



# Stillington News



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December 2022

*St Nicholas Parish Church*  
invites all families to the  
*Family Celebration of the*  
*Feast of St Nicholas*  
*Sunday 11th December 10am*  
**ALL WELCOME**  
*Gifts for children*



**Easingwold Community Christmas**  
**Saturday 3rd December - 7.30pm**  
Jessa Liversidge and her  
Community Singers Choir  
Refreshments served during interval

## CINDERELLA

*Stillington Village Hall*  
*on*  
*Friday 30<sup>th</sup> December*  
*at 2pm*

*Tickets available from the*  
*Stillington Village Stores*  
*Adults £10 / Under 18s £5*



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*Merry Christmas from the*  
*Stillington News team*

## The White Bear Inn

Are happy to announce the  
Stillington Village Christmas Lunch  
**Thursday 15th December**  
**Arrival midday.**

We still have a few spots left and  
ask that **pre-orders are returned**  
**to us by**

**Thursday 8th December**  
We would like to thank everyone for  
their continued support  
Wishing you a Very Merry  
Christmas and a Happy New Year  
From Phil, Sue and all the Staff at  
The White Bear

*Merry*  
*Christmas*

**Carols by Candlelight**  
**St Nicholas Stillington**  
**7.00pm, Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>**  
**Mulled wine and mince pies to follow**



An invitation too to singers,  
boys, girls, men and women,  
to be part of a choir  
to lead the congregation.  
Please come along at 6.00pm  
for a rehearsal before the service

## The Tuesday Pop In



Enjoy a  
relaxing break  
from your Christmas  
preparations by joining us on  
**Tuesday mornings in the**  
**Village Hall between 10.30 - 12**  
Enjoy refreshments and some  
tasty CHRISTMAS treats in a  
warm festive atmosphere.

**Open 6th and 13th December**  
**Reopen on January 12th**  
**Do come and join us**  
**We wish you all a very happy**  
**and peaceful Christmas**

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**St Leonard's Christmas**  
**Grand Prize Bingo**  
**Friday December 2nd**  
**Sheriff Hutton Village Hall**  
**Eyes Down at 7.30pm**  
**Join us for a Fun, Fundraising**  
**Evening!**

*(please note – there will be no*  
*cash prizes)*

**ST NICHOLAS CHURCH**  
**BURNS NIGHT SUPPER**  
**With Ceilidh Band - FIDDLERS WRECK**  
**Friday January 27th 2023**  
**Stillington Sports and Social Club - 7pm**  
**Traditional Scottish 4 course Supper**  
**Ticket £25 - available from the P.O. in January**

Please email contributions for the  
**January** issue to  
[news@stillingtonvillage.org](mailto:news@stillingtonvillage.org) by  
**Wednesday 14th December**

# Cinderella

Award-winning Same Difference Arts will be performing in Stillington Village Hall with their family pantomime Cinderella, suitable for ages 5+.

Special efforts are being made this year to make the show more accessible. Anyone with hearing difficulties can follow the script on an iPad. People with sensory difficulties, learning problems or autism might benefit from a pre-show orientation tour with a cast member. Large Print programmes will be available on the day. We have been asked to put details of these arrangements on the village hall website [www.thevillagehallstillington.org](http://www.thevillagehallstillington.org) and also the Rural Arts website [www.ruralarts.org](http://www.ruralarts.org), where tickets can also be booked.

This is always a popular event and we have managed to secure an afternoon 'twixmas' slot again, so please come along and enjoy a rollicking couple of hours with Cinderella, Prince Charming, Buttons and the Fairy Godmother.

Card tickets can be purchased from the Village Stores, £10 adults, £5 for under 18s



Stillington Surgery is migrating to a new computer system in January 2023. This transition will cause a temporary disruption to our services and we would kindly request the patience and understanding of all patients during this time, particularly towards all staff

members as they endeavour to learn a new computer system whilst keeping up with the increasing demands at the Surgery.

