

Stillington News

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Stillington Branch Royal British Legion

The Annual Remembrance Service will take place this year at:

All Saints Church Brandsby on Sunday 12th November 2017 at 10.45am.

Members and friends are requested to parade outside the church at **10.30am**.



As usual a small Field of Remembrance will be established outside St Nicholas Church Stillington at the end of October for anyone wishing to place a cross in remembrance. Crosses will be available from Poppy Sellers and other outlets.

**A short service of prayers will take place on Saturday 11th November at 11.00am.
All are welcome.**

Explorers 2017-18

Inviting all primary age children to the after school club run by the churches in Stillington.

We will be having fun at Stillington Methodist Church on **Fridays 10th, 17th and 24th November, 1st December 2017**

**12th, 19th and 26th January, 2nd and 26th February 2018
2nd, 9th and 16th March 2018**

Sessions will run from 3.30 to 4.45pm;
Music, craft activities and a story from the Bible.
Refreshments provided when the children arrive.

If you would like to come, please contact Margaret Price on 811262 for a registration form

Please email contributions for the **December** issue to news@stillingtonvillage.org by **24th November**

Stillington Village Hall
CHRISTMAS FAIR
Friday 24th November 6-8pm
All your favourite stalls + mulled wine and mince pies

Village Lunch
White Bear Inn
Tuesday 21st November
From: 12.30pm
£6.50 2 courses
£7.50 3 courses
Come along and enjoy good food and good Company

Stillington Bonfire Saturday 4th November

This year's bonfire will be held on **Saturday 4th 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 the High Street will be closed to traffic between **6.45 and 7.15pm**. The bonfire will be lit when the procession reaches the field. Fireworks commence at **7.30pm**.

Boots or wellies are recommended footwear. Please note that 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 three 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.

Stillington Post Office & Stores

Owned by the community. Run by volunteers.

Invite you to

Coffee, cake and mince pies

Upstairs at the Stores

Saturday 25th November

9.30am – 12noon

A 'thank you' to customers old and new

**Sample our local foods and Fairtrade products with a Christmas theme*

**Order our popular Christmas hampers — an ideal gift
Village Christmas cards on sale

**The chance to talk with volunteers about our community business*

Main Street, Stillington, York YO61 1JS

Tel: 01347 810322

A Brief History of – the Village Hall

Stillington Village Hall started life as the Village School. In 1811 there was established the National Society for "Promoting the Education of the Poor in the Principles of the Established Church". Subsequently schools were built throughout the country. The one in Stillington was built in 1821 on land given by the then Lord of the Manor, Colonel Harry Croft, on part of what is now the village green. Further land was provided in 1842 to build separate 'facilities' for boys and girls and a fenced off outdoor area.

Although there had previously been the so-called "Dame Schools" this was the first purpose-built school in the Village. It preceded the 1870 education act, which made primary education compulsory, by fifty years. The building housed the village school for nearly ninety years, until it was replaced by the present school building on the Main Street in 1907, known to villagers as the 'Council School'.



The building remained unused, apart from the occasional event, until the late 1920's. The folk of Stillington decided in 1928 the building would make a good parochial hall. The conversion process involved widening the building and raising the roof. The brickwork on the southern side of the hall shows traces of these changes to this day. It cost a total of £620 raised by subscription and a donation from the Church Commissioners. In September 1929 a grand opening was held, with the opening ceremony conducted by Squire Liddell of Stillington Hall.

The hall is a registered charity and the members of the management committee are the trustees. They are elected each year at the Annual General Meeting, held usually in May. It has been the custom to invite organisations which regularly use the hall to put forward nominations at the AGM. This has resulted in a wide cross-section of village life being represented to provide a broad sweep of skills.

Over the past few years there has been much refurbishment without changing its basic layout. Further improvements are proposed, subject to funding being forthcoming. First on the agenda is to change the 'toilet-style' high level windows in the committee room to full length windows matching the rest of the building. Also being considered is the replacement of one of the windows on the east side, facing the green, with full length 'French' doors. A ramp on the outside would enable this to be an alternative, wheelchair-friendly emergency exit. Nice for functions to spill over outside if the weather permits or to extend the hall with a marquee!

Regular users of the hall include the monthly gardening club and WI as well as the parish council. Weekly users are the short-mat bowls, in the winter months, and martial arts. Occasional users are the archive group and the parish church (there is no church hall). The hall also hosts coffee mornings, children's parties and private lunches. In addition to which, the hall committee arranges concerts and other productions made available through Rural Arts.

