

# Stillington News

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## Update to Stillington Village Speed Survey conducted in December of 2016

During 2016 the Parish Plan was revised, in the revised plan there was an action against Speeding in the Village. This was considered by the Parish Council and a speed survey by a group of volunteers was conducted during the weeks of 16th to the 22nd of December 2016 on a number of Roads within the 30 mph boundary of Stillington Village.

**Observations** - It was observed, as the vehicles approached the first check point there was a marked deceleration of speed, at the second check point a further deceleration as the brake lamps were illuminated.

From the information table compiled we can identify that the average speed recorded was calculated to be 30mph and the Maximum speed recorded was 51mph ( 21 mph above the Village limit ). 222 Vehicles were recorded as being over the speed limit out of 605 vehicles measured.

All the information has been sent to the 95 Alive Village speed watch Scheme both in its original Format and in the new Format for the Police Computer. The 95 Alive Village speed watch scheme is the first step to having official instruments installed at the side of a road to monitor the speed of traffic. This equipment has been requested for Stillington Village and is being considered by the 95 Alive Village speed watch Team.

**The objective** - is to have some form of permanent speed indicator boards or possibly time penalty lights placed at strategic points to remind drivers of their speed.

**M Rowe – Chairman, Stillington Parish Council.**

## **.....and more monitoring**

**Local Speed Checks:** Our Local Police Team members have recently been out to monitor the speed of traffic through the village – sometimes one officer, sometimes two. They have also monitored traffic on Main Street, Sutton on Forest and Skates Lane and Main Street, Huby. **Christine C**

## **STILLINGTON GARDENING CLUB**

**PLANT SALE 2017**

**THE VILLAGE HALL**

**FRIDAY 5<sup>th</sup> MAY at 7.00pm**

### **Flowering and Foliage plants for sale will include:**

Ageratum – Alyssum – Aster – Cineraria - Dahlia  
Pansy- Geranium  
Fuchsia (Trailing)  
Lobelia (Bush & Trailing)  
Marigold  
Mesembryanthemum  
Penstemon - Petunia  
Sunflower- Sweet Pea - Tagetes  
Perennials

### **Vegetables for Sale**

**Will include:**

Brassicas - Courgette  
Cucumber - Dwarf/ Runner Beans  
Leeks - Lettuce - Marrow  
Runner Beans - Tomatoes  
Herbs

## **COME AND JOIN**

When you come to our popular plant sale (plants grown by members at very reasonable prices) on May 5, please do join Stillington Gardening Club.

- For an annual sub of just £5 you will receive the following benefits:
- An interesting series of monthly talks on topical subjects, other giving a taste of summer sunshine in the winter months
- The opportunity to partake in our annual Plant Show, this year on Sunday 13 August
- Discounts on seed orders through the Club as well as at Deans Garden Centre, Stockton on the Forest
- Occasional visits to gardens of interest
- The opportunity to meet fellow garden enthusiasts and to swap gardening tips!

**Peter Coomer Chairman**

## **UPHOLSTERY AND SOFT FURNISHINGS**

Interested in doing upholstery or making soft furnishings?

A small group meet each Monday from 10.00am to 1.00pm in the Sports & Social club for an enjoyable creative time.  
Male or female, no previous experience required.

If interested, drop in any Monday (excluding bank holidays) and see what is involved.

**Welcome to the May edition of Stillington News. Copy deadline for the June issue is Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May. Contributions by email with copies to both [christopherpotter313@btinternet.com](mailto:christopherpotter313@btinternet.com) and [suehpace@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:suehpace@yahoo.co.uk), or put in the 'Stillo News' envelope at the shop (with contact details).**

## Stillington Wanderers

Walkers were treated to a string of horses being exercised across the historic Hambleton racecourse on Sutton Bank on 27 March & heard about Dialstone Farm (possibly a previous Inn). Local farmer recalled a story that a Dial Stone was originally built into a roadside wall: possibly stolen; re-traced but now gone. An interesting 1720 painting by George Stubbs shows "Hambleton Races" with the Dialstone & jockey scales in the background. Do have a look.

