

Stillington News

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Heart and Craft

A free 4 weekly art activity session offered by

Rural Arts

meets again on

11th July

to make ceramic houses with Sorcha and on 8th

August to try

mono-printing with Poppy

Friends, relatives and carers welcome. No charge for equipment or materials, but a small donation would be welcome to cover hall hire costs. Any queries, please ring Yvonne on 811544

Fashion Show

in the Village Hall

Friday 19th July at 7.30pm

Models are still needed for this event (contact details below). More importantly, please ladies, turn up on the night with as many family and friends as you can round up - 50 audience members are needed to make the evening viable. Let's fill the hall!

Any profits are to provide a ramped access to the new door.

Tickets - from the Village Stores - £8, to include first drink free, or buy at the door.

Models, please apply in confidence by text to 07484 157759 or tel Yvonne on 811544.

Be a part of our Grand Historic Photograph



As explained in last month's Stillington News the Archive Group would like to do a re-enactment of a group photo of residents of Stillington taken at the "Peace Party" in the grounds of Stillington Hall on 19th July 1919. The party was to celebrate the final end of WW1 with the (ill-fated) Treaty of Versailles.

One hundred years on, we would like to take a group photo of as many of the current residents of Stillington as can manage to be there. Our re-enactment is to be **Saturday 20th July**.

Instead of taking the photo and then having afternoon tea, we shall offer a snack lunch, followed by the photo. We have ordered fine weather so we can be on the Green!

New Timing: Tea/coffee/soft drink plus bacon butty or hot dog and a piece of cake at **1 o'clock**.

Everyone outside for the photo at **2 o'clock**, and away by 2.30pm, unless you wish to stay on to look at the displays. Showing 100 years of Stillington in photos, they will provide plenty of opportunity for study and discussion. Open till 5pm.

Please put a name and numbers (adults & children separately) on the list in the Shop/PO to give us an idea for catering.

Do try to be there, as many as possible, for an historic occasion!

The archive committee

Please email contributions for the **August** issue to news@stillingtonvillage.org by **21st July**



Stillington Branch Royal British Legion

The next meeting of the Branch will take place on **Monday 8th July 2019** At **Stillington Sports and Social Club** **7 pm**.

All members and potential members are invited to attend.

2019 Review of the Stillington Parish Plan

Work is underway to review the Parish Plan. A survey is being prepared and will be delivered to all households in Stillington and Marton Parishes. Residents will be invited to give their opinion on a wide range of issues including the village services, the environment and communication. Feedback from all members of the household would be helpful. A summary of the survey responses will duly be published in the Stillington News and on the village website.

The Fellowship Lunch

White Bear Inn

Tuesday 16th July

From: 12 noon

1 Course - £8.50

2 Courses - £10.50

3 Courses - £12.50

Or a

Starter & Dessert - £8.50

Team Skelton – ‘United Against Dementia!’

For the past five years Philip and Matthew Skelton have competed in the annual Castle Howard Triathlon, raising over £2000 for Diabetes UK in that time, through the generous



support of friends and family.

This year, in honour of their much-loved dad/granddad, who has recently been diagnosed with Alzheimer’s, Fiona, Phil and Matt will be fundraising for the Alzheimer’s Society instead.

Phil will be competing in his 6th Castle Howard Triathlon on the 20th July, doing his second adult event, an Individual Starter Tri, swimming 200m (in the lake... rather him than us!), cycling 12k and running 2k.

Fiona and Matthew will be taking part in the South Coast Ultra Challenge on 31st August, walking 25km, from Eastbourne to Alfriston.

The Alzheimer’s Society is the UK’s leading dementia charity. They provide information and support, fund research and are working towards creating a more dementia-friendly society so people with the condition can live without fear and prejudice.

If you would like to support our fundraising efforts, or would like to find out more about what we are raising money for, please visit our Justgiving page: www.justgiving.com/fundraising/fiona-skelton

Fiona Skelton

Thank You

Thank you to all who attended the Pond Meeting on the 5th June 2019. I am sure you would agree, we were given an exceptional insight into the world of wildlife associated with the Village Pond.

The enthusiasm and dedication our two speakers, Helen and Liz have for Wildlife was inspiring. On everyone’s behalf I would like to thank both for their time and effort; it was much appreciated.

**Malcolm Rowe
Chairman, Stillington
Parish Council**

Christian Aid Collection

Many **thanks** to everyone who contributed to the Christian Aid envelope collection in May. Stillington raised **£316.54**, our highest total since 2012, and another

£160 in Gift Aid – more than any other area in Easingwold and District – so a massive thank-you for bothering to fill in the slips too. **The overall total for this area was £2255.53**, about a third of what we used to raise, but many villages are no longer able to collect at all and every penny counts. Well done!

