

# Stillington News

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## Tuesday Pop In

Every Tuesday in the Village Hall Committee Room from  
**10.30 - 12 noon**

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

Please email contributions for the **March** to [news@stillingtonvillage.org](mailto:news@stillingtonvillage.org) by **Wednesday 16th February**

## Rural Arts

Rural Arts has secured funding to provide a further six sessions of Heart and Craft at 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.

**Sessions will be held monthly on a Thursday afternoon from 2 - 4pm on the following dates:**  
**10th February, 10th March, 7th April,**  
**12th May, 9th June, 7th July**

The first session will cover collage with Sorcha McCole. No previous experience is required, just come with the idea of 'having a go'!

There are no restrictions on using the hall apart from mask-wearing and adequate ventilation, with hand-washing and social distancing at your own discretion.

*This will obviously be reviewed if the government amends the rules.*

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

Please ring **Yvonne on 811544**  
or text **07497 051424**. Thank you.

## Queen's Jubilee Weekend



### 2nd – 5th June 2022

National events for the weekend include:

Lighting of Beacons (2/06);  
Service of Thanksgiving (3/06);  
Palace Party (4/06);  
Jubilee Lunch and Pageant (5/06).

Plans are being developed for our own Village Weekend and we're open to all ideas.

**Next meeting is Wednesday 2nd February 6.30pm to 7pm in the Village Hall** – please join in.



Dr Barbara McPherson will be retiring on 20th February 2022. She has worked at Stillington Surgery for 31 years and is well known and respected by many local residents. We all wish her a long, happy and healthy retirement.

Dr Kate Keen who joined the Practice in February last year will become a Partner following Dr McPherson's retirement and Dr Anthony Butterfield will join us in March.

**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

<b>Tues 1st</b>	Tuesday Pop In	<b>10.30am</b>
<b>Tues 1st</b>	Short Mat Bowls	<b>2pm</b>
<b>Weds 2nd</b>	Platinum Jubilee Meeting	<b>6.30pm</b>
<b>Weds 2nd</b>	Parish Council Meeting	<b>7pm</b>
<b>Thurs 3rd</b>	Table Tennis	<b>10am</b>
<b>Thurs 3rd</b>	Yoga with Annie	<b>6pm</b>
<b>Fri 4th</b>	Primetime	<b>1pm</b>
<b>Sun 6th</b>	Bakery Pod - Carpark	<b>10 - 2</b>
<b>Mon 7th</b>	Bridge Club	<b>1.30pm</b>
<b>Mon 7th</b>	Yoga with Annie	<b>6.30pm</b>
<b>Tues 8th</b>	Tuesday Pop In	<b>10.30am</b>
<b>Tues 8th</b>	Short Mat Bowls	<b>2pm</b>
<b>Weds 9th</b>	W.I.	<b>7pm</b>
<b>Thurs 10th</b>	Table Tennis	<b>10am</b>
<b>Thurs 10th</b>	Yoga with Annie	<b>6pm</b>
<b>Fri 11th</b>	Primetime	<b>1pm</b>
<b>Sun 13th</b>	Bakery Pod - Carpark	<b>10 - 2</b>
<b>Mon 14th</b>	Bridge Club	<b>1.30pm</b>
<b>Mon 14th</b>	Yoga with Annie	<b>6.30pm</b>
<b>Tues 15th</b>	Tuesday Pop In	<b>10.30am</b>
<b>Tues 15th</b>	Short Mat Bowls	<b>2pm</b>
<b>Tues 15th</b>	Bowls Match	<b>7pm</b>
<b>Weds 16th</b>	'Ladies' Lunch'	<b>12pm</b>
<b>Weds 16th</b>	VH Committee Meeting	<b>7pm</b>
<b>Thurs 17th</b>	Table Tennis	<b>10am</b>
<b>Thurs 17th</b>	SCA Board Meeting	<b>2pm</b>
<b>Thurs 17th</b>	Yoga with Annie	<b>6pm</b>
<b>Fri 18th</b>	Primetime	<b>1pm</b>
<b>Sat 19th</b>	Platinum Jubilee Coffee Morning	<b>10-12</b>
<b>Sun 20th</b>	Bakery Pod - Carpark	<b>10-2</b>
<b>Mon 21st</b>	Bridge Club	<b>1.30pm</b>
<b>Tues 22nd</b>	Tuesday Pop In	<b>10.30am</b>
<b>Tues 22nd</b>	Bowls	<b>2pm</b>
<b>Tues 23rd</b>	Bowls Match	<b>7pm</b>
<b>Weds 23rd</b>	Gardening Club	<b>7.30pm</b>
<b>Thurs 24th</b>	Table Tennis	<b>10am</b>
<b>Fri 25th</b>	Primetime	<b>1pm</b>
<b>Sun 27th</b>	Bakery Pod - Carpark	<b>10-2</b>
<b>Mon 28th</b>	Bridge Club	<b>1.30pm</b>
<b>Mon 28th</b>	Yoga with Annie	<b>6.30pm</b>

