

THE Grapevine NEWSLETTER

A New Venture for Stockcross

An inaugural meeting was held on 12 September to form yet another interesting venture in Stockcross.

Stockcross and Surroundings History Association (SASHA)

There is so much history for us to investigate associated with Stockcross and its surroundings. But our first project - with which we have already made some progress - is to try to 'bring to life again' those 27 men whose names can be seen on the memorial tablet in St John's Church Memorial Chapel, who died in World War One. They all had, in some way, connections with this area, and our researches may help us to give extra meaning to our Remembrance Service next year, which is the Centenary of World War One. Many of these men were in the Royal Berkshire Regiment - and all, we believe, were volunteers; so far as we know at present, not one waited to be drafted. Some were regular soldiers, including serving in the Boer War; one was the son of a former Vicar of this parish, and the youngest was a very young boy who died while under training in the Royal Navy.

There is still much more work to be done to find the details of their whole lives. We hope finally to publish a booklet about these men, for dissemination in the area and to raise funds for St John's Church. Why not join us and help with this project? Are you a living relative of any of these men, or do you know of anyone who is? We would like to hear from you, to exchange information.

Any questions or comments, please contact Janey Hawkins on 01488 608577, or e-mail her on zojeh@btinternet.com.

Alternatively, contact: Jackie Caufield

on 01488 608295 or e mail Jackie.c@homecall.co.uk

If you are interested in joining to help with this project, or to suggest other ideas for SASHA to research, please join us at our meeting at the Sutton Hall on Sat 16 November, 2.00 to 4.00 pm.

**FROM THE SUTTON HALL
STOCKCROSS
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Treasurers Report—(As reported at the AGM)

The accounts cover the financial year to 30/6/13.

During the period the hall traded strongly and generated a trading surplus of £9655.

After investments in hall improvements the hall returned a deficit of £3563.

Income was generated from :

Hall hire fees £20776 - up 11% on previous year

Events £4303 , a 9% reduction from the previous year

Donations & interest £997, up 167% on the previous year

No grants were received in the period

Operating costs (excluding improvements) were £16421 a 15% reduction on the previous year.

Hall improvements , as reported last year the management committee is working to a planned programme of hall improvements and maintenance. Significant progress has been made during the period and the committee decided that due to the strong continued trading and healthy financial reserves that some of the reserves would be used to accelerate the programme hence the overall deficit for the period. The hall improvement programme will continue into the next financial year provided trading remains strong.

The hall improvements were:

Car park extension and re laying of the entrances £2915

Replacement windows £7410

New curtains £ 960

Improvement to paths £ 254

Understage storage £ 935

New step ladders £ 227

Garden planting £ 280

Heading into the new financial year plans include external redecoration, provision of a commercial standard dishwasher, improvements to the PA system and refurbishments required to the cottage

Overall the hall continues to be a popular venue with a strong flow of bookings and remains in a healthy financial state

M C Nevitt Treasurer

Harvest Supper at The Sutton Hall Saturday 9th November 7.30pm

After a busy summer in Stockcross now it's time to relax and enjoy an evening with homemade fare, drinks and the company of neighbours and friends at our annual village get together.

We have some very special entertainment lined up this year so do make sure you buy your tickets early and come along in fine voice.

Tickets are now on sale at £3.00 for villagers and £7.50 for guests available from the Village Shop, Lord Lyon, Rising Sun and myself.

If you can make a pie and/or pud/salad it will be much appreciated. Please contact me on 01488 657393, my email address or just knock the door.

Angela Tyler

AGM Annual Review

We reported on another successful year at the AGM last week. With a full calendar of regular and on-off bookings, wonderful village events and a continuing maintenance and improvement plan there was lots to share.

We're really pleased as progress has continued on the hall maintenance and improvement plan put into place last year. As well as the achievements you'll note in the treasurers report we have also recently invested in a dishwasher - I'm sure anyone who has helped with the washing up after an event will be pleased to hear this.

After the success of the jubilee weekend, this year we were pleased to support Stockfest with a number of events taking place at the hall. Along with our regular bookings we also supported and organised a varied calendar of village gatherings, including the pantomime and the increasingly popular film nights, ball and quiz. We also held a successful photo review at last year's Christmas drinks and are planning this again as it seemed the perfect way to celebrate a wonderful year in the village.

