

# Stillington News

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## Stillington Bonfire - Saturday 9th

This year's bonfire will be held on Saturday 9th November in the field to the south of the Sports and Social Club. **The torchlight procession leaves the Village Hall at 6.45pm.** For safety reasons, an approved traffic management company will close the High Street to traffic between 6.45 and 7.15pm. **The bonfire will be lit when the procession reaches the field. The firework display is provided by a professional contractor this year, commencing at 7.30pm.**

*Boots or wellies are recommended footwear. Please note that for safety reasons, private fireworks and sparklers are not allowed on the field.*

**Entry will be free for children of school age and below. Adults will pay £5 on the night or £4 for advance tickets, which are available from the post office.**

Tractors will collect material suitable for burning from around the village between 9am and noon on the day of the bonfire, in the usual way. If you have a large amount of material, please call Andy on 810598 so we can consider collecting it early. Please note we will not take mattresses or plastics.

**Please help!**

**This is a community event and relies on help from around the village. To get involved, please call Graham Cookman on 810047 or Andy Hart on 810598 or come to the field from 9 a.m. on the 9th.**



### Stillington Branch Royal British Legion

The Annual Remembrance Day Service will take place this year at St Nicholas Church, Stillington on Sunday 10th November 2019 at 10.45 am. Branch Members and friends are requested to parade outside the church at 10.30 am.

Please email contributions for the **December** issue to [news@stillingtonvillage.org](mailto:news@stillingtonvillage.org) by **20th November**

### Film Nights at the Village Hall

Our next screening takes place on **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November. Doors open at 7pm with a 7.30 start.** As it is Remembrance Sunday this month we have chosen a 2016 comedy drama with a wartime connection. Its plot revolves around a former secretary, and newly appointed scriptwriter, creating a propaganda production based on the story of two sisters who sail their 'little boat' to Dunkirk to save soldiers off the beaches. Or did they? This film has been praised for its portrayal of the Blitz and how both men and women did their bit during WWII.



### The Fellowship Lunch White Bear Inn Tuesday 19th November

Arrival between  
12-1pm

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

**Or a Starter  
& Dessert - £ 8.50.**  
Come along and enjoy  
good food and good  
Company



As usual a small Field of Remembrance will be established outside St Nicholas Church Stillington at the beginning of November for anyone wishing to place a cross in remembrance of a loved one. Crosses will be available from Poppy Sellers and other outlets.

A short service of prayers and reflection will take place on Monday 11th November at 10.50 am. All are welcome. The Primary School children will be invited to attend.



## Save our Village School.

As you may know the Governors of Stillington School have asked the Local Authority to consider the closure of this precious village resource. Parents, Friends and Supporters of the school believe that the good work our Primary School does far outweighs the negative points that have been highlighted as reasons to close its doors after 112 years of educating local children. As a community everyone in Stillington should be concerned about the implications of shutting down this vital village asset. The greatest concern being if we lose this service, so soon after losing the preschool, would this lead to the loss of other services within the village? A few years ago a group of people, with the backing of the community, fought hard to save our Post Office and store because they recognised that it was essential to preserve it for the good of the village, for everyone in the village whether they wished to use it or not. **Is the school any less important because some people in the village have chosen not to use it? We are calling on you, the community, to help save your school. Lend your voice to ours and sign our petition today.**

Jo Atkinson, head of the Save Stillington School Campaign.

### Polite Notice - Fireworks

If you're thinking of buying fireworks this year please spare a thought for frightened pets living nearby.

Please consider quieter alternatives like sparklers or attend an organised fireworks display instead.

If you're going to set off fireworks at home please inform any neighbours who have pets your neighbours will then be able to prepare to keep their pets safe at the right time.

## Stillington Community Primary School

### – A Message from the Governors

I am sure that most of you will be aware by now that the school's governing body wrote to North Yorkshire's Director of the Children and Young People's Service, Stuart Carlton, in September to request that the County Council begin consulting on a proposal to close the school at the end of the current academic year.

