

# Stillington News

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**The Parish Council  
Annual General Meeting**  
will be held on  
**Wednesday 23rd May**  
at the  
**Village hall 7pm**

**Ripon Rotary Bike Ride**  
takes place on  
**Saturday 12th May**  
and will be coming through  
our Village

## **Rogation Sunday at Farlington**

The Rogation Service at Farlington – to bless the crops, farm animals and the work of farmers – will be on:

**Sunday May 13<sup>th</sup> at 3pm**  
and be held at

**Farlington Grange Farm**  
just outside Farlington on  
the road to Sheriff Hutton  
(it will be signposted).

The service will take place  
in and around the farm and  
after the service there will  
be an afternoon tea (£5  
adults, children free).

Come along to this service  
for a farming community,  
meet the animals and enjoy  
the tea!

## **Village Lunch White Bear Inn**

Tuesday 15th May

From: 12.30pm

**£6.50 2 courses**

**£7.50 3 courses**

Come along and enjoy good  
food and good Company

## ***A Right Royal Tea Party***

*Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May*

*2.30 - 4pm*

*In the Village Hall*

*Raising funds for a drop down screen*

*Raffle*

*Cake, Bric-a-brac and Plant Stalls*

**Contact:**

**Hazel Walker 811057**

**Or Muriel Law 810484**

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm sees another “first” for  
Stillington Village Hall**

Those in the know already have tickets!

## **BURDEN OF PARADISE with SNAKE DAVIS**

The band plays an eclectic mix of soul, pop, folk & jazz.

Fun accessible & highly musical. **NO** drums.

Just voice, saxophone, pulsing double bass (and a bit of ukulele)

Snake has played sax with M People, Eurythmics,

Take That & Ray Charles.

Dave has played double bass with Martha and the Vandellas  
& Edwin Starr

and ukulele with The Ukulele Orchestra of Great Britain.

Helen has sung with The Eagles, Emmylou Harris & Little Feat

**Tickets are £12, under 18s £6 from the Village Stores or  
online at [www.ruralarts.org](http://www.ruralarts.org)**

*Stillington Village Hall is held on trust for the benefit of all  
residents of Stillington and the surrounding area.*

You are invited to

## **STILLINGTON VILLAGE HALL**

**Annual General Meeting**

on

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm**

Enjoy a complimentary glass of wine or soft drink while the  
Chairman reports on a year of hard work and the completion  
of a long-awaited project.

Nominations may be made to join the Committee of  
Management, which will be elected at the AGM.

For more information please contact:

Harold Tomlinson (Chairman) **811443**

or Yvonne Murphy (Secretary) **811544**

for nomination forms, before 16<sup>th</sup> May

**Charity number 1076571**

## **Stillington Charity for Relief in Need**

The above charity is  
holding its  
Annual General Meeting  
at

Stillington Sports and  
Social Club

on

**Tuesday 8th May 7pm**

This meeting is open to all

## **Friends of Stillington School**

Join us on **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May**  
for our family friendly  
walking treasure hunt. Bring  
along friends and family to  
make up a team. **Starts 2pm**  
at the school. **Tickets £3 per  
person (pre-school children  
free)**. Available now at the  
village stores, school office or  
on the day. Refreshments  
available. If you don't want to  
join in the treasure hunt come  
along for cake, a cuppa and a  
chat!

## **Bank Holiday Monday**

**Cream Teas**

**7th & 28th May 2-4pm**

in the

Methodist Church

Stillington

Supporting Stillington

Churches

Please email contributions for  
the **June** issue to  
[news@stillingtonvillage.org](mailto:news@stillingtonvillage.org)  
**Deadline 23rd May**



## Safe, fun, stimulating care from 2 years of age

The children at Stillington Playgroup have been busy with Spring themed painting and craft activities including pictures of chicks, eggs and Spring flowers. Just before the Easter holidays our wonderful volunteer Pat taught us how to make hot cross buns and the children learnt about the meaning of Easter through stories and discussion. To continue our Spring theme, we are hoping to have a visit from a lamb.



We have recently purchased some new play equipment to introduce the children to basic coding. We have a brilliant Fisher Price Code-a-pillar and two Beebots. Both are able to be programmed by the children to perform actions such as forwards, backwards, right, left, and pausing and playing music. The children will be able to practice planning and sequencing the moves they want the Code-a-pillar or Beebots to make and will be able to programme them to follow paths and go around obstacles.