I'm very thankful to the committee for their continued support, energy and enthusiasm without which we would be unable to maintain this amazing asset and organise such wonderful events for everyone in the village. I'd also like to take the opportunity to thank everyone in the village including both pubs and the village shop - who have supported and helped us organise so many of this year's events.

We're very proud of what we are able to organise and it's great to see them supported both locally and by family and friends. I've lost count of the number of times people from outside the village have said to me - with slight envy - what a wonderful hall and an amazingly active village we have! However it all takes effort and I would like to encourage you to join us as we have a couple vacancies on the committee the moment. The Sutton Hall is at the very heart of this village and it needs you to bring new ideas and energy to maintain the momentum.

We're a friendly and social bunch who meet once a month for about an hour, with the meeting often continuing in the pub :) We welcome your thoughts and opinion about future plans for the hall or ideas for events. A little bit of commitment or help can be hugely rewarding and it is such a buzz when you see people enjoying themselves - so do please let me know if you would like some further information or to get involved.

Many thanks and best wishes, Sarah
Chair - Sutton Hall, October 2013

AROUND THE VILLAGE

Lord Lyon Latest

Summer is over and our menus are turning autumnal, often slow cooked and usually comforting. We are using the last of the produce from our garden for the year and as always sourcing as much as we can locally.



Watermill Theatre Encore Acting Group

Our involvement with the fabulous **Stockfest** went very well, especially the murder mystery, well done and thank you to all who attended and especially the talented and hard working organisers.

Our Christmas party Menus and Christmas Day are being praised and bookings are good, so don't delay get your booking in early.

I must now put a few rumours to rest and fill people in on our plans. Firstly, we are here for six months yet!! But as you may have heard, we have sadly and, after much deliberation over the last 12 months, decided to hand in our notice on the tenancy at The Lord Lyon, and we shall be moving on in March next year. It has been great fun, hard work and usually a rewarding experience for us.

Thank you all for your support and custom.

The reasons for our moving on are that we are concentrating on expanding our freehouse pubs and our breweries. Having a tied pub that isn't an outlet for our beer sadly doesn't really fit in with what we are moving towards as a business and we will be looking to purchase another free house in the near future, once we have the brewery in production at the Five Bells.

We would all like to take this opportunity to thank you for your loyal custom, and we look forward to serving you some lovely food and drinks over the coming months.

Mark, FJ, Susan and the Team

Deanwood Park Golf Club

Congratulations to John Bowness & his team at Deanwood. The club has just been awarded 2nd best short course in the south of England by Today's Golfer Magazine.



Deanwood Park Golf Club will be open all over the Christmas period apart from Christmas Day itself.

Our new bar & catering franchisees, Graham & Molly, have settled in well and will be pleased to welcome you for breakfast, lunch, or some liquid refreshment, even if you don't want to play golf. If you do play, the course is in excellent condition and we have a new covered driving range so come and give that a try. There is something for everyone at Deanwood and in addition to the golf, & refreshment we offer garden machinery repairs, yoga classes, hairdressing, massage & beauty treatments along with a host of other complimentary therapies. Call 01635 48772 or see www.deanwoodpark.co.uk for details.



Thanks to everyone who sponsored us and contributed to the £1415 we have raised for Macmillan Cancer Support. This is much appreciated by both Macmillan and us.

Liz and I covered 100 miles in a ride time of 5h40m (17.6 mph/28.2 kph) and we both loved it.

