

# Stillington News

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## EASTER IN STILLINGTON 2016

	Date	Time	Service	Where
Palm Sunday	20 March	9.30 am	Palm Sunday Holy Communion	St Nicholas
Maundy Thursday	24 March	7.00 pm	Last Supper Service	Methodist Chapel
Good Friday	25 March	10.00am – 12 noon	Benefice Family Messy Church	Sutton Church
	25 March	1.30 – 3.00 pm	At the foot of the cross Readings and meditations	St Nicholas
Holy Saturday	26 March	7.30 for 8pm	Benefice Easter Vigil	St Nicholas
Easter Day	27 March	9.30 am	Easter Holy Communion	St Nicholas
		6.30 pm	Easter Holy Communion	Methodist Chapel
Easter Monday	28 March	2.00 – 4.00 pm	CREAM TEAS Joint fund-raising	Methodist Chapel

## New faces needed in the Stillington News team

After 7 years and over 80 editions of producing Stillington News, I'm stepping down from the main editor's chair this Spring. It's time for new ideas and enthusiasm to take the paper forward. If you're a regular reader and find it a useful guide to what's going on in the village, month by month, you can play a part in its future.

It's not a huge commitment. I've been helped hugely over the years by Hazel Ratcliffe and more recently Sue Pace in preparing each edition. With email and the internet, most of the material arrives ready for inclusion into the page make-up. You need some computer skills, but it's not rocket science; and I've enjoyed learning more about page design and layout as I've gone along.

About 8 hours spread over two or three days around the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month is the regular commitment. This could readily be shared as part of a team effort, enabling production of the paper even if you're away on holiday or too busy with other things.

**If you're interested in becoming part of the new editorial team, please contact me or Sue via email (see bottom of this page) or call me on 811278.**

From feedback over the years, I know *Stillington News* is read and appreciated by many people — in the village, and further afield thanks to its presence on the internet. It's one of the things that helps make this village tick. With the village set to grow this year, it will soon have an even wider audience.

I look forward to hearing from you.  
*Howard Williams*

PS Any school students studying design or computers, or with an interest in journalism, could gain useful practical experience as part of the production team. Please get in touch if you'd like to get involved.

**Stillington and District Community Archive Invites members old and new to its AGM on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March At 7:30 in the Village Hall Followed by a talk entitled 'An Earlier Stillington Hall?'**

*Light refreshments will be served.*

A date for your Diary  
**"Happy 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Ma'am"**  
**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> – Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April**

St. Nicholas Church plans to hold a FLOWER FESTIVAL "CROWNS AND FLOWERS" during the week-end closest to the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday, paying tribute to her life and service to the nation. Full details will be given in the April edition of *Stillington News*.

We hope to welcome as many people as possible to celebrate and enjoy this event with us.

## Mini-recycling centre to close in March

The mini-recycling centre for glass, cans and paper in the Sports and Social Club car park is to close in March.

This follows the introduction of the new household recycling collection system which comes into operation from February 29<sup>th</sup>

## Stillington gets its own Facebook page

The Parish Council has set up a Facebook page for the village. Residents can use this page to provide comments to the Parish Council, or draw attention to things that are happening in the village.

The address is:  
<https://www.facebook.com/StillingtonVillage/>

## General Knowledge Quiz Sports and Social Club

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March at 8.00pm**

**£8 per table, with supper included**

**This is the final quiz of the season; in support of the Cricket Club.**

February quiz raised the magnificent sum of £270 for Stillington Under Fives. The winning team were Peter Watson, Philip Mander, Toby Conyers-Kelly and Neville Pearce.

Welcome to the March edition of Stillington News.

Copy deadline for April issue: Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March.

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).

Photos by email, please, preferably B&W.

# Weather Report

January was dull. The solar output was scarcely above that for dreary December. It has been surpassed by the first two weeks of February.

## Rainfall

The second half of January was not as wet as the first half so that the total rainfall for the month was 66.5 mm, not much above the 'ten year average' figure of 59 mm.

The first half of February has given us 26 mm of precipitation, some of it as snow.

