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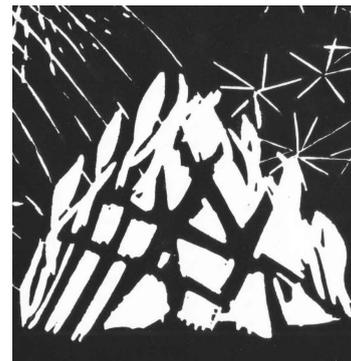
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May 2019

MASTERCHEF NEEDED FOR STILLINGTON BONFIRE 2019

The Bonfire Committee are working hard to ensure the return of the Stillington Bonfire and Fireworks in November this year. As part of this we are holding a planning meeting in the **Sports and Social Club at 6.30pm on Sunday 5 May (note new date and time!)**, which is open to all. If you'd like to help save the Bonfire, please come along!

We urgently need someone to take on the key role of coordinating the catering. It's hot dogs and baked potatoes, so you don't actually need to be a Master Chef. If you might be willing to help with this, **please contact Graham Cookman on 810047 for more information.**



**GARDENING CLUB
PLANT SALE
FRIDAY 10TH, 7PM
AT THE VILLAGE HALL**

**CREAM TEAS
BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY 27TH**
In The Methodist Church
Come along, meet your
friends and support our
Stillington Churches

**Parish and District
Council elections
2 May.**

Neither the District nor Parish elections will be needed in Stillington on Thursday 2 May as the district council position is Uncontested...
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**The A.G.M. of the Stillington
Charity for Relief in Need** will take place at Stillington Sports and Social Club on Tuesday 7th May 7pm. This meeting is open to all.

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

**STILLINGTON PRIMARY
SCHOOL**
Robin & Margaret Jackson
Invite you to a
**COOKERY DEMONSTRATION
"SIMPLY DELICIOUS
DESSERTS"**
**Saturday 4th May, 2019
at 2pm**
Stillington Primary School Hall.
There will be an opportunity to taste,
Recipe sheets will be given.
Coffee/Tea will be served.
TICKET PRICE £4
Available from Stillington School
office
and Stillington Post Office.
Proceeds in aid of raising money for
School Library/equipment.

Please email contributions for the **June** issue to
news@stillingtonvillage.org by **May 22nd**

Rogation Sunday at Farlington
The Rogationtide Service at Farlington – a service of blessing for the crops, farm animals and the work of farmers – will be on **Sunday, May 12th at 3pm** and be held at *Farlington Grange Farm* which is on the road between Farlington and Sheriff Hutton; the postcode is YO61 1NR (it will be signposted).
The service will take place in and around the farm and after the service there will be an afternoon tea (£5 adults, children free) for all to enjoy.
Come along for this service for a farming community, meet the animals and enjoy the tea! Please note this is a working farm - wear sensible footwear, wellingtons if very wet.
Adults and children will have an opportunity to meet the cattle, sheep and lambs so families are more than welcome.

**FREE Art Activities
For The Over 50s**

Thirsk-based charity Rural Arts has obtained funding to re-commence its monthly Art Café at Stillington Village Hall, and is thrilled to widen the opportunity to anybody over the age of 50.
Join a friendly, relaxed group to explore a range of art techniques with all materials and tuition provided free.
The next session will be held
on
**THURSDAY 16th MAY,
10am – 12noon.**
A donation of £2 is invited to cover hall hire, but this is optional.

Stillington Sports and Social Club

May			
Wed 1st	Pool Teams Consolation Cup Quarter Finals	7.30pm	
Fri 3rd	Junior Cricket Coaching	Home	6.00pm
Sat 4th	Cricket 1st v Pannal	Home	
	Cricket 2nd v Osbaldwick	Away	
Sun 5th	Bonfire Meeting		6.30pm
Tues 7th	U/13 Cricket v Alne	Home	6.30pm
	Charity AGM		7.30pm
Wed 8th	Pool A Bye		
	Pool B v Commercial	Away	
	Outdoor Social Bowls	Home	6.30pm
Fri 10th	Gardening Club Plant Sale Village Hall		7.00pm
Sat 11th	Cricket 1st v Pickering	Away	
	Cricket 2nd v Heslington	Home	
Mon 13th	Sewing and Upholstery Class		10.00am-1.00pm
Wed 15th	Pool A v Mended Drum	Home	
	Pool B v Old Boys	Away	
Fri 17th	Junior Cricket Coaching	Home	6.30pm
Sat 18th	Cricket 1st v Ripon	Home	
	Cricket 2nd v Duncombe Park	Away	
Sun 19th	Tennis Open Family Day		2.00pm-4.00pm
	Pool Singles Semi-Finals	Home	7.30pm
Mon 20th	Sewing and Upholstery Class		10.00am-1.00pm
Tues 21st	Monthly Committee meeting		8.00pm
Wed 22nd	Pool A v Commercial	Home	
	Pool B Bye		
Thurs 23rd	Cricket Shepherds Twenty-20	Home	6.30pm
Fri 24th	Junior Cricket Coaching	Home	6.30pm
Sat 25th	Cricket 1st v Hovingham	Away	
	Cricket 2nd v Hovingham	Home	
Wed 29th	Pool A v Horseshoe	Home	
	Pool B v Mended Drum	Away	
Thurs 30th	Cricket v Shepherds	Home	
Fri 31st	Junior Cricket Coaching	Home	6.30pm
Sat 1st June	Cricket 1st v Thirsk	Home	
	Cricket 2nd v Huby	Away	

