

# Stillington News

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## VILLAGE VINTAGE TEA PARTY

to celebrate the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday  
on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June at the Sports and Social Club 3.30pm onwards

Everyone is **WELCOME**  
1920s costume optional  
4.00pm Tea will be served  
5.00pm 1920s Dance Display  
6.00pm to approx 9.00pm  
Live Band for Music & Dancing

Food Lists for the Party are now in the Shop/PO: Please sign up.  
It's ALL FREE of Charge

## 1920s Dance Steps to learn

Just one more chance to join this fun session with Claire, our resident Dance Teacher.

Partners are not needed, you're on your own. Some wonderful results already and numbers are escalating. Boys, Girls, Gents and Ladies - all ages & abilities. Please come along to the Village Hall Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June from 4.30pm to 5.30pm.

It's FREE !

## Archbishop of York visits Stillington on his pilgrimage

We were very pleased to welcome the Archbishop of York Dr John Sentamu when he visited Stillington in early May during his 6 month pilgrimage around the Diocese. He was accompanied for the day by his wife Margaret Sentamu. The Archbishop visited the Sports and Social Club where the First XI were playing New Earswick and greeted players from both clubs. The '90' on the Church tower caught his attention and he later stopped at the church to lead a short session of prayer.

He was impressed by the shop, and especially the number of volunteers that keep it going. The Bay Tree and the White Bear were the next short visits, before he arrived at the Village Hall for a light afternoon tea with members of the Church and other villagers. He then set off, accompanied by about 15 other pilgrims to walk to Marton via Lucy Balk. At Marton he led pilgrimage prayers.

## STILLINGTON AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY ARCHIVE

Our website, where a great deal of the material we hold can be accessed, has been upgraded. For no extra cost! It is now larger, the layout is slightly different and it has a more professional look.

Our Summer outing will be on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July to Howsham Mill. There is a tour at 7pm, for which there is a small charge, with a sharing picnic beforehand at about 6pm in the mill grounds. For more details or to join the trip please contact Michael Turvey on 810473.

In the late Autumn we are planning a talk on 'The Pubs and Beerhouses of Stillington and Marton'. There were lots of them! Look out for details nearer the date.

Our next presentation is to celebrate Her Majesty The Queen's birthday. Entitled '90 Glorious Years of Stillington', it is an audio visual show, recounting key moments in the history of our village from 1926 to the present day through pictures, postcards, newspaper reports and film, with music and narration. We hope you can join us!

**90 Glorious Years of Stillington**  
**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June at 7:30**  
**In the Village Hall**  
**Members free. Non-members £3**  
**Raffle**  
**Delicious light refreshments**

## STILLINGTON POST OFFICE & STORES

(Stillington Community Association Ltd)

Applications invited for grants

SCA Ltd is again intending to make grants to village organisations and businesses. Benefit to the community will be the first criterion in assessing applications, although other factors will be taken into account.

Grants will normally be awarded for a specific project rather to support on-going running costs.

To make an application, download a form from our website: [www.stillington.com](http://www.stillington.com)

or email or write to

[tim5drew@gmail.com](mailto:tim5drew@gmail.com) / Secretary, SCA Ltd, Main St., Stillington, York YO61 1JS

Completed forms must be received by 5.30pm, Friday 22nd July, 2016

Welcome to the June edition of Stillington News.

Copy deadline for July issue: Monday 20th June.

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

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Sue Pace: [suepace@yahoo.co.uk](mailto: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).

# Weather Report May

## Rainfall

The second half of April was much drier than the first and there were eight consecutive days with no recordable rain. As a result, the monthly rainfall total, despite the wet first half, was only about half as much again as the average figure (39mm compared with 56mm).

The dry spell has continued into May with thirteen rainless days and a total of only 3mm for the first half of the month.

## Temperature

In the latter part of April we enjoyed a warm spell in the daytime with the temperature reaching 21.5°C on the 21<sup>st</sup>. However it went down to a chilly 0.9°C on the night of the 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup>.

