

Stillington News

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Of Time And Place

Stillington

Kat, Alister and Leonor are building a portrait of rural Britain.

This community event is a celebration of the stories and people we have met. We'll be sharing the faces we have seen and the voices we have heard over tea and cake.

Saturday 13th of November, 3:30pm

Time changed to accommodate Stillington's love of Strictly!

Stillington Village Hall

Free Entry and Refreshments

To ensure covid-safe space, places must be reserved by noon on **Friday 12th Nov**

OTAP@twodestinationlanguage.com

or call **Leonor on 07542 853923**

commissioned by Rural Arts

Stillington Branch Royal British Legion



The Remembrance Service for Stillington Branch will take place on

**Sunday 14th Nov - 10.45 am
at All Hallows Church,
Sutton on the Forest.**

All members and friends are invited to attend.

Note: short notice event

St. Nicholas Church, Stillington And Stillington Methodist Church

On **Sunday, 31st October, (All Saints Day)**, we are holding a special Memorial Service at 10am in St Nicholas Church
(Please see page 2 for more details)

Stillington and District Community Archive

'Stained Glass - A Mystery Trade'

*A Talk by Master Glazier
Ian Tomlinson*



*Wednesday 17th November
at
7.30pm
in Stillington Village Hall
Members Free
Membership £3
New Members Welcome
Guests £3
Delicious Refreshments £1*

Stillington Bonfire – Saturday 6th November

This year's bonfire will go ahead *unless* it is prevented by new restrictions due to Covid, which are currently not expected.

The torchlight procession leaves the Village Hall at 6.45pm. For safety reasons, an approved traffic management company will **close the High Street and York Road to traffic between 6.45 and 7.15pm.** The bonfire will be lit when the procession reaches the field. **Fireworks commence at 7.30pm.**

Everyone attending the event is asked to observe current government guidance on Covid-19, including appropriate social distancing. Food and drinks will not be provided.

Boots or wellies are recommended footwear. **Please note that for safety reasons, private fireworks and sparklers are not allowed on the field.**

Entry is free for children, school age and below. Adults £5 on the night, £4 for advance tickets. Available at the post office.

Tractors will collect material suitable for burning from around the village between 9am and noon on the day of the bonfire. If you have a large amount of material, please call **Andy on 810598** so we can consider collecting it early. **Please note we will not take mattresses or plastics.**

Please help!

To help with the field setup or rubbish collection, please come to the bonfire field at 9am on the day. To help as stewards during the event, please call **Graham Cookman on 810047** or **Andy Hart on 810598.**



Stillington Village Hall Christmas Fair



**Friday 26th
November 6-8pm**

No entry charge
Stalls include: crafts, homewares, sweets, cakes, gifts, cards, soaps, pamper hampers, fragrance diffusers
plus Mary's big tombola and a raffle provided by stallholders.
Mulled wine, tea and mince pies will also be served.

Please email contributions for the **December** issue to news@stillingtonvillage.org by **17th November**

St. Nicholas Church, Stillington and Stillington Methodist Church - Memorial Service

Everyone in the Village is welcome whether you are a church member or not.

This will be a quiet, gentle service so that anyone who has lost a family member, or a friend, or who knows someone who has died because of Covid or for any other reason can join in quiet prayer and contemplation. It is also an opportunity to remember anyone who has been ill, or simply had a difficult time, during the pandemic. You might want to remember someone dear to you who is no longer with us. There will be an opportunity to light a candle in their memory.

Remember, this service is open to all and is an opportunity for the village to come together after what has been a difficult time for many people.

As everyone's rhythm of life has been so disrupted and normal certainties have been shaken, it will hopefully be a time to come together in support and look forward with hope.

There is no need to book, but for track and trace purposes we will need to take your name and contact number. We ask everyone to continue to wear a face covering in church.

For more information: please call 01347 811262 or email pricshm870@gmail.com

Village trees with power lines running through or near their branches

Northern Power Grid arranges to survey their power lines within the main village area every three or four years. Any tree branches in danger of touching the lines are then pruned back; in some cases trees may need removing if constant pruning is needed for safety purposes.

