

# Stillington News



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## Join Stillington Cricket Club – New Players Wanted

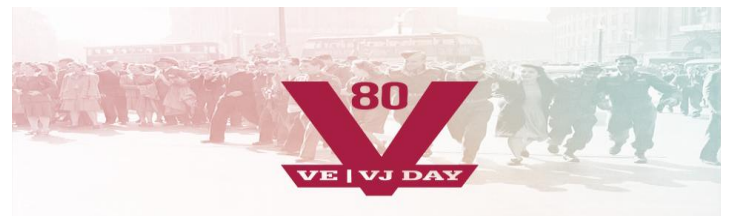
We are a friendly local club offering league and social cricket for **juniors** and **adults** of all levels. Whether you are experienced or new to the game, there is a place for you!

We also welcome boys, girls, and those interested in reviving our women's team. Enjoy great facilities at the Sports and Social Club, including a bar and play area. What better way to spend a few hours on a summer's afternoon or evening. Like many small villages, we find it an ongoing challenge to find sufficient players and without local interest there is a possibility that something quintessentially English (i.e. village cricket) will be lost to our community. Don't let village cricket fade—get involved! **Practices start in March, games in April.**

Contact Tim Jarvis 07591 056135 to learn more.



**VE and VJ Day 2025 will mark the 80th anniversaries** of these events on 8th May and 15th August. Here in Stillington, **we plan to celebrate on Bank Holiday Monday 5th May** with a DIY Village Lunch at the Sports and Social Club followed by Children's Sports and a Dog Show event. This is an opportunity for us all to join together. Please note the date. **More details to follow.**



## Curry Night with *the Elastic Band*

Stillington Village Hall

**Saturday 10th May 6.30 for 7pm start**

Vegetarian option available

**Tickets available from the Village Shop**

£12 adults £8 child (14 years and under)



## Duke of Edinburgh students continue to help with village maintenance as part of their Community/ Volunteering Service Awards.

Many teenagers have worked on a variety of tasks in the village over the past 20 years: either clearing vegetation, cleaning the bus shelters, working on the Sports and Social Club car park, assisting with village quizzes, litter picking or general tasks in the village shop.

**JUMBLE SALE**  
**Saturday 26th April 2025**  
**2-4pm**  
**Entry fee 50p**  
**Stillington sports & social Club**  
**Stillington**  
**YO61 1LJ**

**REFRESHMENTS, RAFFLE, TOMBOLA AND MORE.**

**All proceeds to Stillington Primary School**

**Collection dates for donations:**

Wednesday	16.04.25, 8-10am	Stillington Primary School inside gate
Saturday	19.04.25, 8-10am	Stillington Primary School inside gate
Thursday	24.04.25, 3.30-6pm	Stillington Primary School inside gate
Saturday	26.04.25, 10am-12 noon	Stillington Sports & Social Club

**THE CLAYROOMS**  
**POTTERY @ THE PUB**  
**WHAT COULD POSSIBLY GO WRONG!**  
**FUN POTTERY EVENT TO MAKE YOUR OWN Inense Cottage**

Price includes first drink!

**Stillington Sports and Social Club**

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April 6.30pm – 8.30pm**

**£30 per person, please support this new activity!**

**To book: WWW.THECLAYROOMS.CO.UK**

**“Great Mother’s Day Gift idea or try something new”.**

**The Great British Spring Clean**

Will take place from **21st March – 6th April.**

Are you able to help with some litter picking? **Please do take extra care if working on our roadside verges and this will be at your own risk as traffic will rarely stop or slow down.**

Please wear gloves and high-vis jackets; a small number of litter-picking sticks are available.

Thank you!

**Volunteers needed for the Pop-Up Sunday Café 10am-2pm**

Would you like to be part of a Community Café in Stillington?

If you think you can help, please email

1. Michelle Richmond - michellerichmond71@hotmail.co.uk or

2. Kate Dennis - Kateandcolindennis@gmail.com



**Tuesday Pop-In**



We are open every Tuesday morning in Stillington Village Hall for hot drinks and tasty snacks with friends and new acquaintances, from 10.30am until 12 noon.

Spring weather can be unpredictable, and we will also have enjoyed the day marking the official first day of spring. One thing we can all be assured of is a warm welcome and conversations from everyone about village events as spring wakes us all from our winter chill. So come along and find out about upcoming events with a hot drink, especially one of Bernie's lovely hot chocolates! Hoping to welcome you soon, from the Pop-In team.

