

Stillington News

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Notice from the Stillington News Team

Emma and myself would like to announce we are stepping down from our role as joint editors on the Stillington News.

We are therefore looking for a new team to edit and produce the Stillington News. If anyone is interested in stepping into the role please get in touch using the Stillington News email news@stillingtonvillage.org

For the present Dick is happy to continue as Treasurer but is equally happy to step down, if a new team would like to begin afresh.

Emma and I can initially work alongside a new team and we have compiled helpful guide notes as well as all the regular headers / logos used, which we will pass on.

We have all worked voluntarily on the News for the last seven years and will continue until the end of 2024 with the December issue being the last one we produce. We hope a new team can be found to continue producing the Stillington News from January 2025.



Stillington Post Office
& Stores

*Owned by the community. Run by
volunteers.*

Our Community Run Shop and Post Office will be
"21" this summer.

Customers, volunteers, village supporters, young
and old, all are invited to help us celebrate 21 years
of this fantastic achievement.

**Friday 12th July
at the**

Sports and Social Club from 5.30pm

Free tickets for a buffet tea will be available
mid-June onwards from the Shop.

Please email contributions for the
July issue to
news@stillingtonvillage.org
by **Wednesday 19th June**

The Tuesday Pop - In

What a
delight to
walk round



our lovely village in the warm
sunshine at the moment. Why
not drop in for a coffee and a
chat with friends at the **Village
Hall** on your way.

We open every
**Tuesday morning
10.30 till 12noon.**

Join us, relax and catch up on
everyone's news, shared
stories and memories which
make the time together so
interesting and enjoyable.

Do come along, everyone is
made to feel very welcome
and of course feel free to bring
friends or relatives with you if
they wish to come and join in
too.

Of course if it's raining there's
a dry warm welcome for you
then too!

Raising the Roof

Saturday 22nd June
Stillington Village Hall

Supper and
from the forties to

**The
Elastic
Band**

live music
the noughties

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!

Stillington Tennis Club

Junior Tennis Coaching by David Drake, a
professional local coach. A seven week course from
Saturday 8th June until Saturday 13th July

Members and non-members welcome
The cost of the course is **£50** payable at or before
the first session.

9am -10am for 5 - 8 years

10am-11am for 9 – 11 years

Please contact David to book and pay

Phone **07967 648006**

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Weather Report - June

Rainfall

April was wet – very! Rainfall of 91mm was nearly three times the long-term average. But it was not the wettest on record. In 2012 we had 144mm in April. Up to the 15th, May has done its best to redress the balance, with only 10mm so far.

Temperature

April was generally mild, with a high of 20.6°C on the 30th. However, there was the odd air frost, with a low of 1.9°C on the 25th. Sunshine was in short supply. The solar panel output of 290kWh was the lowest April figure since I started recording. May has been relatively warm, so far, though the temperature has now fallen from the summer-like figures of last weekend. The maximum was 23.9°C, reached twice, on the 9th and the 13th. The lowest was 8.3°C on the night of 7th/8th.

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Stillington Bowling Club

An excellent start to the new season for our team in the Ryedale and District Veterans League with an away win, 8 points to 2, against Wigginton Millers.

This was followed by a close game away at Strensall on Wednesday 15th May where, in lovely sunny conditions, we drew the match 5 points each just losing the aggregate by 54 to 58. We had wins on 2 rinks, a draw on one and a loss on the fourth.

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**

Stillington Wanderers

Mud and more mud met the walkers through Sittenham Woods, from Terrington, on 22nd April but all well worth it to see the bluebells and wild garlic.

And it was another amazing display of spring and woodland flowers for Appleton le Moors walk on Monday 6th May. Some steep slopes to negotiate but drier underfoot. And good to see house martins and swallows along the river Severn valley - certainly more than we get returning each year to Stillington.

Next walks are the 3rd and 17th June. Meet 9.30am outside the White Bear.

New Roller For Stillington Cc

In the early spring of 2023, intensive work was due to start on preparing the cricket square at Stillington. Sadly, plans were disrupted by the unfortunate death of groundsman, Dennis North.

Thankfully, other club members stepped into the breach. Rich and Liam Coultous, Eric Wade, Peter Crew and Tim Jarvis, advised by Tim Drew of the bowling club, worked tirelessly using the old road roller which quickly showed that it really had reached the end of its useful life.

