

Stillington News

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Stillington News now has a new team – Emma Johnson and Tracy Sinclair will be joint editors supported by Brenda Milburn and Dick Tregua who will also assume responsibility for the financial side of Stillington News.

We four did not want to see the demise of the SN and so volunteered our services. Our main aim this month was to get August's issue out on time and so please forgive any discrepancies. Bear with us as we find our feet over these next few months!

Please email contributions for the **September** issue to: news@stillingtonvillage.org by **22nd August 2017**

What have we learnt from the questionnaire about Stillington Shop and Post Office?

Thank you to everyone who returned the questionnaire which was included in last month's Stillington News. Your comments were very encouraging. Generally we are meeting your needs. Congratulations to Mrs Maureen Pierce whose name was drawn for the £10 voucher

Almost everyone replying uses the Post Office for stamps and parcels but many are now also doing a lot of banking business with us. Did you know that you can pay in cash and cheques for all the main Banks and Building Societies, as well as drawing out cash? About half of our customers tax their vehicles at the Post Office. Many buy foreign currency, top up their mobile phones and pay their bills. Thank you for all this custom at the Post Office which keeps it viable.

In the shop over 90% of the customers who replied purchase newspapers and magazines and almost as many buy our very good value cards. About 80% of respondents buy bread (including craft bread), milk, dairy produce, vegetables and fruit although most of these purchases are top up rather than main weekly shopping. Just under half of customers buy

other grocery products such as meat, sweets, ice cream, frozen foods and preserves. Only a few people made any suggestions for new goods and we will look into the viability of stocking these, but the price, the shelf life, the shelf space and the overall demand all need to be considered.

Almost everyone was happy with the shop opening hours, 6.30am to 5.30pm on weekdays and 6.30am to 1.00pm on Saturdays. We are very fortunate to have volunteers willing to cover these hours, as well as undertake a wide range of behind the scenes tasks. Thank you to those people who told us in their reply that they were interested in volunteering. You should have been contacted by our volunteer coordinators Janet Martin or Kathy Berry to discuss what you might be able to do.

Thank you to everyone who replied to the questionnaire. We aim to make our community owned and run shop as responsive as possible to our customer's needs - Please don't wait for the next questionnaire to let us have your ideas, but leave a message at the shop counter.

Margaret Price, Chairperson, Stillington Shop and Post Office

Neighbourhood Watch

Recent notices include: a bike picked up mid afternoon from Galtres Drive, Easingwold onto flatbed truck/van; ransomware warning for computer users - back up important files regularly and do not open attachments from unsolicited emails and a warning about fraud telephone calls purporting to be from BT & asking for personal and financial details.

Report any suspicious vehicle(s) and / or person(s) on: **Tel. No. 101 or for an emergency contact 999.**

Stillington & Farlington WI July Report

Our speaker for July had to cancel as she was very poorly. This gave us the whole evening to discuss many issues we simply never have time to cover. We discussed many events that we are hoping to do on next year's calendar. This includes demonstrations, speakers, outings and social events. Watch this space. We also talked about how we differ from other WI's in what they do and how we do things. Although in many areas we run the same as many WI's.

At the end of June two of our members' enjoyed 'The Science of the Cream Tea' at Scampston Hall. This was organised by the Federation and was very satisfying.

Just into July one of our members had a free 1 hour driving lesson. This is part of Hambleton County Councils initiative for making roads safer. She got all A's except for a couple of B's. This is completely free, see the advert below.

One member joined other fellow WI members from around the country and had a 'Wigs 'n' Wellies' Weekend, in Marple, Stockport. Cooking, Camping, Head massage and Henna tattoos were just part of the activities. Others included Sock bunnies, Singing, Painting and Paper flowers. There was also the obligatory Afternoon Tea with vintage cup and saucer. Roll on next year for the 4th Tea 'n' Tents Camp.

