

# Stillington News

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## Take Away & Delivery from The White Bear



Take Away and Delivery is still available within Stillington. Hot meals, beer & wine direct to your door.

Please call **01347 810 338**. Follow us on Facebook or check out our Website

[www.thewhitebearinn-york.co.uk](http://www.thewhitebearinn-york.co.uk)

## Stillington Charity for Relief in Need Charity Commission No 246805

The Annual General Meeting of the Charity planned for May was postponed and a new date has not yet been planned. The Charity has eight trustees, four nominated by the Parish Council, three co-opted and the Vicar of the Parish. During the financial year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020 £1440 was distributed throughout the village. The income is mainly the rental from land near Easingwold Golf Club which was left in trust to the Charity. The Charity would like to assist anyone resident in Stillington who is in need especially during this difficult time. They would also be happy to help students with the purchase of books.

**For further information please contact Adryenne Hope (secretary) on Tel. 811039**

## 1st Easingwold Scout Group Needs YOU!

1st Easingwold Scout Group is one of the oldest scouting groups in the UK dating back to 1911. We are moving into exciting times with the imminent completion of our new build scout and community centre just outside of Easingwold. Each scout group is a registered charity in its own right and is run by an Executive Committee who ensure that the Group Scout Leader has the resources needed to operate a scout group. Due to upcoming retirements, we are in urgent need of a new treasurer and a secretary. The Executive Committee meets 4 times per year and at an AGM. To be a member, you must not be excluded from being a charity trustee. We really need your help as the group's survival depends upon a strong Executive Committee.

**Please contact Sue Scotter: [secretary@farlington.org.uk](mailto:secretary@farlington.org.uk) to find out more. Please also pass this on if you think you know somebody who may be willing to help our children continue to enjoy all that scouting has to offer.**

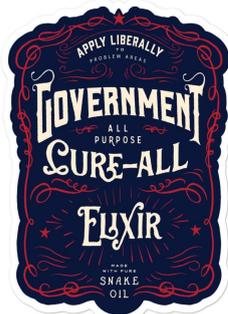


## Jenny Wren Footpath

Dog walkers and parents are advised that a powerful weed killer has apparently been used on the south end of this popular footpath. It is regrettable that this was thought to be necessary, and has resulted in the killing off of some wild flowers, including delightful patches of Forget Me Nots.

Please email contributions for the July issue to [news@stillingtonvillage.org](mailto:news@stillingtonvillage.org) by  
**Wednesday 17th June**

## A Cure For All



At last, we have a cure for all! Ailments large and ailments small, God health is not beyond my reach, If I inject myself with bleach.

Radiant, I'll prance along,  
Every trace of Lomé scale gone,  
With disinfectant as my friend,  
Like him, I'm clean around the bend.

**Pam Ayres**

## Thank You Shout Out in the *i* for the Volunteers of Stillington Shop and Post Office



The team of volunteers, old and new, received a wonderful well deserved Thank You this month in the national newspaper the *i* from resident Cliff Simm. I'm sure Cliff's sentiments are shared by all who benefit from our village stalwart.

## A Toast To Survival

I'm normally a social girl  
I love to meet my mates  
But lately with the virus here  
We can't go out the gates.

You see, we are the 'oldies' now  
We need to stay inside  
If they haven't seen us for a while  
They'll think we've upped and died.

They'll never know the things we did  
Before we got this old  
There wasn't any Facebook  
So not everything was told.

We may seem sweet old ladies  
Who would never be uncouth  
But we grew up in the 60s –  
If you only knew the truth!

There was sex and drugs and rock 'n roll  
The pill and miniskirts  
We smoked, we drank, we partied  
And were quite outrageous flirts.

Then we settled down, got married  
And turned into someone's mum,  
Somebody's wife, then nana,  
Who on earth did we become?

We didn't mind the change of pace  
Because our lives were full  
But to bury us before we're dead  
Is like a red rag to a bull!

So here you find me stuck inside  
For 4 weeks, maybe more  
I finally found myself again  
Then I had to close the door!

It didn't really bother me  
I'd while away the hour  
I'd bake for all the family  
But I've got no bloody flour!

Now Netflix is just wonderful  
I like a gutsy thriller  
I'm swooning over Idris  
Or some random sexy killer.

