

Stillington News

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SEASONAL FLU CLINICS

Saturdays

30th September

7th & 14th October

Wednesday 11th October

If you are over 65 or you are in one of the at risk groups, please contact the surgery to make an appointment for this immunisation



Prime Time at Stillington Sports and Social Club

Prime Time goes from strength to strength - it's the lazy way of exercising by sitting on a chair. It's suitable for both men and women playing various different games sitting down. The equipment varies between balls, skittles, bean bags and plastic curling stones with little ball bearings underneath to make them run.

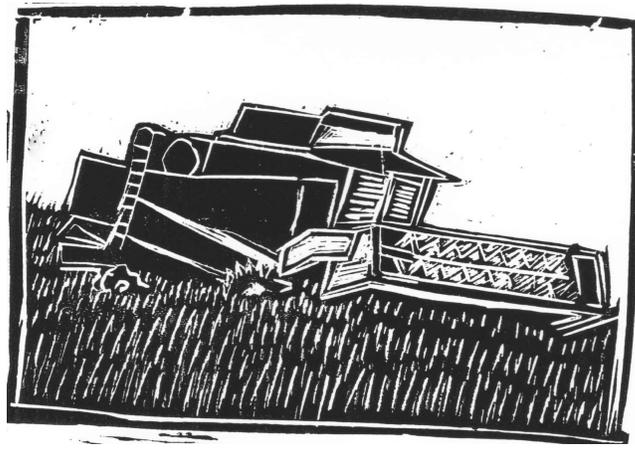
PrimeTimers meet in the Sports and Social Club every Monday afternoon at 1.30pm. It costs £3 per session which includes tea and cakes and everyone has made lots of new friends.

Just turn up.

B M

For those that work in acres not hours

The hard work continues and all other jobs are put aside to race the weather and bring in the Harvest.



Harvest Festival at St Leonard's, Farlington

In the middle of August we held the traditional Lammass service – celebrating the first fruits of the harvest – at the St Leonard's Lammass service. Now, on Friday, September 22nd at 6.30pm we will be celebrating the end of the farming year – the Harvest Home – at our Harvest Festival service.

Why not join us for a traditional celebration of this vital countryside occasion, you will be very welcome. The service will be followed by the usual excellent harvest supper.

If you cannot get to Harvest Festival there will be a Harvest Communion service on Sunday, September 24th at 11.15am

SUMMER SERENADES

an evening of Light Classics
with community musicians and
singers



at

STILLINGTON VILLAGE HALL

Saturday 16th September

7.30pm

Tickets £7.50 on the door

or tel: 811544

Village Lunch White Bear Inn

Tuesday 19th September

From: 12.30pm

£6.50 2 courses

£7.50 3 courses

Come along and enjoy
good food and good
company

Stillington Wanderers

Walkers have tackled the steep muddy bank on the Cold Kirby/Scawton route and a mass of blackberries were seen on the Hovingham / Wath Quarry circuit and badger setts were pointed out to us: Hovingham Village Hall offers the best benches for the coffee break. Walkers contribute £1 per person towards any travel expenses and the latest surplus has gone to Martin House.

Next walks: Monday 11th & 25th September. Meet outside the White Bear at 9.30am

Neighbourhood Watch

Between the hours of 9pm on Monday 14th August and 8am of Tuesday 15th August 2017 a garage off North Back Lane, Stillington was broken into and builders' high value power tools were stolen. If you were in the area and saw anything unusual, please contact: **Police on 101 quoting incident number 12170144383.**

Calling all Amateur Sleuths A Murder is Announced

A Murder Mystery Evening will be held in the Village Hall at 7.30pm on Friday 13th October 2017

Book this date and come along to enjoy a three-course meal and the chance of solving this crime

More details next Month

Stillington Community Association

Stillington Community Association is the body of people who are responsible for the day to day running of the Stillington Village, Post Office and Stores.

Would you like to be a member of the Association? This Association has, in the last three years given in excess of £23,000 back to the village community in the form of grants. Many people are already members but we would love to have more.