In August, we will be having our usual summer afternoon tea in one of our members gardens, weather permitting.

We also have a ramble organised for the day after our afternoon tea, when ladies from other WI's will be shown around Coxwold.

Our next meeting in the Village Hall will be the second Wednesday in September, we look forward to seeing new faces.

Shirley M

95Alive

This is a FREE 1 hour driving lesson run by Hambleton Council with the aim of refreshing driving skills.

Contact: **Kevin Pratt, Hambleton Council Road Safety**

SATURDAY September 2nd 2017

ST NICHOLAS CHURCH BARBECUE

At Stillington Sports & Social Club at 6pm

Salads & Desserts will be provided

Bring your Meat, Seat, Plate & Cutlery

Tickets available from Stillington Post Office

Adults £7.50, Children £2.50, under 5's free

Main Street parking

It's harvest time and with all vehicles becoming bigger and heavier, particularly the agricultural machines, please take care not to block Main Street. Suggest wing mirrors are turned in and wherever possible, park away from the roads

Stillington Wanderers

Walkers have been to Slingsby, Coneysthorpe, and Birdforth/Thormanby via Robsons Tractors base in Carlton Husthwaite; along Ings Beck with a pair of herons waiting to fish and Baxby Manor's glamping site.

Next walks: Monday 14 & 28 August

Meet outside the White Bear at 09.30am

Ladies DIY Meeting

Muriel and Hilda invite you to join them for Afternoon Tea

At: Heathcote, Main Street

On: 22rd August 3pm to 4.30pm

Telephone: Muriel 810484

Annual clean up of the village bench seats

Any volunteers willing to help please contact

Christine Cookman 810047

Parish Council Notes

EXTRACT OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 5th JULY 2017 in STILLINGTON VILLAGE HALL

Easingwold Library

M Turvey reported that a group of new volunteers were about to finish their training. There will be further opportunity for training in the autumn. Despite an inevitable shortfall in the number of trained volunteers who proceed to actively take on shifts in the library, the first eleven weeks of operation have passed without any major problems.

A 'Friends' scheme is about to be launched to provide further financial backing for the Library.

Landscaping Village Hall

The Plans for Landscaping have been finalised for the Village Hall. Details and initial costings have been sent to HDC to ascertain if the project is eligible for S106 funding, whether sufficient funds are available to undertake the proposals and if formal planning permission would be necessary. A formal reply is still awaited from HDC.

A copy of the proposals can be viewed by contacting The Parish Clerk.

Telephone Box - Main Street

The formal contract with BT has now been signed and the Parish Council are the new owners of the Telephone Box. The future use of the Box was discussed and after taking into account the views expressed it was concluded that it should be used as a small Library. Further investigations will now be undertaken to ascertain how this can be implemented.

Railings around the Pond

The repair of some fencing around the pond has now been completed. Grateful thanks extended to J Dalton and R Pearse for undertaking this work.

Community Speed Watch Scheme

The aims of the Community Speed Watch Scheme are designed to support local communities to improve road safety by allowing residents to address speed concerns in their community with the support of the North Yorkshire Police.

A number of Volunteers have come forward to join the Speed Watch Team but a few more are still needed. When we have sufficient numbers North Yorkshire Police will visit the Village and explain the scheme and train volunteers.

Stillington Charity for Relief in Need

The above charity has been in existence for over 300 years. The trustees have a limited amount of money to be distributed to residents, considered to be in need, of Stillington Parish. Funds are raised by renting land bequeathed to the charity -10 acres of arable and 7 acres of woodland. There are eight trustees, four appointed by the Parish Council and three co-opted as well as the Priest of the parish.

The charity generally makes funds available to those who suffer long term illness, the bereaved and also makes donations to Stillington News and Stillington Pastoral Care. The charity would also like to assist college/university students towards the cost of books. **Please contact Secretary: Mrs Adryenne Hope (Tel. 811039) in confidence if we can assist anyone and for further information.**

The trustees would be also happy to receive donations to Stillington's own charity.

