

Stillington News

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June 2019

St Nicholas Church warmly invites you to join us for

Sung Evensong

Sunday 9th June 4pm

And then on the 2nd Sunday of every month June to October

Followed by afternoon tea

STILLINGTON VILLAGE HALL

There will be 'something different' at the Village Hall on **Friday 19th July 7.30pm** when we will host a Fashion Show with the Complete Clothing Company, High Street ladies clothing and accessories at affordable prices.

Tickets are £8, to include first drink free, from the Village Stores or at the door (if still available).

But first we need ladies to model the clothing – any age, shape or size – with the pizzazz to strut your stuff down the hall!

You just need to be available from 6.45pm on the evening. There will be music, a compere and dressers to ease you on your way.

Please apply in confidence by text to 07484 157759 or tel Yvonne on 811544. We aim for this to be a fun ladies evening.

One Hundred Years in Stillington



On July 19th, 1919 there was held a 'Peace Party' in the grounds of Stillington Hall to celebrate the peace treaty after the end of the first World War.

We have in the Village Archive two group photographs taken on that occasion, one with just children (see accompanying photo) and one with both children and adults. The archive group thought it would be an idea to replicate the occasion one hundred years on.

Stillington Hall as a backdrop is of course gone, lost under the Parkfield estate. However, we can gather on the village green, which is not so far away, to take our group photographs. And with the magic of digital photography it should be possible to superimpose our current group on an image of Stillington Hall! How about it?

The date would be **Saturday 20th July 2019**. Meet in the Village Hall, where there will be a display of 'one hundred years of Stillington' in pictures. There will be indoor and outdoor games, principally for children.

Group photos at 2.30pm and then tea and cakes for everyone.

Please put the date in your diary now.

More details next month. Nearer the time we shall need everyone to sign up, so that we know numbers for catering.

The archive committee

Please email contributions for the **July** issue to news@stillingtonvillage.org by **19th June**

Help with the Village Pond Project

Anyone interested in helping with the restoration of **Stillington Village Pond** please attend a meeting on the **5th June 2019 at 7pm** in the Village Hall

Film Nights in the Village Hall

The next film night is **Saturday June 15th**. Doors open at **7pm for a 7.30 start**. This month is a feature from the British born director known as the 'Master of Suspense'. Based in the French Riviera the plot revolves around a retired burglar attempting to prove his innocence when a spate of copy cat robberies put him under suspicion and interrupts his comfortable life. This film won an academy award for cinematography.

Wine and soft drinks will be on sale as well as locally brewed ale and locally pressed cider.

All profits go into funds for your village hall.

Looking ahead July is American History month and we will be showing a film based on the life of the Civil War President.

There is no film in August. Our new season starts in September.

If you would like to know more join our contact list by emailing: info@thevillagehallstillington.org

Stillington Post Office & Stores

Owned by the community. Run by volunteers.

(Stillington Community Association Ltd)

Applications invited for grants.

SCA Ltd is again intending to make grants to village organisations and businesses. Benefit to the community will be the first criterion in assessing applications, although other factors will be taken into account.

Grants will normally be awarded for a specific project, rather than to support on-going running costs.

To get an application form,

please email j_a_dalton@hotmail.co.uk

or write to the **Secretary, SCA Ltd, Main Street, Stillington, York. YO61 1JS**

Alternatively collect a form from the **Post Office & Stores**, or got to www.stillington.com

Completed forms must be received by

5.30pm Friday 26th July 2019

One more early morning hero or heroine

Every morning at 6.30 (except Sundays) a local hero opens up the village shop, sorts the newspapers for delivery around the village, and sells papers, drinks and sandwiches to people on their way to work, kids on their way to school, and villagers and passers-by grateful that the shop is open so early...

We need one more hero for one morning a week (or a fortnight) to complete our team

Apart from the early rise, it's not that difficult. 2 or 3 sessions spent shadowing other members of our team will show you all you need to learn. And once you're on your own, support is always on hand.

So when you set off home at 9am for your well-earned breakfast, you'll know you've already done something slightly heroic with your day.