These events may be subject to change or cancellation. Please check the online calendar for up to date information  
[thevillagehallstillington.org/calendar.asp](http://thevillagehallstillington.org/calendar.asp)

### Thank You

We were delighted to open our new 'Pop In' venture on Tuesday 11th January as we advertised. **Thank you** so much to all who came to enjoy a good chat over coffee and biscuits on the first day and contributed to the congenial and lively atmosphere. It was a pleasure to meet known friends and lovely to see and get to know some new faces.

We look forward to enjoying your company on future Tuesdays from 10.30 -12 noon so do pop along and meet friends at the Village Hall in such a lovely well ventilated and welcoming space.

Jenny P.



### February Speaker

Our speaker on Wednesday 23rd February is Leila Vyner - topic, "Willow Sculpture".

### Winners Club

Congratulations to the January Draw winners who are: 1st prize £15 - Hazel Ratcliffe; 2nd prize £5 - Sally Coomer.

### Plant Sale 2022

It is hoped members are thinking about what they are going to plant for the "new style plant sale" in May. Muriel Law had the idea of a "Bring & Buy Plant Stall" in early May. Members are asked to plant extra seeds and cuttings for the sale, we all grow too many! I have a huge number of trays, 3,6 & 9 which you can have, please just ask.

### Gardening Tips January

- \*Net fruit and vegetable crops to keep the birds off.
- \*Prune winter-flowering shrubs that have finished flowering.
- \*Divide bulbs such as snowdrops, and plant those that need planting 'in the green'.
- \*Prune Wisteria.
- \*Prune hardy evergreen hedges and renovate overgrown deciduous hedges.

Robert Churton

### Stillington & Farlington W.I.

On Wednesday 12th January we met to discuss speakers for the year. This usually occurs well before Christmas but with Covid restrictions involved we decided to delay, until now.

We meet in Stillington Village Hall on the second Wednesday of the month. We welcome all visitors and only charge £4 for an interesting and varied talk/demonstration with refreshments.

Our first speaker in 2022 will be a gentleman called Paul who will talk to us about Tai Chi. This is an exercise regime based on a martial art and dates back many years to ancient China. It is said to aid balance and concentration. Paul will guide us through some basic exercises, so loose comfortable clothing would be a good idea for this meeting.

**Wednesday 9th February at 7pm**, hope to see you there.

Angela Hawker



**Thank you** to everyone who gave donations and came to support the Coffee and Cake fundraising in the Village Hall for the Queen's Jubilee on Saturday 8th January. With the Refreshments, sale of Games and Books we made **£290**.

**Next Coffee and Cake morning will be Saturday 19th February in the Village Hall 10am to 12 noon.**

**Many thanks** to all who supported the Children's Society over the Christmas season. A total of **£243.99** was raised for this charity.

## Countryside Notes February 2022

Tuesday 18th January, a very cold day after a sharp frost. The sun has shone but not enough to take the rime from the shaded areas. The moon rose tonight, a wonderful orange ball, later it was shrouded with cloud. There has been plenty of mist and fog over the last few days. Thankfully, not the pea soupers that we used to have in my younger days. Thank goodness our atmosphere has been cleaned up with the reduction of coal fired industrial processes. This cleaner air has been beneficial to the growth of many lichens that encrust trees and shrubs. I am reading a book about fungi and the like and the importance of these forms of life, lichen being one of them is really two forms of life growing in a symbiotic relationship; fungi and algae, the fungi reach out and grow and the algae feeds the fungi.

