November 2017

Newsletter

Produced by the Stockton on the Forest Village Hall Management Committee

Out with the old and in with the NEW

During the summer months the whole of the main entrance and foyer has been refurbished. New front doors have been installed to bring the hall into the 21st century, along with a new floor, new internal doors and a coat of paint throughout. We hope you agree it is a far more attractive and inviting welcome for all at **your village hall.**

Before…

After!

Happy-feet Dancing Events

New to Stockton on the Forest Village Hall

Presented by Steve and Sharon Conroy

1.30pm – 4pm

A mix of ballroom and popular social sequence dancing to live musician Steve Conroy.

Every Monday afternoon starting on 8th January 2018

Admission **£4** including tea/coffee and biscuits at 2.30pm

Steve Conroy began his musical career at the age of 14, playing clubs around South Yorkshire accompanying many artistes. Soon he joined the legendary Mick Urry Orchestra as a trumpet player, playing every form of dance music all over the world. For over 40 years now, Steve has been a dance organist plus a very successful cabaret Artiste featuring multi-instrumentalism, comedy and comedy magic. Both Steve and Sharon have a passion for dancing and are now expanding their dances to new venues. Steve plays at the Spa in Scarborough for the Scarborough Dine & Dance, plus Steve and Sharon run a couple of tea dances in Whitby. Steve also works 6 nights a week in various hotels and venues.

Call Steve on 07966 827636 Sharon on 07787 530564

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Stockton on the Forest Parish Council News

1: **Footpaths** we are still waiting for the signs to be supplied and fitted.

2: We have a new main **notice board** outside Tom's Shop it's a recycled plastic material so should not need replacing! The board inside is metal and notices are attached using magnets.

3: We have a number of **ongoing road discussions** that may have some impact on the village; this is more long term however. The only decision affecting Stockton is Huntington Parish council's recommendation to reject a request for a left filter at the junction of Hopgrove Lane South and Malton Road.

4: We are still waiting for the **street light** and re-surfacing by the Hollies.

5: We have some **new play area equipment**. Thank you for all the suggestions we hope you like what we've done. Please take a look and let us know what you think.

6. **Ward funding** – again I will mention it. If any organisations or groups are interested in applying for a grant, details can be found on www.york.gov.uk and search 'ward funding'.

If you have any questions relating to the village/parish you can speak with a parish councillor or the parish clerk. Parish council meetings are held on the **last Wednesday of the month in the village hall**, all are welcome. Details are on the noticeboards around the village or the village website.

www.stocktonontheforest.org.uk

Holy Trinity Church

Dates for your diary

Coffee Morning
Saturday 11th November 10.00 - 12.00

Christingle Sun 3rd December 10.30

Christmas Fair
Saturday 9th December 10.00 - 12.30

All Change at Holy Trinity

For many in the village, the Church was regarded as 'past it', a relic of another century. So, using a bequest kindly left to Holy Trinity, the PCC decided to bring the Church in to the 21st Century and make it an amenity for the whole village.

In August the front pews were removed so that at baptisms, the christening party are not crushed in to a tiny space. Then Adam Swann removed four pews on either side at the back and re-laid the floor, a major undertaking as you can see.

During this process damp was discovered and treated. The heaters and sound system also had to be moved. When we looked through the joists at the foundations, many wondered what we had let ourselves in for but when we see the result, most agree that it has been well worthwhile.

The old seat covers may have been uncomfortable enough to keep you awake during the sermon but the new cushions, in contrast, are very comfortable. A new carpet has been laid and the lighting has been improved. In the porch there is more lighting and York paving stones where the old ones were crumbling away.

Feel the Buzz! On Sunday 24th September, Bishop John, the Bishop of Selby, visited us and rededicated the Church in an inspirational service. More than double the normal congregation took communion and then stayed afterwards to have coffee and cake in the newly created space. **Earth Control, We have a problem!** After the service, nearly everybody congregated at the back of the church to sit at the tables, meet their friends, have coffee and cake, talk to the Bishop and enjoy the company. The problem was that everyone was so enjoying themselves that nobody wanted to go home! We tried putting out the lights but nobody noticed. It was wonderful. We might consider having evensong for those still in church!