**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\***



### Help with downloading the NHS APP

One-to-one help to download the NHS app to your own device is available at **Stillington Surgery between 2pm to 4 pm on Friday 2nd May and Friday 6th June**. Please let reception know if you would like to attend a session and the time you can come in.

Please remember to bring your own device (tablet, smartphone, PC) AND photo id from any one of the following lists:

- Passport, UK driving licence (full or provisional)
- UK biometric residence permit (BRP)
- UK residence card
- UK application registration card (ARC)
- Citizen Card
- European driving licence (full)
- European national identity card
- A valid UK entry clearance visa sticker

**Please phone 01347 810332 or call in to reception to make your appointment.**

**Please email contributions for the May 2025 issue to [news@stillingtonvillage.org](mailto:news@stillingtonvillage.org) by WEDNESDAY 16<sup>th</sup> April 2025.**

Submissions after that date may not be included!!

If you would like to donate to Stillington News you can do so either by Bacs: Stillington News; Account no: 41651089; sort code 09 01 54 or sending a cheque to 1, Chantry Gardens, Stillington, YO61 1NF.

We operate on a budgetary constraint so any new donations would be gratefully received.

### Join Stillington Parish Council!

A vacancy is available on the council, which can be filled by co-option. If you are interested in helping improve our community, **contact Nigel Knapton at [clerk@stillingtonparishcouncil.uk](mailto:clerk@stillingtonparishcouncil.uk)**

### Volunteer Needed – Help Keep Our Village Safe

We're looking for a volunteer to manage the rotation of our Vehicle Activated Speed Signs (VASS) to help control traffic speed. Interested? **Contact Nigel Knapton at [clerk@stillingtonparishcouncil.uk](mailto:clerk@stillingtonparishcouncil.uk)**

### Natural Grass Verges – Volunteers Needed

I am organising a working party in Stillington to enhance the biodiversity of our village verges. This is an initial call for those interested in contributing—not for objections, which can be addressed later if the group is formed. We aim to develop an action plan to propose to the parish council in six months. **If you would like to get involved, please email [tracy@takanomi.com](mailto:tracy@takanomi.com)**

For more information visit:

[friendsofthedales.org.uk/campaigns/verges](http://friendsofthedales.org.uk/campaigns/verges)

### Stillington Wanderers

24th February walkers started in Thirsk alongside Cod Beck, heading past the Church, alongside the racecourse, then followed the main railway line to the large housing estate of Sowerby Gateway, returning to Cod Beck over Sowerby Flatts.

It was a good turnout for Welburn on 10th March: walking east to High and Low Gatterley and returning west through Castle Howard grounds with views of the Mausoleum, Temple of Four Winds and the Pyramid.

**Next walks: Monday 7th and 21st April 2025. Meet outside the White Bear at 9.30am**



**Many thanks go to Sue and Phil Robinson** for hosting the Quiz Night on 2<sup>nd</sup> March at the White Bear and Claire Ryan as Quizmaster: Over £110 was raised to help fund our village newsletter.

### Last quiz of the season at Sports and Social Club

**£365** was raised for the Friends of Stillington School (FOSS) on Friday 7th March. Well done to the winning team: Gwyn Hoss, Liz Cole, Nicky Lyddon and Christine Pick. **Thank you to everyone who has supported over the winter and hope to see you again in October.**



The 2025 AGM will be held on **Wednesday 30th April, in the Village Hall. It begins at 7.15pm and will finish before the talk begins!**

### April Speaker

Our Speaker for April will be Mark Padgett talking about 'Alpines for Everyone', starting at 7.30pm.

Do bring a friend/guest to the talk, they may wish to join the Club at some stage.

### 2025 Bring and Buy Plant Sale

**This will be held on Monday 5th May.** We start at 9.30am and will be finished by 11am so we will not clash with any VE Village Events.

The Bring and Buy sale will be held this year in the Village Hall. There will be refreshments and delicious scones. **WE ARE INSIDE; WE WILL NOT BE WORRIED BY THE WEATHER.**

I hope you are having success with your plants for the sale; don't forget if you are splitting any plants please bring the excess plants for sale. **THIS IS OUR MAIN FUNDRAISING EVENT DURING THE YEAR.**

**WE NEED A GOOD TURN OUT**

### April Tips for the Garden:

- Start to feed citrus plants.
- Increase the water given to houseplants.
- Feed hungry shrubs and roses.
- Sow new lawns or repair bare patches.
- Prune fig trees.
- Divide bamboos and waterlilies.
- Keep weeds under control.