To find out more please call Howard Williams on 811278.

Or email howardw1151@btinternet.com

Stillington Surgery

www.stillingtonsurgery.co.uk tel: 01347 810332

Have you consented to additional information being added to your Summary Care Record?

Adding information to your Summary Care Record will help healthcare staff make better and safer decisions about how best to treat you, especially when you need unplanned care or if your GP practice is closed.

This could include useful information about:

- * Your illnesses and health problems
- * Operations and vaccinations, you have had in the past
- * How you would like to be treated - such as where you would prefer to receive care
- * What support you might need
- * Who should be contacted for more information about you

Ask at reception for more information and a consent form, or visit

<https://digital.nhs.uk/services/summary-care-records-scr/additional-information-in-scr>

School News

Doesn't the year fly by? Our year 6 children are starting their last term at Stillington Primary School before moving on to pastures new. For them, and all of our children, we intend to make the Summer term as interesting, fun and active as possible.

As the weather (hopefully!) improves this term, we look forward to giving the children more opportunities to learn outside, bringing all subjects to life in the fresh air. The Junior children now have a daily mile (jogging) challenge, which has a hugely positive impact on mental well-being, physical health and indeed academic outcomes. Continuing the sporting theme, our cricket team is looking forward to participating in a tournament at Outwood Academy later this month, where they will compete against several other schools from around the area. More details of sporting events to follow.

We are continuing to explore different ways of working with other schools to secure the long-term sustainability of the school. Small schools like ours are inevitably under financial strain and so developing a close partnership with another school would undoubtedly be beneficial. I will update you of any further developments.

If anybody would like to learn more about what we are doing at the school, or would like to share some ideas or thoughts, please don't hesitate to contact me. They will be very much valued.

Mr Robinson

Cookery Demonstration Delicious Desserts

I must start by saying another huge thank you to **FOSS** and **Mr & Mrs Jackson** for delivering such a fantastic cookery demonstration on the 4th May. It was greatly enjoyed by all and I look forward to hopefully sampling some 'simply delicious desserts' soon! Thanks also to everybody who attended and helped to raise **£183.45** for the school library area. Improvements will allow groups to enjoy the area comfortably and help to develop a life-long love of reading.

Julie Collingwood

Dr Mackenzie - Retirement

It is with great sadness that we announce the retirement of Dr Susan Mackenzie on 28th June.

Dr Mackenzie has provided the Surgery with 18 years of committed care to many Stillington patients.

We thank Dr Mackenzie for all her dedication and hard work and wish her a very happy retirement running around after her 2 year old Grandson!

We would also like to give a warm welcome to Dr Neil Metcalfe, who some of you will remember from 10 years ago when Dr Jones was in New Zealand. He will be joining us as a new partner to the Surgery. Dr Metcalfe commences his role on Monday 1st July.

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

Stillington Village and Parish Council Acknowledge and Thank Three Retiring Councillors

Bernie Smith, Philip Swiers and Michael Turvey all retired from the Parish Council last month. Bernie joined the council in September 2015 and immediately contributed to the discussions and decision making; Bernie also instigated work for an Emergency Plan. Philip was co-opted onto the Council in May 2003 when there were only three nominees for the election and Michael joined as a nominated councillor in May 2007. As experience was gained both Michael and Philip have made valuable contributions to village maintenance; improvements and planning applications since that time and it was Philip as Chairman who steered the parish through the development of the Soutersfield homes (2005-2008). All three councillors contributed to the lay-out and design of the 27 new homes in South Back Lane in 2015; and latterly the new landscaping for the Village Green. So it's **Thank You to these three gents for over 30 years of Parish Council service.**

Parish Council Meeting Minutes 7th May 2019

Donation Oak Tree/WW1 Commemorative

Several sites proposed. Update to be given at July Meeting.

Audit on Accounts

Completed 10th April by MR Martin Chapman; found to be correct and accepted by Parish Council.