YM

A Big Thank You from Bernie Smith

Many thanks for all the cards, kind messages, prayers and offers of help to Karen during my long stay in hospital. Home at last and very happy to be back in Stillington.

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

Stillington Wanderers

Both the June walks missed the rain and many village gardens were looking their best. Scackleton on 3rd June (good to see their two old village pumps) via Grange Lane to Swathgill in Coulton Parish and back via Hovingham Lodge. 17th June walk was from Welburn to Whitwell-on-the-Hill along the one-time carriage road to Castle Howard from the estate railway station (in use from 1845 to 1950s); sad to see the proud stone Whitwell gateway is again in need of repair possibly damaged by large machinery / vehicles driving through. Return route was past Inn Travel & the Obelisk to George Howard, 7th Earl of Carlisle, at the top of Bulmer Hill.

Next walks: Monday 1st, 15th and 29th July. Meet outside the White Bear at 9.30am

Weather Report June

Rainfall

The last three years have experienced rainfall in May well below the 10-year average of 60 mm. This year continued the pattern with a modest 38 mm.

The first two weeks of June seem determined to make up for it with 47 mm in the first fourteen days.

Temperature

Both the highest and lowest temperatures in May occurred in the first half of the month, namely 23°C on the 14th and 15th and a chilly 1.8°C on the 9th/10th.

The sunshine figure in May was better than average, at 480 kWh.

The first half of June has not been very much like summer. The highest temperature was 22°C on the 2nd and the lowest 8.2°C on the 6th/7th and the 9th/10th. At the time of writing we are experiencing cool and wet weather.

MT

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



(Emma Johnson)

Save the Date

Stillington News will be celebrating it's

SILVER

Anniversary

January 2020

We will be celebrating with tea/coffee/hot chocolate and ginger cake or a gingerbread man.

In the

Village Hall

on

January 4th - time to be confirmed.

Please come and join us.

It will be a great opportunity to meet the team as well as look through some past issues of the Stillington News.

The January issue will be an extra special edition! More details nearer to the date.

Polite Notice - 1

WET WIPES – please do not dispose of these down your toilet(s) – as was recently highlighted in the BBC documentary ‘War on Plastic’ they are approximately 80% plastic and **DO NOT** disintegrate. They were probably the cause of a recent sewage blockage down York Road and on the telephone exchange site. North Back Lane have also experienced similar blockages in the past.

Village Hall - July

Mon	1st	Prime Time	2 - 4pm
		Yoga	7 - 9pm
Tue.	2nd	Scottish Country Dancing	6 - 10pm
Weds	3rd	Diddi Dance	9.45 - 10.45am
		Parish Council meeting	7.30pm
Thu	4th	Easingwold & Villages Forum	7.30pm
Mon	8th	Prime Time	2 - 4pm
		Yoga	7 - 9pm
Tues	9th	Scottish Country Dancing	6 - 10pm
Weds	10th	Diddi Dance	9.45 - 10.45am
		W.I.	7.15pm
Thu	11th	Art Café/ “Heart & Craft”	10am - 12pm
Mon	15th	Prime Time	2 - 4pm
		Yoga	7 - 9pm
Tues	16th	Art Group	9am - 1pm
		Scottish Country Dancing	6 - 10pm
Thu	17th	Diddi Dance	9.45-10.45
Fri	19th	Fashion Show	7.30 pm
Sat	20th	Archive re-enactment photo	1pm
		Film Night	7.30 pm
Mon	22nd	Prime Time	2 - 4pm
Tues	23rd	Scottish Country Dancing	6 - 10pm
Thu	25th	Village Hall Committee	7pm
Mon	29th	Prime Time	2 - 4pm
Tue	30th	Scottish Country Dancing	6 - 10pm

Would You Like to Help Us Run the Stillington Village Shop and PO ?

Following the sad death of Bob Brown and the retirement of another Board member we are seeking two people to join our Board of Directors at our next AGM on 16th September. As you will know the shop and PO is a thriving business, mainly staffed by volunteers and a lively social hub for the village. It is, officially, an Industrial Provident Society and we send our Annual Report and Financial Statements to the Financial Conduct Authority after the AGM. We have just under 200 shareholders, to whom the Board of Directors report at the AGM. Each Director usually takes on a particular responsibility within the business eg Treasurer, Volunteer Coordinator, newspapers etc. We meet monthly to review the monthly accounts and to discuss how each department is doing. The shop is a friendly place and the Board of Directors is similarly mutually supportive and very open. Amongst the Directors we have a variety of skills from our pre-retirement lives which we bring to running the business. To complement the skills and interests of the current Board we ideally would like people with an interest in grocery buying and IT within a business context. But if you have other skills areas and are keen to join us then we are very flexible.

