



Celebrating 25 Years Of

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ST NICHOLAS CHURCH

Invites you to a
BURN'S NIGHT SUPPER
With Ceilidh Band
FIDDLERS WRECK

on Friday January 17th
2020 at

**Stillington Sports and Social
Club at 7.00pm**

Traditional Scottish
4 course Supper
Ticket £20.00

Available from the P.O.
in January

Village Hall Film Nights - Saturday 18th January

Doors open at 7pm. Film starts 7.30

Entry by a suggested £3 donation. Locally brewed beers and ales, locally produced cider as well as wine and soft drinks will be for sale.

This month's film is based on the real life story of an African American Pianist's tour of the Deep South during 1962 when laws governing segregation were still in operation. It deals the friendship that develops between the pianist and his rough around the edges Italian American chauffeur/bodyguard. A great film which has deservedly won several awards.



The **RENAMES** will play
Stillington Village Hall
Saturday 1st February
7.30pm

*songs you may know +
original numbers*
vocals – guitars – mandolin
harmonica – keyboard

**Tickets £8 from
The Village Stores**

View on Facebook
[@therenamesyork](https://www.facebook.com/therenamesyork)

The Painting and Craft group.

Once a week for ten weeks
**9.30am to 12noon at the
village Hall Stillington**
starting on **14th January**.

We enjoy painting and craft
and good company!

Why don't you join us?

Contact Jillian 810458

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~ Stillington News ~

At the Village Hall on 11th January 2.00pm to 4.00pm

There will be Tea/Coffee/Hot Chocolate,
Cakes and nibbles

**Please come and join us, meet the team and look
through some past issues.**

The White Bear - The Fellowship Lunch

Our next one will be on
Tuesday 21st January

From: 12 noon

1 Course - £8.50

2 Courses - £10.50

3 Courses - £12.50

Starter & Dessert - £ 8.50



STILLINGTON BONFIRE REBORN!

Stillington Bonfire returned from the 'lost year' of 2018 with a glorious success in 2019. Not just a success, but a new and improved event setting a new standard for future years.

There was a great turn-out, one of the biggest crowds we've had, making a grand spectacle of the torch-lit procession from the Village Hall. Arriving at the field, they were guided by the bright new LED lighting and tempted by the sizzling aromas of enormous burgers and sausage baps, prepared by the team from the Durham Ox. The bonfire flamed up brightly, warming the gathering crowd, as the music from the procession continued to play out through the evening air. Bang on time, the display began – and what a display! Set up and fired by professional firework specialists, the choreographed pyrotechnics filled the sky and delighted the crowd for nearly 20 minutes, earning a hearty round of applause at the end.

All of this was thanks to the efforts of the many volunteers who helped over the preceding months and on the day – updating the lighting system, booking the firework company, arranging the catering, setting up the field and finding solutions for the wet soil conditions, collecting rubbish and building the fire, marshalling the procession, directing the parking and taking tickets at the entrance. A community effort par excellence.

Thank you so much to everyone – the local businesses, the volunteers and the spectators, young and not so young – for making it a success. Mark your diaries for next year's bonfire on 7 November 2020.

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

*** 25 YEARS * 25 YEARS * FREE EVERY MONTH * FREE EVERY MONTH * 25 YEARS * 25 YEARS ***

Pastoral Care

Now called - Stillington Good Neighbours

Members of this group met recently and decided that it was time for an update. We have decided that 'Stillington Good Neighbours' better reflects what we aim to do. We continue to support the spontaneous generosity which is a feature of the village; we know of many, many amazing acts of kindness.

Rita Bresnen has taken over from Pat Bisset as co-ordinator of the group. Group members in future will be known as 'Visitors'. Each Visitor has oversight of an area of the village.

Visitors welcome newcomers with a gift, shop voucher and welcome booklet. They also make contact with a small gift at special times eg a new baby, serious hospital stay or illness, bereavement of a close relative. They also offer low level help in an emergency eg shopping. It is not intended that it should in any way be taken as the professional care provided by trained personnel or the welfare system..

Visitors and their areas:

Jenny Popplewell	811911 North Back lane, east end
Adryenne Hope	811039 North Back Lane, West end & south side of High St
Muriel Law	810484 York Rd and north side of High St
Rita Bresnen	810024 Main St
Julie Thompson	810366 Soutersfield & western end of South Back Lane
Margaret Hetherington	810373 Eastern end of South Back Lane
Diana Mitchinson	07971 29594 The Green & Mill Lane
Margaret Price	811262 Parkfield

We would like to thank residents who offered help to our group in the recent Village Survey. A Visitor will be contacting you shortly to 'put you in the picture'.

The success of the scheme is very largely dependent upon good communication and so we rely on all residents to pass on information, especially when someone new comes into our village. The survey told us that there had been a few occasions when something had been missed. We are sorry for that and with your help will try to do better in future.