At least I've got a stash of booze  
For when I'm being idle  
There's wine and whisky, even gin  
If I'm feeling suicidal!

So let's all drink to lockdown  
To recovery and health  
And hope this bloody virus  
Doesn't decimate our wealth.

We'll all get through the crisis  
And be back to join our mates  
Just hoping I'm not far too wide  
To fit through the flaming gates!

## Stillington Gardening Club

**Plant Sale** Because of the Covid 19 Virus our Plant Sale due on May 15<sup>th</sup> could not take place and instead people were asked to order by email or on the plant list inserted in the Stillington News.

A big thank you to all those who made purchases. A total of 57 deliveries were made raising around £375 for club funds. WELL DONE Dennis North for growing the plants.

**The programme for 2020/2021** is set out below and we will keep you informed as to whether these will still go ahead.

- 30 Sept. **The Cutting Garden** by Sally Pickering
- 28 Oct. **Pruning Made Simple** by Doug Stewart
- 25 Nov **Winter Salads** by Tony Alcroft
- 16 Dec **Christmas Party**
- 27 Jan **Nunnington & Rievaulx Gardens** by Nick Fraser
- 24 Feb **Willow Sculpture** by Leilah Vyner
- 31 Mar **Choosing & Cultivating Plugs** by Andrew Willocks
- 28 Apr **7.15pm AGM.**  
**7.30pm Gardens of Yorkshire, an artist's perspective** by Rose Horespool
- 7 May **7pm Plant Sale 2021**

**If you would like to join the Club.** The benefits are: excellent speakers at 6 meetings, Annual Show, organised visits to gardens during the summer, discounted purchase of seeds, Christmas Party, 10% discount at Deans (Stockton on the Forest) and Castle Howard Garden Centres and our Plant Sale.

**To join email: [nom1956@talktalk.net](mailto:nom1956@talktalk.net) or call: 01347 810897.**

**Postscript.** In recognition of his outstanding displays on York Road which uplifted greatly the morale of the whole village, the committee would like to make Big Ted - the bear - an Honorary Member of the Club for a year. Well Done Big Ted

### Gardening Tips for June.

- Hoe borders regularly to keep down weeds.
- Be water-wise, especially in drought-affected areas.
- Pinch out side-shoots on tomatoes.
- Harvest lettuce, radish, other salads and early potatoes.
- Mow lawns at least once a week.
- Plant out summer bedding.



# Win £100!

## Mr Winston's Lockdown Quiz

(Tip: Use Duckduckgo.com and Bitchute.com)

1. Who donated \$79 million to Professor Neil Ferguson's team at Imperial College in 2020?
2. Tedros Adhanom, Director-General of WHO, belonged to which terror group in the 1990s?
3. What female name had President Malufugi of Tanzania given a papaya which later tested positive for COVID-19?
4. T or F: "COVID-19 has claimed more than 270,000 lives and infected nearly 3.8 million people..." (BBC, 8 May) is like saying 3,530,000 people recovered.
5. What verdict did Snopes.com reach on 20 April regarding the "666 patent" registered by Microsoft on 26 March 2020?
6. How many organizations own 90% of the news media: 13, or 28?
7. T or F: Medical/health news from The Guardian and BBC is funded by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.
8. In *The Rooster in the River of Rats*, what does Dr Andrew Kaufman describe as a "serious ethical violation" by researchers *Kim et al*?
9. Which US mayor's coronavirus 'snitch line' had to be scrapped after it was flooded with "dick pics and Hitler memes"?
10. The mission of GAVI, a partnership by governments and Big Pharma, is to find "*healthy [.....] for vaccines*".
11. Chief Scientific Advisor Sir Patrick Vallance said: "*...it's worth remembering again that the ONS rates are people who've got COVID-19 on their death certificate; it doesn't necessarily mean they were [.....]*"
12. Who is the Indian government suing for paralysis caused to 490,000 children by vaccines?
13. Name the simulation, held in New York City in Oct 2019, in which it was said, "*We need to stop social media from creating huge damage, and we should use it and get it on our side, and we should work together with them and try to avoid this misinformation.*"
14. The quantum-dot tattoo proposed by ID2020, which will render cash and devices obsolete, has been dubbed what (5 words)?
15. According to Afua Hirsch on 8 April, 40% of NHS medical staff are from ethnic minorities. A Freedom of Information request in the wake of the Anush Babu scandal revealed foreign doctors were behind what percentage of all sex assaults on patients?
16. What reason did YouTube give for deleting a video made on 22 April in which Dr Dan Erickson said "*Is lockdown following science?*" and "*Millions of cases, small amount of deaths*"?
17. In his TED Talk in October 2010, Bill Gates said what could be achieved "*...if we do a really great job on new vaccines...*"?
18. Regarding the immune system and protection against COVID-19, Professor JoAnn Manson of Harvard Medical School said, "*the evidence is becoming quite compelling*" about which vitamin?
19. Name the doctor who told BBC viewers on 14 March, "*But the virus isn't floating around in the air*" in a piece on face masks.
20. On *The Late Show* with US TV host Stephen Colbert, Bill Gates said, "*...the vaccine is the 'final [.....]*".
21. In the documentary *Plandemic*, molecular biologist Dr Judy Mikovits tells Mikki Willis she was charged with what offence?
22. Name the two Guardian journalists who, in separate articles on 14 May, described Dr Mikovits as 'discredited' and 'disgraced'?
23. Which political figure, who characterised search-and-rescue missions as "a vast criminal enterprise", was recently threatened with arrest while filming in the English Channel?
24. Which section of the Coronavirus Act 2020 relaxes the rules for the registration of COVID-19 deaths?
25. Name the Canadian vlogger who opens with "*...coming to you from the sunny climes of western Japan*"?