In order to ensure that our Patients have sufficient medication during the transition process we will be using your December order request to issue medication for both December and January. Your December medication can be collected as usual and we will contact you when your January medication is ready. This will be earlier than usual but may not be until early January. **It is not necessary for you to order your repeat medication for January.**

We also encourage all patients who are due an annual asthma, diabetes or blood pressure check during January and February 2023 to book in for their review before Christmas. This will assist our nursing team.

Further updates will be posted on our website, social media and in local newsletters in due course.

## The Great Stillington Bonfire

Guy Fawkes Night is annually held on **November 5th**. It is sometimes known as Bonfire Night and marks the anniversary of the discovery of a plot organised by Catholic conspirators to blow up the Houses of Parliament in London in 1605. Many people light bonfires and set off fireworks, and this year was no exception.



My friend and I, (Jack Armitage and Jack Bain) volunteered to help at the Stillington Firework display by collecting the tickets at the entrance. It was nice to see so many faces from Stillington and surrounding areas coming to support our village.

The impressive food stall soon accumulated a large queue and the choice of mouthwatering food was too hard to resist.

The break in the rain that evening gave way to a clear night, allowing us

all to enjoy the spectacular display of colour and loud bangs, whilst being warmed by the impressive bonfire.

The event organisers and all the volunteers did such an amazing job and we cannot wait to join in on next year's Guy Fawkes Night.

## Thank you

I successfully completed the London Marathon on Sunday 2nd October 2022, in 4 hours 8 minutes.

Many thanks to all who kindly donated to support the charity I was raising funds for : Prostate Cancer Research.

Total raised to date is **£4,218.69**.

**Dr Peter Jones**



## Stillington Post Office & Stores

*Owned by the community. Run by volunteers.*



### Christmas/New Year opening times

Saturday 24th and 31st Dec.

Shop 6.30am - 1pm

P.O. 9am - 12.30pm.

Monday 26th, Tuesday 27th Dec. & Monday 2nd Jan.

Shop only 6.30am - 10.30am

Our hamper raffle will run once again throughout December. One raffle ticket for every £10 spent in the shop (excluding tobacco sales). The draw will take place on Friday 2nd.

Orders for Thornton's pork pies, Hampers, Brymor Christmas ice-cream and Sara's homemade mince pies are now being taken. Final dates for orders depend on the item so please check in the shop.

**Earliest final date is 8th Dec. for Thornton's pies.**

Come along and check out our wonderful selection of Christmas goodies and our Martin House charity cards.

**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\***

## Village Hall Diary - December

<b>Thu 1st</b>	Table Tennis	<b>10am - 12pm</b>
<b>Fri 2nd</b>	Primetime	<b>1-3pm</b>
<b>Sat 3rd</b>	Private Function	<b>10am - 2pm</b>
<b>Sun 4th</b>	Bakery Pod	<b>10am - 3pm</b>
<b>Sun 4th</b>	Private Function	<b>11am - 3pm</b>
<b>Mon 5th</b>	Bridge Club	<b>1.30 - 4pm</b>
<b>Mon 5th</b>	Yoga with Annie	<b>6.30 - 7.30pm</b>
<b>Tues 6th</b>	Tuesday 'Pop In'	<b>10am - 12pm</b>
<b>Tues 6th</b>	Indoor Bowls	<b>1 - 5pm</b>
<b>Tues 6th</b>	Short mat Bowls	<b>6.30 - 9.30pm</b>
<b>Wed 7th</b>	Parish Council Meeting	<b>7pm</b>
<b>Thu 8th</b>	Table Tennis	<b>10am-12pm</b>
<b>Thu 8th</b>	Hearts and Craft	<b>2 - 4pm</b>
<b>Fri 9th</b>	Primetime	<b>1-3pm</b>
<b>Sun 11th</b>	Bakery Pod	<b>10am - 3pm</b>
<b>Mon 12th</b>	Bridge Club	<b>1.30 - 4pm</b>
<b>Mon 12th</b>	Yoga with Annie	<b>6.30 - 7.30pm</b>
<b>Tues 13th</b>	Tuesday 'Pop In'	<b>10am-12pm</b>
<b>Tues 13th</b>	Indoor Bowls	<b>1 - 5pm</b>
<b>Weds 14th</b>	Ladies Lunch	<b>11am - 3pm</b>
<b>Weds 14th</b>	WI	<b>7 - 9pm</b>
<b>Thurs 15th</b>	Table Tennis	<b>10am-12pm</b>
<b>Thurs 15th</b>	Stillington Community Meeting	<b>3 - 5pm</b>
<b>Thurs 15th</b>	Gardening Club	<b>7.30pm</b>
<b>Fri 16th</b>	Primetime	<b>1 - 3pm</b>
<b>Sun 18th</b>	Bakery Pod	<b>10am - 3pm</b>
<b>Mon 19th</b>	Bridge Club	<b>1.30 - 4pm</b>
<b>Mon 19th</b>	Yoga with Annie	<b>6.30 - 7.30pm</b>
<b>Sun 25th</b>	Private Function	<b>11am - 5pm</b>
<b>Fri 30th</b>	Panto - Cinderella	<b>2pm</b>