We are very grateful to Stillington parish Church and to the Stillington Charity who support the group financially.

Stillington Wanderers

With minimal frost, it's been "soft" underfoot: recce of the first walk from Coxwold called for a diversion to avoid an unsafe bridge to Beacon Bank; hence it was the old rail line to Husthwaite, through part of the village orchards; to Baxby Manor; the airfield; past extensive disused buildings at Baxby Mill; & on to Angram Hall & Shandy Hall back in Coxwold. Helmsley on 16 Dec. walking southwards above the Rye valley & then down to Ryedale Fisheries, with their pools of rainbow trout and numerous sightings of herons either "fishing" the river or looking for any easy pickings at the fishery; & back along the river bank.

Next walks: Monday 30 December, 13 and 27 January. Meet outside the White Bear at 9.30am.

Stillington Sports and Social Club

January 2020

Fri 3rd	St Cuthbert's Indoor Bowls Home	2.00-4.00pm
	General Knowledge Quiz	8.00pm
Sat 4th	Junior Football Practice Home	9.30-11.00am
Mon 6th	Embroidery and Sewing Class	10.00-1.00pm
	Dominoes 5s & 3s v Horseshoe	Away
Tues 7th	St Cuthbert's Indoor Bowls v Kirkbymoorside Home	
	Malton Rally Club Meeting	Home 8.00pm
Wed 8th	Pool Team KO Home	8.30pm
Fri 10th	St Cuthbert's Indoor Bowls Home	2.00-4.00pm
	Social Game	
Sat 11th	Junior Football Practice Home	9.30-11.00am
Mon 13th	Embroidery and Sewing Class	10.00-1.00pm
	Dominoes 5s & 3s v Highwayman	Home
Tues 14th	St Cuthbert's Indoor Bowls v Welburn Home	
Wed 15th	Pool A v Old Boys Away	
	Pool B v Highwayman	Home
Thur 16th	St Cuthbert's Indoor Bowls Cup Fixture Home	
Fri 17th	St Cuthbert's Indoor Bowls Home	2.00-4.00pm
	Social Bowl	
Sat 18th	Junior Football Practice Home	9.30-11.00am
Sun 19th	Pool Singles Last 32 Home	
Mon 20th	Embroidery and Sewing Class	10.00-1.00pm
	Dominoes 5s & 3s v Station	Away
Tues 21st	Monthly Committee Meeting Home	
Wed 22nd	Pool A v Blacksmith's Home	
	Pool B v Commercial	Away
Fri 24th	St Cuthbert's Indoor Bowls Home	2.00-4.00pm
Mon 27th	Embroidery and Sewing Class	10.00-1.00pm
	Dominoes 5s & 3s v Black Horse	Home 8.30pm
Thur 30th	St Cuthbert's Indoor Bowls Home	2.00-4.00pm
	Social Bowl	
	St Cuthbert's Indoor Bowls	Home 7.00pm
	v Easingwold	

Quizzes at the Sports and Social Club

December quiz raised £306 for Stillington News which celebrates an admirable milestone of 25 years in January 2020. Winning team were Jane & Tony Cowan, Sally & Steve Gall in a close finish. January Quiz will be for the Play Area.

Update for the Fitness classes at the Sports & Social Club:

Classes start again Monday 6 January:

Mondays 7 - 8pm and Wednesday 6.30 - 7.30pm

Jim Holroyd - Viribus Fitness www.viribusfitness.co.uk

Neighbourhood Watch

We had the unfortunate mid-day burglary in South Back Lane end of November which highlights the importance of reporting any suspicious people or vehicles with as many details as possible.

Scam calls and messages continue to be reported: some claiming to be from HMR&C which can bring fear to many. Do not transfer any money or disclose any personal or banking details.

Please report any suspicious persons or vehicles to 101 and in emergency or danger to your safety dial 999.

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

Village Hall Usage January 2020

Mon 6	Prime Time	2.0-4.0pm
Tues 7	Indoor Bowls resumes Parish Council	2.00pm 7.30pm
Weds 8	W.I.	7.15 pm
Thu 9	Table Tennis	10.00am-12.0pm
Sat 11	Stilly News 25th Anniversary Event	2.0-4.0pm
Mon 13	Prime Time	2.0-4.0pm
Tues 14	Craft Group Indoor Bowls Bowls Match	10.0am-12.0pm 2.00pm 7.00pm
Thur 16	Table Tennis	10.0am-12.0pm
Sat 18	Film Night	7.30pm
Mon 20	Prime Time	2.0-4.0pm
Tues 21	Craft Group Indoor Bowls	10.0am-12.0pm 2.00pm
Wed 22	Archive Group	7.30 pm
Thu 23	"Heart & Craft"	10.0am-12.0pm
Mon 27	Prime Time	2.0-4.0pm
Tues 28	Craft Group Indoor Bowls	10.0am-12.0pm 2.00pm
Weds 29	Gardening Club	7.30pm
Thu 30	Table Tennis	10.0am-12.0pm
Sat 1 Feb	"The Renames" - music	7.30pm

