

Stillington News

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Stillington and District Community Archive

Our next meeting is on
Wednesday 20th April. At 7:30pm. In the Village Hall.
A talk by Richard Atkinson
on the history of confectionery making in York entitled...
'Chocolate!'



The production line at Rowntrees in 1932

Members free Visitors £3

Stillington Shop wins Hambleton Community 'Oscar'

Stillington PO & Stores has won the Community Group / Project of the Year in the Hambleton Community Awards organised by Hambleton DC.

Founder Chairman of the enterprise, Andrew Harrison, received the 'Oscar' along with current Deputy Chair, Howard Williams, at an awards evening at Northallerton on 17 March. The Shop took the Award ahead of a long list of other candidates making a difference in their communities through voluntary work.

Andrew Harrison said "We have now been in existence for 13 years and through a lot of hard work from a large group of volunteers we have established a shop business that provides a focal point for the village. We're now able to use financial surplus from the shop to support other groups in the village. Perhaps that has helped us win this coveted award."



Howard Williams and Andrew Harrison receiving the Community Group of the Year Award from Stephen Dickins, Chairman of Hambleton District Council, and Cllr Bridget Fortune.

"Happy 90th Birthday Ma'am"

St. Nicholas Church
FLOWER FESTIVAL
"CROWNS AND FLOWERS"
A Celebration of the life and roles
of

Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth, II.
Friday 22nd April – Sunday 24th
April 2016

Pre-view Friday evening – 7.00pm –
9.00pm

Tickets £5.00 each,
to include a glass of wine and nibbles,
available from the Post Office.

The Church will be open for visitors on
Saturday and Sunday from 10.00am –
4.00pm

The week-end will conclude with a
Sung Evensong of Thanksgiving
on Sunday at 6.30pm.

All Welcome.

We hope as many people as possible will
join us to
enjoy this event.

All donations received with thanks
in aid of St. Nicholas Church.

New Editor(s) needed now

After next month's May edition of *Stillington News* I'm stepping down as main Editor.

I will be happy to 'walk through' production of the May edition with anyone who is interested in joining the team involved (that's me in the photo to the left).

If you'd like to help keep the *News* going, please call me on 01347 811278 or email howardw1151@btinternet.com

I look forward to hearing from you.

Howard Williams

BOOKSALE

10.00am -12.00 Saturday 16 April
Stillington Village Hall

Coffee, tea and cake
In aid of Alne Cheshire Home and
Stillington and Farlington WI

Everyone welcome

Welcome to the April edition of Stillington News.

Copy deadline for May issue: Wednesday 20th April.

Contributions by email to (copy to both, please):

Howard Williams: howardw1151@btinternet.com

Sue Pace: suepace@yahoo.co.uk

Or hand in your contribution to put in the 'Stillo News' envelope behind the counter at the shop (please leave a contact name).

Photos by email, please, preferably B&W.

Weather Report

Rainfall

The second half of February was drier than the first half, so the monthly total of 36.5 mm was a little below the 'ten year average' of 43.5 mm.

March so far has been wet again, so that the rainfall in the first half of the month, 45.5 mm, already exceeds the average figure for the whole month.

Temperature

The generally mild weather continued throughout February though there were a number of sharp frosts of a morning. On St Valentine's Day we even had some snow, but it did not last for long. The highest and lowest temperatures both occurred in the first half of the month and were reported last time.

March continued in much the same vein, with day-time temperatures topping 15°C on several days but some chilly mornings.

It has been noticeably sunnier during the past month and the February solar output went up threefold compared with the previous months – back to October levels, in fact. MT

Women's Institute



Our March meeting saw the return of Glennis Whyte, who talked about Treasurers House. As always Glennis spoke enthusiastically about the property, and interacts with her audience. We also found out some nuggets of information that are not widely known. We had a wonderful meeting and are in talks to have her back next year... with her Ghost Talk. Watch this space. Thanks to Margaret W for the refreshments.

At our April meeting we are having a demonstration and workshop of ORIGAMI. Everyone is welcome: please let me know so as to make sure we have enough equipment for all. Shirley 810614. £3 including refreshments and you get to take your Origami home.

Good Luck to all members entering the show in Sheriffs Hutton. I wish we could all win, but each entry wins a point. And points make prizes.....

Update on our appeals.

