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Stockingford COMMUNITY Matters

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Stockingford Community Centre

Welcome

to the March / April edition of
“Stockingford Community Matters”. There’s lots going here at Stockingford
Community Centre

Last Friday was a sad day here at SCC, we said goodbye to Gerry, Gerry has been an integral part of the Community Centre for nearly 9 years. Employed by the Council in 2015, she was the person that kept the Centre clean and ship shape, and helped to increase the number of regular groups using the centre from 15 to around 25. Gerry was instrumental in setting up the Vale Café which opened in November 2022. As many of you will know, it is run by volunteers, including Lauren and Brogan who are students in Health and Social Care from NWSLC. Gerry made sure that all those in the café received the relevant training and made sure that it adhered to the Food and Safety standards. She also made links with NWSL College to enable Health and Social Care students (Lauren and Brogan) to work at the café, helping them to gain valuable work experience and training. At the start of 2023, Gerry helped to secure funding for solar panels and LED lighting to make SCC one of the most sustainable community centres in Warwickshire. She has always taken great pride in the Centre and she will be missed.



On behalf of everyone at the Centre, the Trustees, the volunteers, the hirers, and all those that visit, I wish Gerry all the very best for the future and to thank her for all the work she has put into the Centre.

Jane
Chair, SCC

Spring is in the air here at SCC and the edible garden is just beginning to spring into life and Pat is in need of some helpers. So if you love gardening and would like to help out in our edible garden please get in touch, drop us an email to info@stockingfordcc.org or give us a call on 02476 388508. Last year we grew beans, lettuces, chard and much more which was enjoyed in the community cafe.



COLOUR COMES TO SGG WITH GRIT!

Local artists, from the GRIT collective have been bringing new forms of expression, through 3 exciting workshops for young people at the centre.

Artists, Alisha and Nathen are sharing skills in stencilling and spray art techniques leading to a series of artworks for the 'Art On the streets' event in Nuneaton town centre in August 2024.

Alisha Miller said 'as an artist who lived and works in Nuneaton, I feel proud and privileged to be working in Stockingford where I grew up. The young people here are so lovely and very talented.'

The work created will be on display at the Centre after the August event to inspire future art projects currently in the pipeline – watch this space!



The Noson Lawen was a great success! We had a fantastic evening. I was particularly moved by Cor Cymraeg's singing and was overwhelmed by a dose of "hireath". They enjoyed singing to us as much as we enjoyed listening to them. We were entertained by Welsh stories from Mac, performances by David, Martin, Mac and myself from Bedworth Symphony Orchestra and of course a rousing trip down memory lane with Mike Slemensek. Helen's cooking was blasus iawn (very tasty) and everyone thoroughly enjoyed her cawl and Welsh cakes. The Noson Lawen was a night to remember and we'll be sure to pencil another one in the diary for next year.

*Dydd Gwyl Dewi Hapus
(Happy St David's Day) Catherine xxx*



Pat's Eggciting Easter Raffle!



Pat's been very busy getting together some yummy Easter Eggs ready to raise funds to help keep the Wednesday Warm Hub up and running. The Warm Hub is currently run by students from Oakwood School. The raffle will be drawn on the 21st March, if you fancy a go the tickets are £1 for a strip of 5. Tickets available from Pat or Wendy.

A Matter That's Close To Our Heart



If you came along to our Noson Lawen you will be aware that Helen has been busy raising money towards a Defibrillator for SCC. Helen is looking to raise £3000 which will pay for a fully Automated external defibrillator, internal, alarmed storage cabinet, accessories kit, signage, replacement batteries and pads and training on the use of the AED and basic CPR training for centre users and the wider community.

The defibrillator fund has been set up by Helen in memory of her husband Ian Crutchley who sadly passed away March 2019 as the result of an undiagnosed heart condition.

So far a whopping £650 has been in the few short weeks that the fund has been open. More events are in the pipeline and progress can be seen on Helen's notice board in the main corridor. There is also a selection of super cute jewelry for sale.

THE GREAT STOCKINGFORD SURVEY

Look out for our Centre Volunteers over the Easter Holidays! We have just received funding from the Social Fabric Fund to conduct a door to door survey of those living close to SCC (and those of you who are reading this magazine) to find out what more they would like from their Community Centre. We want to know what else the Centre can provide for you. What other activities and groups would you like to see, perhaps there are courses you would like to attend? Are there specific services you want running from the Centre; would you like some cosier spaces for meetings?

You might just be one of the lucky ones, to get a door knock from someone wearing a SCC High Vis jacket, but if not, you will be able to fill in this survey online, and there will also be paper copies at the Centre. We are aiming for the survey to be ready at Easter. Follow us on Facebook where we shall be posting the link to the survey or pop in to fill in a paper copy.