Any corresponding tree work is likely to happen in the New Year.

The trees being considered are: two mature maples on the Top Green; three trees within the old churchyard – the copper beech (to west of the church) and an ash & holly (to east of the church); two pine trees within the hedge planted alongside Soutersfield homes on York Road. It's recommended the two pine trees are removed completely as they are growing directly under the power lines; smaller replacements can be considered.

Parish Council

Bilsdale Mast - Information from NYCC

Many residents in Yorkshire have been unable to watch TV since the fire at Bilsdale mast in August. Arqiva have confirmed that the new 80-metre temporary TV transmitter mast has been switched on. Most viewers can retune their TVs and a guide on how to do this can be found at bilsdalemast.co.uk/retune-instructions

Arqiva is aware that about 5% households still won't be able to receive a TV signal and there is a Help and Support Scheme for everyone affected. This will initially prioritise people over 65, the clinically vulnerable, and other vulnerable people with carers. **People in these priority groups are encouraged to contact the Bilsdale Project Restore Support Line on Freephone number 0800 121 4828.** Engineers will be scheduled to visit people who need help re-tuning TVs or having an aerial repointed. Residents, or people caring for someone in an affected area, can also fill out the Helpline Form at bilsdalemast.co.uk to request assistance.

Households in the 'not-spot' areas where services aren't restored by the switch on will receive a voucher which can be redeemed in store or online. This will be included in a letter which will be sent by Arqiva to residents in due course. The value covers the cost of an alternative fix from a range of products providing ways to receive free to air TV.

Primetime

We are delighted that weekly boccia and kurling sessions have been able to resume following a limited-participant pilot scheme, as recommended by Hambleton District Council. Joe McKechnie, runs these seated exercise sessions for older people and anyone with health issues. There is a small charge of £3 to cover hall hire and refreshments and **we meet on Friday afternoons from 1-3pm.** The atmosphere is sociable, but still competitive! Please call in and see if this is an activity you might enjoy.

Neighbourhood Watch and North Yorkshire Community Messaging

Whilst we still retain a Neighbourhood Watch messaging system across the main village area using either email or notes through the door, social media is taking a greater part in communicating, including facebook. We are encouraged to join North Yorkshire Community Messaging that lets people register to receive North Yorkshire Police notices, latest crime notifications and community news in our area. The Community Messaging system alerts are not confidential and can be shared; it also allows you to choose messages from different locations. **Messages can be received by phone, text or email. Registering is safe, secure and easy: visit nycm.co.uk**

Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Plenty of ideas for the June 2022 Jubilee Bank Holiday weekend alongside the events being organised nationally: Village Lunch, Ceilidh, Village Play, Music, Church Services, Tree planting, Entertainment for all, Sports, Tea Party, Decorating the Village and Scarecrows of course. Even the fundraising will be fun! Next meeting is **Wednesday 3rd November 6.30pm to 7pm** in the Village Hall - Open to all.



Calling Knitters and Crochet Crafters

Many knitters & crochet crafters made up a huge number of red poppies / flowers as part of the 100 years WW1 Remembrance.

Have we got any knitters and crochet crafters who'd be keen to make a start on similar designs in Red, White and Blue to create a display for next year's Jubilee?

There will be some wool at the back of the church together with knitting or crochet patterns. And any wool contributions will be most welcome.

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2021

There will be no door to door poppy selling this year because of covid and a lack of poppy sellers, however poppies will be on sale in the usual village outlets so please purchase your poppies there and support the annual Poppy Appeal

Stillington Gardening Club

The programme for 2021/2022

We have had a great, record turnout for our first two speakers evenings. Our next talk is by Tony Alcroft on 'Winter Salads' on **Wednesday 24th November at 7.30pm – Village Hall.**

Dobies Seed Catalogues

I still have a few if you have not yet received yours. Please send your orders directly to Dobies as soon as possible. You can send another order later, just ask me for another order form.