Acceptance of Parish Accounts and Acceptance of Papers for Little John Audit

Documents circulated prior to meeting, read out and explained during this meeting. Proposed and accepted, seconded by councillors present, agreed by remainder. Certificate of Exemption to be signed and sent to the External Auditor PKF Little John.

The following documents will be published on the Stillington Web Page.

REF A/1 Certificate of Exception.

REF A/2 Annual Internal Audit.

REF A/3 Annual Governance Statement.

REF A/4 Accounts statement.

REF A/5 Explanation of Variances.

REF A6 Bank Reconciliation.

REF A7 Publication of rights.

Stillington Parish Council Accounts available from Monday 17th June 2019 -Friday the 26th July 2019.

Village Tree Survey Awaiting Planning

Project accepted by planning department. Tree Contractor requested to start work per the accepted schedule.

Sunday Market at Sheriff Hutton Banner Display in Village

Decision made to decline request for two banners to be displayed at two junctions on the B1363 within Stillington Village for advertising Sunday Markets at Sheriff Hutton Village. Request refused on the grounds of interference with the attention of motorists at the junctions.

Cobbles Around the Village

To be discussed at the Village Plan Meeting.

Expense Forms

Signed in the presence of the Public and Parish Clerk.

Second Future Councillors

Mr Richard Pearse volunteered his service as Parish Councillor

Neighbourhood Watch

The Police report counterfeit notes have been circulated in Thirsk.

Continue to beware of SCAMS – including the recent offer of a memory stick through the post. **DO NOT** insert into your machines.

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

Anti Social Behaviour

We would like to raise awareness of recent anti-social behaviour taking place within Stillington playground. A Stillington family visiting on the morning of 23rd May were greeted with the following: swings that had their chains pulled from the frame, these have now been fixed and litter in the form of empty drinks bottles scattered around the area. They also found a small clear plastic bag containing remnants of cannabis underneath the climbing frame.

This incident has been reported to North Yorkshire Police but we ask that residents and users of the sports club be vigilant and report any anti social or suspicious behaviour.

47K LPG Users

There is an opportunity to set up a co-operative similar to those used for oil supplies in the village for 47K LPG users. If you are interested please email lrf43@outlook.com by the end of June stating roughly how many cylinders you use a year.

Stillington Wanderers

22nd April walk through Peel Wood bluebells to Yearsley and back via Pond Head. First May walk was from Coxwold via Angram Hall with the new set up for free range hens and buildings & then over to Wildon Grange and a member of the Banks farming family pleased to chat about their cattle enterprise. Gilling to Ampleforth on 20th May passing Ampleforth Plus, a centre for social enterprise businesses to support autistic and disabled people in work; through Ampleforth college grounds and sports fields, joining the Anthony Gormley statue on the hillside (for a photo shoot) & back to Gilling. **Next walks: Monday 3rd and 17th June. Meet outside the White Bear at 9.30am**



Girlguiding

The Adventure

Rainbows - girls aged 5-7

Huby/Sutton on the Forest

Contact Anne-Marie

Galtresrainbows@hotmail.co.uk

Brownies - girls aged 7-9

Huby

Contact Lynn

galtresbrownies@gmail.com

To register your daughter or to

enquire about volunteering

please visit:

www.girlguiding.org.uk

The Fellowship Lunch

White Bear Inn

Tuesday 18th June

From: 12 noon

1 Course - £8.50

2 Courses - £10.50

3 Courses - £12.50

Or a

Starter & Dessert - £8.50

Junior Tennis Coaching at Stillington

Tennis courses for Juniors run by professional coaches from *Down the Line Sports* start on **Saturday 8th June to 20th July inclusive.**

There are three age groups allowing for flexible standard:

9am - 5-8yrs; 10am - 8-10yrs and 11am - 11-16 yrs.

The total cost for each course is £40 which is payable in advance or at the first session.

Please contact

Stillington Tennis Club on enquiries@stillingtontennis.org or tel **Graham Cookman** on **01347 810047** to book or for more details.

The coaches from *Down The Line Sports* also provide individual and group coaching. Contact them at info@downtheline.com or **07843 581883** for more info. quoting Stillington Tennis Club.

