

Stillington News

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REMEMBER, REMEMBER

Hearing fireworks being let off around Easingwold shows that we are in November and bonfire night will soon be here. The lighting of bonfires and the ritual burning of the guy has become a tradition associated with this month, though originally it remembers the time many years ago when Guy Fawkes and his group of co-conspirators attempted to blow up the Houses of Parliament, in what has become known as the Gunpowder Plot.

November also brings Remembrance Day, commemorating the time when after four years of bitter fighting, the Great War was finally over. As we join in the memorial services, we remember again all who lost their lives.

Both these events remember war and violence, and we only have to watch the news to know that hasn't changed. Nations still war against nations; people still show violence to others.

But as the shops begin to fill up with cards and decorations, we are also reminded that Christmas is around the corner. Christmas is the season of peace and goodwill when we remember Jesus, born as the Prince of Peace. As we journey through November into Advent, may we remember these words, seek His peace in our lives and show it to others.

Rev Elizabeth Cushion

AND REMEMBER TO INCLUDE IN OUR THOUGHTS ... those men from Stillington named on our war memorials, who gave their lives for their country a century ago, in the 141 days of horror that was the Battle of the Somme.

Private George Walter Cutler.	1 st Battalion of the Northumberland Fusiliers. Missing, presumed dead, on 23 rd July.
Sergeant Thomas John Scaife.	Royal Engineers, who died of wounds received, on 18 th August aged 38.
Private Frank Atkinson.	9 th Battalion of the Lancashire Fusiliers, who died of his wounds on 1 st October.
Private Alfred Norman Stubbs.	18 th Battalion, Manchester Regiment. Killed in Action on 12 th October

STILLINGTON BRANCH

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

The Remembrance Sunday Service this year will take place at St Nicholas Church, Stillington on Sunday 13th November 2016 at 10.45 am.

Legion Members and Guests should parade outside the Church at 10.30 am

A small Field of Remembrance will be set up in Stillington Churchyard beside the church porch, for anyone to plant a cross in memory of loved ones who served in HM Forces. The remembrance crosses can be purchased from Royal British Legion poppy sellers during Remembrance Tide.

A short Service of Remembrance will take place at the Field of Remembrance at 11.00 am on Friday 11th November 2016.



STILLINGTON BONFIRE

This year's bonfire will be held on Saturday 5th November in the field to the south of the Sports and Social Club.

The torchlight procession leaves the Village Hall at 6.45pm. For safety reasons, an approved traffic management company will close the High Street to traffic between 6.45 and 7.15pm. The bonfire will be lit when the procession reaches the field, with fireworks commencing at 7.30pm. Please note that, again for safety reasons, private fireworks and sparklers are not allowed on the field.

Tickets are £3 adults/£1 children in advance at the Post Office, or £4 and £1 at the gate.

Tractors will collect material suitable for burning from around the village between 9am and noon on the day of the bonfire, in the usual way. If you have a very large amount of material, please call Andy on 810598 so we can consider collecting it early. **Please note we will not take mattresses.**

PLEASE HELP!

We've had a great turn-out of helpers in the last two years and will be very grateful if that can be repeated again. To help with the field setup or rubbish collection, please come to the bonfire field at 9am on the day. For other activities, including acting as stewards in the procession and at the field during the event, **please call Graham Cookman on 810347 or Andy Hart on 810598.**

CHRISTMAS VILLAGE LUNCH

WHITE BEAR INN

TUESDAY 13 DECEMBER

Doors open 12.00 noon

Menus at the White Bear or the Post Office

To reserve a place please ring with your name AND pre-order to **Sue or Phil on 810338**

Welcome to the November edition of Stillington News. Copy deadline for the December issue is Friday 25th November. Contributions by email with copies to both christopherpotter313@btinternet.com and suehpace@yahoo.co.uk, or put in the 'Stillo News' envelope at the shop (with contact details).

