

Stebbing Scene

Your Village – Your Magazine

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Open at last!!!

The Village Stores opened on the 31st August - and living in Stebbing became even better than before. It is a tribute to all those community minded people who have invested their time and money to make this happen. Now it is up to all of us to ensure the shop proves a success in years to come. On pages 3-5 we introduce our new store manager, Joyce Wood, talk about plans for the future and consider how villagers can help to shape these plans.

Meanwhile the busy life of Stebbing goes on and reports of activities undertaken by our many village organisations, show that there is something for everybody. It being summer, we are quite heavy on cricket in this magazine and it would be good to get more information from other pursuits to include in future issues. If you are a crossword fan I'd appreciate feedback on my efforts on page 47, as I feel the need for a change coming on! Hope you enjoy ...

Richard Foot Editor

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Our new village shop opened on the 31st August and, since we went to print, you have hopefully had an opportunity to visit and see how fresh and vibrant the new store is - and what a wide range of products are on offer.

Introducing the Manager

Joyce Wood, the manager of our newly opening Stebbing Village Stores, is a Yorkshire lass from Huddersfield. She met and married husband Michael there, and worked for a number of years in the Civil Service, before deciding to open a gift shop in the nearby small Pennine town of Holmfirth. It is a town with an interesting past, which includes the production of saucy seaside postcards, but is probably best known in recent times as the setting for the TV sitcom, *'The Last of The Summer Wine'*, and it is this that attracted many of the tourist visitors to Joyce's shop, which she called *'The Crystal Ball'*.



Then, as now, Michael was an essential contributor to planning, organising and setting up the shop, which sold all sorts of gifts - from unicorns (myth and fantasy figures) to tea-towels, purses, handbags, books and mugs. Joyce also made up jewellery from Swarovski crystals for passing tourists. Above the shop was *'Compo's Gallery,'* which had lots of pictures from the television series, but Joyce was perhaps more interested in a neighbouring shoe shop whose owner liked some of the goods on sale in the Crystal Ball - so they agreed exchanges and Joyce didn't have to tell Michael what her shoes cost. Unfortunately, bartering will not be a payment option in our new shop!

Joyce ran the shop for about 5 years until Michael was offered a post as head of procurement for Norfolk County Council and they both moved to a beautiful thatched cottage just outside Wymondham, near Norwich, and they stayed there for 10 years. Joyce worked part time for Bonds (John Lewis) in Norwich, and at home she kept hens and geese as well as dogs and cats.

It was on the night that Saddam Hussein's statue was toppled in Iraq, and there was a big football match on the television, that the fire alarm sounded. They went

upstairs to see if they could see anything but all the lights went off. The neighbours were away, and there were no street lights, but when they looked out of the window they saw flames coming from the roof; the thatch was on fire. They rang 999 but, when the firemen arrived, the lack of any lighting and the dense smoke caused them to identify the wrong property and they broke down the neighbour's front door in error. When Joyce called out to them and they located the right cottage, the firemen proceeded to knock down their front door also. Within as little as 45 minutes their home was gone and they had nothing left other than the clothes they stood up in.

They moved into rented accommodation and had to buy a whole new wardrobe, which Joyce says was a lot more difficult and less fun than you might think. Eventually their home was rebuilt but, by this time, Michael had been offered a job in the London Borough of Haringey and they moved into more rented accommodation in Epping, before buying a house in Bishop's Stortford, where Joyce worked part time at the jewellers, Charles Turney.

Then some 2½ years ago Michael and Joyce finally came to Stebbing and moved into their present home. When Peter Hall learned of Joyce's history in retail he asked her if she would be interested in joining the village shop committee but she thought the skills that were most needed were those which Michael used in his work - and of course in setting up *The Crystal Ball*. Michael agreed to join the committee and made an immense contribution to getting the shop up and running. When there were no applicants for the Manager's post, however, Joyce agreed to apply and underwent a rigorous selection process from a field of one. So now we have our new shop and we all have reason to be grateful for Michael and Joyce's decision to move to Stebbing.

Joyce emphasises the fact that the shop is owned by, and for, the community. It is hoped that the room at the back will become a café but the kitchen will need to be fitted out before a license can be obtained to enable preparing and serving hot food. From the beginning however the room will be available as a place you can pop into at any time of day to meet and talk, use the free wifi, read the paper or of course eat any cold food or tea, coffee or non-alcoholic drink purchased in the shop.



The shop will sell the usual range of grocery staples as well as good quality fruit and vegetables and meat supplied by Priors Hall Farm - at the same cost as at their own premises in Lindsell. In addition to regular bread and milk deliveries, Joyce and the committee are tackling the logistics of newspaper deliveries. Dry cleaning and parcel drop off and collection services will also be provided. The shop is opening

with a good range of stock and this can be changed and added to as villagers make their wants known. If there is something you want that is not there, you can ask for it to be stocked or ordered in for you. Joyce is hoping that you will treat the shop as your pantry, saving those annoying extra journeys to a supermarket when you run out of something, and helping you to throw less away because it will always be fresh.

Research is under way on the possibility of placing an order using a smart phone or computer, either for collection or home delivery. It is also going to be possible to pay by cheque and a cash-back facility will save some of those emergency trips to a cash machine. Joyce is very keen to have your feedback on product quality and choice and what you think could be improved or added to, to better serve your needs.

At present there is a shortage of volunteers and, the more who come along, the less there will be for individuals to do - and the more services it will be possible to offer. Even if you can only spend the odd couple of hours or so a week your contribution is very much wanted. It is also hoped that a few more people will come forward to join the new committee and assist in developing the second stage into a coffee shop. There will be noticeboards



for community and personal notices, and scope for the shop to become something of a hub for village communication. The value to the community of this new asset should not be underestimated. Everyone gains, whether you are thinking in terms of the price of your house or of quality of life and convenience. Hopefully you will be moved to put a little something back if you are not already helping out. No-one is expecting the kind of commitment shown by those in the village who have done so much to make this enterprise possible but it is up to all of us to make what we want of it – so have a word with Joyce.

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A Message from our Vicar

Dear Friends,

By the time you read this I will probably be on sabbatical – or as the Church likes to call it these days, study leave. Every 7 years or so clergy (who ask) are given a 3 month period of rest from parochial duties, during which we are expected to do a little bit of study, hence the name.

Many clergy take the opportunity to spend 3 months travelling abroad, but for my children's sake I will need to be back in the country by the time the schools go back in September, so we are just going away for one month, (leaving the Vicarage in the

hands of a house-sitter) then I will be back living in the Vicarage, but not doing any vicaring (I'm not sure that's a proper word but I hope you get my drift).

