

# Stillington News

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## Coffee Morning and

## Book Sale



Saturday October 26<sup>th</sup>  
10-12pm at the Village Hall  
Please bring book donations at  
9.30am

## Stillington Surgery

### Flu Clinics

### Saturday Clinic

5<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Also currently booking  
4<sup>th</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> October  
Appointments are available on  
the **NHS APP** or  
by ringing the Surgery on  
**01347 810332**

## Raising the Roof



Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October  
Stillington Village Hall

Supper and live music  
from the forties to the noughties

## The Elastic Band

Music from 5.30pm with supper at  
6pm

Bar available

Tickets **£12** per person (includes  
supper) available from **1st June** from  
Stillington Village Stores, Yvonne  
Murphy **811544** or Caroline Hunt  
**878242** or email

**martonintheforest@gmail.com**

Everyone is very welcome!



## Villages Together Methodist Church

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October 6-30pm in  
**STILLINGTON VILLAGE HALL**  
We are holding an **APPLE FEST**  
This will be a meal on an Apple  
theme with interesting items  
between courses

## Rural Arts

**A date for your diary** –  
Pagrav Dance Company presents  
Aunusthan, a joyous celebration of  
classical Indian dance, at **Stillington  
Village Hall on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>  
November at 7.30pm.**

Tickets are available now from  
[www.ruralarts.org](http://www.ruralarts.org) and paper versions  
will be in the Village Stores from mid  
October, priced £12. We are hoping to  
hold a rangoli (Indian artform)  
workshop, from 1pm to 2.30pm on the  
afternoon of the performance. Please  
contact Yvonne on 811544 or by text  
on 07497 051424 if you are interested  
in attending this. Numbers will be  
limited and cost will be Pay as You  
Feel, with a suggested amount of £5

## General Knowledge Quizzes



4<sup>th</sup> October Quiz will be for the  
Stillington Play Area at the earlier start  
7.30pm.  
£10 per table includes supper.  
All Welcome.

Please email contributions for the  
**November** issue to  
[news@stillingtonvillage.org](mailto:news@stillingtonvillage.org)  
by **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October**

## STILLINGTON BONFIRE - Saturday 2nd November

**The annual Bonfire and Fireworks will be held on Saturday 2 November.  
Please put the date in your diary now!**

The event will start with our traditional torchlit procession leaving the village  
hall at **6.45pm**. The bonfire will be in the field to the south of the Sports and  
Social Club, where hot food and a spectacular firework display will be  
provided by the same professional suppliers as last year.

More details will follow in next month's newsletter, and advance tickets will be  
available in the post office from mid-October.

### Please help!

As always, we need lots of volunteers to help plan and run the event. To get involved, please  
come to the planning meetings on Sundays 6 and 20 October, at 6.30pm in the Bowling Club  
(behind the Sports and Social Club).

**If you can't come to a meeting but are willing to help on the day please call:  
Graham Cookman on 810047 or Andy Hart on 810598.**



## Stillington Community School



What an incredible return to school we have had here at Stillington community school. Our Key Stage Two pupils have delved into the past focusing on the Shang Dynasty exploring culture, beliefs and historical figures through their

history and English topics. KS1 embarked on a journey into the past by studying 'London's burning' to reveal what life was like in 17th century London and the impact the great fire had on our capital city. EYFS have loved looking at the own history through our topic of 'My Family – History and me' to understand their own heritage and recreating baby pictures through art.

Through our enhancements this term, KS1 and KS2 pupils excelled in our skateboarding sessions learning new techniques and tricks as well as building their balance and coordination skills. EYFS pupils were in awe when they visited our local church to look at what a place of worship looks like to develop their knowledge and understanding.

Our nursery places are available from 3 years old and we offer full time places of 30 hours when we receive 15 hours funding. If you would like to visit our school to see the amazing work that takes place, please contact the school office on: [stillingtonoffice:@foston.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:stillingtonoffice:@foston.n-yorks.sch.uk) or 01347 810347 for more information and to book a visit.



## October 2024 Newsletter

### The programme for 2024/2025

Our speaker for October is Peter Mather. Peter will be talking about the Royal Gardens of Europe. This is on Wednesday October 30th at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Coffee and tea

will be served from 7.15pm before the talk.