**The first set of correct answers emailed to: Mr Winston at MrWinstonsQuiz@protonmail.com wins the prize. Winner to be announced in Stillington News July edition.**

### Stillington Tennis

For details please use one of the following  
[www.stillingtontennis.org](http://www.stillingtontennis.org)  
email  
[enquiries@stillingtontennis.org](mailto:enquiries@stillingtontennis.org)  
or  
tel. 810047 Graham  
Cookman, Treasurer

### Village Hall Usage

**Due to the Coronavirus all village hall events are cancelled.**  
The hall is still open, but users are asked to wash their hands before entering the main hall

### Stillington Cricket Club

All cricket is delayed due to the Coronavirus. Any updates will be published later. If anyone is interested in becoming involved in the club, please contact: **Rich Coultous on 07814538491.**

Further information and contact details about the club can be found at  
[Stillington.play-cricket.com](http://Stillington.play-cricket.com)

### Stillington Bowling Club

Everyone can keep up to date via our new website at [www.stillingtonbowls.club](http://www.stillingtonbowls.club), the club house notice board, and the Stillington News.

## Reaching out from Australia

We have received a lovely email from Australia with a request for any information relating to family members that lived in Stillington many years ago - early 1800s; perhaps our archive team can help!

The families in question were both farmers:

**Christopher Carter and Sarah Anikin and Edward Warrener and Mary Wilson.**

Christopheer and Sarah had a son, **Robert Carter born in 1818** and Edward and Mary had a daughter, **Jane Warrener born in 1828.**

**Robert and Jane migrated to Australia in 1848.**

Robert also had two brothers James and Christopher who followed him to Australia.

It is their three times great grandson Doug, who would like to know if there is anyone with a family connection who may still live in Stillington or alternatively if there is anyone who may have any knowledge or information relating to this family. Doug has lots of information and photos of the family in Australia and is very happy to share these.

**Please email the Stillington News team if you can help.**

## Made With Appreciation

I would just like to say a huge Thank you to all who have donated duvet covers, pillow cases, sheets and T shirts to make scrubs bags and headbands and now face masks. I have got to know so many more people in our amazing village and now know you all have beautifully cleared out and tidied linen cupboards! It's also been lovely to discover all your hidden sewing abilities and to see the results land at my door.

**I now have enough fabric and would ask that no more be left for me...** my kitchen is full & can't take anymore!

Once all scrubs have been returned from my makers and put into the bags you have made, I will post a photo before sending them to York District Hospital.

Thank you once again, to the Best Village in the world!

