


Stillington News

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The White Bear Inn

 VILLAGE CHRISTMAS LUNCH RETURNING TO THE WHITE BEAR 
See page 2 for full details

Stillington and District Community Archive

Please join us for a talk by
Liz Cole

'Two Hundred Years of Shopping in Stillington'

Wednesday 16th November
At 7.30 In the Village Hall

Guests £3 Members Free
Delicious Refreshments £1

The Tuesday Pop In

Chat with friends old and new over a cup of something hot and a tasty treat.

Open every Tuesday
10.30 -12 noon



Advent Windows 2022

Choose a visible window with your chosen date (1st-23rd Dec) illuminate from behind, 5pm until bedtime from your date onwards, through Advent and up to Twelfth Night if possible. 'Window 24' will be displayed at St. Nicholas Church.

For ideas just Google 'Living Advent Calendar' - sacred or secular - anything goes. Looking forward to seeing Stillington illuminated once again!



Contact: dianamitchinson@mac.com
or text 07971 291594 with your chosen date.
Dates allotted on a 'first come first served' basis Deadline for entries - 18th Nov.

Act of Remembrance

Will be held in Marton Church on Friday 11th November at 10.45am, centred around our War Memorial. More details on page 6.

There will also be an Act of Remembrance at St Nicholas in Stillington on Friday 11th November at 10.45am with children of Stillington School.

JUMBLE SALE

Raising funds for
Stillington School

12th November At
Stillington School Hall
2pm to 4pm 50p entry
Refreshments Available

Donations to the Jumble sale can be left at the School gates on 4th or 11th Before 12pm
Thank you



CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT AT FARLINGTON

Would you be interested in joining a small choir for the above?

A one-off 'special' for Christmas. Just 2 pieces to learn. Rehearsals only in December. Nothing too challenging. All ages welcome.

Contact
dianamitchinson@mac.com or text 07971 291594 by Sunday, 27th November at the latest.

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



Stillington Bonfire – Saturday 5th November

This year's bonfire will be held on Saturday 5th November in the field to the south of the Sports and Social Club.

The torchlight procession leaves the Village Hall at 6.45pm. For safety reasons, an approved traffic management company will close the High Street and York Road to traffic between 6.45 and 7.15pm. The bonfire will be lit when the procession reaches the field. Fireworks commence at 7.30pm. Arrangements are in hand for hot food and drinks to be available for purchase on the field. Boots or wellies are recommended footwear. Please note that for safety reasons, private fireworks and sparklers are not allowed on the field. Entry is free for children of school age and below. Adults pay £5 on the night or £4 for advance tickets, available at the post office. Tractors will collect material suitable for burning from around the village between 9am and noon on the day of the bonfire, in the usual way. If you have a large amount of material, please call

Andy on 810598 so we can consider collecting it early. Please note we will not take mattresses or plastics.

Please help! Your help is essential to the continued success of this long-standing and popular village event. To help with the field setup or rubbish collection, please come to the bonfire field at 9am on the day.

To help as stewards during the event, please call Graham Cookman on 810047 or Andy Hart on 810598.

* Sports and Social Club will be open after the Bonfire and Fireworks on Saturday 5 November *

Stillington and Farlington

WI

Here's my report from our meeting on Wednesday 12th October.

(A short one this time!)

Family problems meant that the speaker/demonstrator who was due to come and show us how to make a Christmas card couldn't come, so Margaret Jackson kindly agreed to show us some basic ideas about flower arranging.

(The Christmas card talk will be next month)

Margaret and Mary brought lots of foliage and some flowers, Margaret showed us how to make a small arrangement and then we each had a go and made one. We learned that the green foam used to support the arrangement should be left to soak in water and not "dunked", that stems of foliage and flowers should not be left too long or cut too short and that flowers should be in odd numbers.

An enjoyable and educational evening and we all got something to take home.

Thank you Margaret for coming to the rescue at such short notice.

