

Our 2 weeks of events runs from 10th to 25th August.
Full details are on the centre pages. Follow us on Facebook and Twitter to keep up to date with what's happening. Here is how you can help to make it a memorable time for the village.

Decorate

Make a Scarecrow and put on display over the fortnight to make a Scarecrow Trail. Entry forms available at The Shop.

Put up bunting & decorate your house or business by 1st August

Help put up bunting around the village.
Meet at The Sutton Hall
Wednesday 31st July 6pm



Like our Facebook page, check in regularly and share updates with all your friends.
Access via our website.
Follow us on Twitter at #stockfest2013

WANTED - please deliver to venue on the day
Home made cakes for :
Vintage Fayre at the village hall Sunday 11th August
Church Opening Sunday 18th August
Cakes or sandwiches & Tombola prizes fo:
Rounders on the Rec Sunday 25th August

Plants to sell at Church Opening Sunday 18th August

Books to sell for various events collection to be advised

If you are away and wish to make a donation anyway please contact stockfestinfo@gmail.com



Stockfest Litter Pick

To help get the village looking its best the festival kicks off with a litter pick, on the morning of Saturday the 10th August, meeting at the Sutton Hall at 9am. All equipment will be provided. Many thanks in advance, and for everyone who's supported the litter picks up to now.
Mike & ClaireRalphson-Cook 01488 608597

**And last but not least.....
COME TO SOME EVENTS
& BRING YOUR FRIENDS**

QUARTERLY ROUND UP

Message from the Co-chair

As I write this it is the end of a blissful summer day; a balmy evening, the air is still and thick with the scent of honeysuckle. Andy Murray has finally won Wimbledon, The British and Irish Lions have won the test series and Chris Froome is still wearing the yellow shirt in the Tour de France. What's more, I've been led to believe, the work to remove the thatch and tile our roof will finally be finished by the end of the month. It's a great day to be alive, and it appears Summer might be here!

Following a busy year of maintenance, and vast expenditure, works on the Sutton hall are taking a break for some much needed financial recovery. However, Stockfest is looming brightly on the horizon for all Stockcrossians and it's visitors. Just take a look at the catalogue and be astonished at the variety of events produced by our talented community. I'm sure this will be a summer in Stockcross to remember.

Once the evenings get longer the Harvest Supper will once again feature large upon our calendars. Until then, lets hope this is the start of a wonderful summer. As my Kiwi husband is effusive, "You can't beat England on a cracking summer's day in July!"

Best wishes

Siobhan Gardiner (Tel: 01488 608268)

www.suttonhallstockcross.org

Sutton Hall Film Club

Thanks go to David Seaton who organised the film club's latest showing 'Skyfall' a James bond thriller. He had welcome support from Dudley Smithers (Slough Film Society) who kindly provided the equipment, expertise and advice needed.

We would love to show more films at the hall and would like to have some input from you as to what you would like to see and any suggestions on how to build up a bigger audience.

Please email your thoughts on how we could do better and suggestions for films you might like to see in the future to suttonhallfilmclub@hotmail.co.uk or just tell David.

Birth Announcement

Tina and Richard Stapleton are thrilled to announce that Jo and Will have got another little girl.

Polly Arabella sister for Annabel born 22nd May. All doing well. That's number 6 and counting so who knows?



"Work to remove the thatch on the last thatched estate house in the village begins"

Spotted in Church Woods in the magical month of May...a faerie ring?



And who do these belong to? Molly helping with the laundry....



OUT AND ABOUT

Stockcross Two O'clock Crowd

We have enjoyed several outings recently in delightful company with, as usual, some delicious teas!

A sunny afternoon in April was spent in the immaculate gardens of Rooksnest at Lambourn Woodlands. We loved the Highland cattle, chickens and alpacas and the vistas over the downs. Rooksnest is open as part of the National Gardens Scheme several times a year. Here are some of us with the Anthony Gormley sculpture.



At the end of May we were met by the ranger of the Thatcham Nature Discovery Centre for a guided walk around the reed beds and lake. Simon drew our attention to various bird calls - we were lucky enough to spot a reed warbler - and we learnt about the local flora. From the hide we watched waterfowl with ducklings and all agreed we'd had a lovely experience and it was a place we would like to revisit.