In the first half of May we enjoyed a ten-day warm spell, with the temperature reaching 27.6°C on the 8<sup>th</sup> and generally mild nights, after a low of 1.8°C on the morning of the 1<sup>st</sup>.

April was a generally sunny month and the solar panel output was the highest since last August. Already the May output is approaching that of last September. MT

## Upgrade of the Village Electricity Supply

New wires and poles are being supplied for different parts of the village with the necessary intermittent loss of power supply whilst generators are switched in / out during the work. Notices have gone out to the relevant homes and businesses.

## 'THE TEMPEST' AT THE MILL

Award winning theatre company, The Flanagan Collective, are teaming up with the local community to create a unique production of The Tempest - performed promenade around the grounds of Stillington Mill. With a cast and company of over 30 local performers, singers, designers and makers, the production will be full of live music, magical moments and more than a little colourful chaos.

Directed by Alexander Wright, the production features three professional actors alongside the community company.

It promises to be a spectacular performance suitable for all ages.

The Tempest runs from the 15th - 19th June at 7pm, with 2pm matinees on the 18th & 19th. Tickets are available through York Theatre Royal (01904 623568 /

[www.yorktheatreroyal.co.uk](http://www.yorktheatreroyal.co.uk)) and At The Mill. The performance is outdoors, so please dress for the weather! To get in touch with the team At The Mill, please email Alex: The Flanagan Collective <[alexander@theflanagancollective.com](mailto:alexander@theflanagancollective.com)>

## VILLAGE LUNCH

White Bear Inn

Tuesday 16 June From 12.15pm

£6.50 2 courses / £7.50 3 courses.

Enjoy a good meal and good company

# Stillington Wanderers

Cherry Tree Avenue in Newton-on-Ouse & the bluebell woods of Beningbrough Hall provided the colour for end of April walk. Horse chestnut trees, bordering the river, which had shown signs of leaf decay last year had indeed died & been felled. Others were surviving.

Historic Myton on Swale gave walkers plenty to view on Mon 9<sup>th</sup> May. Myton Hall was the seat of the Stapylton family from 1693. Home Farm & the Stud Farm, which is being restored, were built around 1870. Their state of the art plans were promoted at the Gt Exhibition in 1851. Water troughs & buildings display the initials HMS: Henry Miles Stapylton, owner at that time. The Stud Farm was used to train horses for the front line in WW1 and the horse boxes were used for secure sugar storage in WW2. The Iron Bridge & confluence of the Rivers Ure & Swale will be for another time. Myton Hall now belongs to the Morrison family and walkers saw evidence of extensive local farm operations. Next walks are Monday 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> June. Meet outside the White Bear at 09.30...



## Parish Council Notes

### EXTRACT OF MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 4<sup>th</sup> May 2016 in STILLINGTON VILLAGE HALL

#### Road around the Green

The road around the Green has now been repaired. The cost was £720.00, which comes from the Precept. Five residents have contributed £125.00 towards the cost. As the final cost was more than anticipated it was agreed to write another letter to the residents around the Green and ask for a further contribution.

#### Footway between Beech Cottage and Old Vicarage

NYCC have completed an inspection and although the footway is recognised as defective the defects currently do not meet the intervention level for general repairs. The footway has been passed to the Maintenance Manager to consider for section repairs (works costing more than £1000). There is no time frame at this juncture.

#### White Fencing Posts

M Rowe and B Smith had inspected all the White Fencing posts along High Street and found that a number needed attention. It was agreed to send the report to NYCC for their comment and action as needed.

#### Fence around the Pond

It was reported that there gaps in the fence around the Pond thus allowing the ducks to escape on to the road. Initial investigations indicated that stronger fencing was needed. It was agreed that P Swiers and B Smith review and cost which fencing would most suitable.

## Neighbourhood Watch

Some facts and figures:

High Tech Crime Prevention: vast majority of crimes go unreported. Organised crime groups; form a relationship with a "victim" to gain personal information. They target vulnerable people; often the trusting older generation & those who live alone.