Stockton and Hopgrove Luncheon Group

Meets at the Golf Club once a month

Good Food, Good Company

We meet once a month at the Forest Park Golf Club to have a nice meal and a happy social afternoon. ***It is not just for pensioners, there is no age barrier and you don't have to reside in Stockton or nearby.*** *At present we have a two course meal for £7.00 but for dietary reasons another choice from the menu could be purchased. No need to book, just come along.*

Wednesday 15th November 2017
Wednesday 20th December 2017
Wednesday 17th January 2018
Wednesday 21st February 2018

For more information see Pam Brighton or Maureen Sutcliffe or tel: 400445

Stockton Senior Citizens

WE NEED YOUR HELP

Since the last newsletter the Stockton Senior Citizens have been enjoying some excellent speakers at their monthly meetings. They were recently visited by Pat Jennings who gave them a very informative and entertaining talk on being evacuated during the war.
Recent coach trips have included Holy Island where they had super weather and to the Horseshoe Pass and Llangollen when it was really foggy on the day but there were some spectacular views, such a beautiful valley.
All the seniors are really looking forward to the speakers for the rest of this year and of course their annual Christmas dinner.

Due to the ill health of some of the regular members the group are looking for anyone who would be interested in helping them to arrange speakers, entertainment and trips for the coming year. If you would be able to do this, even if only for the short term, please contact **Anne on (01759) 371058**.

Do you shop online?

If you access your favourite shops via the 'GIVE AS YOU LIVE' page you can help raise money for your village hall at the same time. See the village website for the link, it's FREE

Stockton on the Forest Women's Institute

The WI have again, had a year of excellent speakers! Following on from my last report we had a fascinating talk by Roger Lee, Director of Bedern Hall, who not only went through its historical origins but also told us how it is used today. Indeed, how we can use it today.

In May we went caving and potholing - not literally - but via the magnificent film and photography of Matt Ewles and his friend. Not only was the media production superb, but the speaker too. I might be wrong, but I don't think many members have taken up this hobby - not for those of us who have no head for heights!

In June Chris Poulton took us round the City of York. Again, this was via some lovely photography. Mr Poulton took us into the lesser known areas of the City accompanied with lots of anecdotes both historical and modern.

July brought Mr Paul Martin to our meeting. Mr Martin outlined his career as a magician firstly as an amateur and eventually turning professional working with some very well-known artists round the country. He completed his talk by baffling us all with some "magic".

Our annual garden party took place on a somewhat rainy evening inside the home of our President, Barbara Hardisty. We all got very close - literally - and ate delicious food. It was a thoroughly enjoyable evening.

The following month Peter Mathers described a tour, together with beautiful photographs, round the gardens surrounding the City of Dublin. Because of the climate some very unusual plants and trees grow in this area. The gardens varied from the very formal to the more natural. The one thing they all had in common was variety.

We are looking forward to get more excellent evenings and we would very much like to welcome any newcomers. We meet in the Long Room of the Village Hall at 7.30 pm on the second Wednesday of the month. Give it a try!

As well as our regular Wednesday meetings there are opportunities to join other clubs in outings and events throughout the area. Some of our members do this on a regular basis and the variety is immense.

Vicky Gilbert

THANK YOU to everyone who has been collecting lots and lots of aluminium foil, drinks cans and household cables to help raise money for **SNAPPY**.

In the run up to Christmas remember to

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Stockton on the Forest Gardening Club

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Speakers & Visits arranged for 2017/18

6th November 2017 - Alison Pringle "The Trials & Tribulations of a Gardener". Alison makes a welcome return visit.
4th December 2017 - Annual General Meeting & Christmas "Get Together"
January 2018 – no meeting
6th February 2018 – Talk by Gail and John Summerfield "Shining a light on bulbs"
6th March 2018 – topic to be confirmed
9th April 2018 – A trip to Newburgh Priory, Coxwold

For more details contact Nigel on tel: 423206

Festival of Gardening 2017

The garden festival at Stockton on the Forest village hall went very well and was attended by people of all ages.
The judges had a difficult job judging the various entries in various sections. The school children entries were fantastic. There was also a competition for baking and knitting. After a difficult growing year the show of flowers and vegetables was very good.
Karen Nash had a playroom for younger children which included a craft section, snail racing and a tin can alley which was very popular with adults and children alike, all raising money for the charity SNAPPY.
There were displays by WI, Drama, History, Church, Brownies, Toddlers, and Cards all promoting their activities.
The school had a stall advertising the sale of vegetables they had grown in the new allotment.
Refreshments including scones and cakes were served in the long room and there was a lovely demonstration by Hazel Hall on flower arranging. The finished arrangements went into the raffle.
Finally I would like to thank all who helped in any way and to Dean's for the gift vouchers they donated for prizes and special thanks to Anthony for the wonderful display. Many, many thanks. *See back cover for photos*.
If you are interested we will organise another festival of gardening next year.