Stillington Wanderers

Late September walk was from Coxwold, past Shandy Hall & then cross country & back lane past Tommy Banks' successful Oldstead restaurant. This is just one of the 25 walks within the Howardian Hills AONB (Area of Outstanding Beauty) having a log seat positioned with a "special view". It was the "Four By's" walk on 10th October: starting from Stearsby Fish Ponds, via Foulrice Farms, home to many a prize winning sheep; past the new structure of Lime House, with its straw-walled insulation, to Whenby, Dalby and Skewsby. Walkers found two long standing "dormant" fields transformed from "rubbish habitat" into oats production and edible grazing; others would say farewell to the wild life habitat. Next walks are 7th and 21st November. Meet outside the White Bear at 09.30.

Tennis

Stillington Tennis Club's AGM is Thursday 3rd November 8.00pm at the Sports and Social Club. This is to review the past season and plan ahead. Some 20 different players turned out for the two mixed teams this year and Katy Fowler masterminded a range of 30 juniors for the very successful junior sessions. Thank you to Toby Conyers-Kelly, Lee Brayford, Jack Fowler and Kirsty Doodson for their help.

Stillington Cricket Club

Presentation Evening

At the end of September the cricket club held its end of season celebration evening and awards presentation at the White Bear. The first team awards went to Steve Crowder (batting), Wayne Linton (bowling) and jointly to Jack Cartwright, Ben Drummond and Steve Crowder (catches). The second team winners had a more youthful look, with Joseph Adams and Kit Chappell taking the bowling and catching awards, respectively. The old guard still battled valiantly on however, with Tim Jarvis the batting award. The clubman of the year, as voted by the players, was Peter Drummond. The club AGM will be held at the Sports and Social club 21 November at 8pm

School News

WW2 Projects – The Junior class are thoroughly enjoying their WW2 topic. As homework they have had a series of tasks to perform that embrace different skills. To expand their literary abilities they have written biographies of the leaders involved in the War, devised quizzes and presented facts. Recipes have been tested – with some surprisingly delicious results! Graphs have been produced to compare such things as how much food we eat now compared to how much a person received on the ration. Elderly relatives have been interviewed and family history uncovered. And some absolutely brilliant models have been made.

Harvest Festival – Parents, grandparents and guests were treated to a lovely harvest festival. The singing was marvellous. The poems the children had written were full of misty mornings, ripening fruit, golden leaves, chilly weather, steaming cups of hot chocolate and ... catching a cold! The Reception children had their first taste of presenting their work to an audience. It's quite daunting standing up in front of a group of people but they did a superb job of showing off their pictures. Easingwold Food Bank will receive the donations of food brought in, to help disadvantaged people in our area.

School Council – Each year the children elect a school council to raise issues the children believe are important and organise fund raising events on matters close to their hearts. On the 21st October they organised a non-uniform day in aid of Stand Up To Cancer. Sadly many of our children are all too aware of how devastating it is to lose a loved one to cancer and were determined to raise money for this nationwide event. They also had the fun of being free to wear what they wanted for the day!

Stillington & Farlington WI October Report

On Wednesday 12th October the Stillington and Farlington branch of the WI met and were treated to an interesting talk by one of our members. Based on original letters sent home by a young man who joined the British Army shortly before the battle of Waterloo, the letters told of places he saw and experiences he had. One such was on the sea voyage to South America, he took part in the "crossing the line" ceremony where two sailors dress up as King Neptune and his queen and pretend to shave victims (people who have never crossed the Equator before) using a sticky mixture and a pretend blade and then dunking them in sea water! One of the most poignant features of the talk was the time factor. The letters had such long gaps between them, his family must have spent long periods wondering if he was alive or dead. In these days of almost instant communication, it is hard to imagine such a thing.