Polite notice

The vast majority of dog walkers are very responsible, however, it is still an issue that there are some dog walkers who are still not picking up their dog's poo. There are also some, who presumably, intending to collect their filled poo bag later, leave it at the side of the road or swinging from a tree branch, as is often seen on Skeugh Lane. These dog walkers may have good intentions but they often forget to collect at least one bag!

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

Himalayan Balsam

A non-native invasive plant this spreads quickly and forms dense thickets, altering the ecological balance and character of wetland habitats. Many seeds drop into the water and contaminate land and riverbanks downstream, but the explosive nature of its seed release (seeds can be projected up to four meters away) means it can spread upstream too. It produces a lot of pollen over a prolonged season and is attractive to pollinating insects. Balsam needs dealing with before it sets seed. If control is undertaken early enough to prevent flowering (and if this is achieved before seed has set) eradication is possible in two or three years. Plants, which are shallow-rooted, should be pulled out and disposed of. Any help with pulling the young shoots as you walk through the wooded strip alongside York Road will be gratefully received. For those uncertain as to what Himalayan Balsam looks like we have added these two photos.



Stillington Sports and Social Club

June

Sat	1st	Cricket 1st v Thirsk Cricket 2nd No Game	Home	
Mon	3rd	Bowls v Thirsk Gold Upholstery and Sewing Class	Away	10am-1pm
Tues	4th	Bowls v Swinton U/11 Cricket v Sessay	Home Home	
Wed	5th	Pool A v Horseshoe B Pool B v Commercial Bowls v Strensall	Away Home Away	
Thurs	6th	U/13 Cricket v Hutton Rudby	Away	
Fri	7th	Junior Cricket Practice		
Sat	8th	Cricket 1st v Scarborough Cricket 2nd v New Earswick	Away Home	
Sun	9th	Pool Doubles Quarter Finals	Home	
Mon	10th	Upholstery and Sewing Class Bowls v Sowerby	Home	10am-1pm
Tues	11th	Cricket U/11 v Alne		
Wed	12th	Pool Team KO Semi-Finals Bowls v Easingwold	Home	
Thurs	13th	Bowls v Kirkbymoorside	Away	
Fri	14th	Junior Cricket Representative Game	Home	11am
Sat	15th	Cricket 1st v T.A.B.S. 2nd v Sheriff Hutton	Home Away	
Mon	17th	Upholstery and Sewing Class Bowls v Sessay	Away	10am-1pm
Tues	18th	Bowls v Thirsk Cricket U/11 V Alne Girls	Home Away	
Wed	19th	Pool A v Castle Pool B v Horseshoe	Home Away	
Thurs	20th	Bowls v Settrington Cricket U/13 v Alne	Home Home	
Sat	22nd	Cricket 1st v Easingwold Cricket 2nd No Game	Home	
Sun	23rd	Pool Singles Quarter Finals	Home	
Mon	24th	Upholstery and Sewing Class Bowls v Topcliffe		10am-1pm
Tues	25th	Bowls v Thirsk Cricket U/13 v Sessay	Home Home	
Wed	26th	Pool A v Highwayman Pool B v Horseshoe B Bowls v Huby	Away Home Away	
Thurs	27th	Bowls v Thirsk Cricket U/13 v East Harlsey	Away Home	
Sat	29th	Cricket 1st v Malton Cricket 2nd v Tadcaster Bowls v Topham Trophy	Away Home	
Sun	30th	Cricket U/11 Representative Game	Home	11am

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

We remember and won't forget Bob Brown

Many of you will know and have worked with Bob Brown who sadly died in May 2019.

As soon as he & Kathleen moved to Stillington they "joined in". Bob was a dear father to Fiona and son-in-law Andrew and a very special and proud grandfather to Sam & Katy, especially after losing his wife Kathleen when they were still young. Latterly he has shared good times with his friend Anne & her family.