Stillington School first went into special measures in 2016; an academy sponsor identified by the Regional Schools Commissioner (RSC) declined to take the school on and continuing difficulties have led to a second special measures Ofsted judgement. It now seems extremely unlikely that the RSC will be able to identify a willing sponsor. There are currently 19 children on roll. We feel, at this point that we have exhausted all options open to us as a Governing Board which could secure the future of the school,

Stuart Carlton said the governing body's decision was incredibly sad, but taken in the best interests of the school's current children. He said, "We know that village schools are very dear to their communities and play a crucial role. We are very committed to their support and always go the extra mile to seek solutions to keep them going.

"This decision to seek consultation will come as a blow to families with children at the school as they are committed and loyal. But with no academy sponsor and the fact some village parents choose to send their children elsewhere, it is difficult to see a viable long-term future for the school.

"It is likely that approval to consult on closure at the end of the school year will be decided by the Executive Member in October. "Should the consultation be approved there will be opportunity for stakeholders to express their views on the overall situation as part of the required process and before any final decision is taken."

You can view the public papers for the Executive Member Meeting on the NYCC website (22nd October 2019).

Since the Governing Board's decision, the school have had many messages of support from the community, for which I would like to sincerely thank you.

**Corinne Cross**

Chair of Governors

**STOP PRESS: Yesterday, (22nd October), the NYCC Executive Member for Education & Skills deferred the decision whether to initiate a consultation on the proposal to close Stillington Community Primary School with effect from 31 August 2020, in order to allow the governing body time to further explore a potential partnership with another school. The decision report should appear on the NYCC website in due course.**

## Governor News

I am pleased to announce that Christine Cookman has been co-opted on to the Governing Board. Most of you will know Christine; she is an experienced local councillor and has been involved with school governance for many years. The skills and experience that Christine brings to our team, along with her close ties to the community, will be instrumental in ensuring the continuing effective governance of the school.

### Neighbourhood Watch

Please beware of telephone scams: the initial contact between a fraudster and victim is via the telephone in nearly 50% of all frauds reported to North Yorkshire Police. Whilst many of us are receiving less nuisance / scam telephone calls a telephone call blocker may be the answer for homes with persistent number of unwanted calls. To find out if you, or someone you know, is eligible for a free (very limited number)

call blocker to be fitted, please see the survey on [www.friendsagainstscams.org.uk/CallBlocker](http://www.friendsagainstscams.org.uk/CallBlocker)

for details. Otherwise there are call blockers to purchase. Please report any suspicious persons or vehicles to 101 and in emergency or danger to your safety dial 999.

Many Stillington homes are receiving telephone calls this week regarding a Safety Awareness Campaign. Residents are asked if they'd like to become an Emergency Responder (?) - to meet and discuss.

A Use 2 communications tel. number is being used 01704 524348. Please take care and be aware....

