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## Tour of Britain hits Stutton

On the morning of Thursday the 7th September there was an eerie hush in Stutton. No parking cones were out and traffic was minimal. Then the motorcycles started to arrive. Residents of Stutton ventured out and lined the streets. School children were excused their lessons to gather in an excited and noisy crowd. The motorcycles gave way to three cycles speeding through the village. Then nothing but motorcycles. Was that it? No, they were just a breakaway group and it wasn't until another two and a half minutes that the spectacle of the Tour of Britain peloton of another 90 cycles "whooshed" through, jostling for position on the bends by the Old Post Office to the delight and applause of the crowd.

Stutton was lucky enough to be on the route of Stage Five of the Tour of Britain, hosted by Felixstowe. The stage was won by Wout Van Aert (number 71) with three seconds later, Great Britain's Ethan Vernon (number 31) in a photo finish clinching second place. Check your photos! Did you get one of the eventual winners?



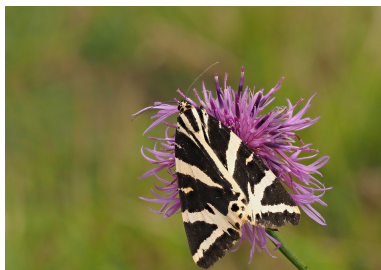
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## Nature Notes

I'm writing these nature notes during the early-September heatwave. There's no doubt that the series of climatic extremes we have been experiencing is effecting our wildlife. There are some winners, particularly species expanding their range from continental Europe, but the number of losers far outweighs those. If increasing temperatures drive species further north there is only so far they can go.

Insects are generally the first noticeable sign of change. The superbly presented Beautiful Marbled was first seen in the UK in 2001 and is now working its way north and appeared in my garden this year. And this year, I've had several people ask me about a day-flying moth they've seen which has turned out to be the strikingly marked Jersey Tiger. Certainly for the latter, give it 10 years and they will be a common occurrence here. - **Mark Nowers**



## Helpful Numbers

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|-------------------------|--------------|
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| Community Hall          | 328713       |
| Holbrook Academy        | 328317       |
| Holbrook Surgery        | 328263       |
| Hoops Oil Syndicate     | 07747 692283 |
| Parish Council Clerk    | 326925       |
| Police non emergency    | 101          |
| Roundabout Stutton      | 326969       |
| Samaritans              | 116123       |
| Stutton Primary School  | 328531       |
| Stutton Support Network | 327753       |

**Editors Notes** - Thank you to all of this edition's contributors. As you will see we have a bumper edition, it has been quite difficult to squeeze everything in ! Thank you too kind readers for all your positive comments and words of encouragement following our first editing attempt, we hope you enjoy this one as much. See you at one of the many events happening in our busy village - **Jane and Emma**

# Stutton Support Network 01473 327753

Our next Meet Up Mondays are on 2nd October and 6th November, 10.30-12pm in the Community Hall. Give us a ring if you need a lift. This regular event is increasingly popular and it's great to see people catching up with old friends and making new ones.

We continue to do our best to respond to requests for a lift to a dental or medical appointment. If you need a prescription picking up from the surgery, or some shopping delivered, just give us a ring. Or if there's anything else you need help with, such as minor DIY tasks, give us a ring and we'll try to help.

A reminder: **The Joseph Catts Trust** is your local village charity. If you're in financial need and can't get help from anywhere else, please contact one of the Trustees: Jane Pavitt 328512; Nigel Watts 328202; Jenny Morris: 328984



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Despite the fickle weather of rain, cold and sunny and hot, we have been able to provide the village and customers from further afield with hot drinks, sandwiches, pies and pastries and cakes or lots of cold drinks and ice creams. It has been lovely to see so many folk enjoying our garden which has flourished in the warm and wet. You may already have seen that we are now able to sell beautiful bouquets of flowers grown by Leslie in her garden in Stutton. They are really pretty and have been very popular. So, if you need a gift for someone do come and see if we have any left!

Our thanks as usual go to Gaye for her amazing cakes and daily fresh sandwiches, and to Amanda for her sweet treats.



We have been very pleased to welcome new volunteers to the shop but if you can find a 2-hour slot in your day, why not try us out? – there is working behind the counter, collecting the fish, or the mushrooms, and delivering to homes in Stutton, to name just a few jobs to do.

