

Stillington News

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March 2022

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).

PHOTOS NEEDED

Have you any photos of previous celebrations of royal anniversaries in Stillington that you would be willing to share?

The Archive Group are hoping to put up a display in the Village Hall, but we need your help. From the Coronation onward, how did Stillington celebrate? Digital copies may be sent to turveystoys@gmail.com and prints we will scan and return to you. Either deliver to 15 Parkfield or I can collect.

Michael Turvey (810473)

Neighbourhood Watch re Scam / suspicious emails National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) ask us to forward suspicious / scam emails to report@phishing.gov.uk If the offending messages have already been 'detected' NCSC suggest taking a screen shot of the offending email & forward that.

Please email contributions for the APRIL issue to news@stillingtonvillage.org by Wednesday 23rd March

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

Tuesday Pop In

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



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 will be on 10th March, 2 -4 pm

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.

St Nicholas Church Sunday



March 27th Mothering Sunday
At 10 am
Making crafts
and giving thanks to God
ALL AGES WELCOME

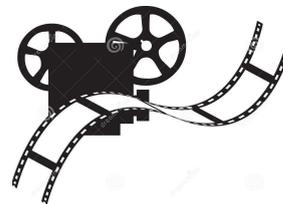
We're back after a Covid-break

The churches in Stillington invite all primary age children to **Explorers,**

Christian after school club
Fridays 4, 11, 18, 25 March
3.30 - 4.30pm

in Stillington Methodist Church for more information 811262 pricehm870@gmail.com

FILM AFTERNOONS



These are open to everybody
Each month on the **THIRD THURSDAY** at 2pm
At The Methodist Church
Just come along, enjoy a Film in good company.
Refreshments
We look forward to seeing you.

STILLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

Flooding

The Council had met onsite with Yorkshire Water, NYCC Highways, landowners and prospective developer regarding the issue of flooding around the southern edge of village and opposite the Cricket Field. Yorkshire Water agreed to survey and clear the main sewer within the next month.

Council Vacancy

The Council were pleased to co-opt Tracy Sinclair and this now means that there are no vacancies on the Council.

Wildflower Seeding

A presentation on wildflower seeding was given by Helen Stainsby. Council agreed to discuss a wildflower planting scheme on the top green with the grass cutting contractor.

Overgrown Hedge

Thirteen Housing had been written to regarding their overgrown hedge on York Road.

VASS Consultant

A Vehicle Activated Speed Sign (VASS) consultant will be attending the March meeting to discuss a potential VASS signage scheme for the village.

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 2nd March in the Village Hall at 7.00pm
The Clerk to the Parish Council: Nigel Knapton at clerk@stillingtonparishcouncil.uk



Stillington Branch Royal British Legion

With regret, we have to give notice that the Stillington Branch of the Royal British Legion -

formed after WW1 to include Stillington, Sutton, Huby, Brandsby and Farlington - will shortly close.

As with many smaller RBL Branches, and despite efforts to recruit younger members, our numbers have reduced, and the average age increased, until we are now unable to fill committee posts or provide enough support for even a very limited programme of activity.

After considering various options for continuing in some form, the remaining active members voted unanimously for closure, with the majority opting for transfer to other, larger, local Branches.

On closure, subject to Church authorities agreement, our Standard will be laid up in St Nicholas' Stillington. Any remaining funds have been donated to RBL Lister House Care Home Ripon with whom we have had a close association in recent years. And for the future, our ex-members will continue to support activities in our villages, for example the Annual Poppy Appeal and Remembrance Services, either as continuing RBL members or private individuals.

We will circulate the final official date for closure once established; and in the meantime, offer our sincere thanks to our local communities for your continued support.

Patrick Kemp, Chairman. Malcolm Watson, President.

The next Parish Elections are scheduled to take place on Thursday 5 May 2022 along with North Yorkshire County Council Elections, subject to the draft Structural Changes order being approved by parliament by 28 March 2022. All seats on the parish council will become vacant and existing councillors wishing to stand again will be required to submit a nomination. Anyone wishing to become a councillor is also encouraged to submit a nomination. Guidance for Parish Council members can be found on the Hambleton District website.

Stillington and Farlington WI

On Wednesday 9th February we welcomed Paul who talked about and demonstrated some Tai Chi movements. First there was a series of warm-up moves for all the major joints. We then progressed to some forms mostly given animal names like bear and monkey which joined together to make a fluid exercise. None of the forms were strenuous, there was no sense of competition. We were focused on doing each part of the movement - a good way to relax and relieve stress.

