



NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2020

19th November, 2020 should have been our 14th Annual General Meeting.

Unfortunately, this year, we have not been able to hold any of our planned meetings – instead, we hope that this newsletter will bring a little bit of history to you.

This newsletter is being distributed to our members and copies are available for all villagers – please get in touch if you require more copies.

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HOPGROVE

Our group is called Stockton on the Forest and Hopgrove Local History Group because one of our most enthusiastic Founder Members, Terry Cooper, lived in the Hopgrove, it falls within our parish boundary and the hamlet shares many of our amenities and history.



Undated image of the original Hopgrove Inn on the Malton Road. In 1872, The London Gazette reported that the Innkeeper offered the business for liquidation and filed for bankruptcy.

“Sweet Briar” or No. 40 Hopgrove Lane South (image donated by Cynthia Glasby whose Grandparents lived there from 1932).



Old photograph of Hopgrove Lane South turned into a postcard from early 1940's (SOTF&HLHG own collection).



Below are a few gems of information which have been shared by former residents of the Hopgrove.

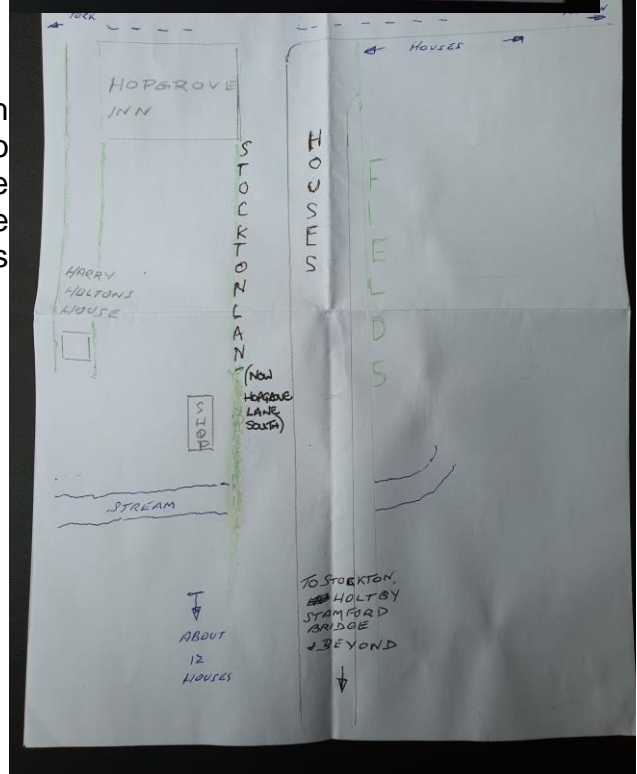
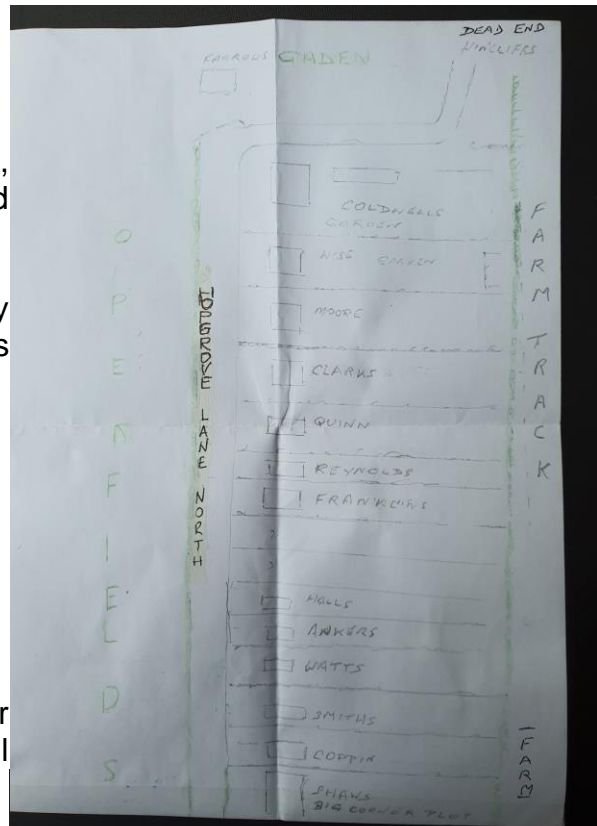
This map/sketch was provided by Brian Wyse who grew up in the Hopgrove.