### Stillington Bowling Club Open Day Sunday 13th April

If you are interested in trying lawn green bowls, then please come down to our free open day on **Sunday 13th April from 2.00pm.** Our green and clubhouse are located behind the Stillington Sports and Social Club off York Road in Stillington. We have a stock of loan equipment and coaches will be on hand to show you how to play.

Please wear soft, flat-soled shoes (no heels).

Bowling is a fun, accessible sport. You can play purely socially, join internal club competitions or play in our local leagues. ***If you cannot make that day, then social bowling and coaching will be held every Wednesday evening from 7pm starting on 16th April.***

**For more information, please contact Nigel Marsh 07869 467541 or nom@onetel.com**



### Stillington W.I.

Our speaker for February was Stillington resident, Arran Johnson, from the York Archaeological Trust. He gave a fascinating talk about recent digs in the Hungate and Walmgate areas of York, as well as a project that promotes the mental wellbeing that Archaeology can offer. He accompanied his talk with slides from the digs and talked about the centuries of people living in York. He brought along some Viking and Roman artefacts that we could handle and feel the same objects people from hundreds of years ago had made. His enthusiasm and commitment shone throughout. **Our next speaker is WI member Margaret Jackson. She will talk about and demonstrate 'Spring Flowers', Wednesday 9th April in the Village Hall at 7.30pm. Visitors welcome, £4 including refreshments.**



## Stillington Parish Council

The Council meeting was on Wednesday 5th March 2025 in the Village Hall with Cllrs Cllr Tracy Sinclair (Chairman), Christine Cookman, Graham Taylor, Robert Churton together with twelve members of the public. North Yorkshire Cllr Malcolm Taylor was also present. The Council noted the contribution the late Cllr Tim Milburn had made to the Council over the last two years.

### Public Session

A matter raised was the caravan park planning application, blocked drain, one-way streets and parking on South Back Lane.

### North Yorkshire Councillor's Report

reported on Marton Bridge, the South Back Lane rat infestation, the York Road pumping station, savings of £60 million and leisure centres.

### Vehicle Activated Speed Signs

A volunteer to look after the VAS signs had still not been found. If anyone is interested in taking on this role, please contact the Clerk.

### Potholes

Various potholes on North Back Lane and Mill Lane had been reported to NYC Highways.

### Casual Vacancy

A casual vacancy had arisen on the Council and a co-option would now be made. Anyone interested email the Clerk.

### Bird Mouth Fencing

A survey had been conducted of the North Yorkshire Council bird mouth fencing in Main Street and High Street. The rotten posts had been reported.

### Neighbourhood Watch

Four new Neighbourhood Watch signs would be purchased and erected.

**Next Meeting** would be held on Wednesday 2 April 2025 in the Village Hall at 7.00pm.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.

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

## Countryside Notes



Tuesday 18th March. A fine spring morning after a heavy white frost like many nights recently. Spring is breaking out steadily, now the Snowdrops have finished having given a wonderful display and now the Daffodils are giving their best, along with the Celandines. I noticed that there appears to be a lot of blind ones (without flowers) on the Stillington banks. We planted two rows on either side of the drive up to the farm; one row always flowers well, though overgrown by fruit trees, grass and blackberries to my shame! The other row, where the fencing is moved to protect them, do not flower well at all and have not done so for a number of years.

I wait for the sounds of migrating birds but not much to report. I usually hear Curlew flying north and west to the Pennines but not a note to be heard. The poor Curlew, with its long beak and fine melody of piping on warm summer days is so wonderful to hear, is another bird whose numbers are dwindling.

Yesterday we had two visits of a male Sparrowhawk, probably having a look at the bird feeders. They are feeders but not for raptors. Of course, raptors are beautiful birds to look at, but we do need some means of controlling their numbers, beside the availability of food. More little birds, more predation followed by a decline in little bird numbers, are ever hungry for food and amenity with the need for more building. This fine male was slate-grey with barred white underparts, and of course, a master of flight.

I saw an interesting stone recently, of considerable size. The softer stone was covered with lichen, where there was little evidence of it on the harder and denser rock. Lichens are one of the oldest living organisms in our world and were amongst the first forms of life. The lichen is the older part of a team where they absorbed every drop of water they could find on the surface of the rock but could not develop until algae came and utilised the light and sun to photosynthesise into food for the lichens to become what they are today. Each is dependent on the other for an astonishingly long life of hundreds of years. We will soon be revelling in the wonder and colour of our gardens, which we will enjoy. However, also look at the beautiful trees as buds burst and flowers emerge for the busy bees. Enjoy them all as they grace our land again.

