

Stillington News



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THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY COLLECTION

The annual village collection for the Children's Society will take place between **14th & 28th April**. Collectors will be delivering envelopes and then calling back for them between these dates.

Your support would, as in the past, be greatly appreciated. Thank you

Debut play from slam poetry champion Zia Ahmed

On **Wednesday 18th April at 7.30pm** we have a new theatre venture for Stillington aimed at an audience of **14 years upwards**.

Tamasha Theatre and Paines Plough present, "**I Wanna Be Yours**", the debut play from slam poetry champion Zia Ahmed. Create Tour is enabling us to sell tickets for just **£6** to encourage as wide an audience as possible, online at www.ruralarts.org or at the door.

Ella is from Yorkshire. Haseeb is from London.

They order a pizza.

House red for Ella. Hot chocolate for Haseeb.

Meet in the middle. Meet the parents.

Meet the friends. Meet the aunts.

They say opposites attract, but can they stay together?

A tender, funny, lyrical play about finding love and holding on to it with everything you've got.

Village Lunch White Bear Inn

Tuesday 17th April
From: 12.30pm

£6.50 2 courses

£7.50 3 courses

Come along and enjoy good food and good Company

Jorvik Gilbert and Sullivan Company

makes a welcome return to Stillington

Saturday 14th April at 7.30pm

with a performance of **G&S Iolanthe** at the Village Hall.

Tickets available from The Village Stores and on the door - £8

Afternoon Tea
in the Marquee



BOOKING ESSENTIAL!

Please leave name and number in group (plus any dietary requirements) with

Caroline on 878242

by

Friday April 20th

Roadshow at Stillington Sports and Social Club

Easingwold and Village Action against Dementia are holding their next Roadshow at Stillington Sports and Social Club on **Thursday 5th April, 6 until 8pm**. This is to raise awareness of the issues faced by those with Dementia and the local support that is available for those with this illness and their carers. The Roadshows are being hosted by Easingwold and Village Community Forum and Forget-Me-Not Friends. It is a chance to find out more about Dementia, what support is available locally, plus local business and transport availability.

To find out more: **Contact Dementia Forum on 01765 601224**

Please email contributions for the **May** issue to news@stillingtonvillag.org by **18th April**.

Soft Furnishing and Upholstery Class

This is a friendly small group where you can learn how to reupholster furniture and make new items for your home.

The next session of the Soft Furnishing and Upholstery Class based at Stillington Sports and Social Club starts on **9th April at 10am until 1pm**. Easy Access, Free Parking and a City and Guilds Trained Tutor. Contact: charlei-F@virginmedia.com or the Sports and Social Club on **01347 810216**

Reminder - Bank Holiday Monday Creams Teas in the Methodist Church **7th May & 28th May 2-4pm**. All welcome.

Countryside Notes

I am writing on Monday 29th March. Yesterday's snow has all but gone. March certainly came in "like a Lion", so will the old adage ring true and go out "like a Lamb". The Beast from the East was a real beast for nearly a week and, not content with that visit, it returned for a few days this last week.

The cold snap brought a lot of birds to the farmyard and it was good to observe them at fairly close quarters. I sat watching my ewes and a good number of Redwings came along picking about within a few feet of me among the sheep. They are smaller than Fieldfares and very like our Song Thrush with a rusty red patch on the forewing. At home, a pair of Song Thrushes came eating apples until the Fieldfares bullied them off but they were soon back with feathers all fluffed out to retain their body heat. Blackbirds and Robins are also never far away.

The bird feeders were very busy with lots of the Tit family: there were eight Long-Tailed Tits at the fat ball container one morning; also Blue, Great and Coal Tits. There are good numbers of both Tree and House Sparrows around. The best watching site was through a gap in the barn door. There were a lot of Yellowhammers, busily feeding only a few feet away, the males are bright canary yellow with greyish brown markings on the wings and the females a paler shade of yellow. As I watched, I found there were some Chaffinches and Siskin. Then, my attention was drawn to some browner birds, a little larger than the others. I had to get out the book to correctly identify them. I was right in my judgement to find out that they were Corn Buntings, which was quite a thrill because the bird is

usually recognised by its song and I am not good on bird song. I thought they have been about this area for a long while but I have not identified them, my only contact being over 50 years ago when, whilst bringing the house cow up for milking, I found a nest.