If you would like more information please give me a call 01347 811262.

Margaret Price

Chair of Stillington Community Association

Film Nights in the Village Hall

Due to Stillington Community Archive running an exhibition in the hall on **20th July** there will be no film night this month.

We are proud to announce that we have been able to pay over **£400** into village hall funds thanks to all those people who have supported us in our first season. It has been an absolute pleasure to sit with you and watch a wide range of films on the Village Hall's wonderful drop down screen. And a **very special thank you to our fantastic band of helpers** who assist with the putting up and taking down of the equipment, stacking tables and chairs and doing the washing up!

Our future aims are to continue to buy locally produced beer from Treboom Brewery and cider from The Orchards of Husthwaite, and to show an eclectic mix of films. Ultimately we would love to be able to stream films now the Village Hall has Wi-Fi. Streaming would enable us to screen films just out of the cinema.

We are going to launch our new season in September with a special event. Look out for more in September's issue of the Stillington News...

The best way to find out more about your village film nights is to join our mailing list.

Contact:

info@thevillagehallstillington.org

Neighbourhood Watch

The Police report different thefts of a Land Rover, lawnmower and quad bike in the area; also attempted theft of a Land Rover Defender.

Please continue to beware of SCAMS whether by telephone, computer or post.

Please advise the police on 101 if you see any suspicious person / vehicle : call 999 in an emergency and if anyone is in danger.

Tennis at Stillington

Junior Tennis coaching continues on a Saturday morning until 20th July inclusive.

It's been rain stopped play for many tennis matches. The 1st mixed team are still to find their feet in Div 4, having lost their three matches; however the second team have won three matches and lost two. The start of the match season will have tested both Jennifer Jones and Anne Barfoot in organising the teams amidst players' work, holidays, school exams etc. The Adams family, Tim, Bridget and Sophie all feature high in the average games won with Tim Madgwick and Julian Terry joining them for the gents and Isobel Wragg and Helen Sykes for the ladies.

Polite Notice - 2

We have been asked, once again, to report that there is still an issue with some dog walkers not picking up their dog's poo. **We received a photo of dog faeces in a trail along Soutersfield road.** In reality there shouldn't be a problem - you own a dog, it eats, it poos, you clean it up. Failing to do so is anti-social, smelly and can spread diseases, including toxocariasis.

Please can all dog walkers when out walking your dog, pick up and properly dispose of your dog's poo?

Tree Sculpture

A large beech tree on the B1363 north of Brandsby snapped during winter storms last year. Many of us travel to Helmsley that way & will have noticed the remaining trunk has been carved to reveal magnificent woodland animals and birds. This was created by Polish born Lukas Beben and you will find his work nationwide.

Stillington Bowling Club

Some very wet evenings have contributed to a slow and unpredictable start to the season for our teams. The away ground bowling greens have also been very different this season, maybe due to the weather conditions. Add to this an injury list and each of our league captains have had their work cut out to field a team on some evenings. With the help of everyone however we have turned out teams for all the matches to date and are holding our own in each of the leagues. The internal club competitions also start up now so if the weather improves a few more, dry, long, warm evenings can be enjoyed out in the fresh air bowling and getting in some practise.

Social Bowling continues every Wednesday evening at 7pm. Everyone is welcome to come along to these evenings. For new players, if you wish to have a go at bowling then all you need are some flat shoes and we can provide the bowls. Stillington bowling green and bowls club house are located at the Sports and Social Club, between the tennis courts and the rear of the main club building. Please do come along and support your club.

Himalayan Balsam

Sterling work has already been done by loyal Himalayan Balsam "pullers" walking through the woodland strip alongside York Road. All help is welcome.