Stillington Parish Council

Your Community needs you - Have you ever thought of becoming a Parish Councilor?
We have one current vacancy, which needs to be filled as soon as possible.

Further information on what is involved can be obtained from: **Bob Brown Parish Clerk 01347 810543**

The Countryside

Sunday 23rd July and I start to write with blue skies overhead after heavy showers yesterday. Last week saw the harvest under way in a stop and start sort of way, with Winter Barley and Oil Seed Rape being harvested with big combines making massive inroads when moisture levels are right; what a contrast to the days of my youth. The crops are looking very promising in contrast to last year, so hopefully, the granary will be full. May we have the weather to harvest these excellent crops.

The roadsides are colourful now and there are many flowers to be seen. Coming back from a curtailed holiday in the Cotswolds in a transit truck with a sick car on a trailer behind, we found ourselves travelling rather slowly and so had time to see the roadside flora along the M1. What a diversity of species that we usually fly past without noticing. Recently, we have seen some wonderful patches of Orchids. In one just before Hutton le Hole, there were Pyramid Orchids in profusion on both sides of the road. In another area at the northern end of Castle Howard Avenue, just before you drop down to Slingsby, somebody cares for them by the roadside. They grow alongside Yellow Rattle, Blue Scabious and the herb Wild Marjoram. More local, the Fox and Cubs on the Stillington banks are amazing as they stand the grass cutting and in no time have pushed up tall stalks with their orange flowers giving the bank an orange blush of colour.

We have a Walnut tree that grows alongside a flourishing Sycamore. Our predecessors planted this tree and it failed to thrive, so they moved it to its present position and it has not thrived there either. It grows at a rakish angle with branches touching the ground, because it is robbed of light by the Sycamore. This year it has a good crop of nuts on and I am not sure how soon I can harvest them but the squirrels know and usually take them before they are ripe. This they do with most nuts to the dismay of the Red Squirrel who has a more discerning taste and this has been one of the reasons for the downfall of them. Once we tried pickling some and they stained a melamine tray; the stain took years to come out and the pickle was not to our taste. However, we have a young tree growing in a flower bed that is thriving and must have a new home this autumn.

Our early flowering Honeysuckle has ripe berries on at the moment and the birds are enjoying them, amongst which a family of Black Cap Warblers have enjoyed them along with Garden Warblers and Blackbirds. We have tits feeding on the bird feeders along with both Tree and House Sparrows. Greater Spotted Woodpeckers have had a brood somewhere fairly close and they have been coming for peanuts just occasionally and singly. By their red parts, you can tell male, female and juveniles apart and we have had all three: the male has a red nape patch, the female has not and the juvenile has an entire red crown. Recently, I saw a Warbler flying along the road but I could not identify it for the encounter was rather brief. It had a brownish orange rump but studying the bird book I couldn't find anything like it, so it remains a mystery. However, I did identify a beautiful Bullfinch flying with the sun on it last week. These rare wonderful sights are there for those whose eyes are open.

R and M

Hello fellow gardeners and those with the greenest of fingers! This is just a quick reminder of the order of "play" for this year's annual show.

The date : Sunday August 13th, Stillington Village Hall

Order of Events

9.30- 11am Staging of Events

2.30pm Show opens to the public

3.00pm Presentation of Awards and Trophies

Please refer to the Show Programme for further information (The show secretary – Carol Marsh 01347 810897 – will be available for any further assistance). Copies of this year's Show Programme are available in the village shop. Please note the judge's decisions are final.

This leaves the committee to wish all competitors, new and old, the very best of luck in their endeavours. To any new members of the gardening community please try an entry in any of the classes. If you don't try, you can't win!

Finally on a sad note, I hope we can produce a show worthy of our last show secretary Margaret Walker. We send our love and respects to her family and a huge thank you for all the hard work carried out prior to her passing.

