

Stillington News

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Celebrating the Queen's 90th Birthday



Maisie Brooker and Thomas Mitchell blowing out the candles.

After a lot of planning and preparation the Village celebrated the Queen's 90th birthday with a vintage tea party that included a cake which was kindly and decorated by Megan Shepherd; Mavis North did the first cut and everyone sang 'Happy Birthday'. There was a wonderful "Stillington" spread of sandwiches with no crusts, cake stands with party cakes, traditional Smiths crisps with blue salt packets, jelly, ice cream and cups of tea.

Christine Pick and Diana Mitchinson played 1920s/1930s key board duets during the Tea Party and John Butcher's excellent Band played on into the evening. Claire Mitchell, Ballet teacher, patiently taught some Charleston steps and the brave trio of Bridget, Christine & Tara had fun following Claire's lead.

Thank you to all Helpers and for donations received from the Stillington British Legion members and others who contributed, either before or after the Coffee Morning.

Don's Crown and "90" sign on the church tower and Sally's Crown on the village bank again contributed to the celebrations.

Shakespeare came to Stillington

Not in 1610, when reportedly the play was written, but in 2016, courtesy of the Wright family & their Team, and with their production of *The Tempest*.

The garden made a perfect setting for the promenade production and any picnic gatherings beforehand. Voices floated across what was the millpond; from in trees, behind trees and through the bushes. The audience were led to each venue by the young spirits & the beat of a drum.

"Undiscovered" local talent joined forces with professional actors; teenagers and primary children to entertain us. The play gave chance for aspiring actors and back stage helpers of all ages to gain new experiences and join up for the production. A marquee doubled up as one of the scene settings; providing shelter from any rain and the venue for hot & cold drinks, assisting the assurance that the show must go on – especially on a wet Sunday evening.

Well done to all those involved

What was the hole on Top Green?

Yorkshire Water fit valves and metres along their mains to measure water flow and loss of water through leaks etc. They are fitting extra valves and to enable them to pinpoint leaks more efficiently, especially during the winter months. Hence the hole for our Top Green

Weather Report June 2016

Rainfall - The second half of May had more rain than the very dry first half, but at 28 mm the total was still less than half the average figure of 62 mm.

The first half of June had a sequence of eight rainless days but then a downpour of 24 mm on the 10th raised the half-monthly total to 38 mm, about average.

Temperature - In the latter part of May the maximum and minimum temperatures did not exceed the figures for the first half, namely 27.6°C max and 1.8°C min.

In the first half of June the temperature reached a high of 27.9°C on the 7th and a low of 9.6°C on the morning of the 3rd. Otherwise, overnight temperatures remained in double figures.

May proved to be an unusually sunny month. The solar panel output was higher than in any month last year. **MT**

Welcome to the July edition of Stillington News.

Copy deadline for the August issue is Saturday 23rd July. Contributions by email with copies to both christopherpotter313@btinternet.com and suepace@yahoo.co.uk, or put in the 'Stillo News' envelope at the shop (with contact details

Stillington Wanderers

23rd May walk was north from Terrington, with distant views of Wiganthorpe Hall; over to Toby Hag Wood & then the wonderful sight of some 6 or 7 hares along a cultivated field boundary by Wath Beck. Back via Fryton Moor & Baxton Howe to the Terrington School sports field.

The next walk was SE from Easthorpe to Bog Hall, through the Gaterleys & along Thackadale Lane giving splendid views of Castle Howard's Temple & the Mausoleum . A willow plantation, storm damaged some time ago, shows perfectly how willow adapts with its torn or split limbs.

4th and 18th July. Meet outside Next walks are Monday the White Bear at 09.30.

Stillington Cricket Club

You can tell the cricket season is upon us when a promising sunny spring turns into a perishing and damp early summer ... and the flannelled fools appear on the cricket field! This season has seen another major shake up in local cricket following the creation of the Yorkshire Premier League North as one of four such leagues in the county and the migration of six of the existing senior league clubs to the new league. However, the impact on our club has not been great.