Next month's meeting will be in Stillington Village Hall on Wednesday 9th November at 7:00, when we will learn how to make a Christmas card. As the speaker will be bringing all the necessary materials we do need to know how many visitors will be coming, so please let me know before the day.

Thank you.

Angela 07825 446687

General Knowledge Quiz at the Sports and Social Club



The October quiz raised £280 for the Play Area for maintenance and equipment repair. Well done to the winning table: Rita and Les Bresnen with Pauline and Tim Drew.

Friday 4 November quiz will be for the Tennis Club.

Stillington Wanderers

On Monday 26 September, a select band of 5 Wanderers, undertook a popular walk in good late summer weather from the top of Caulkley's Bank, just outside Hovingham. We headed westerly first, along the ridge, then down into Nunnington and along the River Rye towards West Ness where we came across a field full of migrating geese. We then climbed Caulkleys Lane, back up to the ridge and along to our start point, narrowly missing some inclement weather just north of us.

The Sutton Bank walk on 10 October incorporated 'the best view in England' along the Cleveland way; Dialstone Farm & the communications mast; racehorses from the Hambleton Stables galloping along the skyline and a record number and variety of mushrooms and fungi along the cycle trails & paths through the woods at Sutton Bank. The trails are a mixture of natural and manmade tracks for all ages and include a family-friendly 'pumptrack' which looks great fun.

We're told it's a record year for apples both in quantity & quality and the same must be said for Sutton Bank mushrooms and toadstools. (Photo if it looks OK in b&w?)

Next walks are 7 and 21 November.
Meet 9.30am outside the White Bear.

BATA HEATING OIL

If you require a delivery
of oil in NOVEMBER,
please let

Maureen Linton
know by
Saturday, 12th November

e-mail preferred:
minsteryork@me.com

or  810082.

Minimum: 500 litres

The White Bear Inn

For many years, we at The White Bear, hosted Stillington Village Christmas Lunch. This was an opportunity for the community to get together, share stories and exchange cards over a hot Meal.

Unfortunately, in recent years this hasn't been possible and has been requested by some, for us to reignite the tradition.

We have put together a delicious menu and propose the date of Thursday the 17th of December.

To reserve your seat, please let us know by calling 01347810338, no later than Friday the 18th of November.

Please note, the Christmas Lunch will only be going ahead if enough people would like to attend, we will confirm this in December's Stillington News.

Menus are available from The White Bear or The Post Office

Emergency First Aid at Work Training



The Stillington Community Association has arranged the above course for Wednesday 14th December starting at 9.30am. until approximately 3.30pm. It will be held in the sports and social club. Teas and coffee will be provided but please bring your own lunch.

If there are any village organisations who would like to send a representative to take part in the training please let me know as soon as possible. The numbers are limited so it will be done on a first come first served basis.

For more information and to book a place please contact;

Kathy Berry 01347 238403

STILLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

The Council meeting was on Wednesday 5th October 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.

Public Session

Matters discussed were the proposed development off York Road particularly around the cycle track and recreation area.

Grass Cutting

The working group reported back regarding the grass cutting tender for 2023/24 and this was agreed and would be sent out to potential contractors. Please contact the Clerk if you wish to tender for this contract.

Noticeboard

A quote had been obtained for the repair and expansion of the Parish Council noticeboard and further quotes would be obtained.

Vehicle Activated Speed Signs

After additional funding has been agreed for the VASS signs and the Clerk would now go-ahead obtaining quotes for the three posts and two signs.

Policies

A set of twenty new draft policies had been produced and this review by the Chairman and Vice-Chairman was ongoing.

Website

It was agreed that the Parish Council should have its own secure website and a web design company was nominated to undertake the project.

Village Maintenance

The footway on the South of Main Street had been repaired but was still a hazard to wheelchair users and would be reported back to NYCC Highways. Fissures that had appeared in the carriageway of York Road on the village side of the 30mph speed sign and weeds were growing through the newly resurfaced Skeugh Lane were not deemed by NYCC Highways as meeting the intervention level.