- 1) Thank you to everyone who has donated clothes etc. for the Women's Refuge in York.
- 2) Thank you to everyone who has donated handbags, toothpaste, sanitary provision, shampoos, conditioners, etc. for our Helping Handbags Appeal for 8 homeless ladies, through Arc-light in York.
- 3) Our Story Sacks for the village school is going really well thanks to our four knitters. We have Goldilocks and her bears, Snow White and her prince, The Lighthouse keeper and his wife, Harry and his dinosaurs, but I never realised the Hungary Caterpillar ate so many things! So far we have a cherry, ice cream cone, lollipop, apple and a tangerine. If you would like to help us finish them off, then please get in touch.

Thank you to all that helped in our village 'Clean for the Queen' Litter pick.

Please support our Book sale on Saturday 16th April in the village hall from 10am till noon. Coffee, tea and biscuits will be served.

Our next meeting is the second Wednesday in April, in the village hall. Come along and join us for the workshop, 8pm.

Shirley 810614
Shirley M Stillington & Farlington WI

Stillington Wanderers

With the ground at long last drying underfoot; walkers climbed up from Welburn Church to gain the panoramic view of Castle Howard and its follies. The route followed a drive that past visitors would have used from the old railway station at Whitwell. The restored drive gates are now duly protected by stout wooden posts. The holiday business of InnTravel is housed in a nearby cluster of restored farm buildings.



14th March was a new walk to many: from Thirsk upstream along Cod Beck to South Kilvington Mill and a circular return past very well tended allotments, the Parish Church, disused Masonic building and over the earthwork remains of Thirsk Castle.

Next walks are Monday 11th and 25th April. Meet outside the White Bear at 09.30.

Parish Council Notes

Extract of Minutes from Meeting held on 2nd March in Stillington Village Hall

(A full set of the Minutes can be seen at the Post Office And Notice Board)

Development South Back Lane

Daniel Gath still anticipates that the affordable units would be completed as follows; Plots 1-4 end of April 2016; Plots 12-14 mid June; and Plots 15-17 mid July. This will complete the affordable plots.

The open market units will depend on Sales but it is hoped to have the Show home (Plot 8) open early April. Daniel Gath has also confirmed that all damaged verges will be reinstated on completion of the highway.

Social Housing

It is now expected that 4 two-bedroomed houses will be available in late April and a further 3 two-bedroomed Houses in mid June and the rest in late July. The rent for these properties will be £94.57 per week plus a Service Charge (yet to be confirmed). These houses are only available to applicants with a local connection to Stillington.

Trees

M Rowe and P Swiers have suggested suitable locations for the trees and have placed stakes on the Greens. Action is now in hand with the tree surgeon to source the trees. Offers had been received from two residents to donate the cost of the trees at no cost to the Parish Council.

Road around the Green

One of the residents around the Green has offered to make a contribution to the cost of repair. P Swiers agreed to obtain an estimate from Atkinson's for the repair.

Footpath between Beech Cottage and Old Vicarage

NYCC have agreed to put the repair of footpath on to their maintenance programme but because of financial cutbacks it could be sometime before it will be completed.

Celebrating the Queen's 90th Birthday in 2016

Next meeting for the June Vintage Tea Party weekend is at the shop Wed 13th April at 8.30am.

HEATING OIL

If you require a delivery of heating oil in April, please let **Maureen Linton** know by Wednesday, 13th April for delivery the following week.

e-mail preferred: minsteryork@me.com or ☎810082.

Minimum order is 500 litres.

VILLAGE LUNCH

White Bear Inn

Tuesday 19 April From 12.15pm

£6.50 2 courses / £7.50 3 courses.

Cream Teas at the Chapel

Bank Holiday Monday 2 May
2.00-4.00pm

*In aid of Stillington Methodist Chapel and St Nicholas Church
Come along and meet your friends*

General Knowledge Quiz Sports and Social Club

March quiz raised £270 for the Cricket Club. The winning team were Peter Drummond, John Wright, Roy Crosbie-Wood and Tom Richardson. Thanks to all supporters over the winter season.

Meals on Wheels

A Meals on Wheels service offering a freshly prepared nutritious meal delivered by friendly volunteers for a very reasonable cost is available on Tuesdays and Thursdays in Stillington.

If you, or someone you know, is confined to the house, have difficulty shopping and carrying food home or are unable to cook for yourself then this service can provide you with a good meal and regular friendly social contact.

