

Stillington News



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**“COFFEE MORNING and
BRING & BUY Plant Sale”
Monday 2nd May
10am to 12 noon.**

It will take place on the grass
in front of Muriel Law's house
on Main Street.

Everyone in the Village is
invited to the Bring and Buy
Plant Sale
and to enjoy refreshments and
delicious home-made scones.



From the Stillington
Churches
Details of services on the
back page



Heart and Craft

Stillington Village Hall, providing art activities for over 55s.
Tuition and materials are provided free with a small charge of
£3 per session being suggested to cover hall hire.

The Next Session is Thursday 7th April, 2 -4 pm
and will be fused glass

It would be useful for set-up and provision of materials if you
could register your interest should you wish

Please email contributions for the **MAY** issue to
news@stillingtonvillage.org by **Wednesday 20th April**



**Village Hall Coffee Morning and
Book Sale
Saturday 23rd April
10am - 12 noon**

Raising funds for your village hall.

Stillington Churches Working Together

Easter Monday Cream Teas
**Monday 18th April
2pm to 4 pm**

Come along to enjoy
delicious Scones with jam
and cream coffee/ tea
and good company

Swing by to the Village Hall for a lively evening of entertainment



The 309s Swing Band bring their special brand of swing jive music to Stillington Village Hall on **Saturday 30th April at 7.30pm**. The band play songs from the 1940s and 50s, alongside great self-penned material that sounds like it was written 60 years ago. Influenced by the music of Hank Williams and Bob Wills, the 309s have been bringing joy to audiences all over the country for the past 14 years. Fronted by two top singers and a wild fiddle player, the band puts a smile

on everybody's face with toe-tapping, rocking and rolling rhythms. Come and listen, have a drink and maybe even a dance.

Check them out on www.the309s.com

Tickets £10, available from The Village Stores, tel 811544 or text 07497 051424

You can be assured of a
really warm welcome at the



Tuesday Pop In

Every Tuesday in the
spacious & airy Village Hall
10.30 - 12 noon
Do come and join us

Queen's Jubilee Weekend



We have a full weekend of activities and events planned for the village. Most of the events are free and all events are open to everyone. There will be a full page pull-out next month.

Scarecrows or similar have been a feature of Stillington celebrations for many years. And it's been decided that 2022 will showcase the village in whatever format you can dream up. If you need help with your Scarecrow 'design & build', there are experts on hand to help.

Coronation & past Jubilees' memorabilia to Michael Turvey please.

Please hand in your Jubilee knitted / crocheted 'flowers' to Adryenne Hope by 21st May.

To get us all in the Jubilee mood and to raise some more funds, there are Jubilee Suppers planned at the three Pubs.

(see village facebook)

**No. 1 The Gulshan
Tues 5th April
6pm for 6.30pm**

Starter & choice of three main courses + naan bread and rice for £17.

Numbers are limited: names please to Tricia Walker 810562 by Saturday 2nd April

**No. 2 The Bay Tree
Thurs 28th April
'Early Bird' menu**

**No. 3 The White Bear
Thurs 26th May
menu details to follow**

Open meetings in the Village Hall Wed 6th April and Wed 4th May at 6pm. Stillington Jubilee Committee operates as a sub-committee of the Parish Council.

St Nicholas Church, Stillington

Annual Parochial Church Meeting and Vestry Meeting

The **Annual Vestry Meeting** (for the election of Churchwardens), followed by the **Annual Parochial Church Meeting**, will take place this year at **7pm on Wednesday 4th May 2022** in Church.

Anyone wishing to take part in the Church Meeting, at which elections to the Parochial Church Council take place, must be on the **Church Electoral Roll**.

The current electoral roll is on display in the church porch. Those wishing to have their names added to the roll must return the forms, **available from Michael Turvey, Electoral Roll Officer, Tel. 810473, by Monday 11th April.**

Stillington Wanderers

The first walk since the start of Covid March 2020 was a 5 mile circle north from Kirkbymoorside, looking across to Fadmoor and Gillamoore and then a chance to view the building & landscape progress with Ravenswick Hall on return.

Next walk will be Monday 28th April. Please meet at the White Bear 9.30am prompt.

