

Stillington News

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March 2019

Inviting everyone to our
Mothering Sunday
Worship
Sunday 31st March 2019
10.30am
At
St Nicholas Parish Church



Stillington Branch
Royal British Legion
The next meeting of the Branch
will take place on
Monday 11th March, 8pm
Stillington Sports and Social Club.
All members and potential members are invited to attend.



BRIDGE LUNCH
Friday March 22nd
Stillington Village Hall
12 noon for 12.30
Tickets **£12.50**
Available from
Wendy Watson
Tel: 01347 810953

BOOKSALE
and
Quality Greeting Cards
In Aid Of
Alne Cheshire Home
and
Stillington and Farlington
W.I.
Saturday 23rd March
Stillington Village Hall
10am – 12noon
Refreshments Tea/Coffee
Cakes and Biscuits

Community Led Housing Breakfast Briefing
Saturday 16th March, 10am – 1pm
Teas, coffees and pastries provided.

- Are you looking to deliver new housing for your community?
- Worried if local residents can afford to live in your area?
- Lacking smaller homes for young people or long term residents to downsize to?
- Seeking a long term income to pay for local facilities or services?

Community led housing could be the answer...
Why not come along to our **FREE** community led housing breakfast briefing and find out more?

BOOK YOUR PLACE HERE:
Hustwaite Village Hall (main hall)
The Nookin
Hustwaite
North Yorkshire
YO61 4PY

Stillington and District
Community Archive
AGM
Wednesday 20th March
7:30pm
in the Village Hall
Followed by
'Land Girls'
A Talk by Author
Hazel Stephenson



New members welcome
Refreshments served

Same Time, Same Place, Same Great Food **And Hosts But Now With A New Name**

Stillington Lunch was established with the local parish in 1998 for new friends & the elderly alike to come along for a good chat over a light lunch at a price to accommodate all. Phil & Sue at the White Bear would like to relaunch this with a new name:

The White Bear Fellowship Lunch

Starting on **Tuesday 19th March.**

Doors open at **12 noon.**

1 Course - £8.50 2 Courses - £10.50 3 Courses - £12.50

Or a Starter & Dessert - £ 8.50.

We look forward to welcoming both new and old friends back.

Phil & Sue The White Bear

Please email contributions for the **April** issue to
news@stillingtonvillage.org by **20th March**

WI and VILLAGE **LITTER PICK** **Friday 15th March.**

Please meet at the Village
Hall 1.30pm.

Wear boots & old work clothes. High-Vis jackets, gloves and 'grabber-sticks' will be provided. If you are not free that afternoon, please **"Do Your Bit"** another time - there are plenty of local roadside verges with litter to work on.

Bonfire 2019

We had to cancel the 2018 Bonfire, due partly to lack of time to comply with the latest safety requirements. We are working hard to ensure the event can go ahead in 2019. As part of this we are holding a **planning meeting in the Sports and Social Club at 8pm on Sunday 10th March**, which is open to all. If you'd like to help save the Bonfire, please come along! For more information contact **Andy Hart, 810598.**

Stillington and Farlington W.I. February Meeting

Our February meeting began with Mary welcoming everyone. Important items from the minutes included the book sale in March and the spring council meeting in April. Members will be attending several federation events later this year.

The book sale on Saturday 23rd March was finalised. The resolution for the council meeting will be discussed in March and our delegate then instructed.

We welcomed our visitors Dr Abbie who with Chris runs the Cooper King distillery at Sutton. We were given a fascinating presentation on the research and development of the business. Energy used is 100% renewable and ingredients are locally sourced. We heard about the name Cooper King and the beautiful lightweight bottles they use.

The highlight of the evening was the tasting, neat and then with tonic water, the bouquet was a delight and the flavour enjoyable.

Our thanks were expressed by Jillian.

