed a trio of sunny events this summer.

We thank Jonathan Russell and The Benham Estate for our fascinating tour in July. Jonathan spent the afternoon with us while we were transported in comfort around our local estate. We were most impressed and proud of what they are doing now that we have seen and learnt about some of the stock and the conservation methods used to protect and encourage wildlife. I'm sure some of us wish we had rods to use at the Wilderness, it is a magical place. Julie served up a cream tea at Richens, an amazing riverside location which couldn't have been improved upon on that glorious day!



Nigel, Viv & Charlie

We were at The Weald and Downland Museum in August on another nice day. Such an interesting display of re-located Wealden houses set in stunning landscape. The demonstration in the Tudor Kitchen was held in authentic gloom and smoke and we partook of some tastings too. It was all great fun – even the coach driver turned out to be an old friend of Charlie's and was an informative guide on the journey. But it could have been so much better if more from Stockcross had joined us, it was too nice a trip to miss.

We have just enjoyed another tea party (our third) at Viv and Roy's home in Bagnor and yes, the sun was out long enough for us to inspect the latest developments in the gardens. A wonderful tea – our thanks to Viv, Roy and Angela for their hospitality.

If you have read this far and not yet joined any of STOCC's activities, we post details of forthcoming events in the shop, on the Hall notice-board and in the Grapevine. We are not a club for members only. We are not even bothered how old you are as we are here for you all so do try us out sometime. We have an excellent talk in October 'From Cadet to Commodore': £4 including tea, details in Coming Events column.



COMING EVENTS

*All events at the Sutton Hall
unless otherwise specified*

OCTOBER

- 19 **80's Quiz Night**
- 20 **Musical Evening at
Majendie Hall Speen 7pm**
- 22 **8.30pm Sports pavilion
consultation meeting**
- 30 **8pm Sports pavilion
consultation meet-
ing**
- 31 **STOCC 2pm**
Tea & Talk £4
From Cadet to Commodore

NOVEMBER

- 17 **Film Night 7.30pm**
- 28 **STOCC (With Kiwis)**
Bleinheim Palace at
Christmas with lunch
details TBA
- 29 **Panto opening night 7pm**
- 30 **Panto 2nd night 7pm**

DECEMBER

- 1 **Christmas Bazaar at
Newdale Court**
2.30pm to 4.30pm
- 1 **Panto last night 7pm**
- 15 **Children's Xmas party**
4pm - 6pm
- 16 **Drinks & Slide Show 7pm**
- 19 **STOCC Christmas Lunch**
The Hare and Hounds
Speen 12.30pm
3 course lunch with
coffee for £16.50 per head

Regular Events

- Daily** Billiards at village hall
- Weekly**
- Monday** Yoga at village Hall 7pm
- Tuesday** Yoga at Village Hall 6 pm
Toffs Bridge at Village Hall
1.30pm
- Wednesday** Pilates Village Hall 11.30 &
12.30 pm
Kettle Ball Village Hall 6.10
Zumba Village Hall 7.30pm
Coffee morning at
Newdale Court 10.30am
- Thursday** Bridge Club at
Lord Lyon from 7.30pm
- Friday** Toffs Bridge at Village Hall
1.30pm
Coffee morning at
Newdale Court 10.30am
- Sunday** Tennis at Rec mornings
Folk at Rising Sun 8pm

Monthly

- 2nd Monday KnitWits at Lord Lyon
8pm -10pm
- 2nd Tuesday Village Hall Committee
Meeting at the hall

Church Services

OCTOBER

- 14 **Holy communion 11am**
- 28 **Holy communion 11am**

NOVEMBER

- 4 **Family Service 11am**
- 11 **Remembrance Service with
Holy communion 10.55am**
- 25 **Holy Communion 11am**

DECEMBER

- 2 **Family Service 11am**
- 9 **Holy Communion 11am**
- 16 **Carol Service 6pm**
- 23 **Holy Communion 11am**
- 24 **Christmas Eve Crib Service
5pm**
- 25 **Christmas Day
Holy Communion 11am**
- 30 **United Benefice HC 9.30am
at Stockcross**

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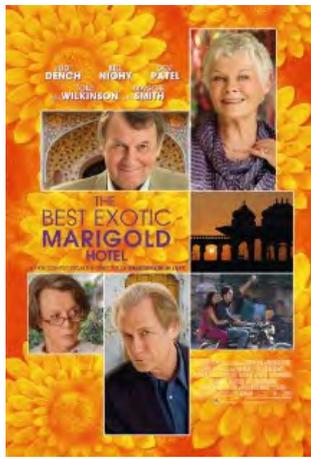
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Emergency numbers:

Southern Electric	0845 770 8090
Thames Water	0645 200 800

On Saturday
November 17th 2012
Sutton Hall Film Club, Stockcross,
proudly presents:

The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel



Certificate 12A

Based on the best-selling novel
'These Foolish Things' by Deborah Moggach

Doors open 7.30pm,
film starts 7.45pm

(please arrive promptly to bag your seat)
Tickets £5.00 each from Stockcross Post
Office or on the door
Bring your own liquid refreshments!

