

Stillington News

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TUESDAY POP IN

EVERY TUESDAY

From 10.30am until 12 noon in the Village Hall

Welcome to another enjoyable year of
TUESDAY POP IN.

We meet each Tuesday morning in the Village
Hall at 10.30am until 12 noon.

If you have never joined us before why not
come for a coffee or perhaps one of Bernie's
special hot chocolates?

We offer some nibbles to enjoy too.

Everyone always enjoys a good chat meeting
lots of friends old and new and taking time to
catch up on everybody's news suggestions of
places they have enjoyed visiting or village
events to join in with. There are always
interesting suggestions to follow up as our
village is such a friendly, busy place so come
and find out about everything on offer.



We look forward to meeting you in 2025 and
wish everybody a happy and peaceful New
Year.



We would like to offer a huge "Thank You" to
the two retiring editors of the Stillington News,

Tracy Sinclair and Emma Johnson.

We are grateful for your willingness to give
your time, energy and acknowledge the effort
you have both invested.

Your support has allowed the Stillington News
to continue and serve our community.

The new editors are:

**Lorraine Chamberlain &
Wanda Szajna-Hopgood.**

If you would like to contact us please do so
using the Stillington News email.

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News you can do so either by
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41651089; Sort code: 09 01 54 or sending
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YO61 1NF

General Knowledge Quiz

Friday 3 January quiz at Stillington Sports
and Social Club. Starting at 7:30pm. £10 per
table, includes supper.

All welcome! This quiz is to raise money for
the Village Hall.



Changes for Reliance Bus Service



**Our No 40 Stillington service between York
and Easingwold is one of the routes to be
operated by York and County, a company
belonging to global operator Transdev, from
19 January 2025. No jobs will be lost and
some drivers will join the Transdev team
based at a new depot in Rawcliffe. Several
buses will also be sold to the new operator.**

Reliance Motor Services began operating 94
years ago. Historic York bus operator sells
several key routes to Transdev. Historic York
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Transdev.

BURNS NIGHT SUPPER with Ceilidh Band 'Fiddlers Wreck'

Friday January 31st 2025 at Stillington Sports
& Social Club at 7pm.

Traditional 4 course Supper.
Dancing until late

Tickets are £28 and can be obtained from
Stillington Village Shop or email;
haroldtomlinson@hotmail.com with ticket
requirements



We are so grateful to all who have generously
contributed to the village Food Bank collection
during the past year. At this time we are
desperately short of tinned vegetables so if you
would care to pop a tin or two into the box in
the church porch, a needy person would be
really grateful to receive it.

Stillington Wanderers

It was a welcome return to Oulston on 2nd
December and many stiles to negotiate on the
outward route walking SW to Adam's Hall farm
& then NE to join the Foss Walk below
Burton House. Walkers left the Foss Walk and
cut through the beech woodland strip of
Briarham Lane & back via Whinny Hill
and Whincover Farm.

Next walks: Monday 30 December and 13 and
27 January 2025. Meet outside the White Bear
at 9.30am



**FREE
MINIBUS SERVICE**
from Sheriff Hutton to Easingwold Market Place
starting on the 6th December

Sheriff Hutton Village Hall	VH	0900	1325
Farington	VH	0905	1320
Stillington	VH	0910	1315
Brandsby	VH	0915	1310
Cragley	Durham Ox	0920	1305
Easingwold	Market Place	0925	1300



In conjunction with
Easingwold and Villages
Community Partnership Group

Initial dates are the 6th and 20th December and the 10th and 24th January.
Further dates to be confirmed depending on passenger numbers
Passengers will need to book a seat by ringing 01547 822598 or email carscheme@edcca.org.uk

Charity number 1172534
Easingwold District Community Care Association (EDCCA),
Police House, Church Hill, Easingwold, York, YO61 5JK
Tel: 01547 822875, email: info@edcca.org.uk

**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



Stillington Community Primary School

This half-term has been an incredible journey of creativity, teamwork, and personal growth for our pupils. Here's a look at the enriching experiences they've had:

Nativity and Christingle Performance

Our pupils lit up the stage with their Nativity and Christingle performance that truly captured the spirit of Christmas. The beautiful Christingle service added a special touch, with glowing candles symbolizing the light of the world and filling the room with a sense of peace and unity.

