

# Stillington News

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## Stillington News

### Christmas Puzzle Answers

STILLINGTON VILLAGE

1. Duck Pond - Toy Ducks

2. WI - Toy Bricks

3. Stillington News - Pile of Papers

4. Post Offices and Stores - Hamper with Post

5. The White Bear - Tree Ornament

6. St Nicholas Church - Church in Window

7. Red Telephone Box - Red Telephone Lamp

8. Cricket Club - Cricket Equipment

9. Stillington Surgery - Doctors Bag

10. Stillington School - School Bag

CHRISTMAS CAROLS OR SONGS

1. The Holly and the Ivy - Holly and Ivy on Fire Place

2. We Three Kings - Chess King, Lion King & King King

3. O Holy Night - Knight Painting with Holes

4. Jingle Bells - Sleigh Bells on Wall

5. Rudolph the Rednosed Reindeer - Reindeer on Fireplace

6. Little Drummer Boy - Toy Drum

7. I Saw Three Ships - Tree Ornaments

8. Away in a Manger - Toy Bricks and Manger

9. Little Donkey - Tree Ornament

10. Oh Christmas Tree - Small Christmas Tree on Fire Place

**Explorers** - the after school club run by the churches in Stillington for primary age children will start again on

**Fridays from 14th January; 3.30pm - 4.30pm in the Methodist Church.**

Bible stories, crafts, song and prayer .

All welcome

For further information contact 811262

## TUESDAY POP IN

We would like to welcome you all to a new venture for 2022

**Due to open in the Village Hall Committee Room every Tuesday from 10.30 -12 noon,**

Come and enjoy refreshments in an informal setting, meet long standing friends and make new ones.



**The Initial opening date was planned for 11th January and to open each week.**

However as there is no access to a crystal ball we need to be very aware of any future covid restrictions being put in place, so the date might have to be postponed if and when the situation becomes clearer. Information and updates will be posted round the village to notify any changes as necessary.

**For more information phone Jenny on 811911 if you have any questions or comments**

**PRIMETIME** is a sociable, seated, inclusive sports activity which is held in the village hall on Friday afternoons from 1-3pm

It is led by Joe McKechnie, Hambleton District Council's Inclusive Sports Officer, who takes great delight in devising twists to the game of bocchia – a kind of bowls – and kurling – using wheeled discs – which can become quite competitive!

Refreshments are served at half time by Liz and Yvonne and a small charge of £3 is made to cover hall rental. The group was started by Brenda Milburn and Angela Hawker some years ago, to offer an exercise opportunity for anyone in the village with mobility issues, although currently we have more players from outside the village.

Stillington Surgery supported us in 2020 with cash collected at the flu clinics. Hambleton District Council has supported us from the beginning by funding Joe's position. It would be really good to welcome more residents to Primetime. If you would like to give it a try, or know someone who you might bring along to see what goes on, please call in for a visit one Friday afternoon. Dates appear in the monthly Stillington News village hall diary.

**Yvonne Murphy**

## BATA HEATING OIL

If you require a delivery of oil in January/February, please let

**Maureen Linton**

know by

**Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> January**

e-mail preferred:

[minsteryork@me.com](mailto:minsteryork@me.com)

or  810082

Minimum: 500 litres

## Stillington and District Community Archive

Mike Haken Chairman of The Roman Road Research Association

Will give a presentation On local Roman Roads

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30 in Stillington Village Hall  
Members Free, Membership £3  
Guests £3, New Members Welcome  
**Delicious Refreshments £1**

## Sports and Social Club Quiz

The excellent turn out for December Quiz helped to raise **£290 for the Gardening Club**. Well done to John Pollack and the Turvey family, Michel, Kaye and David, the winning team.

**The January quiz Friday 7<sup>th</sup> at 8.00pm will be for the Jubilee fund.**

## Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Next planning meeting is Wednesday 5 January in the Village Hall 6.30pm to 7pm. **Fundraising: Family 'Coffee & Cake' on Saturday 8 January 10am to 12 noon again in the Village Hall.** Children's table and activities + book stall.

