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THE Grapevine

SUPPLEMENT



**King Charles III Coronation
Stockcross celebration
Sunday 7th May 2023**

A Feast Fit For A King!

It was a pleasure to see such large number of Stockcross villagers and friends gather together on Sunday 7th May in the Sutton Village Hall.

The theme of the gathering was The Big Lunch, an official part of the Coronation Weekend celebrations. The Big Lunch was created to bring together neighbours and communities to share friendship, food and fun and I think we achieved that goal.



The hall was decorated by members of the Village Hall Committee and volunteers with patriotic red, white and blue bunting, both inside and out.

Attendees were asked to book in groups, so the tables were set up accordingly.

The doors opened at 12.30pm and the hall was quickly filled with over 90 people, all bringing their own food. Those sitting together had shared catering duties, so the tables were quickly filled with platters of sandwiches, pies, cakes, cheese and other delicacies - and of course several examples of the Coronation Quiche,

Everyone was welcomed with a glass of fizz and we were honoured to have Mike Pike MBE with us. He gave a speech recalling his memories of the last Coronation and led the toast for the King.

Then the dining began!

At 2pm local Boxford group OMP (Open Mike Project) came on stage and played until almost 4pm. Their set included many well-known songs and was

very well received. They had several encores and told us afterwards how they enjoyed playing for such a receptive audience.



It was a pleasure to see the Hall full and the Village Hall Committee look forward to welcoming you to future events.

By Carol Standing





Following King Charles and Queen Camilla's Coronation, S&SHA held a Celebratory Tea at their monthly meeting. Many brought memorabilia from earlier Coronations which we all found very interesting.

This was followed by a wondrous spread and then a toast to the new King and Queen.



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STOCKCROSS C. OF E. PRIMARY SCHOOL AND WELFORD AND WICKHAM C. OF E. PRIMARY SCHOOL



On Friday 5th May 2023 the children from Stockcross C. of E. Primary School and Welford and Wickham C. of E. Primary School came together to enjoy a fun filled scouting afternoon at Stockcross School to celebrate the King's Coronation.

The schools federated in April 2020 to become the Kite Primary Federation and became the first scouting schools in West Berkshire in

2021. Each Friday afternoon, the children move into their scouting groups of Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs or support as young leaders and benefit from the enhanced curriculum through the practical scouting sessions.

For the first time since the schools federated, the everyone came together for a fun afternoon of traditional scouting fun. This included activities such as tug of war, toast-

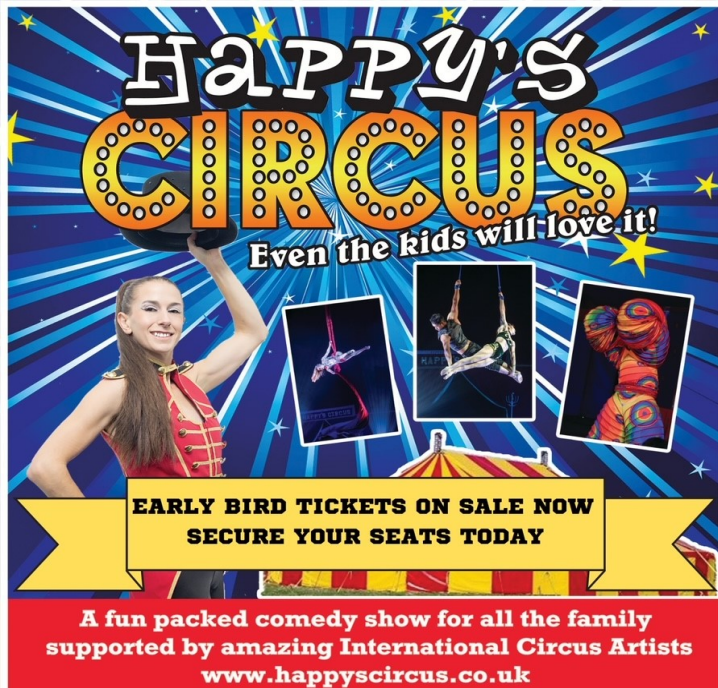


ing marshmallows, orienteering, to name but a few. The Executive Headteacher of the federation, Jo Lagares said "It was wonderful to bring the two school together for such an enjoyable afternoon, to celebrate the King's Coronation. The children had an amazing time and so many new friendships were made. We will definitely do this again!"

