

# THE Grapevine NEWSLETTER

**STOCK FEST 18** **12 August 2018 until 19 August 2018**

**Classic Car Show** 19 August  
**Jazz on the Glebe** 18 August

**EAGA Gospel Choir** 13 August  
**Car Boot Sale** 18 August

**Pop up Pub**  
**Live Bands**

...and many more events, see website

Tickets available online at [www.stockfest.co.uk](http://www.stockfest.co.uk)



Roll up, roll up for the Stockcross/ Stockfest magical festival! Step right this way, and you will have an unforgettable time. Yes, folks, the year has gone that quickly (since the last one) that we've now arrived at that moment in time where the excitement starts to come to the surface once again.



Stockfest will be held between the 12th and 19th of August. This festival is an integral part of Stockcross' village community life. Not only do the villagers enjoy participating in this great event (for the pleasure of everybody), but people come from miles around to sample the atmosphere, fun, food/ drink and all the good things Stockfest brings. On top of the



Stockfest events this beautiful village offers a great park, Store/ Post Office and plenty of country walking places for you, your friends and pets.

This year Stockfest has some of the old favourites, plus newly added themes. Classic Car Show, EAGA Gospel Choir, Pop up Pub (for those thirsty mouths), Jazz, Car Boot Sale (with many delightful things to purchase), Live bands and so much more. Can August get any better than this? So, come along and enjoy. Without the public, there would be no Stockfest. So just roll up and get stuck in!



Editor.



## The Editor

Welcome to the latest edition of the Grapevine. This month we concentrate on one of Stockcross' great traditions, Stockfest. As you will see by the front cover of this magazine and throughout these pages, we offer everybody something of interest. So please come along and partake in this annual event. You won't regret it.

I would like to pay tribute to a previous editor of the Grapevine, Viv Wilson, who is moving away from the village.

The Grapevine was thought of and put into action by a group of villagers in 1992. Over the years the baton was passed from one or two dedicated and committed villagers to another. At present, I am doing the job, but that baton was passed to me by Viv Wilson. This was a tough act to follow. She was dedicated in building on the great successes



of previous editors. Viv took over the Grapevine from Tony Mayes and Gillem Sandys-Lumsdaine in 2004, eventually handing over the editorship in 2015. Her first edition was in March 2004 (No.49).

I also became part of Sutton Hall Committee, also thanks to Viv. One day, passing my house, with her dog (Charlie), Viv stopped for a chat. We talked about her work on the committee and Village life. Her enthusiasm prompted me to join the committee and get involved in the village. Now Viv and her husband Roger (and of course Charlie) are moving back to Falmouth. But wherever she goes, she will always be an integral part of Stockcross. So thank you, Viv, for all you have given, not only to the village, but also to me. You are one special lady.

*Please remember that your next issue will be out at the beginning of November (which will cover November to January). If you have anything you would like to contribute to this magazine then it must reach me no later than the Friday 18th January 2019, and before 4 pm.*

*Please forward your contributions to:*

stockcrossgrapevine@gmail.com

## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT



We have come to our accounts year end a little dry this year (like the grass) with a small deficit but when we look back at the hall we know a great deal of work has rained making Sutton Hall one of the safest in the district and has become the venue to beat.

As you know the new hall chairs were well received with compliments on their appearance and comfort. We commissioned Stallard and Kane to carry out a thorough Health and Safety audit which resulted in much needed work to ensure we met health and safety standards. We also contracted a company to fire treat all the curtains in the hall especially the stage curtains. This treatment gives valuable time resisting fire to enable hall evacuation but was costly thus increasing our yearly expenditure.

All is not lost as the red hole can be re-coloured black with being granted the opportunity to raise funds during Stockfest18. We will be selling teas and cakes on the 12<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> August and providing a BBQ in the field on the 18<sup>th</sup>. Blessed that we are with a very active committee, we desperately need help, from baking to serving and so please please get in touch to let us know what you can offer, even if it is just for one hour. Ring me on **01488657364** or **07787825459** or E mail [Christine.rickards@yahoo.com](mailto:Christine.rickards@yahoo.com)

Whilst not in my remit, on the 19<sup>th</sup> August the Church are selling teas and cakes and so they too are looking for similar help of baking or serving so please contact Carolyn Priest by phone on **01488608748** or **07878695000** or E mail [preece250@aol.com](mailto:preece250@aol.com) to offer help.