Musical Adventures with Rocksteady

Rocksteady provided our pupils with an unforgettable dive into the world of music. The interactive workshops encouraged creativity, rhythm, and expression as pupils experimented with different instruments. Our children loved delving into the world of music.

Developing Sportsmanship and Skills

Our KS2 pupils had the chance to visit a local secondary school, where they participated in team-building activities and sports sessions. These events not only enhanced their abilities but also emphasised the importance of respect and resilience in sports.

We're incredibly proud of the energy and passion our pupils brought throughout the autumn term and we look forward to seeing how these experiences will continue to inspire them in their learning journey as we move into the Spring term.

If you would like to book a visit to our school, please contact the admin office on: stillingtonoffice@foston.n-yorks.sch.uk for more information.

You may not have noticed but... a couple of weeks ago the renovated bells at St Nicholas were returned from Loughborough and fitted and, after a three-year period of silence, they are ringing again. Many in the village may not be aware of the return as the travelling of the sound of the peeling bells is dependent upon both the direction of the wind and its strength. But we do ask those that can hear them to be patient, for two reasons: firstly, our normal ringers have had a three year lay-off and, like the former state of the bells are a little "rusty, the feel of the bells is also quite different;" secondly, we are hoping to train some new ringers to join the team and it's difficult to do that quietly! The sounds of training can be a little discordant. Please be patient. It is great to have the bells back and working as they have, after all, been a feature of the village for literally hundreds of years. Their return also means the church clock has its chime back. We just have to get it showing the right time!

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The surprising newspaper story about our shop

Surprising but true: in this age of online media and rolling TV news, sales of actual newspapers and magazines still make up 25% of turnover at our village shop. The great majority of these sales come from home deliveries made every morning (except Sundays) to houses around the village and up to Brandsby. Four groups of people make this happen. We'd welcome more to each group.



1. Our delivery team. The front-line heroes are the kids who get up and out in all weathers to collect their bags from the shop and make their early morning rounds pushing papers through letterboxes. There are 3 rounds covering the village. It takes about 20+ minutes to do the round before getting home and ready for the school bus. Naturally they get paid for their efforts: up to £25.00 for six mornings a week. For the first time in a long time we have no names on our waiting list for kids who would like to take up a round when a vacancy occurs. If you're 13 or over (or soon will be) and would like to give it a try, please leave your name and contact number at the shop.

2. Our sorting team. The deliveries couldn't happen without someone opening the shop each morning and arranging the papers into bags ready for delivery. That responsibility is shared between a team of some 10 volunteers — some opening the shop one morning a week, others one morning a fortnight. Being part of a large team makes it a flexible commitment, so when people disappear for holidays or longer we can arrange cover as needed. We're always looking to add to the team. If you don't mind getting up around 6am once a week or fortnight and manning the shop until the day staff come on at 9am, please get involved. Talk to any of our early morning sorting team or leave contact details at the shop for us to get in touch.

3. Our Brandsby Run team. Since the community shop started back in 2002, we have supplied papers to customers in Brandsby. This involves picking up papers from the shop and ferrying them up to an address in Brandsby from where customers collect their papers. Some petrol money is provided. As with Sorters, we're always looking to add to the team. If you'd like to help, please leave contact details at the shop.

4. Our customers. A big thank you to all our customers. We hope you will continue to enjoy getting your morning papers delivered through your door for years to come.

And if you like the idea of having a paper to read in the morning without leaving the house every day or just Saturdays place your order at the shop. It's a very important part of our business.

Best wishes for 2025 from everyone at the Shop.

Volunteer Needed

The Parish Council are looking for a volunteer or volunteers to monitor and maintain the defibrillator situated at the Village Hall. The defibrillator will need to be checked weekly and when not working action taken accordingly: notice informing the village on the Village Facebook page and arrangements to return to source. Full details regarding all of the above will be provided. Please contact Nigel Knapton (Clerk to the Parish Council) via email: clerk@stillingtonparishcouncil.uk

Stillington Patient Participation Group

Surgery Notice Boards - When you are next in the Surgery, please scan the updated and refreshed Notice Boards for information that may help you be more aware of information and/or support available for various conditions. The current focus subjects are Diabetes and Mental Health and in January the focus items will be Osteoarthritis and Joint Replacement. Lots of other information is available. Feel free to pick of any of the leaflets available!

