

Stillington News

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The Annual Remembrance Day Service will take place this year at **All Saints Church Brandsby on Sunday 8th November 2020 at 10.30 for 10.45 am.** Because of Covid 19 we are planning for a modified version of the usual format. The exact format will depend on the restrictions in force at the time. Further details will be given in the November edition of Stillington News

Can you make up a shoe box full of gifts for a child this Christmas?

The Good Samaritan shoe boxes go to children in other parts of the world who would generally not receive a Christmas gift.

Over the past few years, 20 shoe boxes have left Stillington for countries in Africa, Eastern Europe and South America.

Shoe boxes can be created for a particular age group and also for a girl or boy, and include items like school supplies, toys (no guns), clothing (eg hat and gloves) and hygiene items (toothbrush, soap). A small financial gift is requested to help with transport.

Pre-prepared cardboard for making up a box, plus instructions can be collected from the porch of the church.

Completed boxes can be collected by, or dropped off to, Margaret Price 811262.

All boxes need to be completed by 1st November

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 3rd 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!



Notice from the team

Contributors, we have made the decision this month to run with 8 pages as there are lots of important articles / information. Please note that this is not financially feasible as a regular option.

Submissions for future copy may need to be heavily edited or even omitted if space is limited.

Stillington Branch Royal British Legion - Field of Remembrance



Because of the Covid 19 restrictions and the fact that the National Poppy Appeal/RBL has decreed that there will be no door to door poppy sales this year or sales in the usual local outlets, we have decided, with regret, not to have a Field of Remembrance outside the Church and the usual short prayer service on 11th November 2020 at 11am.

Poppies will be available in the larger national supermarkets. The work of the Royal British Legion of course continues so we would encourage people, if they wish, to make a direct personal donation to the poppy appeal fund. Details of how best to do so will be given in the November edition of Stillington News. The Stillington Branch will be making a donation from our own funds.

**Patrick Kemp Chairman
Malcolm Watson President**

Please email contributions for the **November** issue to news@stillingtonvillage.org by

**Wednesday 21st
October**

Notices

Annual Church Meeting

The two church meetings, postponed from March, will now be held on **Wednesday 21st October**, starting at **7pm**. The **Annual Vestry Meeting**, at 7pm, is for the sole purpose of electing two Churchwardens for the coming year. This meeting is open to all on the civil electoral roll for Stillington.

The **Annual Parochial Church Meeting** will start immediately afterwards. This meeting will receive reports on the church's financial and other activities over the past year and will elect members to the Parochial Church Council. Anyone may attend this meeting, but voting is restricted to those on the church electoral roll, currently displayed in the church porch. **Please Note: Both meetings will be conducted in a covid secure manner, with face coverings worn and distancing being observed.** Any queries to Michael Turvey. PCC Lay Chair (Tel: 810473)

Christmas Parcels

Please note:
PO Customers – in view of ongoing Covid-19 guidance and restrictions, we are all being advised to get parcels ready and posted early for Christmas to avoid queuing.

Village Pond

Formal work postponed for the Village Pond and its surrounds on Sat 3rd October re Covid 19 guidance.

However it is a large area and with responsible social distancing and individuals taking responsibility for their own actions people may wish to make a start in their own time. And once the necessary tree work has been completed and working lives return to some normality we shall reconvene

Neighbourhood Watch

North Yorkshire Police advise us of a new scam email in circulation purporting to be from HM Courts & Tribunal Service. The scam informs the recipient they have been using their vehicle on a road subject to a charging scheme and have failed to pay the appropriate charge. The recipient is informed there is a £25 fine increasing to £50 if not paid within 14 days and £100 if not paid within 28 days. The recipient is encouraged to click on a link in the email in order to pay the fine. **THIS IS A SCAM.** There are a number of indicators in the email that it is a scam

1. The senders email address does not correspond to HM Courts & Tribunal Service
 2. It is not personally addressed
 3. It does not state where your vehicle was seen nor any details of your vehicle
 4. The email encourages you to click on a link to make payment (all this will do is harvest your bank account details)
 5. There is a deadline to act
- Remember all suspicious emails can be forwarded to **report@phishing.gov.uk**.

If you have already responded to the scam and lost money, contact your bank and report the crime to North Yorkshire Police on 101 or alternatively Action Fraud on **0330 123 2040** or online at **actionfraud.police.uk**

Stillington Post Office & Stores

Owned by the community. Run by volunteers.