He was in the choir at Holy Trinity Church, went to Stockton Primary School and has fond memories of his early years here.

He now lives in Leicester, having moved away to start his National Service and his parents relocated in 1949.

The names of the families shown will stir memories for many people who lived (may still live) in the Hopgrove and Stockton.

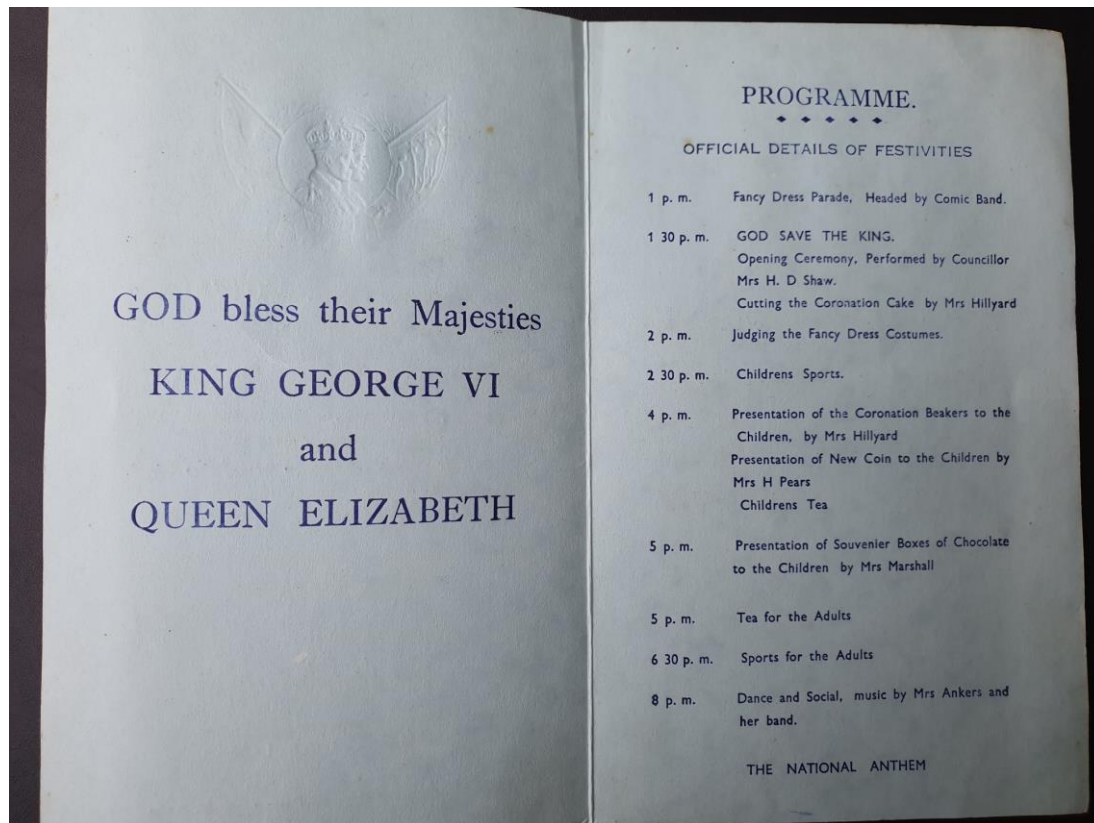
In this image of Hopgrove Lane South (formerly Stockton Lane), there is no Wheeldale Drive or Brendon Grove. If anyone has any idea why these developments were named as such, please could you let us know?



A good friend of Brian Wyse, and a neighbour from their schooldays, is John Coldwell.



