

Stock & Bradley *Chronicle*

September 2023

Worcestershire



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11th 11.35-11.50 Mobile Library Bradley Green	12th	13th 10am -12 noon Drop In VH 7 pm K&D W.I K&D VH 7.30 pm Parish Council VH	14th 7.30 pm Scottish Dancing VH	15th 11-12 noon Pilates VH	16th	17th 11 am Puppy Training VH 3 pm Harvest Service Stock Green Baptist Chapel
18th 9.30 am Art Class VH 7.30 pm-8.30 pm Zumba VH	19th 7-8 pm Yoga VH	20th	21st 3 pm K&D Seniors Harvest Festival 7.30 pm Scottish Dancing VH	22nd 11-12 noon Pilates VH 7.30 pm Village Hall Natters	23rd	24th 11 am Puppy Training VH 3 pm. Harvest Service Bradley Church
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Hello Everyone

I really try not to talk about the weather but the front cover was taken on a joyful evening a couple of weeks ago when it was finally dry for three days and Steve and the boys managed to make the hay at last! Nothing like the sweet smell and distant hum of tractors as they whisk it up in the late sunshine after the dew has lifted.

September and Autumnal thoughts and activities seem to be on us rather soon but as usual there are many events and activities to keep us amused.

So don't delay in booking to see what promises to be a fascinating talk by Chris Beardshaw, or if you're after some musical entertainment what about a night with Genesis or our Glastonbury stars the The Violettes at the Harvest Supper? Also in the forthcoming months we look forward to hearing the new organ brought back to life in the Church - watch this space.

I was excited to read that we are having a new big screen and speakers in the Village Hall so when all our real life celebs have left us perhaps we can see some movies without having to go too far afield.

Finally please think about the vacant position for a Website and Social Media member for the Village Hall, do you have anyone in your family who might be good at this? If so please call Roger, you will find his number in the Village Hall pages.

Happy blackberrying!

See you in October.

Kate

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Church Services at Bradley Green

SEPTEMBER 10th 10.30am Holy Communion.
24th 3.00pm Harvest Service



HISTORY REPEATING ITSELF

It was not without just a bit of trepidation when, at the end of July, I received a request from Adrian Hipkins to "give him a hand" in installing a new organ for our Church.

I well remembered more than forty years ago my Dad asking me to "give him, Mike Richardson and David Waring a hand" in installing a new organ in our Church. You will notice in the photograph it was extremely heavy and too wide for two men and the organ to fit through the Church door!



Keith Hearnshaw, the organist at Hanbury Church, and often playing for us at Bradley Green, had been offered a Wyvern Organ from a Church in Quinton, by Ms. Mela Witting, and as Hanbury already had a very good organ, Keith offered it to Bradley PCC. Adrian, lately having become Church Treasurer, was determined not to look a gift horse in the mouth and promptly set the wheels in motion for the move. Off we went in Adrian's van, Adrian, Keith and myself. There was a problem of "squeezing" the organ into the back of the van, but problem solved and back to Bradley Green with the "new" organ. All went surprisingly well and once set up in Bradley Church Keith was excited to play it and to reassure us that the organ would bring great joy to our little Church across the fields.



How right he was. The music filled the Church and we were all just astounded at the volume of pure sound.

The PCC will be making a donation to Ms. Mela Witting to her or her Church in Quinton. So that everyone can have the opportunity of listening to this fantastic instrument, an Organ Recital Concert is in the pipeline, so watch this space.

Tim Cresswell



STOCK AND BRADLEY PCC
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HARVEST SUPPER

Saturday 21st October 2023. - 7 for 7.30pm

VILLAGE HALL - BRADLEY GREEN

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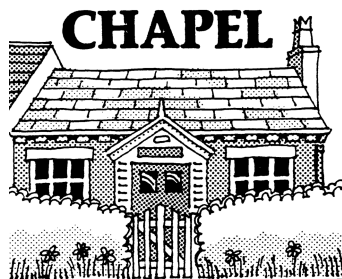
Contact for tickets

Hilary Grundy 07971 472046. Helen Hadley 07876 010323

or **Celia Hart 07790543248**

Stock Green Baptist Chapel.

The **Stock Green Harvest Service** will be held on 17th September 2023 at 3pm. The chapel will be open on Saturday 16th for donations and the service will be followed by light refreshments and an auction of the produce. All are welcome.



