

Stock & Bradley **Chronicle**

November 2024

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Hello Everyone

The photo on the front cover was taken by Phil Coatup and is, of course, of the Aurora Borealis aka the Northern Lights, one of nature's most beautiful spectacles. In a similar vein, although more visible to us Southerners, are the Supermoons and, as I am writing this, the October Hunters Moon is rising over Berrow Hill.

This is the third of four Supermoons in a row, the August Super Blue Moon and the September Harvest Moon having already taken place.

However fear not if you have missed these as there is still the November Beaver Moon to come. Nearly all of the Supermoon names have their origins from the Native North Americans and the November moon is so called as it was the time when the beavers were particularly active and traps were set to catch them.

Nowadays we have our own traps in the village - speeding ones! - so equal diligence to what is going on is required.

Happy moon hunting!

Kate

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November 10th 10.30am Holy Communion

Remembrance Sunday

Rev Sue Pollard

November 24th 10.30am



If you had a time-machine, where would you go in it?

Are you an intrepid, future-seeking person or is there a period or a moment in history that fascinates you, that you'd like to be eyewitness to?

When I worked at the RSC, I thought that I'd like to go back to the first night of 'Twelfth Night', and see Shakespeare, nervously hovering in the wings as the actors gave the first performance of his play. And, as he was an actor as well as a writer, perhaps he forgot his own lines...

I'd love to be eyewitness to the conversation Jesus has with Nicodemus, in John 3, that intersection of the old and the new; I'm always struck by how open and inquiring Nicodemus is. And how brave too; there's a reason, I think, that he is forced to meet Jesus privately at night, away from prying ears and eyes, as this new Rabbi talks to Nicodemus about how things might be done differently. Jesus is in full 'prophetic imagination' mode, as defined by the great scholar, Walter Brueggemann, as he '*nurtures and nourishes an alternative reality of the world...*' Jesus has the power to see how things might be different, and he lives his life – and ours – in that power.

I'd like to be an onlooker at the Last Supper, watching as Jesus presides in the words in Matthew 26, or Mark 14, or Luke 22, (John ignores the moment...unless you think the whole of John 13-17 is the Last Supper) or 1 Corinthians 11. All are slightly different reports of that crucial moment, different memories or different viewpoints, and I wonder what my memory would be if I were to eyewitness to this central moment of our faith and ritual. And I wonder what people thought then, when they heard the words Jesus spoke; 'this is my body...this is my blood...do this to remember me...' Were they as full of meaning for them as they are now for me, and for us?

We all have selective memories; things are familiar whilst being half-remembered. So it's been a joy over the last few weeks to come across a podcast, new to me, called 'The Biblical Time Machine.' In it, Dave Roos, a historian, and Helen Bond, Professor of Christian Origins and New Testament at Edinburgh University, revisit those things that I thought I knew about Jesus-stuff, and re-colour them for me. So, each 25-minute episode

deals with, for instance, 'Who was Paul', and 'Was Herod really a bad guy?' and 'When Christians were Jewish.'

So, if you'd rather that someone *provide* you with a time machine, and to tell you where you're going in your search for Jesus, this is for you. Give it a go this month.

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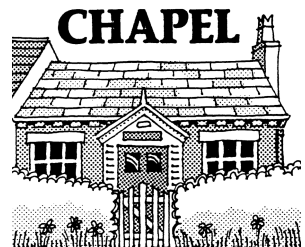


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STOCK AND BRADLEY GARDENING CLUB

CLUB MEETING – Wednesday 2nd October 2024

Forty-one of our members were entertained by Tamsin Westhorpe from Stockton Bury Garden who gave a talk entitled 'Prepare for the Perfect Spring'. She gave us very practical advice about the jobs we should be doing now to ensure that our gardens were looking their best next spring.



NEXT MEETING – Wednesday 6th November 2024

Our next meeting is a welcome return visit by Diane Clement who will give a talk entitled 'The Dark Months - Not Just Snowdrops'.

The theme for the monthly competition will be 'Hedgerow Fruit'.

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.



Congratulations to Mick and Wendy Ralphs

who celebrated their Golden wedding anniversary on 5th October.

Most of you in Stock and Bradley will know this amazing couple, Mick and Wendy who have lived at Rosedene Cottage on Flying Horse Lane since 1976.

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Parish Council News

New Parish Councillor Elected

The Stock & Bradley councillors are pleased to welcome Lisa Hogarth to the Parish Council, Lisa was elected on 25th September.

Annual Village Litter Pick

Saturday 9th November

The Parish Council are organising the Annual Village Litter Pick on the Morning of **Saturday 9th November**, so please make a note in your diary and come and support this worthwhile community activity. Teams will meet at **10.00** at the **Village Hall, Bradley Green** or at the **Phone Box, Stock Green**, we will supply all equipment required, if we get enough support, it will only take an hour or so out of your day.

As usual pickers, tabards and gloves will be provided, **but please return them**

This was the result of last year's efforts, well done everyone!