In **March** we will hear about the **Auxiliary Hospitals**, come and **join us at 8pm**,
Margaret Jackson

New Bespoke Housing Development Plans for Stillington

Home Farm has been cleverly designed to accommodate 4 large detached homes, each sitting on a spacious serviced plot with open outlook to the rear.

The road fronting site provides each custom builder with a serviced plot, including mains water, electricity, sewage and ultra high speed fibre optic broadband.

Outline Planning Permission has been granted for the development, giving plot purchasers flexibility to design and create the home they desire. The Design Code and individual Plot Passports provide guidance to support the design process. With professional support accessible from start to finish, plot purchasers can create their home with confidence, whether they are an experienced self builder or completely new to the idea.

Neighbourhood Watch

Rural crimes reported this month include poaching in Helmsley area; GPS's stolen from tractor roofs and a burglary on Tollerton Road, Huby. Scams and fraud continue by post, computer and the telephone. Please be aware.

Our local Police Community Support Officer 5385, Chris Wood, of the Neighbourhood Police team offers to try and attend village and town functions and events. He also reports village surgeries/drop-ins are to be arranged for throughout the year.

To contact Chris, dial 101, press option 2 and ask for him by full name or collar number or go to www.northyorkshire.police.uk

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

Stillington Wanderers

28th January walkers took the Ebor Way north from Terrington School to the ridge; walking eastwards & back south along Cum Hag Wood to Ganthorpe, down High Lane & return across the fields.

11th February was a local walk from Folly Wood, to Blackwoods, across to Moss End Farm & kennels (N. of Burn Hall); up to The Hawk hills (which started life as a farm and part of a large estate; purchased by the Ministry of Works in 1937; used as an Air Raid Precaution School, post WW11 a Police Training School and then a Civil Defence School & Emergency Planning College; now a venue for conferences, weddings etc. with modern hotel accommodation) & then back via Holly Brook Farm and Easingwold Golf Club.

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

Stillington News Questionnaire

Do you like the content of the Stillington News? Is there anything you would like to change? Is there anything you would like to see added? We would be grateful if you could take the time to fill out this questionnaire and then return it to us via the village shop. Please make sure it is placed in the plastic wallet marked "Stillington News" kept behind the counter.

Q1. Over all what do you think of the Stillington News?

- a. I am happy with the paper as it is, keep doing what you're doing.**
b. I would like to see some changes in the paper.

If you answered (a.) Thank you! If you have answered (b.) we would like to know more, please continue to question 2.

Q2. What sort of changes would you like to see? Here are a few suggestions. Please tick, circle or highlight all that apply.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Longer paper/more pages | <input type="checkbox"/> Shorter paper/fewer pages | <input type="checkbox"/> Different articles to the usual |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bigger font/type | <input type="checkbox"/> Interviews with people of the village | <input type="checkbox"/> Items for children |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A section to advertise free items | <input type="checkbox"/> More pictures/photos | <input type="checkbox"/> Other* |

*if you ticked other you could drop us a note with your suggestions via news@stillingtonvillage.org or in the plastic wallet in the village shop.

Thank you again for taking your time to fill this in, we will keep you informed of the results.



Keeping records for the goods in Stillington Shop

When you buy something in Stillington Shop and your goods are scanned have you ever thought about how the computer knows what to charge? Or when we make out an order to our wholesaler, what needs ordering?

Well, as with almost every shop these days we have computer-based records of our stock. When we receive goods, they are entered into the system. Where necessary, we decide what price needs to be charged. As items are sold and scanned at the till, the numbers on the database decrease. When the numbers reach a minimum number a new order to our wholesaler is made.

Sounds simple - well, in principle, yes, but in practice it needs someone to enter information onto the system. We are very fortunate that for a number of years now Hazel Ratcliffe, with excellent support from her husband Tony, has been doing this 'backroom' work. And as with all the jobs in the shop, she has done this voluntarily. But now Hazel and Tony wish to retire. So we are looking for other people to take on this work. We already have one person who is learning about what needs doing. But it would be best if there were one or two more people, to share the load and to keep things going when holidays come round. So if you enjoy computer-based work and are willing to put in a few hours each week to help the shop we would love to hear from you. A computer will be provided. If you are interested, please contact me on: **01347 811262** or **margaretprice1@aol.com**.

