

FROM THE SUTTON HALL
STOCKCROSS
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THE Grapevine NEWSLETTER

Save The Rising Sun



**Village Meeting
Sutton Hall**

Friday 11th February 7.30pm

Bar opens 7pm

At last! You are invited to join us to share your views (constructively please) about the future of the last remaining pub in Stockcross.

Find out what's happened so far, what the short-term plan is, and how you can help. This replaces the meeting intended for 21st December.

savetherisingsun.org

The Editor

Happy New Year to all our Readers

Any contributions for the May 2022 edition of the Grapevine must reach me no later than **Friday the 15th April 2022 and before 3.30 pm.**

If somebody would like a PDF file/ email copy of the Grapevine and regular updates then please email me (Glenn) at :

stockcrossgrapevine@gmail.com

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT



Village Hall Chairman's piece for grapevine January 2022

Happy 2022 to everyone.

It was great to see so many neighbours and friends at the Christmas Drinks in late December. With just a few precautions we were able to safely meet, laugh, enjoy mulled wine together and watch the Highlights of Stockcross Pantos over the years. Really fun to see the young actors growing from one year to the next and they and the many adults in a wide variety of costumes, wigs and fabulous make-up. Thank you to all who help make Pantos such fun and to

David Seaton for expertly editing this tour through the years of Stockcross Panto. We all truly hope that 2022 will be the year Panto returns to the Village!

The Hall did get very quiet for part of December as the threat of Omicron led to caution and many hirers cancelled classes, parties and meetings. But in early January many regular bookings resumed and party bookings are steadily coming in. We await guidance on what restrictions may still be recommended in the Hall once plan B ends but the future looks brighter than it has for 2 years!

The Hall Committee has planned a series of events for the first half of 2022, beginning with a Pop Inn Pub Nights on 28 January and on 25 March at which a QUIZ will also be held. And, by popular demand, another of Tony Hersh's Amazing Tastings (Gin this time) will be held on February 25th as long as enough people sign up. Ideas and planning are underway for events to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee weekend in June and the Migz, who last performed for us at the Moon Landing Party, will be back in early July!!

Like me, I suspect that you all look forward to more daylight, a bit more sunshine and a hint of growth in the trees and shrubs. It doesn't take much to brighten us up and make us feel more alive. Happy Winter and looking forward to a great Spring!

Liz

Stockcross Village Events



Stockcross Two O'clock Crowd (STOCC)

Remembering to keep to current covid guidelines, we will continue to put on a variety of events to catch your interests and hope you will join us - newcomers welcome, we are not a club.

From 2pm – 4pm at The Sutton Hall. Entry is £3 per person which includes refreshments – no need to book.

Wed 23rd February: Introducing Karate as Self-defence
Demonstration and talk by MR Stockley

Wed 30th March: 'Professors of Rowing'
The early days of the Oxford and Cambridge Boat Race by Mark Davies

Wed 26th April: 'Clay Modelling and Bronze Casting'
An illustrated talk by local sculptor Diana Pattenden

Wed 25th May: 'A Funny Way to Make a Living'
A talk about finding locations for filming by Lynda Warren

Call Jane on 01488 608762 or 0777 1511317 if you have any questions.

Village news

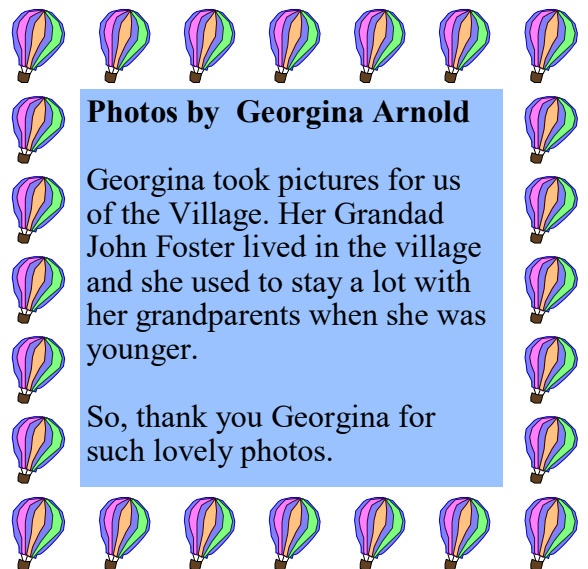


The Pop Inn at Stockcross

"TV Quiz Show" Quiz

at
Sutton Hall Pop Inn
on
Friday 25th March

Family friendly fun quiz



Photos by Georgina Arnold

Georgina took pictures for us of the Village. Her Grandad John Foster lived in the village and she used to stay a lot with her grandparents when she was younger.

So, thank you Georgina for such lovely photos.