## Temperature

January was generally mild. Only a couple of days (14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>) with a hard frost overnight. The lowest temperature I recorded in my sheltered garden was 1.1°C. On the other hand we had some unseasonably mild days. The highest temperature was on the 24<sup>th</sup>, when it reached 15.5°C. (The record high for January in York is given as 15°C).

In February so far maximum temperatures have been up and down as 'highs' and 'lows' succeed each other, anything from 8°C to 15°C. I recorded the first negative temperature of the winter on the 16<sup>th</sup>, when overnight it fell to -1.5°C. MT

# Women's Institute



Our February meeting was by Matt and Gary of the York Caving Club. It was excellent, 75mins of breathtaking films, information and photos. They told of areas that 'No man/woman has gone before'. This is also literally taking place under our feet. The North Yorkshire Moors is fast becoming a new caving area, although the better known ones are in Derbyshire. We saw films of the cavers on many different trips, in fact one film showed the first time this particular caver went into a new cave. Everybody enjoyed the evening, even the 2 ladies that don't like enclosed spaces. Betty did a super job with refreshments but thank you to both ladies who brought cake.

Next month we will be having a lady who is well known to us as she told us about Goddard's chocolate family last year. She is back in March to tell us about Treasurer's House and she is an excellent speaker. Please come along and support us. £3 gets you an evening's entertainment and refreshments. The second Wednesday in the month at the Village Hall. We start with some WI business and then speakers start at 8pm.

Our WI has two appeals at the moment; the first is if you have any unwanted knitting wool we would like to hear from you, as we are knitting story sacks for the village school. Also if anyone would like to join our knitting ladies for the school then please ring Shirley 810614.

Our second appeal is for York Women's Refuge. They are desperate for ladies/girls and boys clothes Not MENS. Second hand is fine but also looking for new knickers, socks, tights and new pyjamas. As you can imagine these ladies usually arrive with very little. Also if you have toiletries especially if you have Xmas pressies you don't want, please pass them on to this good cause. Thank you. If you have anything. I am happy to collect, please ring Shirley 810614. Shirley M Stillington & Farlington WI

# Stillington Wanderers

The rare occurrence of snow and ice this winter prompted a local Moxby walk on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February. Geese were grazing on the reservoir banks and walkers were able to view the solar field panels at close proximity.

Walkers on the Dalby & Scackleton walk heard that long-eared bats were causing delay to building renovations on a Dalby property, and they saw local point-to-point horses being exercised. From a distance, the new house at Potter's Hill is now becoming more prominent.

Next walks are Monday 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> March. Meet outside the White Bear at 09.30.



# Parish Council Notes

## Extract of Minutes from Meeting held on 3rd February in Stillington Village Hall

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

### Easingwold Library

M Turvey and B Smith attended the meeting of the Library Steering Committee held in the library on 12<sup>th</sup> January. Stillington was the only satellite village represented despite the fact that half the library usage relates to the villages rather than the town.

By the next meeting (scheduled for 23<sup>rd</sup> February) there should be a draft constitution available and a timetable for the proposed change of status agreed. It will be necessary to transfer the ownership of the building back to Easingwold Town Council and to achieve charity status for the new trustees. Hand-over is due in January 2017.

Figures for the library running costs were produced which showed that if charitable rate relief can be achieved then, with sufficient volunteers and the promised support from North Yorkshire Library Services, it should be possible to operate the library without any large subsidy from the town and village councils.

### St Nicholas Church Yard Stillington

After discussion it was agreed to grant the contract to Edward Moorey of Helperby for repair of the Head and Gravestones in the Churchyard. Action is now in hand to obtain a faculty from Church Authorities to undertake the work.

P Swiers declared an interest.

### Social Housing

The Rural Housing Enabler has arranged allocations Open Day on 17<sup>th</sup> February to advise all potential applicants on the process for applying for Social Housing.

### Review of Parish Plan

A number of comments from Residents have been received and were now being assessed. A final draft version will be available at the March Meeting.

### Trees

The work on the trees on the top Green and one tree on the Village Green has been completed. Planning permission is still awaited for the second tree (damaged by wind) on the Village Green. This is expected in early March.