Margaret Price
Chairperson Stillington
Community Association

The playgroup committee have recently had to make the difficult decision to close Stillington Playgroup, and we closed our doors for the last time at February half term. It is sad for the village to lose such a long-running and valuable organisation. We are not exactly sure how long the playgroup has been running for, to the best of our knowledge it opened in 1969 and ran from the Village Hall which would make it 50 years this year. For the last ten years we have been based on the school premises which has been invaluable in providing the children with an easy transition into school life.

The decision we had to make has been a very hard one, but for the last two years playgroup has not had enough children to sustain the running costs and we reached a point where we simply could not continue.

We wish to thank all the parents who have supported us over the years and for all the kind and generous donations offered recently while we tried to find a way to continue. Those who donated to our cause will have their donations returned to them shortly. Utmost thanks to Vivienne Cooper our Playgroup Manager who has been with us for 8 years, and to Deputy Manager Caroline Charters. Most of all we wish the children and their families all the very best for their bright futures!

Village Hall - March

Mon 4th	Yoga Prime Time	9am 1.30-3.30	Sat 16th	Film Night	7.30pm	Weds 20th	Archive AGM +“Land Girls”	7.30pm
Tues 5th	Art Group Indoor Bowls	9.30-12.30 2pm	Weds 13th	W.I	7.15pm	Thurs 21st	Scottish Dancing	9am-1pm
Weds 6th	Parish Council	7.30pm	Sat 16th	Film Night	7.30pm	Fri 22nd	Bridge Lunch	am/pm
Mon 11th	Yoga Prime Time Village Hall Committee	9am 1.30-3.30 7pm	Tues 12th	Art Group Indoor Bowls Bowls Match	9.30-12.30 2pm 7pm	Sat 23rd	Book Sale	10am-12pm
Tues 12th	Art Group Indoor Bowls Bowls Match	9.30-12.30 2pm 7pm	Weds 13th	W.I	7.15pm	Mon 25th	Yoga Prime Time	10am 1.30-3.30
Weds 13th	W.I	7.15pm	Sat 16th	Film Night	7.30pm	Weds 27th	Gardening Club	7.30pm
			Mon 18th	Yoga Prime Time	10am 1.30-3.30	Sat 30th	Scrabble Tournament	am/pm
			Tues 19th	Art Group	9.30am	Sun 31st	Scrabble Tournament	am/pm

Children's Play Area at the Sports and Social Club

One of the original pieces of play equipment, the climbing frame with small slide is in need of some attention: the climbing net needs replacing at cost of over £700 + vat. Part of the fundraising will be the March quiz and if anyone would like to contribute please contact one of the following Playing Fields Association officers: either **Dennis North, Jane Ingham or Christine Cookman.**

Please note: **Tues 19th March is the AGM for Stillington Playing Fields Association at 7.30pm and for Stillington Sports and Social Club at 8.00pm.** All are Welcome.

The regular S&SC meetings for representatives of each sporting section are on the 3rd Tuesday monthly at 8pm.

Quiz at Sports and Social Club

February quiz raised the grand total of £316 for the Under Fives. The winning team was Rita and Les Bresnen with Pauline and Tim Drew. **Last quiz of the season on Friday 1st March will be for the Children's Play Area.**

STILLINGTON CRICKET CLUB

The new cricket season will soon be upon us and Stillington CC are looking forward to a busy time.

The club have two senior sides in the York District League, the first team gaining promotion last season and the second team coming close to achieving the same. The club are in a similar position to many clubs across the country and always keen to find players of all abilities, whether you can play regularly or otherwise all will be welcomed.

Pre season nets are arranged at the Galtres Centre Easingwold on Wednesday nights from the 6th March 8.15-9.15pm, all are welcome.