Stillington and District Community Archive

'Hark, Hark the Dogs do Bark'
A talk on beggars brought up at
the North Riding County Sessions
by acclaimed local historian

Marion Moverley

Wednesday 22nd January at 7.30 in
the Village Hall. Members Free,
Guests £3 Delicious Refreshments £1

A date for your diary! Village Hall
Local Food and Drink Fair
Saturday February 10am-3pm

BATA HEATING OIL

If you require a delivery of oil in
January please let **Maureen
Linton** know by **SATURDAY,
25th January**
e-mail preferred:
minsteryork@me.com or 810082
Minimum: 500 litres

STILLINGTON

GARDENING CLUB

January Meeting, Wednesday 29th January

Welcome to the first meeting in
January 2020. We start at 7.30
pm. Our speaker is Clive
Dawson, he will be speaking on
York Cemetery – "an Oasis in
the City".

January Tips for the Garden:
January is a great time to plan
your garden for the year ahead.
Make the most of this quieter
time to do the following garden
admin from the comfort of your
armchair:

- Plan your vegetable plot.
- Order seeds.
- Order spring-planting
crowns and tubers.
- Order fruit trees now for
spring planting.
- Order clematis & other plants

Weather Report December 2019

Rainfall

An errant decimal point last
month would have had rainfall
in October of twice the usual
yearly total. It was wet, but not
that wet. Thank you, David, for
drawing attention. November
had no more than an average
rainfall (71mm).

December's rainfall has also
been no more than average,
33mm to the 16th, though the
occasional heavy downpour
may give a different
impression.

Temperature

Day-time temperatures have
reached 12°C on three
occasions, relatively mild.
Overnight temperatures in my
garden went negative on only
three occasions. The lowest
was -1.9°C on the 18th/19th. So
far in December it has not
fallen below -0.3°C.

Sunshine has again been in
short supply. The solar panel
readings in November totalled
only 95kWh, less than a quarter
of a typical summer month. MT

R & M

Countryside Notes January 2020

Monday 9th December. I am writing this early because the printers require it early and because on Thursday I am having Carpal Tunnel surgery to my hand. You will by now have demolished the Turkey and some of the Christmas Cake and put on an extra pound or two to combat the cold that strengthens as the days lengthen. Your fine plump Turkey is a very different bird to its ancestors of North America, who could fly and enjoy a good wild life. The Goose, similarly, in the wild is very lean with little fat and rather tough, lean meat, especially if it's an old bird. The Goose of today, if it can fly, is not a prime bird and needs fattening up. Many Geese were imported from Ireland for feeding on stubble fields after harvest many years ago and would be walked in flocks from the docks or trains having had their feet placed in hot tar with sand to act as shoes. Goose Grease was used to cure colds, being smeared on the chest and covered in brown paper. I think I have been a victim in my infancy.

Recently, when I was taking some fencing up round a grass field some Pheasants kept getting up from the hedge rather clumsily with a fair bit of noise from their wings as they accelerated. Then a brown bird rose in silent flight, flying rather jinkingly; what a difference in wing movement as the Woodcock flew into the distance. This set me thinking about how differently birds fly. A couple of days later on a real drizzly day, I walked round the back of some farm buildings and 30 or more French or Red Legged Partridges exploded into flight with such power and noise; their short round wings worked vigorously and they were gone in a flash. Then you watch an Owl flying in silent flight, hunting with ear and eye, flying like moths for they are very much a bundle of soft feathers. We have had the largest flock of Starling that I have seen on the farm in years. There is another form of flight and, if you have the opportunity to see them coming into roost, the synchronised flight pattern is spell-binding. The Fieldfares fly in a jerky undulating flight making a lot of vocal noise and the Greater Spotted Woodpecker flies with a deep undulating soaring way as it flies from the bird feeders. So watch birds fly and learn to recognise them from these various patterns.

We have a lot of mud about and so there are many footprints around in the yard. There is an old Badger; its old claws have grown long. The fine slot of a young Roe Deer, with dainty young feet and Fox prints all telling me who is visiting in the night. There is so much to see for those who look. May your looking be rewarding and refreshing throughout 2020 and beyond, along with Peace and Good Health.