The question of the location and type of replacement trees was discussed but no firm conclusion was reached. It was agreed that M Rowe and P Swiers suggest suitable locations on the greens, type and size of tree to be planted. The aim is to make a final decision at the March Meeting.

# Celebrating the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday

Events to look forward to after "Crowns & Flowers" at St Nicholas:

The village Archive Group will entertain us with their version of "90 Years of Stillington" in June.

And we shall all be invited to a Vintage Tea Party with Dancing & Music on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June. Local dancing Teacher, Claire, will lead 1920s dance rehearsals for all ages beforehand to then perform on the day.

**Next meeting at the shop Wed 13<sup>th</sup> April at 8.30am.**

# Cream Teas at the Chapel

**Bank Holiday Monday 28 March 2.00-4.00pm**

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

# Neighbourhood Watch

Fraudsters are setting up websites advertising various electrical goods and domestic appliances. These goods are below market value and do not exist. The website will state you can pay via card; however when the purchaser goes to pay, this option is not available and the payment must be made via bank transfer. Hare coursing is illegal but offenders are about and have been seen locally in the Gaol Lane area. Take due care if approaching these people and please report activity to the police, if possible with vehicle registration details.

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

# VILLAGE LUNCH

**White Bear Inn**

**Tuesday 15 March From 12.15pm**  
£6.50 2 courses / £7.50 3 courses.

# In the Countryside

19<sup>th</sup> February - the weather set off good this morning after a bit of frost, but by noon the grey clouds had gathered to produce some more showers. Fortunately the better morning helped us with the scanning of the sheep which gives you a good indication of the productivity of the flock. 465 ewes were scanned in an hour and a half to reveal 238 carrying twins, 149 singles, 29 triplets and 22 barren. A further 27 were too far advanced in pregnancy to be able to scan accurately for numbers. It would appear that some of these had been with the ram before I bought them. We will now sort out these and the triplet carrying ewes to get better feed into them and so have them handy for the arrival of their little ones, so that the necessary care can be given to them. The 22 barren ewes will be culled before long. Actually the number of barren ewes is good considering the wet and difficult weather since late November when the men sheep were let out.

The regular run of ewes will start to lamb on the 20<sup>th</sup> April when the sun is shining and the new grass is succulent and full of vitamins. One lives in hope. However this late lambing means that the sheep and shepherd are working together with nature and it makes life simpler for both sheep and shepherd.

The birds are very busy at the bird feeders, consuming peanuts and fat balls at a goodly rate. Yesterday there were three tits in a row at the feeder at breakfast time: a coal tit, a blue tit and a great tit. The coal tit was able to stand up for itself against its larger cousin, whereas the blue tit flitted off. We are visited frequently by greater spotted woodpeckers singly, a male with a red patch on the back of the head and also a female. They are timid and soon fly away if they see you through the window.

Long tailed tits are about most days. They will soon be making their wonderful round nests, made of cobwebs and well lined with soft

feathers. They are early nesters and lay a lot of eggs; perhaps 10 and so a large brood is raised. This family will stick together while the following spring, that is why when you see or hear them there is so much twittering

as they flit through the bushes in pursuit of food. They are lovely birds especially when the sun helps you to see the pink blush on their feathers.

It is good to see so many goodly clumps of snowdrops about in the garden and also along the hedgerow. These latter ones have migrated from the garden by gardeners that do not have tidy ways and dump rather

than compost the garden waste. The snowdrop seems to be very tenacious and once it finds a home to its liking will multiply quietly away. Every spring I threaten when they have finished flowering to dig some of the large clumps and divide them and replant to give more spring colour. The time to do it is when I'm too busy and should be done before the nettles etc. get growing vigorously. If you do this job, dig down deep for the bulbs will be down about 8 inches, split them and replant with a strong dibber.

We keep getting roe deer in the orchard in a morning amongst the bushes. They will no doubt be pruning the shrubbery. They are browsers as well as grazers and can do a lot of damage to young trees. Back in history when the Royal Deer forests existed, areas were fenced to allow young trees to grow. What work these peasants had to endure to keep the forests productive in timber for building, branches or saplings for fencing etc. and fire wood for the household.