Kind regards, Valerie

Tel: 01904 400601, email: valeriecrossley1@hotmail.co.uk

Dean's Garden Centre

Fundraising is going well at Dean's Garden Centre York, for our staff nominated Charity of the Year, which for 2017 is the **Yorkshire Air Ambulance**. Up to the 4th October 2017 the customers and staff have raised the fantastic amount of **£10,360.95.** This has been achieved by selling merchandise, having a second-hand book stall and having a Yorkshire Yellow Charity day with raffle and cake stall, as well as a staff beetle drive and staff barbecue & treasure hunt. If anyone would like to support this worthwhile charity there are collecting tins and a wishing well at the Garden Centre for your donations.

The Garden Centre is now open until 8.00pm on a Tuesday and our new larger Coffee Shop until 7.30pm, serving food and drinks from our menu and specials board. (Last orders for food is 7.00pm). Also take advantage of TRIPLE POINTS on all qualifying purchases in both the Coffee Shop and Garden Centre from 4.30pm each Tuesday.

Christmas at Dean's Garden Centre

We will be serving Christmas lunch in The Bothy from Friday 1st December until Friday 22nd December from 11.30am – 3.00pm and also on Tuesday 5th & Tuesday 12th December between 4.00pm and 7.00pm

Christmas Charity Day – Friday 8th December
Breakfast with Santa – Saturday 9th December, Saturday 16th December and Thursday 21st December
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The Stockton on the Forest & Hopgrove Local History Group

Just when we thought the History Group was beginning to wane a little in terms of activity and numbers, we are now delighted to announce that our membership is growing!

Our September meeting was well attended by our stalwart following, new members and guests who came to listen to William Wilson of Clubleys Auctioneers.

The audience had been invited to bring items about which they hoped to gain more information or to have valued. **William** gave us a complete insight into his life and love of antiques, from a 12 year old boy with an obsession for sale rooms to present day and his role as Auctioneer.

He started by asking "What is an antique?" and then talked about the changing face of the antiques market over the last 300 years and how various factors can effect value/demand.

William was entertaining, funny and informative. **As** he picked up items from those brought by our audience, he talked about each one in turn, using them to enforce a fact from his talk – including fakes (apologies to Dave Williams and his boat)!

Items varied from War Medals, to beautiful jewellery, crockery, a butter pat, vases and a Grandmother clock.

We are meeting again on **Thursday 30th November** in the Long Room of the Village Hall to hear Malcolm Jennings (Chairman) give a talk on "East is East, West is West". **Do** come along – we make everyone welcome and provide refreshments (including Madeline's famous cheese scones) and Festive Fare.

Looking forward, we are considering a project to create a Village History Board and our meetings for next year are **15th March 2018:** Stamford Bridge Tapestries; **21st June 2018:** Yorkshire Film Archives (TBC); **20th September:** York Cemetery (TBC) and **29th November** (TBC); all commencing at 19:30.

Joy Moseley (Secretary)	Malcolm Jennings (Chairman)	Bobby Hughes (Treasurer)
01904 400309 jmoseley@f2s.com	01904 400327	01904 400188

Stockton Hall Hospital

Partnerships in Care

Summer is always a busy time here at Stockton Hall Hospital and as usual we held our summer BBQ. Even though it rained for most of the morning in one of the worst rainstorms of the year, washing away most of the decorations, the pirate themed BBQ was a huge success.

There was live music from Harrison Rimmer (a local York musician) and live DJing from patients in the Hospital. The afternoon's entertainment also included an open mic session and a dunk tank where patients could dunk staff into freezing cold water!

There has been a lot of fundraising going on, with patients and staff raising money for St Leonards Hospice in York. Staff were involved in an 'It's a Knockout tournament' earlier this month on the Knavesmire and finished in 3rd place. Fundraising in the hospital has consisted of themed restaurant evenings with patients and staff working collaboratively to hold these events.

Stockton Hall's football team have done incredibly well this season also finishing a very respectable 2nd in the league, next year we will be going for the gold!