Our November meeting is '**Christmas made easy**'. We have a lady coming to show us how to prepare for Christmas without being tied to the kitchen. It's a must for the ladies of the village but also the male chefs amongst us. It is in the village hall on the 2nd Wednesday of November. Meeting 7.15pm but demonstration 8pm.. Visitors £3, including refreshments.
Shirley M

IN THE COUNTRYSIDE

Wednesday 19 October. The rain has come at last with heavy spells yesterday and glorious sunshine in between, but our lovely autumn has been wonderful with warmth and sunshine most days. I have had to hunt out my jacket, at last! By the time you read this I expect the trees will be full of wonderful autumnal colours and plenty of crunchy leaves will be underfoot. So a really amazing time to look and appreciate the wonder of the season. Incidentally I prefer spring colours, with all their potential, to the autumn ones that tell us the year is passing us by and dark nights and cold days are approaching. We have been down to Hampshire last week and many ash trees there have turned to a yellowy green in their foliage and now we are back home, the same is happening here. With golden field maple trees and bushes in the hedgerows and down there masses of old man's beard or wild clematis festooning hedge and chalky banks with their feathery fine seed heads, we gathered some to hang in the house and have treated them to a blast of hair spray to stop them disintegrating and making a mess everywhere. I gathered wild hops from our own hedgerow but I had left them too late and they have gone brown and are disintegrating now. We have a number of wild hops, most of which are male, so no fruit there. In the cultivated fields where they are grown commercially, they allow one male plant to ten female if I recall rightly.



The little birds are back at our feeders in fairly good numbers for the time of year. This morning I watched a couple of jenny wrens flitting on wing and on foot like little mice on the honeysuckle and rose bush near our back door. A grey wagtail is often working busily away in the yard especially where there is a puddle to splash in.

CHARITY QUIZ

White Bear Inn

Sunday 27th November 7.30pm

Shop Volunteers Meeting

Monday 7th November, 7pm in the Village Hall.

This is a chance for volunteers to share ideas, meet other team members, perhaps try out some new products and to encourage anyone else who would like to join the Stillington PO & Stores working team. The Shop & PO is there for the benefit of everyone.

Recently I saw a buzzard busily devouring, possibly a pigeon on open ground. There were four or five others not far away circling and about to attack in the hope of a bit of the meat, but I suspect a little frightened of a direct confrontation. I would like to have stopped but there was other traffic on the road, so I don't know the outcome. The little birds are back at our feeders in fairly good numbers for the time of year. This morning I watched a couple of jenny wrens flitting on wing and on foot like little mice on the honeysuckle and rose bush near our back door. A grey wagtail is often working busily away in the yard especially where there is a puddle to splash in.

Earlier this week I was sowing winter beans broadcasting them with a fertilizer spreader, ready to be buried with some large disc harrows. Beans like to be sown deep down in the ground away from the busy powerful beaks of rooks who enjoy them when they start to germinate. I was pleased to see we had a few brown hares about, maybe half a dozen were disturbed from their forms in the open plough. There were also full grown roe deer and a little snipe that flew low with its usual zigzag flight, the first one I have seen for a while. Many are migrant and come over for the winter when the fields are wet and easy to probe with their long beaks. I expect to hear the chatter of fieldfares and redwings coming to raid the hedgerow fruits as they arrive from the continent to winter here. As long as food is available they will stay then move on to pastures new. I hope to gather our apples over the weekend, they look splendid being full of colour for they, like us, enjoy a sunny backend. The showers have helped them swell and so they are a good size, some Margaret would say too big to comfortably hold in the hand and peel, so the handle peeler will be very useful.

Don't miss the beauty of the autumnal countryside.

R&MJ

Weather Report October 2016

Rainfall

The second half of September continued to be drier than usual. The monthly total, of 34.5 mm, was only a little over half the usual monthly figure.

The first two weeks of October have not been particularly dry but the rainfall has been below the average figure. Only one really wet day, on the 13th with 9.5 mm.

Temperatures

My garden, where I take my temperature readings, is fairly enclosed. So it does not get as cold, and is sometimes warmer, than in a more open location. In September the night-time temperatures did not fall below 8.6°C.

The highest temperature I recorded, on the 13th of the month, at 31.9°C exceeded the published maximum monthly figure for the York area, namely 29°C. Perhaps I should have headed this article "Record breaking temperatures in September!". But it was something of a one-off. The warm spell only lasted three days.

October had a chilly start, with 4.8°C on the 2nd/3rd. But things have returned to normal since, with no extremes.