The club also run a thriving **junior section with U11, U13 and U15 teams in the Hambleton Junior League, training is Friday evenings from 6pm (once the weather warms up).** Again players of all abilities are welcome to join in.

In addition the club are hoping to launch "ALLSTARS CRICKET" this season which is an ECB initiative to introduce cricket to the U9 age group.

As numbers grow year on year within the Junior Section the club would welcome any support to assist in coaching or organisation of the junior section especially the ALLSTARS (further details can be found on the ECB website). The club can also assist with coaching needs (and speaking from a personal aspect I've found it extremely rewarding). In summary, any help to keep the club blossoming whether from playing, coaching, supporting or an administrative aspect would be much appreciated. Please come along and support your local village club?

A new Facebook group has been created to run alongside an existing website **Stillington.play-cricket.com** which has further information and contact details about the club.

For any further details please contact: **Rich Coultous on 07814538491.**

Stillington Sports and Social Club

March

Fri 1st	St Cuthbert's Indoor Bowls Quiz	Home	2-4pm 8pm
Sat 2nd	U/13 Jnr Football Training Senior Football	Home	9.30-11am No Game
Mon 4th	Sewing and Upholstery Class Dominoes 5s&3s		10am-1pm Free Week
	Dominoes 5s&3s Pairs Comp	Home	8.30pm
Wed 6th	Pool Team K.O. A v Old Boys B v Horseshoe B	Home	Away
Fri 8th	St Cuthbert's Indoor Bowls	Home	2-4pm
Sat 9th	U/13 Jnr Football Training Senior Football v Fulford	Home	9.30-11am 2pm
Sun 10th	Pool Doubles 1st Round Bonfire Meeting - ALL WELCOME	Home	7.30pm 8pm
Mon 11th	Dominoes 5s&3s v Black Bull Royal British Legion Meeting	Home	8pm
Tues 12th	St Cuthbert's Indoor Bowls v Kirkbymoorside	Home	
Wed 13th	Pool A v Old Black Bull Pool B v Rose & Crown	Home	Away
Thurs 14th	St Cuthbert's Indoor Bowls v Easingwold	Home	
Fri 15th	St Cuthbert's Indoor Bowls Social Bowl	Home	
Sat 16th	Senior Football v Heslington	Home	
Mon 18th	Dominoes 5s&3s v Black Horse	Away	
Tues 19th	Monthly Committee Meeting		8pm
Wed 20th	Pool A v Commercial Pool B v Mended Drum	Away	Home
Fri 22nd	St Cuthbert's Indoor Bowls	Home	2-4pm
Sat 23rd	York Motor Club Vintage Car Rally		
Mon 25th	Dominoes 5s&3s v Gulshan	Away	
Wed 27th	Pool A v Blacksmith Pool B v Old Black Bull	Away	Home
Fri 29th	St Cuthbert's Indoor Bowls	Home	2-4pm
Sun 31st	Pool Singles Competition	Home	

Stillington Cricket Club starts their Indoor Nets at the **Galtres Centre, Easingwold on Wednesday 6th March, for 6 weeks from 8.15 to 9.15pm.** All past players are asked to attend and new players would be welcome.

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

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

Countryside Notes

I am writing this on the 16th February (Saturday) after a superb spring-like day. The sun has brought out the Snowdrops, Aconites and Crocus to drink in the warmth, showing their full colour. A Little Owl was calling out this afternoon; it nests on a platform of ivy in the crown of an old apple tree in the back field. This site has been used for many years by these yellow eyed birds with a mean, fierce looking face. Whilst nearer home a flock of about 50 Yellowhammers came down to feed at the sheep troughs; they looked handsome with their canary livery. They were fairly cautious, departing at any unusual movement but were quickly back feeding.