Sports & Social Club Quiz

The final quiz of the season raised **£255 for the Bowling Club** last month. The winning team was Christine & Alan Shires with Val and Dick Tregga. Thank you to everyone who has supported the quizzes.

Community Consultation for development of land off South Back Lane for 39 dwellings.

Residents were invited to the Village Hall on Tuesday 15th March to view and discuss the current indicative layout for a housing development of 39 dwellings. Our comments are invited to help decision making on the proposal prior to an application being submitted. The mix of housing includes 2 bed, 3 bed, 4 bed, bungalows, affordable homes and a self build.

If you were unable to attend and would like to make a comment, please email info@danielgathhomes.co.uk

Stillington Playing Fields Association and AGM - Tues 15th March

Volunteers thanked for their work and support in helping maintain the grounds & sports pitches.

A Forestry Commission officer recently visited to assess the woodland for regeneration and safety of the mature trees. Felling and/or thinning is done on a regular basis with the last work done in 2011. After advice, a licence will be obtained to fell a number of trees; to crown reduce where needed and then replant as suggested with a mix of hardwood, hazel and shrubs.

As part of the Phase 2 development of 39 dwellings off South Back Lane, the developer is asked to either create a recreational space within the layout or to contribute to an existing play area nearby. The latter option is being considered which could extend our play area and provide some new play features.

Dennis North retires as Chairman of the Playing Fields after at least 43 years, a tremendous achievement and value to those who play sport; families who use the play area and generally all our Village residents and many visitors who use this recreational space with safe parking.

Election of officers for 2022/23: Welcome to Angela Shipley as Chair; Jane Ingham continues as Secretary and Christine Cookman as Treasurer.

Stillington Sports and Social Club AGM - Tues 15th March

The Chairman reported on the year's activities as covid restrictions lifted and sports fixtures gradually restarted. The long term aim of solving the drainage within the woodland, flooding of the footpath and tracing a water leak within the Social Club premises have taken up a lot of time and cost. Redecoration of the Bar was discussed and to extend the bar opening times where possible and affordable.

Election of officers for 2022/23: Dennis North, Chairman; Jane Ingham, Secretary and John Chisholm, Treasurer.

Thank You's

Jubilee 2022

Many thanks to everyone who has been crafting flowers which will decorate the village in June. Wool and patterns are still available at the back of church. If anyone would like to make some. Please leave the flowers in church or return to Adryenne Hope.

Village Litter Picking

Thank you to our Village Litter Pickers & those of you who litter pick on a regular basis when out & about. Whilst we are advised not to litter pick beyond the 30mph speed signs, sadly that is where most of the litter is thrown/discarded. Over 15 bags were collected along with various damaged pieces of vehicles' bodywork.

Bata Heating Oil

Due to the uncertainty in the price of heating oil, BATA is not accepting syndicate orders at the moment.

However, once the market has stabilised, syndicate ordering will be re-introduced and members will be informed accordingly at that time.

In the meantime, if anyone is in need of heating oil, BATA are accepting individual orders

Village Hall Diary

Fri	1st	Primetime	1pm
Sun	3rd	Bakery Pod * - Carpark	10 - 2
Mon	4th	Yoga with Annie	6.30pm
Tues	5th	Tuesday Pop In	10.30am
Tues	5th	VH Committee Meeting	7pm
Weds	6th	Platinum Jubilee Meeting	6pm
Weds	6th	Parish Council	7pm
Thurs	7th	Table Tennis	10am
Thurs	7th	Hearts and Craft	2pm
Thurs	7th	Yoga with Annie	6pm
Fri	8th	Primetime	1pm
Mon	10th	Bakery Pod * - Carpark	10-2
Tues	12th	Tuesday Pop In	10.30am
Weds	13th	WI	7pm
Thurs	14th	Table Tennis	10am
Sun	17th	Bakery Pod* - Carpark	10 - 2
Mon	18th	Bridge Club	1.30pm
Tues	19th	Tuesday Pop In	10.30am
Weds	20th	'Ladies' Lunch'	12pm
Thurs	21st	SCA Board Meeting	2pm
Fri	22nd	Primetime	1pm
Sat	23rd	Village Hall Coffee Morning	10 - 12
Sun	24th	Bakery Pod * - Carpark	10 - 2
Mon	25th	Bridge Club	1.30pm
Tues	26th	Tuesday Pop In	10.30am
Weds	27th	Gardening Club	7.30pm
Thurs	28th	Table Tennis	10am
Fri	29th	Primetime	1pm
Sat	30th	The 309s	7.30pm