The Winners Club

Following its success last year, it has been agreed it should run for a second year. What is this? A bit of fun and a fundraiser. Any member can buy a number of tickets for £10 each. The ticket will be the name of your favourite flower or vegetable plant – as we are the gardening club. Each ticket/name will go into a draw at each of our 7 Speakers evenings, Christmas Party and AGM. So, 9 chances to win, good odds. There will be a first prize of £15 and a second prize of £5.

Tickets/names can be brought from **Robert** - cash, cheque or Bacs. Call **810513** for details or email – **churton234@btinternet.com**

Gardening Tips for November

1. Clear up fallen leaves especially from lawns, ponds and beds.
2. Raise containers onto pot feet to prevent waterlogging.
3. Plant bulbs for spring display next year.
4. Prune roses to prevent wind-rock.
5. Plant out winter bedding plants.
6. Cover brassicas with netting if you have a pigeon problem.
7. Insulate outside containers from frost, bubble wrap?
8. Stop winter moth damage on fruit trees by using grease bands around the trunk.
9. Put out bird food to encourage winter birds into your garden.
10. Use the Village Bonfire for your garden debris.

Robert Churton

Thank you

After 29 years of living and working in Stillington it the time to move on, we have enjoyed being part of the village. We would like to thank the very kind person who had a lovely clock made for us by a very talented local craftsman. It has been placed on the wall in our new home and will remind us of the wonderful, thoughtful people of Stillington. Thank you all for your kind thoughts and wishes, and a special thank you for the anonymous kind person who gifted us the lovely clock.

Best wishes to all, Tim and Belinda Wells

Objects Of Interest No 13

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 this object?

Why was it put there?

When was this erected?

How many doctor surgeries have there been in Stillington?

Where is this?

Who lived in these surgeries or which houses?

ANSWERS:

What? A rail to tie up horses

Why? Outside, close to the surgery run by Dr C. H. Bullen.

When? Originally 19th Century but there have been three replacements.

How many? Seven.

Where? Outside the Admiral's House.

Who? Drs Hall, Grimshaw & Bullen at Wellington House: Dr Dennis at Yew Tree House: Dr Henry Lee at Lees House: Drs E Bullen & Willis at Pond House: Drs Willis, Toynbee, and Jones: and our present custom built surgery.

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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.

Stillington Bonfire Washup Meeting - will take place at the Sports and Social Club on Nov. 21st at 6.30pm

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

Village Hall Diary

Mon	1st	Bridge Club	1.30pm
Mon	1st	Yoga with Annie	6.30pm
Tues	2nd	Short Mat Bowls	2pm
Weds	3rd	Parish Council	7pm
Thurs	4th	Table Tennis	10am
Fri	5th	Primetime	1pm
Sat	6th	Private Event	3pm
Mon	8th	Bridge Club	1.30pm
Mon	8th	Yoga with Annie	6.30pm
Tues	9th	Short Mat Bowls	2pm
Weds	10th	WI	7.15pm
Thurs	11th	Table Tennis	10am
Thurs	11th	SCA Volunteers Meeting	7pm
Fri	12th	Primetime	1pm
Sat	13th	Of Time and Place. Why is Home here?	3.30pm
Mon	15th	Bridge Club	1.30pm
Mon	15th	Yoga with Annie	6.30pm
Tues	16th	Short Mat Bowls	2pm
Weds	17th	'Ladies' Lunch	12pm
Weds	17th	Stillington Archive	7.30pm
Thurs	18th	Table Tennis	10am
Thurs	18th	SCA Board Meeting	2pm
Fri	19th	Primetime	1pm
Fri	19th	Pop up Supper	TBC
Mon	22nd	Bridge Club	1.30pm
Mon	22nd	Yoga with Annie	6.30pm
Tues	23rd	Short Mat Bowls	2pm
Weds	24th	Gardening Club	7.30pm
Thurs	25th	Election - voting	7am
Thurs	25th	Book Club	2pm
Fri	26th	Prime Time	1pm
Mon	29th	Bridge Club	1.30pm
Mon	29th	Yoga with Annie	6.30pm
Tues	30th	Short Mat Bowls	2pm

To find out more: thevillagehallstillington.org/calendar.asp

Quizzes restart

It was good to see and hear the Quiz again. **£209 was raised for the Village Play Area at the S&SC.** Rita and Les Bresnen with Pauline and Tim Drew were the winning team. Friday 5th November Quiz will be for the Tennis Club.