10 April walk was an Ampleforth-Coxwold circuit with early morning sun showing the blackthorn blossom at its best & the southern view of Byland Abbey ruins visible for much of the route.

Next walks: Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> May. Meet outside the White Bear at 09.30am

Christine C

## CRICKET UNDERWAY

Some decent early spring weather has promised a fair start to the 2017 cricket season on 22 April when the senior league programme started. For the first time for a couple of years we will have a Pilmoor League team playing on Wednesday evenings so, with junior teams playing on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, there will be every opportunity to come and enjoy the summer watching leather on willow and taking advantage of the refurbished sports and social club facilities! Fixture cards are available from the club and results can be seen at [www.stillingtoncc.co.uk](http://www.stillingtoncc.co.uk).

Junior practice continues each Friday from 6 till 7 pm for u11 to u15 boys and girls. All are welcome.

## SQUASH CLUB

2017 Club competitions were played Saturday 1 April and it was good to have two teenagers, Jacob Gill and Ophelia Watson, playing for the trophies.

Results:	Winner	Runner Up
Intermediates:	Jacob Gill	Duncan Cook
Ladies:	Harriet Murray	Ophelia Watson.
Veterans:	Jon Walker	Giles Bilton.
Open Plate:	Sam Peel	Harriet Murray
Main:	Jon Walker	Mike Williams
Vintage:	Mike Williams	Jon Wright

The end of season York & District League results show the Men's 1<sup>st</sup> regain promotion into Div 1; Men's 2<sup>nd</sup> will stay in Div 2; Men's 3<sup>rd</sup> likely to go down to Div 4 to join Men's 4<sup>th</sup> & Men's 5<sup>th</sup> end a credible performance mid way in Div 5. Ladies 1<sup>st</sup> are top of Div 2 & Ladies 2<sup>nd</sup> just below midway in Div. 3.

So it's congratulations to the Men's and Ladies 1<sup>st</sup> teams: Men's core 1<sup>st</sup> team have been Anthony Baines, Giles Bilton, Nicky Horn, George Page and Martin Pepper & the Ladies core team Fiona Howell, Harriet Murray, Anne Rowlands, Ophelia Watson & Babs Woodliffe. Harriet comes out top of the Ladies Div 2 rankings, Fiona Howell 3<sup>rd</sup> & Ophelia Watson 10<sup>th</sup> – out of some 60 players with all three ladies having 100% match wins throughout the season.

Specific thanks to Nick Peel who masterminds the competitions each season and chases players to complete their matches. It's been a good season all round for Stillington Squash with their revamped facilities and open house to players of all standards.

Christine C

## STILLINGTON VILLAGE HALL AGM

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm**

You are invited to join the Village Hall Trustees to hear a report about activities in the past year and proposals for the coming year.

New members are always welcome. Skills needed include business, finance, legal, IT and marketing, alongside anyone willing to offer support in any way.

The Village Hall is a community asset, available for hire to local individuals, voluntary and commercial groups. After re-roofing, insulation and solar panels, a new heating system is currently being installed, which should make for a more comfortable and quieter experience. This will be a short meeting with refreshments

*Serving the community - Charity number 1076571*

## VILLAGE LUNCH

**White Bear Inn**

**TUESDAY 23rd**

**MAY**

**FROM 12.30PM**

**£6.50 2 COURSES**

**£7.50 3 COURSES**

**ENJOY A GOOD**

**MEAL AND**

**GOOD COMPANY**

**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 \***

## THE COUNTRYSIDE

**Friday 21 April** – I am writing this piece on a cool cloudy afternoon. Evenings are busy as we are getting on with the long days of lambing. Yesterday I started work at 6.00am and finished at 10.40pm. I must be mad! But it is the way of life I have been committed to all my life and would not have it any other way. My grandson, aged 6, has been helping me this afternoon, so I guess another to the manner born. He is now playing with his farmyard, mirroring the things we are doing on the farm with a vivid imagination. However the rewards we get, whilst not monetary, are priceless. Just to be there and seeing birth and the attendant mothering of new born lambs is something still to marvel at. Yesterday a ewe about to give birth was licking her lips emitting mothering bleatings and smoothing the ground in anticipation for the arrival of her single lamb. She will lick it clean, absorbing the smell and features of her own, who she will then know by sight, sound and smell within minutes and woe betide any thieving ewe that wants a lamb without the pain of birth.

