

The background of the entire page is a photograph of a village hall. In the foreground, there are several large planters filled with green foliage and purple flowers. In the middle ground, a group of people, mostly older adults, are standing and looking at various potted plants arranged on long wooden tables. The room has a high ceiling with exposed beams and large windows in the background.

Stock & Bradley *Chronicle* June 2013 Worcestershire

Annual Parish Meeting
7.30, Village hall [p9]

**29th
MAY**

JUNE 2013

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
|--|---|--|-------------|--|---|---|
| | | | | | 1st | 2nd 3 pm Songs of Praise Baptist Chapel 6.30 pm Holy Communion Bradley Church |
| 3rd 9.30 am Art Class VH | 4th 5.30 pm Dog Training VH | 5th 9.00 am Breakaway Outing VH | 6th | 7th | 8th | 9th MAD Car Boot at The Bird in Hand Walking Club meet at VH 10.00 am followed by Pot Luck in VH at 1pm |
| 10th 9.30 am Art Class VH 11.15-1.30 am Mobile Library Saddle Stones SG | 11th 5.30 pm Dog Training VH | 12th 9.00 am Gardening Club Outing 10am-12 Drop In Bird in Hand 7.30 pm K&D WI K&D VH | 13th | 14th | 15th | 16th 3 pm Joint Service with Stock Green Baptist Chapel at Stock Green |
| 17th 9.30 am Art Class VH | 18th 5.30 pm Dog Training VH | 19th | 20th | 21st | 22nd | 23rd 3. pm Anniversary Service Stock Green Baptist Chapel |
| 24th 9.30 am Art Class VH | 25th 5.30 pm Dog Training VH | 26th 10am-12 Drop In VH | 27th | 28th 5.30 pm Karen Lumley MP Surgery VH | 29th 7.30 pm MAD Summer Music and Dance Bonanza VH | 30th |

EDITORIAL

Use It or Lose It.

One Sunday morning back in May, I met up completely without arrangement, with a group of people, residents of our parish, at The Bird in Hand. Over coffee and bacon sandwiches the conversation, as it usually does on these occasions, led to how we could put the world to rights – the “world” actually being our own little world of Stock and Bradley. We were a motley group – various sizes and ages, some new comers to the parish, some long standing residents and some who could only be described as old stagers! Yet conversation determined that we all had the good of the community at heart.

We talked about the things we had lost. The village school, the village shop (there were three shops in Bradley Green and one in Stock Green when I was a child) the Village Hall, the Church, the Red Lion pub (There was once, before my time, three pubs in Bradley Green and one in Stockwood). All these facilities which provided a communal spirit to our parish, gone. **Use it or lose it!**

Alright, I know, we still have the **Village Hall**, the **Church** and the **Bird in Hand** BUT how close are we to losing them? I am told that the Village Hall AGM attracted so few people that it is very possible the Hall will not have sufficient people willing to work to keep it going. The Church, with a handful of people struggling to raise the cash to have the roof repaired to make it safe for use, suffers from lack of support from a very large percentage of residents. It would seem that most people want the Church to be there for their children to be Christened in, their daughters to get married in and to be there at the end of their days to be buried there. **The Bird in Hand** one of the last real village pubs still standing and certainly the last village pub in our parish needs our support. Pete and Sarah have not been there long but have already been more than generous in raising money for our Church repairs and are working very hard to keep our pub on the map.

USE IT OR LOSE IT. We, of course, did not put our world to rights, but there is no doubt that if we are not to become a parish without a future, without amenities, no longer sustainable, then we must all, particularly the younger generation, look at what we have and make sure we keep it.

We can all start by attending the **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING** to be held in the Village Hall on 29th May at 7.30pm. Turn up, meet your neighbours and offer your unleashed services – you might even enjoy being part of and contributing to village life.

JC

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Church Services at Bradley Green

| | | | |
|-------------|--------------|---|---|
| June | 2 nd | - | 6.30 pm Holy Communion Wyn Beynon |
| | 16 th | - | 3.pm Joint service at Stock Green Baptist Chapel |
| | 30 th | | 6. pm Group Eucharist Feckenham |



Dear Friends,

I love porridge and I am still making porridge for breakfast in May. I do it the easy way in the microwave. You have to stir it after 3 or 4 minutes and then let it have a couple more minutes cooking. I stir it because it has gone clumpy. It reminds me of something I read about the universe. I mean the universe or galaxies and stars of which we are a part. Scientists say the universe is clumpy. There is more stuff in some bits than others. Like my porridge.