Stillington Community Speed Watch Report 2018.

Stillington Group 30

I can report a good result for the operation of the Speed Watch Group operating within Stillington Village during the year 2018.

During the time of operation three roads in Stillington have been monitored, Main Street (outside the White Bear) High Street (opposite the Pond) and York Road.

This was accomplished by using Thirty Community Speed Watch Sessions complying with Police guide lines. Five Sessions were abandoned due to Weather conditions.

Thirty Five Drivers have been reported for driving on or over the 35Mph limit, the highest speed was monitored at 47Mph past the Pond. The number monitored was 1,851 Vehicles during the 12 Month period.

We are now experiencing Speed Watch Sessions whereby the Vehicles are passing through the Monitored section below the Normal 30 mph Speed limit.

We appear to be getting the message over to Drivers who travel through the Village.

My thanks go to the faithful few for carrying out this work on behalf of the Community.

Regards, Malcolm Rowe. Team Leader. Community Speed Watch Group 30.

Stillington Cricket Club

Stillington Cricket Club has two senior sides in the York District League and are always keen to find new players of all abilities, whether you can play regularly or otherwise.

Pre season nets at the Galtres Centre, Easingwold are already underway **Wednesday nights 8.15 - 9.15pm.**

Junior section U11, U13 and U15 training, Friday evenings from 6pm.

Help to keep the club blossoming would be much appreciated. Information and contact details about the club can be found here:

stillington.play-cricket.com

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

Stillington Wanderers

25 March walk was a spring gem from Howsham Mill with Archimedes screw in action; part of the mill race used for canoe slalom practice; Derwent river bank; alpacas, Howsham Hall and lambs. Following walk was from Beacon House north of Ampleforth Abbey then down the hill & continuing east over to Sproxtion; back via Pry-Rigg woods with large scale timber felling in action.

Next walks: Monday 6 and 20 May. Meet outside the White Bear at 9.30am

Weather Report April 2019

Rainfall

It was just as well that the first half of March gave 49 mm of rain, a little over the average rainfall for a full month, because the second half of the month did not add anything measurable to this figure. The dry spell has continued into April with only 8.5 mm of rain so far this month.

Temperature

March was generally mild by day, but with some cool nights. It got into the teens every day in the second half of the month and reached 18.1°C on the 21st There were some cool nights, but it only went negative once, on the 7th/8th.

March also was fairly sunny, with 312kWh of energy being generated.

The first half of April started cool, then got warmer, making us think spring was really here, before turning cool again. The daffodils continue to put on a brave show, whatever the weather. MT

Neighbourhood Watch

North Yorkshire Police warn residents about a scam purporting to be from HMR&C stating there is an outstanding tax bill to be paid and the threat of court or bailiffs may also be used. The victim is instructed to pay the bill often using i-tunes vouchers which can be bought from most supermarkets, newsagents. The victim is told that if they are challenged as to why they are buying the vouchers, to say they are for birthday presents etc. This is a SCAM. 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 VILLAGE HALL Annual General Meeting Wednesday 15th May at 7pm

The former school building on the Village Green has been a Village Hall for 90 years in September 2019.

It is a registered charity, held on trust for the benefit of all residents of Stillington and the surrounding area, serving the community with space for meetings, entertainment and social events.

It is also hired out to individuals and groups for approved use. It is run on your behalf by Trustees, known as The Village Hall Committee, who are elected at the AGM.

You are invited to join the Trustees at the AGM to hear about works and activities in the past year, our financial situation and plans for the future.

New members are always welcome on the Committee and younger residents are particularly encouraged to consider sharing their talents and bring us a fresh perspective.

