

Stillington News

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Film Nights at the Village Hall

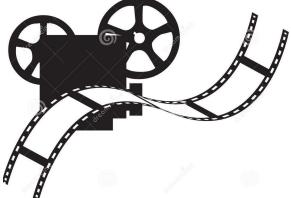
Saturday 21st March

Our film, a British comedy drama centred around the closure of a colliery and its band, will be preceded by a pie and pea supper.

Tickets are £3 and available at the village shop.

Supper at 6.30. Film at 7.30.

To join our email list contact:
info@thevillagehallstillington.org



HEART & CRAFT

– FREE art group for over 50s –
Meets again at the Village Hall
on **Thursday 19th March from 10am – 12 noon**

when the activity on offer will be
MOSAICS

Please email contributions for
the **April** issue to
news@stillingtonvillage.org by
Wednesday 18th March

There will be a village litter pick on Friday 13th March.

ALL VOLUNTEERS VERY WELCOME

Meet up outside the Village Hall at 2:00

Please wear stout shoes/boots

Please bring gardening gloves or similar

Please bring a mobile phone



Hi-viz tabards, pickers and rubbish bags provided



Friends of Stillington School

Quiz and Curry Night

Friday 13th March at 6.30pm

In School

Tickets adults £5 children £3.50

Available from the School Office and the village stores

The Peas



Stillington Village Hall

Sat 7th March, 7.30pm

Adults £10, under 18s £5

The Peas take your guilty pop pleasures from the 80s and 90s and give them a classy rework. From Rick Astley to The Spice Girls their set list could make you shudder, but with a change of chords and a bluegrass, rock'n'roll, acoustic beat the songs feel like new.

Musically intelligent, high tempo, whirling energy.

Acoustic guitar, double bass, foot drums, kazoos, beatboxing, mouth trumpets – and only two people.

You will leave not too sure of what you have witnessed, but feeling all the better for it.

Round up friends, come as a group, you might even want to get up and dance!

Usual bar and raffle.

Tickets are available from the Village Stores and also on-line at ruralarts.org

The Fellowship Lunch

White Bear Inn

Tuesday 17th March

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

Book Sale

Alne Hall and the WI

are holding a book sale in the village hall on **Saturday 7th March**.

Village Hall Usage March 2020

Mon 2	Prime Time	2.0-4.0pm
Tues 3	Craft Group Indoor Bowls	10.0-12.0 2.00pm 7.30pm
Weds 4	Parish Council	7.30pm
Thu 5	Table Tennis	10.0-12.0
Sat 7	Coffee and Books “The Peas” music duo	10.0-12.0 7.30 pm
Mon 9	Prime Time	2.0-4.0pm
Tues 10	Craft Group	10.0-12.0
Wed 11	WI	7.15pm
Thu 12	Table Tennis	10.0-12.0
Mon 16	Prime Time	2.0-4.0pm
Tues 17	Craft Group	10.0-12.0
Weds 18	Archive Group AGM + talk	7.30pm
Thu 19	“Heart & Craft”	10.0-12.0
Sat 21	Film Night	7.00pm
Mon 23	Prime Time	2.0-4.0pm
Tues 24	Craft group	10.0-12.0
Weds 25	Gardening Club	7.30pm
Thu 26	Table Tennis	10.0-12.0
Mon 30	Prime Time	2.0-4.0pm

Weather Report - February 2020

Rainfall

The second half of January proved much drier than the first half so that the monthly total, of 34mm, was significantly lower than the average figure, of 59mm. Unusually, between the 18th and the 24th we had seven consecutive sunny days.

On the contrary, the first half of February has lived up to its name of “February-fill-dyke” by giving us a well-above average 73mm in the first sixteen days. Nearly an inch (23mm) of this was thanks to storm Ciara, or was it Dennis, on the 15th.

Temperature

The highest January temperature was 13.9°C on the 7th and the temperature exceeded 12°C on four days in the latter part of the month. The lowest recorded was -1.2°C on the night of 20/21st.

In the first half of February the temperature got up to 12.3°C on the 9th and fell to -1.1°C on the night of 5/6th.

Despite the sunny spell in January, sunshine has been at a premium. The solar panels registered 130kWh in January, less than a third of a typical summer month.

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D.A.V. E. - Dementia Awareness in Villages and Easingwold

If you or someone you know is concerned about confusion, memory loss or dementia there is support available. Your first steps may be a GP appointment or you can call a local helpline at Dementia Forward.

There are some Easingwold services to help improve your quality of life with memory loss e.g. Singing for All at the Methodist Church; a Woven Branches Day Club and a monthly Friday Frolics both at Springhill Court and a monthly Friendliness Initiative The George Hotel.