* Bakery Pod - The Bakehouse
Yorkshire

These events may be subject to change or cancellation. Please check the online calendar for up to date information

<http://www.thevillagehallstillington.org/calendar.asp>

How can you book your Village Hall?

The best way is through the contact form on our website.
Alternatively Text, or WhatsApp, 07726421287

Parish Council Minutes - March

The Council meeting was on Wednesday 2nd March 2022 in the Village Hall with Cllrs Christine Cookman (Chairman), Robin Conway, Tracy Sinclair, Graham Taylor & Robert Churton together with 8 members of the public.

Vehicle Activated Speed Signs

Simon Hall from Truvelo UK demonstrated a speed sign and the facilities it offered. He will send through a quotation for the Council's consideration. The Clerk to contact NYCC Highways to establish what evidence is required to install speed signs.

Wildflower Seeding

It was agreed not to go ahead with the wildflower planting scheme on the top green due to negative feedback.

Office Equipment

Agreed that surplus laptop be offered free to the primary school or a charity collecting surplus equipment.

Jubilee Tree

It was agreed that an additional Jubilee Tree plaque from the British Legion was not required.

Flooding

Details of work carried out to the York Road sewer is awaited from Yorkshire Water.

Next Meeting

Wednesday 6th April in the Village Hall at 7.00pm

Nigel Knapton

Clerk to the Parish Council

clerk@stillingtonparishcouncil.uk

Stillington Post Office & Stores

Owned by the community. Run by volunteers.

Availability of items at the shop

Those of you who use the shop regularly may have noticed that the items you like to buy are only available at certain times of the week. Our suppliers have been changing their delivery times, partly as a consequence of the pandemic and partly due to national grocery problems which you hear about on the news,

So Thornton's Pies are delivered every day, except Mondays (when the shop is now closed and no baking takes place). However we get extra pies on Saturdays which keep well in the chiller until Monday.

Meat from Hartleys comes on Tuesdays and Fridays

Greengroceries now come from Simon Baynes (Dooleys closed over a year ago) and are delivered on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Dairy products from Primepak (yogurts etc) come on Mondays.

We get bread from different suppliers on different days : Warburtons on Mondays and Thursdays, Clarks on Monday Wednesday and Fridays and Yorkshire Bakehouse (previous Derventio) on Fridays

Our main grocery deliveries arrive on Wednesdays but are not usually processed and on the shelves until Friday

Stillington Cricket Club

The club have two senior sides in the York District League and are always keen to find players of all abilities, all will be welcome.

The club runs a thriving junior section with teams in the Hambleton Junior League, **training is Friday evenings from 6pm** and is also embarking on the ECB Dynamos program, aimed at younger players.

If any local businesses or residents would be interested in sponsoring the cricket club that would be appreciated. This could vary from sponsorship of a junior team or match ball for the senior sides.

To help keep our village club blossoming - playing, coaching, supporting or administrative aspects, would be much appreciated.

A Facebook group has been created to run alongside an existing website **Stillington.play-cricket.com** which has further information and contact details. For any further details please contact **Rich Coultous on 07814538491 or Tim Jarvis on 07855047171.**

Marton Church

After a gap of 2 years we are SO looking forward to celebrating Easter again with a communion service in Marton Church **at 3pm on Sunday 17th April**. All churches are meant to hold a service every Easter Sunday to celebrate new life and hope. In March 2020 church worship was temporarily suspended because of covid, and at Easter we were all being discouraged from making any 'non-essential journeys'. In 2021 Marton Church was still closed for services because it was too small for the required 2m social distancing. Andy and I went up there on Easter Sunday to see the dawn and watch the sun rise until it was shining through the east-facing window above the altar. It was very cold and frosty but very peaceful and beautiful! This year I believe the sun is due to rise at 5.59am on Easter Sunday, so I really hope to be there to see it again this year - and any other early birds are welcome to see it for themselves! We will also be holding a service at **6pm on Sunday 24th April**, and will then hopefully settle back into 2 evening services per month (usually on the 2nd and 4th Sundays) during summer. Please check our Facebook page or website for details.