Relatively expensive though it was, we were left with no practical alternative but to hire a machine to enable us to complete the pre-season work successfully. We appreciated that this was a short-term expedient and realised that we would need to purchase a replacement for the 2024 season. We soon discovered that self powered rollers do not come cheap and we approached several local funds to explore the possibility of sponsorship

Amazingly, we received a positive response from the Friends of St Monica's Hospital and the Stillington Community Association Ltd, each of whom offered us a four-figure sum. The Forest of Galtres Masonic Lodge and Easingwold Lions were also able to make kind donations, in the latter case on the basis that in return some cricketers would assist in Santa's Christmas collection in Stillington.

By the end of January, we had identified a roller, which had recently been working on the roads of York, and were able to purchase it.

Unfortunately, the wet weather made it impossible for the machine to be driven across the playing field and into the tractor shed but that was achieved at the end of March and a few days later the first tentative rolling of the square took place. Since then, regular rolling, brushing and mowing has taken place. The League cancelled all matches scheduled for 20th April and our outfield was not fit for play last Saturday, 27th March. The outlook for this week isn't great but fingers crossed ...

In Any event, the sun shone last Thursday evening when representatives of our major sponsors came to view the beast. Please feel free to come and see us in action on any dry Saturday afternoon and, if you can, add your name to the list of matchball sponsors on the noticeboard at the entrance to the clubhouse.

**Peter Drummond
Hon Treasurer SCC**

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

Countryside Notes

Tuesday 14th May, a day of showers after a few days of hot sultry weather. How quickly things of nature have changed. Leaves on the trees have emerged well, with many flowering and giving nectar to the bees to make us some honey.

The lambs are growing fast on young grass and sunshine that has made the grass photosynthesise, drawing sugars and vitamins up into the leaves.

The seeds sown are germinating well and trying to catch up. Whether it is too late for higher yields to result or will we find ourselves with drought on our hands like the last two years, we must wait and see.

Last Sunday during the Rogation Service in the Churchyard at Farlington, two large, long, straight-winged birds flew over and straight away from us. I would have liked a better view, to be sure of what had flown over us but I am fairly certain they were one of the Harriers.

Today, at lunchtime, a pair of immaculate Goldfinches came to feed on dandelion flowers. One of my favourite small birds that are always so spick and span with their white spotted tails and brilliant red cheek patches trimmed with gold. No sooner had they departed, than a cock Greenfinch came to the dandelions and was followed by his more subdued clad hen. Now, they are one of the duller clad of the finches, it was good to see them as their numbers have been decimated by a disease, so we hope well for their future. These precious sightings were preceded by a couple of Bullfinches again devouring dandelions. Maybe, my cutting of the grass badly as it was overgrown has been of value.

Our red Honeysuckle that has grown well over the years is wafting its fragrance in the evening air and the rampant Clematis Montana is a wall of pink flowers and will have to be pruned before long. An old red single-flowering Rosa Hamburger Phoenix has had flowers on it for a week or more, this old bush has always flowered around the 1st of June until recently.

There is nothing like the new green of spring and the singing of the birds and glorious colours of flowers, both great and small, and given us to enjoy and relax in its luxurious beauty. So, spare a little time and enjoy it now.

R & M

Justice

Central to being part of the Methodist Church is a sense of connectedness – to local communities and other local churches, to society and a national church body, to a complex world and a global movement. One of the ways we express this is in our annual Conference in June when Methodists gather together from across Britain for conversation, discussion and decision-making.

Last year the Conference produced an excellent report on being a Justice-Seeking Church - for individuals, communities and nations. Of course, we all have our own perceptions of injustice. We all experience it at times ourselves. And we don't have to look too further afield to see how injustice plays out in the lives of others – those in our communities who, for whatever reason, are denied equality and opportunities, who are isolated rather than valued because of their diversity, who are excluded from belonging. National news draws our attention to those who have been affected by injustices in society and in the workplace. Internationally the struggles in Sudan, Haiti, Ukraine, Gaza and Israel remind us of just some of the many conflicts which harm and damage.

The Justice-Seeking Church report begins with us – by offering suggestions as to how we might experience both justice and injustice...