At other times the hall is available to hire at competitive rates. Facilities include a fully fitted kitchen with utensils, crockery and cutlery. There is a selection of chairs and tables with some low tables and small chairs suitable for children. A digital projector and sound system is available by arrangement. The hall is also covered by an alcohol licence. The capacity of the main hall is 100.

Our Village Hall is currently under-used. Any new initiatives which involve the community would be most welcome.

MT &LC

STILLINGTON AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY ARCHIVE
A talk by Mr Guy Armitage on the history of York Handmade Brick Company
Wednesday 15th November 7.30pm in the Village Hall
Members: Free Guests £3 Yummy Refreshments £1!

St Leonard's, Farlington - Remembrance Sunday
The Service of Remembrance will be held on **Sunday, November 12th and will start at 10.45am**. The service will be followed by lunch at The Blacksmith's Arms which any member of the congregation is welcome to join. There will be a charge of £10 for the lunch which needs to be confirmed in advance. The menu is roast beef or pork with all the trimmings and vegetables followed by cheesecake or a fruit crumble. A vegetarian option will be available. We look forward to seeing you at the service and if you would like to join the lunch please contact a member of the congregation or ring one of the Churchwardens – **Sally Downing on 878745 or Louise Clark on 838923**.

REMEMBER
The Christmas Stillington Lunch
will be held on 19th December

Menus available from The White Bear or post office from 1st November. **Please reserve your lunch and table by Monday 11th December.** Hope to see you all there! Many thanks, Phil and Sue Robinson.

Your Village Defibrillator is kept in the Church Porch Available 24/7
Remember: Call an Ambulance, start CPR, get the Defibrillator - it will tell you what to do

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY 4th OCTOBER 2017

Jenny Wren Footpath

The NYCC Footpath Officer has requested further information regarding the problems in Jenny Wren this has been provided and it is expected that he/she will visit Stillington in the near future.

Birds Mouth Fencing in the Village

M Rowe and B Smith have completed a further inspection of the posts and fencing and noted there was some further deterioration of a number of posts. This information will be passed to North Yorkshire Highways Department for their action. A copy will also be sent to C Patmore for her information.

Landscaping Village Hall

HDC have now confirmed that planning permission is not needed for the inclusion of a New Board for the Village Hall. We are still awaiting quotations and when these are received and providing funds are available, a decision will be made on the way forward.

Community Speed Watch Scheme

Eight residents have indicated they wish to volunteer for the Community Watch Scheme and the first training session is due to take place on 18th October. It is anticipated that the "first speed check" will take place by the end of November.

Telephone Box Main Street

The racking and plaque are now installed in readiness for books. Thanks were expressed to G Hill and B Smith for all their work fitting out the Box.

Stillington Wanderers

Walkers returned to Helmsley and explored a different wooded valley, Riccaldale, for the first time and then returned via the pretty village of Pockley with its thatched cottages. The October walk went up Mugdale, north of Skewsby, passing Potter's Hill, Grange Farm with its variety of ducks and fowl & back to view the roadside City of Troy Maze.

Next walks: Monday 6th & 20th November. Meet outside the White Bear at 9.30am

Quiz at the Sports and Social Club

The October Quiz raised £258 for the Children's Playground which will help renew swing fittings. The winning team was Betty Bainton, Sue Shender, Michael Turvey and Jacob Gray. November quiz will be for the Tennis Club.

St Leonard's Goes to Castle Howard

By kind invitation of the Chaplain, St Leonard's is holding an Advent Carol Service in the chapel at Castle Howard at 3.30pm on Advent Sunday, December 3rd. Everyone is welcome and no admission charges apply if you are only attending the service.

Local Business - Plowman Brothers



Local business delivers a new livestock trailer. Sparkling, bright blue, new livestock trailer being photographed on Stillington High Street prior to delivery to Frank Towers, Lancaster farming business. The vehicle is a *Plowman two deck cattle / three deck sheep trailer*.

Plowman Brothers are at Broad Oak Farm, Sutton on Forest, (next to the Reliance Bus Garage) on Wigginton Road and they have been operating since 1929. Their current work includes the design, fabrication and construction of livestock transport, provision of agricultural machinery, welding and engineering equipment.



Your editors are:

Emma Johnson & Tracy Sinclair. If you would like to contact us please do so using the Stillington News email.

