

Stillington News

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Stillington starts playing football again



When Stillington AFC was disbanded in 2010 it had been in existence for over 100 years. It had teams in the York & District Senior League and a Junior Section playing with Corinthian in the 1998 season. The grounds have been used by the Junior Section of Easingwold for the last two seasons.

It is very good news that in the coming season, Stillington will be represented once again by two new teams. Our Saturday A Team will play in Division II of the Becket League. For anyone interested in joining the club, contact numbers are:

Secretary:	Mr Shaun Linton	☎ 810082
Treasurer:	Mr Wayne Linton	☎ 810082
Chairman:	Mr Brian Handley	☎ 810763.

This newly formed club will be very grateful for any help you can give.

In addition, Stillington will have an U19 team playing on Sunday afternoons in the York & District Junior League. All games will start at 1.30pm. New players welcome. For further details, ring the Sports Club on ☎ 810216.

ST NICHOLAS CHURCH
Invites you to a
HARVEST SUPPER
On Friday September 26th
Stillington Village Hall
At 7.00pm
Tickets £6
Available from the Post Office



We need your help to keep Stillington Bonfire burning

We badly need more volunteers to help with the Bonfire, due to be held on Saturday 8th November. There's a range of activities you can help with. Many will take only an hour or so of your time, such as helping to marshal the procession or baking some potatoes. Others include helping to prepare the field, helping to load rubbish onto tractors, selling tickets, parking cars, serving food, letting off fireworks, or packing up at the end of the evening.

If we don't get more help, there is a possibility we may have to scale down the event. If you're willing to help in any way please call Andy Hart (810598) or Graham Cookman (810047).

We also need new members for the bonfire committee, which meets for about an hour 3 times each year: this year the first meeting is on 12 October. Some of us have been going for years so fresh blood is badly needed!

Sports and Social Club Quizzes

Quizzes restart on **Friday 3rd October, 8.00pm at the Club.**

They are held on first Friday of the months October to March inclusive. All are welcome – either come on your own to make up a table, or come as a team. All monies raised go to help our local charities.

VILLAGE LUNCH White Bear Inn

Tuesday, 16th September
From 12.15pm
2 courses £6.50
3 courses £7.50

Come along for good food and company

Welcome to the September edition of Stillington News.
Copy deadline for October issue: Saturday 20th September.
Contributions by email to (copy to both, please):
Howard Williams: howardw1151@btinternet.com

Hazel Ratcliffe: ratcliffe528@btinternet.com
Or hand in your contribution to put in the 'Stillo News' envelope behind the counter at the shop.
Any photos by email only, please, preferably in black & white.

Weather Report

Rainfall

In July the rainfall finally amounted to 57mm, a little below the long term average of 67mm. The longest rain-free spell was five days.

Statistically August is the wettest month and this year, so far, is no exception, with 72mm in the first sixteen days.

Temperature

July may not have been exceptionally dry but it was warm and sunny. We cannot complain this year of "having had no summer". The maximum daytime temperature never fell below 20°C and on four consecutive days (24th to 26th) it exceeded 30°C in my garden. After the first of the month, night-time temperatures never fell below 10°C and on the night of 19th/20th the minimum was over 18°C, a very warm night.

August started off in the same vein but then a cold front came in and recent temperatures have been rather below average. MT

Women's Institute



Our August meeting was held at a member's house.

Everyone brought refreshments for afternoon tea and the drinks were provided by Margaret J. The meeting proved to be very full and informative, and many subjects were discussed. We all left with 'food for thought'. Our WI would like to congratulate one of our members – Mary Carrington. She has been awarded 'The League of Mercy' award. This award was initially instigated by Queen Victoria and only approximately 25 people a year are awarded. Mary told us of her honour in accepting the award for all her voluntary work at the Leonard Cheshire Home in Alne.

Our September speaker is **Nigel Knpton** ~ *My Rôle as a Clyde-sider*. We meet at the Village Hall on the second Wednesday of each month. - 7pm for business and 8pm for visitors. The charge is £3.50 which includes refreshments and a raffle. Please feel free to join us ~ our meetings are open to everyone. SM

Sports and Social Club Easy Sequence Tea Dances

Sunday 7th September

Sunday 5th October

from 2pm - 5pm

Dancing, refreshments and raffle
for £4.50

*I would like to thank everyone for their concern, cards, presents and well wishes after my recent accident.
Thanks, Sue Coulson*

STILLINGTON POST OFFICE & STORES

Stillington Community Association AGM Monday 29th September, 7.00pm, Village Hall

All shareholders are invited to attend. Business will include consideration of grants to local enterprises and community organisations.