This timetable has brought to my mind two things I would like to share with you. The first is simply a request; from the end of July to the beginning of November, if you see me around the village, please don't ask me a question about Church, as I won't know the answer, or if I do I won't want to tell you, and as they say, a refusal often offends! My work email will be switched off for this period, and the telephone will be switched through to my colleagues Cilla Hawkes or Helen Pelly who will be glad to help you, or you can just ring or email your local churchwardens. I will not be on Facebook or Twitter either for that same period, so don't be offended if I seem to be ignoring you there.

The second thing is perhaps a little more profound. It is that I anticipate a bit of a challenge for myself during September and October while I am living in my place of work but not doing any work there. As a minister in the church, my faith is obviously very relevant to my work – the two are intertwined. My study leave is probably going to show me how healthy or unhealthy that intertwining is. I have to face the challenge to be a Christian, to pray, to study the Bible and to share the love of God, but outside my normal working patterns. I've been ordained for 15 years now, and I am wondering how my personal faith journey will be affected by this break from parish ministry. I guess I will be writing about that experience upon my return!

I do also anticipate though, that these 3 months of study leave will provide me with a really good opportunity to rest and reflect, and thus to return to parish ministry on the first Sunday in November, fit and raring to go!

With every blessing

Tim

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August 2013

A number of significant events happened at the end of the school summer term which I thought villagers would be interested in.

Firstly we were inspected by OFSTED. It was a 2 day inspection and, luckily for us, led by a very experienced inspector, which meant it was a lot more pleasant and positive than we were anticipating. Our report is available for anyone to read on-line on the Ofsted website - www.ofsted.gov.uk, and also via a link from our own school website - www.stebbingprimary.co.uk. We are very proud to announce that we have been judged a "good" school with some "outstanding" features. This is no mean feat in education these days, which has changed drastically since our last inspection in 2009. This grading reflects the amount of hard work and commitment that we have invested in the school over the past few years and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have contributed to our success. The teaching and support staff, throughout the school, have worked incredibly hard, and well beyond their official working hours, to show our school at its best.

Our children, of course, were the stars of the show and worked their socks off. I know they are always well behaved, however the grading of 1 shows that, not only are they well behaved, but they have a fantastic attitude to learning. The following line of the report means the most to me, and sums up the whole ethos of our school.

"The pupils' outstanding enjoyment of learning and their high levels of concentration play a strong part in their good progress. They are very keen to succeed and take a great pride in their accomplishments."

My personal feelings are that this level of behaviour does not happen by magic and it is the enthusiasm, commitment and focus of the teaching in the school that has enabled the children to become like this. We will do everything we possibly can to ensure this remains the case.



Our pupils performing "Midsummer"

Secondly we opened our cob oven which was very successful and, as you can see from the photo, a great project for the children to get involved in - from design, construction, baking and finally eating! We would like to say a very big "Thank You" to all the people who have contributed to the construction of our cob oven. In particular to:



Year 6 at the cob oven - Photo by Rona Cox

Cheryl Hughes for her time and copious amount of garden clay, Sue Thompson for some wood, Richard Pickford for his trailer load of rubble, Davinda Singh for his time and supplying the wood for

the door and stand, Chris Foile for cutting and constructing the door, Jo and James from Freecycle who donated the London Street cobbles, Michelle Brinkley, Sara Pickford and Kim Radford for their donation of firewood, Rona and Graham Cox for their time over the last few weekends and for getting very muddy, Tracey and Matt Wilson for their tiles - and the many others, who donated sand and rubble and contributed to this fantastic project.

Owls and Kestrels classes used the oven to make pizzas, with vegetables picked from our gardens. We also made a bread and butter pudding, toasted marshmallow, popped corn and fried potatoes with halloumi cheese. We had a great time and the weather couldn't have been better. Next academic year we plan to use the oven again and to vary the veg grown throughout the school year.

Our third event, and another first for Stebbing, was our outdoor production of "Midsummer" an abridged version of Midsummer Night's Dream. This was performed by a group of pupils, from all classes, who were prepared to give up their lunchtimes and after-school clubs to rehearse. The performance was staged in two areas; it opened at one of our newest additions, *The Pod*, and the woodland scenes were then created on the Boat (one of our oldest but much loved features), which had been artfully dressed and lit to appear more rustic and less maritime. Great fun was had by all the performers and hopefully the audience. I am sure this will soon become an annual feature on the Stebbing thespian calendar.

I hope you have all had a wonderful and relaxing summer break and have been enjoying being able to drive by the school easily for a few weeks. The Police cones will be out in place when we return and we will continue to work with the community and the parents to ease the congestion. The children start back on Tuesday 3rd September.

Yours sincerely,

Karen Wallace,

Headteacher

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Stebbing Local History Society



Coggeshall Abbey

On an August Saturday, eighteen members of the Society made an informative and extremely enjoyable visit to Coggeshall Abbey. In an idyllic location on the River Blackwater, members had a conducted tour with the owner Richard Hadlee. The history of the Abbey was punctuated by amusing anecdotes, followed by tea in the garden with an abundance of homemade cakes. There are few better ways of spending an afternoon.

For those residents unfamiliar with the work of the Local History Society, a brief description of two very different projects may help to understand how the Society is researching and recording Stebbing's past.

The first project, led by our Chairman, Graham Jolliffe, uses old manorial documents to determine the topography of 15th and 16th century Stebbing, i.e. the names and locations of houses, fields, streets, markets etc. This is only possible because Stebbing has a large number of these documents - and critically an American professor is translating them (without charge) from medieval Latin into modern Latin and then into modern English. Currently we have about thirty documents dating from 1297 to 1580, some of which go into many pages. It is a unique and remarkable opportunity and is likely to provide research material not just within this parish but possibly nationwide.

2014 marks the 100th anniversary of the start of the first World War and the Society is researching the story of the men who are honoured on the war memorial and some of those who did return - also how the village supported '*their boys*' during those terrible years. The research is continuing with a publication planned for early summer 2014.

2013 Public Meetings [Note Meetings are open to non-members £1 charge]

Village Hall - Monday 9th Sept 8 pm - Ann Rowe: Medieval Parks

Ann will be talking about parks like Stebbing Park, why they were created, how they were used, and why most disappeared. Stebbing Park was created circa 1237 and 'de-parked' in the 16th century but relatively little is known about it.

Village Hall - Monday 11th Nov 8pm - Sue Parry: The Red Barn Murder

Sue tells the story of a notorious 19th century murder mystery that took place in Polstead, Suffolk.

