

Stillington News

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Christmas at the Shop Here to help you get ready

The Sweet Stuff

Tins of luxury biscuits, Festive cakes and mince pies
Seasonal Chocolates. A limited number of special Shop hampers



The Savoury Stuff

Regional Christmas Cheeses, Tempting Savoury Biscuits
Legendary Thornton's Pork Pies to Order



The Gift Stuff

Wrapping paper for all ages, Christmas Cards supporting local charities.
Padded envelopes, Parcel paper & Tape

The Post Office Stuff

Christmas Stamps, Advice on last posting dates - make it earlier this year if you can
Mobile phone Top-ups

The Practical Stuff

Open as usual all the way through to Christmas Eve



Stillington Branch Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2020

The RBL has changed its guidance on the sale of poppies to allow sales to take place with boxes being allowed in smaller outlets such as post offices, village stores and pubs as well as the larger national supermarkets, although door to door sales will not take place this year.

If individuals wish to make a personal donation towards the vital work of the Royal British Legion they may do so by making a cheque out to "The Poppy Appeal" or "The Royal British Legion" and send it to:

Neil Cochran, Area Community Fundraiser, The Royal British Legion, 73-75 Albion Street, Leeds LS1 5LA Please mark the back of the envelope Stillington 1051.

Stillington Branch is making a donation from its own funds as well.

**Patrick Kemp Chairman
Malcolm Watson President**

REMEMBRANCE IN STILLINGTON

Sunday 8th November at 10.45am

We remember our war dead
and lay a wreath by the memorials in
church
Everyone welcome

Sadly there will be no Garden of
Remembrance
and no prayer service on 11th November

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

Remembrance Sunday 8 November 2020

Stillington Branch Royal British Legion will be holding its modified, shortened Remembrance Service at All Saints Church Brandsby on Sunday 8th November starting at 10.30 am.

In view of the current Covid rules the service will take place outside in the churchyard, with social distancing, in order to accommodate all who hope to attend. You may also wish to bring your own chair. Face masks are not required outside the church.

To comply with Covid rules contact details must be provided before attending the service. If you are going to attend would you please send your name and telephone number to Patrick Kemp (01347 239152) or Malcolm Watson (01347 810402) by Friday 6th November. We will then forward all details to the church warden at Brandsby.

Patrick Kemp, Chairman Malcolm Watson, President



Stillington Charity for Relief in Need

The delayed AGM of the Charity will hopefully take place in the Village Hall on Wednesday 25th November 7 pm. The meeting will be socially spaced and masks must be worn. If you would like to attend the meeting please contact the secretary Mrs Adryenne Hope. Tel. 811039 or email adryennehope@gmail.com

Stillington Oil Cooperative (part of the Lower Swale Oil Supplying Group)

I thought an update to Cooperative Members would be helpful as we head towards winter and start thinking of switching the heating on, if we've not done so already.

This has been a very turbulent few months and as you have undoubtedly seen that oil prices earlier in the year took a large tumble. It was reported that oil was delivered within the village at less than 10p per litre. Even with the price increasing in recent months it is still way down on what it was this time last year. The prices are still very competitive and usually a few pence per litre than quoted by Boilerjuice.

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 rate. 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 few weeks to see you through until next year!

New members are always welcome, to join contact Tim Drew 01347 811572 or Peter Coomer 01347 810891 stillington@swale.org.uk

Cup Success for Marton Abbey

Both the 1st and 2nd team were in action in the York Junior Cup 1st Round and recorded victories. Cliffe Reserves were beaten in our first official home game at the Sports Club with goals from Jamie Howard and Scott Higgs and some excellent last-ditch defending. Wilberfoss were beaten 5-0 on their home turf where Sam Robinson scored a wonder goal.

In league action, the 2nd team travelled to Heslington and two goals each from Adam Galloway and Jack Jefferson as well as great goals from Ollie Hall and Nathan Snowdon saw us record a 6-1 victory in new manager Dan Miller's first match in charge.

The first league game at Stillington (versus Elvington Harriers) was an all-action affair with Jefferson and Galloway scoring again, but Marton hit the woodwork three times and fell to a defeat. Meanwhile the 2nd team recorded a 2-1 win against Harrison Signs Reserves.

The latest match saw a to-and-fro game against Kellingley Welfare 2nds where Jack Hulse popped up to score the winner in a 3-2 victory with the last kick of the game. There is certainly plenty of entertainment to be had on the football field from 2pm in Stillington.

Next up is the second round of the cup for both teams and hopefully we can report on another double victory in the next Stillington News.