If you would like to know more about becoming a Trustee, or to offer your services, please contact the Secretary on 811544 or yvonnem16@btinternet.com
Refreshments will be served and we look forward to meeting you.

Your support in any way would be most appreciated. *Charity number 1076571*

Village Hall Usage May 2019

May		
Wed 1	Diddi Dance	10.00 am
Tues 7	Parish Council	7.30 pm
Weds 8	Diddi Dance	10.00 am
	W.I.	7.15 pm
Fri 10	Garden Club Plant Sale	7.00 pm
Sat 11	Cycle Race Pit stop	am
Mon 13	Yoga	9.00-11.00pm
	Prime Time	2.00 – 4.00pm
Weds 15	Diddi Dance	10.00 am
	Village Hall AGM	7.00 pm
Thurs 16	Arts Group	10.00-12.00pm
Sat 18	Film Evening	7.00 pm
Mon 20	Yoga	9.00-11.00pm
	Prime Time	2.00 -4.00pm
Wed 22	Diddi Dance	10.00 am
	Parish Council AGM	7.00pm

Stillington and Farlington W.I.

At our April meeting we had a most interesting presentation by Liz Cole about many local roads in our area. They were all created for a purpose and very well used over many years some from the Bronze Age. Aerial photographs revealed several long lost buildings of times past which helped us to understand more about our surroundings.

Liz was warmly thanked for giving us such an interesting presentation, members and friends continued to talk about our over welcome refreshments. Next month will be our opportunity to discuss the resolutions being taken to the W.I. A.G.M. Our decisions will then be passed on to our Link Institute in order that she can vote on our behalf.

Margaret Jackson

Fence Posts around village green and AGM

After the village survey it was agreed they would remain neutral.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be Tuesday 7th May 7.30pm

The AGM for the Parish Council will take place Wednesday 22nd May 7pm.

The White Bear The Fellowship Lunch

Our next one will be on

Tuesday 21st May

From: 12 noon

1 Course - £8.50

2 Courses - £10.50

3 Courses - £12.50

Starter & Dessert - £ 8.50

We look forward to seeing you all and
hopefully a few more.

Phil & Sue

Parish and District Council elections 2 May.

Neither the District nor Parish elections will be needed in Stillington on Thursday 2 May as the district council position is Uncontested; Di Watkins goes forward as the new district councillor for the Huby Ward. And there were insufficient nominations to fill the seven seats on the Parish Council. We are not alone: out of 77 town and parishes councils, only eight will be contested on 2 May and a further four parishes, who are not quorate will be decided in a separate election on 23 May. Sadly this shows how little interest there currently is in supporting and working with our local parish councils.

So if you'd like to be considered as a candidate to be co-opted onto Stillington Parish Council, please contact Mary Midgley, Parish Clerk, Tel 810285 or stillingtonpc1@hotmail.com Current councillors maintain their positions until 7 May when the new council term begins. Acknowledgements to our retiring councillors will be given next month.

The parish councillors who will start the new term are: Robin Conway, Christine Cookman, Malcolm Rowe and Graham Taylor.

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

Duke of Edinburgh Work Experience at Stillington Shop

During my time as a Duke of Edinburgh volunteer I have learnt a lot in such a short space of time, from the massive importance this shop has on our village down to the personal skills that will help me throughout my life.

The Stillington shop is more than just a shop. It is a village central point where people come in and feel looked after. The shop doesn't just supply the day to day groceries and everyday items, it provides a friendly environment from which people can chat and make conversation. I'm sure for many elderly people it must be difficult to get out of the house, so to have a laugh and to know someone is always there if you should need anything, is vitally important.

However, the work that goes into making this shop a special centre to our village, should not be overlooked. The shop relies solely on volunteers day in day out. It shocked me quite how much work has to go on behind the scenes to keep the shop going. From the early winter morning starts, to the detail each small thing has to be tracked on reports and documents. Sometimes you forget that it still has to be run as a business, even though it's a non-profitable organisation.

Furthermore, I think it's quite amazing how much the shop supports local businesses. On Saturday morning fresh pastries and bread are brought in, which not only does it help the local baker, but it's quite delicious for the customers. And it's not only the fresh produce that's locally sourced, even things like the marmalade and lemon curd are Yorkshire produced. Environmentally speaking this is great, as now there's less transportation, while also supporting local hard-working businesses.

While being a volunteer I did daily tasks that helped me learn the structure of a business. I did a range of activities that helped me learn a little about each element of a business, from maybe the smaller, less challenging elements like checking the sell by dates, to serving customers at the till. However, doing all these combined taught me the importance of everything, and that not one thing should be overlooked. F.C.