Stillington & Farlington WI October Report

At our October meeting we greeted Mr Richard Carew, the domestic Chaplain to the Archbishop of York. He told us a little of his background and the work he does for the Archbishop. Including the walk of over 1,000 miles over six months which they did last year. We were told about the history of Bishopthorpe Palace which started with buying the land way back in 1215. Although there has been an Archbishop of York since 743 Saint Paulinus taking on the title. Richard told us about the charities the Archbishop is involved with including his own which involves teenagers and leadership. The Archbishop of York Youth Trust, it has its motto as: "Be the change you want to be...." He also talked about the Palace and how different Archbishops have extended the palace and put their own mark on it. He also touched on Dr J Sentamus' early life in Zimbabwe and the reason why he doesn't wear his dog collar any more. It was a very fascinating talk and it was lovely to see new faces as visitors.

Two of our members attended the Autumn Council Meeting in Norton, where we had 2 ladies talking about nurses in the first world war. After lunch Peter Wright spoke about his life as a vet which was filled with anecdotes of his life and veterinary experiences. (The Yorkshire Vet fame)

Please come along to our next meeting at Stillington Village hall on the second Wednesday of November at 8pm. Our speaker is Margaret Price and Fair Trade products, including her recent trip to Ghana. £3 for visitors including refreshments.

Shirley M

Stillington 2 Oil Cooperative

Member of the Lower Swale Syndicate of Oil Cooperatives
Latest (3rd October) delivered price for kerosene was **38.04ppl** + VAT. The corresponding Boilerjuice price was 39.82pp.

If you are already a Cooperative Member and need oil, then order online via www.tateoil.co.uk or if unable to access the website call: **01943 854888**. Members can order at any time - Tate has undertaken to deliver within 10 working days from order. *NOTE* if you are likely to need oil before early January, you must order BY 30th NOVEMBER to take advantage of the discounted Cooperative price. Any orders placed in December for delivery that month will be charged at normal retail price.

If not a Member, why not join? - You will undoubtedly save money by comparison with your existing supplier and Tate's service has been outstanding! Membership is open to all - if you live in or around Stillington and want to know more about Stillington 2 Oil Cooperative, drop me a line or give me a call:

Peter Coomer stillington@swaleoil.org.uk

Or 01347 810891



Safe, fun, stimulating care from 2 years of age

You may remember from last month's article that Stillington Playgroup have been hatching and rearing a clutch of nine eggs. Sadly egg number nine did not hatch but all the other eight rare breed chicks have survived and thrived and have now been returned to their official owner who already had good homes arranged for them to go to. It is very quiet without the near constant background cheeping now and they will be missed!



The last half term was again a busy one with the children also looking at "harvest time", using flour to make bread and pizzas and discovering the names of baby animals. Personalised Christmas artwork was also created, to be turned into a variety of stationery products and gifts in the next couple of weeks!

We are an independent playgroup run on the premises of Stillington Primary School and open 9:10am until 3:20pm every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday during term time. We take children aged from 2 to 5 years old. Funded places are available and we accept childcare vouchers.

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

The last day of half term is Thursday 21st December and the first day back will be Tuesday 9th January 2018.

Contact: 07779 414226

Website: www.stillingtonunderfives.org.uk

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Ofsted Unique Reference Number: EY308489

The Friends of Stillington School With Stillington Community Archive

'Education in Stillington'

A talk by Liz Cole

To Celebrate the 110th Anniversary
Of our Village School's Opening

Friday 10th November, 7.30pm in the School

£3, including nibbles

Bar, Tombola, Quiz, Displays

Everyone Welcome!

Free drink for Archive members on production of their current membership card

Peter Davies
Chairman

Countryside Notes

Thursday 19th October, another day that has turned out to be rather wet this afternoon. I have been to a sheep sale at Wombleton near Kirkbymoorside. The entry of 7500 looked well but by mid afternoon the sheep looked rather wet and bedraggled and the prices fell in accordance with the conditions. I think they will look cheap when they dry out again, but we don't know what the price for prime lamb will be in the new year.

Yesterday a little brown head appeared above the grass in the hedge bottom. With beady bright eyes surveying the area the Weasel quickly saw me and disappeared, had I stopped longer it would probably have had another peep for they are very curious like their larger relatives, the Stoat.