Bob was involved in many activities across the village. Over the years he has been Treasurer and Steward for the Methodist Chapel; Treasurer for the Gardening Club and Village Hall. He was the Parish Clerk for some 20 years; helped with the Village Bonfire; a founding board member and Shop Manager for Stillington Shop & PO for 16 years and not many realise the time he spent at fairs and shows researching and tasting new local produce items for the shop.

Bob worked with & supported scout groups; was the MC for the annual Gardening Club Party & Quiz and the life and soul of any entertaining; indeed he was a pantomime fanatic - both performing & attending (wagon wheels being a recent shop stock item). He had travelled with his Civil Service work & was always keen to share his views of places and people visited; and he still had time for weekend football.

Bob certainly had a special way with children - from pram to teenagers; he loved to chat with them and knew the latest favourite sweets to stock in the shop. This relationship was reciprocated and we know of at least one Toy Post Office that has a "Mrs Bob" working in it.

And from Margaret Price, Chair of Stillington Community Association....

Until last year Bob was Clerk to the Parish Council, dealing with many local matters we take for granted - Keeping our greens and roadsides cut, ensuring planning applications are dealt with, mending the kerbstones etc

He was a leading light in the gardening club and the Christmas party will not be the same without his quiz to keep us on our toes

However I knew him best in his work for the village shop. He was a founder committee member (volunteered by his wife) and soon turned his active mind to ensuring we stock a wide range of good quality groceries. He was particularly Keen to source our stock locally- Yorkshire produce from Yorkshire businesses, celebrating all things Yorkshire (despite his lifelong love of Sunderland). He worked so hard to give us a wide range of excellent produce. When our main wholesaler suddenly went out of business he worked quickly to fix up a contract with Turner and Wright, with hardly a falter in the business. He has also recently recruited our new Baker Rebecca Shedden when Easingwold Country market had to reconsider their commitments.

What a contribution to village life, what a legacy. We all owe Bob a great debt of gratitude for helping so many voluntary activities in our village to run smoothly.

As a near neighbor Bob was a good friend, supportive and always a source of wise counsel.

There will be many others who can add a lot to what I have written, but I wanted to mark his passing with a huge

THANK YOU. RIP

Countryside Notes

Monday 20th May; just starting to write at 10pm after being round my Lady Friends in the back field, where all is well and lambing about over. It has been a most remarkable time, with little loss of lambs, all the ewes have survived and only three required assistance out of 200. Amazing, for lambing can be a great leveller some years.

What a wonderful time of year it is: when the birds sing from early in the morning; the trees are in their new livery of green with the Ash again way behind the others; and, of course, the trees have been flowering in their various forms. The Sycamore has been abuzz on sunny days as the bees have worked away. Before the advent of masses of Oil Seed Rape fields, which are good nectar providers for the Bees, many Bee Keepers would have Spring Honey made from specific tree species and took a pride in finding where the Bees were working, so the right labels could be put on the right jars. Watching a large Bumble Bee delving deep into a flower, I was amazed at the amount of pollen that was attached to its legs and abdomen. Now, the clever men say that the Bumble Bee should be incapable of flight by virtue of its body weight and wing size. However, the Bee, laden with pollen, could still fly off in its usual clumsy fashion.

This month has been one where I have seen birds briefly or in difficult light and have not been able to truly identify them. One, a large chocolate brown, took off from a hedge in a down turn. I only saw it for a split second, then a silhouette in the distance; it could have been a Marsh Harrier. We have had small birds feeding on a field of Spring Barley, the light being wrong, they could have been Linnets or Redpolls that should have been away on migration.

I always love the smell of the May Blossom and each year it takes me by surprise. Our senses have a feast at this time of year, so get out and enjoy it all this Spring. Watch the screeching Swifts as they fly round the village on untiring wings for they will not touch down until they are four years old when they have their first brood. They can shut off one half of the brain to get some sleep and rest and then the other half will have its rest in turn. Amazing Nature!!