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During the bitter cold I was amazed to see long icicles on some Sycamore trees where we had pruned low branches. The trees had evidently been sending up sap that had bled and produced the icicles. It always amazes me how the sap, through capillary action, can get through hard wood to the top of the tree.

Between the Beasts from the East, one night we had a newt pay us a visit and upon putting it out, we found another six enjoying a damp night; that same evening we had seen frogs on the road. So life is waking up and spring is about to spring up.

R and M

School News

The Beast from the East caused the school to close for two days, giving the children time to enjoy the lovely snow. Back at school they had a fantastic playtime creating snow sculptures. Despite the disruption March has been a very busy month in school.

Mothers' Day Lunch

It was great to see the school hall filled with so many happy faces as 43 children, mothers, grandmothers, and staff enjoyed a delicious lunch provided by our school cook Mrs Young. The beautifully iced cupcakes went down particularly well!

Whole school Trip

Harlow Carr was the destination for a whole day of excellent activities. Making smoothies using a bicycle to generate the energy was fun, but hard work - there was a lot of puffing and red faces!

Outside in the woods the children produced pieces of land Art using a patch of cleared ground and scavenged material such as rocks leaves and twigs to make sculptures of mini beasts. Definitely the highlight of the day for the children was the unbelievably wonderful play area.

The children learnt about recycling, reusing and reducing our waste with Powerdown Pete. After discovering the value of composting the children went home with a mini wormery to pass on all their knowledge at home.

World Book Day

We went for something a bit different this year and invited everyone to a reading breakfast. Over croissants, crumpets and juice parent/grandparents and children enjoyed a quiet time reading their favourite books and exploring a few new ones.

When our visitors had departed we had a fun filled day of activities based on fairy stories - but with a modern twist!

The children learnt about stranger danger through the story of Hansel and Gretel. The children made posters sorting which strangers can and can not be trusted, especially online. They built their own houses for the Three Little Pigs to live in, but only after the wolf had told his side of the story! Instead of Little Red Riding Hood going to the woods and meeting a wolf she instead walked through the African savannah meeting a very hungry lion on the way! The children created a musical journey based on this story. Finally, the Gingerbread Man told his story. The children made their own yummy gingerbread men. The smell of baking was marvellous! Eating the gingerbread men was even better!

A date for your diary

The Friends of Stillington School will be holding a Treasure Hunt on **Sunday 13th May starting 2pm** from the school. Tickets are **£3** per person and will be on sale after Easter.

Liz Cole

Stillington Community Speedwatch (SCS)

During the first three months of the group in operation, we reported on average of 2 vehicles per session speeding through the village. The number of vehicles checked was 597. The number reported over 35mph was 15.

We assess the monitoring conditions before setting up our measuring site. We also wear flamboyant jackets so we are visible to all road users. We set up a notice 100 meters before the speed check of oncoming vehicles and another notice 10 meters to the rear, indicating a Speedwatch is in operation. This gives drivers a fair chance to slow down as we aim to encourage positive driving habits.

Please stay within the Speed Limit of the village.

M Rowe. Community Speedwatch Leader

STILLINGTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Require an enthusiastic person as a

Part-time Post Office Counter Assistant

in a friendly Village Post Office.

No experience is necessary as full training will be given.

If you are interested please contact:

Christine Cookman 01347 810047 for further details by

5pm on Monday 9th April 2018

Stillington & Farlington WI March Report

Our March meeting was an exciting craft night. Carol Smith our demonstrator showed us how to make an Easter Wreath. We could do circles or heart shapes and tied our pre-cut fabric onto the wire. The wreaths were then finished with ribbons and Easter embellishments etc. Everyone seemed to enjoy the evening. Thank you to our hostess Jillian.

* A team was put together for the yearly WI Quiz.

* Two ladies are going to the Spring Council Meeting in Scarborough.

An Alaskan Adventure is the title of our April meeting. Angela will show us Alaska without leaving the village hall. Everybody is welcome to join us. 8pm start with refreshments afterwards. We also have a raffle. Please support us by coming along.

Shirley M

Stillington Playgroup

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.

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

Registered Charity Number: 1023684

Ofsted Unique Reference Number: EY308489

Changeable Winter Weather

Amazingly these two photos were both taken, from the Shop doorway, on the same day 8th March at around 7:30 am and around 5:30 pm!