My porridge needs a stir. And so does the universe. I stir my porridge with a spoon. The universe was given a big stir at the big bang 12-14 billion years or so ago. In some unimaginably distant future the universe will even out and the clumpiness will be no more. And all life will cease. (Entropy or the Heat Death of the Universe, if you're in to science) Without the lumpy clumpiness life would not have evolved. No clumps means no stars, and no stars means no us!

If my porridge didn't clump I don't think it would cook so quickly. My guess is that the clumps get very hot and soften the oats. (Can someone explain it better?) But it has to be de-clumped in order to finish the process of making a uniform smooth bowl of porridge.

And so it is in our human lives. It's the lumpy clumpiness of challenges, problems, tasks, responsibilities and of rubbing along with other people, that enable us to develop as characters, as rounded people. We need clumpy lives.

James, who was probably Jesus' younger brother and the first "bishop" of Jerusalem, wrote in a letter that when trials came we were to "welcome them as friends". Tough. Lumpy. Clumpy. But life evolving.

Out of those experiences our lives can finally yield the smooth, wholesome porridge of a life fully lived. And we'll have some good things to share with others.

Let's aspire to be bowls of porridge!

best wishes,

Wyn

Speed Checks in Stock & Bradley

At 7.30am on Tuesday 14th May PC Tony Carter accompanied by Roger the Clerk set up in Bradley Green, an hour later and 100 cars monitored we analysed the data. As this was just a monitoring exercise Tony was unable to issue tickets, however, he did stop three drivers that were driving in excess of 50 mph and issued warnings – I did wonder on one occasion if they would stop in time when Tony stepped out; we then moved on to Stock Green. The analysis showed that in Bradley Green the average speed was 35.5mph and in Stock Green it was 33.6mph, Tony mentioned that if he had been issuing tickets 7/8 drivers would have received one.

It was an interesting, educational and sometimes amusing experience, to see drivers visibly breaking and hearing their engine noise change when they spotted us, which of course was all in vain as they had been "zapped" long before they saw us - and we weren't hiding behind a tree but in full view! Then there were the drivers who drifted past at varying speeds "in their own little world" oblivious to us and everything else around them – it was quite early though!

Many thanks to Tony for taking the time to provide this service, he will be back in the next couple of weeks in his high visibility jacket and he will be issuing tickets - so be warned!!

Roger the (slightly slower) Clerk

Please be aware of these suspicious incidents

30/4/13 - A yard on Middle Road, Stock Green has had some radiators stolen from a barn

29/4/13- A farm off Priory Farm Lane has had a suspicious white Transit snooping around their premises.

If you see any suspicious vehicles, please call 101.
Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Regards Jenny HAWKINS CSO 6567
Community Support Officer



Thank goodness.

Did you ever walk into a room with some purpose in mind, only to completely forget what that purpose was? Turns out, doors themselves are to blame for these strange memory lapses. Psychologists at the university of Notre Dame have discovered that passing through a doorway triggers what's known as an event boundary in the mind, separating one set of thoughts and memories from the next. Your brain files away the thoughts you had in the previous room and prepares a blank slate for the new locale. It's not aging, it's the damn door! Thank goodness for studies like this.

JC

STOCK AND BRADLEY GARDENING CLUB

Wednesday 1st May 2013

The meeting was well attended to hear Tony Cleare speak about the tradition of Cottage Garden, from its development as a means of self sufficiency for food for the table and herbs for medicinal uses., few flowers and shrubs and no lawns to have to cut. It was a haphazard planting with perfumed plants near the house door. Suggestions were made for the sort of planting that we might use today with some newer cultivars from the traditional plants.

Mel Bates



All club meetings are 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 £10.00. Visitors are made very welcome and may attend for £3.00 per meeting. If you require any further information, ring Rob Cole on 01527 821156.

THE NEXT CLUB MEETING - Wednesday 12th June 2013

The June meeting is on 12th June, and is an all-day outing. We start with a morning visit to John Massey's garden at Ashwood Nurseries at Kingswinford, with time to look around the nursery and from where we can purchase our lunch.

In the afternoon we will go to Stone House Cottage Garden, and finally to Rowberry's garden centre near Chaddesley Corbett for afternoon tea and a look around their plant sales areas.

Pre-booking is essential and members should fill out the form in their membership pack and return it to Dinny Pynsent by 12th May at the latest. If you haven't got a copy of the form, you can contact Dinny on 01527 821355 or Sheila White on 01527 545572 to book your place.