Anybody interested in joining the Society should contact the Secretary, Derek Towler: d.towler@btinternet.com or telephone 856680

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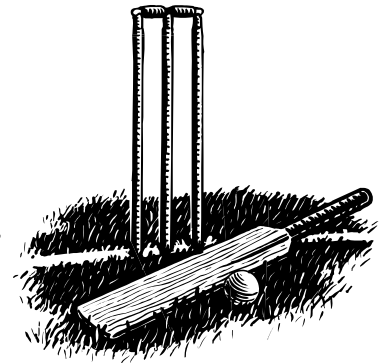
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Stebbing Cricket Club News

It only seems like yesterday that I wrote to you heralding the new cricket season. A lot of water has gone under the bridge and over the cricket pitch since then.

Although the summer took its time coming, we have not lost any fixtures to bad weather, or indeed for any other reason, and are sitting pretty on top of Division 4 having won all 14 of our league matches to date. Division 3 beckons for 2014!



We also had an excellent run in the PDQ league's knock-out plate competition, reaching yet another semi-final. Sadly we lost that by the narrow margin of 4 runs but at least kept a large crowd of local supporters entertained through to the last over of the match. We quickly avenged our defeat to Tendering by beating the same team (at least in name!!!) in a league match the following week.

Our pavilion and ground facilities continue to be held in high regard by visiting teams and we remain grateful to Simon Little and Wally Crow for their dedication in maintaining the high standard of our pitch and outfield and to our ladies for their excellent teas. However a plea to those of you who use the now-broken clock as target practice rather than for telling the time, please refrain from this juvenile and tiresome activity so that others can enjoy the facility. We run on a tight budget and such mindless damage makes it difficult for us to maintain the condition of the pavilion in the way we and most other Stebbingites would like.

The annual fixture against Stebbing Church X1 brought some excellent weather and, watched by a very large crowd, the "home" team won by the usual narrow margin. As ever, a good time was had by all, both on and off the field. Special thanks to all the helpers on the bar and BBQ.

Our remaining fixtures are listed below; it would be lovely to see some of you at any of our league games as we strive to stay top of our division to the end.

Sunday September 1 st	Chappel & Wakes-Colne (away)
Sunday September 8 th	Great Braxted & Tiptree (away)
Sunday September 15 th	Kirby (away)

We also welcome a new club president, Kevin Farr, whose first duty was to organise and host the president's lunch on August 11th. This proved to be a great success, with over 40 of our vice-presidents and entourage attending to eat, drink and watch some cricket on a warm summer's afternoon. We remain grateful to all our vice-presidents and commercial sponsors (The White Hart, D&A Hills, Dennis Locks and Eddy Parsley Associates) with their donations to, and support for, the club. If you are interested in becoming a vice-president, please contact Phil Barker or myself.

Finally, although the 2013 season is nearing its close, we are always keen to attract new members to increase our strength and depth, especially as we move up (hopefully) to Division 3 next year. You can follow Stebbing Cricket Club on Twitter.

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STEBBING LADIES' SUMMER OUTING

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Our evening finished with tea and cake, and we all received the gift of a small book about the gardens. Next year it may be croquet and Pimms on the lawns there!

Our September meeting is **Wednesday September 25th at 8pm**. John Cant will talk on 'Women on Film'. This is based around the film 'Gentlemen prefer Blondes' starring Marilyn Monroe and Jane Russell.

Stebbing Ladies have a stall at the **Village Fete on Sunday 29th September** - We are hoping for dry weather this year! If you are new to the village or think you may like to join us, please come to our stall and pick up your free invitation to our New Members Evening in October. We are a friendly group of women of all ages who meet on the fourth Wednesday of the month in the Village Hall. *New members are always welcome.*

Moira Steadman, Secretary - Tel: 856238



Notes from the Stebbing Mini-Bus

Just a few lines on what's happening with the Stebbing mini-bus.

I would like to say a "big thank you" to Dick Hughes and to Dave Hallums for organising two very successful quiz nights at the White Hart, earlier this year. My thanks also go to Nick, for the use of the pub, and to everyone else who helped to make both nights such a success. I am grateful to the Parish and District Councils for donations, as well.



It has been an expensive time of late, with replacement wing mirrors needed due to busy vandals, an electrical fault and the replacement of the stolen catalytic convertor. So as you see, any donations from fundraising, are always appreciated.

The bus is for the use of all the village, as long as you have a driver with a clean(ish) licence with D1 category on it. The number for all enquiries is 856 892 (answerphone).

Finally, **we are always looking for volunteer drivers** for the Tuesday shopping trip to Dunmow. So if you can spare the odd Tuesday morning, please let me know.

Adrian Greenway, Chairman - Stebbing Minibus fund

Heritage open days

Saturday 14 & Sunday 15 September 2013



The Old Friends Meeting House, High Street, Stebbing

will be open from 11.00am to 4.00pm for viewing.

Stebbing History Society

present an exhibition of their archives – come and see what Stebbing looked like in the past.

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Teas & refreshments will be available in the Old Friends Meeting House

Heritage Open Days celebrate what makes local communities and neighbourhoods special. By stimulating curiosity and discovery, the event connects people with their local places and helps foster a sense of belonging and pride - See more at:

<http://www.heritageopendays.org.uk>

Stebbing Society concert with The Braintree Male Voice Choir

Our sincere and heartfelt thanks to all those who attended our concert featuring the Braintree Male Voice Choir in St. Mary's Church Stebbing on 22 June this year and helped to make the evening such a success. An audience, well in excess of 100, enjoyed a superb and varied Evening of Music professionally performed by this widely acclaimed choir.

Once again we are grateful to everyone who came along and supported us in raising funds for The Essex Air Ambulance and our Stebbing Minibus. After expenses, these Charities have benefited by £250 and £200 respectively.

Old Friends Meeting House, High Street, Stebbing

Stebbing's Friends Meeting House is the earliest known Quaker Meeting House in Essex and is Grade II* listed. Under 5% of all listed buildings meet this criteria.



The House was built in 1674 – less than ten years after the plague and the great fire of London, on land purchased by Stephen Chopping and Francis Marriage for £30. William Penn is reputed to have met with the Stebbing Friends before embarking on his journey across the world and founding Pennsylvania, USA.

The Stebbing Meeting was discontinued in 1884 with 14 members remaining and the building gradually fell into disrepair until 1921, when using money left over from the War Memorial fund, it became a Men's Institute. The Quakers sold the building to the village in 1950, with Mr James Lanyon and Mr E Pulford generously donating towards the legal costs.

By 1984, the building was once again in a sorry state, and Tuddy Holles with the Stebbing Society, raised money to repair the roof and carry out essential repairs.



At this time, the building still had wood on earth floors, planks for sitting, no water and no drainage or gas. The Parish Council, under the guidance of Dr Charles Going and Jim Newbrook, successfully applied for Heritage Lottery Funding to restore and update the Meeting House. In 1995 plans were drawn up for repair and improvement and, with the support of English Heritage, the magnificently restored building was reopened in 1997.