Vivienne

**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.*

We are pleased to be able to provide home delivery for all those people who are self isolating and cannot get any other help with their food shopping. Remember that we are a small village store providing the basics so we may not be able to provide everything you require.

### How to order

Preferably use the dedicated email address [stillingtonshoporders@gmail.com](mailto:stillingtonshoporders@gmail.com)

Or phone: daytime - 01347 811911 or 07981 912790  
evening - 01347 811191

**Please do not phone using the shop number as you will be asked to phone the numbers given above.**

**Provide your name, address and phone number and, if needed, directions to your home.**

For requests received before 12 noon we would expect to deliver on the same day. Orders subject to availability and there may be restrictions on high-demand items.

**You will receive a bill with each order which can be paid by cheque or through a shop account.**

## Weather Report - May 2020

### Rainfall

The second half of April was nearly as dry as the first half, so the total for the month came to a mere 8mm. This is the lowest rainfall in April since 2011, when it was a mere 3.5mm. The average figure for the month is 36mm.

In the first three days of May we had 9.5mm of rain. Since then, nothing! So, we are back to having to water the crops as well as our gardens.

### Temperature

The highest temperature I recorded in April was 24.1°C on the 26th. May, so far, reached 25.3°C, on the 8th, VE Day.

The lowest temperature in April, 1.2°C, occurred on the night of 15th/16th. So far nights in May have been generally mild, though it did drop to 1.8°C on the night of 13th/14th.

April was definitely sunny. The solar panel reading, at 490kWh, was not only the highest April figure since I started recording, but was the highest for any month in the last four years, except for May, June, and July in 2018. Subsequently, the Met Office reported that nationally it had been the sunniest April on record.

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**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\***

## Countryside Notes

18<sup>th</sup> May. Another fairly dry day but cloudy and the land and gardens are becoming exceedingly dry, where only weeks ago the whole aspect was wet: late sown crops on the heavier (clayey) soils are struggling to germinate and gain ground cover. However, we are so lucky to live in our temperate climate that doesn't suffer extremes of weather.

The May blossom on the hawthorn is, at the time of writing, magnificent in its wonderful abundance of white blossom loved by the bees and exuding its fragrance. A fragrance that reaches me usually with surprise and yet instant recognition. We have celebrated Maytime in this country for hundreds of years, not only as the full arrival of spring, but a time when the whole country is bathed in beauty. To me, the May blossom amongst the limestone walls of the Dales is very special, as we see the gnarled windswept thorn in full whiteness, knowing that ere long the same trees will be laden with deep, blood-red haws that will feed the birds and small animals through the winter. The same old thorns when felled, their hard wood has kept the cottagers warm through the cold winters of the past. Only recently, I showed my grandson some of the stones of haws after sharp field mice teeth have made a hole for them to extract the nut kernel within, the haws having been secreted away in autumn.

The golden flush of dandelions didn't last long this year along the highways and byways, due no doubt to the hot weather at the time, for they soon were in full round seed heads, much to the joy of Goldfinches who love the seed. It is good to know that these beautiful birds are increasing in number. A group of them is known as a "Charm", a befitting name. One morning, there was a Bullfinch male with deep pink markings feeding alongside the Goldfinches. These large finches are not liked in the fruit orchards because they destroy the buds on the fruit trees, for which they've suffered much persecution from gardeners.

Last week I found a few groups of caterpillars on some nettle beds. These belong to either the peacock or tortoiseshell butterfly, so I gathered some and placed them in a box with a heap of nettles. It is unbelievable how many nettles they can eat or how fast they can grow but after five days some have pupated. So, another couple of weeks and we will have butterflies to release and, of course, we shall know what sort they are. The eggs laid earlier this year hatch and the little ones live in a protective web of silk and, as they grow, so does the silken web, and it was possible to see the pattern of travel as the hungry one moved on.

Last week whilst walking round the fence of the paddock in front of the house, I came across a bundle of fur that at first glance looked like a dead cat but a second look saw that it was a Roe deer fawn, laying in the long green grass. Its big brown eyes were watching me not blinking and the rest of the fawn never moved a muscle – mother had told it not to move. The fawn was brown with black stripes on its sides and numerous white spots. The great temptation was to pick it up but that had to be resisted as my scent would or could confuse the doe who was not far away watching my every move. Looking round, about six feet away the grass was flattened where the birth had occurred.

