



Stockbridge Parish Council Newsletter

Volume 2 Issue 1

Newsletter Date: June 2022

Stockbridge's Platinum Jubilee Celebration



Stockbridge looked wonderfully colourful and festive in celebration of the Queen's platinum jubilee. Flags and bunting decorated the High Street in many places in cheerful and celebratory style. The Parish Council purchased flagpoles and union jack flags with the Government's Welcome Back fund and these were displayed in the Christmas tree holders down the High Street. Unfortunately, not all Christmas tree holders were suitable because the flagpoles could only be supplied in a 50mm diameter (for good technical reasons) and some of the older Christmas tree holders were narrower than this. However, 30 holders were the right size and Cllr Foord kindly installed the flags and flagpoles in these suitable holders.



Jubilee celebrations at the Primary School

Stockbridge Primary school had its own street party to celebrate the jubilee. Mrs Jefferies pointed out that this had never been done in Old London Rd before, but everybody had a good party with races, maypole dancing, picnic food, cake and much fun. Members of the Parish Council also joined in and gave out a jubilee mug to each child.

Jubilee mugs

For previous Jubilee's of the Queen the Parish Council produced jubilee mugs in celebration of the events. In keeping with this tradition and in keeping with the same style, the Council commissioned china mugs to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The Parish Council were able to purchase the mugs with the help

of a grant from Cllr David Drew's Cllr grant and SPC would like thank him for his support. Thanks are also extended to those shop's that provided wrapping for the mugs - Roxton's, Mokaya Cocoa, George Clark, Thyme and Tides and Broughton Crafts.





Trout n'About is back this year



The Trout n'About team would very much welcome new volunteers to help with the event.

The Trout 'n About team are delighted to announce that Stockbridge High Street will again be hosting the annual food and craft fair this year, on **August 7th 2022**.

Trout 'n About returns after a two-year absence, due to the Covid pandemic and the team hope residents and the local community will be able to enjoy their unique street fair once again. As an annual event they are conscious that they are making an imposition on residents, but they ask for your support.

The team would like to remind residents that live on the High St that they would be very grateful if you are able to remove your car from the High St the night before (on 6th August) as they start the set up early on Sunday morning. Hopefully this will not be an inconvenience.

Stockbridge Residents are a crucial part of the event and the team greatly appreciate all the enthusiasm and assistance that has made Trout 'n About such a successful and enjoyable event for everyone.

The Trout n About team need help on the 7th August.

The team are looking for volun-

teers to help run things on the day. The welcome visitors receive from the volunteers helps make Trout 'n About the success it has been for many years.

The Trout 'n About team are looking for new volunteers able to help for a couple of hours on the 7th August, at the two information points and the parking areas. They hope that residents that have volunteered before will be able to do so again this year. **They would also welcome new volunteers.**

If you are interested in volunteering please contact Emma Montgomery on 0759 2132149. For any other information please contact Richard Gueterbock - 07831 606206 or foodchains@farmline.com.

Any surplus that we generate from Trout n About is distributed to local charities and good causes in the SO20 postcode. The funds are allocated on the basis of nominations and votes from the Trout 'n About volunteers. Over the years we have contributed over £40,000 to a wide range of recipients. The donations will be handed out at a special awards event held in an evening later this year.

Introducing Our New Parish Councillor



Following on from the resignation of Cllr Hill in April the Parish Council held a co-option for a new Councillor in the June Meeting. The Council are pleased to report that Mr Michael Porter was co-opted onto the Council.

Cllr Porter has lived in Stockbridge for 33 years and all four of his children attended the two schools here.

Following his retirement from Coutts Bank after 35 years, 8 of those years managing the Win-

chester office, he worked with Accountants and firms of Solicitors on a consultancy basis.

He was a Governor at Stockbridge Primary School for 8 years (5 years as Chairman) a Director of Winchester Housing Association and served on the fundraising committee for Naomi House Children's Hospice.

Now retired, Cllr Porter says that he is looking forward to working alongside fellow Parish Cllrs for the benefit of all.



New crossing between Beccy's and the Co-Op

The Parish Council has installed a safe crossing zone between Beccy's and the CO-OP. They have done so with the financial assistance of the Government's Welcome Back Fund for the High Street, which was a fund designed to enable High Streets to make improvements after Covid. The covid barriers made it easier for residents to cross the road from Becky's to the Co-op because the barriers reduced parking outside these two shops. The planters are strategically positioned to prevent cars parking in front of the island between these shops. They are designed to

mimic the crossing point that is in front of the toilets, further down the High Street. The process of licencing the planters, with HCC, took time because this sort of thing had not been requested before. The planters are only temporary, for a year, but it is hoped that by proving a crossing is necessary, HCC will agree to install one.