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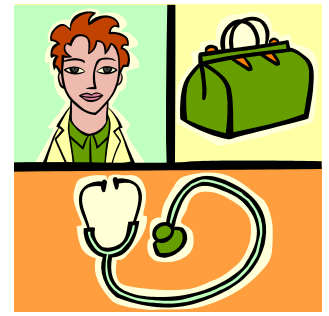
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The Mad Medic

Hello dear friends and neighbours, I hope that all is well with you. I did have some embarrassing faux pas to tell you about - but will save those for another time as everyone locally has been hit for six at the very sad passing of Brenda Smith, Joan and Derek Sewell's precious daughter. So heart breaking but they have been touched by the amazing number of lovely messages sent to them via my social network link and their own family member social network links. I pray that they have the strength to get through this terrible time and that they know how much love is being sent out to them from our village as a whole.



On a lighter subject, my first 'proper' organised fund raiser a few Christmases ago was devastatingly snowed out, so I was a wee bit wary of doing another but, being a mad Sagittarian, I thought what the heck, in for a penny out for a pound, and hence my event idea was born. On Sunday 25th August, 11-30am until 5-00pm, I am hosting a *Medieval Re-enactment and Family Fun Day* at Helena Romanes School and sixth form College, thanks to the generosity of Simon Knight, Head of school, Ceri Weston (Simon's PA) and Claire Gypps & her grounds crew. I am incredibly excited about it as we have some great people doing mobile catering, ice cream, inflatables, craft stalls, our version of Tombola, cup cakes/jams etc., Tuck shop, cloth collectables, sugar crafting, beer area, face painting/henna tattoos, mini taster therapies etc. The feed back so far has been fantastic, which is such a buzz. People have phoned me to ask if it is okay for them to dress up in their choice of costume - and of course it is; we are going to have fun. Dress up your prams/pushchairs and wheelchairs to win a prize. Vegetarian food is also an option. If you go to my event you will be helping me to finish my project in Mumbai and spruce up one of the very basic homes for girls that I have been involved with for 16 years. I also hope to do something nice for Brenda Smith's family on behalf of everyone. Some people have asked if they can leave little gifts for my Mumbai children with me on the day and a couple of people have offered to donate prizes - thank you so much, I am so appreciative. My next Mumbai trip is coming up very fast and all is on track nicely. Bob, who is one of the Medieval players, went to Mumbai with me last year and is going again this year with 4 other friends to help with the project. The children are all beside themselves with excitement and I long to hug them and do some 'mummy' nurturing, I love them so much. Take care everyone, lots of love

Valerie xxxxx

Thank you -

to Tim and Sue Gates for your kind donation and offer to possibly help on the day, to the Friends of Dunmow Primary for your kind coffee morning donation, to Peter and Sandie Merrifield for offering to man the gate for a few hours, also to lovely Julie Howe at Uttlesford district council for her great help with my event licence. You are all stars.

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Painted Lady

Unless you walk around with your eyes closed, you cannot help but have noticed the sheer profusion and variety of butterflies this summer. This year's abundance is all the more striking when compared with last year's dearth.

Some butterfly species, the early emergers such as Brimstones and Orange Tips, did not fare so well this year because of the prolonged spell of wet, cold and windy conditions of the early months. Being cold-blooded, the lack of sun and warmth made it physically difficult for them to fly - and the necessary energy-providing nectar-bearing flowers, difficult to find.

Whilst we complained at the unremitting dismal and cold conditions and were still huddled in our winter coats in June, so, in their own ways, were the butterflies protected from the elements: some as hibernating adults, some as pupae (chrysalids) and still others as cocooned caterpillars. Then, finally, the weather broke and summer arrived. The sun shone, temperatures soared, the wind calmed and it stopped raining and it went on and on, virtually unabated - perfect for butterflies!

Different butterfly species are on the wing at different times throughout the warmer months. Their flight is timed to coincide with the availability of the food plants their larvae (caterpillars) feed on, rather than the availability of nectar-bearing flowers that the adult butterflies might feed on. The caterpillars of each butterfly species are fussy about their food and have a restricted range of just a few (and occasionally only one) plants that they find palatable. These are rarely garden plants and are more likely to be regarded by gardeners as worthless weeds.



Peacock



Small Tortoiseshell

Amongst the insect visitors to my garden this year, have been butterflies with unlikely sounding names such as Ringlet, Meadow Brown, Gatekeeper, Common Blue, Comma, Peacock, Small Skipper, Small Tortoiseshell, Painted Lady, Red Admiral, the ubiquitous Large (Cabbage) and Small White and lately, a new-generation Brimstone. To lure them to my garden I have deliberately provided them with a succession of nectar-rich flowers - for I am under no illusion that my garden plants are of little interest to them in any other way. So, when next you spy a butterfly in your garden it is worth reflecting that they are only visitors and, without those few places we neglect to cultivate or mow, we would not be able to enjoy watching the beautiful adult butterflies in our gardens.

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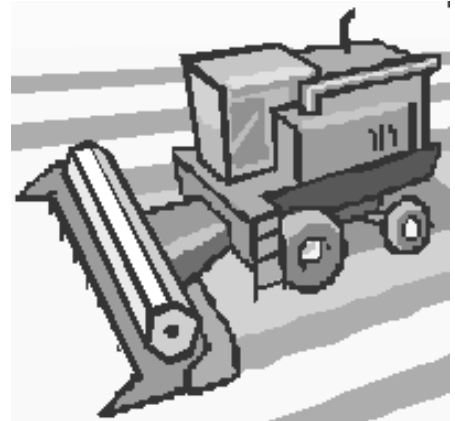
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Farming Diary

We had a good crop of grass this year for hay and silage thanks to the wet weather earlier in the year, and the warm spell which followed it. The first cut was in June, after which we turned it once a day for three or four days to let the sun dry it out before baling and carting it home. Most of the hay is sold on to horse customers, but two loads went to Ireland for cattle feed (silage). The grass for this was only turned once and then baled and wrapped in plastic when still wet. A second hay cut started at the beginning of August. It may surprise some that this year there has been more profit in silage being transported all the way to Ireland than in the local market for hay.



Around 850 hectares of wheat was planted last October and was sprayed in the second week of June. With the cold weather continuing into the spring, everything was a couple of weeks behind and didn't start growing properly until May - so we didn't start harvesting it until the beginning of August. Fortunately the recent warm weather has helped the wheat to catch up a little so there should be an average yield.

The rape crop however has been something of a disaster thanks to the cold spring and the number of pigeons feeding on it. Although it was planted in the first week of August in 2012 it is so poor that it can't be harvested until the end of August. It meant that we were drilling for next year's crop some three weeks or so before harvesting this year's crop - which is something that hasn't happened before.