Stillington Community Association

The Annual General Meeting was held on the 24th September 2020.

Due to Covid 19 restrictions only six Board members attended the meeting with a total of eighteen proxy votes given in respect of various board members.

Apologies were received from four shareholders. There were four resolutions, all of which were agreed and passed.

No questions were raised by shareholders.

Mr Ken Wallace resigned his position as a Board member and a replacement is being sought.

The meeting concluded after eleven minutes. John Dalton, Secretary



Living Advent Windows - Something to cheer us all up!

All you have to do is choose a visible window with your chosen date 1-23 Dec. This needs to be clearly seen and illuminated from behind from 5pm until bedtime from your date onwards, through Advent and up to Twelfth Night. For ideas, go to Google - Living Advent Calendar.. 'Window 24' will be displayed at St. Nicholas' Church.

You are also invited to 'walk the windows' at 5pm on Christmas Eve, finishing at church.

In addition, this year there will be a competition for 12 years and under. Camouflaged in each window will be a letter - when all the letters are rearranged they will form a line of a well-known carol. There will be a prize for the first correct answer drawn from a hat on Christmas Eve at 5pm. The judge's decision will be final!

Dates will be allotted on a 'first come, first served' basis.

Could I please have all entries for this by 15th November so that the list of 'windows' can be published in the Stillington News December edition.

Email: dianamitchinson@mac.com or text/telephone 07971 291594



OBJECTS OF INTEREST No 5

Each month we will show an “Object of Interest” in the Stillington area. An extract from Rudyard Kipling’s poem, The Elephant’s Child:
“I keep six honest serving men. (They taught me all I know). Their names are:
What and Why and When and How and Where and Who.

QUESTIONS

WHAT was there before the Beech Tree was planted?
Why were they removed?
WHEN was it planted?
HOW could this be allowed?
WHERE is this beech tree?
WHO was responsible for all this?



ANSWERS:

WHAT A cottage where John Russell (1822-181895), shoemaker, sexton, Parish Clerk and the first keeper of the Church clock, lived. He was the father of George Russell who created the “Russell Lupin”. The Beech Tree was reputedly planted to commemorate him.,
WHY To make space to enlarge the churchyard for graves
WHEN 1860’s
HOW The cottage land was owned by the church
WHERE Next to Beech Cottage in the churchyard, close to John Russell’s resting place.
WHO The Church Authorities

Written by Robert Churton. Researched by Liz Cole.

STILLINGTON GARDENING CLUB - NOVEMBER 2020

COVID 19 has again taken its toll on our events but we have had some.

We could not show our winners last month due to lack of space. So here they are:-

Congratulations to Christine Shires and Margaret Grimshaw for jointly winning the Photographic Competition.



Christine Shire’s Vegetables



Margaret Grimshaw’s
Flower with Bee

Congratulations to Moyna Maxwell-Scott and Dennis North for being the joint winners of the Sunflower Competition. They each grew a head just under a foot across!



They each grew heads of just under 1 foot (30cm) across AMAZING.

Well done to all the other entrants. Better luck next year.

NB The seeds from the heads will be used for next year’s competition so you will all have an equal chance of winning.

The Winners of the October draw for the “Winners Club” were 1st Prize of £15 –Val Black and 2nd prize with £5 was Margaret Jackson.. Her ticket was only bought a week before the draw so not too late to join, Contact 810513 or churton234@btinternet.com for details.

For December we will be planning a surprise so watch this space!!

November Tips for the Garden:

1. Clear up fallen leaves - especially from lawns, ponds and beds
2. Raise containers onto pot feet to prevent waterlogging
3. Plant tulip bulbs for a spring display next year
4. Prune roses to prevent wind-rock
5. Plant out winter bedding plants.
6. Cover brassicas with netting if pigeons are a problem
7. Insulate outdoor containers from frost – bubble wrap works well
8. Stop winter moth damage to fruit trees using grease bands around the trunks
9. Put out bird food to encourage winter birds into the garden
10. Use the village bonfire to dispose of cuttings & branches.

Written by Robert Churton

Weather Report - October 2020

Rainfall

September remained relatively dry. The rainfall was 37.5mm, compared with an average figure of 61mm.

So far, October has been distinctly wet. Rainfall reached the normal total for the month by the 16th. News media reported that October 3rd was the wettest day in the UK since records began. Averaged over the whole country there were nearly 32mm of rain. So Stillington was let off lightly, with only 22mm that day.

Temperature

The highest temperature in September was 25.5°C on the 15th. Towards the end of the month it scarcely got into double figures and things got distinctly autumnal.