### SGC Christmas Party

Diary date Wednesday 27th November, we will have a list of food for people to help bring to the party at the October Meeting.

### Seed Sale - Dobies

As I write this article, a parcel has just arrived with their seed catalogues and order forms from Dobies. As this is a Group Scheme members receive a discount of 30%. The Club also receives a discount.

The catalogues and order forms are now available from our house, Sweethope North Back Lane.810513. I will also bring some to the Speakers evenings. This is a very good opportunity to buy your seeds early and at a discounted price.

### Annual Subscriptions

When you pay your fee of £7(single) or £10 (household) you will receive your Membership card and Annual Programme. Your card also gives you a 10% discount at both Castle Howard and Deans Garden Centres.

## Stillington Walks

26th August walk was from Huttons Ambo along the River Derwent, railway & the swing footbridge. The historic village board and map outside the church at High Hutton had plenty of interest.

9 September walk as from Newton on Ouse, visiting Linton Lock with its modern hydroelectric plant with two Archimedes screw installed in 2011 and 2016, enough to power 450 homes. The first scheme was abandoned in the 1960's. Initial plans went through a protracted planning process with rival schemes promoted on the north bank (Hambleton council) and south bank (Harrogate council). Funds were eventually provided to rebuild a new fish ladder and to install a national standard canoe slalom course.

## Stillington Bowls Club

The final match of the season for our team in the Ryedale and District Veterans League was on 4th September when we played Hutton le Hole at home. The game ended with a win for Stillington earning us 8.25 points out of a maximum of 10 and confirming our 3rd place in the final league table.

However the highlight of the season was the Sundella Cup Final in which we played Thornton le Dale at the neutral ground of Helmsley Bowls Club. It was a closely fought match ending in a great win for Stillington by just 2 points - 64 to 62.

## Would you like to fill a Christmas shoe box for a needy child ?

We have sent off shoe boxes from Stillington to Operation Christmas Child (part of Samaritan's Purse, a Christian charity) for a number of years. The boxes go to children in the poorest parts of the world - Africa, South America and some in conflict such as eastern Europe.

The boxes are filled with toys, personal care items, school supplies and fun gifts suitable for either a girl or boy in different age groups equivalent to infant, junior and young teenage. A donation of £5 is requested to cover the transport costs.

Pre-printed Flat pack boxes ready to make up into a shoe box are available from the back of St Nicholas church, together with a leaflet guiding you about what is required.

Filled shoe boxes need to be returned to the back of church by the beginning of November. Any questions to Margaret Price (811262) or Yvonne Murphy (811544) Thank you .

## WI Report

The September talk started with the title: 'QUIRKY MAN WANTED' and the speaker went on to explain his varied and unusual life as a TV and Film extra. David was enthusiastic and entertaining, showing many slides from the productions he has been involved in.

The next meeting is on October 9th at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. The speaker is from The Yorkshire Wildlife Trust and the talk will be about the charity's background and local projects. Guests £4 including refreshments.

## Weather Report September 2024

**Rainfall** - Historically, August has been the wettest month of the year with an average figure of 78mm. This year we received only 14.5mm. The only comparable figure was in 2022. Climate change? The first half of September has given us 20.5mm, about a third of the average figure.

**Temperature** - The second half of August did not give us any high temperatures, so the maximum for the month was the 25.9°C recorded on the twelfth. The lowest overnight temperature was 9.2°C on the 16th /17th. The solar panel output, at 380kWh, was disappointing, but not untypical for August. So far, in September, temperatures have been generally rather autumnal, with a high of 23.2°C on the 6th and a chilly 3.2°C on the night of 12th /13th.

**M.T.**

## Countryside Notes October 2024

Tuesday 17 th September. I am writing this on the full Harvest Moon that shines bright tonight, with a partial eclipse forecast for between 2am and 3am. There has been very bright moonlight in the last few nights, with some days of bright sunshine which is starting the leaves on the trees to turn to their full autumnal glory, a time always to enjoy its spell-bound wonder. Today, we saw some old Beech trees with a heavy canopy of leaves, under which little growth is made due to light and moisture being taken up by the Beech trees.

