

# Stillington News

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## SPRINGTIME

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

It's not just the house and garden needing to be cleaned out; we need to spring clean our lives too. To take time to tidy up loose ends and sort through the clutter - to clean up parts that have got dusty or in a mess. Christians believe that we can do that by turning to Jesus. This month we celebrate Easter and are reminded again of how Jesus died so that all our sins could be forgiven, and rose again to give us a new start. As we enjoy the new life of spring time, may we again have a spring clean and new beginning in our lives.

**Rev. Elizabeth Cushion**

## Easingwold Library Update

The library will close its doors on Friday 31st March and reopen on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April under the management of the Easingwold Community Library Association, a charitable incorporated organisation. Books will be stamped so that they are not due back during this period!

The two-week closure is to facilitate some internal rearrangements. The Easingwold Community Care Association will in due course move into what is now the Easingwold Town Council Office and the Council Office will be relocated in the space now occupied by the children's library. The children's library will move into the main body of the building and there will be a rearrangement of the rest of the shelving. The computer facilities will remain as now.

At first, opening hours will remain unchanged. It is hoped in due course that longer opening hours will be possible. The long term plan is that the library will increasingly serve as a 'community hub', both for Easingwold and the villages.

All the library services will continue as at present, with North Yorkshire still rotating the stock and maintaining the computers. The only difference you will notice is that the library will be manned by volunteers. The first fifty volunteers have completed their training and were presented with certificates at a recent ceremony in the library. There will be further training opportunities shortly, so additional volunteers are still welcome.

**Note.** The Home Library Service will continue as at present. This delivers books that you have selected direct to your home if you cannot get to the library. Do Stillington folk know about this service? It does not seem to be much used at present. If there are any other queries I will endeavour to answer them.

**Michael Turvey (810473)**

## Visit to Sledmere

The **Archive Group** is planning a Sunday afternoon visit to Sledmere House and Estate on August 6<sup>th</sup> complementary to two of our recent talks. The Park at Sledmere shows the hand of 'Capability' Brown, whose tercentenary we celebrated last year. Also there is the Waggoners' Monument and Museum, recording the contribution of the East Yorkshire Brigade of Waggoners to the WWI war effort. The house is privately owned and no longer subscribes to the Historic Houses scheme.

We plan to travel by car, giving lifts where appropriate. The cost will be £10 per head. There are currently one or two vacancies on this trip, so if you would like to join in, whether a member of the Archive Group or not, please contact **Michael Turvey**

## March Sports and Social Quiz

£209 was raised for the Football Club. Betty Bainton, Sue Shender, Jacob Gray & Michael Turvey were again the successful team.

Thank you to all supporters over the winter season.

## STILLINGTON BOWLING CLUB



With the outdoor lawn bowling season nearly upon us Stillington Bowling Club is set to get the 2017 season under way with the club's scheduled open day on Sunday April 16<sup>th</sup> starting at 2.00pm for rejoining and new members.

The clubs league fixtures begin on Monday April 24<sup>th</sup> along with plenty of opportunities for social bowling, especially on Wednesday evenings starting in May from 7pm when the green is set aside for this purpose. Tuition is available for beginners and improvers, so come along and have a go!

The first leg of the Annual Challenge match with our neighbours Easingwold will be played on Sunday May 21st at Easingwold. The games are always closely fought and our opponents will, as ever, be keen to secure an advantage going into the second leg at Stillington later in the summer.

Contact Nigel Marsh (810897 or nom1956@talktalk.net) for further information.

## Play Tennis at Stillington

Stillington has some of the best all-weather courts in the whole York & District league and the club is looking for new players of all standards. Members have key access to the courts: no booking is required.

**Sat 22 April Open Day for anyone to Come & Have a Go**

**Sun 23 April Team Practices start 6.00pm**

**Fri 21 April Ladies tennis starts 9.00am**

**Sun 21 May Family Tennis & Picnic from 2.00pm**

**Sat 10 June Junior Coaching starts for 7 weeks**

Open Club play continues on Saturday afternoons. Two mixed teams will play in Divs. 5 and 8 of the York & District summer league & matches start in May.

## Stillington Wanderers

27 Feb walk was part of the Foss Walk from Sheriff Hutton, via S.H.Bridge & return northwards below the solar panel field. 13 March was a Coxwold / Husthwaite circuit beneath the White Horse; an interesting barn conversion en route and Wildon Grange's impressive spread of cattle pens and buildings for their large milking herd.

