

Stillington News

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Do you play Bridge?

If so would you like to come to a meeting on Monday August 9th at 2pm in Stillington Village Hall? We are considering trying to start up a bridge club in Stillington and this is just a preliminary meeting of discussion.

If you are interested but unable to attend please ring either Penny (01347811132) or Anne (01347810214) and we will keep you informed of developments.

BOOK SALE

Village Hall on Saturday
28th August 10am - 12noon
With refreshments

Raising funds for Alne Hall residents
and the Village Hall.

Donations of books can be taken to the hall from
9.30am on the morning of the sale.

GLOBAL WARMING AND US

You will have read in the papers and seen on the TV in July, the very sad photographs of the floods, destruction of houses, burst river banks in Northern Europe. To say nothing of the tragic loss.

Was this partly caused by global warming? Governments throughout the world are trying to tackle this problem. Let us all hope significant strides are made in Glasgow in November at the conference.

We can all do our part by choosing an electricity supplier who supplies 100% of their electricity from renewable sources: wind, wave and solar.

You may have seen such a supplier on TV doing their bit.

Join the growing band in Stillington who are switching to 100% renewable electricity suppliers and do your bit to reduce global warming.

Robert Churton

Table tennis in the village hall.

A group of us meet on Thursdays 10-12 for social table tennis. If you would like to join us please just come along. It costs £3 per session.

Hope to see you there. Kathy Berry Tel. 238403

Stillington Post Office & Stores

Owned by the community. Run by volunteers.

News from the shop

Covid safety measures

The shop will continue to keep covid safety measures in place for the time being:

Customers are asked to put on a mask/face covering

Only two customers in the shop at the same time

Please use the hand sanitiser when coming into the shop

These measures reflect the wishes of most of our volunteers for their own protection and to help stem the spread of the virus locally.

Newspaper deliveries

The erratic service from Menzies, our distributor, continues. We apologize to customers who get their papers late or not at all. If anyone knows anyone who has some leverage at Menzies, please use it now.

However, it is in part a result of the national shortage of delivery drivers across all sectors. We hope the situation will improve by the end of the school holidays.

Get involved

Our shop is a key feature of Stillington: an amenity that many other villages lack. It is a volunteer shop which is both its strength and its potential weakness. If you're new to the village, or simply want to help ensure we continue to thrive, please get involved.

As a volunteer you can give just a few hours a week helping at the shop counter or behind the scenes. As a shareholder you can play a part in planning our future. Just leave contact details at the shop and we'll get in touch.

We're particularly looking for someone to join our early morning paper sorting team: 6.30 – 9am one morning a week or fortnight.

Meet the village as it starts its day.

We would also be interested in recruiting a reserve newspaper delivery boy/girl, aged 13 or over. This job actually gets paid!

Shop with us

Ice creams from the freezer, cold drinks from the chiller cabinet, cakes, croissants, pies sandwiches... we have plenty of things to enhance your 'staycation' summer.

Take a look round next time you're in.

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

PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES-JULY

The Parish council meeting was held in the Village Hall, with District CLLR Watkins, Councillors Cookman, Drew, Churton, Rowe, Clerk Mrs Midgley. The full minutes can be found on the council website and on the notice board.

CLLR Cookman was appointed as new Chairman

CLLR Rowe who has been chairman for the last 6yrs was thanked for his dedication to the Parish council, for all his help in assisting the Late Bob Brown and the current Clerk Mrs Midgley.

DISTRICT AND COUNTY CLLRS REPORT

Local Government reorganisation decision expected from Central government sometime this month.

SPEEDWATCH

Three vehicles recorded travelling 35mph, reported to police.

PARISH MAINTENANCE

Planning Officer has been contacted re-delayed decision on Townend Pond trees.

HIGHWAYS ISSUES

Worst of North Back Lane Potholes have been repaired.

PLANNING

Three new applications.

REF 21/01266/CAT Glebe Cottage, MainStreet Stillington.

REF 21/01471/FUL Fox Inn Farm west Lane Stillington.

Stillington Mill Stillington York. Application for a premises licence. Licensing act 20023.

Planning granted for Chandlers.

CLERKS REPORT

HDC requested information on how CIL Money has been spent details sent to HDC.

AOB

Request for erection of fence onto existing hedge to rear of the church.

Would owners please clean up after their dogs.

Thank you to all volunteers for work on churchyard gates and railings.