### 200 Club

**1st** Mrs V Chapman: **R.U.** Mr R Brenndorfer;  
**3rd** Mr N Hugill, drawn by 'Our Ernie'.

## St. Nicholas' Church Services

**Sunday April 6th 10.00am** - Morning Worship.

**Sunday April 13th 10.00am** - Palm Sunday special service, receive a palm cross.

**Maudy Thursday April 17th 7.00pm** - Last Supper Service.

**Good Friday April 18th 2.30pm** - At the Foot of the Cross, outside the church if possible.

**7.30pm for Holy Saturday April 19th 8.00pm** - Easter Vigil.

**Easter Sunday April 20th 10.00am** - Holy Communion. Come and celebrate the most important day in the Christian year.

**Sunday April 27th** - 10.00am Morning Worship.

### Visiting the church

The church is open every day, from 9.00am (or earlier) until 4.00pm.

### Prayers for the village

Taking place 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 01347 811262 [pricehm870@gmail.com](mailto:pricehm870@gmail.com) or leave a note in the side chapel of St Nicholas.

### Holy Communion at home

Would you like to receive Holy Communion at home? If you are not able to come to Church on Sunday mornings, would you like a visit at home? Make a phone call to arrange a time: Margaret Price 01347 811262

### Church Register

The funeral was held for Phyllis Whitwell at St Nicholas' Church on Monday 3rd March.

### Flowers

Saturday 19th April, 10.00am - **ALL HELP, please bring spring flowers.**

## Villages Together - Methodist Church Services

Methodist Minister: Rev David Bidnell 01904 345429 [david.bidnell@gmail.com](mailto:david.bidnell@gmail.com), Stillington Contact Robin Jackson 01347 810250 [robinjacksonwoodside@gmail.com](mailto:robinjacksonwoodside@gmail.com)

### Services for April

Sunday 6th 10.30am Service at Huby, joined by Strensall and Sheriff Hutton - Rev Andy Foster will lead our worship.

Palm Sunday Alne Hall at 3.00pm Rev John Schofield

Easter Day 10.00am Joint Easter Communion at Easingwold led by Rev Ruth Duck

Sunday 27th April 3.00pm at Tholthorpe, Rev Elizabeth Cushion

**Easter Monday – Cream Teas at Huby, 2pm – 4pm**

## St Mary's Church, Marton in the Forest

**From April to the end of October** our regular services will be at **6.00pm on the first and third Sundays of each month**. In April, we have a **Celtic Communion Service at 6.00pm on Sunday 6th April**, and our **Easter Celtic Communion Service at 6.00pm on Sunday 20th April**. We are also planning an **Easter Dawn Vigil** to watch the sunrise - not a service, just a quiet gathering **at 5.45am on Sunday 20th April**. It's so lovely to watch the sunrise from the churchyard, then wait inside the church for the sun to pour through the east windows above the altar. Sometime later, the sun rises high enough to shine through the little coloured stained-glass windows up in the eaves. Hot drinks will be provided, along with something seasonal to eat but please do wear sturdy waterproof footwear and plenty of layers. All very welcome - and if it's a cloudy or rainy morning we completely understand if you decide to stay put in bed!

## St Leonard's, Farlington

The churchyard is bright with the colour of spring flowers and new growth on the trees. It is all looking wonderful. Come and sit on one of our two outdoor seats to enjoy some quiet time in this area of peace and tranquillity.

The Church is open daily for private prayer; the Churchyard is always open.

The services at St Leonard's in April:

- **Wednesday 2nd 9.00am Morning Prayer for Lent** (about 30 minutes)
- **Wednesday 9th 9.00am Morning Prayer for Lent** (about 30 minutes)
- **Sunday 13th 10.30am Shortened Matins** (BCP)
- **Wednesday 16th 9.00am Morning Prayer for Lent** (about 30 minutes)
- **Sunday 20th 10.30am Holy Communion for EASTER DAY**
- **Sunday 27th 10.30am Holy Communion** (BCP)

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

**The Annual Parishioners' Meeting is on Wednesday 9th April at 2.00pm, in church.** This meeting is open to residents of Farlington Parish and those who regularly attend services at St. Leonard's Church. It is an opportunity to come and hear how the church is being run and have a say in its future.