The days are lengthening and Nature is about to erupt into new life. The birds have started singing so get out and enjoy the experience. R & MJ



*Long-tailed tit*

## Stillington Wanderers

### Who we are. What we do.

#### Who are the Stillington Wanderers? Can anyone come along?

We meet to set off for our walks at 9.30 outside the White Bear on alternate Mondays. Anybody who wants to join us can just turn up.

#### Who plans and leads the walks?

Graham Cookman plans the route (usually having previously walked it himself) but he is always open to suggestions. Other people lead the route when Graham is away. Mary Carrington acted as our previous Walks Leader for many years and never appeared to need any maps!

#### How long are the walks?

Our aim is for approx. 2 hours walking and to return to village for lunch.

#### Where do you go?

We try to choose a variety of terrain in different areas within a reasonably short drive by car. Our walkers are looking to discover more about our area, see places of interest and experience natural history.

#### How do you get to and from the start of your walks?

Members of the group offer to drive. The number of cars needed depends on the numbers who turn up.

#### Is there a charge for joining the group?

No. A contribution of £1 per walker is collected to be offered to drivers to cover their fuel costs. Any money left over from this is saved and periodically donated to charities: e.g 2015 contributions



*Stillington Wanderers at Wass Observatory on a 2015 walk*

went to the Nepal Earthquake Appeal, Yorkshire Air Ambulance & Children in Need.

#### What happens at the end of each walk?

Coffee and biscuits are provided at end of the walk. Walkers can bring along their own additional refreshments as they wish.

Birthday cakes and a Christmas tippie have been known to be shared on appropriate occasions.

## Police call on Toddler Group

The children at Stillington Playgroup were visited by North Yorkshire Police at the end of January. The visit took place at the Village Hall where there was space outside for them to be shown and explore the police van! Thank you all involved, especially to the parents who kindly volunteered to accompany the visit, an interesting and fun time was had by all.

For more information about Toddler Group, contact Becky Copley on 01347 811396 or email: [beckycopley@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:beckycopley@hotmail.co.uk).

For Playgroup, contact Vivienne Cooper on 07790 511014.

Or visit our website: [www.stillingtonunderfives.org.uk](http://www.stillingtonunderfives.org.uk)



## STILLINGTON BRANCH – ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

The next meeting of Stillington Branch Royal British Legion will take place on Monday 7th March 2016 at Stillington Sports and Social Club at 8.00 pm. All Members and potential members are welcome.

### Appeal for new members

We are seeking new members to join the Stillington Branch of the Royal British Legion to enable it to prosper in the years ahead.

Anyone male or female may join and you do not need to have a service background.

We meet three times a year and parade with our standard on Remembrance Sunday at Stillington, Sutton on the Forest and Brandsby parish churches in rotation.

If you are interested in joining please contact Tim Wells the Secretary or Malcolm Watson the President or Bryan Plews for further information. Alternatively come to one of our meetings at Stillington SSC as advertised in *Stillington News*.



## STILLINGTON NEWS DONATIONS

Many thanks to all who, during 2015, gave towards the costs of producing Stillington News. It is much appreciated.

## The Stillington Pastoral Care Committee

From time to time the SPCC likes to remind the village who we are and what we try to do. The SPCC began some years ago as outreach from the church during an interregnum, (the time between one vicar leaving and another taking up the post), to provide some pastoral care in the village and it has continued ever since. Our aim is to welcome new people into the village; to offer best wishes in our joys e.g. the arrival of a new baby, and understanding and support if possible in trying or difficult times, e.g. during illness, recuperation or bereavement.

The Committee divide the village into different areas and take responsibility for it as follows:

Mrs Pat Bisset                      The Green and Mill Lane  
☎ 810558

Mrs Rita Bresnen                      Main Street  
☎ 810024

Mrs Adryenne Hope                      The houses at the top of the south side of High Street, and all the houses on the north side of High Street down to the church.  
☎ 811039

Mrs Muriel Law                      York Road and the houses three quarters of the way up the south side of High Street.  
☎ 810484

Mrs Margaret Price                      Parkfield  
☎ 811262

Mrs Julie Thompson                      South Back Lane and Soutersfield.  
☎ 810336

Since the sad loss of one of our Committee members Pat and Adryenne share North Back Lane up to and from 'The Surgery'.