Explorers 2020 - after school club run at Stillington Methodist Church on Fridays **17, 24, 31 January, from 3.30 to 4.30pm; with latest arrival time 3.45 pm** Please contact for a registration form Margaret Price 811262 pricehm870@gmail.com

CHURCH SERVICES-January

St Nicholas, Stillington

Priest: Revd Stephen Whiting **810251**

Church

Wardens: Muriel Law **810484**

Muriellaw1@gmail.com

Janet Martin **822981**

Jessie.jm158@gmail.com

Sun 5th Morning Worship **9.15am**
For Epiphany

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

Sun 12th Holy Communion **9.15am**

Thurs 16th Prayers for the village **9am**

Sun 19th Benefice Communion
At Sheriff Hutton **10.30am**

Thurs 23rd Prayers for the village **9am**

Sun 26th Covenant Service **9.15am**
Including Holy Communion
In Chapel

Thurs 30th Prayers for the village **9am**

**SAINT NICHOLAS
CHURCH ROTA**

6th January to 18th January

CLEANING

Mrs A Hope

BRASSES

Mr & Mrs J Ratcliffe

20th January to 1st February

CLEANING

Mrs J Ingham

BRASSES

VACANT

If anyone would like flowers placed on the altar, perhaps in memory of a loved one, there are vacancies on the rota for 2020. Help with cleaning the church is always welcome too. Please contact:

Adryenne Hope Tel 811039

200 Club

1st Mrs M Chapman £50

2nd Mrs M North

3rd Mr W Cookman

3rd Mrs V Chapman

Drawn by "Our Ernie"

Parish Survey and Parish Plan progress

The summary of the Marton and Stillington Parish survey was inserted in the November newsletter and can be found on the village website (www.stillingtonvillage.org).

As mentioned last month there was interest in some new activities eg Bridge, Crochet for Beginners, Cycling, Pilates, Dog friendly walking group, Shorter walking group, School subject help, Kick boxing, Pre-school toddler group, Self-defence, Youth Club. These will need self-help from residents who expressed interest in making themselves known. It could either be via Stillington News which goes to all homes; the shop notice board or simply ask at the shop for possible contacts to arrange to meet and discuss way forward. We're all here to help each other if we can.

A draft Parish Plan should be ready for your comments & any ideas in January 2020. Once finalised, it will be adopted by the Parish Council.

Parish Survey and Plan team: Sue Pace, Nigel Dove, Christine Cookman.

STILLINGTON COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL – UPDATE

As reported in November's Stillington News, on 22nd October the NYCC Executive Member for Education and Skills deferred a decision to consult on a possible closure for Stillington Community Primary School to allow time for Governors to explore opportunities for collaboration with a partner school.

We are grateful that NYCC have allowed the School further time to fully explore this opportunity. Since October we have been in constructive discussions about the potential for future partnership arrangements for the School and hope to be able to report positive news early in the New Year. **Corinne Cross, Chair of Governors**

Methodist Chapel - January 2020

Minister: Rev E Cushion **821460**

Stewards: Robin Jackson **810250**

Gareth Papps **810094**

Wed 8th Epiphany Morning **10.30am**
Worship, together at
St Nicholas

Sun 12th Evening Worship **6.30pm**
Rev Ruth Duck

Sun 19th Evening Worship **6.30pm**
Mrs Marion Moverley

Sun 26th Covenant Service **9.15am**
A Communion Service
where we renew our promises
Rev Elizabeth Cushion
& Steve Whiting

Happy New Year! This seems to be the season of new year's resolutions and starting again. A time of looking ahead for what the new year brings for us. I am sure that in the next few days many of you, like me, will be filling in new diaries as you make plans and appointments. For me, this is also a season to say thank you. As a child, I was always encouraged by my parents to write letters to say thank you to people who had given me Christmas presents. So this time of year has memories of carefully composing letters. At the time, it seemed like an effort, but I'm sure the letters were appreciated, and I still try today to get in touch with people who have sent gifts. Saying thank you is often something we forget to do. So in this new year, I would also like to say thank you to you all, not just for your cards and good wishes at Christmas, but also for your friendship and support throughout the year. It is much appreciated.

And as we start a new year, let us also remember to say thank you to God, for sending His Son into the world, and for all His many blessings to us. As we move away from Christmas, we leave the story of the stable behind for another year, but the baby it remembers and the good news it celebrates is not over but goes with us into the new year. Jesus came into the world to bring love and joy and peace for all people, for all time. That is definitely something to say thank you for. **EC**

**JANUARY 15th
FILM AFTERNOON 2-0'clock
REFRESHMENTS AND GOOD
COMPANY
COME ALONG AND JOIN US
YOU WILL BE VERY
WELCOME**

St Mary's Marton Church

Church

Wardens: Caroline Hunt **878242**

Sue Whiting **810251**

Sun 5th Celtic Eucharist **6pm**

Sun 19th Meditative Evening **6pm**
Worship

St Leonard's Farlington Church

Church

Warden: Richard Haste **878581**

richardhaste@btinternet.com

Sun 12th Shortened Matins **11.15am**

Sun 26th Holy Communion **11.15am**
(BCP)