Caroline Hunt (Joint Churchwarden with Sue Whiting)

Weather Report - March

Rainfall

The second half of February was wetter than the first half, so the monthly total, of 67.5mm, was half as much again as the average figure.

So far, March has given us 26mm of rain, a little more than average, but with a dry spell of nine days with only one shower.

Temperature

The highest February temperature was 13.6°C on the first of the month. In the second half, temperatures were often above average but never exceeded 12° C. The lowest I recorded was -1.7°C on the night of 10th/11th. The second half of the month was largely frost free.

February was relatively sunny. The solar panels delivered 180 kWh, equal to the second highest figure in the last six years.

Towards the middle of March, we enjoyed a seven-day spell with temperatures above 14°C, reaching 15.2°C on the 15th. Quite springlike. The lowest overnight temperature was -0.9°C on the 6th/7th.

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Easter Eve Service

After missing 3 Easters where we have been unable to celebrate, this year we can meet and prepare for Easter with a reflective, candle lit service the evening before. Taking place in Stillington at St Nicholas Church and beginning about 8pm but you will be greeted from 7.30pm. We look forward to welcoming you on this special occasion.

Canon Robert



Update

We are pleased to confirm that Dr Kate Keen has now joined Dr Neil Metcalfe in partnership at Stillington Surgery following the retirement of Dr Barbara McPherson. Working with Drs Metcalfe and Keen are Dr Laura Bradley and Dr Anthony Butterfield who have recently

joined the Practice.

In addition to our Doctors and Nursing Team we also now have a range of other clinicians working from or attached to the Surgery through our links with our Primary Care Network. Patients needing an appointment at short notice may be contacted by Lucy or Megan, our Urgent Care Practitioners who are often based at the Surgery. Tom, our First Contact Physiotherapist holds a clinic every Friday and Emma, our First Contact Mental Health Nurse has appointments on Mondays. Appointments for Tom and Emma can be booked directly without the need to consult with a GP first.

We will continue to offer face to face, telephone and online consultations at the Surgery and we are always happy for our patients to become involved in our Patient Participation Group (PPG). If you would like further information on this group please contact us on **01347 810332**.

Stillington and Farlington W.I.

On Wednesday 9th March Stillington and Farlington WI were pleased to welcome Samantha Belcher who came to talk to us about the Regency world of the early 19th century written about by the so-called "silver fork writers", particularly Catherine Gore.

The Regency period was roughly between 1811 and 1830, the end of the Napoleonic War and shortly after. It was a time of national celebration. Popular figures were Beau Brummel, the Duke of Wellington, Nelson and the Prince Regent (later George IV).

The silver fork novels were written mostly by women about the aristocracy and the gentlemen's clubs frequented by dandies (elegant, very smartly dressed young men) although they were written by and mostly read by the middle classes who aspired to these wealthy heights.

Catherine Gore wrote in the 1820's to 1840's. Born in about 1800 and middle class she had aristocratic relations with whom she spent time. She was married and had 10 children; she wrote about 60 novels, the most successful of which "Cecil" was published in 1841. About an old man looking back on his youth when he was a dandy.

It was good to hear from someone who is so enthusiastic about her subject, and so knowledgeable. We all enjoyed learning something that most of us knew little or nothing about.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 13th April when our speaker will be Liz Cole who will tell us about Holy wells and Springs in this area.

Angela Hawker

Methodist Chapel Film Club

**Each month on the third
THURSDAY at 2pm**

Come and join us for a Film,
Good Company and
Refreshments

Do come, you will be very
welcome

Countryside Notes

Tuesday 22nd March. Another fine warm day with sun and blue skies. After a series of fine dry days with hoar frost often on a morning. This is great good weather as the sheep eat well in the cool of the day and then lie out in the sun to digest their food intake and sleep. A few years ago, some kind individual reported a field full of dead sheep to the RSPCA, who came with guns blazing the next day to investigate the cruel farmer who had allowed this to happen. The sheep who had had to contend with a lot of wet weather were at last lying down, dry and warm, and were just fast asleep and dreaming sweet dreams.