Last night was a special night, when the sun cast its golden and later a red glow over the countryside. The light was fantastic on the new leaves and buds making them into a rich tapestry of shades of bronze, gold and green in so many different shades with a backcloth of deep blue cloud. I would not miss the emergence of spring in our land for all the "tea in China". Looked at as landscape even on our flat terrain, we must look closer and see the very flowers on the trees: the sycamore with its rich green bunches hanging like grapes, buds waiting to open and share rich nectar with the bees and what a hive of activity when the sun shines and bees are busy - the bronze bunches of catkins on the oak and the black cinder like flowers on the ash along with the deep red catkins on the poplar and green ones on the birch and the new tufts of green needles and the red and cream individual flowers of both sexes on the larch and many more we pass and hardly notice. The holly blue butterfly will be about the pink and white flowers of the holly..

These butterflies will join the brimstone of sulphur colour and the orange tipped male and its female who carries no orange tip to its wings along with tortoiseshell and the rest to be watched out for as the season progresses

The swallows are returning slowly this year. I saw my first this year on the 12<sup>th</sup>, a week later than usual. A little warbler was about a whole week before that first swallow. We had a gold crest about one day and it is probably about still as gold crests do not show themselves too much as they flit around the inside of bushes and shrubs in the garden. We have a pair of long tailed tits using the bird feeder but now less frequently. It would be nice to find their wonderfully made nest.

A badger was seen in the yard in broad daylight and a fine fox was hunting in the back field one Sunday afternoon. I'm not too excited about either as both can have a liking for lamb. One I can do something about, the other I can't. I heard on the radio that the number of urban foxes has now exceeded the rural population. This must not be a call for urban fox dumping, as this to my mind is a cruel activity to release animals into an unknown environment from where the dust bin doesn't feature.

The morning dawn chorus is a joy to hear, even by me without a musical ear and I don't know birds by their song very well. I have heard a number of woodpeckers drumming (striking their beaks on a resonant dead branch) and what a variety of sounds are created on different trees.

Of course the flowers on the roadside are a treat, with the dandelion at its best before it makes seed heads, the delicate wood then only blowing in the breeze and the bluebell just showing colour, along with a host more to observe and enjoy as we travel about. Look, see what you can. Rejoice in the wonder of spring.

R&MJ

## Weather Report April 2017

### Rainfall

By the end of the month, rainfall in March reached 46mm, a bit above the average figure of 36mm. There was no measurable rainfall in the first fifteen days of April! However, on the 16<sup>th</sup> we had heavy rain which delivered a welcome 9.5 mm.

### Temperature

During March we had some unusually high daytime temperatures with over 20°C on both the 25<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>. Generally, the night-time temperatures were mild, but they did go negative, just, on the 1<sup>st</sup> and the 25<sup>th</sup>. April, so far, has also been mild, albeit with some cold winds at times. The temperature reached 25°C on the 9<sup>th</sup> and got down to 1.5°C overnight on the 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup>.

My impression is that we are having a fairly sunny spring. Solar panel readings in March were more than twice those of any of the preceding four months and approaching those of September.

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## CREAM TEAS AT THE CHAPEL

May Day Monday 1 May  
and Monday 29 May  
2.00-4.00pm  
Come along and bring  
your friends

## FILM MATINEES AT THE CHAPEL

2.00pm Wednesday 17  
May  
Everyone welcome

**CHARITY QUIZ - WHITE BEAR INN - Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May - 7.30pm**

## School News

We've had a very busy Spring term at school. Here are just a few highlights.