For further details please contact EDCCA Office 01347 822875 or info@dementiaforward.org.uk 03300 578592

STILLINGTON GARDENING CLUB - March 2020

March Meeting:

Wednesday 25th March - 7.30 pm

Our speaker for March will be Julian Davies. His topic for the evening will be: “Innovations in Growing Vegetables”.

Definitely a talk not to miss if you grow your own vegetables!

March Tips for the Garden:

- Protect new spring shoots from slugs
- Plant shallots, onion sets and early potatoes
- Plant summer-flowering bulbs
- Lift and divide overgrown clumps of perennials
- Top dress containers with fresh compost
- Mow the lawn on dry days (if needed)
- Prune bush and climbing roses



Stillington and District Community Archive AGM

Wednesday 18th March at 7.30pm

In the Village Hall

Followed by

‘The Crimes of Dr Gramshaw’

a talk given by author Rosemary Cook CBE

New members very welcome

Delicious Refreshments will be served

VE Day 75th Anniversary – Bank Holiday Friday 8 May

Initial thoughts are an archive display similar to the splendid work done for the 100th WW1 anniversary in the Village Hall. And a joint celebration service on Sunday 10 May followed by an afternoon tea. More details in due course.

Stillington and Farlington WI

On Wednesday 12th February Stillington and Farlington WI and guests welcomed Simon from Park House Barns in Gilling East who talked about the various on-going projects of Autism Plus.

Those of you who came to the Village Hall Food Fair will have seen (and probably tasted!!) the delicious chocolates produced at the converted agricultural buildings, but that's not all they do.... there is a five acre plot, some used for horticulture, fresh vegetables and herbs are grown, some of which can be bought at the site and some is sold to local pubs and restaurants. There are also bee hives at the site. A Classic Car Hire business is also run, there are Morris Minors and an Austin Healey "Frog- Eye" Sprite. These can be hired as day-out treats or wedding cars.

Autism Plus is a leading Yorkshire charity whose aim is to support disabled people into work. The land is leased from the Ampleforth Estate, funds are raised from private donation and government grants. The work concentrates on many small enterprises to give a range of experiences including food safety and hygiene, horticulture and machinery maintenance all aimed at designing a personalised pathway working towards qualifications.

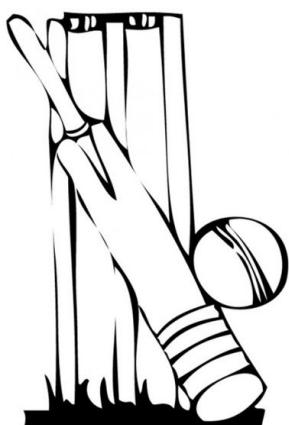
Our next meeting is at 8:00pm on Wednesday 11th March when we will hear about Leeds Swifts, part of a UK-wide network promoting conservation of these amazing flyers.

ALSO.. don't forget the book sale in the village hall 10 - 12 on Saturday 7th March in aid of Alne Hall. There will be tea/coffee and home-made cake!

Stillington sports and Social Club - March 2020

Sun 1st	Pool Singles Last 16	Home	10.00-1.00pm
Mon 2nd	Sewing and Upholstery Class	Home	7.00pm
Tues 3rd	Dominoes 5s & 3s v White Bear	Home	8.15pm
Wed 4th	St Cuthbert's Bowls v Helmsley	Home	8.00pm
Thurs 5th	Indoor Cricket Nets	Home	2.00-4.00pm
Fri 6th	Cricket Committee Meeting	Home	9.30-11.00am
Sat 7th	St Cuthbert's Bowls		8.00pm
Mon 9th	Junior football Practice		
Tues 10th	Dominoes 5s & 3s Free Week		
Wed 11th	British Legion Meeting		
Fri 13th	St Cuthbert's Bowls v Kirkbymoorside	Home	
Sat 14th	Pool A v Mended Drum	Away	
Mon 16th	Pool B v Old boys	Home	
Tues 17th	Indoor Cricket Nets		8.15pm
Wed 18th	St Cuthbert's Bowls	Home	2.00-4.00pm
Sat 21st	Junior Football	Home	9.30-11.00am
Sun 22nd	Pool Doubles Quarter Finals	Home	7.30pm
Mon 23rd	Dominoes 5s & 3s v Black Horse	Away	8.30pm
Wed 25th	Pool A v Horseshoe C	Home	
Sat 28th	Pool B v Horseshoe A	Away	
Mon 30th	Indoor Cricket Nets	Home	8.15pm
	Junior Football	Home	9.30-11.00am
	Dominoes 5s & 3s v Gulshan	Home	

The new season of Indoor Cricket Nets starts on Wednesday 4th March at 8.15pm for 5 weeks, with two nets available at the Galtres Centre, Easingwold. Anyone requiring transport or further information, contact the Sports Club



Quizzes at the Sports and Social Club

A very close quiz finish for February which raised £291 for the Bowling Club. The winning team were Janet and David Martin with Kathy and Alan Berry: Rita and Les Bresnen with Pauline and Tim Drew were just one point behind. The final quiz of the season on 6 March is to support the Cricket Club & their Junior players.