On 9th March Samantha Belcher will talk to us about Catherine Gore who was a prolific author during the early 19th century. She wrote novels depicting the lives of the upper class and aristocracy of the Regency period. There were a number of authors - mainly women - who wrote in this style which was called "silver fork". They were often indiscreet and sometimes hints identified the real people on whom characters were based.

We meet at 7:00pm in Stillington Village Hall, all visitors are welcome for the bargain cost of £4 including refreshments, hope to see you there.

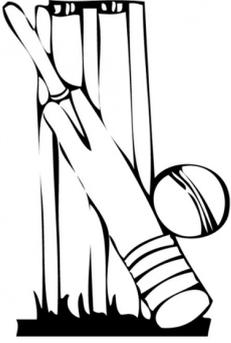


Poppy Appeal

The total sum raised in the 2021 Poppy Appeal in the Stillington Branch Royal British Legion area was £1,202.30 Thankyou to all who contributed.

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



Stillington CC are preparing for the forthcoming season

The club has two senior sides in the York District League. The club is always keen to find players of all abilities, whether you can play regularly or otherwise all will be welcomed. Scorers and umpires would also be welcomed.

The club runs a thriving junior section with teams in the Hambleton Junior League, training is Friday evenings from 6pm. The club are also embarking on the ECB Dynamos program aimed at younger players and has proven successful wherever it has been rolled out.

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

There are worse places to spend a sunny afternoon (assuming we get some) so perhaps get down to the ground and support your local village club?

In summary, any help to keep the village club blossoming whether from playing, coaching, supporting or administrative aspect 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 about the club.

For any further details please contact Rich Coultous on 07814538491 or Tim Jarvis on 07855047171 .

Queen's Jubilee Weekend



Thank you for the ideas and support; fundraising is going well and we've had an offer to sponsor an event. The Archive Group would like to mount a display of photographs of previous Jubilee Celebrations in Stillington and will be asking for contributions. We hope homeowners will be creative with their own 2022 Jubilee decorations.

DRAFT timetable

Thursday evening 2 June: Hog Roast followed by Ceilidh. Beacon lighting approx. 9.45pm

Friday afternoon 3 June: Pageant – village parade of 'anything decorated on wheels' pavement width; Children & Family Sports followed by Village Tea Party

Saturday evening 4 June: Stillington's Got Talent - evening event

Sunday morning 5 June: Service of Thanksgiving; midday - Jubilee Village Lunch on the Green

Sunday afternoon 5 June : Dog Festival at the S&SC

Next meeting is Wednesday 2 March 6.00pm to 7pm.
All welcome

Sports & Social Club Quiz

The February quiz raised £273 for Friends of Stillington School last month. The winning team was Barbara Watson, Fiona Smith and Peter Gillingham.

The last quiz for the season will be for the Bowls Club on Friday 4 March at 8pm.

Stillington Playing Fields Association & the Sports and Social Club

The Stillington Playing Fields Association AGM is on Tuesday 15 March 7.30pm at the Sports and Social Club. The Playing Fields charity owns and is responsible for the planning and maintenance of the whole site: this includes the woodland strips; the playground; car park and hedges.

The Sports and Social Club AGM follows at 8.00pm on Tuesday 15 March

Everyone is welcome.

Stillington Walking Group

The village Walking group hasn't met since 23 March 2020 owing to covid. Life is returning to normal and we should be OK starting the 'Walks' up again. We meet alternate Monday mornings for a gentle walk around 5 miles. The walks are sometimes very close to home, other times further afield, using our own cars to reach the starting point. Please be prepared to share transport and walkers are asked for a small contribution towards expenses. Please meet at the White Bear 9.30am prompt on Monday 14 March 2022.