Peter Coomer

VILLAGE SHOP TACKLES THE 'BEAST FROM THE EAST'

The shop was more than usually busy when the recent 'Beast from the East' arrived. Local people called in for household essentials rather than venture further afield. The shop also delivered goods to some of our older residents who did not want to risk going out in the ice and the cold. Even the papers were delivered to customers after the delivery van got stuck in a snowdrift near Helmsley. The value of having a well-stocked village shop is demonstrated once more...

In July, the shop will be celebrating 15 years as a community owned and run enterprise. It couldn't run without our dedicated Post Office team and a large number of volunteers, covering all kinds of different roles. If you would like to volunteer in the shop, do call in and leave your contact details. One of the volunteer coordinators will get in touch. Thank you to everyone, staff and customers alike, who support our shop and Post Office.

Margaret Price

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

Final Total

Lily, Freddie, Millie and Charlotte would like everyone to know that the final total raised for Dogs Trust was £300. The money will be used by Dogs Trust for vaccinations, warm beds, training classes, chipping dogs and lots more.

They would also like to thank **The Village Shop, The White Bear and The Bay Tree** for their help in raising this amount for Dogs Trust through them displaying the Dogs Trust charity collection tins.

Fiona Rafferty

Village Hall Usage - April

Weds	4th	Parish Council	7.30pm
Thurs	5th	Martial Arts	5-9pm
Mon	9th	Prime Time Village Hall Committee	1.30-3.30pm 7pm
Weds	11th	WI	7.15pm
Thurs	12th	Martial Arts	5-9pm
Sat	14th	G&S evening (Iolanthe)	7.30pm
Mon	16th	Prime Time	1.30-3.30pm
Weds	18th	Tamasha Theatre, "I Wanna be Yours"	7.30pm
Thurs	19th	Martial Arts	5-9pm
Mon	23rd	Prime Time	1.30-3.30pm
Weds	25th	Gardening Club AGM	7.30pm
Thurs	26th	Martial Arts	5-9pm
Mon	30th	Prime Time	1.30-3.30pm

Stillington Wanderers

26th Feb. Walk from Coxwold via Husthwaite incorporated Beacon Ridge (with views over to Dalton Airfield industrial site); Alpacas; Edward V11 post-box; some interesting Husthwaite gardens & back via part of the disused railway line into west Coxwold past Shandy Hall. Walkers took to the roads and paths of Easingwold on 12th March owing to high-water table: from Galtres Centre to the Secondary School, to Stonefield along Knott Lane, past Brickyard Farm with its "Weather Brick", over the by-pass, Crankley Lane & back via Alne Road & Claypenny.

Next walks: Monday 9th and 23rd April. Meet outside the White Bear at 9.30am

Neighbourhood Watch

Approx. 50 tyres have been illegally dumped in a field off York Road. Please report any sightings or knowledge of this act. The Police remind us not to leave valuables on show in vehicles: either leave them in your car boot, leave them at home or take them with you. Two vehicles were recently broken into in rural beauty spots in the Helmsley area. **Please report any suspicious vehicles and / or persons to the Police on 101.**

Village Path work – thank you to the team who helped to cut back the grass and vegetation on some of our village paths last month.

EASINGWOLD COMMUNITY MINIBUS

Easingwold District Community Care Association (EDCCA) has a new project.

The 15 seater minibus has been generously funded by North Yorkshire County Council, Hambleton District Council and Easingwold Town Council and is available for hire by voluntary and community groups and schools.

If you would like more details or to book a place on the minibus.

Contact: Lou Wileman
01347 822598 or email
carscheme@edcca.org.uk

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

Disposal of Wet Wipes

North Back Lane residents have recently suffered with blocked drains caused by wrongful disposal of Wet Wipes. Please Note - these wipes do not disintegrate and should be disposed within our normal household rubbish.

There's also been a similar occurrence with "wipes" blocking a drain along Easingwold Road.

Litter Picking

Thank you to residents who regularly help to keep Stillington village litter-free and also the 12 litter pickers who worked beyond the village boundary on Friday 9th March for the annual litter pick. Over 20 bags of roadside verge litter were collected that afternoon, including black bags of dog poo near the Stripe woodland, York Road. ***Please can ALL dog walkers use the bins provided.***

Weather Report March 2018

Rainfall

Although the rainfall in February was well below the average figure, everywhere seemed to remain very muddy. At the end of the month 14cm of snow added 14mm to the monthly total of 37.5mm.