However, round the base of the sturdy trunks, there are several different growths of Fungi making their appearance in differing colour and shapes that are appealing to look at and, if we had not been in traffic, I would have stopped the car to look more carefully and identify them (always a difficult task). Of course, this is the time to see the fruiting bodies of these fascinating forms of life that are so essential to all life. Penicillin is but one form of life that has saved many lives over many years. A walk in the woods on an organised Fungal Foray would be good to be a part of.

I mentioned our Merryweather Damsons last month and they were picked without a ladder or safety checks, as our squirrel population deemed them ready for picking before me and left only two fruit on the tree and the wasps were polishing them off! The squirrels had, back in July, taken the very few Pears that had set, however, they left the Walnuts on the tree much longer than usual. Now we see them scratching in the lawn burying things for winter use, if they can remember where they have buried them.

Our Apple trees have been very varied in cropping this year: a so-called Cox's has hardly an apple on it, when every year it has been bowed down with fruit that is not very useful; the Worcester Pearmain has little red early apples but very few have matured this year; whereas the Keswick, a yellow shined apple, that makes very early fluffy applesauce, has had a fine crop of larger than usual fruit; as has the Early Victoria, a tree that usually has small fruit with large ones out of reach at the top, which has yielded extremely well. The Villages Together Methodists are holding an Apple Fest on the 18 th October, which will embrace a hot meal of apple related food and drinks, where an expert on apples will speak about this wonderful, colourful fruit that has an interesting history and development of so many types of apple.

You are all invited to come and celebrate at the Stillington Village Hall. The naturalists are making a noise about the lack of Butterflies, which is of major concern, as the beautiful butterflies are the most noticeable of the insect populations that are a part of the life of our world in the work that they do in pollination and recycling of waste residue. I believe that the weather has played a major part in this decline. But, of course, agriculture is under pressure to reduce pesticides, all of which the Ministry has approved and promoted to enhance our crops. There is thinking to be done in this whole area to provide safe and adequate food for us all the world over, action with fewer words is a priority or we may find ourselves in the position of our insect populations.

Enough gloom, enjoy this autumn with its many colours and be glad to live in England.

**R & M**

## October Reflections

October is a month of change and transition, as we move from the warmth of summer into the cooler, crisper days of autumn. The landscape around us transforms with the brilliant hues of red, orange, and gold, and there's a certain beauty in watching the seasons shift right before our eyes. For me, this time of year it always brings back fond memories of kicking up the leaves on the walk to primary school. October, it's a time that invites us to pause and appreciate the world around us, taking stock of what the past months have brought and considering what lies ahead.

In our villages, as we move out of September and into October, this is often a time for gathering together. Whether it's celebrating the harvest, enjoying autumn fairs, or simply spending time with family and friends, this season offers plenty of opportunities to connect with others. These moments remind us of the importance of community and the value of the relationships we share with those around us.

As we harvest the fruits of the year's labours, both literally and metaphorically, it's a good time to reflect on what we've achieved. Perhaps this year has brought successes and joys, or maybe it's been a time of challenges and lessons learned.

Either way, October gives us the chance to acknowledge these experiences, learn from them, and consider how we can move forward with the wisdom they've imparted.

This season also encourages us to prepare for the coming winter months. Just as nature readies itself for the colder days ahead, we too can think about how we can make the most of the time before us. Whether it's setting new goals, taking up a new hobby, or simply making time to rest and recharge, October is a good month for planning and preparation as we move towards Advent and Christmas.

As we go about our daily lives, let's remember to look out for one another, especially those who may be feeling the weight of the shorter days and cooler weather. A simple act of kindness, a friendly conversation, or an invitation to join in a local event or inviting somebody to supper can make all the difference to someone who might be feeling a bit isolated.

October is a month rich with meaning, filled with opportunities for reflection, connection, and preparation. As we enjoy the beauty of autumn and the gatherings it brings, let's make the most of this time, both individually and as a community.

May October be full of warm moments and new beginnings.