Gin & Tonic Evening with Nibbles

Come to the Village Hall at 8pm on Friday 25th February to try a double shot of 5 wonderful Gins, each mixed with some delicious Fever-

Tree tonic waters, fruits and herbs !

The Gins will range from well known brands to the more unusual and include a really superb sloe gin. We will be sampling a range of tonic waters including Mediterranean, Aromatic, Cucumber, Clementine and Elderflower.

All these will be served with a variety of delicious nibbles and plenty of good company.

This is another event run by myself to raise money for the Village Hall. Tickets are limited and only available in advance, not on the door.

If you would like to attend please

1/ Email tonyhersh@hotmail.com before 18th February with how many places you would like to book

2/ Make a payment of £25 per person either via bank transfer to :

Sutton Hall
02958398
30-95-89

Using the reference "GIN
and your surname"

or post a cheque payable to
Sutton Hall through the
letterbox of Wenlock House,
Stockcross (near the bus
shelter in the village).



Many thanks and I look forward to another boozy enjoyable evening !

Tony

Stockcross Village shop/ Post Office

STOCKCROSS VILLAGE STORES & POST OFFICE

As we start 2022 we are looking forward to celebrating various occasions.

For Valentine's Day on the 14th February we have cards, All Angels award winning English Sparkling wine, Chocolates, Candles & Soaps, Jewellery and other gifts for your loved one. Mother's Day falls on Sunday 27th March this year. We have lots of lovely things just perfect for your Mother.

Easter dates this year are Good Friday 15th April and Easter Day Sunday 17th April. We will be stocking plenty of Easter Eggs!

Throughout the year, we will continue to stock our award-winning Cheeses and delicious Pates; Tracklements Chutneys; Fine Cheese savoury biscuits and other Deli products, including the indulgent Truffle Hunter range, together with the delicious Summerdown mint range of chocolates and tea.

Our Showroom in the room behind the front shop will continue to offer a diverse range of gifts perfect for Birthdays or a little treat for yourself, in addition to our stunning and distinctive designer lights and mirrors, all at very reasonable prices.

We are delighted to continue to stock our lovely English Jewellery, alongside our exclusive Jewellery from Paris & Lisbon. Some beautiful artworks from local artists Charlotte Bampfylde and Sandra Curl, wonderful pottery pieces from the ever popular Hilary Reem; delightful hand painted glass, bookmarks and pictures by Kath Carter and stunning wood turned bowls from Derek Prout.

We continue to provide all the necessary basic provisions for every day, including a good range of pharmacy products and our wonderful fresh bread from Priors Court Bakery, a huge favourite with everyone!

Our Garden Café continues to be a great success, even on the chilly days, the sun gives some wonderful warmth, so there is more space for all to enjoy some semi-alfresco dining. Deborah & Sally look forward to seeing you all again this year!

EASTER CLOSING DATES:

We will be closed on the following dates:

Friday 15th April to Monday 18th April 2022 (inclusive)

With best wishes,
Deborah & Sally.



Do you know about the history of where you live? Maybe you are new to the area or having lived here for many years would like to know more. In 'The Grapevine' area we have a local history group which has a mountain of information on their website.

The 1921 Census has just been released, and can be viewed at www.findmypast.co.uk Unfortunately there is a charge to view individual records.

On our website: www.stockcrosshistory.org.uk we have transcribed all the census from 1841 through to 1911 and they certainly make interesting reading.

In the 1841, listed under occupations were agricultural labourers, builders, washerwomen, shoemakers, and papermakers as well as grocers, publicans and even a surgeon. Also listed were two Maltsters whose job is to extract malt from barley, which is the first stage of the brewing and distilling process. They had to slow down and manage the germination process, with the objective of providing exactly the right environment for converting starch into sugar.

In further census occupations listed were Keeper of Beer Shop and one listed as Beer Retailer and Police Sergeant. Our first Post Mistress Sarah Dyer was listed in 1861. She was still Post Mistress in 1881 census aged 79 and was still alive in 1891.

There are also records of the Stockcross Coal Club, Shoe Club and the Sutton Rent Book from 1918-1924 plus many more interesting articles.

Up to now most of these records were for S&SHA members only but at our recent AGM we all agreed to open up this information to the public. Hopefully this will encourage people to research further and maybe join our group.

The annual membership is £15 for an individual or £25 per couple. We meet on the 2nd Wednesday of the month in the Sutton Hall at 2pm. Guests are welcome at a cost of £5. Of course, if you are unable to join but would like to make a donation towards the club we would be most grateful.