All welcome

**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 Bookings January

Sun	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Bakery Pod	10am-2pm
Mon	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Bridge Club	1.30pm
Mon	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Yoga with Annie	6.30pm
Tue	4 <sup>th</sup>	Bowls	2pm
Wed	5 <sup>th</sup>	Platinum Jubilee Meeting	6.30pm
Wed	5 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Council	7pm
Thu	6 <sup>th</sup>	Table Tennis	10am
Fri	7 <sup>th</sup>	Primetime	1pm
Sat	8 <sup>th</sup>	Platinum Jubilee Coffee Morning	10am
Sat	8 <sup>th</sup>	SCA Volunteers Party	
Sun	9 <sup>th</sup>	Bakery Pod	10am-2pm
Mon	10 <sup>th</sup>	Bridge Club	1.30pm
Mon	10 <sup>th</sup>	Yoga with Annie	6.30pm
Tue	11 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday Pop In	10am
Tue	11 <sup>th</sup>	Bowls	2pm
Wed	12 <sup>th</sup>	WI	7pm
Thu	13 <sup>th</sup>	Table Tennis	10am
Fri	14 <sup>th</sup>	Prime Time	1pm
Sun	16 <sup>th</sup>	Bakery Pod	10am-2pm
Mon	17 <sup>th</sup>	Bridge Club	1.30pm
Mon	17 <sup>th</sup>	Yoga with Annie	6.30pm
Tue	18 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday Pop In	10am
Tue	18 <sup>th</sup>	Bowls	2pm
Wed	19 <sup>th</sup>	Ladies' Lunch	12pm
Wed	19 <sup>th</sup>	Archive	7.30pm
Thu	20 <sup>th</sup>	Table Tennis	10am
Thu	20 <sup>th</sup>	SCA Board Meeting	2pm
Fri	21 <sup>st</sup>	Primetime	1pm
Sun	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Bakery Pod	10am-2pm
Mon	24 <sup>th</sup>	Bridge Club	1.30pm
Mon	24 <sup>th</sup>	Yoga with Annie	6.30pm
Tue	25 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday Pop In	10am
Tue	25 <sup>th</sup>	Bowls	2pm
Wed	26 <sup>th</sup>	Gardening Club	7.30pm
Thu	27 <sup>th</sup>	Table Tennis	10am
Fri	28 <sup>th</sup>	Primetime	1pm
Sun	30 <sup>th</sup>	Bakery Pod	10am-2pm
Mon	31 <sup>st</sup>	Bridge Club	1.30pm
Mon	31 <sup>st</sup>	Yoga with Annie	6.30pm

### Booking Fees for The Village Hall from 1st January 2022

After much consideration the Village Hall Management Committee has decided to raise booking fees. We are absolutely committed to ensuring that our village hall is kept well maintained, warm, clean and safe for the use of local people, but this costs a considerable amount of money each month and our outgoings have risen steadily over the last two years. This increase in fees, the first in four years, will ensure we can continue to deliver this commitment. And we are still much better value than most village halls in our area!

**Village Groups: £25 for a four hour session**

**Closed Events (such as Parties and meetings):**

**£30 for a four hour session, Half sessions available.**

**For info:**

[www.thevillagehallstillington.org/hiringcharges.asp](http://www.thevillagehallstillington.org/hiringcharges.asp)

The Management Committee would like to thank all our village hall users. Your support and compliments make the hard work worthwhile.

**STILLINGTON VILLAGE HALL** is run on behalf of the local community by a small group of volunteers. It is a registered charity no. 1076571, so the committee members are Trustees of the charity. We have a Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, Bookings Secretary and Health & Safety rep.

The hall is used by village groups for meetings, activities and entertainment. It is also available for outside bookings, parties, events and commercial activities.

The committee also organises fund-raising events like the Christmas Fair, Book Sales and theatre/music events, to help with running costs.

We are really wanting to encourage new faces to join the committee with bright ideas and a fresh perspective. Anyone with IT skills, experience in social media, ability to organise and promote arts events and a general desire to enhance village life would be most welcome – gardeners and maintenance people are needed too. Some of us are getting a little tired and personally, I have been booking and promoting Rural Arts, independent theatre groups, music, fashion shows, craft experiences and other random events for more than 10 years now. It would be lovely to work alongside someone a little younger to ensure this rich tradition is continued. We are admired in North Yorkshire for the shows and events we put on, with people willing to travel miles to attend, but I would love more village residents to recognise what is available on their doorstep.