## Stillington Sports and Social Club - November 2019

<b>Fri 1st</b>	General Knowledge Quiz	<b>8.00pm</b>
<b>Sat 2nd</b>	U/14 Football Training	<b>Home 9.30-11.00am</b>
<b>Mon 4th</b>	Upholstery and Sewing Class	<b>10am - 1pm</b>
	Brandsby W.I. Darts v Ingleby Arncliffe	<b>Home 7.00pm</b>
	Dominoes 5s & 3s v White Bear	<b>Away</b>
<b>Wed 6th</b>	League Pool	<b>Home 8.30pm</b>
<b>Thurs 7th</b>	St Cuthbert's Bowls v Hambleton	<b>Home 7.00pm</b>
<b>Fri 8th</b>	St Cuthbert's Bowls Social Bowl	<b>Home 2 - 4pm</b>
<b>Sat 9th</b>	U/14 Football Training	<b>Home 9.30-11.00am</b>
	Village Bonfire Night	<b>6.45pm</b>
<b>Mon 11th</b>	Upholstery and Sewing Class	<b>10am-1pm</b>
	Stillington Cricket Club AGM	<b>7.30pm</b>
<b>Tues 12th</b>	St Cuthbert's Bowls v Kirkbymoorside	<b>Home 7.00pm</b>
<b>Wed 13th</b>	League Pool	<b>Home 8.30pm</b>
<b>Fri 15th</b>	St Cuthbert's Bowls Social Bowl	<b>Home 2 - 4pm</b>
<b>Sat 16th</b>	U/14 Football Training	<b>Home 9.30-11.00am</b>
<b>Mon 18th</b>	St Cuthbert's Indoor Bowls	<b>Home 2 - 4pm</b>
	Brandsby W.I. Darts v Byland	<b>Home 7.00pm</b>
<b>Tues 19th</b>	St Cuthbert's Bowls v Helmsley	<b>Home</b>
	Committee Meeting	<b>8.00pm</b>
<b>Wed 20th</b>	League Pool	<b>Home 8.30pm</b>
<b>Fri 22nd</b>	St Cuthbert's Bowls	<b>Home 2 - 4pm</b>
<b>Sat 23rd</b>	U/14 Football Training	<b>Home 9.30-11.00am</b>
<b>Sun 24th</b>	Bonfire Committee Meeting	<b>6.30pm</b>
<b>Mon 25th</b>	Dominoes 5s & 3s v Blacksmiths Arms	<b>Home 8.30pm</b>
<b>Wed 27th</b>	League Pool	<b>8.30pm</b>
<b>Thurs 28th</b>	St Cuthbert's Bowls v Easingwold	<b>Home 7.00</b>
<b>Fri 29th</b>	St Cuthbert's Bowls Social Bowl	<b>Home 2 - 4pm</b>
<b>Sat 30th</b>	U/14 Football Training	<b>Home 9.30-11.00am</b>

### Quizzes at the Sports and Social Club

October Quiz had excellent support to raise £356 for Friends of Stillington School. November Quiz will be for the Tennis Club to help fund renewal of the court netting.

### Hi Everyone

We thought an update to **Heating Oil Cooperative Members** would be helpful as we head into winter and start thinking of switching the heating on, if we've not done so already. We have enjoyed relatively stable prices during the summer period, with a median price of between 45 and 46p, but this came to an abrupt end after the wholesale price jumped sharply in mid-September after the attacks on the Saudi refineries. The price has been falling steadily since then and by the beginning of the month the Syndicate price had dropped back to **47.87p per litre + VAT for standard kerosene**.

You may recall that in our arrangement with Tate Oil, we agreed that we would only place orders during the period January to November, to assist Tate by avoiding their busiest month, December. Orders can be placed right up to **30th November**, and will be delivered within the usual ten working day target at the discounted Cooperative rates. If you cannot avoid ordering in December for delivery the same month, it will be charged at the prevailing market rate, however orders placed in December for January delivery will be accepted at the usual rate (but you must make it clear when placing the order, that it is for January not December delivery). **You might want to check your tank and see if you need to order in the next eight weeks to see you through until next year.....!!**

Best regards Tim Drew 01347 811572 [tim5drew@gmail.com](mailto:tim5drew@gmail.com)

## Squash Club

Adult and Junior Beginners are welcome to join group sessions from 6.20pm on Friday evenings and some Saturday mornings 10.00am for women and girls only. Rackets and balls are provided. There are some squash shoes available but otherwise any non-marking clean shoes will be fine. Contact Fiona Howell 07730 038312 for more details.