Thanks again,

Will & Liz Drewe

www.justgiving.com/Will-and-Liz-Drewe

AROUND THE VILLAGE



STOCKCROSS VILLAGE STORE & POST OFFICE CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR 2013 OPENING TIMES

Tuesday 24th Dec	7am - 11pm
Weds 25th - Thurs 26th Dec	CLOSED
Friday 27th Dec	7am - 5.30pm
Saturday 28th Dec	7am - 12.30pm
Monday 30th Dec	7am - 5.30pm
Tuesday 31st Dec	7am - 5.30pm
Wednesday 1st Jan 2014	CLOSED

Normal hours resume from Thurs 2nd January 2014, as follows:

POST OFFICE

Monday to Friday	9am - 5.30pm
Saturday	9am - 12.30pm

SHOP

Monday to Friday	7am - 6pm
Saturday	7am 12.30pm



Don't forget that we are still doing orders for your local Turkey and Ham for Christmas

We can also order your turkey for Thanksgiving



**All prices, types and sizes of Turkeys available
Place your orders as soon as possible to avoid Disappointment**

Telephone 01488 657602 www.stockcrosspostoffice.co.uk

Just a little reminder that we still stock many local goods such as Welford Park Bacon and Sausages which have proved to be very popular, as well as their marmalades and preserves. We stock various flavours of Fudge from Marsdens Confectionery, Honey from Mrs Denton. West Berkshire Beer and then a little further down the road from Hampshire we have the Summerdown Pure Mint chocolates and Mints.

The Newbury and District Cancer Care Calendars for 2014 are now available to buy for £5.00.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your support this year and wish you a wonderful Christmas and New Year.

Stu & Heather

Local Talent performing at Arlington Arts

Keith Phillips is playing the leading gangster, John "the coat" Blundy (villain no1), in "The Mark" David Slade's next Class Act's production at Arlington Arts from 12 - 14 December. A refreshing?! contrast to the panto!

Ros Kitson is playing Janice, daughter of one of the other gangsters. It's filled with their trademark humour, cunning plot twists and some choice set pieces set to great music for song and dance routines with plenty of highly talented young actors - but definitely NOT a panto!

Meanwhile...Stockcross Panto Players

will be performing

Alice...The Panto!

By Archie Wilson

at

The Sutton Hall on



Thurs 5th, Fri 6th and Sat 6th December .

This is most definitely a pantomime with songs and sketches and jokes old and new.(but mainly old!) This year for the first time we have a male dame and there are some new but familiar faces taking part.

Tickets will go on sale at the Shop on 1st November price £6 each. Book early to avoid disappointment.

Village Stalwart Retires



Thanks go to Angela Painting for 39 years service to the village hall, firstly as caretaker and then committee member.

At this year's hall AGM we were sorry to receive her resignation but we hope to be able to enjoy her delicious homemade bread pudding at events. We wish her and husband Geoff well.

Thank you Angela.

Stockfest 2013 Round Up

Stockfest Acoustic Sessions



Across the two weeks of Stockfest we were treated to three outstanding acoustic sessions hosted by The Lord Lyon and The Rising Sun. Gaz Brookfield wowed us all with his honest lyrics and foot stamping folk; Charlie & Alan Rose charmed us with their tales of life as musicians (and got more than a few of us dressed up in feather boas!) and Lukas Drinkwater and Emily Howard soothed us with their beautiful jazz-folk fusion. We were even lucky enough to have a special guest appearance from local talent Elliot James.



Thank you to both pubs.
If you missed the acts and would like to find out more:
Charlie & Alan Rose www.stateofundress.com
Gaz Brookfield www.gazbrookfield.com
Emily Howard www.randomfishrecords.com
Lukas Drinkwater www.lukasdrinkwater.com



KnitWits casts on more knitters

We think it's fair to say that the knitting bug has well and truly got Stockcross! There was an amazing turn out of more than 25 people for the KnitWits Knitted Birds workshop at Stockfest13. We had some young beginners, some picking up needles for the first time in years and even a gentleman who decided to spend his birthday with us! Tea and cake was served and the sound of clicking needles soon lead to some beautiful birds being created. You can see an example of the work at the Post Office.

A huge thank you to Sarah from Purlescence for running the workshop and providing everyone with the beautiful yarns and beads to make the birds with.

If you have fallen for Purlescence's lovely yarns you can find them at www.purlescence.co.uk. The website is definitely worth a look!

Since the workshop we have new members and a new home. KnitWits will now take place in the small hall (Sutton Hall) from 7pm-9pm. The next meetings will be Wednesday November 13th, Wednesday December 11th and Wednesday January 14th. Cost £1 to cover hire of the hall. Everyone welcome, including youngsters!