Aid for Chirden in El Salvador [ACES]

two gardening events, raising funds for ACES.

Friday 7th June 2013, 3 - 5pm:

Gardener's Question Time at Wick Grange opp Pershore College 3 - 5pm.
Plant stalls, raffle, bring and buy, question session, tea and cake.

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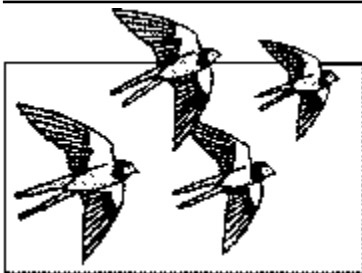
STOCK AND BRADLEY WALKING

Sunday 12th May. Eleven of us set off from Dormston Village Hall across the fields to Piddle Brook meadow skirting the Flyford Arms and up the cowslip bank to Flyford village. The fields were full of young lambs and mothers as we walked through them to the kissing gate and stile. On the ridge we looked at the Malverns to the west and Bredon Hill to the south. A few fields further on we spotted the steeple of North Piddle church and proceeded down the hill through a fruit

orchard and into a garden. A very colourful local told us the history of North Piddle village and entertained us before we crossed through another garden and on past the church. After crossing the busy A422 road we walked up to Grafton Church and sat having our refreshments in the sunshine. On through Church Farm yard and over the fields we entered Grafton Wood. We took a butterfly track and were delighted by the sensational sight and smell of massed bluebells – a truly magical sight. Coming out of the wood we made our way back to Cockshot Lane and the car park as the rain started to fall.

NEXT WALK: Sunday 9th June leaving Bradley Church with Jean George as our leader. After the walk there will be an by American style lunch at the Village Hall at 1pm

Pam Welsh



BREAKAWAY

It was not well known to us that Vesta Tilley, the famous music hall star was born in 1864 in poor circumstances in Worcester. At our May meeting Ray Sturdy told of her amazing 50 years on the stage from the age of 3, rising to become a favourite of the royal family, as a singer and male impersonator. This most interesting talk was given in aid of Cancer

Research.

Our next meetings are –

5th June 9am prompt leaving Village Hall Outing to the **Forest of Dean**
Contact Judy Brevitt on 07814 367276 or Rita Tolley 01527 892446.

3rd July 11.30 AGM and lunch in Village Hall Price £22 to include wine or orange juice. To book, contact Pam Fletcher on 01527 821502 or Sue Griffin 01527 821319

Sue Griffin 01527 821319

Annual Parish Meeting

7.30, Wednesday 29th May, Village hall

Come and join us at this annual event, where we will be discussing the issues that affect the residents of Stock & Bradley Green.

On the agenda will be:

- * Proposals for spending the New Homes Bonus (suggestions welcome)
- * High speed broadband and the Village Hall as a hot spot
- * Launch of the Parish Council web site
- * Speeding in the village
- * Other issues from the residents

If you can stand all this excitement there will be "refreshments" to follow.

Roger the Clerk

Volunteers required for replanting Millennium oak trees that have died.

The parish Council have undertaken to replace 15 oak trees that have died and were planted along the parish boundary in Bradley Green to celebrate the millennium, if you would like to help with this project please contact "Roger the Clerk" at radean@attglobal.net or Midsummer House, Earls Common Road, Stock Green, B966SY.



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Village Hall



STOCK AND BRADLEY 100 CLUB ANNUAL DRAW AND SUPPER

The 2013 100 Club Annual Draw and Supper held on Saturday 18th May at 7.30pm. in the Village Hall.

Ben and Nikki Neale provided the main course and there was wide selection of delicious puddings.

The Draw Winners were:-

| | No | Name | Prize |
|-------|-----|----------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1st. | 194 | Paul Elvins | £100 |
| 2nd. | 35 | Reg Hughes | £50 |
| 3rd. | 63 | Rod Hill | £50 |
| 4th. | 116 | Fran Warren | £25 |
| 5th. | 165 | Kate Pask | £25 |
| 6th. | 53 | Emma Hill | £25 |
| 7th. | 61 | Edna Poulteney | £10 |
| 8th. | 139 | Alan Smith | £10 |
| 9th. | 65 | Sue Gill | £10 |
| 10th. | 180 | Zoe Howells | £10 |
| 11th. | 138 | Martin Gill | £10 |
| 12th. | 31 | B Newman | Purple Glass Bowl |
| 13th. | 148 | Brian Price | Round cream trinket box |
| 14th. | 33 | Anna Butcher | Ivory fabric and sequin jewellery box |
| 15th. | 151 | Jane Jarvis | Black and white hen spoon rest |
| 16th. | 32 | Paul Langham | Black and white measuring cups |
| 17th. | 122 | Bridget Gill | Black and white hens salt and pepper |
| 18th. | 94 | George Hicken | Bottle of Whiskey |
| 19th. | 130 | Karen Teasdale | Bottle of gin |