Our exciting agenda does not stop there, with Carol kindly organising four dates for a Pop Up pub in the hall. These events are designed to maintain our great community spirit and provide a social place for the village to meet and relax with offering food, music and a bar. All are welcome and the first date is Friday 28<sup>th</sup> Sept, so please put this in your diaries and more information will follow later.

Summertime is always the best of what might be.. and boy does Stockfest fit that bill! Let's all do what we can to help and support Stockfest18 and in turn make some needy funds for our village.

Happy baking  
Christine

# Stockfest news 2018

## STOCK FEST18

As I'm sure you know from all our advertising, Stockfest returns to Stockcross from 12<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> August! This edition of The Grapevine contains the Program which gives details of the 40 plus events we

have organised over the 8 day festival. This year the festival will be raising money for Stockcross, Newbury & District Cancer Care Trust and The Dogs Trust.



This year we are opening a new pub in Stockcross ; The Inn on the Glebe ! It will be open from 7<sup>th</sup> August at 6.30pm until the last day of Stockfest and I do hope you will come along on many occasions to enjoy some lovely beers and wines supplied by West Berks Brewery.

Among this years fantastic events are live music including Jazz on the Glebe, Kennet Opera and EA-GA Gospel choir, semi-finalists of Britain's Got Talent 2018. The popular tour of Benham Estates is back, and there is also a chance to see first hand the work of The Dogs Trust. There are taster sessions of art, table tennis, Pilates, and fitness. Our film screening, to be held in the Sutton Hall on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> August, is of the classic Alfred Hitchcock film, "North by Northwest". There are several new events including a Car Boot sale on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> August, an Auction hosted by the well known personality from Hungerford and the television programme "Dickinson's Real Deal"; Stewart L Hofgartner. The amazing auction items available to bid for include a champagne cruise, classic car trip, meals out (including at The Vineyard), a signed copy of Marg-

aret Atwoods's novel "The Handmaid's Tale" and many more which you can see and bid for on our website: [www.stockfest.co.uk](http://www.stockfest.co.uk)

This year's raffle has many superb prizes including family days out, and a wheelbarrow full of wine and beer. Full details of the prizes are also on the Stockfest website and raffle tickets can be purchased at any of the events or Stockcross Post Office.

The final day of Stockfest sees the return of the popular Classic Car show which has something for everyone including an art exhibition, children's fairy trail, food, craft and gift fair, and live bands including a return from Chicago 9 who will bring the event to a close.

Tickets for many events are limited so please buy your tickets in advance from our website to avoid disappointment

The festival depends on your support to be successful so please have a look at the program and come along to as many events as you can. I wanted to say thank you to The Greenham Trust, Speen Parish Council and West Berks Brewery for their financial support of Stockfest and to the many people who have volunteered their time to help produce the festival and our website.

Organising Stockfest is a huge amount of work and I would especially like us all to recognise and give enormous thanks for the countless hours members of Stockfest Committee have put in to make the festival a success ; Dawn Robins, Maryon Lawry, Felicity Merchant, Venetia Dunlop, Steve Kirby, Edward Vandyk and Sue Vandyk. The Committee and I will be wearing badges during Stockfest so you will be able to identify us easily !

Do send any questions or comments to [chairman@stockfest.co.uk](mailto:chairman@stockfest.co.uk)

**Tony Hersh**  
Chairman  
of Stockfest



## STOCK FEST18

## Stockcross & Surrounding History Association (SASHA) News

In April we had a talk from members of the Kennet Valley at War Trust which was very well received.

At our members meeting in May we listened to snippets of the interviews that have already been recorded by Jane & Carole. Thank you to those who have given interviews. We would like to record more memories of the village and if you would be willing to volunteer please contact Jane 01488 608762 for more information.



We hosted the AGM of the West Berkshire Heritage Forum in June. You can find our more about this organisation

by visiting their website:

<http://www.westberkshireheritageforum.org.uk/>

On a warm and sunny June evening we visited Avington Church. The church is privately owned and special permission was needed to gain access. A local lady met us with the key and gave us a guided tour of the church. We also all received a copy of the Avington Church booklet courtesy of its author Dr David Peacock.

Afterwards some of us retired to The Red House to



enjoy the last of the sunshine and a chilled beverage. A big thank you to Viv for organising the visit and the Vicar of Kintbury in whose benefice the church stands.

Hungerford Virtual Museum has more images and information on Avington.