**Birdwatching** - Miss Cole organised a birdwatching club as part of the RSPB Great Schools Birdwatch. Ten children from the Junior class learnt to identify our most common garden birds and spent an hour counting feathered visitors to the school garden, of which there were 14 species and 31 birds in total. Top of the list was the blackbird, which also topped the national poll.

**Breadmaking** - Warburtons visited the school to run a breadmaking and healthy eating workshop for both the Junior and Infant Classes.

The children had an opportunity to make their own bread and try out some new products whilst finding out about the importance of a healthy, balanced diet; hygiene and safety, and food waste.

**Young Writers Competition** - Fourteen of our Junior children were winners in the Young Writers Crazy Creature Competition. Their object had been to tell a story in 100 words - hard enough, but there were also over 40,000 entrants! The children's stories will now be published in a book, which we're looking forward to reading, and we're all immensely proud of their efforts.

**Topics** - The Infant class have been learning about 'The Seasons'. They have learnt why the seasons, and the weather, changes, looked at Spring flowers and produced a wonderful Spring scene full of fluffy lambs, vibrant daffodils and trees in blossom. It really brightens up the infant cloakroom.

'Space' was the theme of the Junior class. Science has involved testing out meteor impacts - on a bed of sand covered with flour - and making rockets out of balloons. Some magnificent artwork was produced using various techniques. The paintings of galaxies were very impressive.

The children had a trip out to the Astrocampus at York University where they learnt to identify constellations, work telescopes, found out some great facts about our solar system and got to handle a very heavy meteorite. Where did it come from? The answer was ... Ebay!

## Parish Council Notes

EXTRACT OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 5<sup>th</sup> April 17  
in STILLINGTON VILLAGE HALL

**St Nicholas Church Yard Stillington** - The Contractor hopes to start the repair of the Head and Gravestones in mid-April. The delay in starting the work has been due to the weather

**White Fencing Posts and Railings** - The work on 13 Fence posts have been completed and now that the weather is improving they will be painted in the next two weeks.

**Emergency Co-ordinator for the Village-**  
Work is on going to produce a draft action plan for consideration

**Drainage Problems South Back Lane** - An on site meeting with NYCC was held and to resolve the situation was to install a French drain on the verge in front of Croft and Lupin Houses. Action is in hand to complete this work but at this stage it is not known when it will be undertaken.

**One- way system South Back Lane** - NYCC are still in the process of obtaining the legal order to implement the changes. It is not known when this order will be completed

## STILLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of Stillington Parish Council will be held on **24 May 2017** at 7-00pm.  
In the Village Hall

**Please make an effort to attend**

## Village Railings

Thank you to John Dalton who initially volunteered to paint the new wooden railings when they replaced a number of broken lengths and uprights. Once the work was started, John continued, with a small team of helpers, to paint the remaining fence posts to ensure they "matched" the new ones. The black trim around the base of the posts will be completed once the "daffodil cut" has been done.

**Christine C**

## **No County Council election for Stillington Ward.**

As Caroline Patmore was the only candidate nominated for the Stillington Ward, she is elected without a contest and there is no vote for electors in the area. And hence no need for Stillington Village Hall to be a polling station.

**Christine C**

## **Christian Aid Week - 14<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> May**

Willing volunteers will once again deliver Christian Aid envelopes to homes throughout the village. If you feel able to make a donation please drop your filled envelope in to the Post Office & Shop. Thank you to the committee and staff for making this possible.

## Main Street Banking in Stillington

With the closure of bank branches in Easingwold and elsewhere, it's worth knowing that you can make withdrawals (with your Bank card) and pay in deposits (cheques or cash) at our village Post Office. This service is open to customers of almost all the "High Street" banks — and for both personal and business accounts. Ask for details next time you're in the shop.