People finding such a lovely little creature often think it has been abandoned and try to rescue it, when it needs no rescue from a loving, caring mother.

The roadsides are pretty now that the cow parsley has reached up and opened its fine white flowers. The heavy trees are clad in their new foliage, soft and green, with many of them laden with nectar filled flowers. The oaks have flowered heavily, however, we often do not take a look at the flowering unless it is inescapable, like the large candles of white horse chestnut, and even so we do not look at them closely, to see that they have red and yellow as well as frilly white in their make-up. Have a look if you can.

Finally, our early flowering honeysuckle is in full flower with masses of red and yellow flowers giving their scent to the evening air. There is no holding back its fine perfume, for it shares it with all around. Try and share your richness in these days of isolation and enjoy the unfolding season, so rich in colour and form.

**R&M**



*(Bullfinch - Original Lino Print by Emma Johnson)*

## CHURCH SERVICES

### St Nicholas, Stillington

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

Church services at St Nicholas Parish Church are still suspended, and the Church is closed during the Coronavirus pandemic to help reduce the risk of passing on the virus.

A number of churches in the York area are offering 'virtual' worship on Sundays, go to [www.achurchnearyou.com](http://www.achurchnearyou.com)

If you need to talk about funerals, weddings or baptisms please contact our Priest in Charge, **Revd Steve Whiting 01347 810251**

If you would just like to talk to someone by telephone about Christian matters or more generally about your response to the pandemic and its effect on you then you can contact any of the following too.

**Canon Robert Law 01347 810940**  
**Margaret Price 01347 811262**  
**Muriel Law 01347 810484**  
**Janet Martin 01347 82298**

#### 200 Club

1st Mrs B Jackson - £50  
2nd Mrs K Midgley  
3rd Mrs A Cobb  
3rd Mr G Cookman

Drawn by "our Ernie"

## Peace be with you

'On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together with the doors locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said "Peace be with you". John 20:19

This verse reminds us that on the first Easter, the disciples were locked in a house. It was too dangerous for them to come out and they were afraid. Sound familiar? And yet into all this the risen Jesus came and spoke words of peace. He brought joy and gave them His Spirit. This strange time when we cannot gather at church and many are unable to move from behind locked doors, we find that the risen Christ comes to us; in our homes, in our fears and doubts, and speaks words of peace. May we all know afresh the hope and assurance that Jesus offers to us.

**With blessings, Elizabeth**

### St Leonard's, Farlington

**Priest:** Revd Stephen Whiting 810251  
**Church Wardens:** Sally Wright 878745

Richard Haste 878581  
[richardhaste@btinternet.com](mailto:richardhaste@btinternet.com)

Public worship remains cancelled until further notice and St Leonard's church is still locked. However, the churchyard is looking lovely and is open to everyone, every day, for private prayer and 'quiet time.'

**If you need any help from the church please contact either Revd. Steve or one of the churchwardens.**

Revd Steve is producing weekly reflections and prayers. If you would like to be linked to these or receive the printed version please contact one of the churchwardens.

### Methodist Chapel

**Minister:** Rev E Cushion 821460  
**Stewards:** Robin Jackson 810250  
Gareth Papps 810094

The Chapel garden continues to look lovely and enjoyed the recent rain. The weather has been cooler at times but please do enjoy sitting in the garden.

We are streaming services each Sunday just contact Rev Elizabeth or Robin for details. It has been good to worship together although we are apart. **If you have a prayer request please contact Rev Elizabeth or Robin.**

We wish everybody well at this difficult time, let us all try to keep in touch, a chat on the phone can make all the difference to the day.

### St Mary's Marton

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

If you would like to join the mailing list for Marton Friends (either to receive occasional emails or a paper copy) please contact:

[cjhunt.home@gmail.com](mailto:cjhunt.home@gmail.com)  
or ring 878242.

We are also trying to regularly update our facebook page [facebook.com/martonchurch](https://www.facebook.com/martonchurch) and [achurchnearyou.com/church/18888/](http://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/18888/) with any relevant news or information.

Please just let us know if you would welcome any support, prayers or a friendly phone call.