## Boot Camp Fitness sessions

at the Sports and Social Club

Open to all and for any levels of fitness: Wednesday 6:30pm - 7:30pm; Saturday 8:30am - 9:30am and most Monday evenings 7pm to 8pm. Contact Jim Hodgson for more information 07545 317658 and see [www.viribusfitness.co.uk](http://www.viribusfitness.co.uk)

## Soft Furnishings and Upholstery Class

on Mondays 10am until 1pm based in Stillington Sports and Social Club. The classes are for 8 weeks and if interested, can contact me Carol Johnson-Firth on: [charliej-f@virginmedia.com](mailto:charliej-f@virginmedia.com)

## Stillington Wanderers

23 Sept. walk was from Terrington along Mowthorpe Lane, Mowthorpe Dale to Ganthorpe. October walks have been north from Helmsley. First, past the church and well landscaped new housing for the Over 55s; up Ashdale & back via Beckdale with the same shooting party in action along both valleys. Secondly from Rievaulx up the River Rye valley to Tylas Barn above Oxendale Wood; views of the Bilsdale mast in the distance & the road back through Ashberry Wood. The Rievaulx Abbey centre, opened in 2016, certainly highlights the Abbey ruins set against the wooded hillside. After any transport and car parking costs, £100 will go to RNLI from this summer's £1 contributions.

Next walks: Monday 4 and 18 November. Meet outside the White Bear at 9.30am

Please see village website for a mapping record of recent walks

## Parish Council News

Planned Road Closure Notification – 23060 – Stillington Bonfire Procession 2019.

The Closure will be in place for 1 Hour between 18:30 and 19:30 hours on the 9th November 2019.

Community Speed Watch Scheme (since September 2016)

- . 352,954 vehicles monitored.

- . 19,822 offences.

- . Total actioned-15,300

The Parish Council are currently looking for volunteers to assist in the Speed Watch in the Village, which is proving to be a success.

There is currently still one vacancy on the Parish Council.

The Parish Survey is in and is been collated.

Please be aware of an unidentified male in the village acting suspiciously.

The Parish Council would like to express their concern on the possibility of the Village School closing.



## Village Hall Usage November 2019

<b>Fri 1</b>	“6 Feet, 3 Shoes”, dance show	<b>7.30pm</b>
<b>Mon 4</b>	Prime Time	<b>2.0-4.0pm</b>
	Yoga	<b>7.0-8.0pm</b>
<b>Tue 5</b>	Art Club	<b>9.0-12.0am</b>
	Short Mat Bowls	<b>2.00pm</b>
	Bowls Match	<b>7.30pm</b>
<b>Wed 6</b>	Parish Council	<b>7.30pm</b>
<b>Thu 7</b>	Table Tennis	<b>10.0-12.0am</b>
<b>Mon 11</b>	Prime Time	<b>2.0-4.0pm</b>
	Yoga	<b>7.0-8.0pm</b>
<b>Tues 12</b>	Art Club	<b>9.0-12.0am</b>
	Short Mat Bowls	<b>2.00pm</b>
<b>Weds 13</b>	W.I.	<b>7.15pm</b>
<b>Thu 14</b>	Table Tennis	<b>10.0-12.0am</b>
<b>Sat 16</b>	Film Night	<b>7.30pm</b>
<b>Mon 18</b>	Prime Time	<b>2.0-4.0pm</b>
	Yoga	<b>7.0-8.0pm</b>
<b>Tues 19</b>	Art Club	<b>9.0-12.0am</b>
	Short Mat Bowls	<b>2.00pm</b>
<b>Thu 21</b>	Table Tennis	<b>10.0-12.0am</b>
	Archives, “Drunken Antics” + brewery	<b>7.30pm</b>
<b>Sat 23</b>	First Aid Course (shop volunteers)	<b>9.0am</b>
<b>Mon 25</b>	Prime Time	<b>2.0-4.0pm</b>
	Yoga	<b>7.0 - 8.0pm</b>
<b>Tues 26</b>	Short Mat Bowls	<b>2.00pm</b>
<b>Weds 27</b>	Gardening Club, “Easy Gardening”	<b>7.30pm</b>
<b>Thu 28</b>	“Heart and Craft”	<b>10.0-12.0am</b>
<b>Fri 29</b>	Village Hall Christmas Fair	<b>6.0-8.0pm</b>

## Village Hall Celebratory Event

Thanks are extended by the Management Committee to everyone who took part in our weekend event to celebrate 90 years since the opening of our village hall.