If anyone feels we can be of assistance our telephone numbers are above. Speaking for myself, and the other members of the Committee I am sure, I have always been well received, "Thank you". The benefits are by no means one-sided.

We must also thank St. Nicholas Church and The Stillington Charity for funding our expenses and Mr Graham Cookman for keeping the "Welcome to Stillington" booklet produced by Stillington Parish Council in association with the SPCC up to date, a valuable resource for new residents.

*God Bless  
Pat Bisset*

## Stillington 2 Oil Cooperative (S2OC)

Member of the Lower Swale Syndicate of Oil Cooperatives

Latest (3<sup>rd</sup> Feb) delivered price for kerosene was **22.53ppl + VAT**. This compares with a spot market price of 32ppl a few days earlier when Tate's price was even lower!!

**If you are already a Cooperative Member** and need oil, either

log onto Tate's website [www.tateoil.co.uk](http://www.tateoil.co.uk) (preferred option), look at top of page for the 'Buying Groups Login' button and select LSOS (Lower Swale Oil Syndicate) to login, then fill in the online form with your requirements (you will need the password provided by Tate)

or  If unable to use website, phone the dedicated Lower Swale order line **01943 854888**

Members can order at any time — Tate has undertaken to deliver within 10 working days from order. The price charged will be that applying on the delivery date.

If not a Member, why not join? Membership is open to all — if you live in or around Stillington and want to know more about the Cooperative, drop me a line or give me a call.

Peter Coomer    [stillington@swaleoil.org.uk](mailto:stillington@swaleoil.org.uk)    or 01347 810891

## THE STEPHANE GRAPPELLI STORY

Stephane Grappelli was the foremost jazz violinist for 60 years, from pre-war 1930s with gypsy guitarist Django Reinhard to later recordings with Duke Ellington, Oscar Paterson and Yehudi Menuhin.

On

### Saturday 2nd April at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

The Andy Lawrenson Trio will celebrate Stephane Grappelli's life through his music, with classics such as: *Sweet Georgia Brown*, *Honeysuckle Rose*, *It Had to be You*, *Paper Moon* and *It Don't Mean a Thing*.

Andy Lawrenson was the lead violinist/vocalist with Trio Gitan, who sadly had to cancel a show in Stillington towards the end of 2015, and has offered us this lively evening of entertainment in its place. The other two musicians are Simon O'Byrne guitar/vocals and Paul Carroll upright bass/piano.

Tickets are £10 from The Village Stores or tel 811544, including table nibbles. Alcohol will be on sale and there will be a raffle, all raising funds to improve facilities at the Village Hall. Reviews on-line suggest we should expect a brilliant evening!

## Can dog 'poop' cause disease?

### In short, YES!

There are frequent articles in the *Stillington News* requesting dog owners to clear their pet's faeces from the street and many beautiful walks we have around the village. Why then do we repeatedly still see dog excreta lying on the pavements and in the lanes and grass verges, in spite of someone kindly even providing bags at the entrance to Lucy Balk walk, in North Back Lane.

As pet owners ourselves, we are aware that cleaning up dog 'poop' is one of the unpleasant tasks associated with caring for our canine friend. However, dog owners have a responsibility to the public in order to prevent the spread of disease.

#### How is disease spread?

Dog faeces is as high as 3rd on the list of contributors to contaminated water, becoming catastrophic to the local water table, contaminating nearby ponds, lakes, rivers and drinking water. When faeces are allowed to remain on the soil for long periods, rainstorms will begin to dilute and break apart the faeces and slowly spread the bacteria on other contaminants into local water source.

It has been estimated that a single gram of dog waste can contain 23 million coliform bacteria, which are known to cause cramps, diarrhoea, intestinal illness, and kidney disorders in humans.

Parasites living in dog's digestive systems, *Toxocara Canis*, also known as roundworms can result in serious illness and even blindness. When treading in dog faeces and having to clean carpets, shoes and maybe clothing if a child falls in the stools, will expose the human to a microscopic worm that can enter the eye and cause blindness.

