

# Stock & Bradley Chronicle

July 2024

Worcestershire



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| Monday  | Tuesday                    | Wednesday   | Thursday   | Friday                           | Saturday | Sunday   |
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| 1st<br>7.30 pm-8.30 pm<br>Zumba VH  | 2nd<br>7-8 pm Yoga VH      | 3rd<br>11.30 am<br>Breakaway AGM<br>and Lunch VH<br>12.15-12.30 pm<br>Mobile Library<br>Staddle Stones<br>Stock Green | 4th<br>7 am- 10 pm Polling<br>Station                            | 5th<br>11-12 noon<br>Pilates VH  | 6th      | 7th<br>11 am-1 pm Puppy Training VH<br>3 pm Service Stock Green Baptist<br>Chapel<br>3pm-5pm Annual Tea Bradley Church                 |
| 8th<br>11.35-11.50 am<br>Mobile Library<br>Bradley Green<br>7.30 pm-8.30 pm<br>Zumba VH | 9th<br>7-8 pm Yoga VH      | 10th.<br>10.30 am -12 noon<br>Drop In VH<br>2 pm-4 pm K&D<br>W.I. Garden<br>Meeting<br>7.30 pm Parish<br>Council VH   | 11th<br>3 pm K& D Seniors<br>K&D VH<br>Village Hall<br>Committee | 12th<br>11-12 noon<br>Pilates VH | 13th     | 14th<br>10.30 am Holy Communion Bradley<br>Church<br>11 am-1 pm Puppy Training VH  |
| 15th<br>7.30 pm-8.30 pm<br>Zumba VH   | 16th<br>7-8 pm Yoga VH     | 17th  | 18th   | 19th                             | 20th     | 21st<br>Walking club contact<br>gtcollins@btinternet.com<br>11 am-1 pm Puppy Training VH<br>3 pm Service Stock Green Baptist<br>Chapel |
| 22nd<br>7.30 pm-8.30 pm<br>Zumba VH   | 23rd<br>7--8 pm Yoga<br>VH | 24th<br>0.30 am -12 noon<br>Drop In VH  | 25th<br>3 pm K& D Seniors<br>K&D VH                              | 26th                             | 27th     | 28th<br>10 30 am Morning Service Bradley<br>Church<br>11 am Puppy Training VH  |
| 29th<br>7.30 pm-8.30 pm<br>Zumba VH   | 30th<br>7-8 pm Yoga VH     | 31st  |  |                                  |          |  |

# Hello Everyone

I hope this finds you all well and happy, especially as we have had some warmer days recently which is a joy after all the rain and cold and when everything is looking so lush and plentiful. As early as it seems, this brings me onto the subject of Harvest, an important time in the Farming Community and I know you will join me in wishing all our Farmers a very successful and stress free (I'm not sure that's possible)! harvest in the coming months. Dates for the Harvest Festival and Supper in the Church and Village Hall can be found inside this edition.

The Stock and Bradley Guided Nature Walk, albeit a rather damp affair was very informative and a new date has already been organised. Please join if you can.

The D-Day event at the Church was well attended and thank you to all the contributors. The flowers looked so fantastic- well worthy of our front cover - congratulations to Nikki Dean on her most professional displays.

I was very pleased to see we have a fun social coming up at the Village Hall - Pub and Grub Saturday 17th August. I am looking forward to seeing many of you there. And maybe the marvellous VH decorating team will have completed another side of the hall by then? - no pressure guys! Seriously, huge thanks to Keith, Mark and the team for starting the decorating of the village hall albeit in the rain! It already looks much brighter and we should all be proud to have such a well maintained community building.

Happy Harvest to you all however big or small!

Kate

PS Sorry about the power cut Breakaway members but it sounds as if you made the most of the unusual circumstances anyway!

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# Church Services at Bradley Green

July 14<sup>th</sup> 10.30am Holy Communion  
Rev Sandland

July 28<sup>th</sup> 10.30am Morning Service



I've been reading 1 and 2 Samuel this week, partly to remind myself about the story but mostly because I feel that I need to preach on the Old Testament more. I've thought this for a while, but it now seems like it's time to put my money where my mouth is. Samuel's two books are in the lectionary – the shared list of weekly readings that many denominations of church use – for the next month or so, so is a good time to revisit.

We shy away from the Old Testament, or more correctly, from the Hebrew Scriptures ('Old Testament' implying that its discardable, or has been superseded now that we have a 'New Testament'), because it's unfamiliar and so takes more effort; people, places, mindsets and the overall direction of travel are less familiar than the New Testament. We all know, however roughly, the shape of the New Testament story, from Christmas to Easter, birth to death and resurrection, and we know, however vaguely, some of the names – Paul, Peter, Andrew, Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Judas, Mary, the other Mary, etc. They feel more comfortable, and more familiar that Nahash the Ammonite, for instance, or Ahijah, son of Ahitub.