Champagne Breakfast

To any of the readers who attended the auction in the village hall on 18th March when proceeds made went towards our local St John's church. They may remember that one of the many items to be auctioned was a Champagne breakfast kindly donated by Kate (our Editor) and husband Gordon Farmiloe

The fantabulous full English breakfast has now been enjoyed by 8 local residents who drank copious amounts of champagne, enjoying a lovely Farmhouse setting with Panoramic view over a wonderful English countryside.

A big thanks to the hosts - Kate (the hostess with the mostess) and Gordon (a generous bar tender) and Believe it or not Kate has said she would do it all again.

So Readers Look out for the next Champagne breakfast a feast not to be missed!



With just over 100 days to go before we set off on our Atlantic Row we are trying to get as much time on the water as possible. With that in mind we decided once again to row around the Isle of Wight at the end of July but became a little concerned on the lead up as high winds and waves were forecast. Yes, I appreciate we will encounter those on our trip, but we decided not to take unnecessary risks at this stage unless we have to. Good decision! This was the weekend of the Fastnet Race where 80 yachts, starting off from Cowes and built for ocean sailing, retired, four were dismasted and one sank. A sobering reminder for us, and our families, that the sea is to be respected at all times and to minimise our risk where possible.

Most of our free time is now spent either attending courses, understanding how the equipment on the boat works, or trying to improve our fitness and stamina. I recently took part in an Olympic distance triathlon in London – a 1.5km swim, followed by a 40km bike ride and then a 10km run. It's a lot easier to write down on paper than 'do'! I managed to complete it in 2 hours 40 minutes and although weary it has made me realise that is the equivalent to just over one shift on the boat: the two of us will take shifts of two hours on and two hours off. And this won't just be for a one-off triathlon but rather continuous, night and day, for over forty days. Hmmm, not sure I had thought this through....

It is of course for a fabulous cause, Acorns Hospice, and it is only with the continued support of Corporate or personal donations that charities such as Acorns can survive. When I think of the struggle and heartache families with children with a life limiting or life threatening condition endure, I am sure you can empathise why Matt and I are prepared to push ourselves to the limit to raise as much money as possible. With that in mind we are badly in need of a sponsor for shipping the boat to both the Canaries and back from Antigua, and if you know of anyone either in the shipping industry or a Company who might sponsor this please let me know – either on 07950 687 089 or info@worcesterbuoys.com, or simply Google Worcesterbuoys for our website.

Thanks!

George Farmiloe
07950 687089

STOCK AND BRADLEY GARDENING CLUB

Our evening visit on 2nd August was to Jon and Jane Segar's extensive garden, 'Ridgeway Barn', at Cookhill. Forty-one of our members spent a delightful evening exploring this remarkable three acre site, created from a field, with extensive views to the Malvern Hills. Jon and Jane provided us all with coffee and cake to round off a highly successful visit.



NEXT CLUB EVENT - Wednesday 6th September 2023 at 7:30pm

We resume our programme of talks at the Stock and Bradley Village Hall on Wednesday 6th September with a visit from Katherine Kear, a florist from Gloucester, who will give us a talk entitled 'Tales from the Potting Shed' about what we should and should not be doing in our garden.

The subject for the monthly competition is 'Three Dahlia flowers - the same or different'

Membership of the Gardening Club is currently by £5.00 annual subscription which becomes due on 1st January each year, so please come prepared to renew if you haven't already done so. Please make cheques payable to 'Stock and Bradley Gardening Club'. We welcome new members to join us at any time throughout the year.

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 2023. Visitors are made very welcome and may attend for £3.00 per meeting.

If you require any further information, ring Dinny Pynsent (Secretary) on 01527 821355 or Rob Cole (Chairman) on 07544 832052.

Celebrity Lecture by Chris Beardshaw

'Painting with Plants'

Stock & Bradley Gardening club

Wednesday 4th October 7.30pm

At The village hall, Church Rd, Bradley Green B96 6RW

Doors open at 6.45 pm.

Tickets £15 non-members, £10 Member's

Contact njdean50@outlook.com or 01386792555

Village Hall Matters

New Audio/Visual equipment for the Village Hall

The Village Hall is about to get another improvement and the forthcoming talk by former GENESIS member, Richard Macphail, on Sept 22nd, will be the first event to showcase our new Audio/Visual system.