The walkers' fortnightly £1 contributions are offered for fuel costs; any funds remaining are donated to charities. 2016/17 contributions have gone to Yorkshire Air Ambulance, RNLI and Forget-me-Not Friends (Dementia)

Next walks: Monday 10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> April. Meet outside the White Bear at 09.30am

## QUESTION ANSWERED

Extending his quiz master skills, in March our fresh septuagenarian referred '*...to the contemplative male bronze statue on the hillside overlooking the valley to Park Wood.'* and asked, '*Does anyone know its origin?*'

The answer he received was that '*The bronze contemplative statue on a hill near Ampleforth College is by Sir Antony Gormley. I believe it represents a monk with his hands closed in prayer, looking upwards to Heaven. Antony Gormley was a pupil at the college in the 1960s and one of his art masters was John Bunting, the sculptor who bought the war memorial chapel at Scotch Corner above Oldstead where he, Bunting, worked on his sculptures.'*'

Did he then dig into his seemingly unending supply of Mars ☺.

## Stillington's Facebook Page

This is for comments and local news relevant to the village and for all to share.

<https://www.facebook.com/StillingtonVillage/>

## Squash Club

The refurbished squash courts and changing rooms are receiving plaudits galore and deservedly so. Players of all standards and ages are welcome to join and the club is hosting another 20/20 evening on Sat 22 April. This aims for two teams of 20 players matched against similar standard opponents with food & drink for all. Matt Bridson, club coach, offers every new member a free coaching session & ongoing advice. There are junior coaching sessions on Monday evenings; and five men's and two ladies' teams play in the York & District winter league. The teams encourage all standards and allow junior members to be integrated. Courts bookings, being electronic, can either be done remotely or at the courts. Contact Membership Secretary, Anne Rowlands on 810645 or visit the Squash Club website for more details.

## PRIME TIME

Hambleton District Council's Inclusive Sports Officer Joe McKechnie and his wife Rachel coached players through a variety of Boccia and Curling games at Stillington Sports and Social Club, provoking lots of laughter, competition and a sociable atmosphere. Angela and Liz served up tea and cakes provided by ladies in the group and a good time was had by all.

The Prime Time scheme offers the opportunity to take part in low intensity sports activities close to home in a friendly environment and is open to all. Weekly sessions take place lasting two hours. Stillington – Mondays, 1.30-3.30pm £3; Topcliffe - Tuesdays 1.30-3.30pm £2; Husthwaite – Fridays, 10am-12 noon £2. Invitation matches are sometimes arranged between the groups.

For more information about Prime Time, contact Joe on 01609 767261 or email [Joe.mckechnie@hambleton.gov.uk](mailto:Joe.mckechnie@hambleton.gov.uk)

Photo shows competition between Topcliffe and Stillington on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March with both groups enjoying a well-earned tea break.



## Stillington & Farlington WI March Report

Nimble fingers were needed for our March meeting. Nick Holmes held a workshop of Advanced Origami. Last year we did the basics but this year moved on, by learning of valleys and mountains and other Origami jargon. Our first item consisted of two halves firstly we made a green stem. Secondly we made a red flower head which opened and went on top of the stem producing a tulip. As we had some extra time we then went onto making a Swan in all the shades under the rainbow. It was a very productive evening.

April will see the return of Glennis Whyte as she tells us of Ghostly goings on in a couple of York's National Trust properties, We meet the second Wednesday in the month and 8pm its £3 which includes refreshments. If you would like to come along and see what we do as a WI group, then please come along at 7.15pm when all will be revealed.

Our Federation puts on many events one of which was a visit to Drax Power Station. Six of our ladies went and found it to be a magnificent visit. Our guide was brilliant and nothing was too much trouble. We were taken from the car park in small trucks (or big golf buggies) to the actual facility. Then shown around the inside of the power station and had each step of making the electricity explained to us. Drax actually makes the electricity but sells it to the national grid who then sell it on to us. It was such an informative day and one I think we will all remember for a long time.

Finally I want to thank everyone who turned up for our Litter Pick. Stillington now looks tidy, ready for the explosion of Daffodils on the banking. **Shirley M**

**P.S. Now how do we educate vehicle users, being the main culprits, to "Take their Litter Home"?**

## Sports and Social Club and the Bird Scarer

Sorry to say that a bird scarer is needed to deter the return of rooks who are digging up the sports pitches to get at chafer grubs under the surface. Chafer grubs eat the roots of grasses & other plants leaving yellow patches of grass. Birds, particularly of the crow family, and badgers & foxes tear up the turf to feed on them. The grubs hatch out as the weather warms up. Whilst the bird scarer is being operated within regulations, the club apologises to its near neighbours for any disturbance. And it is not switched on at weekends.