## Stillington Playgroup

We are delighted to announce our latest OFSTED report in December 2016 rated our Playgroup as "Good" in all areas, retaining our rating from our previous report in December 2012. You can view a full copy of our latest OFSTED report on their website <https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk>

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 for three days a week; every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday during term time.

If you would like to bring your child to see what we do at Playgroup you are most welcome to visit together on Thursday mornings from 9:30am to 10:30am, a snack is provided for all children.

The last session before the half term holiday will be Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2017. The first session after the holiday will be Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2017.

**Contact:** 07779 414226; **Website:**

[www.stillingtonunderfives.org.uk](http://www.stillingtonunderfives.org.uk)

Registered Charity Number: 1023684

OFSTED Unique Reference Number: EY308489

## Stillington & Farlington WI April Report

Glennis Whyte returned to give her third talk to us, this time was all about Ghosts! She is an exceptional speaker and that's why we keep having her back. This was all about ghostly happenings at Treasurers house. Her impartial views were welcomed as ghosts don't sit well with some folks..... We were shown some photos appearing to show ghostly images, were they, weren't they, that's the question you had to ask yourself. Part of her talk covering the sighting of the Roman Soldiers that seem to be returning from battle along a roman road. The road is sited in the cellars of Treasurers House and to date its been well documented. One of the sightings was from Harry who was doing some plumbing in the cellar during 1953. He fell off his ladder when he saw them as he thought, if he could see them, then they could see him. Poor Harry he must have been terrified.

Our next meeting in May, is our annual meeting where we will be discussing the Resolutions for the forth coming vote.

Junes meeting will be Emily Garners visit to Japan while attending 'The World Scout Jamboree'. Visitors £3 including refreshments.

New members and Visitors are always welcome and we meet the second Wednesday of each month at Stillington Village Hall. **Shirley**

## STILLINGTON CHARITY FOR RELIEF IN NEED

The charity's AGM will be held on Tuesday 9th May 7 p.m. at the Sports Club. The meeting is open to all.

## POOL FINALS

This year's finals will be held at 7.30pm over two nights:

Wed 24 May – singles, doubles and mixed doubles

Sat 27 May – Team K'O and consolation cups followed by presentation of many cups and trophies

## Swing Into Summer

with



Ladies Choir

Stillington Village Hall

9<sup>th</sup> June - 7.30pm.

Tickets available from Stillington Village Store.

Adults £7, Children £4.

Proceeds in aid of Dementia Forward. For further information ring 01904 692473

## CREAM TEA

Stillington Primary School  
Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2017 11am-3pm

We will be holding a Cream Tea event at Stillington Primary School, organised by FOSS (Friends Of Stillington School).

PLEASE COME AN ENJOY A CUPPA, A BITE TO EAT AND A CHAT

## 200 CLUB WINNERS

1st Mr E Midgley

2nd Mrs C Spencer

R.U. Mr B Sanderson

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R.U. Mr L Wilson

R.U. Mrs P Drew

R.U. Mr A Ratcliffe

Drawn by "Our Ernie"

## ST NICHOLAS CHURCH

CLEANING BRASSES

1st to 13th Mrs M Law Mrs M North

15th to 27th Mrs M Price Mr M Turvey

## FLOWER ROTA

7th May Mrs J Whittaker

14th May Mrs B Bainton

21st May Mrs E Lomas

28th May Mrs H Jamieson

### MAY VILLAGE DIARY

(VH = events at the Village Hall)