# St Peters Church

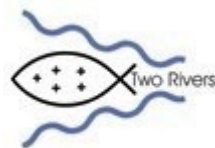
Hopefully by the time you read this, our major roof repairs will be finished. We have had a number of fund raising events over the last year. Thank you to all of you who have contributed, either by attending, or by making an individual donation. Your support is hugely appreciated. It has enabled us to safeguard our wonderful and ancient church for future generations. Please do go and have a look, it is the roof on the North Side, and is now looking very smart. We are now gearing up for the winter, and are very aware that there will be some of you who, like last year, are going to experience some financial hardship. Please be aware that we can give help and advice, and are able to refer to a food bank if necessary; we also have contacts with the Catts Trust who can give some financial aid upon application. I wholly expect that the village warm spaces initiatives will kick into action again so do keep your eye on all local sources of information

**Revd Jenny Seggar - Rector**

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*Please note, my usual day off is Friday*



|               |        |   |
|---------------|--------|---|
| 1st October   | 11am   | Worship For All Stutton Community Hall                                |
| 8th October   | 9.30am | Holy Communion  |
| 22nd October  | 9.30am | Morning Prayer  |
| 5th November  | 11am   | Worship For All Stutton Community Hall                                |
| 12th November | 10am   | Service of Remembrance followed by Act of Remembrance at War Memorial |
| 26th November | 9.30am | Morning Prayer  |

Enquiries about baptisms, weddings, funerals, burial of ashes etc. should be addressed to the Rector.

For matters relating to the church building or churchyard, please contact the Churchwardens, Jan Brown 01473 327325 or Nigel Watts 01473 328202.

# Stutton Primary School

We have had a lovely sunny start to the new academic year and we welcomed 10 new children into our Ducklings (Reception) class. We have lots of things planned for this term already including our harvest festival at the church and a Macmillan coffee morning being hosted by our PTFA at the community centre. Our Forest School sessions have started and all of our children across the school get to experience these- they are a great way to learn new skills and engage with the natural world.



Following the success of last year's Snowman trail we are planning to do similar this year. We had 50 last year - let's have more! Stutton Stars will be the theme - all funds raised will go to the school. The big reveal- **8th December** - details and maps nearer the time around the village and in the shop - keep a look out and get creating !!

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Friday 19th May

**WHITNEY HOUSTON TRIBUTE ACT**

Friday 16th June

**ED SHEERAN TRIBUTE ACT**

Friday 21st July

**QUEEN/FREDDIE MERCURY TRIBUTE ACT**

Friday 25th August

**LIONEL RITCHIE TRIBUTE ACT**

Friday 22nd September

**GIRL COUNTRY SINGER**

(Mixture of Country Hits)

Friday 20th October

**IRISH NIGHT with MOUNTAIN DEW DUO**

(All the Best Irish Bar Music)

Friday 17th November

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Friday 15th December

**XMAS PARTY NIGHT- BLACKJACK 59**

Sunday 31st December

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## Sponsored Cycle Ride

Thank you to all those who kindly sponsored Team Stutton in the annual cycle ride around the churches, and thank you to those who cycled on the hottest day of 2023, a marked contrast to some years which are cold and wet for this event.



This year, a route around some very interesting churches in the Needham Market area was organised, with bicycle transport to and from the start by electric van. The total route by bicycle for our team of 8 was some 22 miles, with a convivial lunch stop en route. The total amount raised will be published once it has all been collected

**Brantham Garage Sale** We have presented cheques to three charities having made a grand total of £2,000 on our 20th year; We care Wildlife £500; St Elizabeth Hospice (Carla Dawson Tribute Fund) £1,000; Suffolk Hedgehog Rescue £500 Thank you everyone for your support.

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# Stutton Community Association

Sadly, the summer is coming to an end however as

I write the temperature is reading 24 so still some warmth around. We had a brilliant time in July enjoying a wonderful evening in Janet and David Lock's garden listening to yet another Puffins' extravaganza. The icing on the cake is that we made £1127 for the SCA.



**Stutton**

community association

The building work at the Hall is going well and should complete by the end of October. We are really looking forward to showing you our new facilities and are planning an open event on Saturday 16th December at 2.30pm. The exact format is yet to be finalised but as its very close to Christmas you can bet that mulled wine and mince pies will make an appearance.