Members should by now have received Renewal Forms to sign up for another year! Our sincere thanks go to all our Members who continue to support the Village Hall, your generosity is so very much valued. For those who are not members and would like to join, the annual fee is £12. We are always looking for new members, especially if you have recently moved to Stock and Bradley. I would be delighted to hear from you.

Christian Forgaard 01527 821239

Chronicle Appeal . . .

The editorial team would like to thank the following who have donated to the Appeal: Mrs. McKechnie, Kington and Dormston W.I., Mr and Mrs. B Price, Mr and Mrs. B Newton.



FLYING THE FLAG

We have a number of flags that can be flown to celebrate birthdays, anniversaries, exam success,

memorable dates etc. A minimum of £5 per day will get your flag flown for any event. All funds go to the Village hall upkeep.



My thanks to Wendy & Paul Elvins for acting as flag officers during May.

Flags were flown:-

1st May - Breakaway

6th May - Gordon Farmiloe to celebrate last of the 49'ers

7th May - Gordon Farmiloe's over the (Berrow) hill birthday

14th May - Andy's 60th birthday (our brilliant village postie)

19th May - Nikki Dean's birthday

28th May - Dave Elvins birthday



I only have 2 dates for June:-

5th June - Breakaway

21st June - Summer Solstice

(sponsored by Gordon Farmiloe)



Nikki Davies is the flag officer for June - Tel.No. 07828 755679

Stella Wallis 01386 793350

Kington with Dormston WI May Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of Kington with Dormston WI took place on 8th May. Members were reminded of their involvement in a whole range of activities since the previous AGM. There has been plenty to appeal to a wide range of ages and interests. It is also striking how willing members are to tackle new skills.

Mrs. Jenny Cox has been re - elected as president. The committee remains unchanged.

Mrs. Miriam Tilt is delighted to be selected for the Denman bursary and is full of plans for booking a training course of her choice.

Members then debated the conference resolution regarding revitalization of high streets following a presentation by Mrs. Rosemary Roberts. Discussion of this topic proved lively and many members continued to discuss the issues raised during supper and social time.

Suddenly members realized just how quickly time had passed and there was a concerted flurry to clear up and head for home.

The next meeting will be held at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 12th June at Kington and Dormston Village Hall. Visitors and prospective members are welcome.

Mrs. Jean Percival will be speaking about, 'Working on a Canal Hotel'

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| 2012 | | 2013 |
|----------|---|----------|
| | RECEIPTS | |
| 6000.00 | Precept | 6000.00 |
| 2.78 | Interest | 3.74 |
| 2845.50 | Parish Lengthsman | 1524.60 |
| 140.00 | P3 Footpaths | 0 |
| 0 | Miscelanious | 36.00 |
| 952.80 | County Councillor Grant | 315.89 |
| 9941.08 | TOTAL | 7880.23 |
| | PAYMENTS | |
| 2882.88 | Clerk's Salary | 2882.88 |
| 232.93 | General Admin Costs | 144.25 |
| 144.00 | Hire of Village Hall PC | 160.00 |
| 481.12 | Insurance | 485.84 |
| 202.56 | Interest on Loan | 158.09 |
| 1035.38 | Loan Repayment | 1079.85 |
| 0 | VAS | 0 |
| 75 | Donations | 1071.24 |
| 226.67 | Membership Subscriptions | 177.70 |
| 120.00 | Audit of Accounts | 144.00 |
| 22.00 | Training Courses | 50.00 |
| 1462.00 | Parish Lengthsman | 1584.00 |
| 0 | Renovating phone box | 0 |
| 223.54 | Vat Paid | 149.71 |
| 948.17 | Miscellaneous Expenses | 220.99 |
| 46.83 | P3 Footpaths payments | 54.43 |
| 8103.08 | TOTAL | 8362.98 |
| | RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS SUMMARY | |
| 3923.51 | 01.04.11 Balance B/F 01.04.12 | 5761.51 |
| 9941.08 | Add Total Receipts | 7880.23 |
| 13864.59 | | 13641.74 |
| 8103.08 | Less Total Payments | 8362.98 |
| 5761.51 | 31.3.2012 BALANCE C/F 31.3.2013 | 5278.76 |
| | BALANCE Represented by Alliance Business Banking 31.3.2013 | |
| 2025.78 | Current Account | 1539.29 |
| 3735.73 | Deposit Account | 3739.47 |
| 5761.51 | | 5278.76 |