John has very kindly provided this wonderful document – a treasured keepsake from 1937. It celebrates the Coronation of King George VI and Queen Elizabeth at a special Festival in the Hopgrove.



THE SCOUT HUT

This amenity situated in the heart of the village, was originally known as The Institute and was donated/provided by the Lloyd Family of Stockton Hall for the use of the village. It has been a valuable meeting place for many years for the younger residents.

It has become the home of our Scouts, Beavers, Cubs, Guides and Brownies. Over the course of time, some of the equipment and the fabric of the hut have suffered from damp and needed upgrading.



Thanks to a very generous donation of kitchen units, doors etc., from Counter Interiors of Clifton Moor, and the generous gift of time by parents and helpers, the kitchen has now been renovated to provide a clean and safer environment for the children to use.

This is a “before” photo....

Another “before” photo....



The kitchen now looks like this!



FIFTY YEARS OF BROWNIES AND SCOUTS

A few words and photographs from Jane Palmer about Stockton's Brownies:

I was 'volunteered' to help at Stockton Brownies by my 9-year old daughter, just after we moved to the village from Shropshire in 1987.

In 1989 I took over as Official Leader and I'm still there but now as an Assistant Leader.

Liz Bates is now in overall charge and the Group continues to thrive. *Jane.*



Brownie Pack at Snowball Plantation in 1989



Brownie Float in Stockton Village Carnival in 1989, which ran under the theme of 'Protect the Countryside'

BROWNIES IN RECENT TIMES

Contribution by Liz Bates, current Leader:

Before lockdown we were starting the new brownie programme launched in 2019. Girls now work on 6 themes called Know Myself, Express Myself, Be Well, Have Adventures, Take Action, Skills for my future.

More information can be found here:

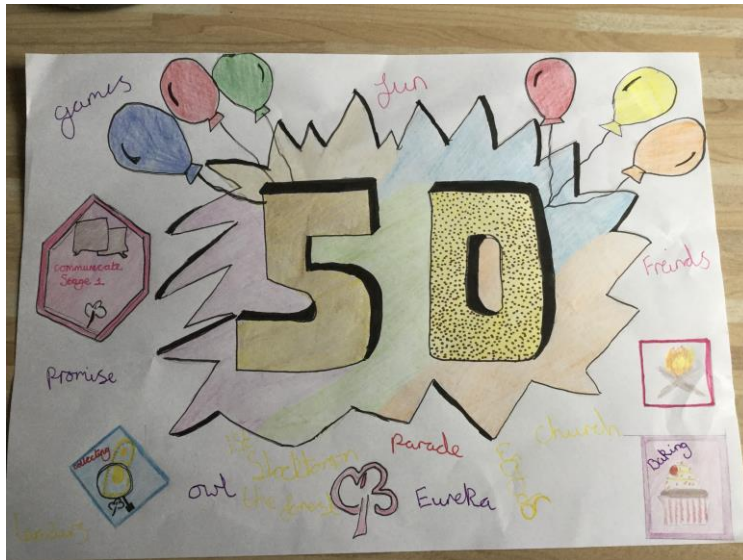
<https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/what-we-do/brownies-7-10/> .

Trips also included York Windmill, theatre trips and a grand outing to Eureka museum in Halifax (on the train), but we have been able to keep our meetings going on Zoom and still meet every week. Some of the things we have done together virtually since lockdown include:

- cooked microwave cakes to celebrate our 50th birthday (complete with candles to blow out)
- made fajita pizzas
- designed uniforms for the future
- learned some kickboxing moves
- learned some ballet steps



- had a show and tell pets and teddies night
- owl craft
- learnt about world ocean day and made origami fish (a challenge!)
- made bug houses
- promise trees (we talk each week about something helpful or nice the girls have done and then they take a leaf off the tree we made at the start of term)
- had a virtual Halloween party (complete with apple bobbing!)



One of the current brownies designed this poster to celebrate the 50th birthday.

This is just a selection of the many things we do. The girls are also still working on interest badges too.