### VILLAGE LUNCH

#### White Bear Inn

TUESDAY 19<sup>th</sup> APRIL  
FROM 12.30PM

£6.50 2 COURSES  
£7.50 3 COURSES

ENJOY A GOOD MEAL AND  
GOOD COMPANY

### CREAM TEAS

Easter Monday 17 April  
May Day Monday 1<sup>st</sup>  
2.00-4.00pm  
Stillington Churches  
Working Together  
Come along and bring  
your friends

### FILM MATINEES

AT THE CHAPEL  
2.00pm  
Wednesday 19 April  
Everyone welcome

### CHARITY QUIZ

#### White Bear Inn

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup>  
April  
7.30pm

## Children's Society Collection

The annual village collection will take place between the 8th and 22nd April. Collector's will be dropping envelopes through doors and collecting them later. Your support, as in the past, will be much appreciated.

## THE COUNTRYSIDE

**Spring is here again!** What a joy to know that winter is receding, even though we can hardly say that we have had a winter, not enough snow to make a snowball and no frozen water pipes thank goodness.

The first herald of spring for me is when I hear the piping of curlew returning from the coast to inland pastures and the uplands of our northern counties. The first pipings I heard were on the 5<sup>th</sup> of March when a couple flew over at a good height flying north west. Last week I was in Stillington when I heard a pair of oyster catchers before I saw them fly over Main Street, they too have come inland to nest. These very neat black and white birds have been seen more often in recent years away from the coast. Yesterday, the 21<sup>st</sup>, I saw the wild primroses coming into flower on the bank at Farlington on the Sheriff Hutton road and further along the wood anemones were swaying in the breeze. They are so delicate and close their flowers when the weather is not kind and at evening time.

Yesterday I was rather puzzled to see a half grown badger lying dead on the A64. Have the badgers extended their breeding season or was this one an unthrifty one from last year that has not grown as it should? Its wiry hair was very black which would suggest it was very young. I wonder. Another misfit appearing at our bird table recently was a tree sparrow with a very light brown head as opposed to the deep brown usual colouring. It was well received by the other sparrows, not like the white swallow that I saw a few years ago, where there was very definitely colour prejudice by the other swallows.

## Contaminated Waste in Dry Recycling

Hambleton is finding some of our dry recycling material – blue bins - is not fit for recycling and has to go to landfill. This not only costs more to the council and hence residents, but also becomes a cost to the environment. Contaminated waste can be wet materials; food waste; soiled containers. Bins will not be collected if found to contain contaminated waste – which should go in the black bin - and residents will be advised to sort more thoroughly. Ongoing contamination could lead to removal of waste collection for those residents. Communication and instructions are out to help solve the problem.

**Garden Waste** We hear there has been a good take-up for the paid garden waste collection.

Christine C

**Stillington Village Hall AGM** will be held at the Hall on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm, with the chance to view new works and hear about future plans. We would be delighted to welcome new members to the Village Hall Management Committee. Please contact Harold Tomlinson (acting Chair) 811443 or Yvonne Murphy (secretary) 811544 for more information.

This is nature's way of keeping true to family and maintaining sound breeding stock, the story of evolution, which is of course fascinating.

Visiting a garden centre (always expensive) I was interested to see in a thorn hedge very close to a pathway where lots of people pass by, a last year's long tailed tit nest. Just how it had got away without being unduly disturbed I do not know. My hands were full of some little darlings that will add colour to the garden in due course, but I wanted to examine the round nest more closely. However I didn't get back so I don't know whether the family had used it as a roost over the winter. The entrance hole was very clean so I expect that it had harboured the tiny family very cosily over the winter. The family could have been ten or a dozen including the parent birds, so no room for any movement within this ball of moss and spiders web lined with feathers, all delicately woven together. A pair of these lovely birds have been coming to our bird feeder. They will no doubt nest in the garden somewhere and where we find the nest we will see a beady eye looking out of the entrance hole at us. The feeding station is very busy with a good variety of birds feeding throughout the day. The blackbirds are eating the now ripe ivy berries. This is the only berry that ripens at this time of the year as a welcome fresh fruit and in the late autumn and early winter the ivy flower gave a last nectar feed for the bees to keep them going over winter.