The first half of March has been very wet with over a month's worth of rain falling in the first sixteen days.

Temperature

February had its extremes, from a high of 13.2°C on the 21st to a low of -6.2° on the 28th.

March, so far, has varied from -4.7°C on the 1st to +14.3°C on the 9th.

M.T.

Stillington Sports and Social Club

April

Mon 2nd	Dominoes 5s and 3s v Angle	Home	
Weds 4th	Pool Mixed Doubles Quarter-Final	Home	8.30pm
Thurs 5th	Talk on Dementia Cricket Meeting		6-8pm 8.30pm
Sat 7th	Football U/13 Training League Football v Heworth		9.30am Away 2pm
Mon 9th	Upholstery Class Dominoes 5s & 3s v Mended Drum		10am -1pm Away
Weds 11th	Pool A v Horseshoe D Pool B v Mended Drum	Away	8.30pm Away 8.30pm
Sat 14th	League Football v Huntington	Away	

Mon 16th	Upholstery Class Dominoes 5s and 3s v Highwayman		10am-1pm Away
Tues 17th	Monthly Committee Meeting		8pm
Wed 18th	Pool Singles Semi-Final		
Sat 21st	League Football v Pollington Cricket 1st v New Earswick	Away	Away
Mon 23rd	Sewing and Upholstery Class Dominoes 5s and 3s v Black Horse		10am -1pm Home
Weds 25th	Pool Mixed Doubles Semi final	Home	8.30pm
Sat 28th	Cricket 1st v Sheriff Hutton Cricket 2nd v Sheriff Hutton	Away	Home
Mon 30th	Upholstery Class Dominoes 5s and 3s v Gulshan		10am-1pm Away

Quiz at the Sports and Social Club

The final quiz of the season, including donations, raised a valuable £300 for Easingwold & District Community Care Association. Congratulations to the winning team: Christine and Alan Shires with Val and Dick Tregea.

Thank you to all who've supported the monthly quizzes over the winter season.

Tennis Club

Dates for the new season: Open Day Saturday 21st April 2-4pm. Family Tennis Sunday 20th May from 2pm with shared picnic. Junior Tennis Coaching Saturday mornings from 9th June to 21st July with *Down The Line Sports*. Club sessions continue Saturday afternoons from 2pm. Ladies Social Tennis Fridays 9 - 10am from 20th April.

Matches: two Mixed teams in York and District League with Match Practice Sunday evenings 6pm from 22nd April.

Contact Graham Cookman 810047 for more details or enquiries@stillingtontennis.org

Stillington Bowling Club Season Open Day 2018

It's the start of the bowling season once again. Stillington bowling green and bowls club house are located at the Sports and Social Club along with the other sports. Our Bowling Club plays in a number of local leagues, has an annual home and away match against local rivals Easingwold, and has lots of time for relaxed social games and practice during the season. So if you would like to have a go at bowling, just look around the clubhouse, or watch a game, come along to our **Season Opening Day on Sunday 15th April from 2pm** (weather permitting). If you wish to have a go all you need are some flat shoes.

If you are unable to make the opening day then **Social Bowling commences Wednesday 9th May at 7pm** and continues at the same time on Wednesday evenings all season. The main dates for our 2018 season are;

Season opening day -

Sunday 15th April from 2pm

League programme commences -

Monday 23rd April 6.30pm (Galtres League)

Social Bowling commences -

Wednesday 9th May 7pm

Easingwold Challenge Charity match -

Sunday 20th April 2.30pm

(away leg at Easingwold Sunday 29th July)

Andre Davis Memorial Cup competition -

Saturday and Sunday 14th/15th July (New Sponsor for 2018, Phil Robinson - White Bear)

SBC Ladies Day -

Tuesday 7th August

SBC competitions finals -

Saturday and Sunday 18th/19th August

Cricket Club

The Cricket Club has entered three age groups in the local Junior Leagues, starting in late April when fixtures have been confirmed. The first training sessions start on **Friday 6th April at 6pm** for Juniors keen to learn the skills of the game. Coached by qualified coaches all holding ECB qualification. Come along to see if it suits you.

