



Stockbridge Parish Council Newsletter

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Stockbridge Community Market

Stockbridge Community Market are proud to have served us all for many years with locally grown, produced and created goods of high quality. They have consciously wanted to provide a safe, warm, friendly place for locals to meet for friendship and conversation with a cup of tea/coffee. They are proud to be a market run by the Community for the Community and have, for many years, made charitable donations to local good causes where profit allows. They would like to continue to do so for years to come but find themselves running at a consistent loss! This is due to several factors:

- Reduced footfall, many of the customers are elderly and less keen to be out and about.
- Reduced number of producers, several of whom have moved on to run successful businesses (the market is proud to have been part of their journey).
- Reduced products to sell, major producers of fresh vegetables have retired and or moved away.
- Reduced number of regular folks for coffee/tea.

If you would like the Market to continue to serve Stockbridge you can help it in several ways.

- Could you be a producer? Do you like baking/cooking/making jams and jellies? They can help with the necessary training and qualifications.
- Do you love gardening, growing vegetables, do you have surplus for the market to sell?
- Do your chickens lay more than you can use?



- Are you creative and could help stock the craft stall with quality crafts?
- Would you commit to coming each Thursday between 9.30am and 11.30am to volunteer?

Could you make it a priority to buy the locally grown, made and produced goods. Low carbon footprint, low use of plastics.

This is your Community Market

Please Use it..... or Lose it!

You are invited to the Council's Annual Parish Meeting

The Parish Council Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Thursday 28th April at 7:30pm in the Town Hall. This event is an annual opportunity to catch up with what the Parish Council has been doing and hear from the Borough and County Councillors. There is usually an opportunity to hear from outside speakers with presentations pertinent to Stockbridge. Unfortunately, due to Covid the APM has not been held for the last two years, so this year there will be a special opportunity to hear about the Council's activities. The Council also hopes to have a number of speakers from around Stockbridge to brief the community on what their group will be doing over the next year.

Please come and join the Council at 7:30pm on Thursday 28th April for the meeting. Wine and refreshments will be served afterwards.



Plans for the Queen's Jubilee



"This jubilee will be special. A diamond jubilee hasn't happened in the UK before and won't happen again in any of our lifetimes"

Stockbridge will be holding a party for its residents to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee of her Majesty the Queen on Sunday 5th June. The party will be free and situated on the lawn of St. Peter's Church. There will be red white and blue bunting, tables and chairs, shade and music, creating the perfect venue for residents to bring their own picnics to celebrate this historic and special event together. Please keep an eye on the Parish Council website, street posters and future Benefice magazine for more details. The Council has been fortunate to secure grant funding to provide decorations and celebratory items for the venue and for the High Street including flagpoles to fly union and jubilee flags from the Christmas tree holders down the High Street.

It is also intended to commemorate the jubilee with a special and permanent feature that will enhance our beautiful High Street even further. Cllr Lawrence and Mrs Milligan are coordinating the design and planning of a replacement lantern arch at the entrance to St. Peter's

Church, and the Church have kindly given their permission and support to the project. The design will be based on the original metal arch with a lantern in the centre, which it is believed was removed as part of the war effort in WW2. A local blacksmith is making the metal arch, and the lantern will be made from copper which will age to a verdigris finish over time. This is very much a community initiative, and a way for the people of Stockbridge to contribute to a lasting memorial for the Platinum Jubilee.

The Parish Council will be acting as banker for the project and if anybody would like to make a donation, contact the clerk (clerk@stockbridgeparishcouncil.org.uk) or BACS your payment to Unity Bank Acct 20415785 sortcode:60-83-01.

The arch is likely to cost around £5,000, so all donations are gratefully received. A number of donations have already been received which the organisers feel is a reflection of the strength of the community, and the love and dedication to our Queen.

Improvements to the Trout Pond



The trout pond is a special feature in the middle of the High Street where visitors can stop to look at the fish and children enjoy throwing bread to the ducks. However, Stockbridge Parish Council has been concerned, for a number of years, regarding the state of the rendering around the walls of the pond and around the top. The Council was aware that the cracked tiles and generally dilapidated state of the walls surrounding the pond will only get progressively worse, making it look uncared for. Cllr Hill, working with the Houghton Fishing

Club, has obtained a quotation for the work and it is the Council's intention to apply for a Community Asset Grant for half the costs.

However, in order to do so, we need your help. The Council needs to prove that the community supports the planned improvements. The simplest way to do this is by a petition and the Council will be leaving petitions in the shops around the trout pond and would be grateful if you could make time to sign them. You may also email your comments to (clerk@stockbridgeparishcouncil.org.uk) for inclusion.