[www.hungerfordvirtualmuseum.co.uk](http://www.hungerfordvirtualmuseum.co.uk)

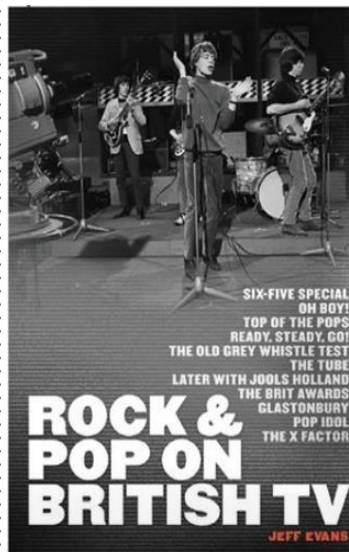
\* July 30<sup>th</sup>

Talk by Jeff Evans

‘Rocking the Box’  
60 years of  
music on TV

# S&SHA

Stockcross and Surroundings  
History Association



Author Jeff Evans presents an illustrated history of rock & pop music on television from the 1950s to the present day.

Cost: non-members £5  
members free  
Includes refreshments  
Tickets on the door

Aug 27<sup>th</sup> Talk by Viv Wilson  
The Vicars of Stockcross

Sep 24<sup>th</sup> Members meeting

Oct 29<sup>th</sup> Talk by Dr Nick Young  
‘Forgotten Newbury’

Nov 26<sup>th</sup> Members meeting

Dec NO MEETING

**ALL MEETINGS ARE HELD IN THE SUTTON HALL, SMALL HALL 7.30PM – 9.30PM**

**ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP £10PA DUE IN JANUARY INCLUDES ENTRANCE TO ALL MEETINGS AND TALKS.**

**NON MEMBERS WELCOME AT TALKS £3PP**

**\* £5PP FOR THIS TALK**

# Stockcross News/ Events



## For Coming Events column:

- Wed July 25 Garden Party in Bagnor
- Wed August 29 talk by Dianne Mannering 'Treasure Chest Of Words And Sayings'
- Wed Sept 26 talk by Jane Glennie 'How do you take yours?'
- Wed Oct 31 'The Art of the Musician' by Tony Griffith

## STOCC sends our best wishes and a big thank you to co-founder Viv Wilson



When Viv Wilson and I started STOCC in 2002 I'm sure we didn't imagine it would keep going so long! But Viv has always been a person who make things happen - whether it's a village festival or one-off event, in fact the sun seems to shine on everything she does! Now, sadly for us, Viv and Roger (and Charlie) will be moving back to Falmouth so please join me in thanking Viv for all she has done for STOCC and wishing them a happy time in their old stomping ground by the sea. 'Proper job Viv!'

Thanks to you - our regular 'Stoccies' - we have always been well supported by your help: wielding teapots, baking cakes, recommending speakers, stacking chairs and by just turning up. STOCC isn't difficult to run but we hope you will continue helping in whatever way you can so we are able to continue in providing interesting and sociable meetings at the Sutton Hall. Our upcoming events are listed elsewhere in The Grapevine and we advertise on the village notice boards.

Jane Batt

## STOCK FEST18

### Car Boot Sale Saturday 18 August 11.30am - 2pm

**Sellers welcome from 10.30 am  
Only £6**



**The Glebe, Glebe Lane, Stockcross, RG208LL  
Tickets available online at [www.stockfest.co.uk](http://www.stockfest.co.uk)**



## STOCK FEST18

### Can you help? we need volunteers

### We need your help at Stockfest

**We require people to help us at the events to undertake such roles as stewarding, ticket selling, litter picking & bar staff**

**Stockfest runs from 12 - 19 August  
If interested email us at  
[info@stockfest.co.uk](mailto:info@stockfest.co.uk)**

**Tickets available online at [www.stockfest.co.uk](http://www.stockfest.co.uk)**



## Nick's "London 100" bike ride – 100 miles for charity



Last year I suffered a stroke – very unexpected !! However, due to a very quick reaction from my wife Ann, and an equally rapid response from the Newbury ambulance crew, I was very quickly taken to the Royal Berkshire Hospital in Reading. Their response was excellent, but their “clot busting” treatment didn’t clear the clot, and although it was past midnight by then, they transferred me to St

George’s in Tooting, where there was a specialist team and a revolutionary new treatment (thrombectomy).

Apparently, I learned afterwards, St George’s was the only hospital in the country that performed the thrombectomy 24/7 – ie round the clock, day and night !! Also, the surgeons consider that if they can remove a clot within five hours, the chance of a full recovery is much improved. My clot was removed within about four and a half hours - how fortunate was that ??

