

Stillington News

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St Nicholas Parish Church and Methodist Chapel

Invite you
Come and join in the celebrations
HARVEST FESTIVAL
Sunday 20 September At 10.00am
All welcome

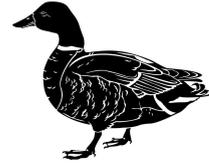


PLEASE NOTE: In order to keep ourselves safe and well please wear a face covering and use the sanitiser on entrance and exit. Please also leave your name and telephone number in case of the need to track and trace.

**STILLINGTON SURGERY
FLU CLINICS**
THESE CLINICS WILL BE HELD
ON
**SATURDAY 19 & 26 SEPTEMBER
AND 10 OCTOBER**
IF YOU ARE 65 YEARS AND OVER
OR IN AN AT RISK GROUP
**PLEASE TELEPHONE 01347
810332 TO MAKE AN
APPOINTMENT**
WE NOW HAVE OUR OWN
FACEBOOK PAGE FOR
UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION

Please email contributions for the
October issue to
news@stillingtonvillage.org by
Wednesday 23rd September

The Village Pond



Saturday 3 October 9.00am
All volunteers welcome to help rake out
leaf litter & silt from the pond.
Also to clear dead branches and some
selective cutting back of shrubs and
excessive vegetation growth.



**There will be a job for everyone,
please come and join in.**

Football returns to Stillington



New club Marton Abbey FC have brought football back to the village assembling a large squad in a matter of weeks during pre-season from around York which blends youth and experience. Ben Storey, the manager, together with his committee wanted to create a family club with the emphasis on enjoyment, development and, of course, being competitive.

Stillington's set-up and location was perfect for the project and the name of the club reflects the local heritage. Plenty of people have been drawn to watch, knowing football could be played on the wonderful surface tended to so well by Dennis, and were given quite a treat after the first ever match finished 13-0.

Mixed results have followed but beating Division 1 Haxby Utd 6-4 certainly made people sit up and take notice of the new kids on the block.

Marton Abbey will have two teams in the York Minster Engineering League this season, and all being well, on September 19th the 1sts start in Division 4 with a game away to Selby Olympia and the 2nds start with a game away to Riccall United in Reserve C.

Anyone interested in training with a view to joining the club can contact the club through the Facebook page or via martonabbeyfc@hotmail.com.

Anyone with an interest in joining our large, but socially-distanced group of fans then we will make sure future fixtures are posted here.

We hope the club can become an established part of the great sporting set-up at Stillington and bring footballing success to the village.

Stillington Post Office & Stores

Owned by the community. Run by volunteers.

What next for our village shop?

Volunteers

The last few months have demonstrated like never before just how important our community shop is to the life of the village. We have been able to keep serving our customers thanks to the many 'stand-in' volunteers who came forward to fill the gaps created when some of our regular staff had to stand down for health reasons.

Now some of our stand-ins are resuming jobs, university studies and other activities which mean we are losing them. And not all of our regular team have yet been able to return. So we are hoping that more people will come forward to help keep our busy little shop thriving.

If you're relatively new to the village it's a great way to get to know it better. Or if the last few months have made you think you'd like to try something new, then we'd welcome you. There are a wide range of roles — at the shop counter or behind the scenes. And because we have such a large number of volunteers, all it takes is just a couple of hours or so a week from each to keep us ticking over nicely.

Unsurprisingly, most of our existing volunteers are retired people. So we would especially like to see some younger faces on the team. If you think you can help us while juggling your other commitments, we'd be happy to discuss if you can fit you into our operations.

Management

Similarly, our management committee could do with some younger faces. If you have experience in retail, or more general business and management skills — or if you can bring new ideas to how we run the shop — we'd be delighted to hear from you. It's very likely that the shop will be faced with new challenges and new opportunities during the uncertain times ahead. It would be good to have some fresh thinking about how we should respond.

Shareholders

Over the next few months, some important decisions will need to be made about how we secure the future of our village shop and build on its success. Those decisions will rest ultimately on the votes of our shareholders. We have around 200 shareholders and would welcome more, particularly if you are new to the village. It costs £10 to hold a share and have a voice in how our shop is run.

If the last few months have proved to you how important the shop is to the village — or if the shop was part of the reason you came to the village in the first place — please help us to keep it thriving. Simply leave some contact details with whoever is behind the counter next time you're in, and we'll be in touch. Or ask for a shareholder application form.