New 20 is Plenty campaign for Hampshire

There can be no doubt that traffic volume along Stockbridge High Street has increased in recent years. This makes it a lot less pleasant an environment for the pedestrian with increased pollution and noise. Even finding a place to cross the road can be challenging because there seems to be a constant flow of traffic, a significant proportion of which is moving at a speed that is not within the existing traffic speed regulations.

A campaign started by Twyford Parish Council to introduce lower speeds in Hampshire has meant that Hampshire County Council's (HCC) Economy, Transport and Environment (ETE) department has recently been considering the emerging national movement towards lower speed limits in urban areas and, increasingly across the country, other Local Authorities have introduced mandatory 20 mph speed limits in these areas. This move towards lower speed limits is supported by extensive research that has indicated that there are significant improvements to general health and well-being in communities following the introduction of such a 20mph limit. The introduction of a 20mph speed limit

it on Stockbridge High Street would undoubtedly make the High Street a very much safer, friendlier and more comfortable place. People will want to shop and socialise more, without the fear and noise of speeding traffic.

However, local government does take time to implement new developments. So, if you feel sufficiently strongly about this, it is important to make your views heard. Further information about this Hampshire-wide campaign is available on the Parish Council's website under the Infrastructure tab.

Other information on "20 is Plenty" can be found at

<https://bettertransport.org.uk/blog/roads/20-plenty>

or visit:

<https://www.20splenty.org/> - it makes a good read;

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/transport schemes/school-streets> provides an example of some work being undertaken elsewhere in the County.



" A 20mph speed limit on Stockbridge High Street will make it a quieter, safer and more pleasant place to visit."

Update on the Old London Rd project

The project to make Old London Rd a one way street took a step forward in January. Stockbridge PC has already been awarded a grant from TVBC's CIL funding of £95,000 to pay for the work but HCC (as the Highway authority) requires there to be a feasibility study undertaken by Hampshire Services, to look at all the viable solutions to the traffic safety problem. SPC agreed at the January meeting to fund this study in order to bring the project forward and to ensure that the best solution was established.

An engineer from HCC Services will

be attending the site at school pick up and drop off times in order to experience the difficulties that arise at that time. He will also hold meetings with stakeholders and the Primary School. The HCC Service team will also be liaising closely with HCC's Travel to School Plan Dept. This department has already put forward the one way road as a solution to the school safety problems. The Council looks forward to the engineer's report and to moving the project forward.





What's on in Stockbridge

When

Wednesday 23rd March

Sunday 3rd April

Thursday 14th April

Friday 22nd April

Wednesday 27th April

Thursday 28th April

Thursday 19th May

Where

Stockbridge Cinema

Outside Grosvenor

Town Hall

Stockbridge Cinema

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Town Hall

Town Hall

What

The Secret Spitfires

Bean Car Club Daffodil Run

Parish Council meeting

West Side Story

Spencer

Annual Parish Meeting

Parish Council Meeting

Please let the Clerk know if you would like to promote your event with a listing here.

Traffic Survey in Stockbridge

The Council's Traffic Parking Working Group will be holding a survey on the High Street to gather information on why people come to Stockbridge and how they spend their time. The intention is to gain an understanding of the economy of the High Street and to use this to inform discussions with HCC regarding parking. The WG recognises that parking on the high street is a subject that invites many opinions but it was felt that the economic argument regarding the relationship between Stockbridge's economy and parking needed robust data behind it in

order to be considered valid. The survey will ask where people have come from, how long they will be staying and what they will be buying. They will also be asked for their verdict on the "Stockbridge experience". It is hoped to speak to 700 people. The Survey will be held at the end of April over a week, so if you are approached by a person holding a tablet or clipboard during that time, please stop to answer their questions.

Further information is available on the website under the Working Group section.



A Quick Round-up of News

After a gap of two years due to Covid **Trout n' About** will be back this year on Sunday 6th August. However, the organisers are keen to get other organisers involved with a view to handing over the project. **The defibrillator for outside the Fire station** will be installed early in April. The suppliers AED hold online awareness sessions <https://www.aeddonate.org.uk/events/> to train anyone who would like to understand how to use it. The Council has acquired the **phone boxes in the High Street**. The intention is to use one to hold another defibrillator and to use the other for community news. Storm Eunice caused the trees to block the cemetery gates at the **Winton Hill cemetery**. The trees are being cleared and the fence repaired. TVBC is asking the public to comment on the Borough's **future development plans**.



You can view the plan at www.testvalley.gov.uk/localplan2040 This important document sets the policies and guidelines for new housing in the borough for the next few years.