The bird feeders have been very busy lately with a good variety of birds. The most interesting are the family of 9 or 10 Long Tailed Tits who are very agile and quick. This family will soon split up and find mates to nest with. This family will still be roosting in the old round nest that they were raised in. The cobwebs used in construction will allow a little expansion and strength, now if you were one of those little ones would you want to be first to bed or last? We have Blue, Great and the odd Coal Tits coming along, with a good number of Tree Sparrows, and rarely a House Sparrow, Robins, Hedge Sparrows or Dunnocks, a few Chaffinches and I was pleased to see a Greenfinch recently. Now, these finches, once common, are scarce due to a disease that has decimated their number.

I was pleased, about the New Year, to see a very light-coloured Yellow Hammer; so light that it looked white. I wonder if this is the same bird we had around last winter, that I mentioned then?

We seem to have a lot of grey squirrels about at the moment, there were four in one of the buildings on Sunday being a bit argumentative and making strange noises. However, the next day our lethargic cat was devouring one. So, from one pest to another, badgers have been busy rooting in the grass field at the back of the farm; unfortunately, they do not put the rooted turf back like they found it!

Watching an art programme on TV featuring Monet's garden, painted in many different lights showed how transformative light can be. Certainly, there have been some wonderful moments of light in the last month. What seems drab and grey can become picture postcard colour as the sun breaks through and blue sky of a variety of shades move into view, along with the fine sunrises and sunsets. How quickly they can change their colours, there to be enjoyed by all who stop and stare and, of course, enjoy. We need to give it time to enrich our lives.

May I wish you good viewing as the days lengthen.

R&M

## Weather Report - January 2022

### Rainfall

December was damp but without any heavy rain. We had several days of mist in the middle of the month. The monthly total was 44mm, a third below the average figure. There was no snow in Stillington, though some fell on the hills. The total rainfall for the year came to 711mm (28"), slightly above the average figure.

The first half of January has given a modest 16mm of rain.

### Temperature

December was remarkable for the unseasonably mild spell at the end of the month. On the 30th it reached 14.5°C (58°F). Only once did the overnight temperature fall below zero, to -0.7°C, on the 16th/17th.

The mild weather stayed over the New Year, with 14.3°C on the 1<sup>st</sup>, but it was followed by a chilly spell a few days later, falling to -3.1°C on the night of 6th/7th

The solar panel output, of 60kWh, was the lowest monthly figure I have ever recorded.

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## Stillington Parish Council

The Council meeting was held on Wednesday 5th January 2022 in the Village Hall with Cllrs Christine Cookman (Chairman), Robert Churton, Robin Conway & Graham Taylor together with 3 members of the public.

### Flooding

Yorkshire Water have provided dates to meet regarding the issue of flooding around the southern edge of the village and opposite the cricket field. Dates to be confirmed with all involved parties.

### Derelict Sites

Three derelict sites in the village have now been inspected by Hambleton DC and enforcement letters have been issued to owners.

### Council Vacancy

Interest has been shown in the Parish Council vacancy and the co-option of a new Councillor will be on the next agenda.

### Avenue of Trees

A proposal to plant an avenue of trees outside the village on the Easingwold Road in celebration of the Jubilee will be submitted to NYCC Highways for their review.

### Pedestrian Crossing

Request received from a resident for a pedestrian crossing on Main Street. This will be raised with NYCC Highways.

### Overgrown Hedge

Thirteen Housing to receive written notice regarding their overgrown hedge on York Road.

### VASS Consultant

A request will be made for a Vehicle Activated Speed Sign consultant to attend a future meeting to discuss potential signage schemes.