NOTICE OF THE MEETING OF THE STILLINGTON
PARISH COUNCIL
**WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER
AT 7.00PM BY VIDEO LINK**
PLEASE CONTACT PARISH CLERK
MARY MIDGLEY 01347810285
Stillingtonpc1@hotmail.com
FOR VIDEO ID AND PASSWORD FOR MEETING
IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO JOIN.

STILLINGTON VILLAGE HALL

Annual General Meeting
will be held on Wednesday
23rd Sept at 7pm in the Village
Hall

All residents aged 18 years
and over are entitled to vote at
this meeting to elect the
Village Hall Committee for
2020/2021

We would love to see new
members join the committee
with bright ideas, skills to
share and a fresh perspective.

If you would like to volunteer
– or suggest to a friend that
they might be a suitable
candidate – please get in touch
with the secretary

Yvonne Murphy on tel:
811544 or email:
yvonnem16@btinternet.com

for more information and/or
a nomination form.

The AGM is a chance to find
out what has been happening
at your village hall over the
past year,

hear about our financial
situation and offer suggestions
as to what could take place in
the future.

The meeting will be held to
conform to current Covid 19
guidelines and (sadly)
refreshments will not be
served this year.

St Nicholas' Electoral Roll

**St Nicholas's Annual
Meeting, postponed from
March, is now scheduled to
take place on Wednesday
21st October.** Only those who
are on the church's electoral
roll are entitled to vote at the
meeting. The Roll was revised
in March and the names of the
71 members on it are on
display in the church porch.
However, the postponement
means that anyone new to the
village, or anyone else who
has had a change of mind, can
now be added to the roll.

If you would like to be added
to the roll please contact
Michael Turvey, the electoral
roll officer, on 810473 for an
application form, which must
be returned to him by the end
of September.

Food Bank ThankYou

Thank you to everyone who
has continued to leave
donations in the foodbank
box in the church porch.
These go to the Trussel
Trust Foodbank in Acomb.
Families have really
appreciated the gifts during
the long summer holidays.

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

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

OBJECTS OF INTEREST No 3.

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 is the object?

WHY is it there?

WHEN was it put up?

HOW did the occupants get fed?

WHERE is it?

WHOSE name used to be on the sign?

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ANSWERS:

WHAT. A Dovecote **WHY.** As a decoration?

WHEN. We think in the 80's **HOW.** They fed themselves.

WHERE. Front wall of the Bay Tree.

WHOSE name. Originally the Bay Horse

For more details visit "The Bay Tree"

Robert Churton

HEART AND CRAFTS

Rural Arts has kept anyone who subscribed to their efforts supplied with craft kits through the post for the past few months. Artists are now able to offer monthly hands-on sessions again at the village hall, starting on Thursday 24th September at 10am. Initially, these sessions will only be opened up to previous participants, but we hope soon to be able to welcome new members. Dates for the remainder of the year are: 29th October, 26th November, 17th December.

RURAL ARTS

Rural Arts Courthouse Café and some activities have re-opened in Thirsk and the team look forward to welcoming you to their refurbished facilities. Please see www.ruralarts.org for up-to-date information.

POCKET PANTO

Sadly, Pocket Panto management has decided not to produce a pantomime this year, due to limitations in rehearsal facilities and venue restrictions.

George Egg, the DIY Chef, for whom tickets were selling well prior to lockdown postponement, has offered us a double run of his show on Sunday 21st March, 2.30pm and 7.30pm, to accommodate restricted audience numbers, in case social distancing is still in place.

Treasures Uncovered at Stillington School



During the refurbishment of the school hall, we uncovered these little treasures, presumably proudly displayed on the hall wall by a previous generation of Stillington School pupils. They had been hidden under a pegboard for some years - judging by the amount of cobwebs! Unfortunately, they don't appear to be named or dated ... I wonder if there is anyone that can remember creating them?