For more information please contact
suttonhallfilmclub@hotmail.co.uk

Stockcross Children's Christmas Party

Saturday 15th December
4pm - 6pm
Sutton Hall
For further Information
Please call
Jane on 01488 657447



Musical Evening for all Ages
Majendie Hall, St Mary's Church,
Speen
Saturday 20th October, 7pm

Stockcross School Chamber Choir
Stockcross School Recorder Ensemble
Tom Valentine (Trumpet) – *Clarke, Purcell*
Alexander Glover (Violin) – *Rieding*
Rosie Rostron (Steel pans) – *Mozart*

Florence Rostron (Clarinet) with:
Stockcross String Quartet
Clare Glover (Violin),
Lynne Valentine (Violin)
Rachel Mullaly (Viola), Jo Coote (Cello)
Clarinet Quintet in A Major – Mozart

Tickets on the door: All tickets £6; one free child
under 12 per family. Includes a glass of wine or soft
drink. Proceeds in aid of Stockcross School and St
Mary's Church. Parking at the Church car park in
Church Lane and at Speen Village Hall.



Stockcross
Christmas Get together
&
Review of the Year
at

The Sutton Hall
Sunday 16th December 7pm
(Free Entry)
(After the Church Carol Service)

Meet the neighbours & see what the
village has been up to in 2012

- Slide Show of events 2012
- Hot dogs, mince pies
- Free first drink

If you have any village photos you can
add to the slide show please contact
Sarah on sarah@rustyanssaz.com

AROUND THE VILLAGE

The Rising Sun

After 8 weeks of very hard work we are pleased to announce that the Rising Sun is now open again, after an extensive re-fit.



We have a young friendly team in place who will be pleased to welcome you in – Phil and Dan are both experienced chefs, and Angie runs the bar. Dogs are welcome in the garden and the bar, on leads please.

There is a good range of West Berkshire Brewery Beers and Guests from other breweries and a selection of interesting wines.

The food is delicious, reasonably priced, and all made on site – including the bread. The menu will be developing over the next few weeks so come in and try what is on offer. If you haven't already received your flyer for 10% off food, bring this article with you!

The pub is shut on Mondays, but open every other day for drinks and food – hours as follows:

Tues – Friday Bar 12-3 then 6-11 ,
food 12.30 – 2.30 then 6- 9.30,
Saturday 12 – 11, food 12-2.30 then 6-9.30,
Sunday 12-10.30, food 12.30 -6.00

West Berkshire Brewery

The Village Shop

Hopefully, by the time you are reading this Grapevine, our Lotto machine would have been installed and fully operational, after a long three month wait.

We have a new local line in stock, Ciderniks, a Dry Cider and Fresh Apple juice which is produced in Kintbury.

It is that time of the year again to start planning for Christmas. We will again be doing Turkeys and Hams so in order for us to secure these please could you let us have your orders as soon as possible.

The Newbury Cancer Care Trust calendar is now available to purchase at £5.00 each. Let's support this very worthy cause.

Once again we would like to thank you for your continued support.

Heather & Stuart

Flowers for Christmas

The Wessex Flower Company has been supplying the Post office with lots of lovely flowers, plants and bulbs for the past few months, and is looking forward to producing some goodies for the forthcoming festive season! Based just along Ermin Street, nr Wickham we cater mainly for



weddings and special occasions, but, if you would like some advice on how to decorate your home for Christmas the natural way or would like a wreath or garland, we will be pleased to help! Pick up a postcard from the post office or go online: www.wessexflowercompany.co.uk

AROUND THE VILLAGE

Lord Lyon Latest



We'll start off with a well deserved pat on the back to the whole team. In the last month we have managed to retain our place in the good beer guide for the second year running, a fabulous achievement. We've also been awarded our 3rd certificate of excellence by Cask Marque for the quality of our beer, and a four cups (excellent) rating by The Beverage Standards Association for our coffees, and the service of them! On top of that Mark was honoured by the British Institute of Innkeeping by being made a Fellow of the Institute last month. Can't be bad!!

With summer over before it began and our autumnal menus proving popular, especially the slow cooked hearty fare, we look forward to welcoming you, with our daily changing menus.

We are predominantly using Vicars Game as our meat supplier at the moment because of their consistently great quality, most people seem to agree but, as ever we welcome any feedback.