In June we joined Kintbury KEWIs for a tour of Loseley Park, a fascinating privately owned house from the Tudor period with beautiful walled gardens near Guildford. After lunch we visited the intriguing Watts Gallery, built in the arts and crafts style to house the works of GF Watts, a popular Victorian artist and poet. A short walk up the hill took us to the amazing gothic revival Watts Family Chapel. This was a lovely day with plenty of variety and in good company.

You are welcome to join in any of our activities, details for the next few months are listed in the 'Events' column.

Jane Batt



Wednesday 31 July

Garden Party at the home of Viv and Roy Lovell in Bagnor from [2pm](#). Car-share from Sutton Hall [1.50pm](#). Cost: £2 towards tea

Wednesday 21st August

2pm in the large hall

Meet the Author: Charlotte Betts.

As part of StockFest 13, we invite you to enjoy a cream tea & to hear award winning author of 'The Apothecary's Daughter' talk about her new book 'The Spice merchant's Wife'. Cost £3

Wednesday 25 September

2 – 4pm in the small hall

Afternoon Tea. We will be planning next year's events, Christmas outing and lunch etc so please come along with some ideas to put forward if you can.

ALL WELCOME – BRING A FRIEND AND HELP US KEEP THIS GROUP GOING

Call Viv: 01635 523963 or Jane: 01488 608762

Mobile Library Visits

Village Hall 1.50 to 2.35pm
Bayford House 2.40 to 3.40pm

Jul	Aug	Sep
22	12	2 23

STOCK FEST 13

10th to 25th August
Stockcross , Berkshire
www.stockfest2013.co.uk

1 Village
9 venues
Over 35+Events

Inspired by our vibrant village community, Stockfest 2013 is a celebration of local talent, arts, music , culture and sport. This year Stockfest brings you over 35 events - so what are you waiting for ? Many are Family Friendly. Come and join in the fun!