It has been grand to go out in the morning, dry, with blue skies above. A male Skylark singing in the sky high above, colours appearing on the trees and hedges as buds begin to open promising the glories of full spring so soon to unfold. The Curlews are back from wintering on the estuaries, to seek old pastureland where they can make a nest. Some will remain locally; others will move over to the Pennine Dales to summer. They, of course, feature in the Dales logo. In all this beauty and promise, it is hard to believe that there is so much pain in our modern world, especially in Ukraine. Why does man, who considers himself the Crown of Creation, live like this?

Yesterday saw the arrival of the first lambs, a fine pair at that. The shepherd has not done his job right or such accidents would not occur. However, there will be a few more before the 20th April because an over-enthusiastic ram jumped the fence into the holding pen where ewes were fastened up ready to move off the next morning. I don't think much will happen as a result, but I will have to be vigilant.

Today at lunchtime a couple of Comma Butterflies were cavorting about over the lawn. They were in fine orange and black livery, with the usual indented wings. I thought that they must be newly emerged from Chrysalis, but on checking the book, they will have woken from winter sleep with the warm sun. These butterflies have, of recent years, ventured this far north, having been confined to Herefordshire, Worcestershire and Monmouthshire back in 1924 according to the book. We wish them and other butterflies a really good breeding season this year to get their numbers up again. The colder, wet, late summers are not to their liking. The rising temperatures have helped many species to venture further north in recent years. They include the sulphur yellow Brimstone (seen here last week) and the later summer Speckled Wood in black and white colours.

The Daffodils are opened up in our gardens, always a welcome sight, following the Snowdrops and yellow Aconites. The Magnolias are just coming out, along with the Camellias, and so the garden will become a mass of colour and a pleasure for the gardener and, indeed, for all of us to enjoy.

R & M

Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal



Visit the **Disasters Emergency Committee** website or **GOV.UK** for more information



Plant Sale 2022 - Monday 2nd May

The Plant Sale this year will be different as the plants will not be grown by Dennis North. After 42 years he has sensibly hung up his trowel!

Muriel Law has come up with the great idea of a "A Coffee Morning and Bring and Buy Plant Sale". This will be on Bank Holiday Monday the 2nd May from 10am to 12 noon. It will take place on the grass in front of her house on Main Street.

The Membership Secretary will send out an email with more details on how members can help with the growing of plants.

The Winners Club

Congratulations to Liz Hartley who wins the first prize of £15 with her winning Ticket Nn. 29 - Salvia and Phil Hartley 2nd Prize £5 with Ticket No. 14 -Butternut Squash. The next and last draw will be at the AGM

AGM - 27th April, 7.15pm

More details will be circulated to members in mid April which will include the agenda.

April Speaker

Our April speaker, at the AGM, at 7.30pm will be Rose Horsepool and her subject is "Gardens of Yorkshire from an Artist's perspective".

Top Gardening Tips For April

1. Keep weeds under control.
2. Protect fruit blossoms from late frosts.
3. Tie in climbing and rambling roses
4. Sow hardy annuals, herbs and wild flower seeds outdoors
5. Increase the water given to houseplants
6. Feed hungry shrubs and roses
7. Sow new lawns or repair bare patches.

Robert Churton

Your Village Defibrillator is kept in the Church Porch Available 24/7. A second Defibrillator is at the Sports and Social Club near the Squash Court entrance. No code needed.

Remember: Call an Ambulance, start CPR, get the Defibrillator - it will tell you what to do

CHURCH SERVICES - April

St Nicholas, Stillington

Priest: Rev Steve Whiting 810251
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Canon Emeritus: Robert Law 810940
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Worship in Church - no booking needed.