Carol

Stillington Bowling Club

During early August there is a lot of activity at the club. The bowling season tends to change with the league games against other village clubs coming to an end and our own club competitions taking over. The club, singles and team games tend to be close contests with a number of the club's bowlers having previously won the competitions over the past years and looking to take the honours again this year.

Having beaten Thirsk Blue in the Topham Trophy semi final our team will now play another Thirsk team, Thirsk Gold in the final.

On the weekend of 15th/16th July the Annual Invitation Bowls Pairs Competition took place. The competition has been sponsored by Sue Mitchell, in memory of her late husband Andre, and this year, the 26th and final year of her sponsorship, she requested it also be dedicated to the memory of their great friend Dennis Law.

Rain greeted the Saturday morning players from Teeside, Thirsk, Kirkbymoorside, Malton, Helmsley, Slingsby and Stillington, but fortunately cleared up by afternoon. The eventual

winners were Neil Flynn and Marc Morley from Sowerby, beating Stillington's Nigel Marsh and Bill Shepherd. Prizes were presented by Sue Mitchell and our President Jack Whittaker.

Stillington Bowling Club is extremely grateful to Sue for all her years of sponsorship and would hope that someone else will continue sponsoring this popular competition. If you, or someone you know of, may be interested in sponsoring this competition in future years, please contact: **Harold Tomlinson Tel: 01347 811443.**

Other items of note, two Stillington bowlers took part in the Slingsby Bowling Club pairs open competition. Eighteen other teams also took part but the local pair, Nigel Marsh and Ray Midgely, won the competition. Well done to both!

Last of all, just a note for any bowlers, that the three woods competition for the Tom and Bessie Yorke Cup, will be held on Sunday 3rd September. The club's bowling season ends with the Robin Thompson competition for club members on Saturday 9th September. Entry sheets for these and other competitions are now on the notice board at the club.

Stillington Tennis

Over 30 children have enjoyed junior tennis coaching through Down The Line Sports since half term. Coaches Rowan, Jonny, and Freddie led the different age groups through their tennis strokes and some fitness routines – even playing through a rain deluge. Ladies fun tennis continues on a Friday morning; open Club tennis Saturday afternoon & match practice Sunday evenings. The two mixed teams in York & District Divs. 5 and 7 respectively have had varied success: 1st team survived some injuries & have since gained a credible mid table position; 2nd team need some wins to be assured of staying in Div. 7. See www.stillingtontennis.org for more details.

Stillington Squash

The two mixed summer teams are captained by Duncan Cook and Anthony Baines and Club Coach, Matt Bridson, has masterminded a "Wooden Racquets" competition over the summer. Winter squash leagues start in September and any members interesting in playing team squash to please contact either Anne Rowlands or Nick Peel. Please see www.stillingtonsquashclub.co.uk for more details.

CRICKET UPDATE

The end of July marks the halfway point of the senior league season but the end of the Pilmoor league and Hambleton Junior league fixtures as the school holidays are upon us. Frustratingly both first and second senior teams languish at the foot of their respective divisions.

The firsts, promoted to division 2 for the first time in many seasons enjoyed a promising start, accruing 82 points from their first five fixtures. Thereafter, unavailability and injury have meant that the same team has not played in successive weeks and results have reflected this with only 43 points coming from a further eleven matches despite some close encounters. The situation is not yet hopeless, however, as the bottom five teams are covered by only 52 points with seven fixtures to be played

The seconds have suffered from first team calls and have regularly turned out with fewer than 11 players. They have depended heavily on juniors from the u15s and have struggled against more experienced teams. Although results reflect this, the experience gained will be invaluable and the enthusiasm remains undimmed! Many of our youngsters have also figured in the midweek

Pilmoor league side which we have rejoined this year where, once again, the results have reflected their relative inexperience.