Trading Standards work closely with the police.

If you have been a victim of crime – no matter how small – please report it to the Police.

North Yorkshire Police recommend *Little Book of Scams* – see their website

North Yorkshire remains one of the safest places in the country.

50 to 55% of people charged with offences have mental health issues.

Children are safer now than they've ever been.

The 16-23 age groups are the most likely victims of crime.

Local update: Lead has been stolen from a home in Sutton on Forest.

*Ring the Police on 101 if you see suspicious vehicle(s) and / or person(s) at any time. Ring 999 for emergencies.*

## Children's Society Envelope Collection 2016

Many thanks to all who gave so generously and to the collectors who helped raise a record amount of £894 for the Children's Society.

## The St. Nicholas Church Flower Festival

A final note from the 'Flower Festival Team' to say 'Thank you' to everyone who helped us in any way.

A combination of celebrating the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday with beautiful flower arrangements, accompanied by wonderful music which begun and ended the week-end, in the setting of an English country church clearly appealed to many people. We were pleased to welcome approximately two hundred visitors during the Festival week-end who were very appreciative in their comments and generous in their support of our Church funds. The support that we received made all our planning and efforts worthwhile - and we still have the village celebration of the Queen's Official Birthday to look forward to this month.

Pat Bisset

# In the Countryside

The glorious month of May is slipped away. But the glory of colour is vibrant all around us with a rich variety of innumerable greens all blending and harmonising and with a wide range of textures. The blossoming trees are now strewing the ground with petals, how lovely the colours of apple blossom with pink outer coloured petals and white inner ones with pale yellow stamens at the heart of each flower. Many of our flowers deserve a closer look, especially the horse chestnut candles. The creamy white flower will have a red or an orange patch according to their sex and will be present side by side on the candle. I have seen some remarkable Bird Cherry trees this last month, covered in white blossom rather like the cluster of lilac flowers. These are a northern loving tree not so common in the Vale of York as in the north Yorkshire dales and moors. A lovely small well shaped tree that will bear black cherries in August that the birds like, but are too sour for us softies.

Our road sides have been a swath of golden yellow from the prolific dandelions and how wonderful they are for a few days before they become dotted with full seed heads or "Dandelion Clocks", as we have grown up to call them. I only recently learned that the Dandelion flower is a composite of flowers, for each yellow that I called a petal in my ignorance, is an individual flower with stamens towards the bottom of each flower tongue. Have a look if you doubt me. So how many flowers are in one flower head? Dandelion seed is sometimes sown in specialist grass seed mixtures for horses, to improve the vitamin content of the ensuing forage. To return to the roadsides where many of our native wild flowers are most often seen, you may have noticed a small white flower growing squatty by the edge of the road. These flowers are to be found along many of our busy road sides and have spread the length of our country from a marine plant called scurvy grass. The plant has no grassy features and has

small round leaves that are fleshy. The use of salt in winter, on our roads, has made the road sides to become a good habitat for them. Some can be seen on the south road from Stillington, on the left just before you get to the left hand junction to Strensall, tight to the edge of the road. Also notice how the hedge has been affected by salt spraying up from passing vehicles which has denuded the lower parts of the hedge of leaves.

Bird life is busy with many birds now feeding newly hatched young. A young blackbird was doing its best to hide under our car earlier this week before I helped it decide there were safer things to do. When I was building our garage I left a gap between two bricks and a cavity behind, with a bit of moss in, for a nesting site for somebody and now we are pleased it is occupied by a family of Coal Tits, who are working hard feeding their chicks. This is pleasing as we have fed these tits all winter and wondered where they would nest. Early May saw the first clutch of water hens hatch on the pond and the youngsters playing among the Bog Bean that is now in full flower and giving good cover for the youngsters. We are pleased to have had the best serenade from the cuckoo, that we have had for a number of years. How can you call the cuckoo's call, as the experts do, "A Singing Cuckoo?" Also we have a pair of Spotted Flycatchers about, always a welcome visitor even though they are very unobtrusive, quiet and are often unnoticed.