Next Meeting

Wednesday 2nd November in the Village Hall at 7.00pm.

Agenda items would include the grass cutting contracts and the review of the policies, communication with the Surgery Practice Manager and the proposed budget for 2023/24.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm.

The Clerk to the Parish Council:

Nigel Knapton at clerk@stillingtonparishcouncil.uk

Weather Report - October 2022

Rainfall

Rainfall in September, at 54.5mm, was about 10% below the average.

The first half of October has given us 31mm, about average. Not enough yet to replenish the reservoirs.

Temperature

The September maximum remained at 24.1°C, on the 5th, while the minimum reached was 4.8°C, on the 26th/27th. In October, so far, the maximum has been 18°C, on the 4th, and the minimum 4.2°C on the night of 12th/13th. Sunshine in September gave me a modest 300kWh of solar energy, not untypical for September. MT

Explorers 2022 - 23

Inviting all primary age children to the after school club run by the churches in Stillington.

We will be having fun at **Stillington Methodist Church** on **Fridays 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th November**

And continuing January- March 2023

Sessions run from **3.30-4.30pm**; latest arrival time **3.45pm**

Music, craft activities and a story from the Bible. Refreshments provided when children arrive.

If you would like to come, please contact me for a registration form **Margaret Price 811262 pricehm870@gmail.com**

The Bells! The Bells!



Well, the scaffolding's down and the bright, newly painted clock is up and running.

Now for the bells.

A comprehensive report on our bells has been prepared by the York Diocesan bell expert, John Arthur. The amount of "Bell" knowledge we have at St Nicholas is limited to say the least and, to be honest, there are parts of the very detailed report that we simply do not understand. In order to move things forward, we have asked John Arthur to come to the church to talk us through his findings. Something he was more than happy to do.

As a result, he is giving a presentation on Thursday 10 November at 2.00pm in the church. The presentation will concentrate on the report's findings but will also cover some more general aspects of church bells.

Now it is appreciated that church bells may not hold a fascination for everyone but we thought that there may be some in the village who wouldn't mind finding out a little bit more, especially about our own quite special village bells (one of which is judged to be of "national significance" in that it was cast circa 1500 and the timber frame itself is circa 1700). So, the presentation will be open to everyone who would like to come.

St Nicholas Bells, A Presentation by John Arthur, Thursday 10 November 2.00pm at the church.

(There may even be a cup of tea laid on)

Your editors are: Emma Johnson & Tracy Sinclair. If you would like to contact us please do so using the Stillington News email. If you would like to make a donation to the Stillington News you can do so either by BACS: Stillington News; Account no: 41651089; Sort code: 09 01 54 or sending cheques to 1 Chantry Gardens, Stillington, YO61 1NF

Difference of opinion on which lane to use at the roundabout below

After a near miss..very near!....I had this information from York Traffic division as I needed clarity. It was suggested that as many from our village might regularly use this road if the information could be circulated and it might help.

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On the approach to the A1237 along Wigginton Rd, B1363, there are 2 signs (pictures attached) that clearly show that the right hand lane should be used to access Clifton Moor, where Roko is located, and the A1237 Westbound for Thirsk, Harrogate and Leeds. The left lane is signed for access to the A1237 Eastbound and to continue along the B1363 to York.



November 2022

Speaker

Our speaker for November is Bruno

Hannaman. His talk is "A Buzz

about Beekeeping" This is on Wednesday November 30th at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Coffee and tea will be served before the talk.

Seed Sale - Dobies

I have recently been in contact with Dobies and as I write this article, I am told that the seed catalogues and order forms should arrive in time to be distributed at the talk. Because this is a Group Scheme members receive a discount of 30%. If they have not arrived before our talk arrangements will be made to deliver them to members.

Diary Date

Please put Thursday 15th December in your diary, "SGC Christmas Party". More details next month.