Diary Week One

Saturday 10 August

Artists Open Studio

Jean Wallis Studio 10am-2pm

An Evening in the Garden with Kennet Opera

Stockcross House 5pm

Sunday 11 August

Free Tennis Coaching at Stockcross Tennis Club

Tennis Club, Recreation Ground 10am-1pm

Vintage Stockcross Fayre

Village Hall 12noon-6pm

Wessex Harpists: Harpers Do it the Heavenly Way

St John's Church 7pm

Monday 12 August

Cupcake icing for juniors

Village Hall 10am-12noon, 2pm-4pm

Cupcake icing for adults

Village Hall 6pm-8pm

Social Bike Ride in aid of Prostate Cancer Research

departing from Village Hall 6.30pm-8pm

Tuesday 13 August

Conservation on the Benham Estate Talk & Tour

Starts at Village Hall 6.30pm-8.30pm

Wednesday 14 August

Puppets and Picnics with Shaun Winter Marionettes

Stockcross House 10.30am, 1pm & 3.30pm

Bridge Taster Afternoon

Village Hall 1.30pm

The Festival Pub Quiz

The Rising Sun 8pm

Thursday 15 August

Family Doodle Day

Village Hall 10am-4pm

Acoustic Folk-Pop with Gaz Brookfield

The Rising Sun 9pm

Friday 16 August

Flower Festival & Exhibition of Church Archives

St John's Church 11am-4pm

Open to all 'The Village People' Golf

Deanwood Park Golf Club 2pm-4pm

Deanwood Park Golf Club 'The Village People' BBQ

Deanwood Park Golf Club 4pm

Saturday 17 August

Family Treasure Trail

start Stockcross Post Office & Shop 10am

Artists Open Studio

Jean Wallis Studio 11am-4pm

Quintessential Afternoon Tea Party at The Vineyard

The Vineyard Spa & Hotel 3pm-5pm

Diary Week Two

Sunday 18 August

Free Play at Stockcross Tennis Club

Tennis Club, Recreation Ground 10am-1pm

St John's Open Day with access to Stockcross House Garden

St John's Church and Stockcross House 2pm-5pm

The Mysterious Affair at Stockcross: a Murder Mystery Dinner

The Lord Lyon 6.30pm

Monday 19 August

Stage Combat Workshop led by the Watermill

Village Hall 11am-12.30pm

Drama Workshop led by the Watermill

Village Hall 1.30pm-3pm

Stockcross KnitWits Knitting Workshop

Village Hall 6pm-9pm

Experienced Cyclists Ride in aid of Prostate Cancer Research

Village Hall 6.30pm-8pm

Tuesday 20 August

Acoustic Rootsy-Rock with Charlie & Alan Rose

The Lord Lyon 8pm

Wednesday 21 August

Meet the Author: Charlotte Betts

Village Hall 2pm-4pm

The Rising Sun Book Club Book Swap

The Rising Sun 7pm

Stockcross Star Gazing Evening

The Rec Ground 8.30pm-10.30pm

Thursday 22 August

Acrylic Painting Workshop with Soraya French

Townscapes with or without figures

Village Hall 10am-4pm

Introduction to Authentic Argentine Tango with Tango Journey

Village Hall 8pm

Friday 23 August

State of Undress - Rocky-Rootsy Live Band

Village Hall 8pm

Saturday 24 August

Meet the Author: Sara Dunn

Village Shop 10am-12noon

Bar 'n' Bop

Village Hall 8pm

Sunday 25 August

Digital Photography Workshop by Arena Photography

Village Hall 10am-1pm

Rounders and Tea on the Rec

The Rec Ground 2pm

Festival Close: Songs of Praise

St John's Church 6.30pm

Full details of all the events can be found at our website or pick up a brochure from our village venues. Where applicable, tickets can be bought online or by contacting Viv on 07784 760138

We need you Stockcross

Stockfest Scarecrow Competition

Why not make a Festival scarecrow and place it in prime position in your garden during the jubilee weekend? Entry forms available from the post office - fee £1.00 per household (closing date for entries Friday 2nd August). Scarecrows should be in-situ from mid-day on Saturday 10th August until Midday Saturday 24th August. Winners (judged by popular vote) will be announced at 'Rounders on the Rec' on 25th August and a Scarecrow Trail Map will be available from the post office and village pubs for £1.00 from Saturday 10th August.

Vintage Stockcross: Stalls Teas & More Sunday 11th August 12 noon to 6pm at the Hall

Step back in time with Vintage Stockcross - beautiful craft and vintage stalls, the Naafi Girls selling tea and cake, classic vehicles, tunes from the 40s and 50s, vintage fashions and hair, and a village exhibition.

Entry £1

Do you have any clothes from 1940s, 50s, 60s or 70s tucked away in your wardrobe? Can we borrow them for a vintage fashion show? Please get in touch.

If you would like to help out at this event by having a stall, making cakes, modelling Vintage Fashions, manning teas or can bring along a classic car to display on the day please get in touch with Claire 01488 608597 or Viv 01635 523963 or e mail stockfestinfo@gmail.com

St Johns Church opening Sunday 18th August

Can you donate plants to sell or homemade cakes if so please contact Shirley Wernham on 01488 608318

Rounders on the Rec Sunday 25th August 2pm Entry £1 (not £3 as in Stockfest brochure.)

Last played in the 1970s we would like everyone to join us for a North of the B4000 vs South of the B4000 village rounders match on the Rec. Come along and join your team. Who will win this prestigious event and take home the honour of the village? You're guaranteed to have lots of fun. A traditional tea is planned. Please bring along a cake or sandwiches or savouries to go onto the table. There will be a Bar to keep you refreshed. Ken Sullivan is running his famous tombola - if you can donate prizes let him know. Linda will be organising a book collection prior to these events.

Join us to celebrate the end of Stockfest at the Bar 'n' Bop with live music from our very own Sutton Beats and DJ Gordy. Mixing soul, swing, ska, disco and a big dash of rock 'n' roll we create our own special arrangements and mixes - guaranteed to keep you on the dance floor!

Bar 'n' Bop

Saturday 24 August from 8.00pm, Sutton Hall, Stockcross

featuring

SUTTON BEATS

and DJs Gordy & Al

toe tapping and dance floor fillers for rock 'n' roll, soul, swing and ska fans

Tickets: £6

www.stockfest2013.co.uk

Claire 07795 061090 or Sarah 07540 267509

And finally taking us to the end of the festival on a high, put on your dancing shoes and celebrate the end of the festival with some special 'home grown' guests.

Tickets available on the Stockfest website or from Sarah or Claire.