Stillington Sports and Social Club

June

Tues	2nd	Bowls v Helmsley	Home	
Wed	3rd	Pool A v Horseshoe Pool B v Castle	Home Away	
Thurs	4th	Bowls v Pickering U/13 Cricket v Sessay Cricket Shepherds v Creser	Away Away Home	
Fri	5th	Junior Cricket Practice	Home	6pm
Sat	6th	Cricket 1st v Pannal Cricket 2nd v Osbaldwick	Away Home	
Sun	7th	Bonfire Meeting		6.30pm
Mon	8th	British Legion Meeting		7pm
Tues	9th	Bowls v Sessay U/13 Cricket v Sessay	Away Away	
Wed	10th	Bowls Ossey Ashcroft Cup	Away	
Thurs	11th	Cricket U/11 v Hutton Rudby	Home	
Fri	12th	School Bar-B-Q		6pm
Sat	13th	Cricket 1st v Pickering Cricket 2nd v Heslington Bowls Andrew Davis Invitation Cup	Home Away Home Home	7.30pm
Sun	14th	Pool Doubles Semi-Final	Home	
Mon	15th	Bowls v Boroughbridge	Home	
Tues	16th	Bowls Walton Invitation Cup Monthly Meeting	Away	8pm
Wed	17th	Pool A v Mended Drum Pool B v Horseshoe C Bowls v Swinton	Away Home Home	
Fri	19th	U/13 Cricket	Final	To be Confirmed
Sat	20th	Cricket 1st v Ripon Cricket 2nd v Duncombe Park Bowls Club Triples	Away Home Home	
Mon	22nd	Bowls v Thirsk Blue	Home	
Tues	23rd	Bowls v Walton Cup Final		
Weds	24th	Bowls Sundeler Cup Final Pool Consolation Cup Semi-Finals	Home Home Home	8pm
Sat	27th	Cricket 1st v Hovingham Cricket 2nd v Hovingham Bowls Topham Trophy Final	Home Home Away	
Sun	28th	Bowls 40th Anniversary v Easingwold followed by Hog Roast and Presentations		
Mon	29th	Bowls v Easingwold Gardening Club Meeting	Away	7.30pm
Wed	31st	Bowls v Strensall Pool A v Old Black Bull Pool B v Rose & Crown	Home Away Home	

A Word From the Editors and the Results of our Questionnaire

Firstly we would just like to say **thank you** to all those who took the time to respond to our questionnaire. It has really helped us to see how residents would like to see the newsletter being used.

Overall the feedback we received was very positive with everyone saying that we do a 'great job' - thank you!

The News is a non profit venture founded by Brenda Milburn who is still involved. It is, and always was, produced and run by volunteers (like many other village activities). There are now four people on the production team, including Duck Tregga who is the fundraiser and Tracy and Emma are our editors. Emma and Tracy combine family and working life with editing and producing the News monthly.

There have been some suggestions regarding adding more articles, in particular the Parish Council notices and a more in depth report of their monthly meetings. While we are happy to add notices of relevance and also a condensed meeting report, the News is not the right forum for the full report. These are available to read in full on the village website and also the village notice board and post office.

We are restricted to keeping the News to a maximum of six pages. The cost of printing just two more pages doubles the price and as we are reliant upon voluntary contributions to fund our printing costs this is not feasible.

The most popular changes to the News were more interviews with people of the village and information on the groups and activities that operate in the village, as well as a space to advertise free items or items wanted. Whilst limited by space we also can only put articles and photos into the News that we receive from yourselves. If anyone would like to conduct and write up any interviews, we would be happy to review them and submit if suitable.

We will be advertising **FREE** items or items **WANTED** from next month. So, we would like to invite everyone to send these to us if you have them.

Please be aware of the following: **articles need to be no more than 400 words and we do not include articles that inadvertently advertise businesses or premises that promote a product or service for personal gain.**

We would also like to clarify that there is no guarantee that your article will be included but you will be notified if this is the case. Donating to the News DOES NOT guarantee articles will be included. The editors decision is FINAL.

Countryside Notes

Wednesday 12th June and I have been busy today and yesterday at the Great Yorkshire Showground assisting with Annual Countryside Days for junior schools from all over the County. We have had 3000 children on each day, who have been involved in a vast number of activities on many subjects from food production to leisure pursuits and the natural countryside, with its wide diversity of interest. It has been a wonderful experience to see so many happy children, with hardly a mobile in any hand.

Last Sunday, a large Bumble Bee appeared in the garden, the likes of which I had never seen before: it had brown red across its shoulders followed by a black band and a white tail. So I was able to ask at the Bumble Bee activity about this Bee. It is a Tree Bumble Bee, that was first seen in this country in 2002 and believed to have been imported among fruit or flowers. It is making its way northwards and was seen in Scotland in 2012. This Bumble Bee is welcomed and is the only one of twenty four species in Britain that is expanding in numbers.