Jubilee Hedge Planting

The hedge, which consists of 195 young saplings, is growing extremely well. If you have not seen it, it is on the right, East, side of the cemetery fence as you go through the gate. Our Secretary is arranging for a commemorative plaque to be made.

Gardening Tips for November:

1. Clear up fallen leaves especially from lawns, ponds and beds.
2. Raise containers onto pot feet to prevent waterlogging.
3. Plant bulbs for spring display next year.
4. Prune roses to prevent wind-rock.
5. Plant out winter bedding plants.
6. Cover brassicas with netting if have a pigeon problem.
7. Insulate outside containers from frost, bubble wrap?
8. Stop winter moth damage on fruit trees by using grease bands around the trunk.
9. Put out bird food to encourage winter birds into your garden.
10. Use the Village Bonfire for your garden debris.

Robert Churton

To all Stillington Patients and Residents

A heartfelt thank you for the generous gifts and cards I received on my retirement. Knowing some for only a few months, others for nearly 30 years, has brought back many memories, mostly with a smile, some with a tear.

I consider it a privilege to have been part of a community, although not directly entering your homes but being allowed to enter your lives.

I am looking forward to treating myself with the money received. There are some interesting galleries around the area for me to look in. Amongst other gifts from the surgery, I received a wet suit, which had its first outing last week when John and I were away for a short break in Scotland at St Abbs. It was brilliant to be in the sea and not freezing. Further adventures are planned

The knowledge and experience I gained through my time at the surgery has been invaluable, especially the respiratory work.

Other knowledge, i.e., how to make the best Yorkshire Pudding, how to tend my vegetable patch, when and what to plant, even down to how to vaccinate a cow! Not that I intend to try it, although it is probably easier than trying to get shirt sleeves high enough for injections – YES, remember short sleeves for the flu clinics. The list is endless.

It just leaves me to say thank you once again, for making my nursing career a happy and rewarding experience at Stillington.

Take care of yourselves and each other.

Alex

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 - November

Tue	1st	Tuesday Pop In	10am - 12pm
Tue	1st	Indoor Bowls	1pm - 5pm
Wed	2nd	Parish Council Meetings	7pm - 9pm
Thu	3rd	Table Tennis	10am - 12pm
Fri	4th	Primetime	1pm - 3pm
Sun	6th	Bakery Pod	10am - 3pm
Mon	7th	Bridge Club	1.30pm - 4pm
Mon	7th	Yoga with Annie	6.30pm - 7.30pm
Tue	8th	Tuesday Pop In	10am - 12pm
Tue	8th	Indoor Bowls	1pm - 5pm
Tue	8th	Short Mat Bowls	6.30pm - 9.30pm
Wed	9th	WI	7pm - 9pm
Thu	10th	Table Tennis	10am - 12pm
Thu	10th	Hearts & Crafts	2pm - 4pm
Fri	11th	Primetime	1pm - 3pm
Sun	13th	Bakery Pod	10am - 3pm
Mon	14th	Bridge Club	1.30pm - 4pm
Mon	14th	Yoga with Annie	6.30pm - 7.30pm
Tue	15th	Tuesday Pop In	10am - 12pm
Tue	15th	Indoor Bowls	1pm - 5pm
Wed	16th	Ladies' Lunch	11am - 3pm
Wed	16th	Stillington Community Archive	7pm - 9pm
Thu	17th	Table Tennis	10am - 12pm
Fri	18th	Primetime	1pm - 3pm
Sat	19th	Private Function	7am - 23.55pm
Sun	20th	Bakery Pod	10am - 3pm
Mon	21st	Bridge Club	1.30pm - 4pm
Mon	21st	Yoga with Annie	6.30pm - 7.30pm
Tue	22nd	Tuesday Pop In	10am - 12pm
Tue	22nd	Indoor Bowls	1pm - 5pm
Tue	22nd	Short Mat Bowls	6.30pm - 9.30pm
Thu	24th	Table Tennis	10am - 12pm
Fri	25th	Primetime	1pm - 3pm
Fri	25th	Christmas Fayre	3.30pm - 11pm
Sun	27th	Bakery Pod	10am - 3pm
Sun	27th	Private Function	9.30am - 1.30pm
Mon	28th	Bridge Club	1.30pm - 4pm
Mon	28th	Yoga with Annie	6.30pm - 7.30pm
Tue	29th	Tuesday Pop In	10am - 12pm
Tue	29th	Indoor Bowls	1pm - 5pm