NEXT MEETING Meeting Wednesday 4th august will take place in Village Hall at 7pm. Clerk Mrs Midgley 01347810285 stillingtonpcl@hotmail.com.

The Minutes to be ratified as a true record at the next meeting.

The Annual General Meeting of Stillington Village Hall

covering 1st April 2020 – 31st March 2021

will be held on 2nd September 2021 at 7pm in the Village Hall.

This meeting was postponed from 12th May due to Covid restrictions in place at the time. Stillington Village Hall is a registered charity, number 1076571, run by a maximum of 12 Trustees. All residents aged 18 years and upwards are entitled to attend and vote at this meeting. The Chair will report on the past year and the Treasurer will present the accounts.

We would be delighted to respond to expressions of interest from anyone considering standing as a Trustee, especially residents with social media skills, human resources experience, a background in finance, secretarial knowledge, organisational prowess, health and safety training, creative thinkers.

Along with many other organisations, as we begin to emerge from the pandemic hibernation, this is our chance for a fresh start and it would be really productive to have new faces to kick-start the come-back. Please contact the secretary, Yvonne Murphy for more information on tel: 811544 or email: yvonnem16@btinternet.com. Also see our website www.thevillagehallstillington.org

Stillington and District Community Archive

For thirteen years your local Archive has collected, collated and digitized all manner of images, documents and ephemera adding immensely to the historical knowledge of Stillington, Marton and Moxby.

Whilst we have been quiet since March 2020 we have been gathering more items for your Archive and researching a wide range of subjects some of which have graced the Stillington News in the form of 'Objects of Interest', a collaboration with Robert Churton. All the old images featured come from our extensive collection.

Our talks will, hopefully, recommence in September with local historian Marion Moverley regaling us with tales of life below stairs, giving us a glimpse of what life was like for a servant in Stillington Hall. Look out for more details next month.

In fact we have three talks in a row! A first for us. So in October we have Chris Berendt, chair of the Towton Battlefield Society, speaking on 'Longbows in Medieval Warfare' followed by Master Glazier Ian Tomlinson in November, who will visit us with his collection of stained glass. Ian repaired the glass in St Mary's Church, Marton last Summer, which is in sharp contrast to the work he has done restoring the priceless stained glass of York Minster. LC

Weather Report - July 2021

Rainfall

The second half of June continued mainly dry. Three days with measurable rainfall gave another 15mm, making a total for the month of 18mm. This is just over a quarter of the average June rainfall.

The first half of July gave us some thunderstorms with heavy rain, so that by the 12th we had received 52.5mm, over 80% of the average monthly figure. Since then, we have had a hot dry week.

Temperature

The "summer" in the first half of June was short lived, with temperatures in the second half rarely exceeding 20°C. The nights were generally mild, though the temperature fell to 7.1°C on the 22nd/23rd.

July started off with temperatures a little above or below 20°C. However, by the middle of the month we are enjoying another heat-wave. The highest I have recorded is 29.1°C, though elsewhere in the country record temperatures in the 30's are being reported.

Sunshine in June gave me 500kWh of solar energy, one of the higher monthly figures and equal to that in April. MT

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 August 2021

I am writing this before breakfast on the 20th July, with another sizzling day unfolding. I came in late from spraying Fodder Beet last night, just as the light was failing. Many chemical sprays do not like hot weather and are not kind to plants. There was a Little Owl calling to a youngster in the orchard, whom it would be teaching to hunt out food for itself. Margaret had heard them and was out trying to locate a cat that caught a Waterhen the previous day thinking it was a Waterhen making the noise. The cat, a stray lethargic cat that appeared over a year ago moves slowly but, when in the mood, lethally; it lamed a Cock Pheasant in the spring. Last week, I heard a Fox calling the family out for an evening foray in the Beans. The fox family, I suspect, are living in a drain that is now dried up.

Last August, I found three Elephant Hawkmoth Caterpillars feeding on Willowherb. These ugly caterpillars were fed until they pupated in soil after a short time, there they laid for 10 months until June came, while we awaited the day when bright pink and green beautiful moths would appear. So, we watched the glass jar carefully, then one day a very ugly insect appeared in the jar followed by the other two the next day. Alas, our caterpillars had been attacked by Ichneumon insects, who target Hawkmoth caterpillars. They belong to a large line of parasitic insects, one of which attacks the Cabbage White caterpillar; the caterpillars so attacked will, before pupation, explode and a good number of grubs will come out making small cocoons as they pupate just where the caterpillar expired. Not all nature is kind and nice to know.