Contact: Graham Cookman on 810047

Village Hall Bookings - March

Tue 1st	Tuesday Pop-In	10.30am
Tue 1st	Bowls	2pm
Tue 1st	Bowls Match	7pm
Wed 2nd	Platinum Jubilee Meeting	6.30pm
Wed 2nd	Parish Council	7pm
Thu 3rd	Table Tennis	10am
Thu 3rd	Yoga with Annie	6pm
Fri 4th	Prime Time	1pm
Sun 6th	Bakery Pod	10-2pm
Mon 7th	Bridge Club	1.30pm
Mon 7th	Yoga with Annie	6.30pm
Tue 8th	Tuesday Pop-In	10.30am
Tue 8th	Bowls	2pm
Wed 9th	WI	7pm
Thu 10th	Table Tennis	10am
Thu 10th	Hearts and Craft	2pm
Thu 10th	Yoga with Annie	6.30pm
Fri 11th	Prime Time	1pm
Sun 13th	Bakery Pod	10-2pm
Mon 14th	Bridge Club	1.30pm
Mon 14th	Yoga with Annie	6.30pm
Tue 15th	Tuesday Pop-In	10.30am
Tue 15th	Bowls	2pm
Wed 16th	Ladies Lunch	12pm
Wed 16th	Stillington Archive AGM	7.30pm
Thu 17th	Table Tennis	10am
Thu 17th	SCA Board Meeting	2pm
Thu 17th	Yoga with Annie	6pm
Fri 18th	Prime Time	1pm
Sat 19th	Platinum Jubilee Coffee Morning	10-12pm
Sun 20th	Bakery Pod	10-2pm
Mon 21st	Bridge Club	1.30pm
Tue 22nd	Tuesday Pop-In	10.30am
Tue 22nd	Bowls	2pm
Wed 23rd	Gardening Club	7.30pm
Thu 24th	Table Tennis	10am
Fri 25th	Prime Time	1pm
Sun 27th	Bakery Pod (Mothering Sunday Special Event)	10-2pm
Mon 28th	Bridge Club	1.30pm
Mon 28th	Yoga with Annie	6.30pm
Tue 29th	Tuesday Pop-In	10.30am
Tue 29th	Bowls	2pm
Wed 30th	Gardening Club	7.30pm
Thu 31st	Table Tennis	10am
Thu 31st	Yoga with Annie	6pm

These events may be subject to change or cancellation. Please check our 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 District

Community Archive AGM

Wednesday 16th March
7.30 in the Village Hall

Followed by

‘The Crimes of Dr Gramshaw-

Downfall of a Yorkshire Doctor’

Relating the true story of Sidney F Gramshaw who practiced in Stillington and York from 1873 -1908

A Presentation Given by Rosemary Cook CBE

Everyone Welcome

Delicious Refreshments



February Speaker

Sadly, we had again to change, at the last minute, our February Speaker. Well done Christine Shires getting a replacement at short notice, for the second month in a row. Toni Bunnell agreed to talk to

us about ‘Hedgehogs’.

Our Speaker for March – 30th March, is Andrew Wilcocks, who will talk about “Plug plant production, choosing and cultivating”.

Winners Club

Congratulations to the February Draw winners who were: 1st prize £15 – Janet Garrett. 2nd prize £5 – Margaret Grimshaw.

Plant Sale 2022.

It is hoped our March Speaker will generate ideas for the sale. Members are asked to think and plan what they are going to plant for the “New style plant sale” in May. Muriel Law has come up with 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. Tel. 810513

Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Our Secretary has heard from the Woodland Trust about the delivery of the 195 saplings which it is planned to plant in the hedge between the two cemeteries for the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee.

It is hoped this planting will take place between Monday 21st March and Friday 1st April

We will need a good number of adults and children from the school, to volunteer for this event. Watch this space.

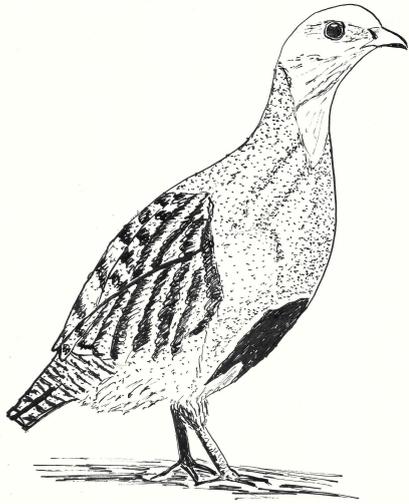
Gardening Tips March

1. Prune bush & climbing roses.
2. Plant shallots, onion sets and early potatoes.
3. Plant summer flowering bulbs.
4. Lift and divide overgrown clumps of perennials.
5. Mow lawn on dry day.
6. Protect spring shoots from slugs.
7. Top dress containers with fresh compost

R C

Countryside Notes March 2022

Monday 14th February, the morning started bright with Roe Deer in the orchard, how romantic and pleasant to see. I hope they have not been browsing on the Armandii Clematis, like they did last year in its first year of planting. The day wore on with sharp bursts of rain, then by late afternoon deep blue skies and a couple of rainbows, and now, at 9.50pm, a bright star-lit sky with a bright moon.