Stillington 1st team plays in division three Galtres and the seconds are one level below. The unseasonably(?) damp start to League cricket has seen both teams lose games to the weather, two out of eight for the firsts and 3 out of nine for the seconds. Both teams have, however made promising starts to the season.

The first team, captained by Wayne Linton is unbeaten and currently sit at the top of the table with 163 points. They have benefited from recruitment from SHB and Malton together with a loan arrangement, also with the Bridge. The top four or five batters, have scored heavily for a side whose strength lies there more than in bowling.

The second team, led by veteran Neil Dale has a number of senior batsmen and a youthful bowling line up. When at full strength, this provides a good balance between bat and ball but as ever, exams, football and first team calls tend to disrupt selection. Nevertheless, at the end of May, the seconds sat comfortably in mid table with 127 points.

Our junior sides are also enjoying an encouraging start to the season and those who wander down to the club early on a Friday evening will perhaps be astounded to see the number of boys (and some girls) between the ages of 6 and 16 who turn up for sessions led by our coaching staff. Children from the village school are also enjoying cricket sessions this term led by a YCB Community Cricket Officer. This bodes well for the future of the club.

This year, all our teams and the community generally benefit from the improved facilities now available at the club. New practice nets and covers funded with help from Stillington Community Association, Hambleton District Council and others complement the carefully-tended playing area.

We always welcome new players and also support and help from those who are able to contribute in other ways to the success of a cricket club of which the village can be proud. We look forward to seeing you as the summer warms up, so if you want to play or help out contact Tim Jarvis 01347 811575.

STILLINGTON BOWLING CLUB

Over the weekend of 16/17 July the club will be holding its annual Invitation Open Pairs tournament for the Andre Davis Memorial Trophy. The event attracts teams from around the area and Stillington will also be represented. Let's hope this year the trophy stays with the club!

The first leg of the Charity Challenge match played at Stillington against Easingwold, produced one of the closest results for some time, with the home team leading by just five shots. Stillington currently hold the shield, but they will face a stiff challenge in the return fixture if they are to retain it.

Importantly, a total of £171 was raised on the day and this will be donated to support Arthritis Research.

Tennis Club

Family Tennis afternoon in May saw doubles tennis being played on two courts with a mix of parents and off-spring and Katy Fowler masterminding as many 20 to 25 children on the third court with some fun tennis drills and games.

It was good to see such support and a picnic tea to follow.

Junior Tennis sessions continue on a Saturday morning with a tournament on Sat. 16th July.

The club is half way through its York & District Mixed fixtures and both teams are keen to reverse fortunes. The 1st team have Won 1 match; Drawn 1 and Lost 5; the 2nd team have Drawn 1 match, Lost 4 and had 1 Walk Over. Younger members have chance to play this season which augurs well for the future.

1st team players so far: Peter Jones, Julian Terry, Adrian Streetley, Tim Adams, Andrew Burdett. Michael Wragg and Barbara Watson, Katy Fowler, Liz Burdett, Christine Cookman, Jennifer Jones, Jane Jackson, Anne Barfoot.

2nd team players so far: Toby Conyers-Kelly, Tim Adams, Lee Brayford, Adrian Streetley, Tim Manners, Graham Cookman, George Good and Barbara Watson, Anne Barfoot, Jennifer Jones, Jane Jackson, Emily Sutton, Niamh Wragg, Isobel Wragg, Sophie Adams.

In the Countryside

I am writing these notes on the 16th June in advance of the deadline because we are going for a holiday, when we get all the jobs done! Tonight I have finished treating the sheep for blowfly. The horrible bluebottles have been around and enjoying the warm, humid weather. We use systemic chemicals these days, rather than the more effective dip solutions, that have proved to be a serious health hazard. Two or three treatments through the summer will now give good protection.

The soft new leaves on the trees are hardening and will lose some of the vibrant green colour with their maturity. Our trees are forever changing through the seasons, month by month. The acacia tree has only just put up its leaves, being the latest tree to leaf up. It will shortly be flowering with white racemes of flowers, rather like a smaller version the yellow laburnum flowers. They are very fragrant and the tree belongs to the clover family, which are all leguminosae. The whole family have the ability to collect nitrogen out of the atmosphere and store it in root nodules, to feed it and its neighbours with nitrogen, the big growth agent.