Friday night junior training sessions continue to attract large numbers of boys and girls from u9 to u15 and we have three teams in the Junior league. The u15s are new to this level and have struggled but should look forward to next season with optimism. The u13s have linked with Easingwold to play as a combined side whilst the u11s in their first season (pictured) have been the jewel in our crown, topping their division and progressing to finals day where they lost a closely fought semi final. Congratulations to them! More detail can be seen at www.stillingtoncc.co.uk



School News

After a very busy term school has now broken up for the holidays giving the children, and staff, a well-earned rest.

Summer Trips

Both classes had fabulous days out in the woods near Stamford Bridge with the Woodland Adventure Company. KS1 made bog babies, which they learnt to house, feed and water by making shelters, understanding what plants can be eaten and by filtering dirty water through ... a sock filled with sand and moss. They had a fantastic time following trails through the trees hunting for fairies and trolls.

It was full on camping in the woods with KS2 as they were taught the best way to make, and then light, their own fires. They discovered what plants were in the woods and their uses, making pine needle tea, which had a very 'interesting' taste. The children made arrows and had a chance to fire them from hand made bows

Both classes ended the day around the fire toasting marshmallows and drinking hot chocolate!

Great Yorkshire Show Entry

Our extremely talented Year 2 gardeners have worked hard this term tending their vegetable box. The theme they chose was a 'global picnic' as they had researched the origins of the vegetables they had grown. Did you know that the Ancient Egyptians both loved radishes and first grew lettuces as a leaf crop? Or that French Beans come from Peru and pumpkins from Central America? The children created a diary of their work, filled with pictures, handy gardening tips and delicious recipes. We're very pleased that they reached the final.

SATs Success

Our super Year 6 have had an amazing final year at the school and have shown off their learning to great effect by gaining a 100% pass rate in their Key Stage 2 SATs. They passed every subject, exceeding the national average, proving that hard work and determination, coupled with high quality teaching, does produce results. The school is extremely proud of the achievements.

At a very emotional leavers' service we said 'Farewell' to this wonderful bunch of children knowing they'll go on to achieve great things at secondary school.

Wraparound Care

From September your village school will be offering childcare from 7:30am to 6:30pm to support working parents in our community

Easingwold Secondary School

It is all change for Easingwold School with the transfer to the Outwood Grange Academies Trust this summer.

The green uniform will go and it seems the name will change to Outwood Academy Easingwold. Farewell to Paul Brockwell and Rob Pritchard who have stood in as Interim HeadTeachers and welcome to Miss Laura Eddery as the new Headteacher.

Safe, fun, stimulating care from 2 years of age

Stillington Playgroup is an independent playgroup feeding into several local schools. We are run on the premises of Stillington Primary School and we are open from 9:10am until 3:20pm every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday during term time. Funded places are available.

Contact: 07779 414226; **Website:** www.stillingtonunderfives.org.uk

Registered Charity Number: 1023684

Ofsted Unique Reference Number: EY308489

Farlington Acoustic Music Night

Sat, 23rd September, 7-10pm, Village Hall, Farlington

Join us for a social foot stomping evening and meet your local musicians. Tea/coffee/soft drinks available and finger buffet. Alcoholic beverages from our local hostelry the Blacksmiths Arms. Tickets in advance £5 (£3 concessions) from Sue Scotter (sscotter.101192@gmail.com) or 07840 966041. All proceeds in aid of village hall refurbishment.

Weather Report July 2017

Rainfall

Some more rainy days towards the end of the month led to above average rainfall in June, 87.5mm compared with a ten-year average of 69mm.

There was measurable rainfall on seven days during the first half of July, with 6.5mm ($\frac{1}{4}$ inch) on the 11th, but the overall total so far is below average.

Temperature

In much of June we enjoyed high temperatures with 30°C being reached on the 18th and 19th. However, the month ended with day-time temperatures back in the “teens”.

In July so far, temperatures have mainly reached the low twenties, with a high of 27°C on only two or three days.