I’ve always been keen on sport, both as a participant and watcher. The surgeons put the success of my operation down to two main factors – the speed of removing the blood clot, and my general good fitness.

As a cyclist, I’ve completed the London 100 twice before, in 2015 and 2016. For those who do not know the London 100 is a 100 mile bike ride from the Olympic Stadium, through the streets of London, the past Richmond Park and Hampton Court to the Surrey Hills (Leith Hill, Box Hill), back through Wimbledon and Putney to finish outside Buckingham Palace – all on closed roads, with 30,000 others, many for charity. It’s effectively the London Marathon for cyclists.

I intended to ride last year, but due to my stroke could not put in the necessary training, so this year’s event is my “three in a row” – albeit with a year’s gap. The event takes place in late July – on a date coinciding with Ann’s and my 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary! I will be riding with Will & Tom, our two sons but definitely at my pace (not theirs!), and at my age (71), the ride will not be easy, but I am determined to complete the course. In preparation I am riding around 100 miles a week, and on 16 June I completed a training ride

with Will & and his wife Liz, this being 70 miles across the Yorkshire Hills from Wetherby to Filey to raise funds for Yorkshire charities. Our target ride time is as near to six hours as possible.

Although I don’t need to, this year it’s my intention to ride for charity – I have set up JustGiving pages for both the Royal Berks (to help fund them bringing thrombectomy to Reading) and St George’s (to help fund an ECG scanner) and am attempting to raise at least £2,400 to be split between each organisation. I must thank everyone who has already contributed to my fund raising and the target is well within reach - but the more the better. If anyone would like to help towards these good causes they can do so by visiting: [www.justgiving.com/companyteams/nickdrewe1](http://www.justgiving.com/companyteams/nickdrewe1)

or by all means just give us a call on 01488 608332  
Many thanks for reading this,

**Nick Drewe**

**NAME OUR POP-UP PUB**

**WE NEED YOUR HELP**

The management committee of the Sutton Hall will be running a Pop-Up Pub in the hall on the last Friday of every month.

We'll offer a subsidised bar, food and entertainment. Put the following dates in your diary:

Friday 28th September  
Friday 26th October  
Friday 30th November  
Monday 31st December - New Year Eve Party

OUR PUB NEEDS A NAME. THE MORE INVENTIVE THE BETTER! SUBMIT YOUR SUGGESTION BY EMAIL TO [CAROL@ACCORDANTPARTNERS.CO.UK](mailto:CAROL@ACCORDANTPARTNERS.CO.UK)



### Rising Sun Musicians



From the 1990's there was a music session that moved between the Rising Sun and Lord Lyon as the tenants changed. This finished in the early 2000's when the Lord Lyon did not

want to continue and the Rising Sun closed. West Berks Brewery took over the Rising Sun and Joan, the first of their tenants, decided to run a folk club on a Sunday night. When Joan and Keith left and Glen arrived, we persuaded him to allow a session to follow on from Joan's club. Ever since, with each new tenant, we managed to re-start the session until the latest closure. Having looked around for another

venue, we eventually decided to follow the lead of other clubs/sessions and book the small Sutton Hall once a month. We have decided to call ourselves the Rising Sun Musicians after our former venue.



We have now held three sessions and will continue on the second Sunday of the month from September onwards. We are charging £3 to each visitor and musician to cover costs. The future dates will be in the diary. Everybody is welcome, so come along and either play or just listen.

**The dates for the next three meetings of the Rising Sun Musicians are:-**

**August No session**

**September 9th**

**October 14th**

**November 11th**

**All in the small hall**

**For further information call 01488608707 or e-mail at [aharrygill2000@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:aharrygill2000@yahoo.co.uk)**

**Andrew Gill, photo by Ken Rutterford.**

### The end of the academic year!

As always the school has been at full speed and this summer term more so than ever.

As I write this the whole school is still on cloud nine after a fantastic performance of Darwin Rocks to an audience of over two hundred at Arlington Arts. These productions involve so many people and so much effort and the reward is in the deafening applause and the grinning faces!

This term Y1 has sat their Phonics tests, Year 2 their Key Stage 1 SATs and Year 6 their Key Stage 2 SATs. I am very proud of how everyone has performed and particularly how Year 6 managed the pressure that these tests can put them under - you are all remarkable!