We are extremely grateful to local charity The Ratcliff Foundation and to the National Lottery who have provided the funding for a complete video and audio system. Permanently installed and featuring a 3m wide screen descending from the ceiling on demand and multiple ceiling-mounted speakers, the new equipment will allow much better presentations, films and music. It also features improvements to the hearing loop for the 'hard of hearing'.

Installation is scheduled for w/c Sept 11th — Join us on 22nd and listen to Richard Macphail talk about life on the road with Genesis ?

New 100+ Club Draw with bigger prizes

The odds of winning £50 on the NEW Village Hall 100+ Club draw are **1 in 10** for a £20 stake! 12 chances in a year of winning that first prize of £50 & 33 chances to get back your stake! Sign up now—support the Village Hall. Renewal is due now & new members are welcome.

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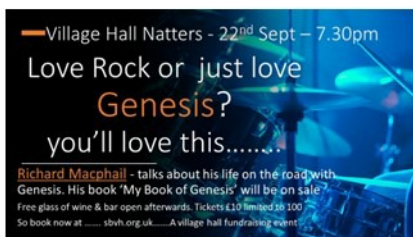
1st Prize—£50 Molly Farmiloe (147)

2nd £30 Margaret Naysmith (£30); 3rd £20 Barry Newton (134)

Next at the Village Hall—sbvh.org.uk/Whatson

Talk by Richard Macphail—Ex Genesis -who is coming all the way from London to tell us about his experiences.

The **Annual Quiz** is scheduled for 18th November when again Harry Heath will be putting our Grey Matter to the test.



We are again running a **Wreath Making** event at the hall ahead of Xmas. This year it is on the morning of Saturday 2nd Dec.

Tickets on-line at sbvh.org.uk/shop or call one of the nos. below

The VH want help with Digital Media Marketing

We would like someone to join the VH team—ideally as a formal trustee—and take responsibility for managing our Website and Social media accounts. In summary the job requires the gathering of event information from the team and driving our use of the website and social media accounts to increase awareness in the area and also developing our usage of such tools in the future.

No-one has detailed knowledge of all these systems but if you have an interest in things digital and can make a positive contribution to the Village Hall and the community; this is for you - we can work something out. Call Roger 07976 165191

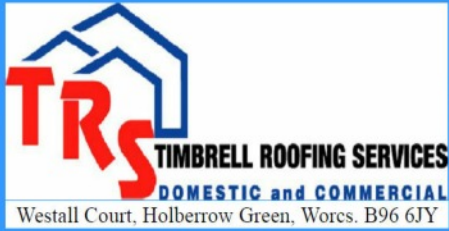
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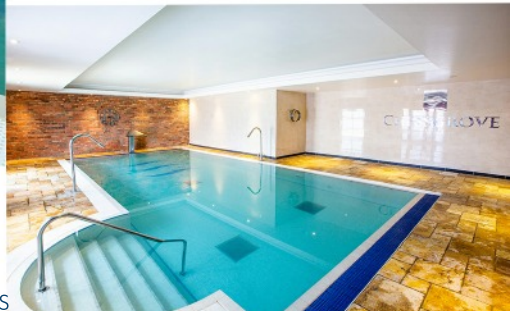
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Art Class

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Rush Farm



August, so far, has been warmer, though not without showers of rain both heavy and misty, so the fields are bright green with lush growth. The misty mornings are giving us an autumnal feel, reinforced by the hedgerows and trees taking on a dark green, and the berries taking on their autumn colours.

Having finished our hay making we are in a better position than those farmers still trying to harvest their grain crops. Unlike last year when the incredible warmth meant the crops' moisture content was almost too low, and driers lay idle, this year they will be in use!

We were pleased to welcome Tim back from a two-week break. Alice and Brendan having done a good job covering for him. The barn is still to be fully emptied of the straw bedding from last winter, a job that definitely needs finishing soon so that the piles can be left to compost down in the fields.

The cattle are looking glossy and very fine with their smooth shiny summer coats and several new calves have been welcomed into the herd, both strong boys, up and about and feeding well in no time at all. New Forest Eye is a problem with some of the calves, but the rest seem to have developed immunity we hope.