Last week saw me busy at the Great Yorkshire Show, working, stewarding Horses over three days. There were 1500 horses entered in a multitude of classes. There were a lot of fine specimens of all shapes from the mighty Shire Draught horses down to the little Mini Shetlands, strong little ponies with independent ways. Hairy legged Fell Ponies that would do farm work and ride. Dainty riding ponies of the Welsh breeds, active and alert and a handful to handle when they get excited. It is good to reflect on how horses and ponies have been bred for specific purposes over the years, along with many breeds of animals from Milk Cows to Beef Beasts. Sheep of many breeds, all bred to live in a variety of different habitats. Amazing the skills of genetics that have given us so much in terms of food and beauty, along with the essentials for the survival of us all.

A Blackbird has just been and eaten an outdoor tomato that I nearly ate yesterday, one of the first on some trailing tomatoes.

Last night when I came in after the Little Owl incident, there were many lovely scents about. I first noticed the Meadowsweet beside the pond, then a little further on Honeysuckle, strong and heady, so refreshing after the heat of the day where the Roses had pervaded the air.

There is so much out there to renew our tired beings, if only we will let it.

R & M

Update to Countryside Notes July 2021

Very interesting to read the July notes by R & M, especially the bit about the sighting of a Turtle Dove at Farlington. These are at present on the Red List of conservation concern as their numbers have plummeted in recent years.

Imagine my surprise and delight to be wakened at first light around 12 July by the gentle cooing of a dove. Not the cooing of a wood pigeon, which rises and falls, but a steady purring sound. A check with an RSPB CD of birdsong seemed to confirm that it could be a turtle dove.

I live in North Back Lane, and all week I have been hearing this sound throughout the day, but never been able to get a sighting of the source. Until today, there it was on top of a telegraph pole opposite my house, cooing away. I just hope it has a mate somewhere.

AS

The River Foss - again.

Seeing your pieces in the Stillington News, I was reminded of a little mystery. Several years ago, when I attended the River Foss Society's Fortieth Birthday party, one of the archive documents on display was the original design for their logo, an outline smiley frog sitting on a lily pad. I was surprised and delighted to see it stated that it had been designed by a pupil at Stillington school.

Whether it had been a competition circulated to local schools, or whether one of the founder members of the society had a connection with Stillington, I do not know. There may be someone still in the village who has a distant memory of doing the artwork. It would be nice to find out, and to acknowledge the longevity of the logo, still in use. (See below). **MT**



STILLINGTON GARDENING CLUB AUGUST NEWS 2021

ANNUAL SHOW

The Annual Members' Show will be held on Sunday 15th August in the Village Hall, if nothing changes!

The booklet containing categories and entry forms can be collected from the Village Shop. They can also be collected from: Robert Churton, Sweethope NBL; Carol Marsh, Little Tawnay, NBL. Any problems ring 810513,

There will be a one-way system with the exit at the rear of the Hall.

We ask that masks are worn. Sanitizers will be available.

To avoid a build-up of people please complete your entry details BEFORE you come. Entry Fee 25p per entry. Please bring correct amount of change if possible, it will speed things up.

If you have not handed back your cup from 2019 show please give to Carol Marsh asap!

SUBSCRIPTIONS

So far 40 out of our members have paid their subscriptions which is very creditable. If you can drop in £5 to us at Sweethope NBL – 40 yards up from the Surgery on the opposite side of road, 2 blue doors, we can give you your membership card. If difficult ring 810513 and we can sort something out. You can also pay at the Annual show.

DIARY DATE

Diary date: Wednesday 29th September, Julian Davies "Innovations in growing veg"

THE WINNERS CLUB

The Winners Club was very successful last year and raised £150. It was agreed at the last committee meeting to run it again in 2021

CHURCH SERVICES - June

St Nicholas, Stillington

Priest: Revd Stephen Whiting 81025
benefice.admin@gmail.com

Lay Minister: Margaret Price 811262
pricehm870@gmail.com

Church Wardens: Janet Martin 822981
jessie.jm158@gmail.com
Richard Mapletoft 811854
rmapletoft@outlook.com

Worship in Church

We are continuing to hold services in church. No booking is needed.

Sun 1st Holy Communion 10.00am
Sun 15th Morning Worship 10.00am
Sun 29th Morning Worship 10.30am
(Ecumenical)

Lifting restrictions during worship

Whilst we will proceed with caution, lockdown restrictions will be lifted gradually. For example, singing will now be allowed. Do come along and see how services are now conducted.