All meals are designed to provide a wholesome and balanced diet with a different menu every day from a varied programme.

If you are interested in the service or would like to volunteer to deliver the service then please call EDCCA on **01347 822875**.

In the Countryside

Sunday 20th March, this morning welcomes the spring equinox with sunshine at 7am. How things have changed in a week! Last week has seen the land dry up, the yard dry and even dust about, the previous week's rain and flooding disappearing at a good rate, despite the fact there have been no drying winds to speak of.

Just after completing the last notes I heard the welcome sound of a curlew flying over, often the first bird of the returning migration birds of the season. Though its journey is only from the coast to the grassy uplands to nest, it is always a welcome sound. Since then a pair have been around the farm as if they will nest here again this year.

A fortnight ago, when we had a fall of wet snow, a good bunch of yellow hammers were busy feeding around the sheep troughs. How brilliant the males' yellow plumage looked against the snow. I enjoyed watching them busily working away but with a very wary eye. I was reminded how as a lad, I showed a local company director a yellow hammer's nest in a thorn hedge with its four eggs which are a pinky, light grey base colour with a dark maroon red haphazard line all over. He was pleased to be shown the nest and told me that he had been brought up to call them scribblers. How long I spent as a bird nesting fanatic (what a bad lad I was). No, I don't think it was all bad. We never took more than one egg from a nest, but as a consequence we learned a lot. We knew most eggs by their colour or shape and nests were usually identified by shape and construction before our little fingers or eyes had seen their' contents. The mystery then, as now, is how do the birds make the pigment colours so true to their specie: the bright turquoise blue of the hedge sparrow, the sky blue of the song



Yellowhammer

thrush with black spots more to the thicker end of the egg, and so on. The collected eggs were blown (i.e. pierced with a thorn at both ends and the contents gently blown out), dried and put into a box to be admired. However, if the egg had been incubated too long the contents could not be blown out. So a trick we played was to put the pierced egg near the entrance of an ants' nest and let them have an eggy supper. Once, having done just that, I went a day or two later to find no trace of the egg. But when I removed a small black stone at the entrance to the hole there was my egg, perfectly round, but completely flattened by the small stone. I am still mystified by how those little ants did what they did to that little egg. We still have much to learn.

I made a mistake a few years ago of planting some bull rushes round the pond near the house. The habitat must be ideal for them and also bog bean, as both are occupying far too much space. The bull rushes or more correctly, giant reed mace, (as a bull rush is a very different plant), are at the stage where the thick, dark seed head is bursting and every puff of breeze sends more of the fluffy seed drifting away to find a soggy patch to make another colony. They grow off a shallow rhizome that can be eaten, so the old cook books say. Ask Mary

Berry?

The colours of the woods are changing now as sap rises and fills the new buds with life and growth. Last week I watched a sticky bud (horse chestnut) actually grow and burst, whilst I ate my breakfast (honestly it was not an all-day breakfast.) The primroses and celandines are showing their colours along the banks, they will soon be joined by more flowers all to be looked out for and enjoyed. R & MJ

Tennis Club

The tennis courts are now as good as when first installed after a full power wash clean and new sand spread. Funding to cover the high cost involved has come from Tennis Club reserves and Hambleton District Council Section 106 monies resulting from recent building developments within Stillington Parish.

Two mixed teams will play in the York and District League (Divs. 4 and 7). **Match practice starts Sunday 17 April at 6pm** for anyone interested in playing in one of the teams. Club sessions continue throughout the year from 2pm on Saturday afternoons. All are welcome – you can just turn up and play.

Cricket Club

We are about to start another season, although the weather is currently uninspiring!. **Outdoor practices for junior and senior players will start on Friday 8th April** and first senior matches are 16th April (dates for junior games to follow).

The first team will be at home against Heworth III and the second team are away at Osbaldwick II. Anybody who is interested in playing or helping in other ways is very welcome at any time.

Feel free to call Tim Jarvis (811575) and get involved!

SCHOOL NEWS

We had a very busy start to the year with the exciting news that our junior teacher, Mrs Clark, had given birth to a beautiful baby girl, Georgina Catherine, on the 30th December. Mrs Clark and Georgina have already made a couple of visits to school much to the delight of the children and the teachers!

African Animals

Our spring term topic has been African Animals. The children have made some beautiful masks and wonderful savanna sunset pictures.