You can find Stockcross KnitWits on Facebook or drop Claire an email at Claire.rc@gmail.com and we'll add you to the mailing list.

State of Undress

Another great night out at the hall with this top live band. Charlie had us all up dancing and playing those "shakey eggs"



Meanwhile elsewhere there were Family Treasure Trails, Scarecrows quizzes, talks, tours, a photographic workshop and star gazing. Hopefully you all found at least one event that tempted you in!

Stockfest Round Up

ART

It was lovely to see so many of you at the two art workshops in the hall. At the Family Doodle Day Mums, Dads and children of all ages were taking part in fun activities using paints, charcoal and crayons to produce artwork for The Royal Wishing, The Toads' story, the Stockfest Fairy, Extreme Drawing etc.



The Acrylic Workshop was limited to 14 places and these were filled rapidly, thanks to Soraya French's reputation. After a demonstration of Soraya's method of painting, we strived to produce our own acrylic townscapes. An exhausting but very rewarding day.



Jean Wallis welcomed a good number of people to her Open Studio where they could view and discuss her work.

St John's Church.

As part of Stockfest our first event was an evening of melodies by The Wessex Harpists and singers from Boxford. It was most enjoyable and the acoustics of the church made it very easy listening.



The 3 day Flower Festival and Archive Exhibition was well attended, with beautiful arrangements by The Newbury Floral Society.



The gardens of Stockcross House were open on the Sunday with tea and cakes served on the Bowling Green, there were also several stalls selling a variety of goods.

To mark the end of Stockfest the church hosted a 'Songs of Praise', featuring Chieveley Choir. It was also well attended, with wine and nibbles served afterwards. In total the Church made £1,576.76 after expenses.

The Church Warden and the PCC would like to thank everyone for their support.

All of the scheduled workshops went ahead. Most were fully booked and those who attended enjoyed their experiences



Pictures of :

Stage Combat

Argentine Tango

Junior Cup Cakes

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Stockfest Litterpick

Thank you to everyone who came out to give the village a quick spruce up before the festival began. Didn't we look lovely?

Stockcross Two O'Clock Crowd hosted 'Meet the Author Charlotte Betts' to over 30 people on a glorious day so we were able to sit in the lovely garden at the hall and enjoy our cream teas and a chat as well. We hope to have found some new people to join the group. On the day £100 was raised to help our funds.



A solitary village person with
John Bowness
at the Deanwood **Stockfest** BBQ



Stockcross Tennis Club

The Club was very pleased to be able to contribute to **Stockfest**, holding a tennis coaching morning on the first Sunday, and on the second Sunday opening the courts to anyone who wished to play - or try the game for the first time.

The coaching session was conducted by Ian Young, a club member for many years, assisted by Nick Drewe and David Hunt, and was attended by around a dozen youngsters who had never played tennis before, along with a few adults who wanted to simply "give it a go". Before very long, Ian had the youngsters playing a variety of coaching games mainly aimed at getting them used to handling a racquet and hitting ball



- the photo shows some of the youngsters enjoying one of these sessions. All the youngsters enjoyed themselves and went away encouraged to play again in the future.

Meanwhile, Nick and David coached the adults, one of whom - Denise Sullivan - had not played tennis previously. Before long, Nick and David had everyone hitting balls consistently over the net and getting involved in good rallies.

It was quite amazing how quickly both the youngsters and those who were rusty or who had never played before were picked up the game, and we hope to see them all again in the future.

Meanwhile, another club member - Penny Webb - provided a beautiful cake for us to raffle, and this raised just over £100 for club funds, which we will put towards the courts improvements programme, the main item being the re-painting of the courts which will cost almost five thousand pounds, and which will most likely now take place next spring.

Nick Drewe

Stockfest Bike Rides - there were two bike rides organised by Nick Drewe in aid of Prostrate Cancer Research, the first for "novices", and the second for experienced riders.

Around ten people took part in the first ride, and we cycled around 17 miles towards the Chieveley area, ending up at the Lord Lyon pub. There were fewer riders the following week for the experienced ride, and on this occasion we cycled for 25 miles to Hungerford and beyond, again ending up at the Lord Lyon.



The photo shows two of the cyclists, Nick Drewe and Andrew Gill before the second ride.