With our roaring fires, great beers and ciders there is nowhere cosier to be on a cold wet winters day but now that people are not able to sit outside, space is again at a premium, so please remember to book, whilst we will always do our best to fit you in, we will always be better able to serve you, and possibly give you a nicer table, when you book. Also, we really hate turning you away!

Most of the vegetables from the garden have been used now, with our sister pub The Five Bells helping out with some of the glut, and we were still giving baskets of courgettes away, note to Lynnless courgette plants next year!!! It was a pretty dire season for the garden. Lynn, our wonderful gardener struggled with the weather stoically and we thank her for providing us with as much as she did.

Our Christmas menus are available in the pub, on our website and by email, or even post if you ring us.

Christmas Day is already heavily booked so best be quick if you fancy a washing up and stress free Christmas day! We will be open as usual between 12 and 2 for drinks, everyone welcome. In December we are already booked out for quite a few days for office and family gatherings so contact us now in order to reserve your preferred date.

Thanks to all of you who support us, it's much appreciated, and in these times of austerity much needed in order to keep a village pub going, It's also always lovely to see you!

Mark, Susan, FJ and the team.

Nature Notes October 2012

Looking back to this time last year I find this summer is much the same as 2011...sadly! Not good for human or wildlife, with the exception of the growth that many trees and shrubs have put on having had so much rain. As so often, September has been glorious and I think we are going to have some lovely displays of autumn colour, in fact it has already started.

I have not seen anything especially unusual as far as wild life goes, perhaps it all went into hibernation early. Sadly, there seem to be very few blackbirds yet and I wonder if the magpies, which did well this year with three strong young ones, are again the culprits. Now that autumn is really upon us the flocks of tits and finches are putting in more of an appearance which is lovely to see. Some, I like to think, are from the various bird boxes I have around so they are 'my' babies!

Frogs and toads are in abundance which will be good as the slug numbers are huge and I do wish I had more hedgehogs but have not seen much sign of them this year. I will certainly leave piles of leaves in strategic places for them.

Butterflies took full advantage of the sunny September days with Red Admirals in very good numbers. I did a list on one especially good day which included Painted Lady, Comma, Fritillary, Speckled Wood, Peacock, Large White, Brimstone and a Small Blue. I wish I could grow more Buddleia and Sedum as both are an absolute must for attracting these beautiful insects.

Janet Scull 01488 608324



STOCKCROSS CE AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOL

Autumn News from Stockcross CE (Aided)School

We are enjoying a busy and exciting start to the term, and all children have settled in well and are working hard. Our numbers have risen and we have 104 children on roll now. The children enjoy a broad and balanced curriculum and we take all the opportunities we can to further enrich their learning.

Year 4 and Year 5 pupils visited St Gabriel's School for a Maths challenge afternoon and really enjoyed this opportunity. Year 6 are currently on a residential trip in Wales enjoying mountain walking, climbing, kayaking and fencing amongst other exciting activities.

Music

Children have been enjoying drumming sessions with a group from Southern Sinfonia, and the PTFA have now bought us our own new set of Djembe drums. All children now have the opportunity to play these, and our youngest children have lessons every week with a professional percussionist.

We also took some of our Year 3 children to the Corn Exchange to hear the winner of the Young Musician of the Year play, before they begin their lessons on string instruments later this term.

Our choir and recorder ensemble have been asked to perform in a local concert on Saturday 20th October at St Marys Church, Speen in the Majendie Hall. Please look out for posters or ask the school for more details.

Sport

We have lots of sports club running this term including rugby, football, netball and dance. The tournaments have started and we are celebrating our first win, at our first tournament of the season in Aldermaston last Saturday. We have another tournament at Thatcham next week and matches for other sports throughout this term.

Community

The Stockcross Panto Players are using the hall for rehearsals from time to time. We're all looking forward to some fun entertainment around Christmas!

We celebrated Harvest Festival in Stockcross Church last week, and are looking forward to visiting Boxford Church for Remembrance later this term.

We would welcome members of the community into school so if you feel you would like to get involved with listening to the children read, or running a club please ring the School office on 01488 608356.

*Florence Rostron
Head Teacher*

Birth Announcement Cochrane,

To Cathrin (nee Preece) and James on June 21st 2012 in Gabarone Botswana, daughter Alice Carolyn Elizabeth.

Alice is already a seasoned traveller having visited the UK, Zimbabwe and South Africa, the latter mainly for shopping.....

Grandparents Carolyn & Ernie doing well. Congratulations.



This Summer's Olympic legacy. The Kernow Games keeping the flame alive!

Newdale Court in Rookwood hosts a coffee morning every Wednesday and Friday at 10.30am. They would love to welcome villagers to join them.

They are also holding their Christmas Bazaar on Dec 1st 2.30pm to 4.30pm. For more information please contact Hayley Dunn on 01488 608632