The SCA is keen to expand the use of the hall and in particular provide activities or groups for those people who may not normally use the hall. Maybe there is a type of group that you would like to see established or perhaps you are keen to set up a group or activity but are not sure how to go about it? We would love to hear from you, just give me a call on 01473 328 453 for an informal chat - **Rosie Stuart Thompson**

We have some great entertainment coming up over the next few months. On the 14th of October by the Big Band Swing Machine who were so popular at our Jubilee Celebrations. This is bound to be a sell-out so get your tickets early. Sharpen your brains and get your team together for our popular Quiz Night on 10th November. We also have two great movie nights:

**October 27th - Hallelujah**

**November 24th - What's Love Got to with it**

| July & August Community Draws |                                      |     |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----|
| First                         | Emilia Edmunds 2104<br>V Lawson 1320 | £20 |
| Second                        | L Macaulay 1309<br>Mr McGrath 1421   | £15 |
| Third                         | KGoodchild 1936<br>M Teladi 1923     | £5  |

# Stutton Parish Council

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From the August meeting, we were asked about when the additional names were going to be added to our War Memorial and Councillor Leach reports that this will be completed shortly, weather permitting. Questions were asked about a parked car up the footpath into the new estate from Stutton Close and we may discuss placing a post in the pathway to block this. Other local information is that a consultation will be coming on Suffolk Library services, please look out for it and support your library service. Also, we have had complaints about green waste obstructing paths so please could I ask residents to ensure paths are kept free of debris, and hedges are cut well back from the edge of paths. Our village noticeboard by the telephone box has been superbly refurbished by Chris Leach and looks good for the next 20 years at least - many thanks Chris!

In planning news, we objected to an application at the Old Methodist Church owing to the height of the wall proposed (and indeed, built) and wheelie bin storage. We recommended approval to an extension and associated works at Sunnyside, Lewis lane. Now the neighbourhood plan (NP) has been fully adopted, it is being used in all planning under consideration.

The proposal from the cycle strategy group is still under consideration however with some parts meeting opposition, mainly around cyclists and pedestrians mixing on the same path. Further discussions are continuing.

Mike Hems and I will be meeting with interested parties on Friday 22nd September to discuss possible proposals for the small parcel of land to the rear of Fison Place where it has been suggested the Parish Council may take ownership, involving Stutton Grows as well. Whilst in the playing field area, I am intending on placing a combination lock on the new gate into it from Fison Place.

The Greenway is drifting a little as the County ponders the contractors and tree root issues and we await a revised quote so I have asked Mike Hems to be the lead councillor on this to keep focus. **Darren Cooper**



## Stutton Grows

We are so privileged to have a community wood. It is situated around the playing field behind the community hall and shop. It is managed by Stutton Grows. The objective is to maintain the woodland and look at ways to improve this beautiful valuable village asset. Over time we have created meandering paths, encouraged healthy growth of trees and provided habitat for wildlife. The woods are for us all to enjoy at anytime. Why not, come and join one of our working groups where we do all the maintenance? We meet on the second Sunday of the month at 2pm or 2.30pm in summertime. Next meeting October 8th 2.30. Interested to find out more just come along or contact **Bill Hewlett** [wshehwlett@gmail.com](mailto:wshehwlett@gmail.com)

**Saturday 9th December-** Join us for a morning stroll from the church down to Holbrook Creek for a spot of birdwatching. In the winter, our coasts and estuaries are incredibly important for hundreds of thousands of waterbirds which breed from Canada to Siberia and then move south in the autumn. We will have a chance to look at the some of the waders, ducks and geese that find food and shelter here. On our last venture a couple of years ago, we were treated to the sight of a Peregrine Falcon carrying its prey



### Wildlife Walk led by Mark Nowers RSPB

9.00 am Saturday 9 December

### Meet at Stutton Church

The cost is £10 per adult and £5 per child

Numbers are limited to 15 so please book your place with Sarah Gray  
tel 328827 or email [adriangray274@btinternet.com](mailto:adriangray274@btinternet.com)

And after the walk, we go back to the at Community Hall from 11am  
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## Stutton Young Explorers

We have started something really exciting this term, we have opened up a Forest School! We have two, fully trained, Forest School practitioners leading this provision supported by an additional, qualified member of staff. The first few weeks has gone extremely well, the children are really enjoying learning outside in their new environment. For those of you who don't know, the sessions are held at the community woodland behind the Stutton community shop and allow for up to 15 children per session. The Forest School is open term time, Tuesday and Thursday from 9am – 3pm. As interest builds, we may look to add more days (possibly a Wednesday).