STOCK AND BRADLEY CHRONICLE

Accounts for the year to 31st March 2013

| 2012 | | 2013 |
|------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------|
| INCOME | | |
| £423.00 | CHRONICLE appeal | £507.00 |
| £877.00 | Advertising Fees | £888.00 |
| £26.00 | Subscriptions, sales, interest, etc | £228.00 |
| | Misc: donation from Parish Council | £300.00 |
| £1,326.00 | | £1,923.00 |
| EXPENDITURE | | |
| £108.00 | Postage | £100.00 |
| | Stationery | £26.39 |
| £1,015.00 | Printing (inc. VH History) | £1,140.00 |
| £250.00 | Editors' Honorarium | £250.00 |
| £1,373.00 | | £1,516.39 |
| -£47.00 | Excess/Deficit | £406.61 |
| £1,462.52 | Accumulated surplus at 1st April 2012 | £1,415.52 |
| £1,415.52 | Accumulated surplus at 1st April 2013 | £1,822.13 |
| REPRESENTED BY | | |
| £1,450.52 | Balance at HSBC, Studley | £1,739.13 |
| £55.00 | plus monies in hand | £183.00 |
| £90.00 | less uncleared cheques | £100.00 |
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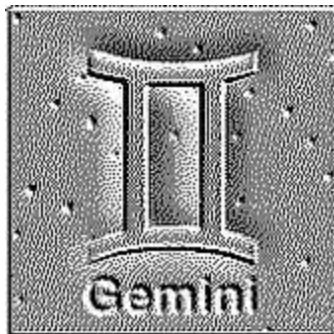
A family concern

Children's page

By Alice Cresswell

June

Not a lot really happens in June, but there is the summer solstice! The Summer solstice is the longest day of the year, and some people have celebrations for it. The first week of June is a half term which is good because then all the children get a break from school! And can you believe it's now been a year since the queen had her diamond jubilee



Monthly horoscope

Gemini

(May 22-jun22)

If you were born between the 22nd of May and the 22nd of June, then your birth sign is Gemini. This month you are trying to be unique. This is a good thing. So do what needs to be done?

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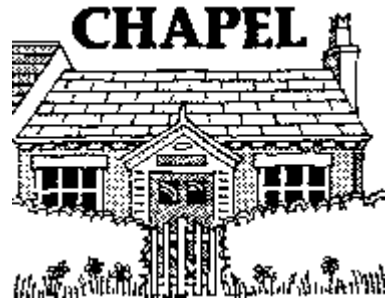
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THOUGHT

THE COMING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT



How quickly we go through the Christian Calendar, - The Birth of Jesus, His Baptism, His 40 days testing, His ministry, His Death, Resurrection, His Ascension and the sending of the Holy Spirit.

Have you noticed how little time and thought is generally given to the main events Jesus came down to this earth for, compared with the festivities of the Christmas season, Easter Eggs etc.

Many find it difficult to grasp that One God can be three persons. Some have found it helpful to liken it to H₂O, which exists as Ice, Water and Steam. When Jesus, (Who, incidentally, referred to Himself as the Water of Life), returned to heaven, He promised to send the Spirit as a guide and comforter – One who would go alongside of us.

There are those who suggest that Christianity would have gained a greater following if Jesus had stayed on earth and continued performing miracles to prove He was God. But He would have been limited in His human form. So He said it would be more expedient to return to heaven and send the Spirit who would influence His followers and spread God's message of Love and salvation worldwide.

Jesus also said that although there would still be hostility to, and rejection of, this message, it would reach the uttermost parts of the world.

John Dimond

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| June 2 | 3pm | Service conducted by Rev. Gwendydd Askew |
| 16 | | Joint service with Bradley Green at Stock Green |
| 23 | | Anniversary Celebrations with Mr Bill Finnemore |



Rev. Sally Morris was presented with a bouquet of sweets at her last service at Bradley Green on 21st April. She is now licensed to Chipping Campden (where she teaches) and Broad Campden. The PCC and congregation wish Sally well in her new parish.