Stillington Branch Royal British Legion

The next meeting of the Branch will take place on Monday 9th March 2020 at 8 pm at Stillington Sports and Social Club.

All members and potential members are invited to attend.

Stillington Wanderers

Parking in Terrington for 27 January walk, another village back lane was discovered before heading northwards past Wigganthon Park lake & joining the Centenary Way at Howthorpe Farm & back alongside Terrington Hall playing fields. The first February walk was from Slingsby, along a dis-used rail track to Fryton & then south up to Fryton Wood. Slingsby Castle (same architect as Hardwick Hall) with its remaining ivy clad towers & walls still has its deep moat to the west; the three Fryton millennium mosaics showed a lot of planning had gone into their designs and chosen sites.

Next walks: Monday 9 and 23 March. Meet outside the White Bear at 9.30a

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

STILLINGTON CRICKET CLUB

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

The club have two senior sides in the York District League. The club are in a similar position to many clubs across the country and always keen to find players of all abilities, whether you can play regularly or otherwise all will be welcomed.

Pre season nets are arranged at the Galtres Centre Easingwold on Wednesday nights from the 4th March 815 til 915 for five weeks, again all are welcome.

The club also run a thriving junior section with U11 and U13 teams in the Hambleton Junior League, training is Friday evenings from 6pm (once the weather warms up). Again players of all abilities are welcome to join in whatever age up to 15. As numbers grow year on year within the Junior Section the club would welcome any support to assist in coaching or organisation of the junior teams.

If any local businesses or residents would be interested in sponsoring the cricket club that would also be appreciated. This could vary from sponsorship of a junior team or match ball for the senior sides (including a free tea!).

There are worse places to spend a sunny afternoon (assuming we get some) so perhaps get down to the ground and support your local village club?

In summary, any help to keep the club blossoming whether from playing, coaching, supporting or administrative aspect would be much appreciated.

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

For any further details please contact Rich Coulton on 07814538491.

Countryside Notes March 2020

Today, Friday 14th February – Valentine’s Day. This morning there was a big commotion on the pond, ripples moving in all directions, then when the causes appeared in sight, it proved to be a pair of Water Hens who were resenting the arrival of a pair of Mallard. Though much smaller, the Water Hens won the day as the Mallards flew away.

The day before, two Robins were puffing their red feathers out and challenging each other in trying to gain a territory for themselves. They are fierce fighters rather unlike this placid Robin with a pen in his good hand. The other hand has a good way to go before it is good.

Just after writing the last script, I went to the Chapel and was amazed at the number of Blackbirds there were feeding on the windfall apples. There were, as I tried to count them, ‘four and twenty Blackbirds’. Twenty-three of them male and only one female, I didn’t fancy the pie! However, years ago, young Rooks were thinned out and were eaten in a pie; I was never impressed with the dark meat that was rather strongly flavoured.



(Original Lino Print by Emma Johnson)

Last Friday, the land had dried, and the corn drill went out before the rain descended on the Sunday and flooded much of the newly drilled land. However, on the Saturday, a dense flock of little birds lighted on the soil and started feeding. There may have been 100 and, as usual, these little birds are difficult to identify, but in one turn as they lighted down, a light grey rump was just visible, so I guess that they were Redpoll or Linnets. The former being migrants and the Linnets indigenous, and these little birds were, in Victorian times, caught and caged as pets. Their numbers have increased in recent times, possibly because of the growing of Oil Seed Rape. I remember in my birdnesting days finding their nests in the hedges alongside a Market Gardener, who hated them because they devoured the Brassica (Cabbage family) plants that he had left to set seed for another year’s crop and he used to shoot them. However, he was a marvellous gardener and a very friendly man.