One more early-morning hero

Every morning at 6.30 (except Sundays) a local hero opens up the village shop, sorts the newspapers for delivery around the village, and sells papers, drinks and sandwiches to people on their way to work, kids on their way to school, and villagers and passers-by grateful that the shop is open so early.

We need one more hero for one morning a week (or a fortnight) to complete our team

Apart from the early rise, it's not that difficult. 2 or 3 sessions spent shadowing other members of our team will show you all you need to learn. And once you're on your own, support is always on hand.

So when you set off home at 9am for your well-earned breakfast, you'll know you've already done something slightly heroic with your day.

To find out more please call Howard Williams on 811278. Or email hmw010650@gmail.com

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.

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

Bags to School

On 6th November Stillington Primary School will be collecting unwanted clothes, bags, shoes etc to help towards fundraising for the school. We would be really grateful if you could support us with this as we cannot organise any other fundraising events at the present time due to the pandemic.

In recognition of rules relating to covid, bags will not be delivered through your door. Instead, please put your clothes etc into bin liners and either drop them off at the school before the 6th November or call Jo Atkinson on 810254 / 07762811356 to collect them from outside your home.

Please support your local primary school. Thank you.

**Jo Atkinson
Chair and Treasurer FOSS**

Notices

Marking Remembrance Day during the pandemic

Remembrance Day 2020 is likely to be very different to past years, but we shouldn't allow coronavirus to prevent us recognising and celebrating our veterans. That's why we are offering gift boxes to older ex-servicemen and women in North Yorkshire. Funded by the Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust, boxes will include a collection of Yorkshire-themed items, including biscuits and teabags, as well as commemorative items from the Royal British Legion's Poppyshop.

The packs are free of charge and will be delivered in early November, arriving in time for Remembrance Sunday. (Packs are suitable for both men and women.)

To be eligible for a pack, veterans must:

- be aged 65 or over;
- have served in HM Armed Forces (including National Service) or have seen active service as part of the Merchant Navy;
- live in one of the North Yorkshire districts (i.e. Craven, Hambleton, Harrogate, Richmondshire, Ryedale, Scarborough or Selby).

If you meet the above criteria, or you know an older veteran who does, please see more information on:

Communityfirstyorkshire.org.uk,

email exforces@communityfirstyorkshire.org.uk

or call us on 01904 704177.

There are 150 boxes available and they will be distributed on a first come first serve basis, while stocks last, max 1 per household. Deadline for applications is 18th October 2020.

Parish Council Meeting

A copy of the complete minutes can be found on the Stillington News website or on the village notice board.

Planning will be discussed at all parish council meetings by zoom every first Wednesday of the month please call 01347810285 Mary Midgely for instructions.

Planning applications

Several planning applications have been granted.

Grass cutting contracts.

Tender for grass cutting and strimming of the village for the next five years 2021-2025 is underway. Quotations received will be discussed in November's meeting.

Community speedwatch

Speedwatch checks have been in operation at certain village locations since autumn 2017. Consideration given to the installation of a Vehicle Activated Speed Signs (VAS). However, Stillington does not have the volume of traffic or number of speeding offenders to justify this. Traffic concerns will be kept under review with Community Speed watch sessions.

Village pond

Planning to improve the village pond & surround, underway. Offers of help with both the hedging and new plants, received. Volunteers begin work on Saturday 3rd October.. Quotes for the substantial tree work are being obtained.

Mary Midgely

Please Help "200 Club"

St Nicholas Church has been running its "200 Club" for a number of years now and it has become a major contributor to our fundraising.

This year, more than ever, we are asking for your support.

Given the extraordinary situation we are all living through, this is the only fund raising event we are likely to be able to organise this year and, therefore, our only source of extra funds. Most of the running costs of the church have not changed even though we are able to have far fewer services, so we are desperately looking for the Club to provide as big a help as possible.

October is the month when existing members renew for the year and new members join.

We are therefore making a special appeal this year for existing members to rejoin and for new members to come on board.

If you would really like to help to keep your village church going and are not as yet a 200 Club member please ring 810520 to give your address and a joining form will be delivered to you (if there's no answer please leave a message).

Present members will be receiving their new membership forms in the next few weeks - please rejoin, and perhaps even increase your membership this year.

The operation of the club is simple - for £1 a month each member is entered into the draw and 40% of the total members' money for that month is paid out in prizes. You join for a year and participate in all twelve draws.

Over the last year our top prize each month was £50 - we'd love to make it even bigger this year!

There are runner up prizes each month as well.

Please, especially this year, help to keep St Nicholas going!