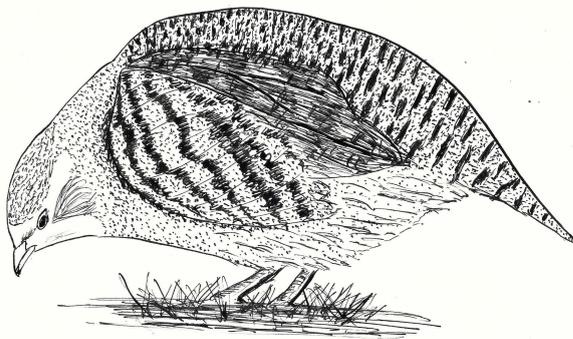
A pair of Grey Partridges leap up in the Fodder Beet field with their usual whirr of wings and agility. Partridges break up at this time of year from their siblings to find a mate. They are family orientated and live together in a Covey, they sleep together in a circle with tails innermost and the colder the night, the closer they get to each other to keep warm. This roosting is called Jucking.

The last few days have produced jade green new leaves on the early flowering Honeysuckle. Earlier, on the last day of January, the first of the little Tommasini's Crocuses opened in the sun on the lawn, they were followed by many more purple friends that love the sun and are so sensitive to the sun: closing the moment a dark cloud appears, like the poor man's weather glass or Scarlet Pimpernel, that flowers in summer.

The in-lamb ewes are busy enjoying the sweetness of Fodder Beet, knurling away at the hard roots in the ground. Knurling is a more understood description for what we always called Scauping or more posh, Scouping, where teeth are used instead of machinery. I like to walk leisurely round amongst them, letting them get to know me better and me them, because some day this spring they may need me. I am learning that confidence building really pays dividends when the shepherd is slowing down. I can no longer catch, let alone hold on to, a fleeing sheep like I once did. (That may be because modern sheep genetics have produced more athletic animals.) Whatever, on the Monday after the weekend gales at the end of January, I was surprised to see a small bird feeding on the ground in good light. I said to myself "who and what are you?" I stood and watched this grey/black bird with a very white breast and underside, which also had a very distinct white stripe both above and below the eye. So, when I got home, out came the bird books; the bird appeared to be a Rustic Bunting, a rare vagrant no doubt blown off course. The next day, it was there again with a more subdued brown bird, that was certainly a female version of the male. I was uncertain about the identification, so I turned to my more specific bird book and found that Rustic Buntings have only occasionally been seen in odd ones over the years. I have since contacted an ornithologist who suggests that it may be a Marsh Bunting. However, my pictures in the book are not like a Marsh Bunting, so the mystery is on-going.

The winter is passing away and when we have some mild rainy nights the frogs will be "Woong go" on our country roads, before the pond will have frog spawn. Keep looking and you will be surprised at what there is to see.

R & M



(Grey Partridges - Original Ink drawings by EJ)

Weather Report - February 2022

Rainfall

Rainfall in January, at 17mm, was the lowest I have recorded for the month. By comparison, January last year was the wettest ever recorded (132mm). Statistically it averages out, but that is no help with a crop either drowned or dried out. Who'd be a farmer? February has continued to be dry until towards the middle of the month, 18mm up to the 14th.

Temperature

The highest January temperature, 14.3°C, was on the first of the month. Then more typical January temperatures until near the end of the month, with a mild 13.8°C again on the 29th. Overnight we had a few frosts, with the lowest temperature, -3.1°C, on the 5th/6th.

The first half of February has seen mainly mild days, though strong winds have sometimes made it seem colder. The highest Temperature was 13.6°C on the 1st, while the lowest was -1.7°C on the night of 10th/11th. January was relatively sunny. The solar panels delivered 145kWh, the highest January figure for five years.

MT

A huge THANK YOU from Samaritans Purse to anyone who was involved with packing a shoebox with Christmas gifts for their annual appeal. A total of 277,350 boxes have now been delivered to children who have often never received a gift before. There are some lovely videos online showing their reactions. If you paid transport costs digitally and enclosed a barcode you should have been notified where your box ended up. Mine went with more than 15,000 others to Nigeria. I am already gathering items for the next collection. Supermarket promotions are good for toothbrushes, sponges, fancy hair clips and the like. Charity shops often have donations of quality hats, soft toys and small cars, musical instruments, etc. which just need a wash as long as they are in good condition. Skipping ropes and kaleidoscopes also turn up surprisingly often and fit well in a shoe box. It can become a year-round challenge!