If you would be interested in your child attending, please get in touch with **Hayley Aherne** ([hayley@constablecountrychildcare.co.uk](mailto:hayley@constablecountrychildcare.co.uk)) 07561 504913, or Stutton Young Explorers on 01473 806200.

A reminder to all, we also provide before and after school care for children attending Stutton primary school and care and education for children aged 4 months to 5 years.



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# Stutton Carpet Bowls Club

As we approach the time of year when we start the winter league with a few friendly matches under our belt our players are looking forward to the season.

A new uniform has been purchased with grateful thanks to two local sponsors - PB Autos Garage Services, Manor Farm, Stutton and AJ Wellness Fitness from Brantham Court.

Can it really be a year ago that we had our big push to get new members? A suggestion to have a celebratory meal was met with great enthusiasm and thanks to Ann we have a date and venue. New players are very welcome if you are interested please come along to the Community Hall on Wednesday evening club nights 7.30 - 9.45 approx.

**Jenni Pallant 01473 328638**



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### **Our District Councillor**



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Finding out what help you are entitled to is the message from the Council, Sudbury and District and Ipswich Citizen's Advice Services. If you are feeling the financial squeeze, then checking what help you can access is important, particularly if you have not done so before. Most people are looking for help with consumer goods e.g., food, energy, phones, and internet bills.

The Council Customer Service Team is ready to listen if your life has been impacted by cost-of-living crisis and you are not sure what to do next. Useful telephone numbers:

**BDC Customer Services – 0300 1234000 8-45am to 5pm Monday to Friday**

**Sudbury Citizens Advice - 01787 321400**

**Ipswich Citizens Advice - 0300 330 1151**

The Citizens Advice Service in Sudbury and Ipswich are supported by Babergh District Council and are a confidential service where everyone is treated with dignity and care.

Thank you to all our community volunteers who selflessly provide activities, support and make a difference to the lives of residents of Stutton **Mary.McLaren@babergh.gov.uk**

## **Stutton Local History Research Group**

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 7th. November in Barnfield at 2.30 p.m. new members are always welcome. We are all busy writing articles for the next Journal which should be on sale in time for Christmas. Articles would be welcome from new contributors with a knowledge of Stutton's past history. We have an ongoing research into the history of the village, and we will always be pleased to receive any photographs or documents for our archive, and if necessary can scan and return them to their owners. For further information contact **Vic Scott** Local History Recorder and Archivist at 328753 or victorscott932@gmail.com

## The Night Sky this month



Blue supermoon!! Did you see it? My sister contacted me the next day to say that she had put her dressing gown on and gone outside to see this wondrous event. She was unimpressed to say the least as, I guess, many of you were? First of all, the term 'supermoon' is not a true scientific term, it was coined a few years ago by an astrologer. In the case of the Earth/Moon system the distance of the Moon varies by up to 10% or 40,000 km every orbit (29.5 days) As a consequence the Moon can vary in apparent diameter by up to 14% and in brightness by up to 30% between the farthest and closest appearance. When the full Moon coincides with one of the close approaches it may be called a supermoon. Because the definition is not that precise there may be up to 3 or 4 supermoons in a year.

Blue Moons, on the other hand are easier to define, the first (correct) definition of a Blue Moon comes from the Maine Farmers' Almanac that has provided long-term weather forecasts for the U.S. and Canada since 1818. According to them a Blue Moon is the third full Moon in a season that has four. Astronomical seasons are defined according to the solstices and equinoxes, so they run from winter solstice, in mid-December to mid-March and so on. Thus, they do not map onto calendar months; for example, astronomical winter includes parts of December and March as well as all of January and February. Although there are 7 Blue Moons of each sort in a 19-year period they all occur on different dates. You might like to try to work out why; on the other hand, you could just wonder at the beauty of a full Moon rising every month

**Mike Haynes**

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Saturday 17.30 St. Mark's vigil mass with confessions from 17.00

Sunday 09.00 Holy Family Brantham mass 11.00 St. Mark's mass

Tuesday 10.00 Holy Family mass with Adoration at 09.20

Wednesday 09.15 St. Mark's mass

Thursday 09.30 St. Mark's mass

Friday 12.15 St. Mark's mass with Adoration at 11.40

Living Stones prayer group meet on the first and third Mondays at 6pm at St. Mark's, beginning with guided adoration

Many in the village were sad to hear of the death of **Mary Williamson (nee Scott)** who passed away on the 8th July aged 54. Sister of Derek, Jeannette and Peter, Mary was well known in the village where she lived for many years before moving to Ipswich. Mary was heavily involved in the Methodist Church in Stutton and is sadly missed by her family and many others locally. Derek would like to thank everyone for their kind thoughts and wishes at this sad time.