The planters are also a quality design and the plants are designed to provide natural colour on the High Street.



Pavement Safety concerns

The Parish Council has received numerous complaints concerning the pavement being blocked down the High Street, usually this has been because of tables and chairs and advertising boards. The pavement is particularly narrow at various points and the pedestrian traffic can also be high. Residents using walking aids and mobility scooters, and those with limited sight have been particularly affected, and their safety compromised as a result. Hampshire County Council (HCC) are the highways authority, and they are responsible for the pavements and

roads. The furniture at these establishments are unlicensed, and the council have pursued the issue with HCC, but at this time HCC does not feel they can take any action. The Council will continue to monitor the situation, and gather further evidence, and has agreed to write, formally, to HCC affirming the Council's position, and the safety concerns. The Council remains firmly committed to keeping all the pavements safe and free from obstructions because it believes the safety of residents and other pavement users is paramount.

*Stockbridge
Parish Council
believes that
the safety of
residents and
other
pavement
users is
paramount*

New Noticeboards for the High Street

The Council has purchased two noticeboards for Council matters. The previous boards had not been functioning properly, the locks on both boards had broken and the fabric linings had shrunk and faded. The Council agreed to install replacements made of solid oak with the parish council's name carved into the tops. It was felt that these noticeboards would be more in keeping with the High Street. They are also durable and require minimal maintenance which the lengthsmen

is well qualified to provide. The Council purchased the noticeboards with the help of grants from HCC Cllr David Drew's fund and TVBC Cllr Tony Ward's fund. The Council would like to thank both Councillors for their help with the grants.

The Noticeboards are only for Council matters and the Council intends to make available one of the newly acquired phone boxes for community information.





What's on in Stockbridge

When

Saturday 9th July

Friday 15th July

Wednesday 20th July

Thursday 21st July

Sunday 7th August

Wednesday 31st August

Where

St. Peter's Church

Stockbridge Cinema

Stockbridge Cinema

Town Hall

High Street

Stockbridge Cinema

What

Stockbridge Music—From
Bohemia to Broadway

Parallel Mothers

The Duke

Parish Council Meeting

Trout n'About

The Phantom of the Open

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

Stockbridge Music



Stockbridge Music is the community group that, for more than a decade, has brought classical music to the heart of Test Valley. At its core the group aims to ensure that local people have the opportunity to hear top flight musicians in local venues, at reasonable prices. Excitingly, the community group has also made it its mission to nurture young musicians at the start of their career. The founder of the group, Tim Lowden, understood the time and dedication it takes for aspiring young artists to perfect their craft, and over the years the Stockbridge Music has given a valuable platform to many

an emerging artist at the start of their professional lives.

In July (9th) Stockbridge Music enters new territory with an evening focused on opera and musical theatre. The theme of the evening will be love in all its guises and will include a wealth of inspiring powerful music including that by Mozart, Puccini, Bizet, Rogers & Hammerstein, Sondheim, Bernstein, Verdi and many others. Performing will be four rising stars of the opera and concert platform – it promises to be a thrilling evening. Tickets and further information from

www.stockbridgemusic.uk

A Quick Round- up of News

SPC has conducted a survey on the High Street in order to be able to inform the economic argument regarding parking and the High Street. The Traffic Working Group would very much like to thank the many Stockbridge residents that volunteered to hold the survey and collect the information. A reminder that **Stockbridge Country Market** provide a very tasty range of ready meals, sausage rolls, quiches and both savoury and sweet scones and a wide selection of delicious cakes. All the bakers hold a Food Safety Hygiene Certificate. During the summer months Anne sells a variety of garden plants and Carol provides the Market with beautiful bunches of cottage garden flowers. In season the gardeners bring in fresh fruit and vegetables and salad ingredients, all freshly picked. The garden hen keepers keep the market stocked with fresh hens and sometimes goose and duck eggs.



The market is always worth a visit, sit and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee either in the hall or in the garden. **HCC is consulting on passenger transport** visit www.hants.gov.uk/passenger-transport-consultation for more information. Do remember to **sign up for email alerts** from SPC's website. Events, notices and news can be sent straight to your in box.