

Stillington News

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We would like to wish all our readers a very happy and healthy 2018

Film Matinee

Stillington Methodist Church will be showing an old children's favourite on **Friday 5th January** at **2pm**

Everyone is welcome
Children must be accompanied by a parent / grandparent

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

Prime-Time is on the move!

From: **Monday 8th January** Stillington Prime-Time will meet at the **village hall**. Same time - **1:30 -3:30**. Same great games - boccia and new age kurling. Same friendship, laughter, fun, mild competitiveness, and best of all, a chat over homemade baking and a cuppa. **£3 per session, no membership fee or long term commitment.**

To the Children of the Village,

What's your favourite character from a book?



To Celebrate **World Book Day** on 1st March and **International Children's Book Day** on 2nd April we'd like you to draw or paint your favourite character so we can put them in

The Stillington News.

Please hand your pictures in to the village shop by **23rd of February**

Write your name, age and the name of your character on the back.

Although we'd love to show all your pictures we may only have a limited space to show a selection.

Good luck and have fun!

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

Plough Sunday at St Leonard's Farlington

If you fancy singing *We Plough the Fields and Scatter* in January this is your best opportunity!

Join us to celebrate the start of the farming year at the **Plough Sunday Service in St Leonard's on Sunday 14th January at 11:15am.**

The service is followed by an excellent rustic lunch in the Village Hall which includes our renowned homemade soups, fresh bread, pork pie, fruit cake and cheese.

Adults £8.00, children free.

A warm welcome is guaranteed for everyone.

ST NICHOLAS CHURCH

Invites you to a

BURN'S NIGHT SUPPER

With Ceilidh Band 'Fiddlers Wreck'

on

Friday January 26th 2018

at

Stillington Sports and Social Club

at 7.30pm

Traditional 4 course

Scottish Supper

Tickets £17.50

Available from the P.O. in

January



Village Lunch at the White Bear Inn

Tuesday 16th January

From: 12.30pm

£6.50 2 courses

£7.50 3 courses

Come along and enjoy good food and good Company

Poppy Appeal 2017: The total collected during the 2017 Poppy Appeal for Stillington and surrounding villages amounted to: **£2805.88** compared with **£2700.00** last year. Thank you all for your continued support.

School News

It was with great sadness that Sarah Atkinson announced that she would be stepping down as head of the school at the end of December after fourteen and a half years. It was an extremely difficult decision for Sarah, but was one made with the very best interests of the school at heart.

In the meantime an interim leadership solution has been put in place by the Local Authority until the school is transferred to an Academy Trust. There are no plans to close our village school.

Children, parents, staff (both past and present) and governors said a very emotional farewell to Sarah at our end of year service. The many cards and presents she received was only a small token of how much everyone connected with the school appreciates her efforts over the years and how much her dedication, in what has been a challenging time over the last year, is valued. She will be missed very much.

Liz Cole

Answers to December's hidden songs/carols

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Like Christmas

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(Picture - 5 gold rings)

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Information for Drivers in Stillington

We now have a Speed Watch Group operational in Stillington Village. The first monitoring took place at York Road (both directions) on Thursday the 29th of November 2017 and the second monitoring in Stillington Main Street (both directions) on Monday the 12^h of December 2017. Further monitoring is scheduled and will be in random places and at random times during 2018 within the village.

The scheme is not designed to catch as many speeding motorists as possible. It is to reduce speeds and community fears, making drivers aware that excessive speed within posted limits is sociably unacceptable.

Please keep to the speed limits.

Regards, Malcolm Rowe
Chairman, Stillington, Parish Council

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES Wednesday 6th December 2017

Birds Mouth Fencing

NYCC Highways had not heard from their contractor regarding which posts and fencing they would be replacing and so this information was not available for the December meeting.

Steps are now being made so this information will be available for the January meeting.

Telephone Box - Mini library

After the appeal in the Stillington News a number of books have now been placed in the Mini Library.

Thanks to all who have contributed

Street Lighting

NYCC intend to replace all 44000 standard street lighting with LED technology. They anticipate it will produce an annual saving of £1.2m and hope work will be completed by 31st March 2020.