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**

## Stillington and Farlington WI

On Wednesday 9th November we welcomed Claire and Richard Adams to show us how to make a Christmas card. They supplied all the materials and equipment and had a board displaying some of their ideas which we could use as guides to help those of us who didn't have a clue where to start!! If we had any problems Claire and Richard were pleased to help but didn't try and direct our thoughts.

Shapes could be stuck with double-sided tape or tiny sticky pads which gave a 3D effect. Most importantly THERE WAS NO GLITTER!! much to the relief of those of us who have worked with children and have swept up glitter well into the New Year!! It was a thoroughly enjoyable evening, we each made a unique card, and realised that hand-crafting isn't as daunting as we might have thought.

Our next meeting will be our Christmas dinner which is only for members. On the **11th January 2023 at 7pm in Stillington Village Hall** we will hear from Andrea Wood who will talk to us about Nutrition. **All visitors welcome, cost £4 including refreshments.**

## Stillington Parish Council - November

Held on Wednesday 2nd November 2022 in the Village Hall with Cllrs Tim Drew (Chairman), Robin Conway, Graham Taylor, Christine Cookman, Tracy Sinclair, Richard Smyth & Robert Churton together with 2 members of the public and County Councillor Malcolm Taylor.

### Public Session

Matters discussed were the broken street sign on South Back Lane, the broken mirror on York Road, rats on a disused site on South Back Lane and the electrical supplies in the telephone box and bus shelter.

### Grass Cutting

Grass cutting tender documents are now completed and the tendering process can now take place.

### Kissing Gate

Quote has been accepted for the repair of the kissing gate on North Back Lane.

### Vehicle Activated Speed Signs

The Clerk is in the process of obtaining quotes.

### Policies

Twenty new draft policies have been reviewed. These will be amended and published. A tree policy was discussed and agreed.

### Website

Meeting to be confirmed with the web designer.

### Dementia Friendly Parish

Cllr Sinclair will liaise with the Parish Pastoral Group to see if the Council can assist with any dementia friendly programmes.

### Village Maintenance

Weeds still growing through the surface of the footway on High Street have been reported again to NYCC Highways. No further work to be made by NYCC Highways to the footway on the South of Main Street which.

Work to remove silt from the pond will now take place in the spring due to rising water levels.

### Finance

The budget for 2023/24 was agreed and the precept raised by 10% to cover the projected outturn. This however will still leave a deficit, which will be met from Council reserves.

### Next Meeting

Wednesday 7th December in the Village Hall at 7pm.

Agenda items to include grass cutting contracts, review of the policies and communication with the Surgery Practice Manager

The meeting closed at 9.10pm.

**The Clerk to the Parish Council:**

**Nigel Knapton at [clerk@stillingtonparishcouncil.uk](mailto:clerk@stillingtonparishcouncil.uk)**

## Quiz at the Sports and Social Club

The November quiz raised **£315** for the Tennis Club towards their new courts. Well done to Barbara Watson's Newton on Ouse team. Friday 2nd December quiz will be for the British Legion.