Should you wish to make suggestions of ways to improve the Surgery service you can either write directly to Stillington Surgery or email to stillington.admin@nhs.net or to PPG members at stillingtonppg@btinternet.com

Well done to a new winning team for the December quiz: Liz Cole, Nicky Lyddon, Judith and Gwyn Hoss with granddaughter & friend. £350 was raised for the Sports and Social Club.

Urgent Care Team - If you have difficulty getting what you believe to be an urgent appointment at our own Surgery in Stillington, there is potentially another option. Where patients cannot get the appointment required, they may be referred by our receptionists to the Urgent Care Team recently located in Easingwold. This may initially be a telephone consultation. The Urgent Care Team can deal with Urine, Chest or Ear infections, Tonsillitis, Diarrhoea, Vomiting, Stomach ache, Headache, Rashes, Insect bites, Infected wounds, Minor injuries and Sprains and strains. The Urgent Care team DO NOT cover Life threatening emergencies (call 999) or any Chronic ongoing issues being managed by your own GP. In this instance, a routine appointment with your GP would be more appropriate.

Please email contributions for the February 2025 issue to news@stillingtonvillage.org.uk by Wednesday 22nd January 2025.

Submissions received after this may not be able to be accommodated or included.



Christmas Party

I think everyone agreed it was a great evening. 45 members bought tickets for the evening. 9 more than last year. I hope members felt that holding it on 27th November avoided the inevitable clash with other events in December. The food was amazing both before and during the meal. Many thanks to all those who helped in preparing and serving of the food. It was obviously much appreciated by everyone especially those who came up for seconds! May I also thank the Committee and those members who helped set and decorate the tables, run the raffle, quiz and bar. Also, those who kindly cleared everything up and oh yes did the washing up. Thank you all.



January Speaker

On Wednesday 29th January our guest speaker is Jill Ward. Jill will be talking about "The River Foss Catchment Revival". This will be a good evening. Please bring a friend whether they be a member or not as they may join in the future.

Happy New Year!

I hope you all had a lovely Christmas and can I wish both Members and Committee a very Happy New Year and a good growing season in your gardens.

Gardening Tips-January:

If you need a bit of relief over Christmas here are a few jobs in the garden to get you out of the house.

1. Prune open-grown apples and pears (but not those trained against walls).
2. Prune acers, birches and vines before Christmas to avoid bleeding.
3. Harvest leeks, parsnips, winter cabbage, sprouts and remaining root crops.
4. Trees and shrubs can still be planted and transplanted
5. Take hardwood cuttings
6. Keep mice away from stored produce

Robert Churton

Eco Top Tips from St Nicholas' Church

Every month the Eco-Working Group at St Nicholas' Church gives a few handy tips for every household to understand and control their carbon emissions, as an act of love for Christ's creation and our fellow human beings.

January – In the kitchen:

1. Never put warm or hot food into the fridge or freezer as this will make the fridge work extra hard to try and keep it cold; always allow food to cool down first.
2. Use a bowl to wash up rather than a running tap and save £25 a year in energy bills. www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/home-energy-efficiency/energy-saving-quick-wins
3. When making a cup of tea, only boil the amount of water that you need. You waste electricity (and money) heating water you won't use.
4. Stop using aluminium foil for cooking wherever possible; use a container with a lid that can be reused. Aluminium is a rare metal and its extraction and purification uses a lot of energy.
5. Eat less meat, particularly red meat; producing 1kg of beef produces the equivalent CO2 to you driving a 300 miles round trip while leaving all your lights on at home.



The Stillington Crafty Ninjas have been spreading festive cheer on an exciting Christmassy adventure! Their incredible creations recently transformed the village shop into a Christmas wonderland, wowing everyone who had the pleasure of stopping by. But their mission isn't over yet—keep your eyes open to spot where these crafty elves will sprinkle their magic next! You won't want to miss it! If you want to join in their creative fun they meet at The Bay Tree on Tuesdays at 7pm.



200 Club

1st - Julie Barker

2nd - Sarah Raper

3rd - Mr R S Dodd

Drawn by "Our Ernie"



Stillington and District Community Archive

Welcome back local historian Marian Moverley with her talk: 'Passing Through Yorkshire' A light-hearted look at God's Own Country from the viewpoint of visitors passing through during the 16th to 20th Centuries.