Sun 3rd Morning Worship 10am
Weds 6th Holy Communion 2pm
Sun 10th Palm Sunday 10am
Thurs 14th Celebrating the Last
Supper in the Methodist Chapel 7pm
Fri 15th Good Friday at the
Foot of the Cross. Procession
from Methodist Chapel 1.45 pm
Sat 16th Vigil 7.30 for 8pm
Sun 17th Easter Day
Holy Communion 10am

Lifting restrictions during worship

Face coverings are appreciated but not mandatory; sanitising gel is available; social distancing is no longer necessary.

Visiting the church

The church is open every day.

Prayers for the village

Every Thursday at 9am. Please contact Margaret Price.

Holy Communion at home

If you would like a visit to your home please call Margaret Price to arrange a convenient time.

200 Club Results

1st Mrs P Haines - £50
2nd Mr N Miles
3rd Mr C Parr
Drawn by "Our Ernie "

FLOWERS

17th April - EASTER DAY, Mrs R Bresnen
24th April, Mrs M Price
1st May, Mrs G Churton

All are welcome to help decorate the Church for Easter on Saturday morning 16th April.

Speaking with the accent of love

As a child I was never aware that I had an accent until a holiday in Devon, where someone said to our family 'you must be from Yorkshire'. In this appointment it has been good to hear some of the dialect words again, and learn some new ones.

Over Easter we read again the Passion story, and remember how in the courtyard Peter was identified as a disciple of Jesus by his words. Though he tried to deny it, his accent gave him away. It's as though he were in the middle of London and said 'I dunt know what tha's talkin abaht'.

In that lies a message for us. Does our way of speaking identify us as followers of Jesus? Not our regional accents or particular vocabulary, but the sort of things that we say and how we say it. Do we speak of our faith and share the good news of Easter? Do we speak well of others? We are called to encourage each other and speak with the accent of love. A calling we can accept? *There's nowt better.*

Happy Easter to you all,
Elizabeth

St Nicholas Church Rota

28th March to 9th April
CLEANING Mrs A Hope
BRASSES Mr C Torlesse
11th April to 23rd April
CLEANING Mrs H Ratcliffe
BRASSES Mr A Ratcliffe
25th April to 7th May
CLEANING
Mrs M Hetherington
BRASSES
Mr A Hetherington

The church is having a spring clean on **Saturday 2nd April, 9.30a.m.** If you can help please come along with polish and dusters etc. Everyone welcome.

Methodist Chapel

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

During April services will be held each week in the Village Chapels.

Sun 3rd Service conducted by Mrs Elaine Thompson at Huby 10.30am
Sun 10th Service at Alne Hall - Rev Elizabeth Cushion 3pm
Sun 17th Easter Day Communion at Huby - Rev Ruth Duck 10-30am
Sun 17th Communion at Tholthorpe - Rev Elizabeth Cushion 3pm
Sun 24th Alne Parish Church - Mrs Elaine Thompson 10-30am

May

Sun 1st We will be celebrating our Chapel Anniversary. Rev David Bidnell will be our Superintendent Minister 10.30am
Everyone is very welcome to join us at any of these services.

St Mary's Marton

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

After a gap of 2 years we are SO looking forward to celebrating Easter again in Marton Church.

Sun 17th Easter Communion 3pm
Sun 24th 6pm

We hope to settle back into 2 evening services per month (usually on the 2nd and 4th Sundays) during summer. Please check our Facebook page or website for details.

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

St Leonard's, Farlington

Priest: Revd Stephen Whiting 810251
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Church Wardens: Sally Wright 878745
Richard Haste 878581
richardhaste@btinternet.com

Spring has arrived! The snowdrops are giving way to the wonderful array of daffodils in the churchyard. Why not come and sit on one of our two newly restored churchyard seats, enjoy the peace and tranquillity as well as the blaze of yellow spring flowers.

Sun 10th Palm Sunday Shortened (BCP) Matins 11.15am
Sun 17th EASTER DAY Holy Communion (BCP) 10.30am
Sun 24th Holy Communion (BCP) 11.15am

St Leonard's follows the tradition of the Book of Common Prayer (BCP) and you are assured of a warm welcome at any of our services.

The Church is open daily for private prayer; the Churchyard is open at all times