The lambing is about finished and has gone well with the outside lambing flock. We now await the growth of more grass in some fields to feed all these hungry mouths. The shepherd will try and catch up on a bit of sleep and work in the garden that needs doing. May you be invigorated by the sounds and scents of this precious time of year, right now, or you will have to wait another year. R & MJ

## Are you registered to vote?

You have until June 7<sup>th</sup> to register to vote in the Europe referendum on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2016.

Contact Hambleton District Council on 01609 767130 for a paper form or you can register online. See website [www.hambleton.gov.uk](http://www.hambleton.gov.uk) for details. You will need your National Insurance number & date of birth. Students may register either at their home address or their term time address.

**Charity Pub Quiz**  
**White Bear**  
**Sunday 26 June at 7.30pm**

Thank you to Wendy & Bill for hosting the **Coffee Morning** on 20<sup>th</sup> May to raise funds for the Village Tea Party to celebrate the Queen's official 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday. The event raised £330 and the Hamper, kindly donated by the Shop, was won by Kate Striton

## STILLINGTON POST OFFICE & STORES

Local Food Festival

**Wednesday 6th July 8.30am - 4.30pm**

Come along and try a FREE sample of our local foods:

'breakfast' Yorkshire bacon and sausage butties

'elevenses' of cakes, scones and biscuits

Lunchtime savoury snacks

'afternoon tea' 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

# VILLAGE DIARY

(VH = Events at the Village Hall)

## JUNE

Wed 1	Pool A v B	VH	
Thurs 2	Cricket Shepherd v Cock & Bottle Bowls v Welham	Sat	11
	Martial Arts 5.15-8.15pm VH		
Fri 3	Bowls v Copmanthorpe	Mon	13
Sat 4	Cricket II v New Earswick Bowls v Wigginton	Tues	14
	Cricket U13 v Thirsk (away)	Wed	15
Sun 5	Dance tuition 4.30-5.30pm VH	Thurs	16
	Cricket U15 v Alne (away)		
Mon 6	Bowls v Easingwold (away)	Fri	17
	Primetime 1.30-3.30pm		
Tues 7	Tennis v Dunnington	Sat	18
	Bowls v Thirsk (away)		
Wed 8	Bowls v Slingsby (away)	Sun	19
	WI 7.15pm VH	Mon	20
Thurs 9	School cricket 1-3pm		
	Cricket Shepherd v Kier	Tues	21
	Bowls v Helmsley		
Fri 10	Martial arts 5.15-8.15pm VH		
	Bowls v Church Fenton (away)		

Baby and toddler group 10.00am	Wed	22	Pool AGM 8.00pm
Cricket II v Hovingham	Thurs	23	Bowls v Kirbymoorside
"90 Years of Stillington" (Archive group - Queen's official birthday) 7.30pm VH			Cricket Shepherd v Browns
Cricket U15 v Sessay (away)	day VH		Bowls v Thirsk (away)
Bowls v Thirsk (away)	Fri	24	Polling station for Referendum all
Primetime 1.30-3.30pm	VH		
Tennis v Wistow	Sat	25	Baby and toddler group 10.00am
Bowls v Sessay	Sun	26	Cricket 1 v Rowntree
Bowls v Wigginton	Mon	27	Bowls v Poppleton (away)
Cricket Shepherd v Pinsent			Cricket U13 v Alne
Masons	Tues	28	Bowls v Sessay (away)
Bowls v Thirsk (away)	Wed	29	Primetime 1.30-3.30pm
Martial arts 5.15-8.15pm VH	Thurs	30	Bowls v Thirsk (away)
Pools Finals night			Bowls v Easingwold
Baby and toddler group 10.00am VH			Bowls v Pickering (away)
Cricket 1 v Woodhouse	<b>JULY</b>		Martial Arts 5.15-8.15pm VH
Wetherby Lions cycle ride morning VH	Fri	1	
Cricket U13 Cup	Sat	2	Parents and toddlers 10am VH
Cricket U15 v Easingwold			Cricket I v Tadcaster
Bowls v Sowerby (away)			
Primetime 1.30-3.30pm			
Tennis v York			
Bowls v Swinton			