Stillington Bowling Club

Due to Coronavirus protection measures it has been a very odd season for the Bowling Club. With all league games against other Clubs cancelled for the whole season, once the regulations allowed Clubs to open we made the most of what we could do in Stillington. The normal internal Club competitions were possible and went ahead. This encouraged everyone to start up bowling again with some very enjoyable practise evenings allowing us the limited safe social interaction along with regaining some bowling skills. After some great bowling during the early rounds, the finals were just as good with the finals weekend results as follows;

Winners

Saturday 15th August	14:00	Rinks	H Tomlinson, K Midgley C Speck, E Green	V	R Ince, M Price H Hogarth, R Lester	R Ince, M Price H Hogarth, R Lester
Sunday 16th August	10:30	Men's Singles	P Ward	V	H Tomlinson	H Tomlinson
	10:30	Open Singles	N Marsh	V	C Speck	N Marsh
	14:00	Ladies Singles	M Price	V	E Green	M Price
	14:00	Triples	N Marsh, A Hope H Hogarth	V	D Martin, K Peters B Plews	N Marsh, A Hope H Hogarth

Nigel Marsh did an excellent job of organising all the rounds for the Club competitions. The Green Keeping Team have also worked hard to keep the green in good condition during these unusual times.

The Club Mini League competition for newer bowlers continues with league winners due to play the league winners semi finals in the coming week. The Robin Thompson trophy competition will also go ahead this year as the final competition of the year for individual bowlers and will be held on Sunday 6th September. Everyone can keep up to date via, our web site at www.stillingtonbowls.club, the club house notice board, and the Stillington News.

STILLINGTON GARDENING CLUB NEWS FOR SEPTEMBER

Committee Meeting

The Stillington Gardening Club committee met at The Sports & Social Club on Monday 17th August Unfortunately the continued measures to control the spread of the Covid-19 virus are still affecting the club's activities

The main points were :

1. Chris Pick was welcomed to her first meeting
2. 54 Members have paid their annual subscriptions. Some new members have joined. Only a few subs to come in but very good in the present circumstances.
3. The budget has been revised in view of the Virus is on track. The accounts are in a sound state.
- 4a. The main topic was the Speaker event on the 30th September. Despite the Virus the club are pleased to confirm that the September meeting will go ahead.
- 4b. The meeting will take place in the Village Hall at 7.30pm on Wednesday 30th September. There has had to be a change to the published programme and so the speaker will now be by Julian Davies from Stockbridge Technical Centre. His particular interest is the development of yields in crops. His talk is about 'Innovations in growing vegetables'. Julian was originally due to visit last March at the start of lockdown. So if you want larger vegetables come along!
- 4c. The Covid-19 requirements of the Village Hall means that a maximum of 30 people are permitted to attend a meeting. Therefore, as a trial, members wishing to attend the September meeting should confirm back to me by email (nom1956@talktalk.net) or by telephone 01347 810897 by Friday 11th September. (Please include your contact telephone number in your reply.) Places will be allocated on a first come basis and will be confirmed by me 1-week before the meeting.
5. At the September meeting the winner of the club's "Photographic Competition" (in lieu of the Autumn Show) will be announced - there's still time to enter: email pictures to Robert Churton (churton234@btinternet.com) or drop in your photograph with your name and telephone number on the back to "Sweethope", North Back Lane. The judging of the largest Sunflower Head will also take place the same evening. Just bring along your head!
6. 23 tickets have been sold, for the "Winners Club" there is still time for members interested in joining the "Winners Club to help much needed funds for our Club." For further details please contact Robert Churton (churton234@btinternet.com). You can join on the night.
7. Dennis North will distribute the Dobies Seed catalogues to Members in October, who will receive a 40% discount .If you can give Dennis any cuttings from a "Perennial" plant he can grow them on for the Plant sale in 2021,
8. Sadly the Christmas party has had to be cancelled this year due to the virus.

Gardening Tips for September

- Divide herbaceous perennials Pick autumn raspberries
- Dig up remaining potatoes before slug damage spoils them
- Net ponds before leaf fall gets underway
- Keep up with watering of new plants, using rain or grey water if possible
- Clean out cold frames and greenhouses so that they are ready for use in the autumn -Plant spring flowering bulbs

Robert Churton – Treasurer
Nigel Marsh - Membership Secretary

STILLINGTON GARDENING CLUB Innovations in Growing Vegetables by Julian Davies



Stillington Village Hall
Wednesday 30th September at 7:30pm
All Welcome
**Please contact Nigel Marsh - Membership
Secretary to book a place - 810897**
Free to members
£1 for non-members

Reaching out from Australia - FURTHER UPDATES

Below is an extract from the latest correspondence regarding the Carter family...

Thankyou Tracy and anyone else who assisted in the research for the CARTER family of Stillington.

Your work has inspired renewed efforts down here in Australia and gives us more understanding of the history of this family. The information you sent fits with our research and answers several questions.