We have in this area a large population of Buzzards. These large dark brown raptors are masters of economic flight doing an awful lot of gliding. Seeing one recently very close I saw that the end flight feathers on the wings are bent backwards which helps to reduce the creation of wingtip vortices thereby reducing drag, the wings of passenger airplanes copy this design.



The swallows have departed and only an odd butterfly is about, with Red Admirals enjoying over ripe fruit and stocking up with sugar in preparation for the long winter sleep. There has been a real shortage in Tortoiseshells and Peacocks and this year I haven't found a colony of either. We have often before taken these and fed them through to the chrysalis stage then releasing the butterflies after a couple of weeks on a sunny morning. Much to the delight of our two grandchildren.

Thoughts from Rev. Elizabeth Cushion

In my last appointment, the staff made a trip to Belfast to visit a couple of the church missions there and to explore the history of Belfast and its community. It was an interesting and informative trip in which I learned a lot about Belfast and the conflicts that have been experienced there.

As we were guided through Belfast, we were shown many of its political and social justice murals and peace walls. These peace walls seemed to be a contradiction in terms as they kept communities separated from one another. The fact that these communities were still separated made us wonder just when and how reconciliation was supposed to take place. How could communities learn to live together if they continued to allow such division in their lives?

As we come to another Remembrance Sunday this month we are reminded that the Christian Gospel is about brokenness and healing. Jesus came to restore relationships by loving us and forgiving us, and showing what God is like.

May God's peace be with you all.

We have an Elephant Hawk chrysalis from a large ugly caterpillar we found near the house, it will remain in its flimsy cocoon in an old sweet jar, just below a few inches of soil. So next June we will watch out for a brilliant metallic pink and green Moth emerging and, if female, will lay eggs on willow bark. Also a couple of woody, ruby tiger caterpillars are safely stored in their substantial cocoons waiting for spring.



The trees got a good grooming in the gales of earlier this week, masses of sycamore seeds were about in the yard all hoping to find a nook or cranny into which to grow. What a forest we could soon have! Why do they produce so much seed which is not readily eaten by the birds, unlike the oak that has yielded an abundance that the birds and squirrels delight in. The Autumn leaves are colouring well, where the wind has not blown them off, as always they are a wonder to behold.

There are still flowers by the roadside where the grass cutting has not been too drastic. The yellow Sow-Thistles always make a late show on their tall stems. Creamy Meadowsweet and blue Cranesbill are enjoying a second flowering here and there. This morning as I finish this I was delighted to see a Gold Crest in the honeysuckle, a silent visitor. There are many delights to be enjoyed by the observant eye.

R & M

- Original lino prints by Emma Johnson

Weather Report September/October 2017

Rainfall

September was the wettest for five years. Rainfall, at 95mm, was half as high again as the average value of 60mm. By contrast, the first half of October has had only a sixth of the usual monthly rainfall. Which is not to say that things won't change before the month is out.

Temperatures

Unlike last year, when September saw some record breaking temperatures, this year the month was rather disappointing. The temperature topped 20°C on only six days, with the highest being 22.5°C on the 2nd. The lowest was 6.2°C, on the night of 21st/22nd.

In October so far, the highest has been 21.7°C while the lowest has been 6.5°C (on the 5th/6th). So, no frosts yet then.

Sunshine was also at a premium in September. From April through to August my solar panels registered over 400 units each month. In September they registered under 300.

M.T.

Stillington Sports and Social Club

November

Weds 1st	Pool B v Mended Drum (Home)	
Thurs 2nd	St Cuthberts Indoor Bowl v Raskelf 7 - 9pm (Home)	
Fri 3rd	St Cuthberts Indoor Social Bowl 2 - 4pm	
Sat 4th	Football Stillington Bonfire 6.45pm Dominoes 8.30pm	
Mon 6th	Upholstery / Sewing Class 10am - 1pm Prime Time 1.30-3.30pm St Cuthberts Indoor Bowl v Raskelf 7 - 9pm (Home) Garden Club Meeting 7pm 5 & 3s Dominoes v Blackhorse (Away)	
Tues 7th	St Cuthberts Indoor Bowl v Husthwaite (Home)	
Weds 8th	Pool Single Second Round 7.30pm	
Fri 10th	St Cuthberts Indoor Social Bowl 2 - 4pm	