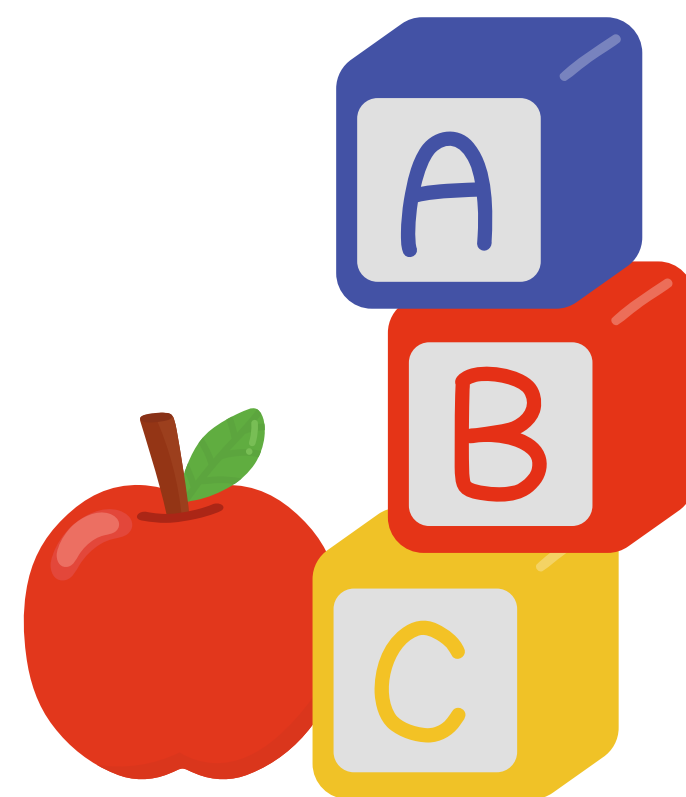


This month also sees the launch of our exciting gardening competition, so tools and seeds at the ready. We're looking to turn Stockingford and Barpool green! We're looking to see what you can grow in your front gardens, we're looking for plants that attract pollinators, creative uses for recycled objects, such as planting herbs in old cans, planting flowers in old wellies or incorporating any other recycled objects. We're also looking for creative ways of including edible plants, maybe beans growing up an obelisk, herbs on a windowsill. We hope to see a bright and beautifully green neighbourhood. When August comes around and everyone's front gardens are blooming we will be putting together a series of trails that you can follow so you can check out other luscious gardens in the area. If you'd like to enter just pop in for an application form and a poster for your window.

What's Happening

Monday

- 10.00 - 12.00** Craft Club /Card making
- 10.15 - 11.15** Line Dancing
- 11.15 - 12.15** Dance Fitness Class
- 13.00 - 14.30** Barnardos Stay n Play(under 5's)
- 17.45 - 18.45** Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) (Children 6 -13yrs)
- 19.00 - 20.00** Boxing (Children 10+ yrs and Adults)
- 20.00 - 21.00** Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) Adults, Children 14+ yrs



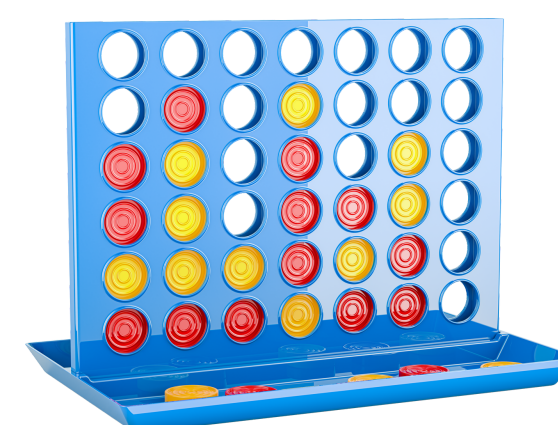
Tuesday

- 9.30 - 10.15** Zumba Class (All abilities)
- 13.00 - 15.00** Tea & Chat fortnightly
- 16.30 - 17.30** Rainbows (age 5 - 7)
- 18.00 - 20.00** Sophia Pregnancy Loss & Support(1st Tues in month)
- 19.30 - 21.00** WI (Purl Jam) Every 2nd Tues in month
- 17.45 - 19.30** Brownies (age 7 - 10)
- 20.00 -21.00** Line Dancing (Pat)