I take up my pen again, Saturday 15th mid-morning and coffee will soon be ready! This is the day when Storm Dennis is due to hit us. It is mild, still and gently raining, the Mallards are back on the pond and having a similar reception to yesterday; they won’t mind the wet. There was a fair few pigeons and pheasants at the sheep trough when I went to feed the sheep on a concrete pad at the back of the buildings; a French Partridge came flying low ready to land for breakfast when it saw me, the accelerator went down and it was gone, unlike the pheasants who hang about now the shooting season is over. Well, we will wait and see what Dennis is going to give us, and furthermore what spring will deliver as the days lengthen.

RECYCLING POTATO CRISP PACKETS

DO YOU WANT TO RECYCLE MORE ?

St Nicholas Church is collecting Potato Crisp Packets contributions can be left in the box at the back of the church. These are taken to St Nicholas Field Environmental Centre in York who sell them on to a company who are able to recycle the metal and plastic.

Last year all their recycling earned them £4,500 for their environmental education work.

But please note -

**ONLY PACKETS WHICH HAVE CONTAINED
POTATO CRISPS CAN BE RECYCLED -
anything else must go in the black bin.**



UK RECYCLING FACTS



- In the UK we throw away 13 billion steel cans every year, stacked on top of each other, you could make 3 piles of cans that would reach to the moon!
- The energy saved from recycling 1 glass bottle is enough to power a light bulb for four hours
- Disposable nappies take 500 years to decompose
- Producing steel from recycled material saves 75% of the energy needed if steel were made from virgin material
- Every tonne of paper recycled saves 17 trees

TENANTS OF THE KING

Are you concerned about:

Fires in Australia, Climate change

Plastic everywhere etc

WHAT CAN WE DO?

4 week Christian study course.

(using Operation Noah’s study course

Tenants of the King)

Thursdays 7 - 8.30pm, starting on Thursday 5 March,
then Thursdays 19, 26 March and Thursday 2 April.

In Stillington Methodist Chapel YO61 1JS

For more information 811262 Margaret Price

R&M

Church Meeting

The Annual Vestry Meeting, followed by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held in St Nicholas' Church on Tuesday 24th March 2020 at 7.00 pm.

The sole purpose of the Vestry Meeting is to elect Churchwardens for the coming year. Nomination forms for the post of Churchwarden are available at the back of the church.

Following this brief meeting, the Church Meeting consists of reports on the past year in the life of the church and receives the church accounts for 2019. The accounts and Annual Report will be available at the back of church ten days before the meeting.

The meeting also elects members to the Parochial Church Council (PCC) for the coming year. If you wish to nominate someone for the PCC please pick up a nomination form from the back of church and return it to the PCC Secretary, Christine Pick (Tel: 810911).

If you wish to make nominations or take part in the Church Meeting you need to be on the church's electoral roll, currently displayed in the church porch.

Michael Turvey (PCC Lay Chair)

Neighbourhood Watch

Please beware of current scam telephone calls purporting to be from BT concerning your internet connection or possible lack of internet. These are fraudsters encouraging you to download instructions or to gain access to your files and personal information. Thank you to Stillington residents who are reporting these incidents.

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

Stillington Parish Council

Disability Facilities Grant.

Examples of the type of work that can be done through the Grant are:

Widening doorways and installing ramps to make it easier to get into and out of property.

Installing a stair lift or through floor lift.

Adapting a bathroom to make bathing easier, e.g. removing the bath and installing a level access shower.

Improving or providing a suitable heating system which can be used by the disabled occupant.

Improving or making suitable access from the home to the garden.

Where necessary, alterations to a kitchen to allow the disabled occupant to prepare and cook food.

Find out more from:

northyorks.gov.uk/disabled-people-specialist-equipment-home-adaptions-and-aids or Hambleton.gov.uk/dfg

WI Litter Pick is earmarked for Friday 13th March.

Letter in support to the retention of Stillington Village School has been sent to the County Council Education Department from The Stillington Parish Council.

River Foss Catchment, water quality and drainage

In July 2019, Yorkshire Wildlife Trust began working in partnership with North Yorkshire County Council and the Environment Agency to look at the River Foss Catchment and its water quality.

We would like to raise awareness that in 2015 new rules were introduced which mean that if a properties septic tank discharges to a watercourse, not a soakaway or drainage field, it must be replaced or upgraded by 1st January 2020. More information can be found at. www.gov.uk/small-sewage-rules.

The advice to those who were not aware and think they maybe affected would be to contact the Environment Agency (03708506506-8am to 6pm, Mon to Fri) who will be able to guide them through how to upgrade their systems as soon as is practical. They can also find an accredited engineer and further guidance at:

<https://britishwater.co.uk/directory/findengineer.aspx>

There is still one vacancy on the Parish Council anyone interested please come to the next meeting on Wednesday 4th March 2020 7.30pm Stillington Village Hall

Stillington Surgery Building Work

Stillington Surgery apologises for any inconvenience you encounter in our car park or waiting room. following structural damage to the front of our waiting room, we have had temporary repairs and have major repairs planned for the spring.