One brownie recently completed her Local History badge (one of the new badges created in 2019) by writing a brilliant poem about Dick Turpin, researching the history of Stockton Hall and making a poster about a 'local treasure'. She chose the large oak tree at the end of a Piggy Lane as her treasure.

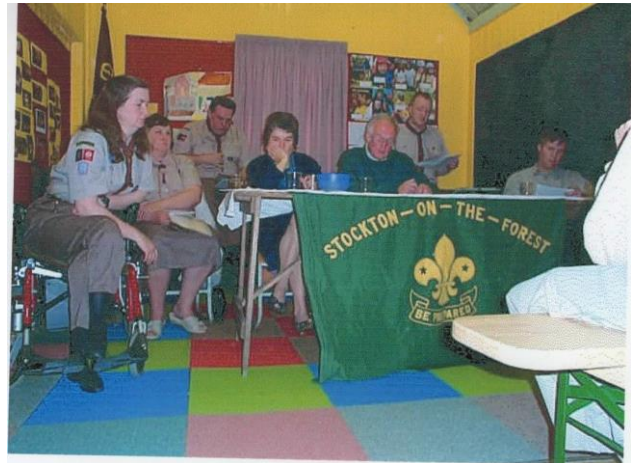
She also found a brilliant old photo of the Scout Hut (credit Cardindex.com):



BROWNIES IN RECENT TIMES

Contribution by Cath Shapcott, current Leader:

In May 1969 the group first opened its doors to the Youth of the village, becoming officially registered with Scouts HQ in October of that year. The Group first started with a Scout section, run by Tom Chapman, which at the time catered for children aged 11 to 16. Shortly after opening the Scout Section the group opened its first Cub Pack catering for 8 to 11 year olds. Mrs Anderson and Neil Storey lead the cub pack for a while. The group sadly had to close its doors for four years from 1996 until September 2000 due to a lack of Adult Leaders.



The group was reopened by Jane and Glynn Pike and became very successful catering for children from Stockton on the Forest and surrounding villages. With a large Scout section and a growing cub pack the group went on to open its first Beaver Section in 2001, which is how the group still stands today.

Over the past fifty years the group have been heavily integrated with the village, working closely with them on many projects. The village always showed its hospitality towards the group by aiding in its fundraising efforts, offering assistance with maintenance issues, just to name a few.





The Group took part in the Stockton on the Forest Carnival until it ended, with young people dressing up towards the theme and often winning prizes!

Something that will always remain close to the groups heart is the annual remembrance service at the church, the group have always had a presence at this service, with the young people marching in and laying a wreath in honour of those that paid the ultimate sacrifice for our country.



Within Scouting the group has also had many successes, when the new Chief Scout Gold Awards came out in early 2002 Stockton on the Forest had one of the highest number of young people in the district to achieve this award.

In 2007, for the Centenary of Scouting, the group had nine people selected to go to the "One World, One Promise", World Scout Jamboree. While those nine selected were away at the Jamboree in Essex the rest of the group took part in more spectacular centenary celebrations.

Beavers and Cubs spent the night in York Minster with the majority of the District, and the Scouts went to London to take part in the "Live07" show held in the O2 Arena. At sunrise on August 1st all of Stockton on the Forests members, no matter which of these events they were at, awoke shortly before sunrise to take part in the UK national event, where 400,000 Scouters all renewed their promises together.