The may, or hawthorn, blossom has been excellent this year, but it is almost over now. It is interesting that some blossom will turn pink as it goes back. Now the hedgerow is covered with wild roses which are rather delicate with their white and pink and yellow flower centres. The honeysuckle is opening with its wonderful evening scent to feed the night flying moths with their fill of nectar. There seems to be a wide variation in colourings on many plants, that would suggest that many have their origins in the domestic garden, and have now been deposited by birds who have eaten the red berries, but not digested the seed. Talking of red berries reminds me that the gelder-rose is in flower now. This shrubby vibernum is not a rose by any means, but takes its name from Gelderland where it was first cultivated. The flat flower head is composed of large white flowers round the outside, which are thought to attract insects to the nectar filled centre flowers that are more cream in colour, and bear the stigma and stamens for reproduction. This means the white flowers are just for show. In the autumn translucent red berries will form and the leaves will turn crimson before being shed. All in all it is a very colourful shrub that looks well in a big wild garden. One of our garden escapers is a dogwood and is flowering in a hedgerow, even beating the blackthorn for suckering whose greenish yellow flowers are out now.

This is the time when many birds are looking after their brood of youngsters. What a long day they work, through from dawn at 4.00a.m. till 9.30p.m. at night. Now that's a full day's work. Fledglings are very vulnerable to so many predators, even the domestic cat. We have many tits that look very work worn, and at least two pairs of spotted flycatchers nesting. They nest in very obvious places and work so hard to feed their family, which makes the nest easy to find, as they repeatedly return straight to their nest with food, without flying round the houses like so many other birds.

The garden is a picture now, so have a walk round and admire the colours and scents. *R S M*

SCHOOL NEWS

Murderous Maths!

Our Year Five boys attended a maths challenge at Great Ouseburnll. Joined by pupils from all over North Yorkshire they faced questions set by York author and broadcaster Kjartan Poskitt, writer of the 'Murderous Maths' series. The boys were given a chance to flex their mathematical muscles in a series of quick fire calculations, puzzles and problems that had some of the adults scratching their heads. They proved admirably up to the task by coming joint third!

Golden Book Assembly

Every Friday is Golden Book Assembly, a very important part of the school week when we gather together to celebrate the special achievements, milestones or simple 'very well dones' of our pupils. Recently we have had children making an excellent start at swimming; showing good cricketing skills; working hard writing a story 'Queen for a day' and some children being extraordinarily kind and helpful to the staff and their fellow pupils.

Playtime

We have some fantastic new playground equipment which the children have been eagerly trying out. The twin walker proved an instant success, with a queue forming to take turns! As you can imagine with lots of children running around there are sometimes accidents at playtime. What never ceases to amaze staff is the way the children have a routine that no adult has taught them. They fetch a staff member on duty if one isn't already on their way, comfort the accident victim, offer to take them inside for treatment and sit with them. It's one of the pleasant advantages of being a small school with a family atmosphere.

Queen's 90th Birthday Party

Mrs Wells once again did us proud with a sumptuous spread on Friday 10th June to celebrate Her Majesty the Queen's official birthday. It certainly was a party fit for a queen!

Upcoming Events

The Summer term is always a busy one. Preparing our Year Sixes to move on to Easingwold School and ensuring we celebrate their time at our school is high on the agenda. One of those celebratory events is the Leavers' play, when the Year Sixes have a chance to shine in a lead role. This year the play is Roald Dahl's Jack and the Beanstalk - the smelly hero discovers the merits of taking a bath! The performance is on Wednesday 20th July at 6:15pm in the school hall and members of the public are welcome to attend. It's a great opportunity to take a look inside our village school.