Meetings: Wednesday 9th February at 2pm 1921 Census
 Wednesday 9th March at 2pm Oral History Project Recordings
 Wednesday 13th April at 2pm Lady Craven and Benham Park - Helen Lockhart

We still have copies available of our book: **"Discovering the Human Story"**
Stockcross & Marsh Benham WW1 Memorial Tablet. **Only £5.00.**

For any further information or a membership form please contact:
ange.sunflower@gmail.com or message through our Facebook page.
Angela Tyler



SIR RICHARD SUTTON
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Proposal for the Development of 71 & 72 Glebe Lane and land adjoining to the east



Not to Scale and concept draft only



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On 20 January 2022, myself and Kerry Pflieger from RAW Planning Ltd presented Sir Richard Sutton Limited's first draft proposals for the development scheme of '71 & 72 Glebe Lane and Land adjoining to the East'. The draft scheme, subject to surveys, comprises the demolition of 71 & 72 Glebe Lane, facilitating an improved access for the site, and replacing the two existing Estate houses to accommodate ten new dwellings. The site proposes a mix of two, three and four-bedroom properties with car ports, bicycle and bin storage, and electric car charging points. In tandem with our proposals, and outside of the planning application, we are also to provide upgraded parking, storage and landscaping to our let properties at 62-66, & 75 Stockcross, while retaining the rear access rights for 68 Glebe Lane.

The presentation, held in Sutton Hall, Stockcross, was attended by over 30 individuals. The draft site proposals shown enabled us to gain initial feedback from those attending. The main comments and concerns heard were;

- Volume of traffic use and capacity for vehicle movements along Glebe Lane
- Site capacity and number of dwellings proposed
- Parking provision within the development site
- Properties designed with energy performance and sustainability in mind
- Designs in-keeping with the setting and vernacular of existing village properties

Response to the above points will be provided as a direct result of further surveys of the site and planning policy at the time of submitting the planning application. With the view of submitting the application in late Spring/early Summer 2022, detailed surveys on traffic, drainage, ecology, arboriculture and utilities will take place over the coming weeks and months to gather site information before a final layout is designed.

Prior to our submission of the full planning application to West Berkshire Council we will circulate the final layout of the scheme via The Grapevine mailing list, and, following comments from attendees of the initial presentation, we will hold another local presentation to enable further comment on our more detailed proposal.

Questions and comments regarding the scheme may be posted to Sir Richard Sutton Limited, Benham Estate Office, Newbury RG20 8LR, marked for the attention of Miss F Beeton, or emailed to benham@srsll.co.uk.

I would personally like to extend my thanks to those who attended and facilitated what we feel was a positive discussion regarding the site. Further updates will follow once we have more definitive site information.

Frances Beeton MRICS – Rural Property Manager, Sir Richard Sutton Limited

COMING EVENTS

Regular Events

Daily Billiards at village hall
(stockcrosssnookerclub@gmail.com)
Weekly
Monday Yoga at village Hall 7pm
Tuesday Yoga at Village Hall 6 pm
Toffs Bridge at Village Hall
Wednesday Pilates Village Hall 10.15 & 11.15 pm
Friday Toffs Bridge at Village Hall
Hall 1.30pm

Monthly

2nd Tuesday Hall Committee meeting
2nd Wednesday S&SHA 2 pm Sutton Hall
Last Wednesday STOCC

Kennet Opera

Kennet Opera is delighted that local music director and composer, Ed Lambert, has agreed to lead the company this year. He has an exciting programme worked out, with summer concerts and the annual performances at Arlington Arts in November.



Rehearsals will be starting on Wednesday 2nd of February at the Majendie Hall in Speen. Start time is 7.30 and new voices will be very welcome.

Unsung hero

Some of you may have noticed a solitary figure collecting litter around the village. Chris, who lives on a boat on the K&A canal, started litter-picking as his lockdown exercise. He now works his way along the towpath and the A4 and the B4000. Many thanks Chris.



Hall Hire Rates (£ per hour)

From 1st January 2019 (all books from 16/10/17 to 01/01/18 to be at new rates)
Minimum hire 2 hours

	Small	Large	Both
	Hall	Hall	Hall
Resident	8.5	11.5	14.5
Non resident	12	17.00	20

Call Jay on 01488 608769 to book
or visit our website

www.suttonhallstockcross.org

or email

suttonhall642@btinternet.com

Please be warned: because of the Virus check the Sutton Hall Website for further information

Church Services

February 22

13th Eucharist 11 am
27th Eucharist 11 am

March 22

13th Eucharist 11 am
27th Mothers' Day
Family service 11 am

April 22

10th Eucharist 11 am
17th Easter Sunday/
Eucharist
24th Eucharist 11 am

For further dates
check Noticeboard

Mobile Library visits
to Stockcross

Village Hall **10.00 to 10.20 am**

February	March	April
3rd 24th	17th	7th 28th