## King Charles Coronation – Saturday 6th May 2023

How shall we celebrate? Everyone is Welcome to the first planning meeting in the Village Hall on Wednesday 4th January at 6pm to hear and discuss all your ideas.





### Queen's Green Canopy Plaque

Last March, our Gardening Club organised the planting of 195 saplings in the Cemetery field beside the railings.

This plaque is placed inside the Cemetery between the first two trees on the right. As you can see the majority of the saplings have

grown extremely well.

The writing on the plaque reads: "As part of the Queen's Green Canopy this hedge was planted on 25th March 2022 by the Pupils of Stillington School, supported by volunteers from St Nicholas Church and Stillington Gardening Club to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee".



### Christmas Party

This festive evening will take place on Thursday 15th December at 7pm for 7.30pm. Please note Thursday not Wednesday to avoid a clash of events in the Village Hall. We look forward to a great night with lots of food, drink and entertainment including a quiz and raffle.

### Village Flower Troughs

These have now been looked after by volunteers in the SGC for the last year. I hope we have kept up the very high standard set by Dave Green. A big thank you to Mike Walker for your help throughout the year.

### Annual Show 2023

I am very happy to announce that Sarah Raper has kindly said she will run the Show next year. We owe a huge debt of gratitude to Carol Marsh who has run the show so well for the last many years, THANK YOU. Carol has very generously agreed to help Sarah when needed.

**Robert Churton**

### Stillington Wanderers

It was a 'No Hills' walk on Monday 7th November circumnavigating part of Thorpe Underwood estate, Queen Ethelburga's School and within sight of the expanding Thorpe Underwood tree nursery. Walkers also did a short lap of Kirk Hammerton village. The School hosted the New Zealand Men's and Women's Rugby League teams who were competing in the World Cup.

There were hills and dales for our Monday 21st November walk from Scawton via Cold Kirby & onto the Cleveland Way. Unfortunately, the autumn damp & mist didn't lift to see the Pheasantry, Moors & Hawnby Hill (hump) but we were shown ample evidence of where badgers are eating the corn cobs on maize plants.

The accumulated £1 contributions since the 'Village Walks' restarted on 14th March have been shared between the British Legion and Kevin Sinfield's MND fundraising: Kevin having recently completed seven ultra-marathons in seven days - Day 5 run being from Stokesley to York.

**Next walks are 5th and 19th December. Meet 9.30am outside the White Bear.**

### Weather Report - November 2022

#### Rainfall

The second half of October had twice the rainfall of the first half, giving a total of 91mm for the month, nearly half as much again as the average.

November, likewise, has been wet. Three rainy days in the middle of the month gave us 36mm (nearly 1½ inches). Is there still a hosepipe ban?

#### Temperature

The second half of October showed little change from the first half.

November, by contrast, has been remarkably mild so far. On the 11th I recorded 17.1°C, not far short of the record figure for November in the York area. The lowest temperature was 4.4°C on the night of 3rd/4th.

#### Sunshine

My solar panels gave me 240 kWh in October, the highest October figure since 2018.

**MT**

### Eco Top Tips from St Nicholas' Church

Every month the Eco-Working Group at St Nicholas' Church gives a few handy tips for every household to understand and control their carbon emissions, as an act of love for Christ's creation and our fellow human beings. For December, then:



#### December - Christmas Crackers

1. Real trees have a much lower carbon footprint than artificial ones, especially if disposed of by wood-chipping. An artificial tree would need to be reused for ten years to be comparable.
2. This Advent (i.e. this year from November 27th until Christmas Day), pray for grace and wisdom to play your part in caring for creation.
3. Watch your shopping trolley. In the UK our food spend increases by 16% in December; make sure you are not over catering and that extras are not going to end up in the bin.

### Stillington Sports & Social Club

Applications are invited for the position of Secretary of the SSSC, commencing April 2023.

The duty entails attending one meeting on the third Tuesday evening of each month.

You will be part of the management team of the SSSC. As well as producing Minutes of the meetings, the other main duty is dealing with club correspondence.