STOCKCROSS EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

CALENDAR

Month	Date	Event	Who's heading up
May 2023	Sunday 7 th May	Coronation Lunch with OMP band	This event has come and gone and was a great success
June 2023	Friday 30 th June	Pop Inn (mid-summer theme)	Pop Inn Sub Committee
September 2023	Sunday 10 Sept	Rounders Match	(time could be changed)
September 2023	Saturday 30 Sept	Harvest Supper	(times could be change)
October 2023	Early Oct	AGM	(tbc)
October 2023	Friday 27 Oct	Pop Inn (Halloween themed)	Pop Inn Sub Committee
November 2023	-	-	-
December 2023	7 + 8 + 9 Dec	Panto	Jane + John
December 2023	Saturday 23 Dec	Village Hall Christmas Drinks	Linda + Chrissie + Liz + Carol



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Showground opens at 12pm

Circus Performance begins at 2pm



Stockcross Village is a very special village with a great community spirit. The Sutton Hall committee (who gather on behalf of the village residents and beyond) work hard to bring everybody together by creating events, such as Panto, Pop-in-Pubs, the Harvest Festival, special happenings (such as Jubilee's, the Coronation etc.) and much more.

Please support your village where you can... you will be made welcome!

On top of all that we've got a great Village shop that will try to serve all your needs. The shop is run by Peter & Sigal Davies. It sells general grocery goods, wine, rolls/ sandwiches etc. Pop into the shop and you will be greeted with friendly smiling faces. Or stay and sample their teas/ coffees, cake and rolls, and much more...

Everybody in Stockcross will always greet you with a happy smile face.

Glenn (editor)

MORE CORONATION SUPPER PHOTOS



Your regular Astronomy Article brought to you by Tony Hersh



Astronomy Article June Edition

June has the most daylight of any month and the longest day and shortest night. Although the days get shorter after midsummers day on 21st June, the thermal lag means the hottest days are still ahead of us. It's a good time to look out for the rarely seen Noctilucent clouds : long wispy clouds with a distinctive electric blue tint which are clouds being lit by the Sun while it's below the horizon. These clouds are the highest of all clouds at around 80km and often hundreds or thousands of miles away from

the observer. The best time to look for them is towards the North, 90 mins to 2 hours after the sunset, close to the horizon

This month the Constellations are harder to pick out due to the lighter sky, but Cassiopeia will still be visible in the north east around 11pm. You will find it half way between the Pole star and the horizon as a distinctive zigzag of bright stars. In mythology Cassiopeia was a vain queen who was punished by Poseidon for her wicked ways and forced to wheel around the Pole star forever. Saturn will be visible just above the Moon if you get up early and look towards the South around 4am on 10th June. Jupiter will be very close to the left of the Moon at a similar time on 14th and both Mars and Venus are just below the Moon in the evening of 22nd June around 10pm.

Planets

Topic of the Month : Invisible light

Today we take for granted that visible light is just a small part of the electromagnetic spectrum and that lots of other types of light exist which we can't see with our eyes, such as microwave, infrared, radio waves and x rays. But years ago nothing was known about invisible light. The breakthrough came in the 1790's when William Herschel was splitting light using a prism. He was measuring the temperature of each colour and found that they indeed had different temperatures. Red and orange were warmer than other wavelengths. But his extraordinary discovery was when he put his thermometer in the darkness beyond the red end of the spectrum and found the temperature was the highest of all, even though his eyes were telling him nothing was there. This was infrared light but we now know the whole spectrum is huge. If the all the visible light we can see, from blue to red, was spread out on the floor like a rainbow of colours and was one metre long, just the infrared section of the spectrum would be three kilometres long ! There are a vast variety of invisible light waves out there. Infrared is especially useful for astronomers because it can be used to detect objects which aren't visible to our eyes. It's strange thinking that in space where it's hundreds of degrees below freezing dust and other objects are emitting light for the same reason as a red hot iron bar. Everything is glowing and that gives astronomers a mechanism to detect and study the universe.

Find out more about Astronomy via Newbury Astronomical Society which hosts monthly meetings for both beginners and experienced astronomers. See www.newburyastro.org.uk. Questions ; tonyhersh@hotmail.com



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PTFA with a donation for our
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We are looking for activities, days out, event tickets, gift vouchers, promises of labour, generous hampers and money can't buy gifts!
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Our summer auction of promises will be raising vital funds for Stockcross Primary School classroom resources and development of the conservation garden

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**Sat
10th
June**

**12-
3pm**

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We're looking for volunteers who can help with running events. This might be setting up the Pop Inn, doing a shift behind the bar or distributing leaflets.

If you can spare a hour or two to help the Committee so we can run more frequent events, please get in touch.

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