Thank you to the Archive, Film Nights, Gardening Club and WI for providing first class displays. To Stillington Primetime for a brilliant Boccia demonstration. To the table tennis players for showing what fun it is to bat the ball across the net. To everyone who helped with the refreshments.

And a special thank you to everyone who joined us on the weekend. It was great to chat to you, sit with you in the audience at the Music Hall and we appreciate your support.

We raised some valuable funds and we now have a group of table tennis players using our table on Thursday mornings. A good result!

Next year it will be 200 years since the foundation of the building. We might just do it again...!

### Save the Date - Christmas Stillington Fellowship Lunch

To be held on **Tuesday 17th December**

Menus will be available from **1st November** at the Post office and White Bear

## The Stillington Christmas Pageant this December: be a part of it!

The Churches in Stillington are reviving the Christmas Pageant which we last performed about 10 years ago. It is a simple retelling of the Christmas story through drama and song, acted out in the church, down the village street and in the village hall.

Everyone is welcome to come and watch, and sing some carols; there will be no charge.

**Would you like to be involved - all ages welcome We will need:**

- Cast of actors (no lines to learn): Mary, Joseph, shepherds, wise men/women (and their pages), angels etc
- Narators: to tell the story and speak the actors' parts - Musicians - Back stage: scenery builders, costume makers, lighting,
- Front of house: publicity, crowd marshals

**When?: Saturday 14th December 5 - 7pm; and rehearsals during the week before.**

**Please contact: Margaret Price 811262 pricehm870@gmail.com**

## STILLINGTON GARDENING CLUB

November 2019

November Meeting: "The topic for our next meeting is "Easy Gardening - How to Reduce the Workload" and our speaker is Martin Fish. Martin is passionate about gardening and writes for several Gardening publications as well as broadcasting on local BBC Radio so it should be a fascinating evening. Please come to pick up on some useful hints and tips."

The date for your diary is

Wednesday 27th November,

7.30pm in the Village Hall.

November Tips for the Garden:

1. Plant bare-root and container-grown trees and hedging plants.
2. Cut back tall stems on roses to prevent any damage from wind rock.
3. Plant tulips and any other remaining bulbs for a good display in spring.

## WI MEETING

On Wednesday 9th October we were joined by four visitors to hear Margaret Price's talk about her visit to Costa Rica - what an interesting place!

It came under Spanish rule in the 16th century - Spanish is still the official language - but gained independence in the 1800's. Because of its long and stable democracy, the population are well educated, healthy and well housed.

There is no standing army.

The land is very fertile due to the volcanic soil so even on the very steep sides of the mountains, crops are grown. These include pineapples, coffee, cocoa and bananas, much of which is grown to Fair Trade standards.

Two amazing facts - a quarter of the country's land area is in protected national parks, and it is a carbon neutral country. These facts mean that wild animal and plant life is very rich and diverse.

I think most of us would like to visit one day.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 13th November at 8pm when we will hear Kathi Watson tell us "All about glass".

AH

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

## Stillington Post Office & Stores

*Owned by the community. Run by volunteers*

The run-up to Christmas starts here

**You are invited to  
Coffee, cake and mince pies  
Upstairs at the Stores on  
Saturday 16 November  
9.30 – 12 noon**

*Our chance to say thank you to customers old and new for helping us achieve another record-breaking year\* at the shop. Your chance for a first look at our Christmas stock and seasonal cards, and to get your order in for our famously good-value Stillington Stores Christmas hampers.*

\*We're celebrating another very successful year at the Stores. Our takings for a single week reached a record high in August, and we have been able to continue with our policy of distributing much of our surplus to clubs and good causes around the village — most notably £2,500 this year to the St Nicholas Church tower repair project. We have distributed over £45,000 to local organisations in the last 5 years. And that's on top of providing a community asset at the heart of village life.

### **Would you like to get involved?**

#### **As a volunteer...**

The Shop is thriving because of the efforts of our 50 or so volunteers who each give a few hours every week to some aspect of our business: serving at the counter or working behind the scenes. We are always looking for more people to join the team — it's a brilliant way of getting to know the village better.