The Stillington 2 Oil Cooperative

(SO2C) is a member of the Lower Swale Syndicate of Oil Cooperatives. Members can order oil at a significant discount whenever they like between **1st January and 30th November**.

Anyone living in or around Stillington can join S2OC. Please contact either:

Peter Coomer 810891 / Tim Drew 811572, or email stillington@swaleoil.org.uk

CHURCH SERVICES

APRIL

St Nicholas, Stillington

Priest: Revd Stephen Whiting **810251**
Church

Wardens: Muriel Law **810484**
Muriellaw1@gmail.com
Janet Martin **822981**
Jessie.jm158@gmail.com

Sun 1st Easter Day Communion **9.15am**
Thurs 5th Prayers for the Village **9am**
Sun 8th Holy Communion **9.15am**
Thurs 12th Prayers for the Village **9am**
Sun 15th Benefice Communion at Sheriff Hutton **10.30am**
Thurs 19th Prayers for the Village **9am**
Sun 22nd Holy Communion **9.15am**
Thurs 26th Prayers for the Village **9am**
Sun 29th Ecumenical Praise **9.15am**

St Nicholas Parish Register Baptism

William George Dale
Sunday 4th March 2018

St Mary's Marton Church

Warden: Sally Coomer **810891**
sallycoomer8@gmail.com

Sun 1st Eucharist **6pm**
Sun 15th Meditative Evening
Worship **6pm**

SAINT NICHOLAS CHURCH ROTA

2nd to 14th April

CLEANING Mrs H Ratcliffe

BRASSES Mr A Ratcliffe
16th to 28th April

CLEANING Mrs R Little

BRASSES Mr D Little

FLOWERS

1st April Mrs M Law and helpers

8th April Mr & Mrs G Hill

15th April Mrs M Price

22nd April Mrs R Bresnen

20th April Mrs J Ingham

Happy Easter

This year Easter Sunday falls on 1st April, something that has not happened since 1956. That date is also remembered for being April Fools Day, when people traditionally play jokes on each other. It seems strange that both of those things should coincide. Or is it?

For those involved in the Easter story, it seemed there were strange and foolish happenings. The women went to the tomb where they had seen Jesus' body placed but find the huge stone rolled away and the tomb empty. Then meet with Jesus and are confronted with the fact that he had risen from the dead. The disciples hear the reports from the women and don't believe them, say they are talking nonsense. It seemed a huge April Fool joke. Until they saw Jesus for themselves.

For some people today, the Easter story is a nonsense or an unlikely tale. But at its heart is a message of hope and new life and a living God. Perhaps it isn't so foolish after all.

Elizabeth Cushion

EASTER IN STILLINGTON 2018

	Date	Time	Service	Where
Palm Sunday	25th March	9.15am	Palm Sunday Holy Communion	St Nicholas
Maundy Thursday	29th March	7.00pm	Tenebrae and Last Supper	Methodist Chapel
Good Friday	30th March	11.30am	Walk of witness Chapel to Church	Starts at Methodist Chapel
	30th March	12 -1pm	Service for Good Friday	St Nicholas
Holy Saturday	31st March	7.30 for 8pm	Benefice Easter Vigil	St Nicholas
Easter Day	1st April	9.15am	Easter Holy Communion	St Nicholas
		6.30pm	Easter Holy Communion	Methodist Chapel
Easter Monday	2nd April	2 - 4pm	CREAM TEAS Joint fundraising	Methodist Chapel

Methodist Chapel

Minister: Rev E Cushion **821460**
Stewards: Robin Jackson **810250**
Gareth Papps **810094**
Sun 1st Easter Communion
Rev Elizabeth Cushion **6.30pm**
Sun 8th Evening Service conducted
By Rev John Schofield **6.30pm**
Sun 15th Evening Service conducted
By Mr Peter Halls **6.30pm**
Sun 22nd Evening Service conducted
by Rev. Elizabeth Cushion **6.30pm**
Sun 29th Ecumenical Service at St Nicholas **10.30am**
Circuit Service at Poppleton **6.30pm**

Film Matinee
Wednesday 18th April
2pm at
Stillington Methodist Church
Everyone welcome

200 Club Results
1st. Mr and Mrs G Baker - £50
R.U. Mrs V Chapman
R.U. Mr N Miles
R.U. Mrs B Hutchinson
R.U. Mrs L Cumberlege