## CHURCH SERVICES

### METHODIST CHAPEL

Minister:	Rev. Elizabeth Cushion	☎ 821460
Stewards:	Robin Jackson	☎ 810250
	Bob Brown	☎ 810543
	Sally Gall	☎ 810374
	Yvonne Murphy	☎ 811544
June 5	Bible study Robin Jackson	10.30am
	No evening service	
June 12	Villages together at Huby Mr Paul Carter	10.30am
	No evening service	
June 19	Evening service with Communion conducted by Rev Elizabeth Cushion	6.30pm
June 26	Evening service conducted by Rev Richard Andrew	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

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

June 2	Prayers for the Village	9.00
June 5	Morning Prayer	9.30
June 9	Prayers for the Village	9.00
June 12	Holy Communion Traditional	9.30
June 16	Prayers for the Village	9.00
June 19	Benefice Eucharist at Sutton	10.30
June 23	Prayers for the Village	9.00
June 26	Holy Communion Common Worship	9.30

### ST. MARY MARTON

Services in a Celtic Tradition		
Church	Sally Coomer	☎ 810891
Warden:	email: sally@scoomer.freereserve.co.uk	
June 5	Celtic Eucharist	6.00pm
June 19	Celtic Evening Worship	6.00pm

### ST. LEONARD FARLINGTON

Church	Louise Clark	☎ 811626
Wardens	Sally Downing	☎ 878745
June 12	Shortened Matins	11.15am
June 26	Holy Communion (BCP)	11.15am

### PARISH REGISTER

**MARRIAGE**  
Charlotte Linford and George Penny  
30.4.2016

R.I.P  
Laurence North  
6.5.2016

### ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH CLEANING

30<sup>th</sup> May - 11<sup>th</sup> June Mr & Mrs A Ratcliffe  
13<sup>th</sup> June - 25<sup>th</sup> June Mr & Mrs Clark  
27<sup>th</sup> June - 9<sup>th</sup> July Dr & Mrs Martin  
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### ST NICHOLAS FLOWER ROTA

5<sup>th</sup> June Mrs M North  
12<sup>th</sup> June Mrs B Law  
19<sup>th</sup> June Miss K Gibson  
26<sup>th</sup> Junw

### St Nicholas 200 Club

1st Mr and Mrs J Haigh  
2nd Mrs C Spencer  
2nd Miss P Hope  
R U Mrs C Cookman  
R U Mr P Hartley  
R U Mr A Ratcliffe  
R U Mr J Copley  
R U Mr T Carter  
Drawn by "Our Ernie"

### FILM MATINEE

- at the Chapel -  
Wednesday 15 June 2.00pm  
Everyone welcome.  
*More details tel 810250*

## Celebration

Over the current weeks, the country has been swept by nationalistic fervour with the celebrations for the Queen's special birthday. Many of us will have tuned in on the television documentaries and coverage of events, because we wanted to watch an historic event in the life of the nation. In some places there have been parties or events, others have hung banners out of windows or displayed flags, all wanting to be part in some way of the celebrations.. Some people travelled to London to see the Queen, even camping out overnight, to be there and get a glimpse. There is something exciting about royalty or seeing famous people. And it is always good to have something to celebrate.

There are exciting things happening in the church as well. Last month we had our church anniversary, which is an opportunity to reflect on all the things God has done here in the past year and to think of where He is leading us now.

God is doing exciting things in this place, and we are all part of it. Each of us has a valuable part to play. God is a wonderful God, but He is also accessible to each one of us. We don't have to queue for days to come to Him and only catch a glimpse. He is always there for us and wants to be part of our lives. That is definitely something to celebrate.  
*Elizabeth Cushion*