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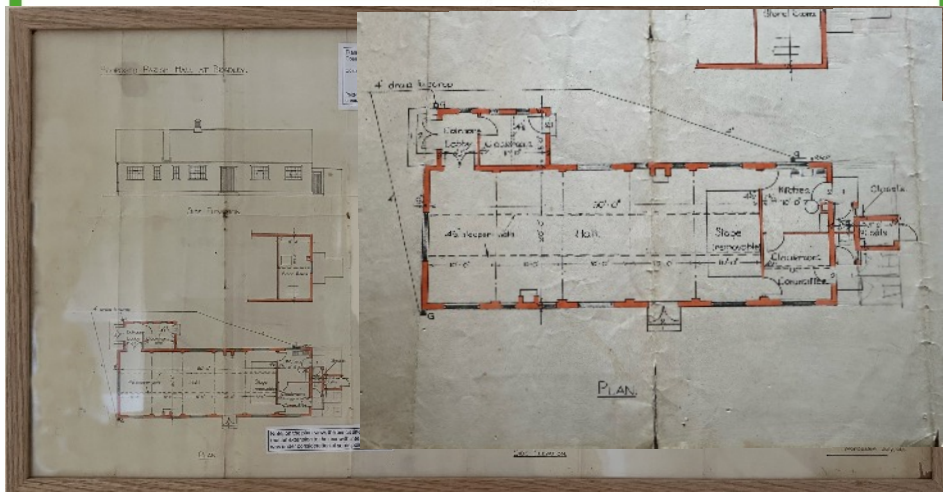
Next Meeting of the Parish Council is Wednesday 13th November at 7.30 in the Village Hall

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Village Hall Matters

A piece of Village Hall history comes to light

An unexpected find. The original architect's 1934 drawing, used to build the village hall, has been donated to us by a member of the Savage family. We have framed it and hung it next to the bar. Look at it carefully and you will see the drawing-pin holes and fold marks where it was repeatedly pinned to the wall during construction. It shows the original outside toilets and coal-cellar as well as a separate committee room at the rear and loft storage. A fascinating work of hand-drawn art—no CAD involved, and there are pencil marks sketched in where someone once seemed to be contemplating an extension with internal toilets.



New 2024/25 100+ Club— This month's Winners

August 1st Prize — £50 Mick Ralph (191)

2nd £30 Shaun Tame (175) ; 3rd £20 Tim Cresswell (139)

Upcoming Events at the Village Hall (www.sbvh.org.uk/whats-on)

Nov 16th—Pop-Up pub and quiz night— A new emphasis on a pub-style quiz with a ploughman's supper and an opportunity to socialize with friends and neighbours. Quizmaster—Mark Warren
Tickets £7 from www.sbvh.org.uk/shop. Tables of 6 people.

Dec 7th—The popular Wreath-Making class —Details to follow

Regular Events at the Village Hall

Puppy Training—Sunday mornings 11.00am

Yoga—Tuesday Evenings 7.00pm

Scottish Country Dancing—Thurs nights 7.00pm

Pilates—Friday mornings 11.00am

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

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Rush Farm



A ground frost is forecast for us tonight, and after the amount of rain we have received in the last week, we are quite relieved for a dry night ahead. The brook is up but has yet to break its banks. However, the ground water levels are now very high, meaning the 'ponds' in the fields are starting to fill once more. Drainage for the 'ponds' along field 8, which runs alongside the drive, is proving tricky. Work we wanted to get done in summer was hampered by mechanical issues. We hope now that we will be able to get on with this project soon. Another wet autumn/winter/spring will start to properly impact not only the amount of grazing pasture we lose, but also the goodness in that grass. Sitting under flood water for any length of time is not good.

Bunds are being dug around the barn, and gully's dug along the bridge path to ensure rainfall can stay out, or get away, but this last rain showed the need for gutter clearing and fixing too. In terms of autumn jobs, the hedgecutters have been, and the fields are looking very tidy for their overwintering. In between the rain we were also able to get onto the farm for spraying the 500. Now though, the land is too wet, and Tim has to pick his route with the tractor carefully.

The cattle have been busy. Six calves have now arrived, two stillborn, three heifers and one bull. The mothers of the stillborn are being supported homoeopathically, one needed the vet's support. Three of the calves are bonny, but one is perhaps not quite as sturdy as first thought. We are keeping a close eye. These calves are all from our new bull, so we are closely monitoring the calves to confirm the good genes we hope he has. The New Forest Eye cases have slowed, and with a ground frost, perhaps we can

hope that's the end of the cases this year. All of the vets are baffled by why our cows have suffered so much with the flies this year. No other local farm has had as many cases as us. Our thinking hats are well and truly on.

The sheep are doing well. The lambs are making good weights, the ewes we won't breed from this year have gone to market. The new ram has settled in well with his compatriot. The new Shetland ewes and ram have all settled in well too.