**Further details can be found on their website
www.northyorks.gov.uk/street-lighting-energy-Reduction-programme**

Stillington Wanderers

4th Dec. walk was from Oulston with clear views over frosty mist layers to the Dales. Mainly road SEwards too Thornton Hill; the new site with lodges for sale alongside the fishing lake & then back along the Foss Walk .

Next walks: Monday 1 and 15 January. Meet outside the White Bear at 09.30am

Weather Report December 2017

Rainfall

The second half of November had three times as much rain as the first half, but it still added up to less than the average figure; 49m compared with a ten-year average of 70mm. It was the driest November since 2013. The first two weeks December have given a mere 4.5 mm of precipitation, some of it as snow. But so far, we have been spared th significant snowfall which has occurred in many places. At the moment, the prospect of a "White Christmas" seems higher than usual.

Temperature

In November we had an unseasonal high of 15.1°C on the 22nd of the month, while a low of -1.7°C was recorded on the 25th, the same as on the 6th. December started with a few mild days, up to 12.3°C on the 6th. Sharp frosts did not arrive until the second week of the month, when overnight temperatures went negative on five consecutive nights. The lowest was -3.1°C on the night of 10th/11th.

M.T.

Polite Notice

Can we please ask that dog walkers do not use the field at the back of the Surgery during opening hours in order to maintain confidentiality of patients. Many thanks

Stillington Surgery

Countryside Notes

I'm writing on the 13th just after the thaw has set in even though the sky is clear and the frost is about again tonight. The cold snap has just reminded us that some of the late flowers in the garden will have suffered. We have a red flowering Passion Flower plant which we have neglected to the point where it needed TLC in the greenhouse. It produced flower buds that so we brought it inside and it produced about ten flowers, much to our amazement. It is now back in the greenhouse until Spring.

The Holly berries have all gone. I was a bit wiser this year and cut some at the end of November as we have lost them over the last few years to the hungry Fieldfares and Redwings. These continental cousins of the Thrush family are now busy clearing up the remainder of the windfall apples. When they have eaten up here they will move on to pastures new probably further South leaving our native bird population with less food to eat. Incidentally it has been good to hear on a number of occasions towards evening Mistle Thrushes singing. They are one of the earliest nesting birds, making a nest in the front of a tree with little attempt to hide it from predators in February. They are fairly aggressive towards intruders and protect their nest with courage.



Another strange bird that has been around on and off for a few weeks is the Cormorant. I have seen them nesting and drying their feathers on the branches of a dead Ash tree by a large pond, where no doubt they're watching for fish. This site has been used for a good few years now. This year, according to Bird Watchers, has seen an irruption of Hawfinches, with a good number at Castle Howard in the Arboretum.

They are the biggest of the Finch family with strong thick necks and a substantial bill which is designed to crack nuts, cherry and hawthorne stones; what amazing strength and pressure they are able to use in such activities.

A cold job this week was to prize some moss from some old stone and bricks to go round the Hyacinths for Christmas. I am intrigued with the vividness of moss, that thrives when the undergrowth dies back. I must learn more about mosses and lichens, a job for when I have little to do!!

This is the time of year when the light can give some wonderful views across our open spaces: The Stillington Strips have been a real picture and the views from Crayke are amazing as you look over the Plain of York or Westward to the distant Dales. You must get out and look for yourselves at our beautiful countryside. Wishing you much enjoyment in our countryside in 2018.

R&M



Stillington Playgroup

As you may imagine the children have been having a very festive time at the end of the Autumn term! We have made delicious Christmas cakes while learning about weighing and mixing, and making a grotto in preparation for Father Christmas's visit. There was plenty of glitter to add a bit of sparkle!

There have been Christmas crafts galore with festive stencils, Christmas card making and glittering cones for the tree. The children have produced some beautiful decorations and also had fun making Christmas stockings. On the 19th December we are all looking forward to taking the children to the White Bear to sing some carols at the Village Christmas Lunch.



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 first day of the Spring term will be Tuesday 9th January 2018.