CHURCH SERVICES

St Nicholas, Stillington

Priest: Revd Stephen Whiting

Church

Wardens: Muriel Law

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Janet Martin

Jessie.jm158@gmail.com

Services for November

Sun 5th	Morning Worship	9.15am
Thurs 9 th	Morning prayer	9.00am
Sun 12th	Holy Communion	9.15am
Thurs 16 th	Morning prayer	9.00am
Sun 19 th	Benefice Service at Stillington	10.30am
Thurs 23rd	Morning prayer	9.00am
Sun 26th	Holy Communion	9.15am
Thurs 30 th	Morning prayer	9.00am

St Mary's Marton

Church

Warden: Sally Coomer

sallycoomer8@gmail.com

5th Celtic Eucharist **6pm**

19th Meditative Evening Worship **6pm**

St Leonard's, Farlington

Sun 12th: Service of Remembrance **10.45am**

Sun 26th: Holy Communion (BCP) **11.15am**

Sat 11th	Football Dominoes	8.30pm	Tues 21st	St Cuthberts Indoor Bowls v Thornton Le Dale (Home)
Sun 12th	Ladies Squash	6.30pm		Monthly Committee Meeting 8pm
Mon 13th	Upholstery / Sewing Class	10am - 1pm	Weds 22nd	Pool A v Blacksmith B v Highwayman (Home)
	Prime Time	1.30-3.30pm		Brandsby WI Darts 7pm
	St Cuthberts Indoor Bowl		Fri 24th	St Cuthberts Indoor Social Bowl 2 - 4pm
	v Hambleton	(Home)	Sat 25th	Football
	5 & 3s Dominoes		Sun 26th	Dominoes 8.30pm
	v New Inn	(Away)	Mon 27th	Ladies Squash 6.30pm
	Weds 15th	Pool A v Commercial		Upholstery / Sewing Class 10am - 1pm
	B v Mended Drum	(Away)		Prime Time 1.30-3.30pm
	Fri 17th	St Cuthberts Indoor Social Bowl		5 & 3s Dominoes
		2 - 4pm		v Blacksmiths (Home)
	Sat 18th	Football	Tues 28th	St Cuthberts Indoor Bowls v Helmsley 7 - 9pm (Home)
	Dominoes	8.30pm		v Boroughbridge (Home)
	Sun 19th	Bonfire Committee Meeting	Weds 29th	St Cuthberts Indoor Bowls v Knaresborough (Home)
		8pm		
	Mon 20th	Upholstery / Sewing Class	10am - 1pm	December
		Prime Time		
		5 & 3s Dominoes		
		v Mended Drum		
		(Away)		
		Cricket Club AGM	8pm	

Methodist Chapel

Minister:	Rev E Cushion	821460
Stewards:	Robin Jackson	810250
	Gareth Papps	810094
5th Nov	No service	
12th Nov	Evening Service with communion	
	Rev. E Cushion 8.15pm	
19th Nov	Evening Service conducted by	
	Mrs E. Stanforth-Sharp 6.30pm	
26th Nov	Evening Service with communion	
	Rev. E Cushion 6.30pm	

Film Matinees

Wednesday 15th November

Wednesday 20th December

**2pm
at**

**Stillington Methodist Church
Everyone welcome**

SAINT NICHOLAS CHURCH ROTA CLEANING & BRASSES

Oct 30th to Nov 11th Mrs J Martin &

Dr D Martin

Nov 13th to 25th Mrs R Little &

Mr D Little

FLOWER ROTA

5th November Mrs P Bisset

12th November Mrs L Cumberlege

19th November Mrs M Law

26th November Mrs M North

Village Hall Usage - November

Weds 1st	Parish Council	7.30pm
Thurs 2nd	Martial Arts	5.15-8.15
Tues 7th	Indoor Bowls	2pm
Weds 8th	W.I.	7.15 pm
Thurs 9th	Martial Arts	5.15 -8.15
Tues 14th	Indoor Bowls	2pm
Weds 15th	Archive Group Alne Brickworks	7.30 pm
Thurs 16th	Martial Arts	5.15-8.15
Mon 20th	Village Hall Committee Meeting	7pm
Tues 21st	Indoor Bowls	2pm
Thurs 23rd	Martial Arts	5.15-8.15
Fri 24th	Christmas Fair	6-8pm
Tues 28th	Indoor Bowls	2pm
Weds 29th	Gardening Club Culinary Herbs	7.30pm
Thurs 30th	Martial Arts	5.15-8.15

Advent group

We will study Ephesians for 4 weeks

Monday 7pm

13th Nov to 4th Dec inclusive

4 Parkfield

ALL WELCOME