M.T

Parish Council Notes

EXTRACT OF MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 5th October 2016 in STILLINGTON VILLAGE HALL

Easingwold Library - The Community Library Group are planning to hold an informal meetings on 2 Dec and 3 Dec for Volunteers who may wish to help when the Community takes over responsibility for the Library in April 2017. Further information will be available in the next couple of weeks

Bus Pick Up Point at Eastern end of the Village - Mr. J Duff of Reliance Motors services responded on the Feasibility of providing a service to the eastern end of the Village. He stated that '...it was not feasible to extend the service to eastern end of the village because of the time penalty to operate via North Back Lane and the restricted sight line when entering/exiting North Back Lane on to B1363. In addition a large bus having to negotiate parked/delivery and service along a road with no parking restrictions. Since Exhibition Square York was closed to Buses we have had to operate over Lendal Bridge and has impacted on our ability to meet the existing timetable. While we wish to meet customers' needs, regrettably there is no way can I consider diverting the Bus to the Eastern end of the Village even on Selected journeys'. The Parish Council accepted Mr. Duff's comments that because of the reasons above it was not feasible to extend the Bus Service.

White Fencing and Rails - A further inspection of the Fences and Railings has been carried out and the results (which showed further deterioration since the original report) have been passed to NYCC for their information. Further efforts will be made with NYCC for an onsite meeting to discuss the matter.

St Nicolas Church Yard Stillington - The issue of the faculty for repair of the Headstones and Gravestones the work is still awaited and this would be hastened with the Church Authorities

A Community Library for Easingwold?

Easingwold Library, as we know it, is to close in April next year and the building will stay open as a Community Library only if the interim management committee is successful in putting together a rescue package. This will involve renting the building from North Yorkshire County Council and running it with the help of volunteers.

Plans are now well advanced towards this end and recruitment of volunteers is to start in December. Training will be given and essential support will still be provided by the North Yorkshire Library Service.

Drop-in sessions for more information are to be held on;

Friday afternoon, Dec 2nd, between 2 and 5 pm and Saturday morning, Dec 3rd, from 10 am to 12 noon.

Can I urge all those in Stillington who have the good of the library at heart to drop in to one of these sessions and if possible sign up to join the team of volunteers?

Currently half the users of Easingwold library come from the neighbouring villages so it does concern us. The future of our local library is at stake.

More information is available from **Michael Turvey on 810473**.

HEATING OIL

If you require a delivery of oil in November, please let **Maureen**

Linton know by

Thursday, 10th November for delivery the following

week: e-mail preferred:

minsteryork@me.com

or ☎ 810082.

Minimum order is 500 litres.

*If you no longer use this facility please let **Maureen** know.*

Local Plan Preferred Options Public Consultation 31st October to 12th December 2016

Hambleton District Council is preparing a new Local Plan.

How could this affect Stillington and our surrounding area?

The Plan will set out how much land should be provided to accommodate new homes and jobs that are need within Hambleton to 2035 and where these developments should be located.

Landowners, developers and agents have already put forward sites for development and following the last consultation on Issues and Options (i.e. how and where should proposed development be spread) the Council has now prepared the above consultation. There is a drop-in session at the Galtres Centre, Easingwold on Tuesday 22nd November from 5 – 7.30pm when officers will on hand to answer questions and explain how to view and comment on the documents, and will also be in the Galtres Centre grounds on Market Day Friday 25th November 10am to 1pm.

Go to hambleton.gov.uk/localplan to view the documents.

Our views are needed on

- the council's policy approach that will be used to determine planning applications
- preferred sites for new housing, employment, leisure and green-space
- the number of new houses and employment land for retail and business growth
- whether the preferred sites are in the right place



The Newton Singers

Conducted by Mr Les Bresnen

Invite you to a

Christmas Concert & Afternoon Tea

at St Nicholas Church, Stillington

On Sunday December 4th 2016 at 3pm.

Admission £5

The Inns, Pubs and Beerhouses

of Stillington and Marton

Wednesday 23rd November at 7.30.

in the Village Hall

Archive Members free. Guests £3

Raffle and Refreshments

We will be joined by John Lewis and Jane Blackman of the Treboom Microbrewery with a selection of their award winning beers.