The big winds last week brought down an Ash tree in field 12. A loss for the hedgerow, but a gain for the Shetlands who have had a wonderful time stripping the branches they can reach! Willow cut down from around the polytunnel were passed onto the Young Stock, who were very joyous in their munching too! The Barn Owl was spotted on the field 8 fence one evening last week, a Kingfisher joined Alice in the veg garden, and although we haven't yet heard the migrating geese, we did enjoy a swan overhead the other day.

With that, a question from Boots: Migrating geese fly in a V formation to save energy, and the V can appear longer on one side why? Because there are more geese on one side of course! There is a technical answer we are sure, but this one made us laugh and groan in equal measure!



Breakaway

Wednesday 2nd October 2024

Rita welcomed everyone to our October meeting.

Menus for the Christmas Lunch were available. Please make choices and payments by 26th November.

We then heard a poem about not being ready to say goodbye to Summer and wishing we could hibernate.

Our speaker for the day was Phil Collins (no, not the drummer) to give us the History of Punch and Judy.

Phil is known as Professor Collywobbles when he does children's parties. He also gives talks to schools.

In 1642 there was a Civil War and Oliver Cromwell banned all enjoyments and theatres were burned down.

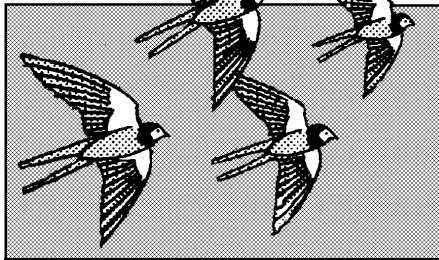
This went on for 18 years until 1660 when Charles II took over. He was known as the Merry Monarch and had 13 mistresses including Nell Gwynn .

On 9th May 1662 the famous diarist, Samuel Pepys, wrote that he had seen a puppet show in Covent Garden. It was Italian and starred Punchinello. This was the first record of Punch & Judy.

The English people realised that this was a moneymaker and soon had their own version of Punch and his wife. The wife was originally called Dame Joan but soon became Judy.

The other puppets were the baby, Joey the clown, the Policeman, a dog, and the crocodile.

The Victorian's had their own satirical versions (a bit like Spitting Image) and Charles Dickens approved of "the escape from reality". He put Punch & Judy shows in several of his books.



When train journeys became popular the puppeteers realised that there were good audiences at the seaside and Whitstable was one of the first places where they set up their portable theatres.

Phil told us that the job is harder than it looks. It is like a sauna in the puppet theatre.

Mr Punch carries a stick that slaps together making a loud noise - this gave us the word "slapstick".

The distinctive voice is made by holding a swizzle in the roof of the mouth. Apparently you are not a true Punch & Judy showman until you have swallowed your swizzle 3 times!

The puppeteer has an assistant called a "Bottler". It was his job to drum up trade and collect the takings in a bottle before the crowd dispersed.

It took Phil 2minutes 10seconds to "set up" and then he gave us a show. It brought back many happy memories of the beach shows at Weston Super Mare.

Mary Waring gave the vote of thanks. She said it was very educational and cheerful - just what we wanted on such a dark, miserable, morning.

Future Meetings

6th November 2024 - 10.30am - Frances Fry - Music, Musicals , and Merry Christmas

4th December 2024 - 11.30am - Christmas Lunch

January 2025 - No meeting

Kington with Dormston WI

October 2024

For many years our speaker, Penny Thompson, worked in international development mainly focussing on projects in southern African countries. Eventually Penny and her husband made their 'Escape to the Country' and moved to the Herefordshire/Worcestershire borders. Penny began to work as a Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages. She explained the legal formalities of her role as registrar and the difference of working as an independent celebrant conducting ceremonies to mark civil weddings and funerals. Her talk was well-illustrated by accounts of situations she had experienced.

Penny referred to the influence of the time she spent in Africa where people were always interested to ask, "What is your story?" She realised the importance of giving time to find out the stories of the people she was serving as registrar or celebrant. She recommended noting down our own significant life stories and making our wishes known to family members. Penny gave a poignant example of a young niece arranging the funeral of an elderly relative unaware of the highlights of their 'life story' from many years before. Penny's talk made us realise that we are all individuals and we all have a story.

Forthcoming events

Prospective members and visitors are most welcome.

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

Wednesday 13th November at 2.00pm:

Speaker Peter Lloyd - Captivated by Calligraphy

Wednesday 11th December at 2.00pm:

Speaker John Butterworth - Six of the Best Christmases

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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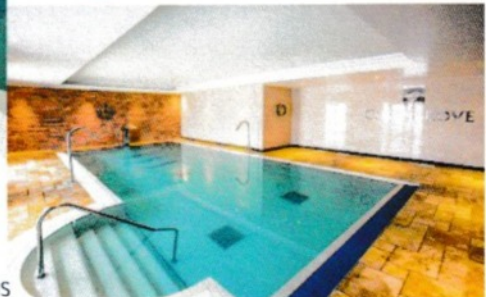
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