Wednesday 22nd January at 7.30 in the Village Hall. Guests £3. Refreshments will be served.

Countryside Notes January 2025

Monday 9th December, just a little earlier to get the pen out again. Thank goodness the weather has changed again as High Pressure sets in for the week. Our radio came on at about a quarter to seven last Friday morning, giving dire warnings of the approach of Storm Darragh, with its serious volume of rain and almost unheard of gusts of wind heading into the 90mph bracket for the weekend. I found myself in a very frighteningly vulnerable state, could some farm buildings stand such pressure, would the rain cause catastrophic damage to late sown wheat, and the sheep that are eating soft turnips; how would we manage flooded fields? I have had experience of flooding, both on farm and away on grazing, we have always managed well to cope without loss, but I was younger then!! Old legs don't go so well and I had a better dog (a major factor). However, by midday I had thought the whole thing through, the Panic Button was switched off as I thought, I can do nothing to stop the storm, so we must ride it through. The wind blew, things creaked and banged in the dark of Saturday night. However, we had escaped with not too much damage. A large Horse Chestnut tree had come down, because the trunk was rotten, it had broken off above ground. How it had lived and looked healthy and just to fall like that is a mystery. Sunday morning saw me walking round soggy, wet fields, with water standing in places, the sheep sheltering where hedges offered shelter from the cold, wet rain, not happy but not objecting too much and by afternoon, they were back grazing the turnips. Maybe I should say a bit about these Turnips. They are of a round variety that is sown these days after harvest. They have white flesh that grows quickly to form round bulbs with shallow roots and clean skins, the flesh is soft and easy to bite into and don't cook too bad in a stew. Old farmers grew them to feed sheep before the winter frosts set in. The sheep having eaten them were moved to Swedes, which are yellow fleshed and hard and good to boil and mash, having more flavour than a turnip. The turnip has a glossy green leaf with a few bristles on, whereas the swede has a smooth glaucous leaf and needs a much longer growing time to mature, it also has a much higher dry matter content. But, the Swede has been almost taken over by the Fodder Beet, with a much higher sugar content and therefore giving a higher energy content feed for livestock. At last the little birds have started to use the bird feeders. The Holly Berries have been eaten weeks ago, so I will have to find a sprig for the Christmas Pudding.

May Christmas be a time of peace and joy and open-eyed wonder of the world we live in, enjoy the season and may 2025 be a special year for you and yours.
R&M.



CHURCH SERVICES – JANUARY 2025

St Nicholas, Stillington

Priest: Steve Whiting 01347 810251

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Richard Mapletoft 01347 811854

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Canon Emeritus: Robert Law 01347

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Worship in Church in January

Sunday January 5th - 10.30am. **“No service at St**

Nicholas”. We join in the Covenant Service at

Huby Methodist Church.

Sunday January 12th - 10.00am. - Morning Prayer.

Sunday January 19th - 10.00am - Holy

Communion

Sunday January 26th - 10.00am. “This is Your

Life”: in the past we have looked at the lives of

Mother Teresa, William Wilberforce and Saint

Patrick. Who will be this time?

Visiting the church - The church is open every day, from nine or earlier until four.

Prayers for the village

These take place every Thursday at 9am. 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) 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 a

Sunday morning, would you like a visit at home?

Do make a phone call to arrange a convenient

time. Margaret Price 01347 811262

CLEANING ROTA

2nd January to 11th January:

Cleaning - Mrs P Clark

Brasses - Mr J Clark

13th January to 25th January:

Cleaning - Mrs J Martin

Brasses - Dr D Martin

27th January to 8th February:

Cleaning - Mrs M Law

Brasses - Mrs F Padmore

FLOWER ROTA

January 5th - Mrs G Churton

January 12th - Mrs G Churton

January 19th - Mrs G Churton

January 26th - Mrs B Milburn

Villages Together Methodist Church

Minister - Rev David Bidnell 01904 345429,

david.bidnell@gmail.com

Stillington contact - Robin Jackson, tel. 01347

810250, robinjacksonwoodside@gmail.com

Services for January 2025:

Sunday 5th January - Huby Methodist Church -

10-30am. This will be an Ecumenical Covenant

Service led by our Ministers Rev David Bidnell

and Rev Steve Whiting

Sunday 12th January – Alne Hall – 3pm Rev

Elizabeth Cushion will lead our worship

Sunday 19th January - There will be a Circuit

Service for us all at 10-30am at Lidgett Methodist

Church

Sunday 26th January - At 10-30 at Sheriff Hutton

we will worship together with Sheriff Hutton,

Easingwold, and Villages Together Methodist

Church when the service will be led by Rev

Richard Andrews.