In farming today we have to diversify into other areas to make the best use of all our resources - and this is particularly true for us now that I've joined my father and uncle in working the farm. It couldn't support us all without our undertaking other activities like combining, spraying and general farm work for other landowners. I've also been out with a digger shifting soil from building sites, ditching or clearing driveways. The farm will always be the priority though - and I can't see myself wanting to do anything else.

Toby Hills, Carter's Farm

Editor's Note

A big thank you to Toby for taking time out to produce this quarter's diary in the middle of the busiest time of the farming year. Recently I've seen his tractor driving past my cottage as I'm getting up in the morning and also late at night when most are in bed. Toby is an active member of Dunmow Young Farmers (which I think means he goes to lots of parties) and is going to their National AGM next May as a representative for the area. They don't meet in July and August because there is much too much else to do at harvest time - but perhaps he can tell us more about what young farmers get up to in a future issue.

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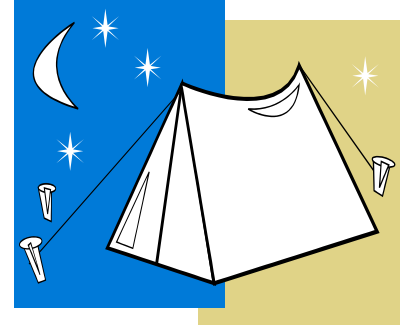
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Scout Group Community Service Project

For Community Week, the Group, with all leaders and adult helpers, moved on to Stebbing Green for a weekend, with the blessing of the Parish Council. The aim was to carry out conservation work, the end result being that they all achieved the Environment Partnership Award.



Beavers and cubs began their weekend by planting hundreds of snowdrops in the wild flower area, while the scouts set up their camp. At an earlier cub meeting during the term one of our dads pre-cut wood for "bug hutches" which the cubs then assembled. These were distributed around the green in trees etc. Cubs and beavers went home mid afternoon leaving adults and scouts to enjoy a night's camp.



Sunday morning at 8.00 am the beavers arrived, having been invited to breakfast by the scouts. Hot dog rolls were devoured (with the usual dripping tomato sauce).

The main task for the weekend then continued, which was clearing, dragging and burning previously cut branches of hedgerow. There were also two dead trees that had been felled. These ended up on the fire.

The scouts finished off their weekend by creating "log pile" habitats around the pond and in the blackthorn scrub.

After breaking camp everyone then returned home, tired, but very happy with a job well done.

John Edwards
Group Scout Leader



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Obituaries/Announcements

Marion Thompson.

Marion Thompson will be fondly remembered, together with Alan Sim, for her kindly musical support for many social clubs all around the county and beyond. Even when her health deteriorated, she and Alan were tireless with the willing help they extended to others.

At her funeral service on 30th July, her warm friendship, familiar to so many in Stebbing, was recorded by two old friends from her student and teaching days. Marion delivered *Stebbing Scene* to households around Duck End, Stebbing for many years and, for this and her other village activities, Stebbing will miss her.

DP. August '13

Brenda Smith

From Facebook 23 August 2013 by Caroline Sewell:

I would like to let people know that my lovely sister, Brenda, will be laid to rest on 6th September 2013 at 12 noon, Three Counties (Crematorium), High Garrett, CM7 5PB.

"Love her loads and miss her like crazy"

A full obituary will appear in next quarter's Stebbing Scene

Patricia (Pat) Childs

We were sorry to learn of Pat's death on Monday 19th August 2013, following a long and courageous fight against cancer. Pat & Bill moved to Nottinghamshire last April to be with the family and, with their tremendous support, she was able to die peacefully at home with her son, daughter in law and grandchildren.

Her funeral will be in Nottinghamshire, on Wednesday 4th September and a Memorial Service will be held in St Mary's Church, Stebbing on Saturday 7th September 2013 at 12 noon.

All friends will be welcomed.

JK.



THE ANNUAL STEBBING X1 VS CHURCH X1 CRICKET MATCH FRIDAY 12TH JULY 2013

A text from Phil Barker read "Ye olde gauntlet is thrown down for a match upon Lanyon's field if ye feel brave enough to accept !" It heralded the start of the annual Village vs Church Cricket match – the reply, "Verily we shall be there for the ancient contest of leather against willow – the ball shall be smote to all corners of your field!" This however started the usual accusations of imported players, bribery and poaching of players (not in the culinary sense you understand – it hasn't quite got to that yet)!



As you may recall, the evening was glorious – plenty of sun and a gentle breeze – perfect. Special thanks to Steve Sparrow and Paul Short who managed to keep control on proceedings as umpires. The Village X1 batted first and in strode Rob Harrington, wielding a bat that resembled a railway sleeper, and promptly dispatched two balls for six runs each. "Oh great," the fielders thought, "here we go again – a thrashing," and then something quite remarkable occurred. Andy Kemp, the head of the Kemp clan – who let's face it always saves us from embarrassment, tempted the mighty Harrington to send a catch to one of our youngest and recent recruits, Jack Verallo, who held on to the catch brilliantly. There ensued a collapse, instigated by Andy Kemp and a certain Andy Yapp. The wicket we really wanted was Kevin Meakin's, who is a very composed and polished cricketer; he was Yapped ! The ball somehow kicked up, hit his glove and literally plopped into the Vintners gloves who uttered a rather belated and startled "Howzat!"

The Village were 25 for 5 – unheard of - and we were all getting slightly nervous that when it was our turn to bat their bowlers would probably start their run up on the boundary, with the resulting carnage. Thankfully things returned to normal and Messrs Townend, Bartlett, Farr, Little and Crow restored the balance, resulting in their team's final score after 20 overs of 156 for 7. Not however until our other new recruit Patrick Matthews bowled well and took a catch – and Jack Verallo finished his debut with some tidy bowling and a caught and bowled.

It was now the Church's turn to bat and a certain Rev Tim had obviously been having a word with The Boss and put in a masterful display. Mike Kemp, as ever, ably supported Tim and scored a magnificent 27. However the statutory collapse

ensued and the Church, at one stage, were 53 for 7. I think the Village team took pity on us and, due to some spirited batting from that man Andy Yapp and the Vintner (who had borrowed Rob Harrington's mega bat!), the church score was 111 for 9.

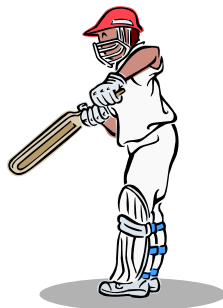
Whilst all this drama was taking place on the pitch, James Crick (who you may remember is usually the Church Captain but had sustained a shoulder injury, strenuously denying that alcohol was involved) was barbecuing with Rob Gardner. This is usually a relatively sedate affair, but with a hungry crowd of approximately 150 people they cooked 100 sausages and 100 burgers! Many thanks chaps – over and above the call of duty! Just think when the first of these matches took place about 8 years ago I believe we had about 20/25 spectators.