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 Sports and Social Club

revised opening hours apart from booked events
Wednesday 6pm to late
Thursday 6 - 9pm
Friday 6 - 9pm
Saturday 2 - 9pm

There will be free pool on Thursdays and Fridays

Sports and Social Club will be open after the Bonfire and Fireworks on Saturday 5 November.

Countryside Notes November 2022

Tuesday 18th October. Another superb autumnal day. The colours of autumn are really wonderful this year with some ash trees a soft yellow just before leaf-fall, where other ash trees are very green. We have had no frosts as yet, which can send the leaves cascading down. Some bramble or blackberry runners have gone to an amazing dark red and lighter orange foliage, which contrasts well with other members of the hedgerow. Our Guelder-Rose, which is no rose at all, but rather belonging to the Viburnum family, is a flame of red and its translucent red berries shining out. This shrubby tree is good colour from spring green foliage and white flowers which are actually bracts with smaller creamy white flowers towards the centre of the flat flower heads. The trees in general have borne an amazing amount of fruit: Sycamore seeds were twirling down in the breeze last week, along with twisting Ash keys, all wanting to recreate the Forest of Galtres, so there will be a lot of weeding and digging out young trees from cracked paving, just another little job.

Last Saturday at 10.15pm the autumn drilling was complete, all done in good conditions, with good tilth to enable the seeds to grow in the warm moist soil, that makes a good start to next year's harvest. The grass situation is not too good due to the water shortage, but the grass seems good and palatable and the sheep are doing well on it, but soon the quality will fall off and then supplementary feeding will be needed. This is going to be a problem as animal feed is very expensive. 2 years ago, the price was £165 per tonne, today it is £345 per tonne, so cause for concern as we don't know what prices we will receive this coming spring. The financial position of the world is not good and ours is no exception. I must change the subject or we will all be depressed!!

The rainfall, though not too much, has had an amazing effect on our gardens. We have a pink rose, called Compassion, growing up a wall. I was rather late in deadheading it, but the rain came and with it new shoots and richly perfumed pink flowers that you can smell at 30 yards in the midday sun. The Cup and Saucer Plant (*Cobaea Scandens*) which we have watered all summer to little avail has and is producing flowers that start green and change to light purple, also the Morning Glory has deep sky-blue flowers that last only a day or so, both should be past their best by now. The border flowers are good and some are having a second flowering.

The very few Swallows have gone and we hope for better things next year, along with many more of our summer visitors. The Fieldfares and Redwings have not shown up yet, but we should soon hear their clackering calls. The worrying factor is Avian Flu that is about in dangerous outbreaks in the UK and across Europe and which threatens the domestic flocks of poultry and our food supply. The virus has been a back-end visitor for a few years but rather alarmingly has been about all summer.

Badgers are about, rooting in the grass fields, making a big mess and preparing the ground to receive wind blown seeds of thistles we could do without. I was told of a dog walker away from our village finding that Brock has dug out wasp nests for breakfast and dined on Hedgehogs for supper, which is a crying shame that's eliminating our prickly little friends.

This letter is like the autumn weather with its ups and downs but we are still charmed by the beauty of the season in all its colours. Drink it in and Rejoice.

R & M

CHURCH SERVICES - November St Nicholas, Stillington

Priest:

Rev Stephen Whiting 810251
benefice.admin@gmail.com

Lay Minister:

Margaret Price 811262
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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 is needed for worship in church, just like the old days.