Stillington Village Hall in association with the Community Archive present:

NO PETTICOATS HERE

Stories of remarkable women of the Great War shared through song

On Thursday 17th November at 7.30pm

at Stillington Methodist Church

refreshments will be served

by the Archive ladies

Tickets £8, under 18s £5

from the Village Stores or tel: 811544

PUCCINI'S 'TURANDOT' – THEATRE ROYAL

Friday 11th Nov. Coach leaves from Bay tree at 6.30pm. Tickets/Coach seats are still available. Ring **Les Bresnen (810024)** for more details

ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH CLEANING

31st Oct-12th Nov Mrs S Thompson & Mrs Cookman

14th Nov-26th Nov Mrs Bisset & Mrs M North

28th Nov-10th Dec Mr&Mrs Hetherington

ST NICHOLAS FLOWER ROTA

6th Nov Mrs P Bisset

13th Nov Mrs L Cumberledge

20th Nov Mrs M Law

27th Nov ADVENT

EXPLORERS 2016 -17

Primary age children after school club run by the churches in Stillington - will be having fun at **Stillington Methodist Church** on **Fridays 11th, 25th November, 2nd and 9th December 2016** (note no Explorers on 18 November) **20, 27 January and 3, 10 February 2017 3 – 24 March 2017**, Sessions run from **3.30 to 4.45pm**; with latest arrival time 3.45 pm. There will be music, craft activities and a story from the Bible.. Refreshments will be provided when the children arrive.

Further information and Registration Forms – Margaret Price
811262

STILLINGTON VILLAGE HALL

CHRISTMAS FAIR

Friday 25th November 6-8pm

Choc Affair, Hampers, Phoenix Cards, Cakes, Tatting & Dolls, Crafts, Scarves, Reindeer Poo, Yorkshire Rose Candles,

Cheshire Home tombola, Happy Times, Mulled Wine, Raffle

Come along to browse produce from local stall-holders and enjoy the festive atmosphere whilst fund-raising for the Village Hall replacement heating system.

Stillington Primary School

Midday Supervisor Vacancy

6.25hrs per week

We are looking to appoint an enthusiastic, caring and friendly midday supervisor to join our team. You would be required to work 1 hour and 15 minutes per day, term time only. Duties would include supervising the children eating their lunches in the dining hall and promoting positive play activities in the outside areas.

Please call Mrs Gough on **01347 810347**

for an application pack.

Stillington Post Office & Stores

Owned by the community. Run by volunteers.

Coffee, cake and mince pies

Upstairs at the Stores

Saturday 26th November

9.30am – 12noon

A 'thank you' to customers old and new

**Sample our local foods and Fairtrade products*

**Order Christmas hampers — an ideal gift*

**Village Christmas cards on sale*

**The chance to talk about our community business*

Main Street, Stillington YO61 1JS Tel: 810322

Sports and Social Quiz - The first quiz of the new season produced a tie-break between three tables. Rita and Les Bresnen and Pauline and Tim Drew ultimately gained from the Potter/Brown and Hope/ Oxtoby teams. £277 was raised towards the Village Hall new heating system. Next quiz is **Friday 4th November at 8.00pm**. All are welcome.

NOVEMBER VILLAGE DIARY

(VH = Events at the Village Hall)