Also a huge thanks must go to Sharron Sparrow, Teresa Taylor and Cathy Beaven, who worked the bar so well and kept the liquid refreshment flowing! We would just like to really thank Stebbing Cricket Club for the generous use of their facilities for this event; the cleanliness of the pavilion and superb state of the wicket and outfield doesn't just happen by accident. There are volunteers who give selflessly of their time to ensure that all is as it should be. I do know that it would be much appreciated if Stebbing Cricket Club home games were better supported by the local community – they are doing very well at the moment and we are very lucky to have such a facility on our doorsteps.

Some of you may remember a certain local resident, Bob Holles, who played for Stebbing Cricket Club and was a very accomplished author. Indeed he had one of his books turned into a film starring Dickie Attenborough, Jack Hawkins and Mia Farrow. He also wrote a wonderful book called "The Guide to Real Village Cricket" and I think it would be right to let him have the last word here taken from the end of the preface ..

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The Vintner



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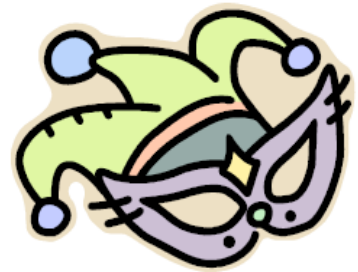


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STEBBING PARISH COUNCIL

Proposed development north of Stebbing Primary School and on land to the rear of Garden Fields and Parkside

Following the Public Consultation on 13th July 2013, regarding the above development, there appears to be some misunderstanding of the role of Stebbing Parish Council (SPC) in both the consultation and the proposed development. The consultation was solely arranged by the landowner and his agent. It was proposed by the agent that this should be undertaken at a SPC meeting, but SPC suggested that it would be more appropriate that the exhibition be held at a time and place where as many Stebbing Residents as possible could attend. This subsequently happened on 13th July.

In the consultation documents it states, *"In the emerging Local Plan for Uttlesford, part of the site has been identified for the development of a minimum of 10 dwellings. This allocation has been supported in principle by the Parish Council."* To clarify, SPC commented on the site that was identified and not the allocation of dwellings. It was felt by SPC, as Stebbing had been identified by Uttlesford District Council (UDC) as a village that should have small scale development, that rather than not comment on the proposed sites, it would be to the advantage of Stebbing to try and limit this to a small development site. SPC therefore supported the acceptance of the site that comprises 0.7 hectares to the east of Parkside & Garden Fields (Policy Area 1 in the consultation papers of 13th July).

At no time did SPC state the number of dwellings that it might accommodate. The proposal agreed by SPC was that *"Stebbing Parish Council recommends a realignment of the village development limit to allow development extending from the end of Garden Fields to the rear hedge."* Therefore the plan, as presented at the public consultation, was not supported by SPC in it's proposal. At the time of going to press SPC have made no comment on the proposed development and await the plans that are submitted to UDC for approval. SPC will then comment as part of UDC planning consultation process.

Stebbing Parish Council Vacancy

Stebbing Parish council has a vacancy for a Parish Councillor, and are looking to co-opt an individual to that role.

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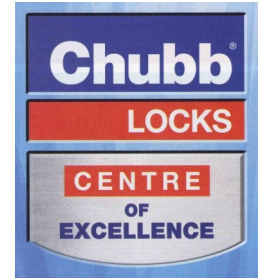
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As always, we are grateful to all those new members who joined us this season, however the Club is always looking for more players and welcomes new members of all ages. No experience is needed and free tuition is readily available.

There will be our normal 'Open Weekend' in April 2014, details of which will be publicised in the March Issue of Stebbing Scene. In the meantime, there are still a few playing weeks left this season for anyone to come along on a Thursday evening.

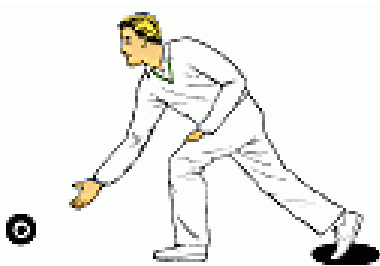
So, if you are at all interested, why not pop in for a drink and a chat and try your hand at bowling in readiness for a start next season. We are a very friendly club and you would be made very welcome. We look forward to seeing you then.

If there are any queries, then please do not hesitate to contact John on 01371 856155.

John Pitkethly (Club Secretary)



It's taken me 40 years



At last I responded to the invitation to try and bowl at the fabulous Stebbing Bowling Club, which was formed in 1903.

The welcome was wonderful. I'd never played bowls seriously - and the last time was 50 years ago. Members were so encouraging and helpful as they retrieved the odd bad bowl. Usually, at Stebbing, games are played with three in a team - with the least experienced player going

first. Any embarrassment caused by a wayward bowl is soon passed over with the help of the village's wits.

Tuesday is a social evening where mixed teams are drawn from a bag and it is a wonderful way of meeting other players. On Thursday, teams are chosen and new members are immediately included.

I love playing this old traditional English game in the heart of our village. The season is drawing to a close, competitions are at the final stages, social events are under way and work will soon commence to give the green that extra TLC required to ensure that it will be approved for next year's interclub matches.

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Macmillan Cancer Support teams aim to help people with cancer – from the day they are diagnosed, through treatment and afterwards. The more money collected, the more people can be given this support. Advisers, nurses and therapists provide high quality, up to date cancer information for patients, their families and carers.

Jenny McGinn used to host a Macmillan coffee morning annually at Williams Farm, raising a great amount of money with the help of friends and family. With the encouragement of the church, we have decided to hold the event centrally in the Village Hall, in the hope that villagers will choose to support us.

Cancer is the toughest fight most of us will ever face. The Macmillan charity offers medical, emotional, practical and financial support – but all this costs money.

If you would like to help out in any way, or simply come for coffee we will be so very pleased to see you. We acknowledge that this will be a busy week-end for the village, due to the Stebbing Fete. Therefore, we are not contacting local organisations and businesses to seek donations/help. But we are appealing to *YOU* – to invite you to come and join us for coffee and perhaps, to donate a gift and buy from the bring and buy stall.

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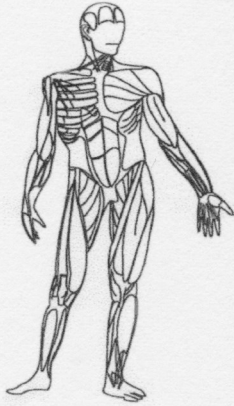


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The Return of the Native

The return of 'natives' to Stebbing is always good to see, especially when the family has lived here for a number of years. Recently welcomed back to live in Stebbing is Richard Bazlinton, the youngest son of Stephen and Joan who have lived in the village since 1973. Richard is married to Bequi and they are expecting their first child in October.