#### **As a shareholder...**

We also value the support of our almost 200 shareholders whose £10 share buys them the right to comment and vote on our plans and policies. You could add to that number.

The 'Mince Pies' morning offers the perfect chance to meet and talk with Shop Board members about how you could get involved in our community enterprise. Or just leave your name and contact details next time you're in the Shop and we'll be in touch.

*We look forward to seeing you soon.*

## Stillington Weather - October 2019

### **Rainfall**

After a dry middle of the month, with no rain on eleven consecutive days, September proved very wet overall. The total was 103 mm, 72% up on the average figure.

The first half of October has continued wet, with rainfall in the first sixteen days already exceeding the usual monthly total.

### **Temperature**

The highest September temperature was only 22.8°C (on the 21st), while the lowest was 5.7°C (on the 17/18th).

Sunshine in September generated 360kWh, more than in either of the last two years.

So far, October has only exceeded 15°C on one day, 15.3°C on the 8th, while the lowest temperature has been a chilly 3.6°C on the 2nd/3rd.

M.T.

## Countryside Notes November 2019

Wednesday 16th October, another day with a wet morning turning fine in the afternoon. At last we have a pond with water in it and Mallard ducks have been for a swim. The recent rains of this month have been much needed but, dare I say it, we want some dry weather for the sowing of Winter Corn now. We farmers are never satisfied are we? The first heavy rain at the end of September came only 2 days after I had moved 99 ewes from Haxby to Ings land at Linton on Ouse, on the third day the land flooded, so the sheep had to be moved in a hurry on the Sunday afternoon. They were to get through three areas of flood. I was wading above welly boot tops and up to my thighs with long grass at the bottom; poor Meg had to swim a fair bit. The hard part of it all was getting the sheep into the water each time. They were unwilling to be Conscripts and would not be Volunteers. However, with 3 men and a dog, we got them moving each time. On the biggest and deepest area they had to swim 100 yards. Once they decided to go, they swam at a good pace in a long line. I would have liked a photo! At last, 99 were safe and well washed and they have been none the worse for their ordeal. Shepherd was a little leg weary and hungry but I did think about the poem 'Father William' - "do you think at my age it is right?" Whilst we worked, wild ducks were having a great time, feasting on drowned worms and enjoying water sports!

We have had a wonderful crop of Pears this year. There were lovely big juicy sweet pears early in September, the ones you suck rather than bite and eat outside so the sticky sweet juice doesn't make a mess. Some other large pears of a culinary type are right to eat now, even though they have a tang among the sugar. Others are stored away, still hard and needing to ripen further. Pears are not easy to know when to gather and are sweetest when about to go rotten; so you have to watch them carefully.

This autumn, we have not had as many geese about on the stubble as we have had over recent years. They were getting to be a little too numerous. But I like to hear and see them on their evening flight; it stirs something primeval in the core of my being, perhaps the Hunter Gatherer.

Recently, passing Skipwith Common, we saw an albino grey squirrel gathering acorns for winter feed. Now, I haven't heard of too many of them being about. Some would say it is still a fluffy rat.

The autumnal colours are about this month and will last, hopefully, for a good period and I expect the Oaks will be good into December as they are very green at the moment. They, like many other trees, have been very fruitful this year. There are masses of large acorns which will make winter feed for much wildlife. There is much to enjoy, even though the days are shortening and that is not pleasing to so many. So, enjoy the days as they come, watch the change and don't wake up and say I didn't see it happen.

R & M

**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\***

## CHURCH SERVICES-**November** **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** British Legion **10.45am**  
Remembrance Service

**Thurs 14th** Prayers for the village **9am**

**Sun 17th** Benefice Service at  
Stillington **10.30am**

**Thurs 21st** Prayers for the village **9am**

**Sun 24th** Holy Communion **9.15am**

**Thurs 28th** Prayers for the village **9am**

**Sun 1st Dec** Morning Worship **9.15am**

## **SAINT NICHOLAS** **CHURCH ROTA**

**28th October to 9th November**

### **CLEANING**

Mrs M Law

### **BRASSES**

Mrs M North

**11th November to 23rd November**

### **CLEANING**

Mrs M Price

### **BRASSES**

Mr M Turvey

### **FLOWERS**

**3rd November** Vacant

**10th November** Mrs L Cumberlege

**17th November** Mrs M Law

**24th November** Mrs A Hope

Jesus said, 'I am the light of the world.'