**Please contact the Chair, Harold Tomlinson, 811443 for an informal conversation if you are at all interested in helping the village hall team to move forward.**

### Countryside Notes January 2022

Monday 13th December and it is a mild night with gentle rain falling.

Last week saw two golden moments: the first being as I was driving from Sutton to York, when I noticed a lot of smallish birds flying in a tight flock of perhaps 500 - 600, maybe more. Their flight pattern, fast wing beats with a slightly curved shaped wing told me they were Waders. Then they turned and flew over my vehicle, where I was sure that they were Golden Plover. Birds that flock in winter, after summering on higher and more northerly rough upland ground. These birds are one of the fastest flying birds. Odd ones or small groups will dwell in winter with the Green Plover or Peewit, their call notes often tell you they are there. The gold on the upper parts of the bird is stunning if you are fortunate enough to see them in good sunlight, a sight you will never forget. Now, the Green Plover is usually seen as black and white, until you see them in sunlight where their iridescent colours shine out, bright green, purple, black and white with buff under tail feathers and a fine crested head. I remember seeing one such when harrowing land in spring as a very young farmer. I have never forgotten for the tractor allowed me fairly close viewing, and we looked out for the scrape of a nest with four mottled eggs, with their pointy ends in the centre. We would stop the tractor, with birds objecting and move the nest out of the way of the harrow, where the birds could settle down again. Modern, big farm machinery moving fast can't do that.

The other golden moment was on Friday last week when I had stopped for a sandwich while moving sheep fencing. The sun was shining on my left when suddenly a little bird flew and alighted on some willow 20 feet (7 metres) away. Immediately, I recognised it by its golden yellow on the wings and the more golden forehead stripe or crest. I quietly said "hello and welcome" and it, as quickly, said "Goodbye". It was a treat to see this, one of our smallest birds, even smaller than Jenny Wren. The Goldcrest is a bird of the garden and shrub beds that keeps itself to itself and may be more numerous than we think.

What will 2022 bring us? Many surprises I guess, and I hope that they will be good. One thing is certain, the seasons will come and go, in all their glory for us to enjoy. Here's to a superb year for all of you. **R&M**

**SGC NEWSLETTER – JANUARY 2022**  
**“HAPPY NEW YEAR” to our members.**

**Village Quiz**

A very big thank you to Christine and Graham Cookman, and their Quiz team, for the quiz on December 2nd which sponsored the Gardening Club. A magnificent total of £290 was raised by the raffle.

**Christmas Party**

What a shame the Party had to be cancelled. Your committee felt it was on balance the correct decision to make.

We will try and have a spring or early summer party, a good time for a get together with cream cakes!

**January Speaker**

Our speaker on Wednesday 26th January is Cailean Stewart - topic: "Gardens of Nunnington & Rievaulx".

**Winners Club**

Congratulations to the December Christmas Draw winners are:

1st prize £15 – The Conways. 2nd prize £5 – The Tregas

**Plant Sale 2022.**

Muriel Law has come up with the idea of a "Bring & Buy Plant Stall" in early May. Members are asked to plant on extra seeds and cuttings, we all grow too many! I have a huge number of trays, 3,6 & 9 which you can have. If you are splitting your plants please bring the excess to the sale. Muriel suggests some tables on the grass in front of her house to sell the plants, Tea and cakes may be possible. More details to follow.

**Robert Churton**

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**Weather Report - December 2021**

**Rainfall**

Until the 26th of the month, it was looking to be the driest November since I started keeping records, fifteen years ago. Then we had 25.5mm (1 inch) of precipitation in 24 hours. The contribution in the small hours of the 27th was in the form of snow. The monthly total therefore came to 41mm, compared with an average figure of 68mm.

The first two weeks of December have been relatively dry, 20mm to date.

**Temperature**

The first three weeks of November were relatively mild, the daytime temperature getting above 15°C on both the 9th and 18th of the month. In the last ten days of the month winter really set in, with frequent frosts as well as the snow mentioned above. The lowest temperature I recorded was -1.2°C, on the night of 28th/29th. It did mean that the snow hung around for several days.

So far December has been mainly cold and windy, but with an occasional mild day to confuse us, 12.6°C on Sunday 12th, for example. Overnight, 0.2°C on the 6th/7th, has been the lowest.