YM

CHURCH SERVICES - March

St Nicholas, Stillington

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

Lay Minister: Margaret Price 811262
pricehm870@gmail.com

Church Wardens: Janet Martin 822981
jessie.jm158@gmail.com

Richard Mapletoft 811854
rmapletoft@outlook.com

Canon Emeritus: Robert Law 810940
lrf43@kesonline.org

Worship in Church - no booking needed.

Weds 2nd Holy Communion 2pm

Sun 6th Morning Worship 10am

Sun 20th Holy Communion 10am

Sun 27th Mothering Sunday 10am

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 so we are getting there. We will comply of course with government guidelines at any time

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).**

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 make a phone call to arrange a convenient time. Margaret Price 811262.

St Nicholas Church Rota

28th February to 12th March

CLEANING Mrs M Price

BRASSES Mr M Turvey

14th March to 26th March

CLEANING Mrs S Thompson

BRASSES Mrs C Cookman

There is to be a general Spring Clean of the church on Saturday 2nd April starting at 9.30 a.m. Anyone who would like to help please just come along with dusters and polish.

No Flowers in March (Lent)

200 club results

1st Mrs A Hawker, £50

2nd Julie Barker,

3rd Mrs R Gilmore,

Drawn by "Our Ernie"

St Mary's Marton

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

We are looking forward to having more regular services in Marton during the spring and summer of 2022. On Tuesdays we are meeting for midday prayer during Lent: arrive at 12, prayer from 12.15-12.30, chat afterwards. Everyone welcome, but please dress warmly!

We are also planning to have a service at 3 pm on Sunday 27th March in Marton Church - please ring Caroline on 878242 for updates or check our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/martonchurch) or website for more information (www.achurchnearyou.com/church/18888/)

St Leonard's, Farlington

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

Church Wardens: Sally Wright 878745
Richard Haste 878581

richardhaste@btinternet.com

The snowdrops in the churchyard are giving a lovely show and other spring bulbs are on their way. Spring is on its way!

Our services in March are :

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.

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

Methodist Chapel

Minister: Rev E Cushion 821460

Stewards: Robin Jackson 810250

Gareth Papps 810094

Sun 6th Huby - Holy Communion 10.30am
Rev Elizabeth Cushion

Sun 13th Alne or Stillinton 3pm
Rev David Bidnell

Sun 20th Tholthorpe - 3pm
Rev Elizabeth Cushion

Sun 27th Stillington - 10.30am
Rev Elizabeth Cushion

Spring – Lenten thoughts As I write we have just held services for the third Sunday before Lent; then knowing this letter is the March edition, Lent looms even larger and I am sat wondering what I can say that's new, different, inspiring and even transformative about Lent and Holy Week, that great season of preparation leading up to Easter. It doesn't take a genius to work out that there is lots that can, and will, be said. There is always lots of doing while we are meant to be reflecting, simply being, but this Lent ought to be different to the last couple of years as we have more freedom to be out and about, mixing, socialising, and even if it takes your fancy some physical exercise or taking up something entirely new that will improve our health and wellbeing. For Christians, Lent is that time of year when we look at our spiritual wellbeing. This year, Lent runs from 2 March (Ash Wednesday) until Easter on 17 April. During Lent we reflect on our whole life and try to do things that will help us in our relationship with God, and our spiritual health. This year, perhaps more than ever, the question of our wellbeing is at the top of our agenda, and I think spiritual wellbeing is intimately connected to our physical and mental health. This Lent why not focus on ways we can encourage good spiritual wellbeing, focusing on our body, our mind, and our soul. This Lent why not take a holistic view of who we are, where we are and how we are. Whether or not you take my advice, may I encourage you to look after your spiritual wellbeing by finding moments of quiet contemplation, doing things that make you feel fully alive and bring you joy, and by exploring topics that widen your horizon and your mind. As we journey through the days of Lent, our constant hope is that when we arrive at Easter Day, we might grasp a little more fully the amazing love that God has for us and shows us in Jesus Christ. I hope that as you journey through this year, you will know this for yourself.

Blessings, Rev Steve