There will be vacancies on the Board of Stillington Community Association Ltd. If you would like to contribute to the oversight and leadership of this very successful community enterprise, please contact Andrew Harrison (Chair of the Board - 810497) for a brief discussion.

DR. P. R. JONES

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SEASONAL FLU CLINICS

Stillington Surgery will be holding seasonal flu clinics on the following Saturdays: 27 September, 4 and 11 October

If you are over 65, or you are in one of the at risk groups, please contact the Surgery to make an appointment for your immunisation.



Stillington Wanderers

The first August Walk was from Farlington along the Foss Way and then northwards to the Bull Farm at Whenby and back via Greenlands Farm. The second walk was from Newton on Ouse to Linton Locks, with the Archimedes screw in full working order alongside the weir and fish ladder; then down past Linton Woods where a disused lamp-lit footpath is still visible from the RAF camp to the

original housing estate of service quarters, which are now privately owned houses.

Next walks are Mon. 1st, 15th and 29th September. Meet outside the White Bear at 09.30.

Neighbourhood Watch

Various scams have been recently reported including the following: Pension scams either over the phone, door to door or by text message; holiday villa fraud which involves criminals taking payment for holiday properties that exist but they don't own; a *facebook* scam that tricks victims into hacking their own information.

Thank you to residents who have reported suspicious males with dogs during the daytime and at night.

Please be aware & contact the Police on 101 if you see suspicious vehicle(s) and / or person(s) at any time.

There are many people who help in different ways to look after our village and it shows! Thank You.

Volunteers help clean the bench seats; clear the Parkfield snicket; regular litter picking; looking after the bus shelters; repairing fences; planting and maintaining the plant troughs on both the Brandsby and York roads; flower beds around the Village Hall; looking after the Village Hall, Church and Chapel; cutting road verges and grass banks; painting the church railings; weedkilling along some footpaths.

The Sports and Social Club grounds, pitches, courts, bowling green and buildings are also maintained by volunteers. What a credit they are.

Anyone who wishes to help at any time, do get in touch with people who are involved.

In the Countryside

Tonight, 19th August, the late evening sun has been very bright in a sky full of large clouds, some looking like they are full of water. The sun cast a wonderful golden glow on to the land - stubble fields were a mix of gold and dark cloud shadows whereas the trunks of the trees in the conifer wood were a reddish bright brown and the foliage a very dark green making an amazing colour contrast. This afternoon, there were two kestrels riding the thermals - not a sight I have seen before. I watched for a while wondering if they were indeed kestrels, then one went into hover-mode so typical of kestrels.

Last week I was in the yard when I heard a raptor call out - not a cry which I had heard before but typical of raptors. Upon looking up, a peregrine falcon was just idly gliding by with wings folded well back like a fighter jet aircraft. Suddenly, it accelerated and a cloud of swallows that had been hanging around dived in all directions from this alien visitor. In a moment it was beyond the farm buildings and trees and lost from sight. A peregrine is the fastest bird in the world and can attain speeds of up to 180 mph in a stoop to its prey. Like most fast predators, they do the speed thing in short bursts then need a rest. Raptors use a lot of energy in hunting so they try and conserve energy as best they can. Buzzards will ride thermals with ease and watchful eye. Other raptors will have a vantage point from where they watch for opportunities. A kestrel will just lazily fly and pause to hover if anything catches its eye.



peregrine falcon

The hot weather has helped in the making of good hay if the cutting was done at the right time, but there have been a goodly number of heavy showers to complicate the whole process. The weathermen have not been too accurate either during this last month or so. The hot weather has ripened the cereal crops a little too quickly so much corn has died rather than ripened which leads to smaller grains and less tonnage of grain. However, much grain and oilseed rape have come in at record low moisture content. Grain is sold with a maximum moisture content and price deductions for any above the maximum, but there is no increase for grain below that maximum. Oilseed rape has been so dry that some seed will not be crushable until the moisture content rises, yet another problem to be overcome. Must not grumble - grain too dry is better than too wet when oil used for drying is so expensive.

Our apple trees have a reasonable crop this year and have grown an awful lot since we had showers; up until then, they looked a very poor sample. The blackberries are ripening in profusion on our cultivated ones which have yielded unfailingly over the years we have been here. Last month's edition was only just written

when we had a visit from a kingfisher to our pond near the house. It is always amazing how fast they fly and how such an amazingly bright bird can blend into background greens.