Now that the clocks have gone back it gets dark even earlier and night seems to last longer. I was walking back to my car after a meeting recently, when suddenly the street light I passed went out, even though the others around it remained on. I stayed another five minutes but the light in question did not even flicker. I thought about that light as I drove home. One street lamp might not seem to make much difference, but if every light went out then the road would be very dark.

We might feel that on our own we don't make much of an impression. But visiting someone or giving a word of encouragement can really make a difference to them and brighten up a day. The next time I am in that street I will see if the beam of the street light has returned. I hope it has, because however small, it has a part to play in giving light to the whole street.

At the end of this month comes the beginning of Advent, when we prepare ourselves for Christmas and remember Jesus' birth. It reminds us that Jesus came into a world of darkness, to bring light and hope and good news. It seems fitting that we have that Advent hope in a time of increased darkness. The light of Jesus still shines in the world today, and the darkness has not overcome it.

Elizabeth Cushion

## **Methodist Chapel - November**

**Minister:** Rev E Cushion **821460**

**Stewards:** Robin Jackson **810250**

Gareth Papps **810094**

**Sun 3rd** Evening Worship  
Mr Robin Jackson **6.30pm**

**Sun 10th** Remembrance Sunday  
Joint Service at  
St Nicholas **10.30am**

**Sun 17th** Evening Worship with  
Rev. Andrew Foster **6.30pm**

**Sun 24th** Evening Worship with Communion  
Rev. Elizabeth Cushion **6.30pm**

## **St Leonard's Farlington Church**

**Church**  
**Warden:** Richard Haste **878581**  
**richardhaste@btinternet.com**

**Sun 10th** Service of  
Remembrance **10.45am**

**Sun 24th** Holy Communion BCP  
**11.15am**

## **St Mary's Marton Church**

**Church**  
**Wardens:** Caroline Hunt **878242**  
Sue Whiting **810251**

**Sun 3rd** Celtic Eucharist **6pm**

**Sun 17th** Meditative Evening  
Worship **6pm**

### **FILM MATINEE**

at

Stillington Methodist Church  
**WEDNESDAY 20th November**  
**2pm**

Everyone Welcome  
Refreshments and good company

### **BATA HEATING OIL**

**If you require a delivery of oil in**  
**November**  
**please let Maureen Linton know by**

**SUNDAY, 17th November**

**e-mail preferred:**  
**minsteryork@me.com**  
**or 810082**

**Minimum: 500 litres**

**The next delivery will be at the end**  
**of January**

### **FRIENDS OF ST MONICA'S HOSPITAL UPDATE**

Friends of St. Monica's Hospital is expanding its work. In the past the Friends has raised funds to improve the amenities for patients in the hospital, the latest being new televisions. Following consultation, the Friends will now be able to work in our communities to improve the health and welfare of residents. We have recently teamed up with Easingwold District Community Care Association to provide transport for cancer sufferers who attend St James's Hospital in Leeds for treatment. Trustees are now considering other proposals for future work.

Exciting though this new work is, we are still focussed on St Monica's Hospital. The hospital caters for all patients of the GP surgeries in Ampleforth, Easingwold, Tollerton, Stillington and Hovingham. Any one of us may need to spend some time in St Monica's so please think how you can support the work of the Friends of St Monica's for example by volunteering to assist with the morning and afternoon tea trolley.

You can learn more about St Monica's Hospital by visiting the website, <https://www.fosmh.org.uk> or by contacting the secretary on friends@fosmh.org.uk. or phoning 01347 810771.