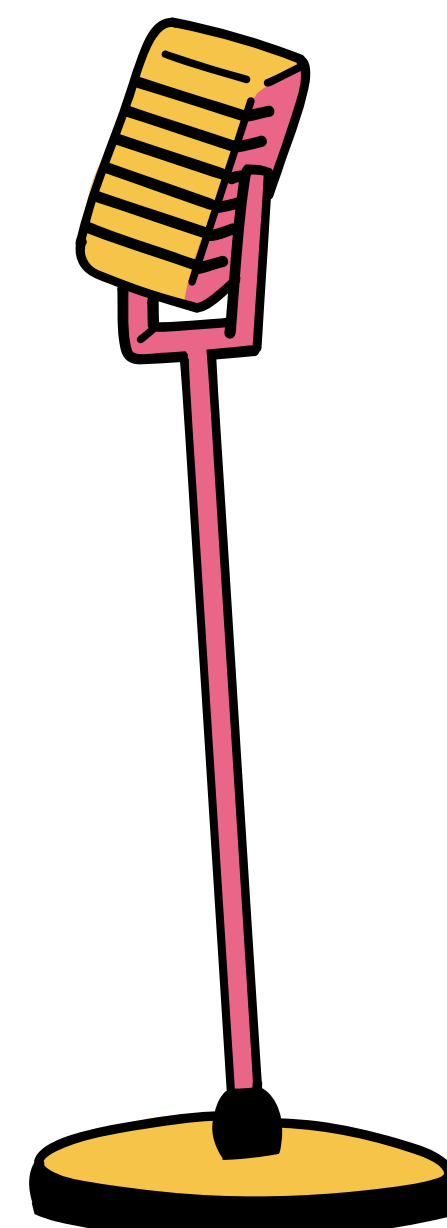
Wednesday

- 9.30 -10.30** Barnardos (birth-mobile)
- 10.00 - 12.00** Wednesday Warm Hub nd Grub games, drinks nd food
- 16.30 = 18.30** Youth Club (children with autism 5-8, 9-12yrs)
- 13.00 - 15.00** Indoor Bowling
- 19.15 - 21.00** Premier Puppy & Dogs
- 18.30 - 19.30** Vocalize (singing11-18yrs)



Thursday

- 10.00 - 11.00** Keep Fit (Pat)
- 11.15 - 12.15** Line Dancing (Beginners/ Improvers)
- 10.00 - 14.00** Community Café
- 14.00 - 15.30** Well-being Café EVERYONE WELCOME!
- 16.30 - 18.30** Montessori School (children)
- 19.00 - 20.00** Boxing Adults & Children 10+
- 20.00 - 21.00** Real Combat System (age 14+ yrs)



Friday

9.30 - 10.30 Barnardos Tots Time (mobile to under 2's)

10.00 - 12.00 Technology Surgery computers and tech stuff - all welcome

10.00 - 15.00 Ask Katie (Hygiene Bank)

13.00 = 14.00 Let's Sing singing for pleasure

16.00 - 17.00 Stagefright performing arts class for all ages – all welcome

19.00 - 21.00 Forward in Faith

Saturday

9.30 - 12.00 Premier Puppy and Dog Training

13.00 - 15.00 Little Pegs (mtng every 3rd Sat in month)

12.30 - 17.30 BIRTHDAY PARTIES

13.00 - 16.00 Tourettes Action (Dates TBC)

Contact Catherine.mosey@virginmedia.com

18.00 - 20.00 Tree of Life Church

Sunday

10.00 - 12.00 Love World Church

9.30 - 11.30 Living Well Church

11.30 - 12.30 Junior MMA 6-13yrs



Tea & Chat

Tea & Chat is what it says on the label: it's a great place to come and meet like-minded people, make new friends in addition to enjoying a great cuppa. There are also planned activities from bingo and quizzes to talks from guest speakers. Recently the Tea & Chat ladies have enjoyed talks from Simon from Abbey Theatre and a floristry demonstration. This coming Easter the Tea & Chat ladies will be having a fabulous cream tea!

The Tea & Chat ladies (although gentlemen are also very welcome) have been holding meetings longer than SCC has been here and Tea & Chat's most senior lady is 90 years young! The Tea & Chat ladies love to keep busy inbetween drinking tea and like to fundraise towards various local causes. Recently they put on the fantastic fundraiser which raised the funds towards Jean's memorial bench which is situated near the front door here at SCC. Last year the Tea & Chat ladies raised a considerable sum of money for the Mary Ann Evans Hospice.



Kevin enjoying some tea & biscuits with the Tea & Chat ladies

If you'd like to join Veronica and friends, they meet every fortnight and each meeting costs £3, you don't need to book, just turn up! The Tea & Chat ladies would love to meet you.



Tea & Chat ladies with Jean's memorial bench

Famous Pigs

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 PLOPPER
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 BABE
 SNOWBALL
 PORKY PIG
 PIGLET
 SQUEALER

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Free Hot Drink with a
peice of cake , sandwich or
baked potato



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