Now as the season's wheel turns, the robin is back into the building singing after spending the lazy, hazy days of summer in the open fields and woods. They are one of the first birds to tell autumn is here with all its colours to come and beautiful fungi to watch out for.

R & MJ

STILLINGTON TENNIS CLUB

The two mixed teams in the York & District Mixed League have finished mid table in their respective Divs. 3 and 7.

General club play continues on Saturday afternoons from 2pm.

Member, David Phillips, is a LTA level 2 registered coach and cardio tennis instructor and is available to coach all ages and abilities. Mobile 07833 205472. Cardio tennis is a fitness programme based around tennis with music. No prior tennis knowledge is required; the aim being solely fitness.



STILLINGTON SHORT MAT BOWLS CLUB

The new season begins on Tuesday 16th September in the Village Hall from 2 to 4 pm.

Old and new players are welcome to join us and if you would like to give it a try just come along on any Tuesday afternoon wearing soft shoes and you will be given tuition. We can provide the bowls.

Further information from Nigel Marsh, Chairman Tel. 810897 or Adryenne Hope, Secretary Tel. 811039.

WHITE BEAR QUIZ
Sunday, 28 September 7.30pm



STILLINGTON BOWLING CLUB

The extreme wet weather over the weekend of August 9th /10th caused the cancellation of one of the more enjoyable matches in our seasonal calendar - namely the return fixture of the Annual Charity Challenge between ourselves and Easingwold. The loss of the game, due to be played at Easingwold, was especially disappointing as the outcome was evenly poised with Stillington holding a narrow margin from the first leg in May. As it is, we retain the trophy. It is also disappointing because the day provides a useful donation for the home clubs chosen charity.

The league campaign is now virtually at an end and there have been mixed fortunes for our teams. At the time of writing, the Ryedale League veterans are poised to win promotion back to Division Two after just one season in the lower section. They are also in the semi-final of the Ossie Ashcroft Cup. The Hovingham League side can look back on a fairly successful year, finishing in mid-table. Our Private League Clubs and Galtres League teams will hope for a better season in 2015.

GB

Refurbishment of the playground at the Sports and Social Club

News of a main grant application should be received in October after a recent site visit on a wet, dreary day.

In the meantime an anonymous grant of £750 has been gratefully received towards the new equipment and refurbishment.

VILLAGE DIARY:

(VH = EVENTS AT THE VILLAGE HALL)

SEPT

1	Stillington Wanderers 9.30am W. Bear
2	
3	Parish Council 7.30pm VH Pool: A v Golden Lion, B v Horseshoe [away] Cricket mtg 7.30pm
4	
5	Baby & Toddler Group 10am VH Martial Arts 5.15-8.15pm VH
6	
7	Cricket I v SHB [away], II v Cawood U19 Football v Tockwith 1.30pm KO; Tea Dance 2pm-5pm; 5s & 3s Dominoes
8	
9	
10	W.I. 7.15pm VH Pool: Team KO

11	
12	Baby & Toddler Group 10am VH Martial Arts 5.15-8.15pm VH
13	Cricket I v York, II v Duncombe Park [away]
14	Cricket: Sutton Village KO 2pm; Pool: Mixed Doubles
15	Stillington Wanderers 9.30am W. Bear 5s & 3s Dominoes
16	Short Mat Bowls 2-4-pm VH Monthly mtg
17	Pool: A v Old Black Bull, B v Blacksmiths [away]
18	
19	Baby & Toddler Group 10am VH Martial Arts 5.15-8.15pm VH
20	League Football 2pm 7.15pm VH
21	Stillington U19 v Wilberfoss

22	5s & 3s Dominoes
23	Short Mat Bowls 2-4-pm VH
24	Gardening Club - Orchids 7.30 VH Pool: B v Old Black Bull, A v Horseshoe [away]
25	
26	Baby & Toddler Group 10am VH Harvest Supper 7pm VH League Football 2pm
27	
28	
29	Stillington Wanderers 9.30am W. Bear 5s & 3s Dominoes
30	Short Mat Bowls 2-4-pm VH
OCT	
1	Pool: B v Golden Lion, A v Haxby Club [away]

STILLINGTON NEWS DONATIONS

Many thanks to those who kindly donate towards the costs of producing *Stillington News*.