Wed 3	Cricket Pilmoor v Rowntrees (away) 6.15pm Pool A v Commercial (away) B v Horseshoe B Parish Council 7.30pm VH
Thurs 4	Martial Arts 5.15-8.15pm VH
Fri 5	Plant sale 7.00pm VH
Sat 6	Cricket I v New Earswick II v TABS (away)
Sun 7	Cricket U13 v Sessay
Mon 8	Uphol'y/Furnishings 10.00-1.00pm Primetime 1.30-3.30pm U15 v Northallerton (away)
Tues 9	Charity AGM 7.30pm
Wed 10	Pool B v A Cricket Pilmoor v Crayke WI 7.15pm VH
Thurs 11	Martial Arts 5.15-8.15pm VH
Sat 13	Cricket I v Thirsk II v Copmanthorpe (away) Cycle race pit stop am VH
Sun 14	U13 v Northallerton (away)
Mon 15	Uphol'y/Furnishings 10.00-1.00pm Cricket U15 v Middleton Garden Club meeting 7.30pm
Tues 16	S&SC committee meeting 8.00pm
Wed 17	Cricket Pilmoor v Sheriff Hutton (away)
Thurs 18	Martial Arts 5.15-8.15pm VH
Sat 20	Cricket I v Sessay II v Sheriff Hutton (away)
Sun 21	Cricket U13 v Thirsk
Mon 22	Uphol'y/Furnishings 10.00-1.00pm Primetime 1.30-3.30pm Cricket U15 v Ouseburn (away) Parish Council AGM 7.00pm VH
Tues 23	Cricket U11 Cup game
Wed 24	Cricket Pilmoor v Alne 6.15pm Pools finals (1 <sup>st</sup> night) 7.30pm Singles, doubles and mixed doubles
Thurs 25	Martial Arts 5.15-8.15pm VH
Sat 27	Cricket I v Osbaldwick (away) Pools finals (2 <sup>nd</sup> night) incl. presentation
Sun 28	U13 v Alne (away)
Mon 29	U15 V Easingwold Cup
Wed 31	Cricket Pimoor v Easingwold

### Rogation Sunday at Farlington

The Rogation Service at Farlington – to bless the crops, farm animals and the work of farmers – will be on **Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at 3pm** and will also be an occasion to welcome our newly-appointed vicar, the Revd. Stephen Whiting at Farlington Grange Farm, on the road to Sheriff Hutton (it will be signposted).

The service will take place in and around the farm and after the service there will be an afternoon tea (£5 adults, children free) for all to enjoy. Come along for this service for a farming community, meet the animals and enjoy the tea!

### St Nicholas

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

May 4 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday, morning prayer at 9 am
May 7 <sup>th</sup>	Morning Worship at 9.30 am
May 11 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday, morning prayer at 9 am
May 14 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Communion 9.30
May 18 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday, morning prayer at 9 am
May 21 <sup>st</sup>	Benefice Service Sutton 10.30 am
May 25 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday, morning prayer at 9 am
May 28 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Communion at 9.30

### 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
May 7	Chapel anniversary 10.30am Rev Vivien Firth No evening service	
May 14	Evening service with Communion 6.30pm Conducted by Rev Elizabeth Cushion	
May 21	Circuit service at Copmanthorpe 6.30pm No service at Stillington	
May 28	Evening service 6.30pm Conducted by Lis Johnstone	

### St Leonard Farlington

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

May 14<sup>th</sup> : 3pm : Rogation Sunday service at Farlington Grange Farm followed by afternoon tea  
May 28<sup>th</sup> : 11.15am : Holy Communion (BCP)

### St Mary Marton

	Services in Celtic Tradition	
<b>Church Warden</b>	Sally Coomer	
	Email: <a href="mailto:sallycoomer8@gmail.com">sallycoomer8@gmail.com</a>	
7 <sup>th</sup> May	Celtic Eucharist	6.00pm
21 <sup>st</sup> May	Celtic Evening Worship	6.00pm

### St John the Evangelist RC Easingwold

<b>Priests</b>	Fr Leo Chamberlain	821295
	Fr George Corrie	
	Sunday Mass	8.30 & 10.30am
	Vigil Mass Saturday	5.45pm
	Reconciliation Saturday	12 noon
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.stjohnneasingwold.ampleforth.org.uk">www.stjohnneasingwold.ampleforth.org.uk</a>	

### PARISH REGISTER

**R. I. P. - Mrs Hilda Scaife - 27th March, 2017**  
**MARRIAGE - Kirsty Marie Speck and Simon Lovell**  
**21st April, 2017**