Best wishes & every blessing,

**Rev Steve**

**Your current 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**

**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 and a third on the front wall of the Village Hall.**

**No code needed.**

**\*Remember: Call an Ambulance, start CPR, get the Defibrillator - it will tell you what to do\***

## CHURCH SERVICES - October

### St Nicholas, Stillington

**Priest:** Rev Stephen Whiting 810251  
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**Church Wardens:** Janet Martin 822981  
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[lrf43@kesonline.org](mailto:lrf43@kesonline.org)

**Sund 6th** Morning Prayer (sung) **10.00am**  
**Sun 13th** Morning Praise **10.00am**  
**Sun 20th** Holy Communion **10.00am**  
**Sun 27th** No service at Stillington  
**10.00am** Morning Worship at Sheriff  
Hutton  
**10.30am** Holy Communion at Farlington

**Visiting the church** The church is open every day, from nine or earlier until four.  
**Prayers for the village** Every Thursday, 9am. If you would like to join us or if you would like prayers said for anyone or anything please contact Margaret Price or leave a note in the side chapel of St Nicholas.

**Holy Communion at home** If you're unable to attend Church on a Sunday morning and would like a visit at home, please call Margaret Price to arrange a convenient time.

### St Nicholas Church Rota

7<sup>th</sup> October to 19<sup>th</sup> October

**CLEANING** Mrs M Tomlinson

**BRASSES** Mr H Tomlinson

21<sup>st</sup> October to 2<sup>nd</sup> November

**CLEANING** Mrs R Bresnen

**BRASSES** VACANT

### Flower Rota

6<sup>th</sup> Oct - Mrs G Churton

13<sup>th</sup> Oct - Mrs C Pick

20<sup>th</sup> Oct - Mrs C Pick

27<sup>th</sup> Oct - Mrs M Tomlinson

3<sup>rd</sup> Nov - Mrs M Tomlinson

### St Leonard's, Farlington

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

Our Pop-up Tearoom over the August Bank Holiday weekend was – despite the weather - very popular and a great success. The final profit was £1054.85. Our thanks go to all the people who worked so hard baking and serving and, of course, to those who did the eating and paying.

Our services in October are as follows :

**Sun 13th** 10.30am  
Shortened Matins (BCP)  
**Sun 27th** 10.30am  
Holy Communion (BCP)

Private Prayer. The church is open every day for private prayer and 'quiet time' and the peaceful churchyard is open at all times.

### Methodist Chapel

**Minister:**  
Rev David Bidnell 01904 345429  
david.bidnell@gmail.com

**Steward:**  
Robin Jackson 810250  
robinjacksonwoodside@gmail.com

### Villages Together Methodist Church

**Sun 6th** Sutton Village Hall 10-30am  
Harvest Thanksgiving Rev David Bidnell followed by Harvest Lunch

**Sun 13th** Alne Hall 3pm

Harvest Service conducted by Rev Andy Foster

**Sun 20th** Huby 10-30am

Cafe service led by the congregation

**Sun 27th** Tholthorpe 3pm

Service of Holy Communion led by Rev John Hayward

### St Mary's Marton

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

**Sun 6th** Celtic Communion 6pm  
**Sun 20th** Celtic Evening Worship 6pm

### Marton Church

Many thanks to all who helped with decorating Marton Church for our celebration of harvest - it looked absolutely wonderful. Harvest gifts have gone to the 'I am Reusable' foodbank in York, our cash collection went to RABI (the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution) and we even managed to celebrate Fairtrade Fortnight with our refreshments!

We have 2 services in October, which will both be at 6pm: Sun 6th October (Celtic Holy Communion) and Sun 20th October (Celtic Evening Worship). The clocks change at the end of the month (27th October) and so our services in November, December, January and February will all be at 3pm.

On Saturday 12th October from 5.30pm we have our 'Raise the Roof' concert and supper in Stillington Village Hall. Tickets (£12) include supper and there will be a cash bar. The Elastic Band will be performing music from the forties to the noughties. Everyone very welcome! Tickets available from Caroline Hunt ([martonintheforest@gmail.com](mailto:martonintheforest@gmail.com)), Yvonne Murphy (01347 811544) and Stillington Stores

### 200 Club

1<sup>st</sup> Mrs B Jackson,  
R.U. Mrs J Wilson,  
R.U. Mr B Rawling,  
Drawn by "Our Ernie "