Stillington Surgery Patients

Local GP practises are working together to offer patients better access to GP appointments in Easingwold and Pickering – that means you will be able to see a GP or practice nurse (or other health professional) at a time which is more convenient for you. You can book appointments to see a GP or practice nurse or other health professional in the evenings or at weekends from 10am to midday.

There are now a range of ways you can get advice from a GP or practice nurse, including over the telephone or online. Speak to the practice receptionist or a member of the practice team to find out more.

To arrange an appointment, speak to your practice receptionist or member of the practice team or call your practice.

Easingwold & District Community Day 10am - 4pm Saturday 11th May 2019

Easingwold & District Community Day offers you fun, friendship, adventures, competitions, exhibitions, food & drink, advice and much, much more. It's free so just come along and join in.

You will Find:

- Events in the Galtres Centre and grounds, Town Square, Tourist Information Centre, COZIE and Community Library
- Over 80 local organisations, services, clubs and charities waiting to meet, greet, inform, entertain and even recruit you
- A Galtres Centre open day
- A Lions safety day with the Police and Fire Service
- A health & Well-being area with health charities
- Easingwold's World-Class businesses join the fun with their combination-lock competition for Alzheimer's, so visit them all
- Sports demonstrations for everyone
- Scouts climbing wall; Classic cars
- Talk to our organisations, charities and clubs about all they do
- Try the hobbies, try the instruments, sing the songs, meet new friends and neighbours, drink the tea - just have fun

Stillington Community Primary School

On 29th March, over 50 members of the community enjoyed a Mothers' Day fish and chip lunch at Stillington Primary School. Children and adults alike had a fantastic time and there was even time to enjoy a range of playground games! Mr Robinson, head teacher at the school, would sincerely like to thank everybody who attended for helping to make the day so special.



The Friends of Stillington School have organised a Cookery demonstration on 5th May at the school. Again, Mr Robinson would like to thank everybody involved in organising the event and we look forward to seeing as many people as possible on the day. Funds raised from this event and the Easter raffle will help to develop the school's library, which will make a huge difference for the children.

We are organising further events to allow the community to get even more involved with the school and find out more about the fantastic things that the children are learning. Please look out for details of these on the school newsletter, in the Stillington News and on Twitter.



The children at the school have also been involved in habitat creation, by planting a range of native trees in the school grounds. We look forward to seeing them grow into a haven for wildlife, something which we would also like to develop in other areas around the village.

It has been a really busy Spring term at the school and the children have worked extremely hard. We look forward to seeing you all again in the Summer Term and sharing our learning journey.

Best wishes,
Mr Robinson

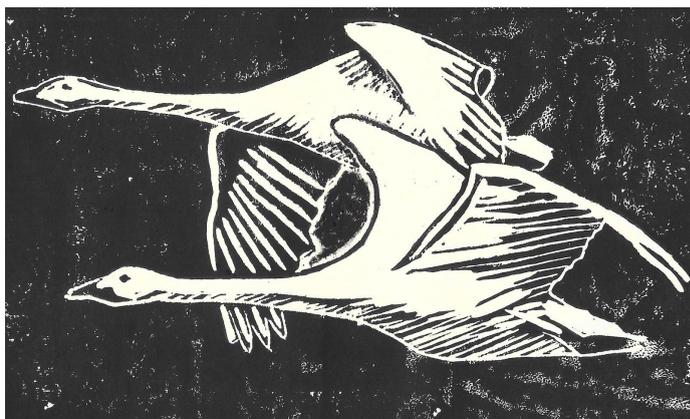


Countryside Notes May 2019

Monday 15th April; another dry day, sunny with a cool breeze. The day after writing my last notes, I was having breakfast when I heard a strong chorus. At first, I thought geese then as I dived out I saw the last few birds of the V formation and I saw the large birds were Swans, so I rushed to see them fly round the other side of the farm. A wonderful sight of Whooper Swans that flew on and over Stillington and were seen over the village. I guess that by now they are back to their breeding grounds in the Arctic Tundra. What a journey and will they be back in the district next winter. Later the same day, a Brimstone butterfly was by the Foss at Stillington; a fine specimen in bright sulphur yellow livery, a butterfly that has moved further north in recent years. Then on I went to the chapel and along the path were two patches of Purple Violets or should I say Blue Violets. They had opened fully to the warm sunshine, just an interesting morning that I enjoyed. The next morning when I first went out two Red Legged or French Partridges flew off the house roof. These partridges will use low walls or stumps but I have never seen birds with such heads for heights. One misty morning I was surprised to see a Nuthatch at the bird feeder. It is only the second time I have seen one of these slate blue grey birds, white bib and buff undersides. They will work by running up and down tree trunks seeking grubs among the bark of the tree. A Woodpecker only works up a tree.