St Mary’s, Marton in the Forest.

Church contact: Caroline Hunt – 01347 878242,

martonintheforest@gmail.com

Sue Whiting – 01347 810251

Services in January:

Sunday 5th January - 3pm: an Epiphany Celtic

Communion

Sunday 19th January - 3pm: a Celtic Evening

Service.

Everyone is very welcome to join us at these

services or to drop in at any time for a little peace

and quiet reflection in this beautiful church and

churchyard.

St Leonard’s, Farlington

Priest: Steve Whiting - 01347 810251,

revstevewhiting@gmail.com

Church Wardens:

Sally Wright – 01347 878745

Richard Haste – 01347 878581,

richardhaste@btinternet.com

We start 2025 with the first in our cycle of services

for the farming year – very appropriate for a

church at the centre of an agricultural

community. This is **Plough Sunday on January**

12th. The history for this service and its

relationship to the church goes back a long way.

The village plough was often kept in the church

and bringing it out was a cause for celebration. Our

Plough Sunday will celebrate the start of the

farming cycle; seed and the ploughshare will be

blessed and then we follow-up with a warming

ploughman’s lunch in the church. There is no

charge for the lunch, but donations will be

welcomed. **Why not come and join us – the**

service starts at 10.30am.

Services in January:

Sunday 12th January - 10.30am Plough Sunday

service followed by a Ploughman’s lunch

Sunday 26th January - 10.30am Holy

Communion (BCP)

Bingo!

On December 6th we ran our widely renowned

Grand Christmas Prize Bingo in Sheriff Hutton

Village Hall. It was a great evening and raised

£681.50 for the church. We give our thanks to

everyone who contributed prizes for the event and

the band of people who ‘made it happen’.

Village Hall Events:

Thursday, 9 January 2025

10:00 - 12:00 Table Tennis

14:00 - 16:00 Heart and Craft

Friday, 10 January 2025

13:00 - 15:00 Primetime

Monday, 13 January 2025

13:00 - 16:30 Bridge Club

18:30 - 19:30 Yoga with Annie

Tuesday, 14 January 2025

10:00 - 12:00 Pop in Café

13:00 - 17:00 Short mat bowls

19:00 - 21:00 Short mat bowls match

Wednesday, 15 January 2025

10:30 - 15:00 Ladies lunch

Thursday, 16 January 2025

10:00 - 12:00 Table Tennis

Friday, 17 January 2025

13:00 - 15:00 Primetime

Sunday, 19 January 2025

09:00 - 16:00 Bakery Pod

Monday, 20 January 2025

13:00 - 16:30 Bridge Club

18:30 - 19:30 Yoga with Annie

Tuesday, 21 January 2025

10:00 - 12:00 Pop in Café

13:00 - 17:00 Short mat bowls

19:00 - 21:00 Short mat bowls match

Wednesday, 22 January 2025

19:00 - 22:00 Stillington Archive Group

Thursday, 23 January 2025

10:00 - 12:00 Table Tennis

14:00 - 16:00 Heart and Craft

Friday, 24 January 2025

13:00 - 15:00 Primetime

Saturday, 25 January 2025

18:00 - 22:00 Shop Volunteers Party at Village

Shop

Sunday, 26 January 2025

09:00 - 16:00 Bakery Pod

Monday, 27 January 2025

13:00 - 16:30 Bridge Club

18:30 - 19:30 Yoga with Annie

Tuesday, 28 January 2025

10:00 - 12:00 Pop in Café

13:00 - 17:00 Short mat bowls

19:00 - 21:00 Short mat bowls match

Wednesday, 29 January 2025

18:30 - 21:15 Stillington Gardening Club

River Foss Catchment Revival

Thursday, 30 January 2025

10:00 - 12:00 Table Tennis

Friday, 31 January 2025

13:00 - 15:00 Primetime

15:15 - 16:45 Stillington Explorers