Let us ensure Stillington demonstrates we have responsible dog owners who clean up 'poop' immediately, using disposable bags, placed either in the bins provided or taken home, followed by good hand hygiene. The bags are cheap and easy to carry with you, hand gel can be carried too, and is as cheap as 99 pence for three bottles!

Please be stringent in following your Vet's advice re worming so that our pets become an asset to the community, and not a liability. *BL*

## 2016 Village Litter Pick

Meet at the Village Hall  
2pm Friday 4 March.

Join our "Clean for the Queen" campaign.



## Stillington Primetime

We are delighted to announce that Easingwold Lions have generously given us a donation of a little over £300 to enable us to buy more equipment. We intend to buy some more Kurling stones and, when we've saved up a little more, some more Bocchia balls. Both games are very successful and played with great enthusiasm each week.

We would like a few more members to add to the weekly challenges, so if you feel like it come to the Sports and Social Club one Monday at 1.30pm. We play for an hour, have a cup of tea and finish at 3.30.

For more information ring Brenda Milburn on 810519 or Angela Hawker on 811032.

*Photo: Ron Michinson receives the cheque from Di Watkins, President of Easingwold and District Lions Club.*



A date for your diary

**Saturday 16 April**

**Stillington Village Hall**

**10.00-12.00**

**Booksale – also DVDs and CDs**

Coffee, tea and biscuits

In aid of Alne Cheshire Home and Stillington & Farlington WI

## Sports and Social Club: Improvements update

Work is almost complete on the new disabled toilet with decisions on wall tiles or alternative to be made. The old kitchen has become a store with cupboard and shelves. A "strong moving" team is needed to move the remaining Snooker table into the middle of the Games Room.

New lights and extra bench seating have been fitted in the Games Room; decorating done and choice for carpet flooring made.

Double glass doors are to be fitted between the bar area and the Games Room allowing light & easy access for match play events.

Plans are being drawn up for the changing rooms with the aim to provide facilities for gents and ladies and to modernise the existing showers and toilets.

### From the Parish Register

Funeral  
Geoffrey Metcalfe  
17 February 2016

## VILLAGE DIARY

(VH = Events at the Village Hall)

### MARCH

Tues	1	Indoor bowls 2.00pm VH
Wed	2	Pool A v Blacksmiths, B v Horseshoe (away) Cricket Indoor nets at Easingwold 8.15-9.15pm Parish Council 7.30pm VH
Thurs	3	Martial arts 5.15-8.15pm VH
Fri	4	Quiz 8.00pm Baby and toddler group 10.00am VH
Sat	5	Football Beckett League 2.00pm Dominoes 8.30pm
Sun	6	
Mon	7	Dominoes 5&3s v Station Stillington Masterplan Consultation with Daniel Gath 4.00-8.00pm VH
Tues	8	Indoor bowls 2.00pm VH
Wed	9	WI 7.15pm VH

Thurs	10	Sewing class 9.00am-3.00pm Martial arts 5.15-8.15pm VH
Fri	11	Baby and toddler group 10.00am VH
Sat	12	Football Beckett League 2.00pm
Sun	13	
Mon	14	British Legion meeting 8.00pm Dominoes 5&3s v Angel VH Committee 7.00pm VH
Tues	15	Playing field AGM 7.00pm Sports and Social Club AGM 7.30pm Indoor bowls 2.00pm VH
Wed	16	Cricket meeting Archive Group AGM and talk 7.30pm VH
Thurs	17	Sewing class 9.00am-3.00pm Martial arts 5.15-8.15pm VH
Fri	18	Baby and toddler group 10.00am VH
Sat	19	Football Beckett League 2.00pm
Sun	20	
Mon	21	Dominoes 5&3s v Blacksmiths (away)

Tues	22	Indoor bowls 2.00pm VH
Wed	23	Pool B v Blacksmiths, A Bye
Thurs	24	Sewing class 9.00am-3.00pm Martial arts 5.15-8.15pm VH
Fri	25	Baby and toddler group 10.00am VH
Sat	26	Football Beckett League 2.00pm
Sun	27	
Mon	28	
Tues	29	Indoor bowls 2.00pm VH
Wed	30	Pool A v Horseshoe, B v Old Black Bull (away) Gardening club 7.30pm VH
Thurs	31	Sewing class 9.00am-3.00pm Martial arts 5.15-8.15pm VH
Sat	2	Andy Lawrenson Trio – Music of Stefan Grapelli April 7.30pm VH

### FILM MATINEE

– at the Chapel –  
Wednesday 18 March 2.00pm  
Everyone welcome.