During November, with the days short and the sun low, the solar panels generated a meagre 120kWh, which was slightly more than in recent Novembers.

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**STILLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**

The Council meeting was on Wednesday 1st December 2021 in the Village Hall with Cllrs Christine Cookman (Chairman), Robert Churton, Robin Conway & Graham Taylor.

**Flooding**

Yorkshire Water had responded regarding a meeting to discuss the issue of flooding around the southern edge of village and opposite the Cricket Field and this would now be arranged.

**Grass cutting**

A meeting had taken with the grass cutting contractor and various amendments to the grass cutting schedule had been agreed.

**Pond fencing**

A quote to carry out the pruning work to the willow trees at the pond was accepted and a planning application would now be submitted.

**Flower troughs**

New flower troughs for the village signs would be considered next Summer.

**Trees**

A new ten-foot tree had been planted outside the Village hall to replace the dead one.

**Bus Stop**

Work on the electrical system in the bus shelter was agreed and an electrician would be engaged to do the work.

**Council Vacancy**

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

**Stillington News**

A grant of £100 was awarded to the Stillington News to assist with their costs.

**The Stillington Charity for Relief in Need**

The two existing Parish Council nominated trustees were nominated to serve on the charity for a further 4 years.

**NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday 5th January in the Village Hall at 7.00pm

The Clerk to the Parish Council: Nigel Knapton at [clerk@stillingtonparishcouncil.uk](mailto:clerk@stillingtonparishcouncil.uk)

**A New Year – a New Hope.** 2020, 2021, 2022... I know this January letter will (for some) be read before we reach New Year's Eve, which is no bad thing as the sentiment remains the same. The past couple of years have been extraordinary as we have all had to come to terms with the effects of the pandemic. We have had to adjust in the face of adversity and we have got on with life as best as we are able. What helps me in these times is a dose of reality – this virus is here, and it is here to stay, whatever the strain may be, but is how as individuals and collectively we respond that matters most, and I am glad to say that on the whole the response has been amazing even heart-warming. The many ways in which people have rallied round and stepped up and been there for their friends and neighbours. This altruism is to be applauded, to be celebrated as it restores our faith in humanity. It is with this in mind that I look to the future, to 2022 and beyond with interest and hopeful anticipation as each new year offers an exciting opportunity for a fresh start and new beginnings, and if you think about it, this is probably why we all look forward to New Year's Eve so much. No matter what your goals are for the coming year are or how many new year's resolutions you plan on making for 2022, ringing in the start of a new year is a moment to acknowledge we are leaving the old year behind and setting out on a new journey into a new year. Celebrate ringing in the new year, celebrate all of your experiences from 2021, and celebrate by welcoming the new year ahead. My wish, my prayer is for you, for people of all faiths and non, is that 2022 is a better, healthier, less stressful and more peaceful year, and that my God may bless you, hold you and walk with you throughout this new year and beyond.

**Happy New Year Blessings, Rev Steve**

## CHURCH SERVICES - January

### St Nicholas, Stillington

Priest: Revd Steve Whiting 810251  
[benefice.admin@gmail.com](mailto:benefice.admin@gmail.com)  
Lay Minister: Margaret Price 811262  
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Churchwardens: Janet Martin 822981  
[jessie.jm158@gmail.com](mailto:jessie.jm158@gmail.com)  
Richard Mapletoft 811854  
[rmapletoft@outlook.com](mailto:rmapletoft@outlook.com)  
Canon Emeritus: Robert Law 810940  
[lrf43@kesonline.org](mailto:lrf43@kesonline.org)

#### Worship in Church

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

**Sun 2nd** Morning Worship **10.00am**  
to bring in the New calendar Year  
**Wed 12th** Holy Communion **2.00pm**  
**Sun 16th** Holy Communion  
**10.00am**  
**Sun 23rd** *Mother Teresa,* **10.00am**  
*This is Your Life*  
The second in our series of alternative services  
and events. A short service in which Mother  
Teresa's life and calling will be celebrated. Bring  
the family. Should be a lot of fun.  
**Sun 30th** An ecumenical covenant **10.00am**  
service in the Methodist Church.  
Again, a great time for the family.