But I keep coming back to the feeling that in not reading the Hebrew Bible, we move away from Jesus, because those are the writings that he based his faith on. Matthew 5:17 sees Jesus saying, "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.' So, he is inserting his ministry into the context of the Hebrew Scriptures, drawing on them for the new things that he had to say.

Martin Hengel, a New Testament scholar, once said that 'if all you know is the New Testament, then you don't know the New Testament.' And although my Jewish friends would question it when Christians say that certain episodes in the Hebrew Scriptures 'mean' Jesus (look at Hosea 6: 1-4 for what they regard as some prime Christian 'reverse engineering'), it's good to acknowledge the shared heritage, the common conversation that the Hebrew Scriptures and the New Testament share.

Read Samuel!

God bless Richard



## D DAY COMMEMORATIONS

On Sunday 9th June a service was held at the Church to remember all those who sacrificed their life in France and those that continue to do so around the world so that we can sleep easier and enjoy a peaceful life.

Thank you all so much for coming together as a community for giving something up, as those who went before us gave everything up, to mark such an important date in our history. Thank you for those who brought in artefacts to share as part of our commemorative event. On behalf of the Parochial Church Council and the Parish Council it was great to see you all and to share a glass of Pimms.

Steve Banham

The nurse's cape above of Matron Margaret Rose Dean, she served in Europe & North Africa,

1942 – 1945, with badges of service men whom she treated. (Roger Dean's "Aunt Madge")

The photo on the left is Ernest Barnett, Royal Engineer's regiment, who served in both World Wars from 1918 - 1944 (Nikki Dean's Grandfather).

Centre is Thomas (Tom) Dean, 3rd Division Signals, 1939 - 1944 and the book (10 copies) of his experiences which we published. (Roger Dean's Father).

Right is Tom Dean when we took him back to Dunkirk for the 50th anniversary.



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## St John the Baptist Stock and Bradley.

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**July 7th at 3.00 -5.00 pm**

Please join us at our annual complimentary homemade afternoon tea with Fizz.

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**Dates for your diary**

**September 22nd at 3.00 pm**

Harvest Festival Service with produce donated to local charity.

**October 26th at 7.00pm**

Harvest Supper - 3 Course home cooked meal for £20.00 per person  
Entertainment from Charlie the magician (Bar available) in the Village Hall

**Christmas Carol Service**

December 15 th at 3.00 pm with Arrow Valley Brass band.

### The Stock & Bradley Relief in Need Charity

#### Reconfirm new Parish Council Trustees

In the 1600's three parcels of land in the Parish of Bradley Green were bequeathed by Mr. William Jones and Mr. Henry Collier. The rents from these were to provide for the needs of poor in the parish. However, nowadays, the five trustees distribute Christmas Gifts for those in the Parish aged 80 and over, in Christmas 2024 there were 24 recipients.

The four-year term of the two nominative trustees of the Charity (appointed by the Parish council), had come to an end. At the Annual Parish Council Meeting on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2024 Cllr Paul Langham & Mr. Jim Hackett were reconfirmed as the two nominative trustees.

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## STOCK AND BRADLEY GARDENING CLUB

### PLANT SALE - at Bradley Green Village Hall, Church Road, Bradley Green

Our annual fundraising Plant Sale was held on Saturday 11th May 2024 from 10am to 12 noon and proved to be an enormous success. Final income figures have been confirmed, after expenses, and amount to an amazing £1,555.00 - an all-time record. This event allows us to keep our membership subscriptions low, and for us to be able to subsidise the cost of our coach outings.

Our 5<sup>th</sup> June meeting was a talk by Josh Egan-Wyer entitled 'The Very Best Plants for June' which he demonstrated with live plant material. Sales of his plants were keen !

### NEXT CLUB EVENT - was Friday 21st June 2024 Annual Coach Outing

Our next event was our Annual Coach Outing, which this year was to Kingsbridge Farm Garden in the morning, Buckingham Nurseries for lunch and Michael Heseltine's garden (Thenford Garden and Arboretum) in the afternoon.

*Club meetings are normally held on the first Wednesday of each month at the Village Hall, Church Road, Bradley Green starting at 7.30pm, and are free to members for an annual subscription of £5.00 for 2024. Visitors are made very welcome and may attend for £3.00 per meeting.*

*If you require any further information, ring Rob Cole (Chairman) on 07544 832052.*

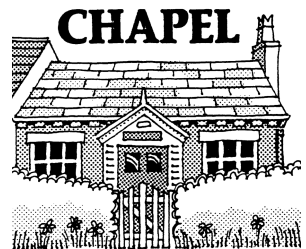
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## Stock Green Baptist Chapel.