Sunshine, as measured by my solar panels (340kWh), was less than last year but higher than in several preceding years.

The lowest temperature was a mere 4.6°C on the night of 27/28th.

The first half of October has been temperate, no great highs and no nasty lows, a maximum temperature of 15.7°C on the 2nd and a minimum of 5.7°C on the 12/13th.

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BATA HEATING OIL

If you require a delivery of heating oil
in
November
please let **Maureen Linton** know by
Monday, 16th November.

e-mail preferred:
minsteryork@me.com
or 01347 810082

Minimum: 500 litres

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The Committee that runs Stillington Shop and Post Office has a vacancy.

Could you help us?

We meet monthly to review the past month and plan for the future. It would be good if you have experience volunteering in the shop, and you should be a shareholder. All committee members take a lead in some aspect of the shop and Post Office activity (behind the scenes or in the shop).

**If you are interested please contact
Margaret Price for a chat
(01347 811262)**



Stillington Bonfire Cancelled

It will come as little surprise that, due to the current Covid-19 pandemic and the associated regulations, this year's bonfire and fireworks display has had to be cancelled. We hope that the situation will have improved enough in 2021 to allow this well-loved village event to return next year.

For the benefit of those in the village who normally use the bonfire to dispose of garden waste etc., a rubbish collection will still be made if possible, depending on the Covid restrictions at the time. **Only burnable rubbish will be accepted and it must be put at the front of your property, not blocking the pavement or road, by/on Tuesday 3 November. The rubbish will be collected later in the week, to reduce Covid risk to the collectors. The collected rubbish will be burnt on private property, without spectators.** If the Covid situation at the time prevents the collection from going ahead, a notice will be put in the post office and people will have to dispose of their own rubbish in other ways

Those putting out rubbish are invited to make a small donation to the funds for future bonfires in a collection box at the post office.

The collection will be made by volunteers, taking precautions for Covid as applicable at the time (rule of 6, social distancing, gloves, etc.). If you are willing to help, please leave a note with your name and phone number in the same collection box in the post office.

Hoping that everyone is well and looking forward to seeing you all next year!



Restarting RECYCLING POTATO CRISP PACKETS

(no other snack packaging please)
please leave in the box
in the church porch

they go to Terracycle
via St Nicholas Field
Environmental Centre in York



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 November 2020

Monday 19th October. It has been a fine day, but heavy rain is forecast for tomorrow and Wednesday. Consequently, the corn drill is busy working late to finish another field of Wheat. The conditions are not good. The land, having been ploughed a few days, with rain and not a lot of drying weather, is rather clarty to say the least where the more clayey land is. However, the wet of the last month or so has not lifted the water table too far, so where the land is not seriously puddled, the water will get away. The Foss has, therefore, not risen much even though there have been substantial amounts of rain.

Shortly after submitting the last notes, I opened the door early and was greeted by the excited chatter or clamour of a flock of Fieldfares, the first of the winter's flocks of Continental Thrushes. They will eat the berries and autumn fruits before moving on to pastures new. About the same time, a large skein of Geese flew over in one large V formation. I expect that they would be Pink Foots flying, probably, to East Anglia to their feeding grounds. Our birdfeeders are being used by a good number of various birds, while on a puddle and on the grass a blue headed Wagtail has been active. For a couple of days, Margaret had a Goldcrest feeding on a climbing rose against the house wall. She was rewarded with some close-ups of this colourful tiny bird, with its vivid gold crest on top of its head. In the fields, a pair of Egrets are about. They stand out a mile with their snow-white plumage. They belong to the Heron family and have the same stance on their long legs.

There have been various Fungi about, with a variety of colours and shapes that please the eye. I am cautious about eating them as they contain toxins that vary in toxicity from upset stomachs to death itself. We have not valued the work that this form of life does for us and our planet. They are busy eating so much plant waste and breaking it up to feed the higher botanic plants that produce our food and absorb carbon from our atmosphere. Without them, our world would be a big refuse area. The Toadstools, Mushrooms and Brackets that we see are the fruiting bodies of vast organisms.

The publication of the little leaflet on the river Foss tells us that Mink are about and causing havoc to reintroduced Water Voles. Mink are no new form of life on our river; they have been about for at least 40 years, thanks to fur farming escapees.

The wonders of autumnal colours are out and are to be enjoyed. How the sun lights them up, especially at dawn and evening on bright days. You must look out and enjoy them, while they invite you to look and be enriched by the wonder of it all. **R & M**



(Original Lino Print by Emma Johnson)

Stillington Community Primary School

I hope everyone is well in these strange circumstances.