**Lifting restrictions during worship** In order to  
continue to keep us all safe you are asked to wear a  
mask, sanitise your hands on entry and leave a  
contact name and telephone number. Social  
distancing is no longer necessary, so there is room  
for more! Singing is now allowed. If you wish to  
carry out a lateral flow test before coming that is  
an extra precaution but it is not mandatory.

**Visiting the church** The church is now open  
every day. As a rough guide this is "in office  
hours". Please come and visit.

**Prayers for the village** These are now every  
Thursday at 9.00am. If you would like to join us  
or if you would like prayers said for anyone or  
anything please contact Margaret Price (811262;  
[pricehm870@gmail.com](mailto:pricehm870@gmail.com)).

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

SAINT NICHOLAS CHURCH ROTA - January

	CLEANING	BRASSES
3 <sup>rd</sup> to 15 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs P Clark	Mr J Clark
17 <sup>th</sup> to 29 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs J Martin	Dr D Martin

### Methodist Chapel

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

**Sun 2nd** Huby **10.30am**  
Rev. Elizabeth Cushion  
**Sun 9th** Alne Hall tba **3pm**  
Rev. Elizabeth Cushion  
**Sun 16th** Stillington **10-30am**  
Mr Brian Taylor  
**Sun 23rd** Huby **10.30am**  
Mr Robin Jackson  
**Sun 30th** Stillington **9.30am**  
Joint Covenant Service  
conducted by Rev Elizabeth  
Cushion and  
Rev Steve Whiting.  
We would like to share this  
special Communion Service  
when we renew our vows.

#### FILM AFTERNOONS

Each month  
on the **THIRD Thursday at**  
**2pm**

Let us know any request or  
film you would like to share.  
[robinjacksonwoodside@gmail.com](mailto:robinjacksonwoodside@gmail.com)

**Tel 810250**

**Do come EVERYONE is very  
welcome**

#### 200 Club

First of all, very many thanks to  
members of the 200 club for all  
your support over the last year,  
and it is very gratifying to see  
so many of you supporting St  
Nicholas yet again.

I must apologise to you all for  
the delay for the past three  
months due to unforeseen  
circumstances. The Winners are:

#### October

1st Mrs P Conway - £50  
2nd Ms. C Pick  
3rd Mrs W Walton

#### November

1st Mr N Hutchinson - £50  
2nd Mrs K Tarron  
3rd Mr R S Dodds

#### December

1st Miss P Hope - £50  
2nd Mrs L Chamberlain  
3rd Mr L Bresnen

### St Mary's Marton

Church Contact: Caroline Hunt  
**878242**  
Sue Whiting  
**810251**

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

### St Leonard's, Farlington

Priest: Revd Stephen Whiting  
[benefice.admin@gmail.com](mailto:benefice.admin@gmail.com) **810251**  
Church Wardens: Sally Wright  
**878745**  
Richard Haste  
[richardhaste@btinternet.com](mailto:richardhaste@btinternet.com) **878581**

**Welcome to the New Year.** At the time  
of writing, we can only speculate about  
what 2022 holds in store for us. But,  
barring government restrictions, we aim  
to have St Leonard's open every day of  
the year for private prayer and 'quiet  
time' along with our regular pattern of  
Sunday services.

**Sun 9th** Plough Sunday **11.15am**  
**Sun 23rd** Holy Communion **11.15am**  
(BCP)

We start the year with the first in our  
cycle of services which relate to the  
farming year – highly appropriate for a  
church within an agricultural community.

**This is Plough Sunday on January 9th.**  
In medieval times ploughing started on  
the first Monday of Epiphany, the first  
working day after the twelve days of  
Christmas. The communal plough was  
often kept in the church and getting it out  
at the start of the year was a cause for  
celebration. Our Plough Sunday will  
celebrate the start of the farming cycle;  
seed and the plough share will be blessed  
and then **we follow-up with a warming  
ploughman's lunch in Farlington  
village hall. There is a charge of £10 for  
the lunch, children are free. Why not  
come and join us – it starts at 11.15am.**

**Grand Christmas Bingo.** The  
pre-Christmas Bingo raised a magnificent  
**£530** for church funds. Thank you to  
everyone who donated the superb prizes,  
thank you to everyone who came along  
for a fun evening and thank you to Revd  
Steve for being a lively bingo caller.