Recently I was told that a white Stoat had been seen crossing the Sheriff Hutton road east of Farlington. When I mentioned it to someone who lives there, I was told that they have been seen around for some time. Of course, these white specimens are only doing what those living further north always do. You may think that you are observing them but those beady bright eyes are watching you from the undergrowth. They and their little cousins the Weasel depend a lot upon a thick hedge bottom to hunt along for rabbits, voles, mice, rats and ground birds.

A concern of mine is the lowland hedge, which divides our land. Many of our hedgerows date back to the time of the Enclosures, when land was fenced for stock keeping and boundaries. However, back in the late 1960s and 70s, government paid for hedges to be uprooted to pave the way for larger machines and progressive agriculture. Little was thought about the ecology and wildlife of our countryside. The small family farm was a thing of the past, everything had to advance in size and economy of scale.

The hedge has become of some importance once again but no grants or schemes are in place to re-hedge some of the newly

made prairies, replant some of the old hedge lines or to plant up gaps in old hedges. Recently, I saw a newish planted hedge, where sheep were grazing both sides of it without a fence between. The sheep had destroyed the hedge bottom growth and, no doubt, nibbled the lower shoots of the young hedge. Now, the hedge will have no bottom to it for years to come for wildlife habitat. The art of hedge laying is a passing skill but many of our young hedges would benefit from such work that would make a strong bottom to the hedge. A dense hedge bottom is home to a vast array of wildlife from beetles to partridge nests and a cosy corner for Prickles to curl up for the winter.

There is a lot of colour in these brighter days of low sunshine, as buds are swelling as the sap rises and the days lengthen. So much to see and to look forward to.

R & M



(original lino print by Emma Johnson)

Weather Report February

Rainfall

There was a little more rain in the second half of January than the first half, but the monthly total, of 19.5mm, was the least I have recorded in January in fourteen years.

The first week of February threatened to make up for the shortfall in January, with nearly 30mm, but since then no more rain. So, we shall see.

Temperature

We were into the second half of January before overnight temperatures fell below zero. The lowest on the 31st was -5.3°C. There were some mild days as well as the expected wintery ones. On the 13th and the 25th, daytime temperature topped 12°C.

There was also more sunshine in January than the past two years, 140kWh of energy generated.

After the first week, February has been unseasonably mild. The daytime temperature reached 14.5°C on the 16th and overnight never fell below 7.3°C on the 16th/17th. There is talk of record-breaking temperatures in the next few days, but that would mean in excess of 17°C in the York area, which seems unlikely.

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TV Production Company Needs You

Full Fat TV, a UK Production Company with credits including *Joe Wicks: The Body Coach*, is casting a new series and would love to hear from people in villages and rural areas like Stillington.

In this new programme, an award-winning UK dermatologist and surgeon will help people from across the country with their skin. Offering world-class dermatological care and amazing bedside manner, she'll be on-hand in her Harley Street clinic to help people in whatever way she can.

Full Fat TV want to hear from anyone with a skin issue or skin condition, whether diagnosed or not. From small and cosmetic to huge and debilitating, they want to hear from a wide range of cases, so no condition is too big or too small.

Those selected for the series will have all logistics covered by the Full Fat team, and potentially even their treatment free of charge and quicker than on the NHS.

The series will be broadcast on Quest Red for the Discovery Network.

Anyone who's interested should get in touch ASAP and contact skin@fullfattv.co.uk or give them a call on 0121 272 5844 providing name, contact number and a brief description of their condition.

CHURCH SERVICES - March

St Nicholas, Stillington

Priest:	Revd Stephen Whiting	810251
Church		
Wardens:	Muriel Law	810484
	Muriellaw1@gmail.com	
	Janet Martin	822981
	Jessie.jm158@gmail.com	
Sun 3rd	Morning worship	9.15am
Thurs 7th	Prayers for the village	9am
Sun 10th	Holy Communion	9.15am
Thurs 14th	Prayers for the village	9am
Sun 17th	Benefice Holy Communion in Stillington	10.30am
Thurs 21st	Prayers for the village	9am
Sun 24th	Holy Communion	9.15am
Thurs 28th	Prayers for the village	9am
Sun 31st	MOTHERING SUNDAY	10.30am