STILLINGTON POST OFFICE & STORES

Local Food Festival

Wednesday 6th July 7.30am – 4.30pm

Come along and try a FREE sample of our local foods

Breakfast of Yorkshire bacon and sausage butties

Elevensies of cakes, scones and biscuits

Lunchtime savoury snacks

Afternoon Tte' with a cup of Fairtrade coffee or

Yorkshire tea

Yorkshire ice cream for the kids

Look for the gazebo in front of the shop on Main Street.

Our way of saying 'thank you' to all our customers
— and the chance to taste some excellent local food



No free food in days of yore

“90 Years of Stillington“

With Village Archive material and her expanding IT skills, Liz Cole masterminded this excellent presentation as part of the weekend celebrating the Queen’s 90th Birthday.

Her audience were treated to 90 minutes of Music, Slides and “voice-overs”, interspersed with pictures of HM The Queen through her own 90 years.



The opening of the Village hall in 1929

There was new material for everyone. We saw pictures of Stillington Hall – inside and outside; former owners & residents of the Hall, Squire Liddle, the Alexian Brothers, Kenny Everett as a school boy; the demise of the Hall and the Methodist Chapel; the transformation of the one-time School into the Village Hall; the separate playground and entrance for boys and girls in the “new” school; Parkfield estate half built; the Sports Club origins & changes from railway stock pavilion and changing rooms to brick buildings; Jubilee & Coronation celebrations; the youth of Stillington now in their 70s & 80s and some special visitors, including royalty, that have travelled through the village.

Liz is hoping to make copies of her presentation available in due course and everyone acknowledged the time spent in preparing and editing for this excellent event.

Recycling queries and Green Waste

Bottle tops or off? The answer is now "Off" please. Glass waste is now treated separately to metal; metal caps and bottle tops should go into the blue lidded bin with the dry recycling.

Any help in rinsing coco cola bottle or cans will help save money and materials too: any drink remains "gradually eat" away at machinery and metal containers.

Another "horror" for recycling machinery – is video tape. The tape is extremely strong & can wrap itself round & round machinery parts which then stop working. Please put tapes into the black bin.

Green Waste It has been announced that Hambleton will be starting to charge for collecting our Green Waste from next April. Collecting garden waste is not a statutory service and the cost in collecting the waste far outweighs any income received. The charge will be fixed in September. Garden waste can be composted for free and it is accepted at the household waste recycling centres: our nearest centre is at Tholthorpe. More details will be available; otherwise contact Hambleton District Council on 01609 779977 or visit www.hambleton.gov.uk .

Stillington & Farlington WI

The June meeting centred on the work of the RNLI in the form of a talk by Hannah including a few short films of real life situations. Its work not only deals with trying to avert tragedies at sea, but also assisting with rescues following floods, such as those experienced earlier this year. Being fully run by volunteers with donations from the public the RNLI needs continued funding from us all for both training and equipment. We thanked Hannah for an informative and sometimes emotional talk, before refreshments were served by Angela.

So far this year we have enjoyed partying, talks Caving and Treasurers House. We have made 3 Origami structures and openly discussed our Resolutions, that get voted on and then put forward to the Government. The second part of this year sees a visit to Ripon in July, a celebration of the Queen's Birthday in August, and more partying. We also look forward to talks on Organ Donation by a recipient of a heart and lung transplant, letters about life as a Mariner, and Christmas made easy, showing short cuts at Christmas.

Why don't you come along on the 2nd Wednesday of September to the Village Hall(8pm), to see what we do. We are a group of lively ladies who enjoy friendship and learning new skills, and all have rich and diverse backgrounds. Visitors contribute £3, including refreshments, and we hope to see many new faces in September. Come along and give it a go!

Shirley M

Parish Council Notes

EXTRACT OF MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 25 May 2016 in STILLINGTON VILLAGE HALL

Election of Officers 201/2016

Chairman-It was moved by C Cookman and seconded by P Swiers that Malcolm Rowe should be elected as Chairman. This was carried unanimously.

Vice Chairman- It was moved by P Swiers and seconded by B Smith that D Goodall should be elected as Vice Chairman. This was carried unanimously.