**COME + SEE Presents: A soulful evening with,
9 piece Soul Band
The Soulfingers**

At Galtres Centre, Easingwold
7.30pm, Saturday 14th March
Doors open at 7pm
£10 (under 18s £5)

Tickets available at Stillington Shop



CHURCH SERVICES - March

St Nicholas, Stillington

Priest:	Revd Stephen Whiting	810251
Church		810484
Wardens:	Muriel Law Muriellaw1@gmail.com Janet Martin Jessie.jm158@gmail.com	822981
Sun 1st	Morning worship	9.15am
Tues 3rd	Prayers for the village	9am
Sun 8th	Holy Communion	9.15am
Tues 10th	Prayers for the village	9am
Sun 15th	Benefice Communion at Sutton	10.30am
Tues 17th	Prayers for the village	9am
Sun 22nd	Holy Communion	9.15am
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SAINT NICHOLAS CHURCH ROTAS

2nd March to 14th March

CLEANING

Mrs J Martin

BRASSES

Dr D Martin

16th March to 28th March

CLEANING

Mrs H Rarcliffe

BRASSES

Mr A Ratcliffe

FLOWERS

None as it is Lent

200 Club

1st Mr P Hartley - £50

2nd Mrs P Conway

3rd Mrs M Grimshaw

3rd Mrs A Dalton.

Drawn by "Our Ernie"

We don't always get it right and Lent is the perfect time to make amends, to put right or get straight with ourselves, with others and with God. I made a slight faux pas when it comes to writing these magazine letters, the more astute among you will have noticed the absence of a vicar's letter last month. For that mix up I apologise and without making excuses – that thing we so often try to do justify our actions – I got it wrong and I put my hands up. It's a good phrase 'put your hands up' it really is, and I don't mean in Western cowboy fashion. We raise our hands in praise, we raise our hands in prayer we raise our hands in moments of triumph, we raise our hands in excitement and adulation, we raise our hand in joy and celebration and we wave our hands as a signal of our presence. Might I also suggest that during Lent you take up the discipline I follow; I don't give anything up for Lent, I take something on. This year I intend to do Morning Prayer at 9 am, in each of my five churches. If you wish to join me, you're most welcome, it will in most instances take approx. 30 minutes. Lent starts on Ash Wednesday 26 February with a Holy Communion at 9.30am with optional ashing at St. Nicholas Church, Stillington. The following morning, I will be at St Leonard's, Farlington. In a normal week this prayer cycle begins in Stillington on a Tuesday, St. Mary's, Marton – Wednesday, St Leonard's, Farlington – Thursday, St Helen's, Sheriff – Friday and All Hallows, Sutton – Saturday. How about joining me and raising your hands in prayer as an extra Lenten discipline; if that's not you, then how about raising your hands to help someone or raising your hands to do some good in the world or raising your hands to make a positive change for you or for someone you know. Then when we reach the joy of Easter it would be my hope and prayer that in some way, some how we/you will have made a difference.

Blessings Rev

Steve

Methodist Chapel - March

Minister: Rev E Cushion **821460**

Stewards: Robin Jackson **810250**

Gareth Papps **810094**

Sun 1st Evening Worship **6.30pm**
Rev. Ruth Duck

Sun 8th Villages Together at **3pm**
Alne Hall, Lent Praise
Rev. Elizabeth Cushion

Sun 15th Evening Worship with **6.30pm**
Communion
Rev. Elizabeth Cushion

Sun 22nd Together at St Nicholas **10.30am**
Mothering Sunday
Communion,

Sun 29th Together at St Nicholas **10.30am**
We will be thinking about
Our Environment

St Mary's Marton - March

Church

Contact: Caroline Hunt **878242**

810251

Sun 1st Celtic Eucharist **6pm**

Sun 15th Meditative Evening **6pm**

Worship

St Leonard's, Farlington - March

Thu 5th Morning Prayer for Lent **9am**

Sun 8th Shortened Matins (BCP) **11.15am**

Thu 12th Morning Prayer for Lent **9am**

Thu 19th Morning Prayer for Lent **9am**

Sun 22nd Holy Communion (BCP) **11.15am**

Thu 26th Morning Prayer for Lent **9am**

Film Afternoon

Wednesday 18th March 2pm

Refreshments and Good Company
Come along and join us, you'll be
very welcome

For more details contact Robin or
Margaret, 810250

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