Meet The Author at the Shop

A good number came along to the shop to meet author Sara Dunn, dressed in traditional Nigerian costume, and ask her about her incredible experiences that she has recorded in her book "Appointment in Zambia".



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Stockcross House

Edward & Sue Vandyk offered up their garden to Stockfest and all the events held there were very well received. The weather held for both a beautiful evening with Kennet Opera



and 3 charming performances by Shaun Winter Marionettes. Red Crest Events were kind enough to donate the use of the marquee and seating.

Meanwhile elsewhere there were Family Treasure Trails, Scarecrows quizzes, talks, tours, a photographic workshop and star gazing. Hopefully you all found at least one event that tempted you in!

Vintage Fair



We all stepped back in time at the village hall and enjoyed music, fashions, cars and stalls reminding us of an earlier age. There was a small exhibition and the chance to have a hair & makeup makeover. Teas were served up by our Naafi girls. It was a lovely afternoon. Please take this as a personal thank you to all those who helped with and donated items for the event.

The Bar 'n' Bop celebrating the final night of Stockfest was very well attended and another great success.

The Hall was taken back in time with table cloths covered in old record sleeves, plectrums and the rafters draped with bunting. The stage was lit in electric blue and there was a real buzz of anticipation.

Local boys Gordon and Alan were DJs for the evening setting the scene with a great selection of music from the 50's onwards.



Stockcross' very own band, Sutton Beats, formed specially for this event just a few weeks earlier. Mike, Alan, Anna and Nick played a lively mixture of Soul, Rock 'n' Roll & Ska hits and clever combinations of unlikely songs (even including Lady Ga Ga) all aimed at getting people dancing or enjoying the entertainment from their tables. The happy crowd were on their feet and joining in most songs and the band were overjoyed with calls for more after playing over 20 songs across two sets.

It was such a great night we are hoping to for another Bar 'n' Bop in the near future ... Watch this space!

Sarah & Mike Russell

Vintage Car & Fashions at the hall.



Stockfest 2013 Round Up

Final Accounts for Stockfest 2013

Event	Takings	Plus Sponsorship	Total Income	Less Costs	Net Profits
Kennet Opera	£1,264.99	£786.25	£2,051.24	£990.21	£1,061.03
Cup Cakes Junior 10am	£28.18		£28.18	£14.00	£14.18
Cup Cakes Junior 2pm	£47.84		£47.84	£22.00	£25.84
Cup cakes Adult	£33.00		£33.00	£16.00	£17.00
Benham Estate Tour	£153.10		£153.10		£153.10
Watermill combat	£106.62	£80.00	£186.62	£160.00	£26.62
Watermill Drama	£115.74	£80.00	£195.74	£160.00	£35.74
Tango	£105.26		£105.26	£105.26	£0.00
State of Undress	£694.70	£197.50	£892.20	£502.60	£389.60
Marionettes	£369.00	£160.00	£529.00	£160.00	£369.00
Quiz Night	£165.00		£165.00		£165.00
Murder Mystery Dinner	£153.75		£153.75	£8.00	£145.75
Gaz Brookfield	£19.00		£19.00		£19.00
Lucas & Emily	£0.00		£0.00	£45.00	-£45.00
Bridge	£100.00		£100.00		£100.00
Paypal Test	£4.44		£4.44		£4.44
Vintage Fair	£723.53		£723.53		£723.53
Soraya French Workshop	£420.00		£420.00	£295.00	£125.00
Photo Workshop	£172.59		£172.59	£20.00	£152.59
Charlie & Alan Rose		£125.00	£125.00	£125.00	£0.00
	£4,676.74	£1,428.75	£6,105.49	£2,623.07	£3,482.42
Less Admin, publicity, printing		£260.00	£260.00	£507.42	-£247.42
		£1,688.75	£6,365.49	£3,130.49	£3,235.00
Hall Events					
Bar n Bop	£1,026.61		£1,026.61	£581.35	£445.26
Rounders					£659.00
Less Brochure & TEN					-£62.00
					£1,042.26

We had excellent financial sponsorship thank you:

Deanwood Park Golf Club
 Demise Environmental
 Ian Ford
 Jared Stiles Oil Heating
 Julie's Catering
 Louise Burgess
 Marks & Spencers
 Newbury Welding Supplies
 Purlescence
 Speen Parish Council
 Stockcross Village Store & Post Office
 St John's Church
 Sue Vandyk
 The Lord Lyon
 The Rising Sun
 The Sutton Hall
 The Vineyard Hotel
 Tom & Leigh Darling
 We Love pets
 Greenham Common Trust Findmeagrnt

We hope to retain some of the money to support future Stockfest events but if you have ideas for distribution or use for the money raised please let us know by completing our feedback survey or contacting us at info@stockfest.org.uk

Thank you to everyone who supported Stockfest this year especially our various venues. There are too many people, who gave their time & enthusiasm, to name individually but please be aware that you all made Stockfest13 happen and we can't thank you enough. Please accept this as a personal acknowledgement.

We are now reviewing the event and would love to get your feedback to help us determine how we can improve future Stockfest events. If you haven't already done so please complete the online survey at

<http://www.stockfest2013.co.uk/feedback-survey/4580034250>

or return a paper copy to Stockcross Store by 26th October.

Meanwhile please put the dates in your diary for Stockfest14 - 9th to 24th August 2014

If anyone is keen to help organise or run events next year please contact us at info@stockfest.org.uk

Out & About

We Don't Need No Education



The Stockcross Village Quiz this year was themed 'Skool Daze' and involved 8 teams and 50 or so excited pupils, some of who can reflect on their unacceptable behaviour during their upcoming detentions...

Head of Megalomania Studies, Dr Bradley and Head of Dark Sarcasm In The Classroom, Mr Gardiner enforced an iron discipline throughout despite several classroom rebellions, especially during the highly controversial spelling and home economics rounds. A welcome School Dinner curry was served up by Julie Smith and Karen at half-time



.Winners of the fancy dress were :-

Connie Irmer (Headmistress)
Steve Ardargh-Walter (Mad Chemistry Student)
David Seaton (Naughty Boy 1)
Andy Lees (Naughty Boy 2)

This year's honours went to
1st : Simple Minds
2nd : Universally Challenged
3rd : Stockspeen Campers

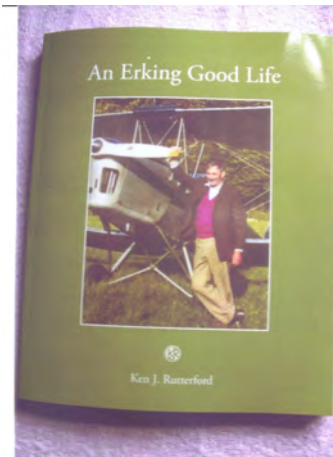
Thank you to the whole School for making this a really memorable night out.

Proceeds of the night are to be donated to the Sutton Hall.

Richard & Julia

New Book from Ken Rutterford

Ken lived at Wickham Heath from the age of 6 ,spent the war years and went to school at Stockcross. His grandparents lived at Foley Lodge Cottages and so he spent a lot of time there during childhood days. His early married life was spent living with his parents in Stockcross and he still visits St John's for worship on occasions. He lived all of his working life in Wickham and although now living in suburbia will never be a "Townie".



His new book, "An Erking Good Life" is based on his aviation interests and copies are available direct from the publisher Arima Publishing, ASK House, Northgate Avenue, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk IP32 6BB or www.arimapublishing.com. Price £12.50

By the way an “erk” is a bod in the RAF who could be seen clambering all over a Kite (aeroplane) to make sure that it stayed airworthy.