External Examiner- It was moved by C Cookman and seconded by B smith that H Vester should be appointed as Parish Council Internal Examiner H Vester had indicated her willingness to stand. This was carried unanimously.

Road around the Green - The road around the Green has now been repaired. A total amount of £150 has been contributed from six residents who live around has been given towards the cost of £720 for the repair They were thanked for their contributions.

White Fencing Posts and Railings - NYCC have completed inspection of the railings and found there to be 10 slightly loose posts and onr section of rail has detached. However Due to the financial constraints of the general maintenance budget the Highways Officer considered the findings of his inspection with the Maintenance Manager and no further action will be taken at this time. The Parish Council was unhappy with this reply and it was agreed to seek an on site meeting with NYCC to discuss the situation

Fence around the Pond - It was agreed to purchase fencing wire and repair the fence P Swiers and B Smith would undertake this task.

VILLAGE LUNCH

WHITE BEAR INN

TUESDAY 19TH JULY FROM

12.30PM

£6.50 2 COURSES / £7.50

3 COURSES

ENJOY A GOOD MEAL AND
GOOD COMPANY

Mobile Phone Mast

The majority of residents and businesses seem to be well pleased with the new phone mast. Ee and O2 are the main providers, with most of the other companies operating off the same connections. Residents in parts of Sutton on Forest have also reported much better reception.

CHARITY QUIZ

White Bear Inn

Sunday

31 July at 7.30pm

VILLAGE DIARY
(VH = events at Village Hall)

Fri 1	Baby & Toddler Group V/H	10.00 am
Sat 2	Cricket – 1 st Tadcaster - Home 2 nd Osbaldwick - Away	
Sun 3	Cricket – U/13 Sessay	
Mon 4	Cricket- U/15 Thirsk - Away Bowls – Topcliffe - Home	
Tues 5	Tennis – Fulford Bowls – Kirbymoorside - Home	
Wed 6	Parochial Church Council V/H Bowls- Kirbymoorside - Away	7.00 pm
Thurs 7	Martial Arts VH School Cricket Cricket – Shepherd v JW Cress Bowls – Settrington - Home	5.15- 8.15pm 1.30-3.30pm
Fri 8	Baby & Toddler Group VH	10.00 am
Sat 9	Martial Arts VH Cricket – 1 st Heworth - Away 2 nd Duncombe Park - Home	All day
Mon 11	Village Hall Committee VH British Legion Meeting Bowls – Wetherby – Home Cricket – U/15 North Stavely - Away	7.00 pm 7.00pm
Tues 12	Tennis – Poppleton Bowls – Welham – Away	
Thurs 14	Martial Arts VH School Cricket Bowls – Helmsley - away	5.15 – 8.15pm 1.30-3.30pm
Fri 15	Baby & Toddler Group VH School BBQ	10.00 am 6.00pm
Sat 16	Village Hall Working Party VH Cricket – 2 nd Osbaldwick – Home 1 st – No game Bowls - Andre Davie Competition (+17 th)	9.30 am
Sun 17	Cricket – U/13 Cup	
Mon 18	Bowls – Dishforth – Home	
Tues 19	Tennis – Cliff	
Wed 20	Bowls – Malton – Away	
Thurs 21	Martial Arts VH	5.15 – 8.15pm
Fri 22	Baby & Toddler Group VH	10.00 am
Sat 23	Cricket – 1 st New Earswick – Away 2 nd Huby – Home	
Mon 25	Bowls – Boroughbridge – Away	
Tues 26	Bowls – Wigginton – Away	
Thurs 28	Martial Arts VH Cricket – Shepherd v St Paul’s	5.15 – 8.15pm
Fri 29	Bowls – Church Fenton – Home	
Sat 30	Cricket – 1 st Dringhouses – Home 2 nd Hovingham – Away	
Sun 31	“Songs of Praise” VH Bowls – Club Rinks Competition	10.30 am

ST. NICHOLAS CLEANING

27 June - 9 July Dr & Mrs Martin
11 July - 23 July Mr & Mrs Little
25 July - 6 August Mr & Mrs Law

ST NICHOLAS FLOWER ROTA

July 3 Mrs S Archer
July 10 Mrs J Whittaker
July 17 Mrs J Martin
July 24 Mrs M North
July 31 Mrs C Cookman