Stillington W.I.

On Wednesday 13th October members and guests gathered to hear Liz Cole tell us about some wild plants and their uses. Most of the plants she spoke about can be found within a 5 mile radius of Stillington. The focus of the talk was how plants were used for household and medicinal purposes in times gone by. In a mostly illiterate community this knowledge was handed down from one generation to the next although there were often 'wise women' with a greater knowledge of herbal remedies who acted as midwives and nurses.

Lady's Bedstraw, as the name suggests, was used in mattresses to reduce infestations of fleas and bed-bugs.

Bluebell roots contain starch which was used in Elizabethan times to stiffen ruffs; which were very fashionable.

Ivy contains Saponin which is a soap-like substance. In times when most clothes were made of wool which couldn't easily be washed, the Saponin was extracted from the ivy and used to sponge garments.

Mugwort had many uses ranging from insect repellent to helping in breech births!

Much of this knowledge was lost when urbanisation caused many country folk to move to the cities for work.

Our next meeting is on **Wednesday 10th November at 7:15 in Stillington Village Hall** when Julie will be demonstrating some cake icing techniques - in time for Christmas!

We welcome all visitors - £3 and refreshments are available after the talk.

Parish Council Minutes - October

The Parish council meeting was held in the Village Hall, with Councillors Christine Cookman (Chairman), Robert Churton, Robin Conway & Graham Taylor.

Flooding

The issue of flooding around the southern edge of the village and opposite the cricket field was raised. Initial contact to be made with NYCC Highways.

Grass cutting

The type and frequency of grass cutting was discussed. Agreed to discuss matters with the contractor before the next Parish Council meeting.

Pond fencing

New bird mouth pond fencing to be installed. It will be tantalized but unpainted for six months in order to thoroughly dry out. A decision regarding painting will then be made.

Flower troughs

Volunteers from the Gardening Club have agreed to take over the planting of the troughs. Thanks were expressed to Dave Green for his maintenance over the years.

Trees

The application to work on the trees in the Churchyard has been approved by Hambleton DC. Sadly, Hambleton DC has refused permission to pollard the pond willow trees and other solutions are being explored.

Bus Stop

Work on the repair of the bus stop is progressing and thanks were expressed to Richard Pearse for his work so far and maintenance in the past. A roofer is still being sought to complete the work.

Footway on Farlington Road

The unfinished state of the footway on Farlington Road will be raised with the landowner.

Matters for Reporting

There is still a vacancy for one parish councilor. Anyone who would like to be co-opted onto the Council please contact the clerk at the email address below.

Next Meeting

Wednesday 3rd November in the Village Hall at 7pm

Nigel Knpton

Clerk to the Parish Council

clerk@stillingtonparishcouncil.uk

Countryside Notes

Monday, 18th October. A day of not great light and fine rain this afternoon, and dark early. We have just enjoyed a fine week with much sunshine and the odd shower. Very good for getting on with the sowing of winter wheat; just a couple of days work left. What is drilled to date has gone into a good seedbed where it should have every opportunity to grow well. The autumn colours are just beginning to show and by the time you read this there will be a wonderful show as long as the weather holds reasonably fine. There are a couple of ash trees of no great age opposite the junction of Goose Lane and the B1363 road from York to Sutton. The trees are very similar in age and size, one is in green leaf and the other a lemon yellow in colour. Why such a variation in colour? I don't know. However, leaf colouring in autumn does often vary considerably and also leaf fall; no doubt the yellow leaf will be down well before its mate.

The sheep are happier now that we have had rain earlier in the month and have grown green new grass. Before the rain, when it was so very dry, the grass was attacked by yellow rust, which they didn't like. Driving round the fields or walking left saffron coloured tyres or footwear. Maybe your lawn was affected like ours. This rust attack was as bad as I have ever seen over the years.

If that fungus has been profuse then other fungi ought to be in abundance, however the rust was not bothered by the dry conditions. But now there are a lot of Ink Caps appearing here and there, and last week I saw a fine Parasol with its flaky flat top just ripe to release its spores.