STILLINGTON SHORT MAT BOWLS CLUB

A new season of short mat bowls begins in the Village Hall on Tuesday 12th September. The club has been fortunate to acquire new mats for the 2017-18 season. Practice sessions take place every Tuesday during the winter from 2 to 4pm. We have a sociable afternoon with a cuppa at halftime and we also play in the Kyle Valley Bowls League. Old and new members are welcome to join us but anyone wishing to try this fun and skilful game come along any Tuesday afternoon for a complimentary try. We can provide bowls but please wear flat soled shoes.

Tennis

All matches are now played and we can safely say that both teams will stay in their respective York & District Divisions 5 and 7. The 1st team won 6 and lost 8 matches: the 2nd won 4 and lost 8. Match play for our teenagers and young adults will have given them experience and confidence against a variety of opponents. Three of whom were playing at Sutton on Derwent for the final 2nd team match & the team won: Nic Craggs, James Wiseman and Isobel Wragg. Tim Madgwick and Oliver Everard have the highest average score for the men and Liz Burdett, Jennifer Jones and Sophie Adams for the ladies. Julian Terry, Peter Jones, Adrian Streetley, Jane Jackson, Christine Cookman and Liz Burdett have played the most games. Thankfully all injured players recovered during the season.

Club play continues on Saturday afternoons and the courts are available for general play at other times.

Membership can be purchased for as little as £10 in the form of a shareholding. This can be held singularly, jointly, or corporately. One shareholding is the maximum that can be held and this allows you to vote at our AGM in September and have a say in the direction we take the association.

Applications forms may be collected from Stillington Post Office and Stores.

Stillington & Farlington WI August Report

During August we had our usual Afternoon Tea at the home of one of our members. It was delightful. Good food and good company what more can you ask for. The weather was very good to us with a cool breeze on a warm day. It's always a good social occasion for us to get together.

Coming up in September we are having a hands on session of sewing. We are hoping to complete an xmas wreath....

Within the Federation we have many trips offered and hopefully we will be booking some, soon. We meet on the second Wednesday of each month at 7.15 for business and 8pm for our Speakers. Please come along and see what we do... All Ladies welcome.

Shirley M

Squash

AGM is Monday 2 October at 7pm in the Sports and Social Club.

Winter mini leagues have started and all members are welcome to join in irrespective of their age or standard.

Duncan Cook and Anthony Baines have captained the summer teams. The five men's teams for the winter will be captained by Anthony Baines, Mike Williams, Nick Peel, Dave Rowlands and Duncan Cook; the ladies by Anne Rowlands and Glynis Finnerty. The Peel Timed Handicap competition will be played on Sat. 16 September.

Quizzes restart at the Sports and Social Club

General Knowledge quizzes will restart Friday 6th October at 8.00pm. The quizzes are the first Friday of each month from October to March. All are welcome. Generally it is teams of four: £8 per table.



Safe, fun, stimulating care from 2 years of age

Our Sports Day was held in mid July at Stillington Sports and Social Club. Activities included foam javelin throwing, sack races, egg and spoon races and a variety of bean bag events to name but a few! This was all rounded off with a snack and a play in the playground. A great time was had by all. We would like to thank all those parents and grandparents who helped out on the day and all those who help to maintain such a valuable village sporting facility.



Our end of year trip took place at Piglets Adventure Farm Park on the very last day of term. Every area was explored by our children and their families and everyone slept well that night (parents included)!



Five of our children are moving up to local primary schools this month and we would like to wish each of them every success in their future endeavours. They will be missed!

Stillington Playgroup is an independent playgroup feeding into several local schools, run on the premises of Stillington Primary School and open 9:10am until 3:20pm 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 welcome to visit together on Thursday mornings from 9:30am to 10:30am, a snack is provided for all children. The first day back of the new academic year will be Tuesday 5th September.

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

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Stillington Village Hall

Over the past few years there have been a number of improvements to the Village Hall:

- It has been re-roofed, so the rain no longer comes in.
- The roof space has been insulated, so that the hall does not cool down quickly.
- The windows that were single glazed have been double glazed, to reduce heat loss.
- The entrance door has been replaced, to improve the appearance.
- A smart new kitchen has been installed.
- The interior has been redecorated and the lighting has been improved.
- Solar panels have been fitted, to be more eco-friendly.
- Finally, and at last, the heating has been replaced, to cover all of the building.