You responded to a letter sent to the Stillington newspaper by Doug Hille who is one of my husband's 3rd or 4th cousins. We did not know Doug had sent his letter so were surprised and thrilled to be given a copy of your research. We are planning to share with several others as well as our own families....

...While we think it would be wonderful to visit the areas our ancestors came from, it looks like researching history and looking at photos are the best we can do.

Once again, many thanks. Our best wishes for your research and for the well-being of friends and family in this difficult time,

Lyn & Ken Ryan

We hope to print the full letter plus any more updates and information in later issues.

PRAYERS FOR THE VILLAGE

Every Wednesday 1.30 - 2.00pm
in St Nicholas Parish Church
Informal prayers for the work, life and people of
Stillington
Everyone welcome

Stillington Community Primary School

I am delighted to have the opportunity to take on the role of Headteacher of Stillington Primary School from September 2020. I am extremely excited to continue the excellent work that has begun at Stillington throughout this year and become acquainted with Stillington village community.

As a headteacher I am passionate about the future of small schools and recognise the huge part they can play in their local community. We are now at the beginning of an exciting journey of collaboration with the highly successful Foston and Terrington Federation. Having been head of a collaboration of schools for ten years I know the massive benefits of this cross-school working. For our children curriculum enhancements can be shared across the schools making them more financially viable, children develop wider friendship groups that go beyond their own school and exciting curriculum planning can be developed for our children with a wider skills base of staff. For staff, improvements in teaching and learning are quickly seen through shared planning and practice, skills can be shared across the schools, subject leadership distributed and a larger team for support and development.

We have many exciting things on the horizon for Stillington Community Primary School and will in due course share these with the community through the Stillington News. In the first instance, I would like to share the dates for our annual workshops for parents with children under school age. These provide the opportunity to experience with your child key areas of learning in sessions led by our Early Years teachers from across the three schools and provide you with activities and ideas to take home. Due to the current restrictions these will be outdoor sessions and socially distanced as per government guidance. If you would like to attend one or all of these sessions please email admin@stillington.n-yorks.sch.uk to book you and your child / children on:

Date	Lead Adult	Theme	Audience	School	Time
Thursday 1st Oct <i>Outside</i>	Miss Midwood	Let's Get Creative	Parents of children 0-4	Foston	9:30 - 10:30
Thursday 8th Oct <i>Outside</i>	Miss Birdsall	Maths All Around	Parents of children 0-4	Terrington	9:30 - 10:30
Thursday 15th Oct <i>Outside</i>	Mrs Scarife	Ready to Read	Parents of children 0-4	Stillington	9:30 - 10:30
WC19th Oct At Each school <i>Outside</i>	Miss Cooke	Forest Schools (All Schools)	Parents of children 0-4	Foston Terrington Stillington	9:30 - 10:30 Dates TBC

If you have children due to start school please contact us to see the amazing transformation of our learning environments that has taken place during the summer holidays. We will be pleased to welcome you to look around.

I look forward to working closely with the village community in the future.

Sarah Moore

Countryside Notes

Tuesday 18th August: The rain over the weekend was rather welcome in all but the Harvest Fields, as the weather had really dried everything up and the water table has plummeted to, I guess, the exceedingly low levels of last summer.

One morning I was watching a Garden Warbler gracefully moving in the bush and taking berries here and there, when along came a young Bullfinch, the second largest of our Finches. Too heavy and clumsy for graceful steps among the twigs, but it gained its feed by hovering with head up, like a Hummingbird, and so finding its breakfast, since I have seen other members of the family using the same tactics. These youngsters are dark brown all over except for the grey rump that will go white when the adult feathers emerge, with pink or red breast according to their sex, and black heads.

My father and his generation talked about Umbels linking all the large family of umbellifers as one. However, my flower book lists some 58 different species. I suppose the one we have the most contact with is the Carrot followed by the Parsnip. All have flat multiple flower heads which unusually have white flowers, but some, like Fennel, have yellow flowers. Many have flowers with a pink tinge or pink altogether. The size varies from very short to the massive Hogweed, whose heads can reach 8 feet in height. Hogweed is a noxious weed that likes wet places; it has hairy stalks that must be kept away from as they will cause inflamed rashes. Hemlock stinks with a smell I don't like when pollen is released or the plant bruised and, of course, is poisonous. It grows tall with fine slender stalks spotted with black spots. The stalks go red when the plant dies back. The much heavier red stalked Wild Angelica has the faint smell of the crystallised green angelica I enjoyed as a child on Iced Buns! Another delicacy is Pignut, the nut being a knobbly root tuber. This tasty tuber is found beneath the short white umbel seen growing in old pasture. There are many more including the yellow flowering Alexanders that throws bright green leaves and flowers very early in the year and of course, the gardeners' friend, Ground Elder, which is so widely grown!! As lads, the hollow stems made ideal pea shooters, cut with our pocketknives. The hollow stems make ideal hibernating places for many insects and beetles; some are bundled to make beetle banks. The Pears and Plums in the orchard are nearly fit to gather and have coloured well. Autumn is a time for harvest. So, gather golden days, misty mornings and relive moments gone, how rich we are.