Patients and staff have also written another song and made a music video. This time for the Yorkshire and Humber network recovery conference, which went down an absolute treat and they have been commissioned to make a new video and song for the National Recovery conference in November!

Not only were the Occupational therapy department nominated for a PRIDE award, but they came first in their category bringing home the 'being a family' award at their first time attending the awards.

In conversation with… Tom Loose

Born in Wisbech, Cambridgeshire, Tom moved to Norfolk at the age of six when his family took over his granddad's small holding. As a youth he got into engines playing, with tractors and later driving lorries. "I've got diesel in my veins" he says. Tom worked as a lorry driver for many years but the hours could be unsociable. He also helped run his Dad's shop after he died but, upon the death of his Mum, the family decided to start a new life and moved to the village stores in Stockton on the Forest, where they have been for the past 30 years.

Tom's Shop as it is known locally sells everything "bread, booze, bog rolls, biscuits and bikes" Tom tells me.

As well as serving the community with all their groceries Tom raises hundreds of pounds each year in his charity collections. Over the last few years his charity bike sales have grown, to a point where it looks like the bikes are breeding outside the shop some weeks.

It all started a few years ago when a lady buying a paper asked Tom if he thought the bin men would take her old bike away because she couldn't get it to the tip. He replied "no, but I'll take it", which he did. Serviced and repaired he put the bike outside for sale and made £30 for charity. He now takes in lots of old bikes from all over the district to raise money for his three charities, Macmillan Cancer Support, the RNLI Lifeboats and Help for Heroes. The charity collectors are always astonished by the number of £10 notes in the boxes when they are emptied. Over the past 14 years Tom has raised £7064.03 for Macmillan, £2942.75 for Help for Heroes and £2966.18 for RNLI. He keeps quiet about it but you can see the certificates of thanks discretely displayed in the shop.

If you are looking for a new bike for yourself or your children come along to the village stores and have a look, a bike is a great Christmas present, not only a bargain for you but helping worthwhile charities as well.

When Tom is all sold out you might see his sign go up "**giz ya boik**" which is Norfolk for "please donate your old bicycles here".

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Mondays

Greenfingers Gardening Club
(1st week of the month 7.15pm)
Contact: Nigel Collinson 423206

Tuesdays

Stockton Foresters Drama Club
(weekly 7.30pm)
Contact Pat Jennings 400327
Senior Citizens
(3rd week of the month 2.00pm)
Contact Ann Steel 400124

Wednesdays

Yoga for the over 50s
(weekly 1.30pm)
Contact Nestor Portney 613962 or 07503157356
Women's Institute
(2nd week of the month 7.30pm)
Contact Ann Proctor 489386
Parish Council
(last week of the month)
Contact Fiona Hall – Clerk
Email: parishclerk@thebyre.me.uk

Thursdays

Parent and Toddler Group
(weekly 9.30am – 11.30am, term time only)
Contact Kelly Price 07846 938809
History Group
(every two months 7.30pm)
Contact Joy Moseley 400309
York Electronic Organ Society
(2nd week of the month 7.30pm)
Contact Keith Jackson 01751 431522

Fridays and Saturdays

No regular meetings or events

Sundays

York Pole Dancing Academy
(weekly 6.00pm)
Contact Marisa 0781298932
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If you complete the challenge you will get a free child admission voucher for the Jorvik Viking Centre.
You will also have a chance to meet authors Mark Huckerby and Nick Ostler (Creators of 'Defender of the Realm') at York Explore Library on Wednesday 14th February 2018, during half term.

You can sign up at any library, **including the Mobile Library**, so come and be a hero or heroine with us!

Stockton-on-the-Forest

BABY AND TODDLER GROUP

In the summer term, we enjoyed visiting the school as part of the SOFEY partnership; the children enjoyed the Olympic themed event by taking part in numerous races and made their own Olympic medals.

In August (during the summer break) a lot of our toddlers got involved with and thoroughly enjoyed the children's fun day at the park raising over £100 for a picnic bench to be installed.

After the summer holidays we had three children move on to primary school, we miss them and wish them well, but we have recently welcomed a lot of new children to our group. This term our toddlers got involved in creating displays for village events. For the Garden Festival they painted ivy leaves, flowers and butterflies for our ruined Duplo house and made vegetable hedgehogs (by using pears, cocktail sticks, grapes and olives). We also had a bake sale raising money for the group (£64.40, many thanks to the bakers).