Wed 2nd Holy Communion 2.00 pm
A quiet, secluded time for worship

Sun 6th Morning Worship 10.00 am
Family friendly!

Sun 6th Evensong 4.00 pm
at St John's Easingwold

Fri 11th Act of Remembrance 10.45am
with children of Stillington School

Sun 13th Remembrance Day 10.45 am
Including two minutes of silence.

One of the most popular services of the year. Bring the family.

Sun 20th Holy Communion 10.00 am
We now go up to the communion rail again.

Sun 27th Advent Sunday 10.00 am
Morning Worship.

We begin to look forward to Christmas.

Lifting restrictions during worship

Sanitary gel is available; the wearing of face coverings is voluntary; social distancing is no longer necessary, so there is room for more!

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

Prayers for the village These are 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

7th November to 19th November

CLEANING Mrs M Tomlinson

BRASSES Mr H Tomlinson

21st November to 3rd December

CLEANING Mrs R Bresnen

BRASSES VACANT

5th December onwards

Everyone Helps

Flower Rota

6th November: Mrs J Martin

13th November: REMEMBRANCE
SUNDAY

Mrs G Churton

20th November: Mrs A Hope

27th November: ADVENT (no flowers)
I will be putting together the flower rota for 2023, we would welcome anyone who would like to join us.

Ring:01347 810513 Mrs Gelda
Churton

St Mary's Marton

Church Contact:

Caroline Hunt 878242
martonintheforest@gmail.com

Sue Whiting 810251

From October our twice-monthly services will move back to 3pm to minimise night-time driving.

Sunday 13th 3pm

Sunday 27rd Communion 3pm

We will be holding a short Act of Remembrance in Marton Church on Friday 11th November at 10.45am, centred around our War Memorial. The roll of names was unveiled in 2018, one hundred years after the Armistice of 11th November 1918. We are very grateful to all those who helped compile a little booklet about all those from the villages and farms of Marton and Moxby who fought in the First World War. Do drop in next time you're passing if you're interested!

We will also have a quiet reflective service at 3pm on Sunday 13th November and our popular Celtic Communion at 3pm on Sunday 27th November. As we look ahead to Christmas, we are really hoping it will be possible to go ahead this year with our much-loved **Candlelit Carol Service at 4pm on Sunday 11th December!**

As always, Marton Church and churchyard are open daily to visitors. Do let us know if you would like us to pray for you - email martonintheforest@gmail.com, phone Caroline on 878242 or leave a prayer card on the font in church.

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 Christian church year starts in November on Advent Sunday so "A Happy New Year" from all of us at St Leonard's.

Sun 13th Service of Remembrance 10.45am

Sun 27th Holy Communion 10.30am
for Advent Sunday (BCP)

You will be most welcome if you join us at one or both of these services

Sheriff Hutton Village Market Café

St Leonard's is running the café at the Village Market on **Sunday 20th November**. We look forward to seeing you there and helping to support the church in Farlington.

St Leonard's Christmas

Grand Prize Bingo

Friday, December 2nd in
Sheriff Hutton Village Hall

Eyes Down at 7.30pm join us for a

Fun, Fundraising Evening !

(please note – there will be
no cash prizes)

Villages Together

Methodist Church

Minister:

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

Stewards:

Robin Jackson 810250
robinjacksonwoodside@gmail.com

Villages Working Together

Sun 6th Huby 10.30am

Mr Jonathan Morley
Sun 13th Alne Hall 3pm

Remembrance Sunday
Mrs Frances Priestnall

Sun 20th Tholthorpe 3pm
Cafe Service

Rev. Andy Foster
Sun 27th Stillington 10-30am

Advent Sunday
Led by Rev David Bidnell
Service with Holy Communion.

FILM AFTERNOON

**Thursday 17th November 2pm in
Methodist Chapel. Come along and
enjoy good company, a film and of
course Refreshments
For full details Tel 810250.**