Around The Village

Lord Lyon Latest

Now that summer is here for the first time in years, our menu is looking much more seasonal than it has for some time, with plenty of salads and light dishes perfect for enjoying in the sun trap gardens.

We have had a busy couple of months with many changes, not least adjusting to running three pubs, which is a challenge for not only myself but is proving to be a challenge for Susan and FJ as well.

Our vegetarian menu is proving very popular, and some days we almost feel that it out sells our main menu, but then it is a bit lighter by its very nature.

Arkells are now brewing a monthly ale, the first of which, "Admiral", proved very popular, using only English hops, it has been very well received, pop in and try the next one "Pilot" which I gather is going to be great. A welcome step forward from our local brewer!

We are busy putting the finishing touches to our preparations for our Stockfest involvements and we are looking forward to taking part in as much as we can at other venues, well done everyone for all their hard work and I'm sure it will all be a great success.

Sunday 18th August 6.30pm "The Mysterious Affair at Stockcross" a murder mystery dinner presented by The Watermill Theatre's Amateur adult group (you might know one of them!) £18.75 pp (£.3.75 going direct to Charity)



Tuesday 20th August 8pm Charlie & Alan Rose, founder members of UK rootsy folk-rock band State of Undress will play an intimate acoustic gig. **Free Event**

Look forward to seeing you all soon
Mark and the team

The Rising Sun, Stockcross



New seasonal menu now available, filled with delicious and mouth watering dishes.

Traditional Sunday roasts available every week. Come by and try some of the West Berkshire Brewery real ales, with a special beer brewed monthly.

Events Coming up:

Wednesday 14 August, Stockfest pub quiz, 8pm

Thursday 15 August, Stockfest, live music by Gaz Brookfield, free event, 9pm



The team at the Rising Sun would like to thank the local community for their continued support!



Stockcross House Events

An Evening in the Garden with Kennet Opera

Saturday 10th August Gates open 5pm for picnics, performance starts at 6pm. £15 to include a glass of wine or juice. Under 16s free. Numbers limited so book in advance at www.stockfest2013.co.uk or call Viv on 07784 760138

Puppets & Picnic

Wednesday 14th August Bring a picnic and rugs to enjoy performances by Shaun Winter Marionettes in the gardens. Thrill to the wonder & excitement of Clown Cyril and Fred's Circus at 10.30am and 3.30pm. Be amazed by the entertainment and laughter of the Family Variety Show at 1pm. Tickets £3 pp on the door.

All events will go ahead in St John's Church if wet.

Autumn Dates for Your Dairy

HARVEST SUPPER Saturday 5th Oct -7.30pm

Do not miss this annual village get together

We will be enjoying our usual high standard of homemade fare with a bit of entertainment thrown in. Tickets will be £3.00 for villagers and £7.50 for guests and will go on sale at The Shop in September

**Cheese & Wine followed by the
Annual General Meeting
Of the Sutton Hall Management Committee
Wednesday October 9 7.30pm for 8pm
At The Sutton Hall**



Stockcross Village
Quiz Night
Friday 11th October
Sutton Hall
Details TBA

**Church Jumble Sale
Saturday 12th October 12.30pm**

Clear out your cupboards and then refill with other people's stuff at the annual Church Jumble. Also enjoy Tea, cakes, raffle and auction.



WE HAVE SPACES

TEDDY BEARS PRE-SCHOOL BOXFORD

We have a highly trained team of staff and one of the highest staff-child ratios in the area. We pride ourselves on providing friendly, stimulating and nurturing care for 2-5 year olds in the picturesque village of Boxford, just a couple of miles outside Newbury.

We have space from Sept 13

"Staff have created a warm, stimulating and welcoming environment" OFSTED

Visit www.teddybearspre-school.com

We admit from 2yrs old

Stockcross School Events



**Thursday 24th October
Boden Shopping Evening at the school**

**Friday 22nd November
School Christmas Bazaar**

Regular Events

Daily

Billiards at village hall

Weekly

Monday

Yoga at village Hall 7pm

Tuesday

Precious Seeds Baby & Toddler Group 9.30am at hall

Yoga at Village Hall 6 pm

Toffs Bridge at Village Hall 1.30pm

Wednesday

Pilates Village Hall 10.15am & 11.15am

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

1st Wenesday Pub Quiz at Rising Sun 8.30pm

2nd Monday KnitWits at Lord Lyon 8pm -10pm

2nd Tuesday Village Hall Committee Meeting at the hall

NB Please note the change of times for Pilates Classes on Wednesdays that take effect from the beginning of August.