Magistrates Visit

We have had a visit from a Magistrate who talked to the Year 5 and 6 children about the work they do. The children also got a chance to be Judge, Jury and defendant in a mock court!

Drumming Workshop

The children had lots of fun when a drumming workshop came to visit. The children spent the morning singing and drumming and making a lot of noise!

Parent Governor

We are pleased to announce that Jamie Kerslake is our new parent governor. Mr Kerslake replaces Guy Saunders who has been an excellent parent governor for a number of years and we would like to say thank you to him for all the help he has given school.

Cross Country!

Liam, Oisín, Tadgh, Lydia and Sophie took part in the cross country finals in February with Tadgh qualifying yet again for the North

Yorkshire School Games Cross Country Final at Dalby Forest.

RSPB Big Garden Bird Watch

Miss Cole has been running a lunchtime club for our junior children to prepare for a RSPB Big Garden Bird Watch. The children have thoroughly enjoyed making bird feed and learning how to identify the different types of birds.

Farewell

One of our midday supervisors, Pat, left us at the end of January. Pat has been a wonderful member of our team and she will be missed by us all.

Sainsburys Active Kids

Sainsburys Active Kids is back for 2016. Vouchers are available from the 27th January to the 3rd May inside stores and petrol stations. This is an excellent way to get some much needed resources for school so please bring in as many vouchers as you can. The post office kindly collects vouchers for us so if you have any that you can spare, we would be very grateful for any donations.

Mrs Wells

Our wonderful cook Mrs Wells cooked up pancakes for every child in school again this year which was a lovely treat and is planning an Easter lunch for parents at the end of term.

Goodbye Mrs Cross

As the half term came to an end, we said goodbye to Mrs Cross who has been a fantastic teaching assistant, colleague and friend at Stillington School since 2003. We miss her very much and hope that she comes to visit us whenever she is passing by.

VILLAGE DIARY

(VH = Events at the Village Hall)

APRIL

Fri	1	
Sat	2	Football Beckett League 2.00pm Dominoes 8.30pm "The Story of Stephane Grappelli"- Andy Lawrenson Trio 7.30pm VH
Sun	3	
Mon	4	
Tues	5	
Wed	6	Pool B v Commercial, A v Old Black Bull (away) Indoor cricket nets Parish Council 7.30pm VH
Thurs	7	Sewing class 9.00am-3.00pm Martial arts 5.15-8.15pm VH
Fri	8	U13 & U15 outdoor cricket nets
Sat	9	Football 2.00pm
Sun	10	

Mon	11	Stillington Wanderers W Bear 9.30am Cricket meeting 7.30pm VH Committee 7.00pm VH
Tues	12	
Wed	13	Pool A v Commercial, B v Golden Lion W.I. 7.15pm VH
Thurs	14	Martial arts 5.15-8.15pm VH
Fri	15	Baby and toddler group 10.00am VH
Sat	16	Cricket 1st v Heworth Dominoes 8.30pm Book sale and coffee 10.00-12.00 VH
Sun	17	
Mon	18	
Tues	19	Village Lunch W Bear Monthly meeting
Wed	20	Pool Team KO Archive Group talk "Chocolate" 7.30pm VH
Thurs	21	Martial arts 5.15-8.15pm VH
Fri	22	Baby and toddler group 10.00am VH Flower Festival St Nicholas

Sat	23	League cricket 1.30pm Flower Festival St Nicholas
Sun	24	Flower Festival St Nicholas
Mon	25	Stillington Wanderers W Bear 9.30am
Tues	26	
Wed	27	Pool A v Castle, B v Mended Drum (away) Gardening club AGM 7.30pm VH
Thurs	28	Martial arts 5.15-8.15pm VH
Fri	29	Baby and toddler group 10am VH
Sat	30	League cricket 1.30pm
MAY		
Mon	2	Cream Teas at the Chapel 2-4pm
Wed	4	Parish Council 7.30pm VH
Thurs	5	Polling station all day VH

FILM MATINEE

– at the Chapel –
Wednesday 20 April 2.00pm
Everyone welcome.
More details tel 810250

The Annual Collection around the village for the Children's Society will take place from the 9th to 23rd April. Collectors will be calling between these dates.