Richard was educated at Stebbing School and Helena Romanes. He took a degree at Southampton in Biochemistry and Physiology, lived and worked in Bristol and then decided that Dentistry would be the direction to pursue. He studied at Guy's Hospital in London and has now joined his father's practice in Dunmow.



The Market Place Dental Group has a long history. Peter Brown was the first practitioner in the sixties and Stephen Bazlinton and Alan Wild joined Paul Munford there in the nineties. Richard joining the current partnership will continue this longest established practice into the future.

Stephen Bazlinton

Happy Anniversary!



Olive and Reg Frost on their 63rd
Wedding Anniversary

Last Autumn *The Scene* included an article about Reg Frost's life in Stebbing since he was born here in 1924. He was married to Olive on the 22nd July 1950, 63 years before this photograph was taken. The couple remember that it was a nice sunny day, though not as hot as this year.

They married in St Mary's and had their reception at the Mill. They had to leave at 4pm to catch a train from Bishop's Stortford to London, followed by a taxi to Paddington to catch the 6.05 to take them to their honeymoon in Porthcawl. These were the days of post-war food rationing and, even though staying in a hotel, they still had to take their ration cards for meat and groceries in order to buy their food. They remember their first meal being a cold salad when they arrived at 11pm.

Olive has promised to talk about her childhood in the Mill for a future issue.

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Our speaker was Peter Maggs, the author of a fascinating book entitled "*Henry's Trials*." It told the story of a notorious miscarriage of justice, eventually righted, involving a case brought against John Henry Hatch, sometime chaplain of the prison now known as Wandsworth. Members and guests found the talk gripping and, apart from the drama of the legal shenanigans, they also learned something about what was considered progressive prison policy in the last century. The visual accompaniment, consisting of illustrations taken from the book, helped to bring the whole amazing story to life.

On one of the hottest days of the summer a coach load of members enjoyed a pleasant day in Southwold, where some people visited a distillery and others a brewery. That outing may well be repeated next year.

Other recent events include a Scrabble and Supper evening at the home of the Chairman. The format was short games to allow as many changes of opponents as possible; scores were recorded and the person with the highest score over all four games won a prize. Scrabble was followed by a delicious supper. It is hoped that further Scrabble evenings will be held, as everyone found it challenging and fun. Some of the Groups are resting during August, but there is still plenty going on. A third canal boat trip along the river Stort will be taking place in August and, as with so many of our events, food is included.



The U3A Walking Group on a walk in Pleshey

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Anne Howard



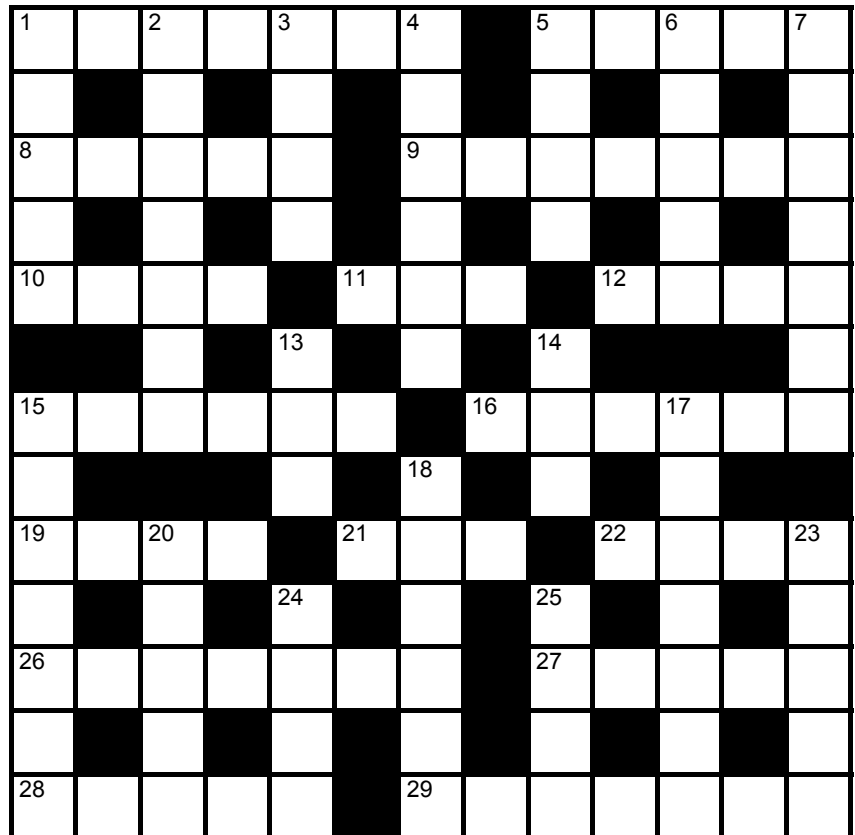
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The Scene Crossword—127

The Crossword with a local flavour. Almost half of the solutions relate to places in Essex

Solutions available from the Editor at the end of September
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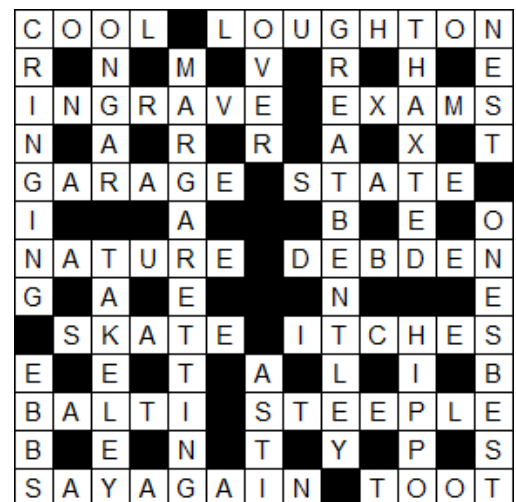


Across

- 1 A crossing to Essex village (7)
- 5 Yearn in confusion near Braintree (5)
- 8 Grayson's not on in Thurrock (5)
- 9 Neighbouring small town taxed with high tension (7)
- 10 Los Angeles medical degree - with mint? (4)
- 11 Listening device makes you sick (3)
- 12 Blackwater island featured by Hoseasons (4)
- 15 Nip and peg out on central line (6)
- 16 Sailor and old queen in the Rodings (6)
- 19 Tugs around blast of wind (4)
- 21 Village in W9 or on old road to Harwich? (3)
- 22 No feeling in Umbria (4)
- 26 Lennon song - he thinks he's a drink with ecstasy (7)
- 27 and 15d No inelegance around village NW of Colchester 5,7
- 28 Planet for change of heart (5)
- 29 Upset shy tots near Clacton (2,5)