We haven't quite finished. There are some other improvements we would like to make but your committee considers it an appropriate time to review the rates of hire.

The Countryside

Saturday 19th August, Evening. Another day of sunshine, showers and bursts of strong wind which sent a branch on one of our tall, old pear trees, laden with about 50kgs of hard, unripe pears crashing to the ground. We are wondering if they will ripen a bit more off the tree, but with so many on this tree and its neighbours, is there any need. Choosing the right time to pick pears is not an easy task, for some want picking before ripe to mellow and sweeten in their own good time, others want to be ripe and succulent to eat straight off the tree, with lovely juice dribbling down your chin and no teeth required to bite into them.

This summer is proving to be a difficult season for harvest with corn getting nearly dry then another aggravating thunder shower appears unannounced by the weather man. However, the yields are good, even though the grain is small and lean, our heap looks nearly twice the size of last year.

The sheep are all clipped now thank goodness and being sheared late there is a good yield of wool. Although the price of wool is lower than last year and is not very exciting as it's worth often does not pay for the clipping.

Our butterfly garden has been well used on sunny days. With goodly numbers of Red Admirals and an outstanding display of the orange, speedster; the Commas. Tortoiseshells have been very few in number and the peacocks have only recently made their appearance. There has been an odd Painted Lady about, which is not surprising with our present weather, these migrant creatures will have come to us from the mediterranean to raise a brood in our broad acres that will return to north africa when our temperature drops in Autumn.

As from 1st September the charge for a four-hour session will be:

- £20 for 'village' events, open to all (e.g. indoor bowls, garden club, archive group, W.I., charity coffee mornings, harvest supper etc.)
- £25 for 'private' events (e.g. children's parties, private lunches etc.)

We believe that these rates compare very favourably with other similar venues in the area.

It's your Village Hall. Please use it and especially support our fundraising events, e.g. the forthcoming concert on 16th September (See separate advertisement).

We now have a website, www.thevillagehallstillington.org, so you can look us up online.

Online bookings are not yet available, so continue to telephone Mavis on 01347 810951.



Recently our Honeysuckle, mentioned in the last issue, was graced with a fine feathered White Throat one morning. I was pleased to see it as I have always enjoyed its presence and have left blackthorn to grow into bushes for their nesting places. But there are so few of these songsters now to sing in our country lanes. They, like many other migrants, are getting ready for their long haul back to their winter haunts, many to parts of africa. Some birds have already gone, others like the swallows will be here while october.

A fortnight ago a stoat had a good play in the garden. Dancing on the lawn, rolling into the flower beds, climbing some creepers onto an out building roof, going up to the ridge and down. It was good to watch its energetic activities.

The day after writing the last village news I heard a robin singing as it returned to its winter territory, a sign that the summer season is rapidly passing, and we all move on, but with autumn joys yet to come.

R&MJ

Stillington and District Community Archive

This is just a little reintroduction to your village archive. We were formed in 2008 by a group of villagers who thought it might be a good idea to collect together any material important to the history of Stillington, Marton and Moxby. At first it was mainly postcards, photographs and some marvellous cine film shot by local amateur Fred Baker, but quickly we discovered that there were many other items of importance hidden away in family collections. These were scanned and are kept in digital form on a hard drive.

To showcase our collection we have a website: stillingtoncommunityarchive.org. We average 350 hits per month with 12 pages being viewed per hit. The most popular pages by far contain a selection of our large photograph collection. Also much visited are the pages detailing the lives and military careers of both the casualties and survivors of World War One from our villages.

The oldest documents we hold are digital copies of the Doomsday Book entries for our three villages. The oldest photograph is one of Stillington Church from about 1870.

Stillington and District Community Archive

'The world beneath our feet'



A talk on local caves

by members of York Caving Society
On Wednesday 20th September at 7:30 in the
Village Hall

Members free. Guests £3.00

Followed by delicious refreshments!

We usually hold four meetings per year, with talks on a variety of subjects. This year there have been talks on Stillington Hall, Robert 'Mousy' Thompson and something new, a walking tour of Stillington to commemorate 250 years of the Enclosure Act. We also have a Summer trip. This year we visited Sledmere House. What's the link to Stillington? Sledmere was built within twenty years of Stillington Hall in the same Palladian style and it shares many features with our lost 'big' house. Also just down the road from Sledmere is the hamlet of Duggleby, part of which once belonged to the Croft family of Stillington Hall and the other part to the Sykes of Sledmere.