The vacancy is due to our current Secretary retiring after many years of service.

For further details please contact: **Dennis North Tel. 810245**



## Countryside Notes

I am writing this after a chilly day with poor light and afternoon rain. At last, we have water in the pond, enough for a pair of Mallards to swim in last night. The Foss has risen over the last few days, the first time since last winter, I think. This would indicate that the water table in the land has risen to nearer November levels. The autumn sown crops have grown well and developed good root systems that will help them survive more wet weather if it continues.

On Remembrance Day, whilst observing the two minutes silence, I was looking down on the short grass and was surprised at how many plants were growing there. All of them with their own particular shaped leaves, each species different in shape. This, so the botanists say, is for each to be better able to drink in the sunshine.

While at the church, I will draw your attention to the wall at the east gate from Main Street. There are shale stones built in the wall that I think will be local stone, as this type of shale is in the area. If you look carefully, you will see that there are an awful lot of Fossils within them. Some Mussel-like ones that some call Devil's Toenails, some have finer flat scallop-shaped shells. How many of us have never noticed these intriguing prehistoric beings from long, long past? It was only last year that I noticed them. Similar fossil encrusted shale has been found when Marl Ponds were dug to the south of the village. I guess that these creatures lived in mud which would suggest that the area was once flooded. Marl is clay that was used to stabilise the light sandy land and prevent erosion. That is why there are so many small ponds in the sandy areas where it was dug by hand and then spread on the land. Modern marling is done with machines that dig vast holes that are then used as irrigation reservoirs.

Last month I was objecting to the damage being done by badgers rooting up grass in the fields. This is still going on and now, with the wet, the digging has got easier. Now, Mr and Mrs Mole have decided that our lawn grass needs decorating with molehills, not a good idea! A pressing job for me to begin is the gathering of Holly for Christmas before the Blackbirds have similar thoughts, then I must put the gathered berries where the mice will not devour them like last year!

Enjoy Christmas and walk off the excess of indulgence by enjoying the colours of winter and blue skies.

**R & M**

## Advent Windows 2022



Thanks to everyone who has contributed to this again  
**Please remember to put your number in the window**

<b>6th</b> 4 Parkfield	<b>1st</b> Methodist Chapel, North Back Lane	<b>13th</b> 20 Parkfield
<b>20th</b> 24 Parkfield	<b>14th</b> Yew Tree House Main Street	<b>10th</b> Little Garth, Main Street
<b>22nd</b> Herriot Cottage, The Green	<b>5th</b> 69 Parkfield	<b>24th</b> St. Nicholas Church
<b>23rd</b> 4, The Cottages, The Green	<b>17th</b> The White Bear, Main Street	<b>9th</b> 30 Parkfield
<b>11th</b> Cottage Farm High Street	<b>16th</b> Stillington School, North Back Lane	<b>18th</b> Jasmine Cottage High Street
<b>8th</b> 32 Parkfield	<b>21st</b> The Forge, The Green	<b>4th</b> Cobble Cottage, Main Street
<b>3rd</b> Scissor Line Salon, Main Street	<b>12th</b> The Green, The Green	<b>15th</b> Hill Brae, High Street
<b>2nd</b> 45 Parkfield	<b>19th</b> 2, The Cottages, The Green	<b>7th</b> Green View Bungalow, The Green



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## CHURCH SERVICES - December

### St Nicholas, Stillington

#### Priest:

Rev Stephen Whiting 810251  
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#### Lay Minister:

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#### Church Wardens:

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#### Canon Emeritus:

Robert Law 810940  
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Sun 4th	Morning Worship	10am
Sun 11th	St Nicholas Day Service	10am
Sun 18th	Holy Communion Blessing of the Crib	10am
Tues 20th	Choir Practice Carols by Candlelight	6pm 7pm
Sat 24th	'Midnight Mass' Holy Communion	11pm
Sun 25th	No Service	

**Visiting the church** The church is open every day.

**Prayers for the village every Thursday at 9am.** If you would like to join us or if you would like prayers said for anyone or anything please contact Margaret Price.