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# Village Hall Matters

## Ongoing Developments.....

The weather wasn't the best to start painting the outside, but Keith and Mark (with me & ladder) managed to get the front done before it started raining. One side done—only 3 to go!

Also see our Pub n' Grub event coming up on 17th August in response to our asking you what social events you would like. 'Pop-Up Pub' you said. So here it comes—bar open, handmade pizzas available and no entry charge. Come and socialize for the evening—hopefully the weather will be good enough to eat outdoors.



## New 2024 100+ Club— This month's Winners

**June 1st Prize — £50 Kate Nash (12)**

**2nd £30 Elizabeth Langham (28); 3rd £20 Lisa Hogarth (115)**

## Regular Events at the Village Hall

Puppy Training—Sunday mornings 11.00am

Yoga—Tuesday Evenings 7.00pm

Scottish Country Dancing—Thurs nights 7.00pm

Art class—Monday morning 9.30-11.30am

Zumba—Monday nights—7.30pm

Gardening club— 1st Weds ea. month 7.30pm

Drop-in Social—2/4th Weds ea. month 10.30am

Breakaway Social—1st Weds ea. month 10.30am

Pilates—Friday mornings 11.00am

**For more info & contact details visit [sbvh.org.uk/whats-on](https://sbvh.org.uk/whats-on)**

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# Breakaway

Wednesday 5th June 2024

Shortly before our meeting we were notified that there would be a power cut in Bradley Green, on that date, from 9.00am onwards.

The speaker had to be cancelled and a plan was hatched.

Becky, the caretaker agreed, to put the central heating on early so that the room would be warm up to 9.00am and then the residual heat would do the rest.

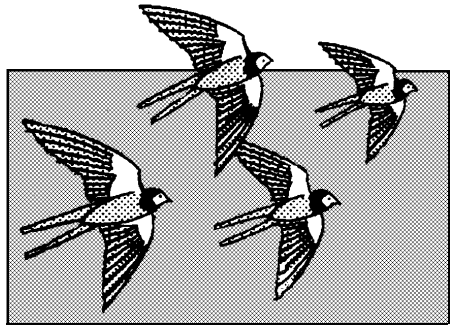
Visitors were welcomed with a glass of Buck's Fizz, fruit juice, or water with a selection of sweet and savoury biscuits instead of the usual tea/coffee/ biscuits.

Rita opened the meeting by explaining the situation to everyone.

She then reported that Olwyn Walker, a former member, had sadly passed away. A cheque for £25 has been sent to the Alzheimer's Society.

We have got 29 names for the July AGM lunch, so far. Can we please have payments by 26th June so that the table plan can be completed.

Rita then read a Poem about the advantages of being a Seenager



(Senior Teenager). Even the fact that we go in and out of a room several times, to remember what we went in for, means that we get more exercise.

We were all given a Quiz - resurrected from the 1990's - the answers were the names of 40 birds. The winning table scored 35/40.

Afterwards we had 2 games of Bingo followed by a splendid raffle.

Gill Clay gave a vote of thanks to the committee.

Most members enjoyed the alternative sociable meeting (and a good gossip!) We might be persuaded to do it again sometime - power cut or no power cut!

### Future Dates

3rd July 2024 - 11.30am - AGM and Summer Buffet Lunch. Further Details from Judy Brevitt 0781 436 7276

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# Rush Farm



A second early morning visit from Gert to study our bird life was organised after the early May morning's first visit was too cold for much to see or hear. This second time, the north wind was blowing. Hard to believe that this May and Spring were recorded as the warmest, still... this time Reed Bunting were seen nesting on the Scrape, and White Throats were spotted nesting in several sites across the farm. A Yellow Hammer was also spotted, along with an interesting grass species

In the cattle, New Forest Eye cases were becoming greater in number, but after taking homoeopathic action last week, this week, so far, all is calmer. Interestingly, we share with trepidation of the 'commentator's curse', so far cases are only in the Young Stock. Measures to separate the cases out from the herd are hampered by lack of space. We are working with Crossgates, having sent them a swab, so that we might have help with a workable solution. Use of iodine isn't appreciated as it stings, which makes getting Euphrasia applied a challenge too. Homoeopathic remedies are currently being added to the water troughs, daily as this is an extreme case.

The cattle are due blood tests for Johnes, BVD, and to check their mineral profile for bolus treatment

and licks to be placed in the fields. This work is for our own records, but also for the Premium Cattle Health Programme, we are working with. Their ambition is to eradicate Johnes and BVD from pedigree herds.

The sheep have been put through a footbath, and lameness has lessened. Our theory is the muddy pastures were getting in their hooves. Hopefully now resolved. The lambs were weighed and the averages cheering. Last weekend Alice completed her sheep shearing course and came back with resplendent bruises on both legs from the sheer physicality of the work. This weekend, with the days warm enough, she will begin to tackle the flock here.