Contact: 07779 414226

Website: www.stillingtonunderfives.org.uk

Registered Charity Number: 1023684

Ofsted Unique Reference Number: EY308489

HEATING OIL

If you require a delivery of oil in **January**, please let **Maureen Linton** know by **Friday 12th January**
Email preferred: minsteryork@me.com or 810082

Minimum order 500 litres

CHURCH SERVICES - JANUARY

St Nicholas, Stillington

Priest: Revd Stephen Whiting 810251
Church

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

Thurs 4th Morning Prayers for the Village 9am

Sun 7th Morning Worship 9.15am

Thurs 11th Morning Prayers for the Village 9am

Sun 14th Holy Communion 9.15am

Thurs 18th Morning Prayers for the Village

9am

Sun 21st Benefice Service at Sheriff Hutton 10.30am

Thurs 25th Morning Prayers for the Village

9am

Sun 28th Covenant Service at St Nicholas 9.15am

St Mary's Marton Church

Warden: Sally Coomer 810891
sallycoomer8@gmail.com

Sun 7th Celtic Advent Eucharist 6pm

Sun 21st Meditative Evening Worship 6pm

St Leonard's, Farlington

Sun 14th Blessing of the Plough service followed by a Ploughman's Lunch

11.15am

Sun 28th Holy Communion for Candlemass (BCP) 11.15am

Methodist Chapel

Minister: Rev E Cushion 821460

Stewards: Robin Jackson 810250
Gareth Papps 810094

Sun 7th Evening Service conducted By Rev. Elizabeth Cushion 6.30pm

Sun 14th Evening Service conducted By Mrs Kim Gabbatiss 6.30pm

Sun 21st Evening Service conducted By Rev. Ian Hill 6.30pm

Sun 28th Shared annual Covenant Service at St Nicholas 9.30am

A Season to Say Thank You

Happy New Year! This seems to be the season of new year's resolutions and starting again. A time of looking ahead for what the new year brings for us. I am sure that in the next few days many of you, like me, will be filling in new diaries as you make plans and appointments.

For me, this is also a season to say thank you. As a child, I was always encouraged by my parents to write letters to say thank you to people who had given me Christmas presents. So this time of year has memories of carefully composing letters. At the time, it seemed like an effort, but I'm sure the letters were appreciated, and I still try today to get in touch with people who have sent gifts. Saying thank you is often something we forget to do. So perhaps one of our resolutions this year could be to say thank you more to people for what they do. And as we start a new year, let us also remember to say thank you to God, for all His many blessings to us.

Elizabeth Cushion

St Nicholas Parish

Register Baptism

Lawrence David Yule
Sunday 10th December 2018

Village Hall Usage

January

Weds 3rd Parish Council 7.30pm

Thurs 4th Martial Arts 5-9pm

Mon 8th Prime Time 1.30-3.30

Tues 9th Indoor Bowls 2pm

Weds 10th W.I. 7.15pm

Thurs 11th Martial Arts 5-9pm

Mon 15th Prime Time 1.30-3.30

V.H. committee 7pm

Tues 16th Indoor Bowls 2pm

Thurs 18th Martial Arts 5-9pm

Mon 22nd Prime Time 1.30-3.30

Tues 23rd Indoor Bowls 2pm

Bowls Match 7pm

Thurs 25th Martial Arts 5-9pm

Mon 29th Prime Time 1.30-3.30

Tues 30th Indoor Bowls 2pm

Weds 31st Gardening Club 7.30pm

February

Thurs 1st Martial Arts 5 - 9pm

SAINT NICHOLAS CHURCH

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CLEANING & BRASSES

8th Jan to 20th Jan Mrs A Hope &

Mrs M North

22nd Jan to 3rd Feb Mrs J Ingham &

Mr B Handley

FLOWERS

28th January Mrs J Ingham

If anyone would like to help with cleaning the church or donate flowers in memory of a loved one there are spaces on the rotas for 2018. For further information please contact Adryenne Hope Tel. 811039.

200 Club Results

1st Mrs M Brown

RU Mr G Cookman

RU Mrs S Thornton

RU Mrs L Chamberlain.

RU Mrs J Ingham

Film Matinee

Wednesday 17th January
2pm at
Stillington Methodist Church
Everyone welcome

Quiz at the Sports and Social Club

The December Quiz raised £296 for the Football Club towards their running expenses. The winning team was Penny Abbey, Liz and Barry Wilkinson and Hellena Plews. 5th January Quiz will be for the Under Fives.

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