Tues	1	Indoor bowls 2.00pm VH
Wed	2	Pool A v Mended Drum (away), B v Horseshoe 5&3s Dominoes v New Inn or Mended Drum Parish Council 7.30pm VH
Thurs	3	Martial Arts 5.15-8.15pm VH Tennis Club AGM 8.00pm
Fri	4	Baby & Toddler group 10.00am VH Quiz 8.00pm
Sat	5	Football v Sinnington (away) 2.00pm Stillington Bonfire
Mon	7	Prime Time 1.30-3.30pm 5&3s Dominoes v White Bear Garden Club meeting 7.30pm
Tues	8	Indoor bowls 2.00pm VH
Wed	9	Pool Individual 2nd round WI 7.15pm VH
Thurs	10	Martial arts 5.15-8.15pm VH
Fri	11	Baby & Toddler group 10.00am VH
Sat	12	Football 2.00pm Dominoes 8.30pm Charity coffee morning 10.00 VH
Mon	14	Prime Time 1.30-3.30pm 5&3s Dominoes v Mended Drum (away) Village Hall Committee 7.00pm VH
Tues	15	S&SC meeting 8.00pm Indoor bowls 2.00pm VH
Wed	16	Pool A v Horseshoe B (away), B v Horseshoe C
Thurs	17	Martial arts 5.15-8.15pm VH "No Petticoats Here" 7.30pm (Chapel)
Fri	18	Baby & Toddler group 10.00am VH
Sat	19	Football 2.00pm
Sun	20	Bonfire meeting 8.00pm
Mon	21	Prime Time 1.30-3.30pm Cricket AGM 7.30pm 5&3s Dominoes v Blacksmiths 8.30pm
Tues	22	Indoor bowls 2.00pm VH
Wed	23	Pool A v Horseshoe A (away), B v Castle Archive Group "Beer Houses" 7.30pm VH
Thurs	24	Martial arts 5.15-8.15pm VH
Fri	25	"A Month to go" Christmas Fair 6.00-8.00pm VH
Sat	26	Football 2.00pm Martial Arts All day VH
Sun	27	Pool Doubles Martial Arts All day VH
Mon	28	Prime Time 1.30-3.30pm Dominoes v Angel 8.30pm
Tues	29	Indoor bowls 2.00pm VH
Wed	30	Pool A v B Gardening Club 7.30pm VH
DECEMBER		
Thurs	1	Martial Arts 5.15-8.15pm VH

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:

3 November	Prayers for the village	9 am
6 November	Morning worship	9.30 am
10 November	Prayers for the village	9 am
11 November	Service around the Remembrance garden	11 am
13 November	Holy Communion	9.30am
	Remembrance Service	10.45am
17 November	Prayers for the village	9 am
20 November	Benefice Eucharist at Sutton on Forest	10.30am
24 November	Prayers for the village	9am
27 November	Holy communion	9.30

Methodist Chapel

Minister	Rev Elizabeth Cushion	821460
Stewards	Robin Jackson	810250
	Bob Brown	810543
	Sally Gail	810374
	Yvonne Murphy	811544
November 6	Villages together service at Tholthorpe with Rev Andrew Foster	3.00pm
November 13	United Remembrance service at St Nicholas	10.45am
November 20	Evening service with Communion conducted by Rev Elizabeth Cushion	6.30pm
November 27	Circuit service for Advent at Poppleton	4.00pm

St Leonard Farlington

Church Wardens	Louise Clark	811626
	Sally Downing	878745
13th	10.45	Service of Remembrance followed by (pre- booked) lunch at The Blacksmith's Arms
27 th	11.15	Holy Communion (BCP)
27th	3.30	St Leonard's Advent Carol Service in the Chapel at Castle Howard

St Mary Marton

Services in Celtic Tradition		
Church Warden		Sally Coomer
	Email: sally@scoomer.freeserve.co.uk	
6 th November	Celtic Eucharist	6.30 p.m.
20 th November	Celtic Evening Worship	6.30 p.m.

St John the Evangelist RC Easingwold

Priest	Fr Leo Chamberlain	821295
	Sunday Mass 8.30 & 10.30am	
	Vigil Mass Sunday 5.45pm	
	Confessions Saturday 5-5.30pm	
Website	www.stjohneasingwold.ampleforth.org.uk	

FILM MATINEES – at the Chapel

The next film matinee will be held on

Wednesday 16 November 2.00pm

Come along and enjoy an afternoon in
good company.

We are having a **COFFEE MORNING** to help raise funds for new blinds
in **Stillington Village Hall on Saturday 12th November from 10am -
12noon**. Please come and join us for a chat and some home-made
goodies. If you can't make it a donation will be gratefully received!
Looking forward to seeing you! **Robert Law and Bev Law [810940]**