R & M



(original lino print by Emma Johnson)

CHURCH SERVICES - June

St Nicholas, Stillington
Priest: Revd Stephen Whiting 810251
Church
Wardens: Muriel Law 810484
Muriellaw1@gmail.com
 Janet Martin 822981
Jessie.jm158@gmail.com

Sun 2nd Morning worship 9.15am
Thurs 6th Prayers for the village 9am
Sun 9th Sung Evensong
 followed by afternoon tea 4pm
Thurs 13th Prayers for the village 9am
Sun 16th Benefice Holy Communion
 at Sheriff Hutton 10.30am
Thurs 20th Prayers for the village 9am
Sun 23rd Holy Communion 9.15am
Thurs 27th Prayers for the village 9am
Sun 30th Village Praise
 in VILLAGE HALL 10.30am

July
Thurs 4th Prayers for the village 9am

Village Hall - June

Mon 3rd	Prime Time	2-4pm
	Yoga	7-9pm
Weds 5th	Parish Council Meeting re. pond	7pm
Mon 10th	Prime Time	2-4pm
	Yoga	7-9pm
Tues 11th	Village Hall Committee	7pm
Weds 12th	W.I.	7.15pm
Thurs 13th	Art Cafe	10am-12pm
Sat 16th	Cycle Ride Pit Stop	am
	Film Evening	7.30pm
Mon 17th	Prime Time	2-4pm
	Yoga	7-9pm
Tues 18th	Art/Craft Club	9am-1pm
Mon 24th	Prime Time	2-4pm
	Yoga	7-9pm
Sat 29th	Strawberry Tea (W.I.)	2.30-4.30pm
Sun 30th	Songs of Praise	10.30am

Weather Report May 2019

Rainfall

Despite the adage about 'April Showers', April tends to be a relatively dry month. Even so, 22mm was well below the average figure.

Temperature

There was a really warm spell in the second half of April, with the temperature reaching 25°C on the 20th. Overnight temperatures were generally mild, with 4.7°C on the 19th/20th being the exception.

The sunshine figure in April was well up on last year's, at 450 kWh.

The first half of May has only reached 23°C twice, on the 14th & 15th, while overnight it fell to 1.8°C on the 9th/10th.

MT

200 Club

1st Mrs M Price - £50
 R.U. Miss C Dent
 R.U. Mr N Hutchinson
 R.U. Mr J Richie
 R.U. Mr and Mrs G Cookman
 Drawn by "Our Ernie "

SAINT NICHOLAS CHURCH ROTA

27th May to 8th June

CLEANING

Vacant

BRASSES

Mrs M North

10th to 22nd June

CLEANING

Mrs M Hetherington

BRASSES

Mr A Hetherington

24th June to 6th July

CLEANING

Mrs M Tomlinson

BRASSES

Mr H Tomlinson

FLOWERS

2nd June Mrs W Walton

9th June Miss K Gibson

16th June Mrs E Morse

23rd June Mrs B Law

Methodist Chapel

Minister: Rev E Cushion 821460

Stewards: Robin Jackson 810250

Gareth Papps 810094

Sun 2nd Village Chapels Worshipping
 Together at Huby with
 Communion
 Rev Elizabeth Cushion 10.30am
**There will be no service at
 Stillington Methodist Church**

Sun 9th Evening Worship
 Rev Rachel Muthoni 6-30pm

Sun 16th Evening Worship with
 Communion
 Rev Elizabeth Cushion 6.30pm

Sun 23rd Evening Worship
 Mr Robin Jackson 6.30pm

Sun 30th In Stillington Village Hall
 Ecumenical Morning Worship
 with friends from our Village
 Chapels 10.30am

St Leonard's, Farlington Church

Warden: Richard Haste 878581
richardhaste@btinternet.com

Sun 9th Shortened Matins
 (BCP) 11.15am

Sun 23rd Holy Communion
 (BCP) 11.15am

St Mary's Marton Church

Contact: Peter Coomer 810891
petercoomer8@gmail.com

Sun 2nd Celtic Eucharist 6pm

Sun 16th Meditative Evening
 Worship 6pm

The Next Film Afternoon will be held on
Wednesday 19th June 2pm
 Everyone Welcome
 Refreshments and good company