Unfortunately due to a confirmed case of Coronavirus the school closed on Tuesday 13th October in order for staff and children to isolate.

Our teachers and teaching assistants have been extremely busy providing a rich curriculum through remote learning and elements of virtual teaching on their computers. We are so proud of our children and parents who have adapted quickly to this online method of teaching which means our children are continuing to access the curriculum they would have enjoyed at school.

Just a reminder that applications for reception places will end in January. If you have a child who is due to start school in September 21 please contact me on

headteacher@stillington.n-yorks.sch.uk

and I can organise a visit when we return to show you our fabulous new learning environments and all that Stillington Primary School has to offer.

We look forward to hopefully welcoming everyone back after half-term.



The **Governors** would like to thank everyone who responded to the school's change of age range consultation which ended on 26th October. The response from the Stillington community has been fantastic and is very much appreciated. All comments received will be considered by the Governing Board before deciding whether to ask the County Council's Executive to publish statutory proposals to lower the age range of the school on their website. This will provide a further period of four weeks in which views and comments can be made.

CHURCH SERVICES

St Nicholas, Stillington

Priest: Revd Stephen Whiting **810251**
Church

Wardens: Janet Martin **822981**
Jessie.jm158@gmail.com
Richard Mapletoft **811854**
rmapletoft@outlook.com

Sun 1st Holy Communion 10am
Weds 4th Prayers for the village 1.30 - 2pm
Sun 8th Remembrance Service 10.45am
Weds 11th Prayers for the village 1.30 - 2pm
Sun 15th Morning Worship 10am
Weds 18th Prayers for the village 1.30 - 2pm
Weds 25th Prayers for the village 1.30 - 2pm
Sun 29th Holy Communion 10am

**The Church is open for personal prayer
every Wednesday 2 - 4pm**

Sunday 10 - 12 noon if there is no service

In order to keep us all safe and well during the pandemic everyone entering the church is asked to wear a face covering. You will also be asked to leave your name and contact telephone number in case any track and trace is needed. Please use the hand sanitiser on entering and leaving the church and follow the one way system.

St Leonard's, Farlington

Priest: Rev Stephen Whiting **810251**

Church Wardens: Sally Wright **878745**
Richard Haste **878581**
richardhaste@btinternet.com

The church looked wonderful 'dressed' for Harvest at the end of September. We are pleased so many people came along to see it and spend some time surrounded by the delightful smells and sounds of harvest time.

Sun 8th Service of Remembrance
(see below) **10.45am**

Sun 22nd Holy Communion (BCP)
11.15am

Remembrance Sunday November 8th

There will be our usual Service of Remembrance at 10.45am on Sunday 8th. However, because of current social distancing rules seating in the church is restricted and, at the time of writing this, we are awaiting guidance as to whether we have to have a booking system to control the number of people attending. As soon as we know how we will be running the Remembrance service we will publicise it as much as possible.

The church is open every Tuesday and Saturday from 10.30am for private prayer and quiet time but will close at 3.00pm during the winter months.

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.

With the current situation and still no end in sight to restrictions and social distancing, it can feel like a dark time. We might think 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.

The end of this month also brings the beginning of Advent, when we prepare ourselves for Christmas. 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. That light still shines in the world today, and the darkness has not overcome it.

Elizabeth Cushion

200 Club

Firstly a huge thank you to everyone who has joined this years 200 club.

St Nicholas Church is very grateful to all who have contributed to this our only fund raiser this year.

Now for the results.

1st Mr R Conway £50
2nd Mrs V Chapman £20
3rd Mrs J Seymour £10
Drawn by "our Ernie"

Methodist Chapel

Minister: Rev E Cushion
821460

Stewards: Robin Jackson
810250

Gareth Papps

810094

Although we still cannot worship within the Chapel we can zoom together with Easingwold with our Minister Rev. Elizabeth Cushion on Sunday mornings.

Our Village Chapels worship together on Zoom on Sunday afternoons. You are welcome to join us.

Contact Rev. Elizabeth Cushion on 821460 or Tricia Mitchell on 838569.

The garden is still looking beautiful for you to enjoy in the sunshine.

St Mary's Marton Church

Contact: Caroline Hunt **878242**
cjhunt.home@gmail.com
Sue Whiting **810251**

We are still opening the church for personal prayer on Thursday mornings (9am-12pm) and Sunday afternoons (2-5pm).

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

Do get in touch if you would like to hear more about how the churchyard is being maintained or if you would like to receive a weekly email with worship material from Rev Steve as part of our online church community as 'Marton Friends'.

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