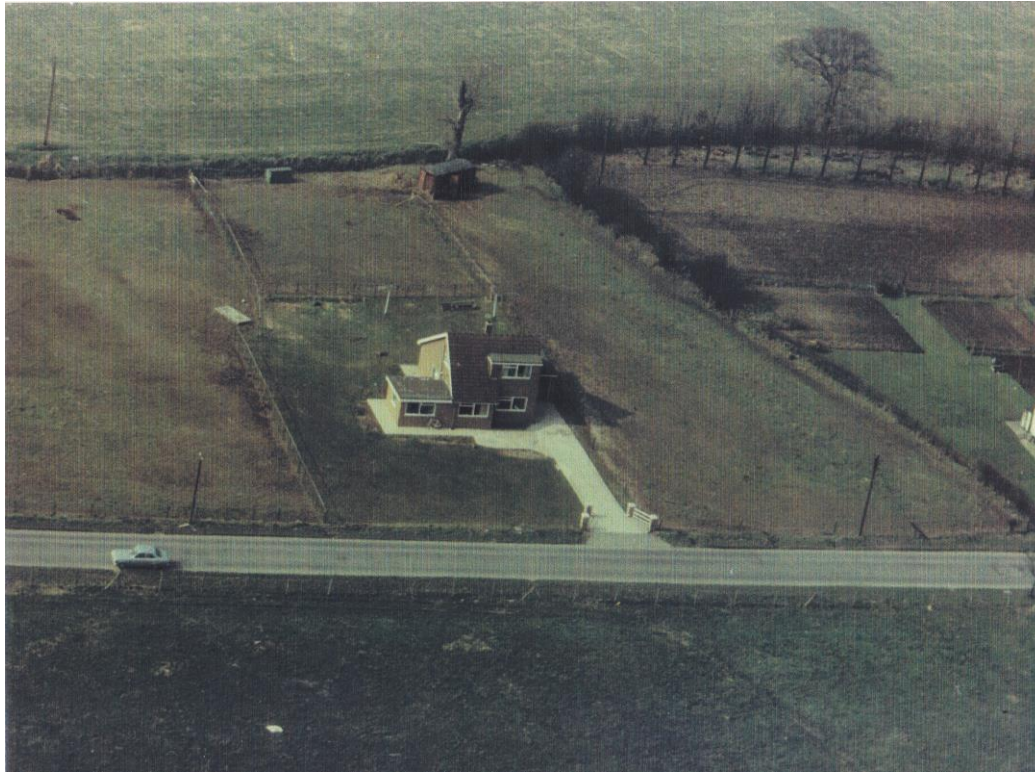
Over the fifty years the group have also taken several international trips, most notably a group trip to visit a group in Holland, as well as taking part in Euro Jam 2005 and the aforementioned World Jamboree in 2007. Euro Jam 2005 was held in Hyde Park, London, with around 100,000 Scouters coming together from over 65 countries.

We would like to finish by thanking all of the Leaders, both past and present, as well as the entire village for the support of the group over the past fifty years. If there are any members of the group in days gone by who would like to make contact or pass on their memories we would love to hear from you. *Cath.*

Aerial Photographs

(kindly shared with us by R. Dean and D. Gabbitas and prepared by M. Phythian)

Can you identify any of these? If you can, please let us know (01904 400309 or Joymoseley@btinternet.com) as we could do with some help on some of them!



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2021 MEETING DATES

Please put the following dates in your diaries for 2021 and let us all hope that we can meet as planned:

18th March (2.30pm)

17th June (2.30pm)

16th September (2.30pm)

18th November (7.30pm) AGM

Most of our meetings involve a short formal part, followed by a guest speaker and then refreshments and general discussion/sharing of items of interest which are often brought in by the members themselves.

We have various on-going topics which include a time capsule, a village history board, restoration of the railway weighbridge, finding our Roman Road.... And many more!

MEMBERSHIP

We welcome everyone to our meetings and whilst you may not be able to attend in person, your interest in the History of our village is a shared interest and therefore we invite you to join us. Subscriptions are £10.00 per annum and are due in November (now ;)).

CONTRIBUTIONS

We have been fortunate to receive donations for our archives from many people over the years and one of our long standing members has collated a huge amount of information which is currently being put onto a website.

We welcome any information you may have about the village, whether it be family history, school memories, or even unanswered questions you would like us to investigate. Should you wish to contribute in any way, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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Cristmas is coming.... our book "In Days Gone by: A History of Stockton on the Forest" is available from Dean's Garden Centre, Tom's Shop, Joy Moseley, Bobby Hughes as well as Amazon and Ebay. £7.99.