Special mention should also be given to Year 1 who achieved a 100% pass rate on their Phonics test - congratulations!

The summer term brings sadness as well as happiness. We say goodbye to our twelve Year 6 pupils who are going to a mixture of secondary schools including John O'Gaunt, St Barts, Park House, The Downs and Abingdon Boys. We wish them good luck and adieu rather than good-bye. Our aim is to give you roots and wings, so enjoy flying and come back to visit!



I am delighted to let you know that our intake for September into Reception class (now known as Acorn Class) is full with fifteen new starters. We look forward to welcoming them and their families.

Special mention should be given to the PTFA (Parents, Friends and Teachers Association) who have been very active and supportive of the school this term. Not only have they sold ice lollies once a week, run a very successful Summer Fair, hosted a New Parent Lunch but also organised a disco and Leavers' BBQ amongst many other things. The PTFA has given financial support to the school which is invaluable and enormously appreciated.

It has been another successful and enjoyable year for Stockcross and I would like to take this opportunity to offer my thanks to the staff, governors, parents and, above all, the children.

**Katie Dickens**

**Executive Head Teacher**

## COMING EVENTS



Mobile Library visits  
to Stockcross

Village Hall 10.30 to 11.00am

Sept	Oct	Nov
13th	4th 25th	15th



**TIDY UP FOR STOCKFEST.  
SUNDAY AUGUST 5TH**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO  
HELP CLEAR ANY ROAD-  
SIDE LITTER BEFORE  
STOCKFEST. MEET AT 10  
AM OUTSIDE THE HALL.**

## Church Services

### August

5th Family Service 11am  
12th Holy Communion 11am  
26th Holy Communion  
11am

### September

2nd Family Service 11am  
9th Holy Communion 11am  
23rd Holy Communion 11am

### October

7th Harvest Festival 6 pm  
14th Holy Communion  
11am  
28th Holy Communion  
11am

### Regular Events

Daily	Billiards at village hall
<u>Weekly</u>	
Monday	Yoga at village Hall
7pm	
Tuesday	Yoga at Village Hall 6
pm	
Hall	Toffs Bridge at Village
	1.30pm
Wednesday	Pilates Village Hall
10.15	& 11.15 pm
Friday	Toffs Bridge at Village
Hall	1.30pm

### Monthly

2nd Tuesday Hall Committee  
meeting  
Last Monday S&SHA 7.30pm Sut-  
ton Hall  
Last Wednesday STOCC

**STOCK  
FEST<sub>18</sub>**

## SCARECROW Competition

...Deadline Sunday 5 August

**Let us turn Stockcross into Never  
Never Land with scarecrows, our  
theme this year is Peter Pan**

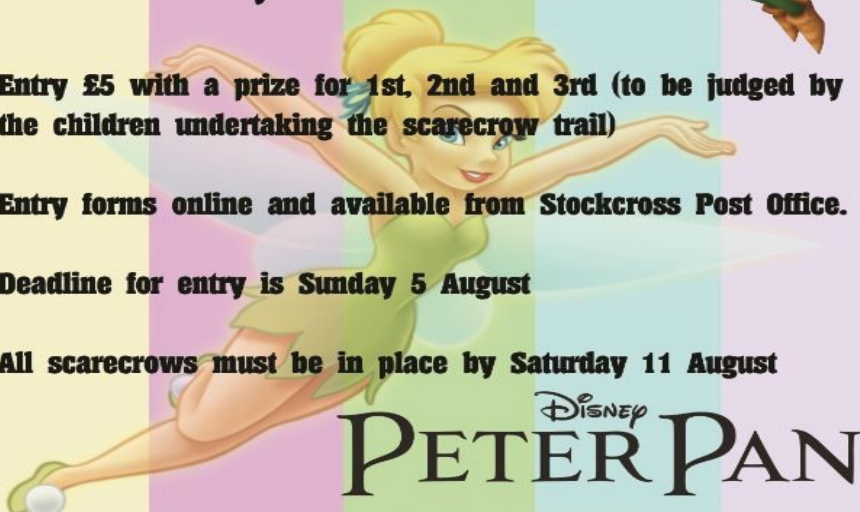


**Entry £5 with a prize for 1st, 2nd and 3rd (to be judged by  
the children undertaking the scarecrow trail)**

**Entry forms online and available from Stockcross Post Office.**

**Deadline for entry is Sunday 5 August**

**All scarecrows must be in place by Saturday 11 August**



Disney  
**PETER PAN**

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