Visiting the church

From August 1st the church will be open every day. As a rough guide this will be "in office hours". Please come and visit.

In order to continue to keep us all safe you are asked to wear a mask, sanitise your hands on entry and leave a contact name and telephone number. Please note though that there is room for more, even with social distancing.

Prayers for the village These are now every Friday 4.30 - 5.00pm by zoom. If you would like to join us or if you would like prayers said for anyone or anything please contact Margaret Price (811262 pricehm870@gmail.com)

Holy Communion at home Would you like to receive Holy Communion at home.? If you are not able to come to Church on a Sunday morning would you like me to visit you at home? Do give me a phone call to arrange a convenient time. Margaret Price 01347 811262

**ST NICHOLAS CHURCH,
STILLINGTON FLOWER ROTA**
1ST August Mrs W Walton
15th August Mrs M Hetherington

200 Club
1st Mrs A Flint - £50
2nd Master E Price
3rd Mr R Churton
Drawn by "Our Ernie"

Monday was 'the day' for the taking of the next step as a nation and easing of restrictions. For some it has brought a freedom; others are still not sure. And there is also confusion over what is allowed and what is strongly recommended we keep in place. In our churches, as in other places, there will be gradual changes to services and things that happen in our buildings as it progresses, and we still take things one step at a time. The government advice to 'be cautious' is good to keep in mind. And also to be kind. For there will be some in our community who have different ideas, or are more cautious and vulnerable than others. By being patient and mindful of the needs of others, we continue to show the kindness and thankfulness that we experienced through lockdown.

Elizabeth Cushion

St Mary's Marton

Church Contact:

Caroline Hunt 878242
martonintheforest@gmail.com

Sue Whiting 810251

Marton Church is open for personal prayer:

Thursdays 9-12 and Sundays 2-5.

facebook.com/martonchurch
achurchnearyou.com/church/18888/

As I write this we are still waiting for guidelines about opening up for services again. In the meantime, the churchyard is certainly flourishing! We completed a successful audit of wildflowers for the Churches Count on Nature project in June, and hope to make this an annual event. As you know, our vision for Marton Churchyard is to promote wildflower meadow restoration and pollinator conservation. The churchyard is scythed (by hand) in July/August to help protect wildlife such as insects, birds, small mammals and other inhabitants. Although this does mean that the churchyard looks 'untamed', having one main annual scythe makes it more likely that locally sourced seeds and plug plants will become well established, so the diversity of native wildflowers continues to increase. The main paths are mowed regularly to enable visitors to access the seating areas, pond, bird feeders and wonderful views across open countryside. We are very grateful to all those involved in tending and maintaining our churchyard. Do come and visit this beautiful and peaceful place if you are passing!

St Leonard's, Farlington

Sunday services are continuing and being enjoyed by the people who come and join us. Also, we are hoping that by August we shall be able to sing in church after a gap of 17 months. Some mask wearing may still be a requirement – we need to see how the situation unfolds..

Services in August

Sun 8th Lammastide 11.15am

A special service celebrating the ancient festival of Lammastide (loaf-mass); the start of the harvest. The service will be followed by light refreshments in the churchyard

Sun 22nd Holy Communion 11.15am
(BCP)

Pre-booking for these services is not necessary.

Private Prayer. The church has reverted to being open every day for private prayer and 'quiet time.'

Farlington Pop-up Tea Room

In a change to last month's announcement.

The Pop-up Tea Room returns to Farlington Village Hall

But, for this year, it will only operate over the August Bank Holiday weekend
Saturday 28th, Sunday 29th

and
Bank Holiday Monday
10.00am – 2.00pm

Join us on one or all of those days for delicious cakes, scrumptious tarts as well as tea and coffee.

Methodist Chapel

Minister: Rev E Cushion 821460

Stewards: Robin Jackson 810250

Gareth Papps 810094

We do intend to have regular services inside and hopefully we will be singing too. In the meantime we will be patient, Do keep an eye on the Church Notice Board.

We are still Zooming on some Sundays. Contact Rev Elizabeth Cushion, 821460 Easingwold for a Sunday morning service, or Tricia Mitchell 838569 for a Sunday afternoon service.

We are hoping to show films once more on Wednesday afternoons, do let Margaret know if you are interested.
810250

It will be good to see you all again for a service or a film and just possibly a cream tea!