Our next meeting is on 20th September, please come along if you'd like to find out more about our work or would like become a member of the Archive. To our existing members - thank you for your much appreciated support and we hope you'll find time to join us.

Liz Cole

Stillington Bowling Club

It continues to be very busy at the bowling club with the season at its height. This weekend was the club finals weekend which started on Saturday morning. Eddy Midgley and Margaret Tomlinson won the pairs final, with Margaret going on to win the Ladies' Singles final too later in the day. Also on Saturday, Nigel Marsh became the Men's Singles champion. On Sunday the Rinks (four players in a team) final was played, with Mick Dale, Liz Green, Bill Shepherd and Nigel Marsh winning after two hours of bowls on what was a warm and sunny morning, perfect for a game of bowls. On Sunday afternoon following a very close and exciting game watched by a boisterous audience, the triples final was won by one point scored on with the very last shot of the game with Derek Little, David Martin and Steve Gall winning. One final remains to be played on Saturday 26th August, the Open Singles, with Ray Midgley taking on the new Ladies Champion Margaret Tomlinson.

Stillington will play Thirsk in the Topham Trophy final on Thursday 24th August at 6:15pm. This final will be played at Sessay's bowling green. As this will be too late for this edition of the Stillington News, the result will be included in the next report.

In all the local bowls leagues the Stillington bowls teams have had some enjoyable games. The Veterans' team is finishing the season on good form and had a very good win at home against Thornton le Dale this week taking all the available ten points. Stillington play Easingwold next week in the last games of the season in both the Veterans and Galtres leagues, the local derby matches which both teams always wish to win. All Stillington teams end the season mid table.

Last of all, a note for any bowlers, that the remaining competitions of this season are the three woods competition for the Tom and Bessie Yorke Cup, to be held on Sunday 3rd September, and the season finale, 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.

Weather Report August 2017

Rainfall

The second half of July was rather wetter than the first half, giving a total for the month of 63.5 mm (2½ inches), only slightly below the average figure.

The first half of August has lived up to its reputation as the wettest month of the year by giving us 55.5mm in the first sixteen days.

Tuesday 8th was particularly wet, with 23mm (getting on for an inch) in one day.

Temperature

Not exactly a heat-wave, but we did have some high temperatures in July, e.g. 28°C on the 6th and 29°C on the 17th.

The highest temperature in August so far was 24°C on the 10th of the month. The nights have generally been mild, with the lowest a 9.4°C on the 6th.

The solar output in July was up on that in June and second only to that in May.

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St Nicholas Parish Register

Wedding

Anthony Owens & Karen Warner
15th July 2017

Baptism

Jack Michael Scaife
30th July 2017

With the grace of God

This week I failed. I failed as a bunny-owner and was late feeding. I failed as a dutiful daughter and forgot an anniversary card. I failed as a friend and was irritable. I failed as a minister and got things wrong. And even this newsletter was late!

I am sure you can identify, for we all make mistakes in lots of ways, and come before God to say sorry - again. That is when we are faced with the grace of God. And the wonderful thing about the grace of God is that we don't have to earn it. We don't have to be perfect to be accepted by God, for He knows and loves us as we are. When we come to Him with all our failings He picks us up, dusts us down and sets us on our way again.

This month we begin a new church year as Methodists. Thank you for your graciousness to me over the last 5 years as your minister. This time reminds us that we follow a God who gives us a new start. May it be for us all a time of new beginnings as we continue our journey together.