**The Governing Board of
Stillington Community Primary School
is consulting with all stakeholders with a
view to lowering our admission age, to
allow us to take children from 3 years old.**



**If you would like further details or wish to
comment on these proposals please visit our
website: www.stillington.n-yorks.sch.uk**

*Paper copies of the Consultation Document and
Response Form are also available, on request,
from the school or Stillington Post Office.*

**The consultation will run until
Monday 26th October 2020**

Stillington School – A Super Start!

What a super start back to school. All our children have returned full of enthusiasm and our new staff have settled in well. The school is looking amazing after its complete redecoration and new classroom designs - which the children love. You can see photos of our refurbished learning environments on the school website.

If you have a child who is due to start reception in September 2021, please give us a call to organise an appointment to look around school. We have visitor guidance in place to ensure our staff and children are kept safe and will happily arrange an appointment for you to come and see for yourself what Stillington Community Primary School has to offer.

Just a quick reminder of the covid-secure workshops we will be running across our 3 schools over the next few weeks. If you are interested in attending with your child please email stillingtonoffice@foston.n-yorks.sch.uk.

Corinne Cross
Chair of Governors

Objects Of Interest No 4.

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 knew)

Their names are **What** and **Where** and **When**
And **How** and **Why** and **Who**."



Questions:

WHAT type of sapling is in the picture?

Why is it there?

WHEN was it planted?

HOW was it paid for?

WHERE is this sapling planted?

WHO arranged for the planting?

Answers:

WHAT. A Liquid Amber sapling. Look at the colour of the leaves

WHY. It replaces one of the pair of Sugar Maple trees that died and was felled. They were planted in 1937 to commemorate the coronation of King George VI.

WHEN. 2017

HOW. By an anonymous donation

WHERE. The Green at the Duck Pond end of North Back Lane

WHO. The Stillington Parish Council

Written by Robert Churton
Researched by Liz Cole

Stillington Gardening Club

The implications of the "Rule of Six" upon the activities of the club were discussed at a meeting held on the 14th September.

Main points:

Meetings are suspended, but will be reintroduced as soon as possible.

A Christmas party will not be held this year.

The "Winners" Club will continue to be drawn at the end of each month using random computer selection.

The Photographic Competition winners to be contacted and photos displayed on the Village notice boards.

The Sunflower Competition will go ahead. Place flower heads in a bag or box, with your name and telephone number and please leave on the trailer in the driveway of **Dennis North, Medhurst, North Back Lane by Sunday 4th October.**

Dobies seeds seed catalogues will be distributed when they arrive. Please ensure you return your order form with the correct money to Dennis North. More details in next month's issue.

Accounts the treasurer presented an updated budget showing a healthy account.

The "Winners Club"

1st Prize - £15 Muriel Law with Ticket No. 7 - Cauliflower

2nd Prize - £5 Hazel Ratcliffe with Ticket No. 10 - Eryngium

It is not too late to buy tickets for the remaining 7 draws. £10 a ticket, apply Robert Churton 810513 or churton234@btinternet.com.

Photographic Competition

Margaret Grimshaw – Close up of Flower plus Bee.

Christine Shires – Wide angle view of garden

Well done to all the other entrants

If you would like to join the Club. The benefits are: excellent. Speakers at six 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 or call: 01347 810897.

October Tips for the Garden:

1. Care for your lawn. The last cut should be a little higher to protect the grass from winter frosts.
2. Trim hedges.
3. Divide herbaceous perennials. Plant some back in the ground; take others to pot up and give away to friends in the spring.
4. Plant bulbs for a colourful spring display.
5. Plant out spring bedding and biennials, such as wall-flowers, for spring displays.
6. 'Plant' prepared hyacinths in vases for a winter scent and colour in the house.
7. Carry out some PRUNING

Robert Churton

Can you help?

I am writing a history of Dalby Church and want to use **Blurb** to do the printing..

I need help to download a template.

If you can help please contact me on churton234@btinternet.com.

Stillington Sports and Social Club

October

Marton Abbey AFC Report

The Club's football teams have completed seven friendly fixtures, both home and away, with a large percentage of victories. The First Team start their season with 3 away games and return to a home fixture on 3rd October v York R.I. The Second Team's first home game is slightly earlier on 26th September v Cliffe in the Res Cup, with three away fixtures to follow.