**Holy Communion at home** If you would like to receive Holy Communion at home please contact Margaret Price to arrange a convenient time.

### St Mary's Marton

#### Church Contact:

Caroline Hunt 878242  
martonintheforest@gmail.com  
Sue Whiting 810251

**Sunday 11th** Candlelit Carols 4pm

We are really looking forward to our Candlelit Carols, which will be followed by festive nibbles. This will be our only service in December as we feel that everyone will be busy (or snoozing) by 3pm on Sunday 25th! Many thanks to all those who have supported services at Marton and helped to keep the church open and welcoming to all visitors during 2022. Marton Church is open daily so do drop in for a little peace and quiet during the busy festive season. We hope you have a good Christmas!

If you would like us to pray for you - email [martonintheforest@gmail.com](mailto:martonintheforest@gmail.com), phone Caroline on 878242 or leave a prayer card on the font in church

## Advent Conversations

Having recently taken up the role of Methodist minister with the **Villages Together Methodist Church**, I'm pleased to have this opportunity to share some thoughts as we move into the season of Advent and prepare for Christmas.

You may be familiar with the radio programme *Across the Red Line*, so-called because it encourages participants to look beyond the set red lines of their social and political views in order to appreciate alternative stances. Two people with differing outlooks are brought together to explore a particular question. The conversation then moves through three distinct phases. In the first part the two participants are given the opportunity to state their own convictions. Together they begin a debate which focuses primarily on the arguments they wish to use to support their point of view. In the second part they are asked to move away from presenting and defending their own angle. Instead they ask open questions of each other and try to understand what it is that has brought them to their current beliefs and values. It is here that much more attention is given to listening, not to the arguments, but to one another. In the third part they are then asked to put themselves in each other's shoes and summarise how the other feels and thinks about the question at hand.

The process moves from debate to inquiry to understanding. From promoting and defending a point of view to taking a deeper interest in the other participant and then on again to articulating the stance of the other to check that it has been understood accurately. The process challenges those taking part to enter into a relationship where alternative views are recognised and understood and where each learns a little at least about the other.

Perhaps this might provide us with a framework for our travelling through Advent. Traditionally understood as a season for self-examination and reflection, Advent invites us to do this through encountering and appreciating what may feel very different and strange. A deeper valuing of others may well result in a deeper valuing of ourselves.

You might like to make a conscious effort to make conversation this Advent. It will make a difference!

With my very best wishes for a thoughtful Advent and a peaceful Christmas

**David Bidnell (Methodist Minister)**

### St Leonard's, Farlington

#### Priest:

Revd Stephen Whiting 810251  
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#### Church Wardens:

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The end of another year and we look forward to all the joy and happiness which Christmas offers us including, at St Leonard's, our *Carols by Candlelight* and *Christmas Day* services. And then, just around the corner, is a new year with new beginnings to look forward to. This includes our celebration of the start of the farming year which we celebrate with our Plough Sunday service and Ploughman's Lunch on January 8th.

**Sun 11th** Shortened Matins 10.30am

**Fri 23rd** Carols by Candlelight 6.30am

**Sun 25th** Morning Service 10.30am

A celebration of Christmas for all the family embracing a shortened Holy Communion

### Methodist Chapel

#### Minister:

Rev David Bidnell 01904 345429  
david.bidnell@gmail.com

#### Steward:

Robin Jackson 810250  
robinjacksonwoodside@gmail.com

### Villages Working Together

**Sun 4th** Huby - Café Services 3pm

Rev David Bidnell

**Sun 11th** Alne Hall - Communion 3pm

Rev Ruth Duck

**Sun 18th** Tholthorpe 3pm

Christingle Service

**Christmas Day Stillington 9.30am**

A service for all the family conducted by Rev David Bidnell and Robin Jackson.

We will be supporting 'Action for Children'

**Everyone is very welcome.**

### Film Afternoons

**Thursday 15th December 2pm**

Come along and enjoy the good company, film and of course refreshments.

For full details Tel 810250