**Stockcross
Christmas Get together
&
Review of the Year
at**

**The Sutton Hall
Sunday 15th December 7pm
(Free Entry)**

(After the Church Carol Service)

Meet the neighbours & see what the village has been up to in 2013

- Slide Show of events 2013
- 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

Coming Events

All events at the Sutton Hall unless otherwise specified

OCTOBER

24 Boden Winter Sale
At Stockcross School
6.30pm

30 STOCC 2pm

NOVEMBER

9 Harvest Supper 7.30pm

16 SASHA meeting 2pm-4pm
new Local History Society
Free entry with tea & biscuits

13 Knitwits 7pm -9pm SH

21 STOCC Coach Trip

22 School Christmas Bazaar
At Stockcross school 5pm

DECEMBER

5 Panto 7pm Tickets £6

6 Panto 7pm Tickets £6

7 Panto 7pm Tickets £6

11 Knitwits 7pm - 9pm SH

14 Children's party ? Needs an organiser anyone willing please contact Hall Chair.

15 Christmas Drinks at the Village Hall 7pm

18 STOCC Christmas Lunch

JANUARY

14 Knitwits 7pm - 9pm SH

29 STOCC 2pm



Wednesday 30 October
2 – 4pm at The Sutton Hall
“Travelling in Verse”

Serious & lighthearted
look at travel as seen through the eyes
of well known poets, by Michael Braide
Cost £4 inc tea

Thursday 21 November
Coach trip to Gloucester for the
Victorian Market

We will be given discount vouchers to
use at The Quays shopping outlet and
visitor attractions.
Cost £14.50 Leaves Stockcross 8.45am
returns by 6pm (leaves Gloucester 4pm)
Contact Jane 01488 608762 to book

Wednesday 18th December
Christmas Lunch
Hare & Hounds, Speen

£13.50 for two courses,
£16.50 for three courses and coffee
Contact Angela: 01488 657384
for details

Wednesday 29th January
2 – 4pm at The Sutton Hall
'Kennet and Avon Canal'

An illustrated talk by David Saady
Cost £4 includes tea

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

NOV	DEC	JAN
4	16	6
25		27

Church Services

OCTOBER

27 CW Holy communion 11am

NOVEMBER

3 Family Service 11am

10 CW Holy communion 11am
With Act of Remembrance

24 CW Holy Communion 11am

DECEMBER

1 Family Service 11am

8 CW Holy Communion 11am

15 Carol Service 6pm

22 Holy Communion 11am

24 Crib Service 5pm

25 CW Holy Communion 11am

29 United Benefice HC 9.30am
Venue TBA

Regular Events

Daily
Weekly
Monday

Billiards at village hall

Yoga at village Hall 7pm

Tuesday

Baby & Toddler Group
village hall 9.30am
(from 12th Feb)

Yoga at Village Hall 6 pm

Toffs Bridge at Village Hall
1.30pm

Wednesday

Pilates Village Hall 10.15 &
11.15 pm

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

Monthly

1st Wednesday Quiz at Rising Sun 8pm

2nd Tuesday Hall Committee meeting



STOCKCROSS CE AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOL

As we start a new school year the children have started the term full of enthusiasm for all the opportunities this term will bring. We have welcomed fifteen new children into our Reception class who are just beginning their learning journey, and they have settled into school very well.

Our oldest children who have begun their final year with us have enjoyed an adventure packed week in Wales, where they have climbed and abseiled and completed an extremely muddy challenge course!



Our Harvest Festival was well attended on Friday 4th October and families gave generous donations for the West Berkshire Food Bank.

The author, Geraldine McCaughrean has visited the school this term to work with our older children inspiring them to develop their writing skills, and our younger children have enjoyed their adventure to Spring Wood walking through the corn and into the woods with Mrs Denton.



Later this term the children will be visiting the Science Museum and a West End Theatre in London for our whole school trip and we will be preparing for our Christmas Nativity and Christingle services. If you would like to join us at church we will be holding services for:

Remembrance at Boxford Church on Monday 11th November at 2.15pm

Christingle at Stockcross Church on Friday 20th December at 11.15am

Our new school council have lots of ideas to improve our school and they will be working with me to gather the children's views especially as we look at our outdoor learning areas this year.

The Newbury Building Society have been into school to set up a savings bank and children from Year 6 will have the opportunities to be cashiers and support our younger children to encourage them to start saving! Finally our PTFA are holding a Christmas Fair in School on Friday 22nd November at 5pm - 7pm and we would love to see you then.



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**Stockcross
CE Primary School
Christmas Bazaar
Friday 22nd November
at 5pm**

**Games, Stall, Tombola, large raffle, cakes
BBQ, Bar and mulled wine, and Santas Grotto.**

It really is an evening for all the family to enjoy.