Hemlock is making a late appearance, but with the ground soft, is easily pulled. Some of the fields were dry enough for rolling to take place, and in other fields still drying out, the ruts were driven over to flatten them out. If the drier weather holds we will be able to complete the emptying of the barn, and muck spreading on the fields now accessible to the large machinery.

Rush Farm will be attending Groundswell this year, supporting our fabulous landlord Stockwood Community Benefit Society. A two-day festival where people can share ideas, get inspiration, see the latest technology. We will be there (stand DFB38!) to talk about biodynamics, community ownership, and the CBS model as a solution to farm succession.



## **Save the shire**

Our recent guided community nature walk across The Shire was a huge success with more than 25 people taking part.

During the two-hour walk, local landscape expert Carly Tinkler highlighted some of the wildlife and flora which make this beautiful landscape so special, with the group also spotting several muntjac and roe deer.

"Along the way, to the sound of skylark warbling high above, we passed Dormston Manor, aka Tolkien's Bag End, where his aunt lived", added Carly.

"We peered into the ancient woodland at Roundhill Wood, with majestic oak and ash giving us shelter during a rainstorm, hazel coppice, used for sticks and posts, as it was in medieval times and wild garlic and bluebells, which are ancient woodland indicators.

"We walked back through lush wildflower meadows, brimming with pollinators enjoying the diverse native flora, including purple vetch, bird's foot trefoil, yellow rattle, knapweed, creeping buttercup, meadow cranesbill, lady's bedstraw, and oxeye daisy."

Everyone who attended was given a special commemorative badge.

Our next event is a summer family picnic on 21<sup>st</sup> July at 2.30pm and you can sign up here

<https://savetheshire.co.uk/summer-family-nature-picnic/>

# Kington with Dormston WI

June 2024 - Hearing Dogs for Deaf People

Merleen Watson set a powerful example for the importance of communication. She used technology to ensure that her audience could hear! Merleen has been profoundly deaf since her thirties and is reliant on powerful hearing aids.

There was something for everyone in her presentation.

One in five people have some form of hearing loss and age can increase the problem. Merleen stressed the importance of seeking help at an early stage. Hearing loss can reduce social contact leading to depression. She explained how to arrange for testing and access to audiologists.

She gave examples of ways in which we can all be more mindful of people with hearing loss. She spoke of strategies and equipment to improve everyday life such as enjoying TV programmes; ways to socialise with friends; and the importance of good planning and use of technology to make public meetings inclusive.

Merleen and her husband, Paul, work hard to raise awareness of living with hearing loss. They volunteer for several hearing loss related organisations. A current project is the exciting work currently taking place in Worcestershire hospitals to make suitable provision for those with hearing loss.

They are also enthusiastic advocates for hearing dogs. Their current dog, Zyla, gave a strong demonstration of the various ways in which she could alert Merleen to sound. Just that morning she had notified Merleen of a fire alarm. Following her presentation, Merleen made herself available to provide information sheets and to talk with individual members.

The new afternoon meeting time allowed more members to attend and there was a relaxed atmosphere when those present could enjoy extended social time and tempting refreshments.

## Forthcoming events

Future meetings to be held at Kington and Dormston Village Hall.

Prospective members and visitors are most welcome.

Please note that Kington with Dormston WI monthly meetings are held in the afternoon between 2.00 and 4.00pm

Wednesday 10th July at 2.00pm: Garden Meeting in a member's garden

Wednesday 14th August at 2.00pm: Speaker - Ian Birth - Pershore Wellbeing Hub

In addition to the monthly meetings, members are able to join a wide range of visits, courses, talks and social events.

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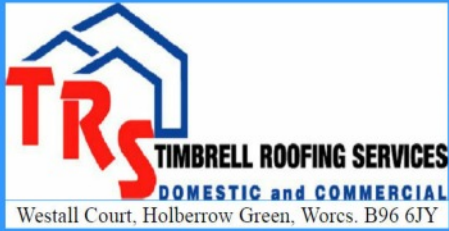
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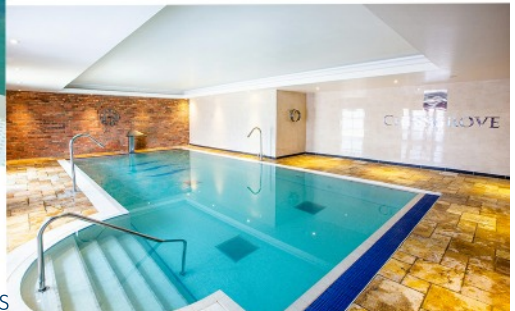
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