For the Harvest Festival, we painted a field background, made trees and coloured in pictures of animals, which were used as a backdrop for our toy tractor and trailer, filled with harvest vegetables. We have lots of painting and arts and crafts planned for the rest of the term, including Christmas themed crafts.

WE HAVE SPACES AVAILABLE TO WELCOME NEW CHILDREN TO THE GROUP. If you look after a child under the age of 5 (all Parents, Grandparents, Childminders etc. are welcome) and would like further details, please contact **Julie Morgan-Cox on 07742026446 or Fiona Crossley on 07772186587 or see our new Facebook page.** We run on Thursdays (term time only) 9:30-11:30am at the Village Hall and the price is £2.50 per session. **No booking required, just drop in.** The children participate in a wide range of parentally supervised activities: arts and crafts, play time with a variety of large and small toys, gardening, games and song time. The children enjoy a healthy snack while the parents/carers enjoy a drink, biscuit and a chat. In addition we offer support to parents and carers by providing a regular meeting where parents can talk to each other and share tips/advice.

Stockton Primary School News

Here at Stockton on the Forest Primary School we very much live by our motto; **"Happy, healthy, learning for life and caring for all."**

The academic year has started well at Stockton on the Forest Primary School. We have welcomed Mrs Katherine Woodward on to our staff. Mrs Woodward has begun to work with our Pines class as our Early Years Assistant and is already an excellent addition to our fantastic team of staff. Mrs Woodward has replaced Mrs Snook who has moved on to run Pattacakes in Dunnington.

In July we were proud to celebrate the achievements of our out-going Y6 pupils for their wonderful results at the end of KS2. The assessments that the children undergo are rigorous and, along with the increased expectation in the standard that 11year olds are being asked to attain, to achieve the results that they did was fantastic. The children have now moved on to their secondary schools where we are confident that they will continue to build on the superb foundations that they have in place from their primary education. Well done to them all!

As some of you may be aware Stockton on the Forest Day Nursery ceased trading at the end of July 2017. Currently the nursery building remains unoccupied but Mrs Mills is working with governors and the local authority to secure new occupiers as soon as possible. In the meantime our breakfast club and after school club is being run from the school. Sessions run from 8.00am for breakfast club and until 6.00pm for after school club and can be booked through the school office.

In September children from the school had fun entering the village festival of gardening. The entries were all breathtakingly beautiful and imaginative and made an impressive display in the village hall.

At the beginning of October the whole school went on a visit to Beningbrough Hall where children found out about plants, apples and tree measuring, as well as participating in a work shop to stimulate creative writing. The children had a lovely time and we are looking forward to reading the stories that they create.

We would like to end by saying huge congratulations to our hockey team, who represented the school so well in October. The children, who attended a hockey tournament as part of the schools membership of the Yorvik School Sports Network won an impressive number of games but what made us really proud was their application of the skills that they had been taught as well as their teamsmanship and the support and encouragement they gave to each other. Well done children.

Stockton on the Forest Early Years Partnership

SOFEY is starting a new chapter following the closure of Stockton Day Nursery and the departure of Carolyn Snook who set up the partnership 11 years ago. BUT these changes have not deterred us and we have been making the most of our new allotment. It was completed in the summer term over 2 Saturdays, blessed by fine weather and fuelled by fabulous flapjack and cheesy buns.

A huge thank you to all the staff, parents and children who gave up their time to do all the hard work; 6 tonnes of soil, 3 tonnes of sand and over 100 paving slabs is no easy task. Special thanks to Paul Cox Landscaping and York Groundwork Solutions who donated their recycled paving slabs, left over fencing and tree pots and delivered it free of charge. Since September the site has been tended by the School Gardening Club, LOOK WHAT WE GREW!

We hope to hold our next event, for the pre-school children of Stockton on the Forest, in the spring 2018. For more details see our page on the village website or phone 400366.

1ST STOCKTON-ON-THE-FOREST BROWNIES

The past 6 months have been very busy for Stockton on the Forest Brownies. We set off last term by completing our **Toymaker Badge**, making sock puppets, spinners and animal themed board games. We also went on some trips.