There have been a lot of birds about lately. One or two mornings there was a rare flock of Corvids making a lot of noise. There were Rooks, Carrion Crow and, strangely, Jackdaws wheeling round in circles, seeming not too happy at all being together. The species is easily identified by their raucous calls. There have been the other two noisy Corvids about: a family of black and white Magpies and also a Jay has arrived; these brown birds come to winter and augment the sparse indigenous birds who wreak havoc with little birds' nests in spring. They have a specially adapted

Global Warming and US. What can We do?

The airways are alive with programmes about global warming and COP26 in Glasgow. Some good, some doubtful and some difficult to follow.

So let us look at it from a positive position, our point of view. We all want to see a reduction in global warming. Wouldn't it be great if we could all do a few simple things in our OWN homes which could help and reduce our household bills?

I hope you can try some of these ideas. As well as helping to reduce global warming and our energy bills, they will also help us save money. You may want to share some of these ideas with your neighbours and see what they are trying?

“A journey of a thousand miles begins with your first step”.

Saying by Confucius.

Here are a few suggestions of some things we can all try out:

- Fit a draft excluder to outside doors.
- Reduce the heating thermostat to 20 degrees or lower, 1 degree at a time.

throat to help them in discharging acorns into a hole for storage for later use. This adaptation allows them to regurgitate the acorns.

There has been a good number of Plovers around the fresh ploughed land, mainly Peewits or Green Plover (a bird of beautiful colour when in sunshine with iridescent plumage) and, as is often the case, they have been joined by the smaller and faster flying Golden Plover; these birds are like blocks of gold when seen in the right light.

I like to see moss that I don't know too much about. However, it is the time of year for moss to grow and flourish in its darker and damp habitat, where its bright green is good to see again, reminding me of Hyacinth bulbs in pots topped with moss in January. Enjoy these colours of autumn along with the Ivy with yellow flowers and busy Bees preparing for the colder non-flying days ahead.

R & M

Weather Report - October 2021

Rainfall

It threatened to be the driest September on record (less than 10mm) until the last four days of the month, when an inch in two days changed the picture. The total, at 41mm, was still only two-thirds of the average figure.

Nearly as much (40mm) has fallen in the first half of October, mostly in two days early in the month.

Temperature

After the high of 27.3°C, on the 8th, there were no more heatwaves in September, though it continued mild (low 20's) until the last four days.

Daytime temperatures have only reached 20°C once in the first half of October. By the 15/16th the overnight temperature dropped to a wintry 5.6°C.

September might have started 'promising' for sunshine, but in the end the solar panels generated 336kh, less than in the past two years but higher than in some years.

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- Reduce the length of time central heating is on.
- Reduce the temperature in rooms not used.
- Hot water bottle?
- Turn off the light when leaving a room.
- Only fill the kettle with the amount of water you want.
- Do not leave appliances on standby.
- Cook more than one meal at a time.
- Use your car less and public transport more.
- Holiday in the UK and save flying.
- Try not to leave hot water taps running.

In the main these points are of course common sense. We should be doing some of them now. If not, why not have a go and we can all make a difference where we can.

Well done, to all who have been able to switch to a green energy supplier for your electricity. It is difficult to switch at present but it will be possible again in 2022.

Good luck

Robert

CHURCH SERVICES - November St Nicholas, Stillington

Priest: Revd Stephen Whiting 810251
benefice.admin@gmail.com

Lay Minister: Margaret Price 811262
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Church Wardens: Janet Martin 822981
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Richard Mapletoft 811854
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Worship in Church - no booking needed.

Sun 7th Morning Worship 10am

Weds 10th Holy Communion 2pm

Sun 14th Remembrance Day Service 10.45am

Sun 21st Holy Communion 10am

Lifting restrictions during worship

Please wear a mask, sanitise hands on entry and leave a contact name and telephone number. Social distancing is no longer necessary.

Visiting the church

The church is now open every day.

Prayers for the village

These are now every **Thursday at 9am**. Please contact **Margaret Price (811262)** pricehm870@gmail.com).