Where there is justice...

it is so much bigger than simply fairness
people feel heard and their dignity is affirmed power is shared
and used to uphold truth and justice
there is enough for all, no one lives in poverty, in hunger, or is without

all creation flourishes, all is well

there is real peace

Where there is a lack of justice...

we feel unseen and unheard

we do not feel we can make a difference

our relationships with one another become damage

trauma and disadvantage are transmitted through generations

the most vulnerable bear the heaviest burden creation is treated as a commodity to be abused, not treasured.

So, what, I wonder, does justice or injustice look and feel like to you?

David Bidnell (Methodist Minister)



Thank you

Thank you to everyone who contributed towards the jumble sale in April. We raised an amazing **£1,632**.

Our new services in Ryedale are now up and running. If you would like to find out more or register your interest, please contact the Dementia Forward Helpline on **03300 578592**.

We are also looking for volunteers to help out, so if you can spare some time to support our groups - Thursdays in Norton and Fridays in Welburn, please call **03300 578592** or email **info@dementiaforward.org.uk**

In addition, if you have a skillset that you can share with our clients at the Welburn Hub: aromatherapy, chair exercises, pet therapy, etc. please also get in touch. We are unable to provide monetary payment but can provide a ready supply of tea / coffee and biscuits!

Please note, Dementia Forward provides free, confidential support and advice, but Hub Clubs are a paid service and an assessment is needed before attending.

CHURCH SERVICES -April

St Nicholas, Stillington

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Diary dates not received

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.

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

3rd - 15th June

CLEANING Mrs J Ingham

BRASSES Mr R Churton

17th - 29th June

CLEANING Mrs P Clark

BRASSES Mr J Clark

200 Club Results

1st Mrs S Bedingfield - £50

R.U. Mr F Saunders,

R.U. Mrs E Harrison,

Drawn by "Our Ernie"

St Leonard's, Farlington

Priest:

Revd Stephen Whiting 810251
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Church Wardens:

Sally Wright 878745
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Despite some wet times in the days leading up to it, we had a warm, dry and sunny afternoon for the Rogationtide service in the Churchyard at St Leonard's. It was a very special occasion as we faced the fields to give thanks for the work of farmers who have to cope with whatever problems the weather brings them. And, they have had an awful winter and spring to contend with. At the end of the service a sumptuous tea was laid on and enjoyed by all. It was a special service and a special occasion.

Sun 9th Shortened Matins (BCP) 10.30am

Weds 23rd Holy Communion (BCP) 10.30am

We hope you will be able to join us for one or both of these services.

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

Methodist Chapel

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Steward:

Robin Jackson 810250
robinjacksonwoodside@gmail.com

Villages Together Methodist Church

June is Bible month when we are studying Genesis. We will worship together with Easingwold, Strensall and Sheriff Hutton as we begin Bible Month

Sun 2nd Sheriff Hutton 10.30am

Sun 9th Robin Jackson, Huby 10.30am

Sun 16th Cafe Service, Rev David Bidnell - Huby 10-30am

Sun 23rd Cafe service, Rev David Bidnell - Tholthorpe 3pm

Sun 30th Rev Elizabeth Cushion- Alne Hall 3pm

Ecumenical Service
St Nicholas' 10pm

St Mary's Marton

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Sue Whiting 810251

Sun 2nd Holy Communion 6pm

Sun 16th Evening Worship 6pm

We will probably be doing our 'Count on Nature' annual audit of wildflowers during the afternoon of Sunday 16th too - do get in touch if you'd like to come and help! We also hope to host an exhibition of pyrography (designs burnt into wood) portraying UK wildlife during June. We'll put a notice up in Stillington Village Stores and Sheriff Hutton Post Office with details and dates! Other dates for your diary are A Quiet Day on Saturday 20th July, and our History Day on Saturday 17th August. More information to follow next month.

At the back of the church is the 'Marton and Moxby Pantry' collection point for donated food items for the 'I am Reusable' foodbank in York, who feed an astonishing 700 people every week. We also now have boxes to collect unwanted, broken or used-up plastic pens, felt tips, highlighters and electrical wires, cables, chargers (no devices or batteries please) which will be recycled at St Nicks Environment Centre in York.

Passersby may have noticed ladders up on Marton Church roof during May: we are delighted that repairs are currently underway. This is also perfect timing for our fundraiser: **Raising the Roof** (details on the front page)