CHURCH SERVICES

METHODIST CHAPEL

Minister:	Rev. Elizabeth Cushion	☎ 821460
Stewards:	Robin Jackson	☎ 810250
	Bob Brown	☎ 810543
	Sally Gall	☎ 810374

Services & Preachers:

Sept 7	Bible Study ~ Acts of the Apostles ~ (no evening service)	10.30am
Sept 14	Open Air Service at Byland Abbey (in Coxwold Church if wet)	3.00pm
Sept 21	Evening Service with Communion - Rev Leslie Newton	6.30pm
Sept 28	Evening Service: Peter Halls	6.30pm
Oct 5	Harvest Thanksgiving: Rev Sue Nightingale	6.30pm

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST RC EASINGWOLD

Priest:	Fr. Leo Chamberlain	☎ 821295
Sunday Mass:	8.30am & 10.30am	
Vigil Mass:	5.45pm Saturday	
Confessions:	5.00—5.30pm Saturday	
Website:	www.stjohnneasingwold.ampleforth.org.uk	

ST. NICHOLAS

Vicar:	Rev. Chris Ellis	☎ 810251
Church	Muriel Law	☎ 810484
Wardens:	email: margaretprice1@aol.com	
	Michael Turvey	☎ 810473
	email: michael.turvey@btinternet.com	

Stillington & Benefice Services:

Sept 4/11/18/25	Prayers	9.00am
Sept 7	Morning Prayer	9.30am
Sept 14	Holy Communion - Traditional Messy Church at Sutton	9.30am 4.30pm
Sept 21	Benefice Harvest Eucharist	10.30am
Sept 14	Holy Communion - Common Worship	9.30am

ST. MARY MARTON

Services in a Celtic Tradition

Church	Sally Coomer	☎ 810891
Wardens:	email: sally@scoomer.freemove.co.uk	
	Michael Carter	☎ 821428
	email: mikecarter67@yahoo.com	
Sept 7	Benefice Celtic Eucharist	6.00pm
Sept 21	Harvest Festival Service	6.00pm

ST. LEONARD FARLINGTON

Church	Margaret Singleton	☎ 878735
Wardens	Sally Downing	☎ 878745
Sept 14	Shortened Matins	11.15am
Sept 26	Harvest Festival and Harvest Supper	6.30pm
Sept 28	Harvest Communion	11.15am

Last of the Summer Wine Oktoberfest ~ Sunday, October 5th

Come to a wonderful evening of wining and dining in the unusual setting of giant tepees on the outskirts of Farlington village. You will enjoy drinks on arrival, a four-course meal, entertainment and a fabulous firework display. In addition, there will be a Grand Raffle and a Licensed Bar.

The event is being held to raise money for the new heating and lighting in St Leonard's church, which we hope to be installing later this year.

Tickets are £30 each and are available from Margaret Singleton (878735), Louise Clark (811626), Wendy Haste (878581) or Sally Downing (878745). Bringing a party? Why not book a table - they are available for 6, 8 or 12 people.

St Nicholas CHURCH CLEANING

Sept 8 - Sept 20	Mrs Walton & Mr Turvey
Sept 22 - Oct 4	Mrs Bresnen & Mrs M North

FLOWER ROTA

Sept 7	Mrs A Hope
Sept 14	Mrs R Little
Sept 21	Mrs P Clark
Sept 28	Mrs A Cobb

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From the Parish Registers

RIP
31st July Thomas Henry Yorke

St Nicholas 200 Club

1st Prize £30: Mrs A du Boulay

2nd Prize £12: Mr W Walton

Runners-Up £6:

Mrs J Attwood, Mrs E Rowe, Mrs P Clark, Mr M Turvey, Mr H Williams
Drawn by 'Our Ernie'

CREAM TEAS

A big *Thank You* to everyone who helped to bake, prepare and serve cream teas on Bank Holiday Mondays.

St Leonard's Needs a Treasurer

Due to our church Treasurer moving, we are urgently seeking a successor. The person we need will be competent with figures, have a computer and be able to use Excel spreadsheets. The year-end accounts are produced using a Church of England template which is easy to work with and the Gift Aid claim is processed annually online. Paying-in money after services and events is currently undertaken by another member of the Church Council and this arrangement can continue if preferred. The Parochial Church Council meets five times a year. The retiring Treasurer will provide advice and guidance.

You do not have to be a regular churchgoer but some sympathy with the Christian faith would be preferred.

If you are interested, please contact one of the Churchwardens - Margaret Singleton (01347 878735) or Sally Downing (01347 878745)