Holy Communion at home

If you are not able to come to church on a Sunday morning would you like a visit to your home? Do give me a call to arrange a convenient time. **Margaret Price 811262**.

Flower Rota

7th November Mrs A Hope
14th November **Remembrance Sunday**
21st November Mrs M Tomlinson
28th November **Advent**

Cleaning Rota

1st to 13th November
Cleaning Mrs J Ingham
Brasses Vacant
15th to 27th November
Cleaning Mrs M Tomlinson
Brasses Mr H Tomlinson
29th November to Christmas **Everyone**

Explorers 2021 - 22

Inviting all primary age children to the after school club run by the churches in Stillington.
Stillington Methodist Church on Fridays 12, 19, 16 November and 3rd December 14, 21, 28 January, 4 February 2022 4, 11, 18, 25 March 2022
Sessions run from **3.30 to 4.30pm**; latest arrival time 3.45 pm. If you would like to come, please contact me for a registration form **Margaret Price 811262**

November - a year almost through

We are at a turning point in the church year as we leave October and enter November. The 31st October is All Hallows Eve, the day before All Hallows' Day, that we call All Saints' Day. This year our church calendar makes Oct 31st the fourth Sunday before Advent. Before we hit Advent and Christmas there are some significant events to take place in our parishes.

As the church, your church, we want to offer the opportunity for people of all faiths and none to join us on Sunday 31st October for a service to remember our departed loved ones.. There are many who have lost loved ones during the COVID crisis and have been denied the usual channels of grieving, denying close friends and family their moment of respect and condolence. We want to offer anyone the opportunity to come, remember and to give thanks for their loved ones.

We soon move on through November to Sunday 14th, Remembrance Sunday, again we offer to our communities the opportunity to gather to commemorate the contribution of British and Commonwealth military and civilian servicemen and women in the two World Wars and later conflicts.

Once we are past these two milestones in the year we can focus on the main event that is just round the corner, Christmas. From me to you I want to wish for you and pray that as we begin to ease out of 2021 and slide into 2022, that these last few months may be good and wholesome, filled with peace and love, health and happiness.

Rev. Steve

St Mary's Marton Church

Contact: Caroline Hunt 878242
martonintheforest@gmail.com
Sue Whiting 810251

For upcoming events and services [facebook.com/martonchurch](https://www.facebook.com/martonchurch) and [achurchnearyou.com/church/18888/](https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/18888/) or email martonintheforest@gmail.com or ring **Caroline Hunt on 01347 878242**.

Methodist Chapel

Minister: Rev E Cushion 821460
Stewards: Robin Jackson 810250
Gareth Papps 810094

Sun 7th Worship at Huby -
Rev David Bidnell 10.30am

Sun 14th Remembrance Service
at Alne - Rev E. Cushion 3pm

Sun 21st Stillington Methodist
Chapel - Mr Vic Paylor 10.30am

Sun 28th Worship at Huby,
Communion - Rev E. Cushion 10.30am

St Leonard's, Farlington

Priest: Revd Stephen Whiting 810251
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Church Wardens: Sally Wright 878745
Richard Haste 878581
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As you read this, Remembrance Sunday is imminent, the season of Advent is just four weeks away and Christmas about eight weeks. A busy time for this small village church.

Sun 14th Service of
Remembrance 10.45am

Sun 28th Holy Communion
(BCP) 11.15am

Sun 28th Advent Sunday 3pm
This is a special service celebrating the start of Advent with readings and advent hymns. There will light refreshments after the service. **Pre-booking is not necessary.**

Private Prayer. The church is open every day for private prayer and 'quiet time' and the Churchyard is open at all times.

We will continue to show films
**each month on the third THURSDAY
at 2pm**

Please note the change of day!
If you have any special film you would like to share do let us know
robinjacksonwoodside@gmail.com or
tel 810250

Do come, you will be very welcome.

**St Leonard's Church
Grand
Christmas Prize Bingo
is back !**

Friday, December 3rd
Sheriff Hutton Village Hall
Eyes Down at 7.30pm
Join us for a Fun, Fundraising Evening !
(please note – there are no cash prizes)