In terms of sunshine, the latter half of June was disappointing. The monthly total was well down on May's and a little below April's.

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Gardening Club

On Sunday 13th August, the Gardening Club will hold its 39th Annual Members' Show in the Village Hall. Entry is restricted to Members of Stillington Gardening Club, although overdue subscriptions will be accepted at the time of staging. **Staging will take place from 9.30 - 11.00am.** The Entry Fee is 25p, with two prizes awarded in each class. Exhibitors are required to remove their entries at the end of the Show, which will be after the Award Ceremony at 3pm. There will be 14 Trophies awarded in Classes for Pot Plants; Flowers; Vegetables; Fruit; Preserves, Marmalade and Chutney and , finally, Home Baking. There is a special class for Young Gardeners of their own work.

The Gardening Club will arrange to have all Trophies engraved.

Show Catalogues are available at the Village Shop

During the month of November, Members will have a Seed Order Catalogue delivered with up to 40% off all seed to Club Members.

Stillington Sports and Social Club August 2017

Tues 1st	Bowls Winner v Rest	Mon14th	Bowls v Thirsk (Home)
Wed 2nd	Cricket Pilmoor v Huby (Away)		Pool A v Mended Drum (Home)
	Bowls v Strensall		Pool B v Old Black Bull
Sat 5th	Cricket 1st v Pannal	Wed 16th	Bowls v Thornton le Dale
	2nd v Huby (Away)	Sat 19th	Cricket 1st v Bilton
Sun 6th	Bowls v Easingwold Cup		Cricket 2nd v Dringhouses (Away)
Mon 7th	Bowls v Boroughbridge (Home)	Sat19/Sun20th	Bowls Final Day
Wed 9th	Bowls Ossie Ashcroft Cup - Pool 1st Round - Doubles	Mon 21st	Bowls Easingwold (Away)
		Wed 23rd	Bowls Sondella Cup
Sat 12th	Cricket 1st v U.S.H.B. (Away)		Pool A v Old Boys
	Cricket 2nd v Heslington		Pool B v Blacksmiths (Home)
	Bowls Tockwith (Home)	Sat 26th	Cricket 1st v Tadcaster
Sun 13th	Gardening Club Show from 9am - 3pm		Cricket 2nd v Duncombe Park (Home)
		Mon 28th	Bowls v Thirsk (Home)
		Wed 30th	Bowls Ossie Ashcroft Final
			Pool Team KO

Village Hall Usage August 2017

AUGUST

Thurs	3rd	Martial Arts	5.15 – 8.15
Thurs	10 th	W.I. Lunch	noon
		Martial Arts	5.15 – 8.15
Sun	13th	Garden Club Annual Show	2.30 pm
Thurs	17th	Martial Arts	5.15 – 8.15
Thurs	24th	Martial Arts	5.15 – 8.15
Thurs	31st	Martial Arts	5.15 – 8.15

Methodist Church Services for August 2017

Sunday 6th August	No Service
Sunday 13th August	6:30 Evening Service Led by Mrs Sylvia Bunting
Sunday 20th August	6:30 Evening Service with Communion Led by Rev Elizabeth Cushion
Sunday 27th August	District Welcome Service 5pm at Ashville College, Harrogate (No Service at Stillington)
Wednesday 16th 2.00	Film Matinee with afternoon tea (details 810250)
Monday 28th August	Bank Holiday - 2.00 - 4.00 Cream Teas
Come along and meet your friends Church and Chapel Working Together	

Saint Nicholas Church Rota

	CLEANING	BRASSES
7th August to 19th August	Mrs A Ratcliffe	Mr A Ratcliffe
21st August to 2nd September	Mrs W Walton	Mr & Mrs J Ratcliffe

FLOWER ROTA

6th August	Mrs A North
13th August	Miss K Gibson
20th August	Mrs M Hetherington
27th August	Mrs M Tomlinson