## CHURCH SERVICES

### METHODIST CHAPEL

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

### Services & Preachers

Mar 6	Bible study led by Mr Robin Jackson	10.30am
Mar 13	Evening service conducted by Rev Vivienne Firth	6.30pm
Mar 20	Circuit service at Central Methodist Church	6.30pm

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Apr 3	Bible study led by Mr Robin Jackson	10.30am
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### 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	

### Stillington and Benefice Services:

Mar 3 / 10 / 17 / 24 / 31	Prayers for the Village	9.00am
Mar 6	Mothering Sunday	9.30am
Mar 13	Holy Communion Traditional	9.30am
Mar 20	Holy Communion Common Worship	9.30am

### EASTER — See Panel on front page

### ST. MARY MARTON

Services in a Celtic Tradition		
Church	Sally Coomer	☎ 810891
Warden:	email: sally@scoomer.freemove.co.uk	
Mar 6	Celtic Eucharist	6.00pm
Mar 20	Celtic Evening Worship	6.00pm

### ST. LEONARD FARLINGTON

Church	Louise Clark	☎ 811626
Wardens	Sally Downing	☎ 878745
Mar 13	Shortened Matins	11.15am
Mar 27	Holy Communion for easter Day ( BCP)	11.15am

### St Nicholas 200 Club

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize £30:** Mrs W Heape  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize £10:** Mrs E Richards, Mr R Churton  
**Runners-Up £6:**  
Mr A. Carter, Mr G. Mansfield, Dr. S. Martin,  
Mrs M. Brown, Mr H. Tomlinson  
Drawn by "Our Ernie"

### St Nicholas Church

**Lent Meetings:**  
**"A Christian response to ....."**  
Visiting speakers will lead us on a range of topical issues:

Thursday 3 March

#### POVERTY

Rev Liz Hassall  
Rural Dean

Thursday 10 March

#### REFUGEES AND MIGRANTS

Ven. Sarah Bullock,  
Archdeacon of York

Thursday 17 March

#### END OF LIFE CARE

Revd Dr Carolyn Henson

We will meet in the **Methodist Chapel,**  
**Main Street, Stillington,**  
**7 – 9pm**



### Good Friday

**25 March 10am - 12noon**

### Sutton on the Forest Church

The Easter story in activities and songs  
**Everyone very welcome!**  
All children must be accompanied by an adult.

### St Nicholas

#### CHURCH CLEANING

Mar 7-19	Mr & Mrs Hetherington
Mar 21 – Apr 2	Mrs Hope & Mrs Sheffield
	<b>FLOWER ROTA</b>
Mar 6/13/20	Lent
Mar 27	Ms M Law

## Give something up... and take something up

Will it be chocolate again or Coronation Street? As a church we are now in the season of Lent, and we ask ourselves the question again, what are we giving up? It is the time when we think about an action of self-discipline as we give up something we enjoy for six weeks. Now, more than two weeks in, I wonder how we are doing; have we stuck to our resolve or have we given in to temptation?

But Lent is much more than an exercise in will power. It is traditionally a time of prayer, reflection and preparation in the lead up to Easter. During Lent we remember how Jesus fasted in the desert to prepare himself for his ministry, and how he faced temptations yet resisted them. In the wilderness, Jesus turned away from the idea of an easy life and popular leadership, and chose instead the way of the cross, because that was the way that God had called him. Over the weeks of Lent, we follow Jesus in this way of suffering to the cross.

So as well as a time of giving something up, Lent is also a time for taking something up. Perhaps spending more time in prayer or setting aside time for reflection in a busy day to think about what God is saying to you. Finding time to go and see someone who is in need. Joining in the Lent meetings. Taking on a new thing that you feel called to do. Whatever it is for us, this Lent may we all once again take up our cross and follow Jesus.

*Elizabeth Cushion*