At the end of March we had the first Honeysuckle flower, however, we await more flowers. I brought in some Poplar Catkins about the same time. They were brilliant scarlet but their brilliance did not last long for they dropped pollen and the red was gone and the catkins still hanging on the tree are looking rather grey. By the 6th April, I saw Bluebells in flower in Brandsby, growing by the roadside with Blue Periwinkle for company. Bluebells usually wait another three weeks. The Blackthorn is billowing out in clothes of bright white at the moment, now this is a little bit late in flowering. Why are some flowers early and others late? I still wait for a Swallow to come and see us and signal the coming of Summer. There is so much change in all areas of our countryside in colour and sound and growth. You must look and enjoy spring to its full; it costs nothing but gives so much.

R&M



Original Lino Print by Emma Johnson

It may be May, but it's still Easter...

Well Easter Sunday came and went, the chocolate eggs have probably all but gone and if you have children or grandchildren young enough, the Easter egg hunt round the house or garden is becoming a distant memory. We all too easily move on in our hearts and minds as life – the demands of everyday living – the hurly-burly of the here and now forces us to look forward, forward to something brighter, something better, we hope. So, in this, the May edition, I would like to gently remind us that although we are in the month of May it is still the season of Easter which lasts for 50 days, until Pentecost. This is the season that gives us more hope and encouragement about our future than any other. Easter and the Resurrection of Jesus speaks of the power of God to bring about new beginnings; Easter speaks to us of the forgiveness God offers us through the death and resurrection of Jesus. The whole of the Easter story could be summed up as 'new life and fresh starts' as that is what we, every individual, is freely given and it is there for the taking. During Lent I led one of the Deanery Lent Course evenings and in it we looked at a text from the Prophet Jeremiah. 'For I know the plans I have for you,' declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future [Jer 29.11]. God gave those words to Jeremiah 300 years before Jesus was born. I want to encourage all who read this, I want to encourage you not to lose hope, and to know that God has your best interests at heart. I want you to claim for yourself the power of the resurrection and to know that you can approach the throne of grace and be forgiven and blessed with the knowledge that you have a God who loves you and gives you a new start and a fresh beginning. No matter who you are, what you have done or where you have been, my Saviour and Lord, Jesus is waiting with open arms. No matter how the future looks we don't have to face it alone and we have a hope that is bigger than anything the world can throw at us.

In this season of Easter be blessed. Rev Steve

St Nicholas, Stillington

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Sun 5th Join Methodist Anniversary 10.30am

In the Methodist Chapel

Thurs 9th Prayers for the village 9.00 am

Sun 12th Holy Communion 9.15 am

Thurs 16th Prayers for the village 9.00 am

Sun 19th Benefice Communion 10.30am

at Sheriff Hutton

Thurs 23th Prayers for the village 9.00am

Sun 26th Holy Communion 9.15am

Thurs 30th Holy Communion (said) 9.00am

For Ascension Day

Methodist Church

Services for January 2019

Sun 5th Anniversary Celebration 10.30am

Morning Worship Mrs Gill Mason

Circuit Service at Stillingfleet 3pm

Sun 12th Evening Worship 6.30pm

Rev. Julia Skitt

Sun 19th Evening Worship 6.30pm

With Communion

Rev. Elizabeth Cushion

Sun 26th Circuit Service at 4pm

Huntington

**The Next Film Afternoon will be held on
WEDNESDAY 15TH MAY
Everyone Welcome
Refreshments and Good company**

200 club

1st Mrs P Clark £50

R.U. Mrs R Bresnen

R.U. Mrs D

Charlsworth

R.U. Mr D Clavin

R.U. Mr N Hugill

Drawn by "Our Ernie "

FLOWERS

5th May

12th May

19th May

26th May

Mrs M Price

Mrs B Bainton

Mrs P Clark

Mrs R Little

St Leonard's Farlington

Sun 12th Rogationtide service 3pm

At Farlington

Grange Farm.

Sun 26th Holy Communion 11.15am

(BCP)

CLEANING

29th April to 11th May Mrs M Price

13th May to 25th May Mrs S Thompson

BRASSES

Mr M Turvey

Mrs C Cookman

Church Register

James Hunter Scaife was baptised in St Nicholas Church on
24th March, 2019.

St Mary's Marton Church

Contact: Peter Coomer 810891

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Sun 5th Celtic Eucharist 6pm

Sun 19th Meditative Evening 6pm

Worship