Inviting everyone in Stillington
to the Lent Meetings
The Mystery of God
Methodists and Anglicans are joining
together with
everyone living in the area around
Easingwold
Easingwold Methodist Chapel
Wednesdays 7 - 9pm
13, 20, 27 March and 3 and 10 April

St Nicholas Parish Register Memorial service

Christina Mary Spencer
17th December 2018

Funeral

Muriel Mart Spruce
16th January, 2018

Funeral

Barbara Phyllis Kennedy
8th February, 2019.

200 Club -February

1st Mr L Wilson - £50
R.U. Mrs M Linton
R.U. Mrs T Richards
R.U. Mrs L Cumberlege
R.U. Mrs R Churton
Drawn by "Our Ernie "

SAINT NICHOLAS CHURCH ROTA

4th March to 16th March

CLEANING

Mrs J Martin

BRASSES

Dr D Martin

18th March to 30th March

CLEANING

Mrs H Ratcliffe

BRASSES

Mr A Ratcliffe

FLOWERS

3rd March Mr G Hill

Beauty for Brokenness

Beauty for brokenness may seem to be an odd or even a strange choice for a title or theme for a parish letter but after much reflection on where we are in the seasons of the year and where we are as a country, I believe it is a spot-on title or theme.

Spring has sprung with the Aconites, Snowdrops and Daffodils showing bursts of colour moving us from the dreary darkness of winter as the lighter nights give us a reminder that summer is on the way in not so many months.

The words 'beauty for brokenness' come from a contemporary worship song of the same name written by Graham Kendrick, the first line continues 'hope for despair' and I really do feel we all need a good measure of hope right now.

No matter what side of the current political debate you are on I am sure what you hope for is a brighter future, a better world. Spring is here, the days are lengthening and the days start to get warmer. My hope and prayer is that we can see that we are each part of this vast group we call humanity. That we can all, hope for, wish for and pray for the best in all circumstances, wanting and seeking the best for our fellow human beings. May the God of peace fill your hearts and may you know His presence with you as you feel the warmth of sun on your face. This spring may something new, something fulfilling enter your life and bring beauty to you and to those you love and pray for.

Blessings Rev. Steve

Methodist Chapel

Minister:	Rev E Cushion	821460
Stewards:	Robin Jackson	810250
	Gareth Papps	810094
Sun 3rd	Morning Worship, Rev David Archer	10.30am
	Circuit Service at Haxby celebrating the contribution of local preachers	4pm
Sun 10th	Evening Worship, Rev Elizabeth Cushion	6.30pm
Sun 17th	Evening Worship, Mr David Onyett	6.30pm
Sun 24th	Evening Worship with Communion, Rev Elizabeth Cushion	6.30am
Sun 31st	Mothering Sunday Morning Worship together at St Nicholas	10.30am
	No Evening Service	

St Leonard's, Farlington

Church	
Warden:	Richard Haste 878581
	richardhaste@btinternet.com
Weds 6th	Holy Communion For Ash Wednesday 10.30am
Sun 10th	Shortened Matins (BCP) 11.15am
Sun 24th	Holy Communion (BCP) 11.15am

In addition to our services, the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (that's the AGM in church-speak) is on **Monday, March 25th at 7pm in Farlington Village Hall**. It is open to *all* residents of Farlington and those who regularly attend services at St Leonard's. It is not a prolonged meeting – why not come along to hear what makes this little village church 'tick.'

Film Afternoon

Wednesday 20th March at 2pm

Everyone Welcome - Refreshments

To find out more

Tel: **810250** or email

robin.jackson1@btconnect.com

St Mary's Marton

Church	
Contact:	Peter Coomer 810891
	petercoomer8@gmail.com
Sun 3rd	Celtic Eucharist 6pm
Sun 17th	Meditative Evening Worship 6pm