Stockcross Panto Players

Yes there will be a village panto again this year. Put the dates in your diaries. Performances will take place on Thurs Dec, Fri Dec and Sat Dec.

Anyone wishing to be a part of this year's production either on or off stage please come to a meeting at the village hall on **Sunday 15th September 3pm** when we will have a read through of the script and the chance to audition.

ALL WELCOME and if you fancy having a go at directing please get in touch ASAP. Viv 01635 523963 or e mail vc.wilson@btinternet.com

Casting to be announced by 21st September (all being well!) Rehearsals will start toward the end of September.

Meanwhile why not come along to the Watermill Drama Workshops during Stockfest see website for details www.stockfest2013.co.uk

JULY

28 CW Holy communion 11am

AUGUST

4 Family Service 11am

11 CW Holy communion 11am

**25 Stockfest Songs of praise
6.30pm**

SEPTEMBER

1 Family Service 11am

8 CW Holy Communion 11am

22 CW Holy Communion 11am

OCTOBER

6 Harvest Festival 6pm

Sunday 11 August, 7pm

Free, donations welcomed in aid of the Church

Wessex Harpers: Harpers do it the Heavenly Way

Travel round Britain with the harpers of old. Listen to the haunting melodies of the Hebrides and the ballads of the Lowlands. Be stirred by the music of Ireland and sweet Welsh airs and favourite English tunes. Wessex Harpers invite you to join them for an evening of music in the delightful surroundings of Stockcross Church.

Friday 16 August, 11am-4pm Saturday 17 August, 1pm-4pm

Free, donations welcome in aid of the Church

Flower Festival & Exhibition of Church Archives

See our church adorned with flowers and view an exhibition of church archives dating back to 1839

Sunday 18 August, 2pm-5pm

Free, donations welcome in aid of the Church

St John's Church Open Day with access to Stockcross House Garden See our church adorned with flowers and view an exhibition of church archives dating back to 1839. Stalls include books and plants for sale.

Walk through to visit Stockcross House Garden, previously the garden of the Rectory and enjoy afternoon tea and homemade cake on the Bowls Lawn

Sunday 25 August 6.30pm

Festival Close; Songs of Praise

Everyone Welcome, celebrate the close of Stockfest 2013 with singing of some favourite hymns interspersed with popular poems and music



State of Undress

**A feisty fiddle-fuelled
five-piece band**

Playing at

The Sutton Hall

Friday 23 August 8pm

Tickets £10 on sale at

www.stockfest2013 or

call Viv on 07784 760138

**WE WANT YOU
VILLAGE PEOPLE.**

**Deanwood Park Golf Club
STOCKFEST 2013 Friday 16th August
THE "VILLAGE PEOPLE" GOLF & BBQ**

From 2.00pm - 5.00pm as part of the STOCKFEST celebrations Deanwood Park is offering HALF PRICE green fees to any people of the village of Stockcross OR "VILLAGE PEOPLE". If people of the village also play golf as "VILLAGE PEOPLE" (in costume) they will get a free burger from the BBQ!

Whichever kind of village people you are the BBQ will start at 4pm and run until 8pm. ALL ARE WELCOME and there will be a few prizes for people making the most effort.

NO TENTS ALLOWED BUT CAMPING IS ENCOURAGED!!!

www.deanwoodpark.co.uk 01635 48772

STOCK FEST 13 The Vineyard

**Quintessential
Afternoon Tea Party
Sat 17th August 3 - 5pm**

Join us and enjoy live music together with a delicious Full Afternoon Tea including freshly made sandwiches, cakes and warm scones and homemade strawberry preserve and Cornish clotted cream.

£27.50pp Call 01635 528770 to reserve your place.

STOCK FEST 13 Stockcross Village Post Office & Stores Events

**Family Treasure Trail
Saturday August 17th 10am -12noon.**
Hunt around the village for clues to solve the mystery. £1 entry

**Meet the Author - Sara Dunn
Sat 24th August 10am to 12noon**
Enjoy coffee & cake discovering Sara's wonderful book 'Appointment in Zambia'