Down

- 1 Strange light shows divine messenger (5)
- 2 Directions when Pam and Dora go astray (4,3)
- 3 Sad return to hospital - hurry! (4)
- 4 Go to restaurant - or the garden perhaps (3,3)
- 5 Way from Dora (4)
- 6 Sty, i.e., in a mess -they're abominable (5)
- 7 No more listeners but increases affection (7)
- 13 Turn gun to wildebeest (3)
- 14 Decline and Stebbing loses sting (3)
- 15 See 27 ac (7)
- 17 Squally to the East, not the South, but the same (7)
- 18 Flowers - like Chelmer Can Pant (6)
- 20 Look intently, I hear, at part of flight (5)
- 23 See 24 (5)
- 24 and 23 Smelly tree in Epping Forest (4)
- 25 Confuse chore with no right to bounce back (4)



*Solution to Crossword in Issue
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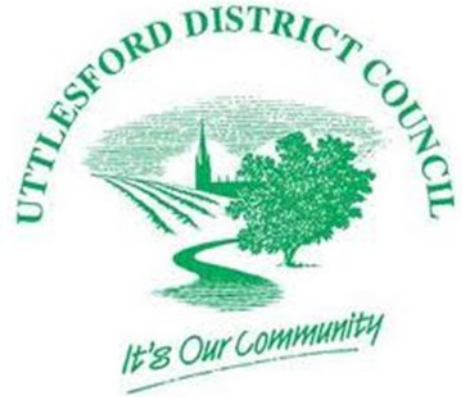
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Letters to the Editor



Dear Editor,

How I agree with the *Responsible Dog Owner's* letter in the last edition of the *Stebbing Scene*. I have also previously written on this very subject when I was walking a neighbour's dog. Now I have my own dog and have therefore started walking regularly again. This morning I was particularly disgusted to see that someone had not cleared up after their dog had fouled in the middle of the footway by the gates in Collops Lane leading to the "lakes." It was very difficult to navigate a puppy and myself through, whilst trying to miss the mess. There are also several deposits by the side of the road there. There is no excuse as the poop bin is just opposite. I have also noticed that Watchhouse/Warehouse pavements have been fouled in several places and no attempt made to lift it. I wonder, at the same time, if people are ignorant of the law or uncaring about others, let alone our beautiful countryside. Do they look after their dogs by taking the trouble to get them immunized and wormed regularly? Doubtful isn't it?

Regards,
Linda Pont

Hello Richard,

We moved into Stebbing Green from Shenfield two years ago and are enjoying living here. We also really enjoy getting the *Stebbing Scene*; thank you to all who take the time to produce it.

We brought lots of garden pots from our old house and have about 20 weathered [not plastic] garden pots of various sizes and colour we do not need. They are not all clean but it seems a shame just to take them to the tip so, if anyone wants to take them off our hands, we'd be happy for people to call in when passing - and we won't be offended if they don't suit. If you prefer, you can phone first on 01371 856057.

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The Editor also received a note from Lilian Hayward concerning the provision of transport by Christian Aid for people needing help to attend health appointments. Apparently they are another organisation seeking drivers who are willing to help. Unfortunately I was not able to follow this up in time for the current issue (sorry), and will do so for the next one. In the meantime, the contact Lilian gave me is *Peggy Baines* 01371 874425, should readers be interested in following up themselves.

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12th Sept	Parish Council - OFMH 7.30pm	839624 Greg
18th Sept	Over 60's To be arranged	856293 Eve
23rd Sept	Garden Club 8pm VH - Hostas - Richard Ford	856756 Linda
25th Sept	Stebbing Ladies 8pm VH - Women On Film	856238 Moira
27th Sept	McMillan Coffee Morning Village Hall 10am	856617 Rachel
29th Sept	Village Fete 1pm - 5pm Mill Lane PF	856155 John
10th Oct	Parish Council - OFMH 7.30pm	839624 Greg
16th Oct	Over 60's To be arranged	856293 Eve
23rd Oct	Stebbing Ladies 8pm VH	856238 Moira
27th Oct	Essex Poetry & Prose Soc AGM 3-5pm OFMH	856464 Angie
28th Oct	Garden Club 8pm VH - National Garden Scheme	856756 Linda
1st Nov	Friday Morning Market VH 10am	873225 Sue
11th Nov	History Soc - Red Barn Murder	856680 Derek
14th Nov	Parish Council - OFMH 7.30pm	839624 Greg
20th Nov	Over 60's To be arranged	856293 Eve
24th Nov	Poetry Café OFMH 3-5pm	856464 Angie
25th Nov	Garden Club 8pm VH - Soil Seat & Tears	856756 Linda
27th Nov	Stebbing Ladies 8pm VH - Christmas Social	856238 Moira
6th Dec	Friday Morning Market VH 10am	873225 Sue
12th Dec	Parish Council - OFMH 7.30pm	839624 Greg
18th Dec	Over 60's - To be arranged	856293 Eve

Please try to remember to add your events to the diary - more complete is more useful!

To advertise an event - contact **Linda White on 856756 or email: lindalawhite@hotmail.com**



Stebbing Directory

AFSS/Stebbing School	Office	856260
Badminton	Graham Phillips (eve)	07971573414
	David Arnold (afternoon)	856271
Beavers	Maxine Walker	856232
Bell Ringing	John Gilbert	856516
Bowls Club	Ken Copping	856338
Brownies	Lorraine Irani	07788 412813
Carpet Bowls	Reg Frost	856712
Church – St Mary's	Tim & Ruth Goodbody	856080
Church Flowers	Hazel Kerr	856993
Cricket Club	Adrian Farr	856691
Cubs	Wendy Kibblewhite	856470
New Dorcas Society	Joan Bazlinton	856495
First Aid Training	Val Mulcare-Tivey	856076
Fitch Youth FC	Phil/Marina Bull	856560
Footpath Rep	Brian Martin	856664
Friday Morning market	Sue Tekell	873225
Friends Meeting House	Angela Newbrook	856464
Garden Club	Joan Matthews	856041
History Society / Archive	Derek Towler	856680
Guides	Sue Brown	07915 648952
Guides-Senior Section	Sarah White	856032
Judo Club	David Walsh	856770
Ladies Group	Maxine Walker	856232
Library Direct	Pauline McAllister	856478
Meals on Wheels	Eve Stephenson	856293
Medi-Call EMS	Val Mulcare-Tivey	856076
Minibus	Adrian Greenway	856892
Toddlers	Helen Mason	821511
Over 60s	Peter McGuinness	856254
Parish Clerk	Greg King	839624
Police	All non-emergency	101
Rainbows	Liz Hooper	856814
Scouts	Andrew Lipski	07595690009
Stebbing Society	Jenny Nichol	856401
Tennis Club	Keith Chapman	856632
Village Hall	Donna Kiberd	856607
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