### Next Meeting

Wednesday 2nd February in the Village Hall at 7pm

**The Clerk to the Parish Council:**  
**Nigel Knapton at**  
**clerk@stillingtonparishcouncil.uk**

## Sports and Social Club Quiz

Thank you to the supporting tables who came along for the January Quiz and helping to raise **£161 for the Village Jubilee fund**. Very well done to Christine and Alan Shires, Val and Dick Tregea – with just one point between 1st & 2nd tables. **February Quiz will be for FOSS, Friends of Stillington School.**

## CHURCH SERVICES - February

### St Nicholas, Stillington

**Priest:** Rev Stephen Whiting 810251

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**Lay Minister:** Margaret Price 811262

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**Canon Emeritus:** Robert Law 810940

[lrf43@kesonline.org](mailto:lrf43@kesonline.org)

**Worship in Church** - no booking needed.

**Sun 6th** Morning Worship 10am

**Weds 16th** Holy Communion 2pm

**Sun 20th** Holy Communion 10am

**Sun 27th** Eco Service 10am

The Church nationally is to be carbon neutral by 2030. Come to this service, see what we are doing in Stillington and make your contribution

### 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](mailto: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? Call me to arrange a convenient time. **Margaret Price 811262.**

### St Nicholas Church Rota

31st January to 12th February

**CLEANING** Mrs R Little

**BRASSES** Mr D Little

14th February to 26th February

**CLEANING** Mrs M Law

**BRASSES** Mrs M North

### FLOWERS

6th February Mrs J Ingham

20th February Mrs G Churton

27th February Mrs B Milburn

### 200 club results

1st Mrs W Tomlinson - £50

2nd Mr B Rawling

3rd Mrs P Dodd

Drawn by "Our Ernie"

## Fresh start

My new year's resolution this year was not to make any resolutions! Partly because it is difficult to come up with a list of things in my life that I have any hope of changing, and mainly because by this time in the year I have usually broken them and feel a failure!

The beginning of the year is an opportunity to think about where we are and what we would like to start or change in our life. And the idea of making a fresh start is very much part of our Christian tradition. Many of the New Testament stories are about that: people who spent a lifetime fishing left their nets and start fishing for people; a tax collector turns over a new leaf and gives half his possessions to the poor; an ardent persecutor of the young church went on a life-changing journey and became an apostle to the Gentiles. God gives us all a new start, no matter what time of year it is, and is always waiting to set us off on the right road again.

So rather than wish you a happy new year as such, let me simply remind you of the God who forgives us no matter how many times we break our good resolutions, and encourage you to remain open to the possibilities of fresh starts – in our lives, in our church and in the world.

Elizabeth Cushion

## St Nicholas Parish Register

### Wedding

Ashley John Giles

&

Nicola Leanne Simpson

on

Sunday 5th September 2021

### Baptism

Mimi Eliza Ibbotson

5th October 2021

### Funerals

Beverley Hutchinson

15th October 2021

Kathleen Mildred Gibson

30th October 2021

Jennifer Adele Tucker

29th November 2021

Noel Sleightholm

10th December 2021

## St Mary's Marton

**Church Contact:** Caroline Hunt 878242

[martonintheforest@gmail.com](mailto:martonintheforest@gmail.com)

Sue Whiting 810251

St Mary's Church, Marton in the Forest, is open every day for prayer. We are looking ahead to opportunities to meet together in spring and summer. **For updates, please see the church's Facebook page, A Church Near You, email [martonintheforest@gmail.com](mailto:martonintheforest@gmail.com) or contact Caroline on 01347 878242.**

## St Leonard's, Farlington

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**Church Wardens:** Sally Wright 878745

Richard Haste 878581

[richardhaste@btinternet.com](mailto:richardhaste@btinternet.com)

**Sun 13th** Shortened Matins 11.15am

**Sun 27th** Holy Communion 10.30am

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

## Methodist Chapel

**Minister:** Rev E Cushion 821460

**Stewards:** Robin Jackson 810250

Gareth Papps 810094

**Sun 6th** Huby -

Mr Robin Jackson 10.30am

**Sun 13th** Alne -

Rev Elizabeth Cushion 3pm

**Sun 20th** Tholthorpe -

Rev Elizabeth Cushion 3pm

**Sun 27th** Stillington -

Mrs Frances Priestnall 10.30am

## Film Club

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

If you have any special film you would like to share do let us know

[robinjacksonwoodside@gmail.com](mailto:robinjacksonwoodside@gmail.com) or tel 810250

Do come, everyone is very welcome