First Team

September

Sat 12th	v LNER Builder - League	Away
Sat 19th	v Selby Olympia - League	Away
Sat 26th	v Wilberfoss - Cup	Away

October

Sat 3rd	v York R.I. - League	Home
Sat 10th	v Thirsk Falcons - League	Away
Sat 17th	v Kellingley Welfare - League	Home
Sat 31st	v Bishop Wilton - League	Home

Second Team

September

Sat 19th	v Riccall United - League	Away
Sat 26th	v Cliffe - Cup	Home

October

Sat 3rd	v Heslington - League	Away
Sat 10th	v Harrison signs - League	Away
Sat 31st	v Fulford United - League	Away

Stillington Bowling Club – end of the 2020 season

The Mini league competition was completed on the last weekend in August with the four top league players from this year taking part in the final and a 3rd/4th play off match. Ruth Lester won the final to become mini league champion for 2020 beating Steve Gall by 21 to 14. The 3rd place playoff was a very close game with Karen Peters just beating Kathy Berry, 21 to 20. The mini leagues are run for the newer members of the club to develop their experience with the winner then excluded from the future year's competition. The mini league, has been even more important than ever this season, as an on-going, season long, internal competition that we could play under safe conditions. Les Bresnan organises the mini league, and is a very generous sponsor of this competition. Thanks to Les for his continued support.

The Robin Thompson trophy competition was held on Sunday 6th September. This competition involves a full day of bowling with most of the club members taking part in teams of three. At the end of an enjoyable and competitive day the team of Les Bresnan, Colin Speck and Bill Walton won and were presented with the trophy. This was the final event of the season and marked the closure of the bowling green for another year. Plans were in hand to undertake some major greenkeeping work in order to ensure the green is in even better condition for 2021.

Our secretary, Margaret Tomlinson, chairman, Harold Tomlinson and treasurer Liz Green have all worked extra hard this year to keep the club going, along with all other, cleaners, greenkeepers, and helpers, working to ensure Coronavirus protection measures have been applied. Thanks to them all and let's look forward to a more normal bowling season for 2021 if possible.

Everyone can keep up to date via, our website at stillingtonbowls.club, the club house notice board, and the Stillington News.

Football

Since the last newsletter, Stillington's new village football team have finished their pre-season successfully and embarked on their first competitive matches.

Saturday 12th September saw Marton Abbey take on LNER Builders in the Minster Engineering League Division 4. After early promise and a goal from new signing Callan Blackstock, Marton lost their way a little. Half-chances were spurned and, despite two smart saves from veteran keeper Dan Huggins, LNER soon equalised. A mix-up in defence saw Marton fall behind before LNER Builders went further ahead from the penalty spot. Starring a surprise defeat in the face as injury time approached, a chaotic last few minutes saw the opposition captain sent off for a violent challenge, Cal Marshall scoring from the penalty spot and then bundling the ball over the line in the 95th minute. A pleasing never-say-die attitude managed to rescue a point.

A week later, the first team travelled to Selby Olympia starting very quickly with Scott Snowdon scoring within 45 seconds before it being bizarrely ruled out for foul play. After a disjointed first twenty-five minutes where Abbey needed to replace two injured players, Callan Blackstock once again opened the scoring with an assist from Cal Marshall. The pair similarly combined to produce a second before half-time. The second half saw Marton Abbey settle and create a multitude of chances, James Gallagher and Ben Moss controlling the midfield. Captain Ross Howard contributed an excellent header

before substitutes Sam Robinson and Jack Jefferson, in his first game for the club, added to the scoreline. Right-back Reece Coulson fired in a meteor-strike from 30 yards before Cal Marshall deservedly grabbed the 7th, having already hit the post twice. Dan Huggins' goal was never threatened due to great work from Coulson, Howard and Jack Hulse at the back (apart from a blistering strike from Hulse himself!)

The 2nd team played away at table-topping Riccall Utd Reserves and despite battling hard in the first half went in 2-1 down, Ben Orange's masterful strike from almost 50 yards, plus some good saves from Jack Robinson having kept the match close. Riccall pulled away in the second half with Marton losing their way a little. Luck did not fall Abbey's way with a world-class tackle from captain Joe Richardson not seen that way by the referee who gave a penalty, as well as playmaker Tyler Carlyle striking the post from a cross-cum-shot. The game ended 4-1 to the home team.

Both teams finished September in cup action. Results will be in the next Village News. However you can follow us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter if you wish and find out up-to-the-minute news.