PARISH REGISTER

ALEXA GEORGINA TRAVES
Baptised on 22nd May, 2016

ST. NICHOLAS 200 CLUB

1st Mrs G Sanderson
2nd Mrs S Galloway
2nd Mrs M Murphy
R.U. Mrs M Pollack
R.U. Mrs M Chapman
R.U. Mr N Miles
R.U. Miss E Clark
R.U. Mrs J Richardson
Drawn by "Our Ernie"

Christian Aid Week 2016

The total raised in Stillington
this year was **£295.29**.
A huge thank you to everyone
who donated and brought
back their envelopes to the
Shop.



The next meeting of
Stillington Branch of the Royal
British Legion is on Monday
11th July 2016 at Stillington
Sports and Social Club at
7.00p.m.

FILM MATINEE

-At the Chapel-
Wednesday 20th July 2.p.m
Everyone Welcome and
Don't Panic
Refreshments Available

St Nicholas

Priest in charge	Canon Robert Law	810940
Church Wardens	Muriel Law Janet Martin	810484 822981
	email: jessie.jm158@gmail.com	
July 3	Morning Prayer	9.30
July 7	Prayers for the Village	9.00
July 10	Holy Communion Traditional	9.30
July 14	Prayers for the Village	9.00
July 17	Benefice Eucharist at Farlington	10.30
July 21	Prayers for the Village	9.00
July 24	Holy Communion Common Worship	9.30
July 28	Prayers for the Village	9.00
July 31	Ecumenical Songs of Praise at the Village Hall	10.30

Methodist Chapel

Minister -	Rev Elizabeth Cushion	821460
Stewards –	Robin Jackson	810250
	Bob Brown	810543
	Sally Gall	810374
	Yvonne Murphy	811544
July 3	Bible study with Mr R Jackson. No evening service.	
July 10	Together – York Barbican - 11a.m. – 2p.m.	
July 17	6.30 Evening Service with Communion Rev Elizabeth Cushion	
July 24	6.30 Evening Service with Rev Philip Turner	
July 31	Songs of Praise at the Village Hall – 10. 30a.m	

St. John the Evangelist RC Easingwold

Priest:	Fr Leo Chamberlain	821295
Sunday Mass:	830am & 10.30 am	
Vigil Mass:	5.45pm Saturday	
Confessions:	5-530pm Saturday	
Website	www.stjohnneasingwold.ampleforth.org.uk	

St Mary Marton

Services in Celtic Tradition		
Church Warden	Sally Coomer	
Email:	sally@scoomer.freeseerve.co.uk	
July 3	Celtic Eucharist	6.00pm
July 17	Celtic Evening Worship	6.00pm

St. Leonard Farlington

Church Wardens:	Louise Clark 811626 Sally Downing 878745
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We're all going on a summer holiday ...

Our word holiday comes from the tradition of taking time off work for a Holy Day. In the middle ages, religious festivals were a big chance to take some time off and have fun. Now holidays conjure up images of sandy beaches, luxurious hotels and warm sunshine. Holidays are something that we look forward to each year to see somewhere new, enjoy the sun and have a time of relaxation. Hopefully our holidays live up to our expectations. Sometimes when children have squabbled on the car journey, the flights are delayed or you arrive back to a pile of post and emails, it can be tempting to think that maybe life would be easier without a holiday. But taking time out of our routine and familiar surroundings has real benefits. There is the chance to spend more time with family and friends, to experience life differently in a new environment and have a different rhythm to the day. Getting away and taking a break also helps us to re-charge spiritually. During the summer months we have a break from our regular meetings, which hopefully allows us to come back refreshed. Jesus also took time out, to go into the desert to reflect and pray, and after His death He arranged a picnic on the beach for His friends. If Jesus enjoyed a break then surely so can we. And if we make time to pray and enjoy the surroundings God has given to us, then we make our holidays holy days as well.

Elizabeth Cushion