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Monthly coffee mornings are held on the first Friday of the month 10am – 12pm at the Lambe School, East Bergholt. Our monthly talks are held on the second Wednesday at 2.15pm in the Constable Hall, East Bergholt. Guests are welcome for a charge of £4. On 11th October our guest speaker Raymond Simmons, principal trumpeter for 20 years with the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, will talk about his life in classical and jazz music. On 8th November we have Steve Lester “ Insights of a Provincial Auctioneer “

*Please take a look at our website [www.u3asites.org.uk/stourvalley](http://www.u3asites.org.uk/stourvalley) for more information and contact details.*

## Peninsula Home Library

For those unable to get to a library call Capel Library  
01473 311699

**Holbrook Repair Café** Held on the last Saturday of each month 10am-2pm. Holbrook Village Hall

## Peninsula Swimming

Woolverstone High School

Email: [info@spsc.email](mailto:info@spsc.email)

Text: 07546 528336

£4.75 per session, x 4 1 hour sessions a week.

All timings and information are on our Facebook page of the same name



## VILLAGE DIARY

Oct

|      |                                  |                    |
|------|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| 2nd  | Meet up Monday                   | 10.30-midday       |
| 8th  | Stutton Grows Working Party      | 2.30-4.30pm        |
| 9th  | Parish Council Meeting           | 7.30pm             |
| 14th | Swing Machine Big Band           | 8pm Community Hall |
| 20th | Mobile Library p. 15 for details |                    |
| 27th | Film Night - Hallelujah          | 7.30pm             |

Nov

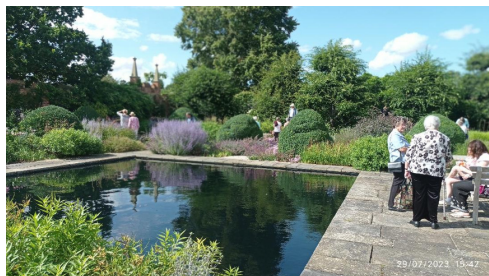
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| 6th  | Meet up Monday                             | 10.30-midday     |
| 7th  | Local History Meeting                      | 2.30pm Barnfield |
| 10th | Quiz Night                                 | 7.30pm           |
| 12th | Remembrance Sunday                         | 10.45am Memorial |
| 12th | Stutton Grows Working Party                | 2 - 4pm          |
| 13th | Parish Council Meeting                     | 7.30pm           |
| 15th | Roundabout Article Submissions Deadline    |                  |
| 17th | Mobile Library p.15 for details            |                  |
| 24th | Film Night - What's love got to do with it | 7.30pm           |

Dec

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| 9th | Wildlife Walk | 9am |
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### Community Hall & Car Park

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| Mon.   | Pilates                       | 6-7pm          |
| Tues.  | Baby & Toddler                | 9.30-11.30am   |
|        | Divine Dance Academy          | 4-8pm          |
| Weds.  | Carpet Bowls Club             | 7.30-9.30pm    |
| Thurs. | Chair Exercise Class          | 9.30-11.30am   |
|        | Physiotherapy led Pilates x 2 | 6.30 & 7.30pm  |
| Fri.   | Two Rivers Art Group          | 9.30am—12.00pm |
|        | Dolly's Pizza Van             | 4.30—7.30pm    |



In a brief sunny interlude during this year's Stutton July Monsoon Season, 70 members of our village community enjoyed their visit to the beautiful gardens at Crowe Hall overlooking the Stour estuary, followed by a delicious afternoon tea of home-baked fare

Grateful thanks are due to Stephen and Felicity Clark for their kind invitation and hospitality to us. The event raised the magnificent sum of £1,285 towards the cost of extensive roof repairs at Stutton Church.