A sparrow hawk seems to have taken up residence in the wood, and hovers over the fields next to it. It has been lovely that the sounds of little children are once again to be heard in the wood as a woodland nursery trial continues.

In the main vegetable patch, a corner has been cleared with the help of a mini digger

and revealed a space large enough to contain a row of compost bins and a couple more beds as well! With an injection of young blood to the farm team, plans are being made to restart the vegetable box scheme. Do let us know if you might be interested!

In the house garden a large number of runner beans are almost ready to harvest, the garlic is growing well, and there are a lot of potatoes that need to be dug up before the slugs discover them! The blueberries have been replanted in a fruit cage to protect them from the birds. All they need now is some warmth and sunshine to ripen them. Don't we all!

Interestingly, around the farm, there are more saplings than usual under the oak trees after last year's bumper acorn crop. We have protected one sapling from being grazed, and would like to relocate a few others, however digging them up breaks the long tap root, weakening them – it's a dilemma.

We were very pleased at the end of last week to provide a meal made from Rush Farm beef, lamb, vegetables, and salad for a summer get together on the Business Park of all tenants and families. Everyone who was able to come brought to the gathering a real sense of this community we are all a part of here, and it was so satisfying to see people enjoying our foods – that after all is what we think and feel farming is all about!



Kington with Dormston WI

August 2023 Meeting

On a sunny August evening, members gathered in Kington and Dormston Village Hall for a talk with the intriguing title of "Scotland". What could be expected? After all, Scotland is a prime holiday destination and we are in the holiday season. Those who know John Tilt anticipated a presentation with a specialist twist. Nobody was disappointed. John and Miriam have made an annual visit to Scotland for many years. John concentrated on their visits to the Scottish Islands. Members were able to enjoy splendid views of the stunning scenery. However these annual visits are focussed on the interests of butterfly and moth conservationists.. Their visits are arranged to find distinctive species in their natural habitats with input from local experts. John showed photos of butterflies and moths; animals such as seals and hares; and rare birds including the white tailed eagle which has been successfully reintroduced to some islands. He also shared his passion for wild orchids with beautiful close up pictures. John's presentation on "Scotland" was more than a tourist trip. Members had the opportunity to appreciate the wonderful diversity of our world.

Forthcoming events

Future meetings to be held at Kington and Dormston Village Hall.
Prospective members and visitors are most welcome.

Wednesday 13th September at **7.00pm**: Speaker Caroline Butcher - History of Hats

Wednesday 11th October at **7.00pm**: Speaker Chris Burrows - War Graves
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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WALKING GROUP

The July walk started at Rous Lench with eight participants and a dog.

We passed into the church yard taking in its well kept status and lovely interior. Our route followed a well marked path leaving the church travelling east along a high fenced walkway with the elegant property called "the Court" on our right. To the left was a large field full of deer, some very pale in colour while others the normal russet brown.

Leaving this track we climbed towards Slade wood where we encounter a very wet and muddy track on the east border of the wood. From here we spotted a small solar farm near Morton Low wood. It looked quite out of place amongst the lovely countryside views.

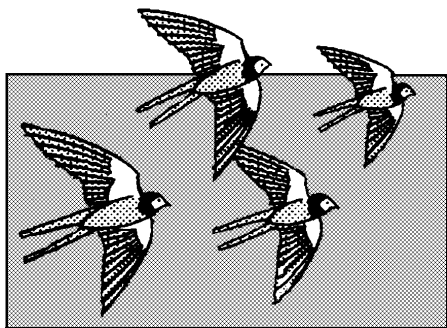
We headed on to Abbots Morton taking our coffee break on the Green near the church.

As we set off past the church a very heavy cloud burst made us seek shelter in the church porch as there was a service going on we could not go inside.

Continuing along the path passing pea fields till we arrived at Goom's Hill crossing the road and returning via a well marked track on the west of Slade Wood.

Despite the rain it was an enjoyable morning and we arrived back through Grange farm which I believe has associations with cider production in the past.

HG



BREAKAWAY

August - No Meeting

6th September 2023 - 10.30am

- Jennifer Rigby - Albert, Worms, and George, Don't do That

4th October 2023 - 12.00noon

- Outing to Worcester Porcelain

Chronicle Appeal . .

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