I was pleased to see the article in the last issue about Balsam, the invasive weed. This plant has been around for years and, as a boy, I liked popping its explosive seed heads down by the River Ouse. It seemed content in its new habitat but of recent years it has become rampant and aggressive in colonising areas of land. Do please pull up this hollow stemmed plant as soon as you can and destroy it. If you just uproot it, it will grow again, if you spray it, it will aerial root (that is, throw out new roots from the nodes of the plant stalk) and these roots will seek fresh soil and will thrive again. Balsam, though a good nectar provider of late summer and autumn is a foreigner and has no enemies to interfere with its advance.

The welcome rain has certainly freshened things up all round. We have many young birds about but unfortunately not many migrant birds this year. Enjoy the gardens and roadsides etc. as fuller summer unfolds.

R & M



(original lino print by Emma Johnson)

CHURCH SERVICES - July

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	Prayers for the village	9am
Sun 7th	Morning worship	9.15am
Thurs 11th	Prayers for the village	9am
Sun 14th	Holy Communion	9.15am
	Sung Evensong	4pm
Thurs 18th	Prayers for the village	9am
Sun 21st	Benefice Holy Communion in Stillington	10.30am
Thurs 25th	Prayers for the village	9am
Sun 28th	Holy Communion	9.15am
August		
Thurs 1st	Prayers for the village	9am

SAINT NICHOLAS CHURCH ROTA 24th June to 6th July

CLEANING

Mrs M Tomlinson

BRASSES

Mr H Tomlinson

8th to 20th July

CLEANING

Mrs R Bresnen

BRASSES

Mr C Torlesse

22nd July to 3rd August

CLEANING

Mrs A Ratcliffe

BRASSES

Mr A Ratcliffe

FLOWERS

7th July Mrs J Martin

14th July Mrs C Cookman

21st July Mrs C Pick

28th July Mrs M North

Holidays and Holy Days

'My Goodness' was my first thought when asked for this July/ August instalment as its It's nearly time for summer holidays. Yes, it's true, you only have to pop into school to know the children are looking forward eagerly to the end of term, and grown-ups are making their holiday preparations too.

We like to take a holiday, at home or abroad, staycation or vacation, we need a break an escape from the pressures and demands of work and daily routine.

Has someone said to you recently "You need a holiday", or have you said to yourself "I need a holiday". If we don't take a break, have a regular holiday we are not going to be at our best and we're not giving of our best.

We have our Christian heritage to thank that we have holidays, they were originally holy-days, many of our public holidays were originally religious festivals. If we were to look to our Bibles, we find that it recognizes our need for time out: relaxation and refreshment are essential to healthy human living. The Old Testament has a double rhythm of holidays - a yearly cycle of festivals, and the weekly cycle of six working days followed by a day set apart for rest, relaxation and worship.

No matter who you are there is a basic human need here. We need variety in the fundamental routines of life - work, leisure, hobbies and rest. But we also need something that takes us out of ourselves, lifts us up, and renews our vision of the purpose and goal of all our efforts. Christians have an understanding of the week's rhythm, the weekly routine of life, and the importance of making one day different, special. It happens to be for most Sunday, a day we make holy, a day that is hallowed, blest, a day that is special for all the obvious reasons. A tenet of this day is rest and we ought to use it wisely. Therefore, if I may offer some advice – this summer remember to be kind to yourself. Take time out from the regular routines, take some 'you' time, some time to be a human being instead of a human doing. Whatever you do this summer, with family or friends my you have a good and restorative break, may you be blessed with health and wholeness and may God bring you back rejoicing once more into your doors.

**Blessings,
Rev Steve**

Methodist Chapel

Minister:	Rev E Cushion	821460
Stewards:	Robin Jackson	810250
	Gareth Papps	810094
Sun 7th	Evening Worship	
	Mrs Sylvia Bunting	6.30pm
Sun 14th	Circuit Celebration and AGM - Acomb	
	Methodist Church	11am-3.30pm
Sun 21st	Evening Service with Communion	
	Rev Elizabeth Cushion	6.30pm
Sun 28th	Evening Worship	
	Mr Brian Taylor	6.30pm

St Leonard's, Farlington Church

Warden:	Richard Haste	878581
	richardhaste@btinternet.com	
Sun 14th	Shortened Matins (BCP)	11.15am
Sun 28th	Holy Communion (BCP)	11.15am

St Mary's Marton Church

Contact:	Peter Coomer	810891
	petercoomer8@gmail.com	
Sun 7th	Celtic Eucharist	6pm
Sun 21st	Meditative Evening Worship	6pm

The Next Film Afternoon will be is
time held on
Wednesday 17th July 2pm
Everyone Welcome
Refreshments and good company