Upcoming fixtures at Stillington at time of going to press:

Sep 26th vs Cliffe Reserves CUP

Oct 3rd vs York RI

Oct 17th vs Kellingley Welfare

Oct 31st vs Bishop Wilton

Countryside Notes

Friday 18th September. How the weather changes from day to day at the moment. Today has been sunny but the east wind keeps it cool. Harvest is nearly over, just 16 acres of beans to get in once they ripen a bit more. The beans are used for animal feed which makes an alternative protein feed replacing imported soya; with the better quality being exported to Egypt. The Barley has been poor, weathered and difficult to harvest with a high moisture content. It is therefore, having dry air blown through it to prevent it growing, moulding or overheating. Just another job!

We have several robins, some rather tame, that are singing round the farm. They return from the woods and fields and are establishing territory for the winter. Their chirpy song takes me back to teenage years when we would be cleaning the manure out of the fold yards, now called cattle sheds and spreading it on the stubble fields in readiness for next season's crop of roots (sugar beet, mangold-wurzels, turnips and potatoes) all hungry crops to grow. At that time it was all done by hand, with a four tined muck fork. Loading onto carts or wagons and spread from them by hand with a deft twist of the fork to spread the manure evenly over the land. The whole business was called "muck plugin" and the work ethic being "Big Forks Full and Fast". That was work that gave you an appetite!

The big tree has a heavy crop hanging on. Others will have smaller pears that will keep and ripen in store. A pear is at its best just before it goes rotten; just a short slot, but worth waiting for. Last year I was eating pears well into February

Is it me or have the swallows, what few there have been, returned back to Africa early this year? Whatever, they have gone! However, we have had a good array of butterflies this year working the flower garden. The Painted Lady migrant has been scarce this year, with the Small Tortoiseshell being the most numerous. We hatched two breeds of caterpillars through to butterflies. Amazing, the magic of it all and astonishing the amount of nettles that they eat. There are three Elephant Hawk chrysalis in a jar waiting for next June, their colour the pink of Willowherb, their food plant.

The colour spectrum of the seasons is moving from green to golden, watch this process and enjoy the crunch of leaves under your feet.

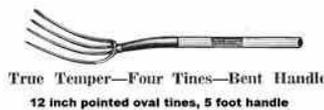
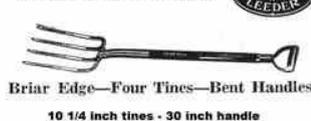
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Your editors are: Emma Johnson & Tracy Sinclair. If you would like to contact us please do so using the Stillington News email

HAY FORKS



SPADING FORKS



SEED FORKS



MANURE FORKS



STONE FORKS



The orchard has yielded a good crop of plums, with Merryweather damsons to gather tomorrow, hopefully. The Victorias: one a very old tree whose trunk cracked years ago, with an old swing used as a support, is still doing a good job. The other, a young tree that tends to grow too many plums leading to broken branches. The Margorie's Seedling had more plums this year, but when I went to pick them someone had beaten me to it! I suspect Mr Squirrel has taken them, having cleared the few greengages following the walnuts.

We have an amazing crop of pears again this year, of a few varieties. The earliest ones have been sweet and juicy with a yellow skin and crimson blush. The next are just about ready with yellow skins: they are big and soft, juicy but with a hint of acidity. They will preserve and cook well.

Weather Report -September 2020

Rainfall

We had more rain in the second half of August than in the first half, but the monthly total, of 68mm, was a little lower than the fifteen-year average.

Two wet days in the first half of September gave a total of 13mm, well below the average figure.

Temperature

Until the last week of the month, temperatures in August usually got into the twenties. There were two freak hot days, 29°C on the 7th and 30°C on the 11th

Overnight temperatures stayed mainly in the teens until the end of the month when we had a nippy 5.2°C on the 30th/31st!

As in July, there was not a lot of sunshine in August. The solar panels delivered a mere 370kWh, the lowest August figure for the past five years.

The first half of September has given us some warm and sunny days and also some windy and chilly ones. Three hot days on the 13th^b to the 15th of the month were followed by a dramatic ten degree drop the following day, from 25.5°C to 15.9°C. In fact, on the 16th, the daytime temperature rose by less than a degree from the overnight temperature of 15.2°C - very unusual.

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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

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 4th Holy Communion **10am**
Weds 7th Prayers for the village **1.30 - 2pm**
Weds 14th Prayers for the village **1.30 - 2pm**
Sun 18th Morning Worship **10am**
Weds 21st Prayers for the village **1.30- 2pm**
Weds 28th Prayers for the village **1.30 - 2pm**

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.