The gardens are now filling with colour from a wide variety of plants and shrubs, all there for us to enjoy and help us anticipate another season of colours, scents and sounds to gladden our hearts . R&MJ

## Weather Report March 2017

### Rainfall

Rainfall in February amounted to 43mm, almost exactly the ten-year average figure, with no particular wet or dry spells.

During the first half of March we have again had average rainfall, of 19.5mm.

### Temperature

Both February and the first half of March have been relatively mild, but without breaking any records. The February high was 14.1°C (on the 20<sup>th</sup>) and the low was -2°C (on the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>), the only minus temperatures of the month.

As well as a number of sunny days, March has also given us some remarkably high temperatures, with 18.1°C (nearly 65°F) on the 15<sup>th</sup>.

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## **Parish Council Notes**

**EXTRACT OF MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON  
WEDNESDAY 1<sup>st</sup> March 2017 in STILLINGTON VILLAGE  
HALL**

### **Emergency Co-ordinator for the Village**

A meeting has been held with Robin Derry who will produce a draft plan for consideration. He will also explore funding for this Project from Rural Action Yorkshire.

B Smith now holds 200 flood sacks for use in emergency.

### **Drainage Problems South Back Lane**

Yorkshire Water inspected the site on 2nd of February and have concluded that the surface water coming up from the ground is due to the properties being built 2 meters higher than the ground level and draining under the front retaining wall. This is a NYCC Highways responsibility. An on site meeting has been arranged on the 2nd of March 2017 to take the matter forward

### **On road parking in South Back Lane**

The on road parking remains a problem on South Back Lane. After extensive discussion it was agreed to continue to monitor the situation and review it again when South Back Lane had been resurfaced

### **Dog Fouling.**

Throughout the Village Animal Dirt has been sprayed with Yellow Paint in effort to draw the attention to the problem of owners not picking up their animal droppings. This will be monitored to see if there is any improvement.

### **Telephone Box. Main Street**

We still await Information from BT regarding the adoption of the Telephone Box. BT has a backlog of application requests and are trying to clear these as soon as possible. A number of possible uses for the Box have been made – location for the defibrillator, Book exchange, Plant Swap and Floral Display.

### **CPR Training**

Following a presentation of the new Defibrillator it was felt further training should be made available. M Rowe to investigate.

## **Girlguiding in Stillington Area**

### **Rainbows for girls age 5-7 years -**

Wednesdays contact Karen 01347 810494

### **Brownies ages 7-11 years - Tuesday, Sutton on Forest Primary School**

Wednesday, Huby Methodist Church

Contact: Kathy 01347 810229 or Lynn 01347 810655

To put your daughter's name on the waiting list please visit the Girlguiding website: [www.girlguiding.org.uk](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk)

There is currently only one Guide unit in Easingwold and it has a long waiting list, if anyone would like to consider helping to reopen the local unit and give more local girls a chance to experience the ADVENTURE or you know of someone, please contact District Commissioner Belinda Tel 01347 823077 or email: [tohuby61@gmail.com](mailto:tohuby61@gmail.com)

## **ST NICHOLAS CLEANING ROTA**

### **CLEANING ROTA BRASSES**

3rd April to 15th April Mrs H Ratcliffe and Mr A Ratcliffe  
17th April to 29th April Mrs R Little and Mr D Little

## **ST. NICHOLAS FLOWER ROTA**

2nd April LENT No flowers

9th April Palm Sunday

16th April Easter Day Mrs M Law

23rd April Mrs J Ingham

30th April Mrs R Bresnen

## **200 Club**

### **Winners for March.**

1st Mr J Mackinlay  
2nd Mrs G Sanderson  
R.U. Mr C Dent  
R.U. Mr R Smythe  
R.U. Mrs C Cookman  
R.U. Mrs D Hugill  
R.U. Mr T Carter  
Drawn by "our Ernie"

## APRIL VILLAGE DIARY

(VH = events at the Village Hall)