A particularly exciting trip was the **Tesco's "Farm Food Trail".** We had a great time looking 'behind the scenes' of Tesco, we saw how bread was made in the bakery and looked around the supermarket, finding fruit and vegetables in all colours to make a rainbow. The definite favourite room was the giant fridge freezer which was so big everyone could walk inside!

Another evening was spent with the **Stockton Petanque club**. The brownies had a lovely time learning how to play the game and having matches against each other and parents. It was a warm sunny evening with a delicious picnic tea. We followed this the week after with a **trip to the woods**. The girls had a great time playing games in the outdoors and laying trails for the others to follow. They used things they found in the woods to make arrows pointing the way to some amazing hiding places.

At the **District Campfire** the girls shared their favourite brownie song with others and then learnt lots of new songs from other girls whilst keeping warm around the campfire. We also visited our friends at Christchurch for their annual '**sausage sizzle**' The girls had a wonderful time meeting new Brownie friends and also seeing girls again that used to be Brownies in our pack and who are now fully fledged Guides.

This term the Brownies have already produced a fantastic Rainbow themed display for the **village garden festival** and have completed their science badge.

We finished the badge with a visit from a **Professor of robotics** from York University. A few requests for robots going on Christmas lists!

Our next big event is our Halloween party followed by **dancing sessions** paid for out of our **Sainsbury's vouchers**. Thank you to everyone in the village who contributed.

We do have a few spaces for new brownies at the moment. If you would like to apply for a place please go to:

https://go.girlguiding.org.uk/join-us/join-as-member/

Girls can be registered as they approach their 7th birthday and we will contact you once an application has been made.

Frances Hearld (Young leader in training)

STOCKTON-ON-THE-FOREST SCOUT TROOP

In last year's newsletter we asked if anyone could help us to repair and refurbish the scout hut. Well Alex Nicholson and a team of 15 from **Aviva** lead by Matthew Foreman came to the rescue. Not only did they provide all the labour but they also fund raised for materials and this money was then matched by Aviva. A volunteer day took place on 14th June when most of the work was completed. The final few jobs were carried out over the summer holidays ready for the children to return in September.

A huge **THANK YOU** to everyone involved.

If your child would like to become a member of the scouting movement contact Kath on (01904) 421096 or email: ets86@hotmail.com

THE STOCKTON FORESTERS

Charles and Madge, out with friends to dine,
Realise that everything's far from fine:
Rupert and Sarah have had a fight,
And are in the kitchen, out of sight.
They then burden their friends with legal pleadings
To represent each in divorce proceedings.
Till suddenly we realise,
The scene is all a pack of lies:
The four of them are in a play
And Rupert wilfully loses his way
He threatens Charles with a paper knife
For seducing Madge, his off-stage wife.
The others try very hard at first
To keep to the script, ignore his outburst.
But when other actors come on stage
It only adds to Rupert's rage.
Mrs. Cullen tries to calm things down
Drunk Edward plays a Shakespearian clown
But when even the prompt and a front of house nurse
Intervene and try to converse
With the ranting, murderous leading man
Chaos ensues, and nobody can
Return to the script and the proper bit
As the audience can make no sense of it.
If you've not followed it so far, don't dismay,
Just come and see the rest of the play.
"Kindly leave the stage" goes on in November,
Just make a note so you will remember –
Book early to make sure you don't lose out
From Robert, our friendly ticket tout

Pat Jennings

It is with regret that just before going to print the Foresters decided to **CANCEL** the show that we had planned for November 2017.
It wasn't working out so we decided rather than continuing with something we weren't enjoying and thought our audience would not enjoy we should cancel this show and look for something different.
Watch out for Spring 2018.

In the meantime the Group still meets every Tuesday and new members for acting and back stage are very welcome; no experience necessary, just enthusiasm. Every Tuesday evening, 7.30pm at the Village Hall.

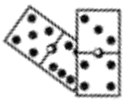
Pat Jennings - Secretary (tel: 400327)

Stockton & Hopgrove Cricket Club

Another difficult year has passed for the club! Short of players and work commitments from others made it a frustrating summer. We did manage to get a full team out all bar one Saturday which we only had 8 players. Saying that it was a very enjoyable season, after a slow start results picked up. Tight games were just not going our way. A couple of victories lifted spirits then going into the last game of the year looked like we would survive relegation. But with some freak last day results and us losing to the champions meant we finished 2nd bottom. (This might mean we still stay up as the champions have applied to go in a higher league).
The evening league was mainly the same as a Saturday; some new teams entered and were clearly in a division well below their standard. However we had a great year despite ending up bottom all players had a good laugh.