Elizabeth Cushion

SAINT NICHOLAS CHURCH ROTA

CLEANING & BRASSES

Sept 4th-16th Mrs A Hope
Mrs J Sheffield
Sept 18th-30th Mrs J Ingham
Mr B Handley

FLOWER ROTA

Sept 3rd Mrs A Hope
Sept 10th Mrs R Little
Sept 17th Mrs A Cobb
Sept 24th Mrs P Clark

200 Club

July

1st Mrs Maxwell Scott
2nd Miss K Gibson
R.U. Mr R Midgley
R.U. Mr and Mrs Dobson
R.U. Mr N Hugill
R. U. Mrs C Mackinlay
R.U. Mrs G Midgley
Drawn by "Our Ernie"

August

1st Mr R Conway
2nd Mr B Handley
R.U. Mrs J Wilson
R. U. Mr D McCrea
R.U. Mrs J Rawling
R.U. Mr J Cooper
R.U. Mr T Drew

Village Hall Usage September

Weds 6th Parish Council 7.30pm
Thurs 7th Martial Arts 5.15 - 8.15
Tues 12th Short Mat Bowls 2pm
Weds 13th W.I. 7.15pm
Thurs 14th Martial Arts 5.15 - 8.15
Sat 16th "A Summer Serenade"
concert 7.30pm
Tues 19th Short Mat Bowls 2pm
Weds 20th Archive Group
"Beneath your Feet" 7.30pm
Thurs 21st Martial Arts 5.15-8.15
Sat 23rd Martial Arts All day
Mon 25th Community Shop
AGM 7.00pm
Tues 26th Short Mat Bowls 2pm
Bowls Match 7.00pm
Weds 27th Garden Club
"In the Greenhouse" 7.30pm
Thurs 28th Martial Arts 5.15- 8.15
Fri 29th Harvest Supper 7.00pm

CHURCH SERVICES

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Slightly earlier Sunday morning worship at the Parish Church from September 2017

Please note that the normal start time for Sunday morning worship at St Nicholas Parish Church is changing to **9.15am** from this month.

ALL WELCOME

Services for September

Sun 3rd Morning Worship 9.15am
Thurs 7th Morning prayer 9.00am
Sun 10th Holy Communion 9.15am
Thurs 14th Morning prayer 9.00am
Sun 17th Benefice Service at
Sutton on Forest 10.30am
Thurs 21st Morning prayer 9.00am
Sun 24th Holy Communion 9.15am
Thurs 28th Morning prayer 9.00am

St Leonard's, Farlington

Sunday 10th: Shortened Matins :
11.15am

Friday 22nd: Harvest festival and
harvest supper: 6.30pm

Sunday 24th: Holy Communion for
Harvest: 11.15am

Methodist Chapel

Ministers: Rev E Cushion 821460
810250
Stewards: Robin Jackson 810094
Gareth Papps 810094
3rd Bible study 10.30am
10th Rev Elizabeth Cushion
Communion service 6.30pm
17th Rev Julia Skitt 6.30pm
24th Rev Rory Dalglish 6.30pm

Let your local community know who you are:

Space available for local business news and contact details. Please contact the team via our email address for details.

Stillington Sports and Social Club September

Sat 2nd Cricket 1st v Duncombe Park
Cricket 2nd v Woodhouse (Away)
Sun 3rd Bowls Three Wood Competition Final
Mon 4th Prime Time 1.30pm
Dominoes 5s and 3s v Mended Drum B (Home)
Tues 5th St Cuthbert's Bowling Club
Indoor Bowls 7.00-9.00pm
Wed 6th Pool A v Highwayman B
Pool B v Highwayman A (Away)
Sat 9th Cricket 1st v Hovingham (Home)
Cricket 2nd No Game
Bowls Robin Thompson Cup
Mon 11th Prime Time 1.30pm
Gardening Club Meeting 7.30pm
St Cuthbert's Bowling Club
Indoor Bowls 7.30-9.00pm
Dominoes 5s and 3s v Blacksmiths (Away)
Tues 12th Pool AVB
Thurs 14th Cricket Meeting 8.00pm
Mon 18th St Cuthbert's Bowling Club
Indoor Bowls 7.30-9.00pm
Prime Time 1.30pm
Tues 19th Monthly meeting 8.00pm
Wed 20th Pool 2nd Round Singles
Sat 23rd Football (Home) 2.00pm
Mon 25th Prime Time 1.30pm
Dominoes 5s and 3s v Black Horse (Away)
Tues 26th Indoor Bowls League
Wed 27th Pool A v Highwayman A
Pool B v Commercial (Away)
Thurs 28th St Cuthbert's Bowling Club
Indoor Bowls 7.00 - 9.00pm
Sat 30th Football (Home) 2.00pm