R & M

I have missed the lovely Cow Parsley or Queen Anne's Lace out of the list above. One Lady, not at all morbidly, said "if I die in May/June, I want no other flowers that they, so fine and delicate and so grace our rural scene".

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

Wed 2nd Prayers for the village 1.30-2pm

Sun 6th Holy Communion 10am

Wed 9th Prayers for the village 1.30-2pm

Wed 16th Prayers for the village 1.30-2pm

Sun 20th Morning Worship 10am

Wed 23rd Prayers for the village 1.30-2pm

Wed 30th 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 A Hope - £50

2nd Mr D Clavin,

3rd Mrs E Rowe,

3rd Mrs L Cumberlege

Drawn by " Our Ernie"

Methodist Chapel

Minister: Rev E Cushion 821460

Stewards: Robin Jackson 810250

Gareth Papps 810094

Please feel free to sit and enjoy the garden.

We are sorry that the Chapel is not open yet – we all miss being together.

We are pleased that St Nicholas is open for prayer on Thursdays 10-12 and Sundays 2-4.

Everyone is welcome.

We are streaming services each Sunday. Please contact Rev Elizabeth or Robin for details.

If you have a prayer request, please contact Rev Elizabeth or Robin.

The telephone can help us all keep in touch, remember to ring. Keep Safe

St Leonard's, Farlington

Priest: Revd Stephen Whiting 810251

Church Wardens: Sally Wright 878745

Richard Haste 878581

richardhaste@btinternet.com

In September our usual pattern of services on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month at 11.15am continues:

Sun 13th Shortened Matins (BCP) 11.15am

Sun 27th Holy Communion (BCP) 11.15am

Come and see St Leonard's decorated for Harvest!

Sadly, current restrictions mean that our usual, joyous Harvest Festival with Harvest Supper cannot go ahead this year. But we shall be decorating the church as we would each year – 'dressing it' for this important event in the rural calendar – and it will be open for everyone to visit from 10.00am – 5.00pm on Friday 25th, Saturday 26th and after the service on Sunday 27th September. We hope you will come along and celebrate the harvest in this different way.

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

Contacts: Caroline Hunt 878242

Sue Whiting 810251

We are still opening the church for personal prayer on Thursday mornings (9-12) and Sunday afternoons (2-5) so do drop in if you are passing and would like to sit and rest in this peaceful church.

We will let you know as soon as we're able to hold services again. Many thanks to the Tompkins family who mow the paths and also to Sarah, Rome and Helen who are currently scything the wildflower meadow in the churchyard. This gives any wildlife living in it every opportunity to hide, hop, crawl or fly away! We found last year that leaving the cuttings in piles provided some great habitats for winter, and also kept the grass down so these were ideal sites for planting more wildflowers in the spring. This year the bees and butterflies have really enjoyed the flowers. 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'.

<https://www.facebook.com/martonchurch>

<https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/18888/cjhunt.home@gmail.com>

Weather Report - August 2020

Rainfall

It rained, on and off, throughout July giving a total of 62 mm, close to the monthly average.

August, so far, has had a long dry spell, broken by heavy rain (24mm) on the 15th and 16th of the month. Statistically, August is the wettest month of the year, so we shall see...

Temperature

July did not feel much like summer. Temperatures rarely rose above 20°C until we had a freak hot day (31.1°C) on the last day of the month.

Not a lot of sunshine in July. The solar panels delivered a mere 390kWh, the lowest July figure for the past five years. So far, August has given us much of the same. Daytime temperatures in the high teens or low twenties, with the odd really hot day in between. We had 29°C on both the 7th and 12th and 30°C on the 11th. I guess we just have to be ready to make the most of it when a hot summer day comes along. At least the forecasters have been accurate with their predictions, so we have been forewarned. MT