Your support would, as in the past, be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

CHURCH SERVICES

METHODIST CHAPEL

Minister:	Rev. Elizabeth Cushion	☎ 821460
Stewards:	Robin Jackson	☎ 810250
	Bob Brown	☎ 810543
	Sally Gall	☎ 810374
	Yvonne Murphy	☎ 811544

Services & Preachers

Apr 3	Bible study led by Mr Robin Jackson	10.30am
Apr 10	Evening service: Rev Ann Vaughan	6.30pm
Apr 17	Evening service: Dr Paul Carter	6.30pm
	Joint with friends from the villages	
Apr 24	Evensong at St Nicholas to celebrate Queen's 90 th Birthday	6.30pm
May 1	Everyone is welcome to join in the chapel anniversary where the Preacher will be Rev Andrew Foster	10.30am
	Easter offering service at Sheriff Hutton	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.stjohn easingwold.ampleforth.org.uk	

ST. NICHOLAS

Priest in Charge:	Canon Robert Law	☎ 810940
Church Wardens	Muriel Law	☎ 810484
:	Janet Martin	☎ 822981
	email: jessie.jm158@gmail.com	

Stillington and Benefice Services:

Apr 7 / 14 / 21 / 28	Prayers for the Village	9.00am
Apr 6	Morning Prayer	9.30am
Apr 10	Holy Communion Traditional	9.30am
Apr 17	Benefice Eucharist	9.30am
Apr 24	Evensong to celebrate Queen's 90 th Birthday	6.30pm

ST. MARY MARTON

Services in a Celtic Tradition		
Church	Sally Coomer	☎ 810891
Warden:	email: sally@scoomer.freeserve.co.uk	
Apr 3	Celtic Eucharist	6.00pm
Apr 17	Celtic Evening Worship	6.00pm

ST. LEONARD FARLINGTON

Church	Louise Clark	☎ 811626
Wardens	Sally Downing	☎ 878745
Apr 10	Shortened Matins	11.15am
Apr 24	Holy Communion (BCP)	11.15am

The Vicarage Sutton on the Forest

Dear Friends

Bishop John has written to inform you that I will be resigning as your Vicar in our Benefice.

In the five months after my stroke, I have made great progress. However, it will take much more time to make a complete recovery. I realise, together with my family, doctors and carers that I should resign for the benefit of myself and my family and also for the Benefice.

I am deeply sad to leave you all and know that I will miss all parishioners, conducting church services, personal pastoral care and taking Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals for many village families.

Please pray for me and my family as we face the challenges of financial concerns and housing provision brought about by retiring six years earlier than we had imagined and planned for.

With my prayers and best wishes
Chris Ellis

FROM THE PARISH REGISTER

R.I.P
Maurice Albert Fewster
15.3.2016

St Nicholas CHURCH CLEANING

2 nd April	SPRING CLEAN – Everyone welcome
4 th – 16 th April	Mrs Ingham & Mrs M North
18 th – 30 th April	Mrs Everett & Mrs M North
2 nd – 14 th May	Mrs Walton & Mr Handley

FLOWER ROTA

3 rd April	Mrs B Millburn
10 th April	Mrs J Ingham
17 th April	Mrs R Bresnen
24 th April	Mrs V Everett
1 st May	Mrs J Whittaker

St Nicholas 200 Club

1st Prize £30: Mrs A Cobb
2nd Prize £10: Mrs S Bedingfield, Mr J Haines
Runners-Up £6:
Mr D Atkinson, Mr N Hallam, Mrs A Hawker,
Mrs M. Price, Mr P. Robinson
Drawn by "Our Ernie"

Spring clean and a new start

There are certain times which are good for making a new start, and one of them is the coming of spring. The buds on the trees, flowers appearing in the garden and lengthening of the days lift our spirits. The sunshine also reminds us of the fact that the windows need cleaning and parts of the house need decorating. So at this time many of us begin spring cleaning. The warmer weather draws us outside and we start working on the garden. Spring cleaning is a ritual in which we seem to lay the winter months behind us and look forward to the warmer weather ahead.

It's not just the house and garden that need to be cleaned out; we need to spring clean our lives too. To take time to tidy up loose ends and sort through the clutter. To clean up parts that have got dusty or in a mess. And we can only do that by turning to Jesus.

At this time we are in the Easter season and are reminded again of how Jesus died so that all our sins could be forgiven, and rose again to give us a new start. This Easter, let us again allow Jesus to give us a spring clean and a new start.

Elizabeth Cushion