200 Club

1st Mrs M Linton - £50
2nd Mr E Midgley
3rd Mr R Conway
3rd Mrs J Martin

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 at Easingwold with our Minister Rev. Elizabeth Cushion on Sunday mornings.

Our Village Chapels worship together 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.

Thoughts from Rev Steve

"I have had enough! I truly have, I am fed up with this rotten virus and I want life to get back to normal now!"

How many of you have said or thought along those lines in recent weeks? I know so many people who are wishing for things to get back to normal, to go back to how life was before the pandemic, and I don't blame you for wanting things that way. After all the way things were we led normal everyday lives, we knew for the most part what each day would bring, we knew we could go here or there without a second thought, it was familiar, it was safe. I feel the words of Her Majesty the Queen on the 40th Anniversary of her succession in 1992 fit well right now, that 2020 is our 'Annus Horribilis.'

The phrase we keep hearing and will most likely get used to is 'the new normal.' Personally, I find this to be a bit of a misnomer, while we all have to adjust to a new way of living, of being, it is far from normal. If it were 'normal' we wouldn't be living under a cloud of anxiety and worry about where the virus will emerge next, we wouldn't have to wear face coverings when doing regular tasks like using public transport or shopping.

I appreciate that this may come across as a bit of a rant, far from it. I have written this as an aide-mémoire. A reminder (not that you need one) of where we are, to set the scene. Why? I want you to remember that we are all in this for the long haul and I have said this before and will say it again – be kind to yourself – but more than that, share a bit of kindness to those around you.

As a vicar I do talk about God, it kind of goes with the territory, but I feel at this time, this month, is not the time for me to bang my gong. It is the time to just say that in the villages you have pulled together in extraordinary ways, especially when taking care of the most vulnerable members of our communities. The community spirit is heartwarming, and I do hope and pray that the momentum that has been created in community groups over these months can be built upon for the benefit of all.

Kindness costs nothing, but it can make all the difference.
If you would like a chat do give me a call 810 251.

St Leonard's, Farlington

Priest: Rev Stephen Whiting **810251**
Church
Wardens: Sally Wright **878745**
Richard Haste **878581**

richardhaste@btinternet.com

You will be very welcome at our services in October which follow the usual pattern of the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month at 11.15am.

Sun 11th Shortened Matins
(BCP) **11.15am**

Sun 25th Holy Communion
(BCP) **11.15am**

Other Church Opening Times. Finally, other than for services, the church will continue to be open every **Tuesday and Saturday between 10am and 4.30pm** for private prayer and contemplation. The Churchyard continues to be open at all times for you to visit and spend some 'quiet time.'

St Mary's Marton

Church
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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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STILLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL



Do you have what it takes to be a parish councillor?

WHAT IS A PARISH COUNCIL?

A parish council is a local authority that makes decisions on behalf of the people in the parish.

Parish councils are invariably the first-place people will go to with concerns and ideas, they are a vital part of the community.

WHY BECOME A PARISH COUNCILLOR?

By becoming a parish councillor, you become someone your community will look to for help, guidance and support. A community leader with the power to influence decisions for the benefit of the people you serve, it is something that can give you a sense of achievement and pride.

WHAT DECISIONS DO PARISH COUNCILS MAKE?

Parish councils make all kinds of decisions which affect the local community. **i.e.** Planning matters, crime prevention, managing open spaces and campaigning for and delivering better services and facilities.

Parish councils have limited powers to make decisions but they have the power to negotiate with, and the power to influence, those other organisations that do make the final decisions.

The organisations that make the final decisions know that a parish council gives the best reflection of how a community feels about something, and its views will be taken seriously.

HOW MUCH TIME DOES IT TAKE?

Councils meet once a month, at this present time the meetings are conducted by video link, to which members of the public are also invited.

HOW LONG DOES A PARISH COUNCILLOR SERVE FOR?

Parish councillors usually serve for 4 yrs. If they wish to stay in the post, they can stand for re-election.

WHAT POWERS DO PARISH COUNCILS HAVE?

They have a wide range of powers related to local matters, such as looking after street lighting, bus shelters, community buildings, open spaces, grass cutting, repairs to roads and pathways, and much more.

They also pass comment on local planning applications to Hambleton District Planning Office.

The best way to find out what it is like to be a parish councillor is to come along to a parish council meeting or speak to one of the councillors and find out what they think of the role. There are three vacancies at the moment. Stillington Parish Council needs you to support the great work it does.

If you think you can rise to this challenge contact:

Mary Midgley, Parish Clerk on 01347810285 or email stillingtonpc1@hotmail.com