At the end of season league dinner the Stockton & Hopgrove secretary, opening bat, wicket keeper, ex-captain and player for 34 years (still playing) **Steve Fraser** was inducted into the league hall of fame.
Joining our other 2 players in there Tony Kerrison and Nigel Collinson.

Anybody wanting to join the club should contact **Rich Kerrison 01904 400541 or 07986619125.** Currently we don't have any villagers playing! This is a real shame as I'm sure there is some budding Joe Root in the village.



Notes from the Fox Inn 5's and 3's Dominoes Team.

The Fox Inn is once again entering a team in the York and District Domino League. We will for the third year running be in Division 2 along with ten other teams.
Our first match is at home to St Lawrence Club followed by a visit to newly promoted Acomb Conservative Club.
The Fox along with other Pubs and Clubs always provide refreshments towards the end of the Evening. Matches start at 9pm every Monday with 5 pairs taking part.
We are still looking for new players to join us. We are definitely not a team of Trophy hunters, just a few guys and gals who enjoy a night out at different venues. Should anyone wish to be part of our team please ring **Charles Wood on 400336**, give your details to any Fox Inn Bar Staff or just turn up at The Fox on Mondays before the match.

DARTS

The Fox Inn darts team are **champions** of League 5 in the York Open Darts League in their 2nd year of reforming and have been promoted to League 4.

Competitions throughout the year and matches played home & away on **Thursday** evenings meeting around **8pm** with games starting at **9pm**. Any new players are welcome. We also have a division 4/5 singles champion in team!!

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Members of the **WI Darts Team** meet at the Fox Inn on Tuesdays for practise and matches.

Forest Park Golf Club News

2017 has seen more villagers join the golf club for membership either as a member on our 9 hole West Course or on our 18 hole Old Foss Course.

We have some **quizzes** coming up on 8th Nov, 6th Dec and 31st Jan. All welcome, only **£1.00pp** entry fee and food £4.00pp. In the club house from 7.30pm.

The club is open every day except Christmas Day for a game of golf or to practice on the driving range.
The clubhouse is open for coffee, cake, bar meals, Sunday lunches and beer.
We are now taking bookings for your **Christmas event** whether it's for a few people or many.
Everyone is welcome. You do not have to be a member to come and enjoy our facilities.
Please contact the club for details on **01904 400425** or email admin@forestparkgolfclub.co.uk

Forest Park Golf Club

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18 Hole Old Foss & 9 Hole West Golf Course

Outdoor & Covered Driving Range

Bar Meals & Sunday Lunches served lunchtimes

Function Room available

ALL VISITORS AND MEMBERS WELCOME

Stockton Fox Petanque Club

The Pétanque summer season has drawn to a close and, although there were many enjoyable matches this year, no trophies were won in either the York and District League or Cup competitions. A big thank you again to the Fox Inn, who provided us with after-match refreshments, these were the best in the league so we 'won' at something!

Our President, Dick Wright, stood down at our last AGM. A presentation of a photograph and bottle of 'red' was made at a recent club night to say thank you to him for his services to the club over the years.

This presentation came at around the time that Dick and Kathleen were celebrating their 70th 'Platinum' wedding anniversary, so congratulations all round.

The hardiest members of Stockton Fox Pétanque Club will be donning thermals and playing throughout the winter. So come and join us behind the Village Hall on **Mondays and Thursdays from 7pm** followed by a thawing-out session in the Fox. The annual club tournaments are almost complete and trophies will be presented at the AGM in March 2018.

For further information contact Barbara Hardisty tel: 400018.

Festival of Gardening

Saturday 16th September 2017, here's what you missed!

Stockton on the Forest Primary School

Christmas Fair

Friday

1st December 2017

3.15 - 5.00pm

Grand Prize Raffle

Fantastic family days out, hampers, vouchers, and more to be won.

Also Cakes, Games, Stalls and Refreshments

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,
Stockton-on-the-Forest invites you to our

CHRISTMAS FAIR

At Stockton Hall

Saturday 9th December

10.00am – 12.30pm

Super Duper Raffle
Children's Activity Area
Bric-a-brac & toys, Books, Cakes,
Gift stalls & Seasonal games
A cuppa and a mince pie