Sat 1	Dominoes	8.30pm
Mon 3	Martial Arts	am/pm VH
	Uphol'y/Furnishings	10.00-1.00pm
	Primetime	1.30-3.30pm
	Dominoes Finals Night at New Inn Huby	7.30pm
Wed 5	Pool A v Horseshoe B	
	B v Horseshoe C (away)	
	Parish Council	7.30pm VH
Thurs 6	Martial Arts	5.15-8.15pm VH
Sat 8	Dominoes	8.30pm
Mon 10	Uphol'y/Furnishings	10.00-1.00pm
	Primetime	1.30-3.30pm
Wed 12	WI	7.15pm VH
Thurs 13	Martial Arts	5.15-8.15pm VH
Sat 15	Dominoes	8.30pm
Sun 16	Bowls Open Day	
Tues 18	S&SC committee meeting	8.00pm
Wed 19	Archive Group "Mouseman" Thompson	7.30pm VH
Thurs 20	Martial Arts	5.15-8.15pm VH
Fri 21	Quiz Football Club	8.00pm
Sat 22	Cricket v Duncombe Park (away)	1.30pm
Mon 24	Uphol'y/Furnishings	10.00-1.00pm
	Primetime	1.30-3.30pm
Wed 26	Garden Club AGM	7.30pm VH
Thurs 27	Martial Arts	5.15-8.15pm VH
Sat 29	Cricket I v TABS II v Hovingham (away)	
	<b>MAY</b>	
Wed 3	Pool B v Horseshoe B	
	A v Commercial (away)	
	Cricket Pilmoor league v Rowntrees (away)	6.15pm
	Parish Council	7.30pm VH
Thurs 4	Polling Station	all day VH
Fri 5	Garden Club Plant sale	7.00pm VH

## St John the Evangelist RC Easingwold

Priests	Fr Leo Chamberlain	821295
	Fr George Corrie	
	Sunday Mass	8.30 & 10.30am
	Vigil Mass Saturday	5.45pm
	Reconciliation Saturday	12 noon
Website	www.stjohneasingwold.ampleforth.org.uk	

## WHY GO TO CHURCH?

A lively, informal and friendly group is now meeting approximately once a month to discuss a range of topics relating to faith, church, belief etc. It is open to everyone, whatever denomination; indeed, non-believers, or doubters, would be very welcome. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup>

April at 7 p.m. at 4, Parkfield, Stillington, and the subject will be "**Why Go to Church?**" Just turn up on the evening, but, if you have any queries in the meantime, you can contact Vivien Potter on 811979.

## St Nicholas

Priest in charge	Canon Robert Law	810940
Church Wardens	Muriel Law	810484
	Janet Martin	822981
Email: <a href="mailto:Jessie.jm158@gmail.com">Jessie.jm158@gmail.com</a>		

April 2nd	Morning Worship	9.30
April 6 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday, morning prayer	9 am
April 9 <sup>th</sup>	Palm Sunday	Holy Communion 9.30 am
April 13 <sup>th</sup>	Maundy Thursday	Morning prayer 9 am
April 13 <sup>th</sup>	Maundy Thursday	Last Supper Stillington Methodist Church 7 pm
April 14 <sup>th</sup>	Good Friday	At the Foot of the Cross 1.30 – 3pm
April 15 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Vigil	7.30 for 8 pm
April 16 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Sunday	Holy Communion 9.30
April 20 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday, morning prayer	9 am
April 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Holy Communion	9.30 am
April 27 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday, morning prayer	9 am
April 30 <sup>th</sup>	To be confirmed	

## Methodist Chapel

<b>Ministers</b>	Rev Chris Humble	01904 426483
	Rev Vivien Firth	01347 822697
<b>Stewards</b>	Robin Jackson	810250
	Bob Brown	810543
	Yvonne Murphy	811544

April 2	Bible study	10.30am
	No evening service	
April 9	Palm Sunday	Villages Together Palm Praise at the Cheshire Home 3.00pm
April 16	Easter Day	Easter Communion Rev John Schofield 6.30pm
April 23	Evening service	arranged by the congregation 6.30pm
April 30	United service at St Nicholas	9.30am
May 7	Chapel anniversary	
	Rev Vivien Firth	10.30am

## St Leonard Farlington

<b>Church Wardens</b>	Louise Clark	811626
	Sally Downing	878745

April 9th : 11.15 : Shortened Matins for Palm Sunday  
 April 16th : 11.15 : Easter Day Holy Communion (BCP)  
 April 23rd : 11.15 : Holy Communion (BCP)

## St Mary Marton

Services in Celtic Tradition	
<b>Church Warden</b>	Sally Coomer
Email:	<a href="mailto:sally@scoomer.freeserve.co.uk">sally@scoomer.freeserve.co.uk</a>
2April	Celtic Eucharist 6.00pm

16April	Celtic Evening Worship 6.00pm

Your Village Defibrillator is kept in the Church Porch Available 24/7

\*Remember: Call an Ambulance, start CPR, get the Defibrillator it will speak to you and tell you what to do \*