Stillington Playgroup is an independent playgroup feeding into several local schools, run on the premises of Stillington Primary School and **open 9:10am until 3:20pm every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday during term time.** If you would like to bring your child to see what we do at Playgroup you are welcome to visit together on Thursday mornings from 9:30am to 10:30am, a snack is provided for all children.

**Contact:** 07779 414226; [www.stillingtonunderfives.org.uk](http://www.stillingtonunderfives.org.uk)  
Registered Charity Number: 1023684  
Ofsted Unique Reference Number: EY308489

# School News

A very busy Summer term is ahead of us but just a little look back at what happened right before our well-deserved Easter break.

## R.E. Talk

Members of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community visited the school to talk about their religion and culture to the Junior Class. Rubina and her friends explained that their branch of Islam believes in a peaceful co-existence with other religions and that they do not endorse violence or military action.

They are a persecuted minority in many countries. The ladies explained many aspects of Islam including why they choose to cover their hair with a hijab, or headscarf-, (for modesty), why burqas are worn by some Muslim ladies (apparently the burqa originated in hot, dry countries and it was worn to protect the face and eyes from wind blown sand) and that their religion is founded on the five pillars of Islam (faith, prayer, charity, fasting and pilgrimage). The children enjoyed the talk immensely and we were all very pleased to have the ladies visit us.

## A walk around the village

Did you see us out and about in the village? KS1 visited a few key places in Stillington as part of their research for a non chronological report. They had to find some essential facts - how many people live here and what is the nearest town - but they also needed some interesting facts to add colour to their report. We visited the church, and looked at the chapel. We found out some houses had been shops and that the Post Office had moved around the village. We looked at houses and realised that some weren't made from the same type of brick, and some were made from stone! It was also a great opportunity for a few 'then and now' pictures comparing photographs of Stillington a hundred years ago with today to add to the reports. The best bit? Everyone loved searching for those little wooden mice hiding in the church!

## Easter Service

It was a wonderful way to end the term with an Easter service led by Rev Steve, and great to have so many people join us in church to see the children's versions of the Easter story. Our thanks to Rev Steve for a child friendly and enjoyable service. No-one is going to ever forget about the cream egg and the tin of dog food!

**Your editors are: Emma Johnson & Tracy Sinclair. If you would like to contact us please do so using the Stillington News email.**

**Your Village Defibrillator is kept in the Church Porch Available 24/7**

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

## PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday 7th March 2018

### Community Speed Watch

Speed continues to be monitored within the village.

### White Fencing Posts

Twenty two posts are to be replaced.

### Neighbourhood Watch

Hare coursing is still a problem.

Public to be made aware of lead being removed from buildings.

### Pothole and Road Subsidence in Mill Lane

NYCC to be informed.

### Blocked Drain Brandsby Road

NYCC to be informed.

Full Minutes can be viewed on the village website. There also copies on the Parish Noticeboard and in The Village Shop.

## Neighbourhood Watch

For our area, an electric fence & battery have been stolen; suspicious flat-bed truck & occupants looking for unattended items to pick up in Huby; Easingwold residents telephoned by fraudsters claiming to be from Microsoft, gaining access to their computers to clear a "so-called virus" & then demanding funds to solve the problem. Further afield: white vans & their contents are still being targeted, particularly for tools (Sowerby); telephone calls purportedly from NHS seeking funds to pay for hospital treatment for a family member seriously hurt in an accident (Northallerton); telephone call purportedly from the Police seeking help to trace counterfeit money by withdrawing large sums from customer's bank account (Harrogate). All serious frauds & warning us to be fully aware when answering telephone calls.

*Please report any suspicious vehicles and / or persons to the Police on 101.*

## Stillington & Farlington WI April report

At our meeting in April we had an Alaskan Adventure when Angela Hawker talked about her trip of a lifetime to Alaska. Alaska is the largest state of America even though it joins onto Canada. It is the least populated as well. Its cold and some areas are inhospitable but some early settlers made it their home. Angela talked about her travels and the history of Alaska showing photos and maps of the area and where she had been. It was a very informative evening. Thank you to Betty who was hostess. Two of our ladies attended the Spring Council meeting in Scarborough.

## Polite Notice

The vast majority of dog walkers are very responsible but unfortunately, it has become clear over recent months that some are happy to turn a blind eye to their dogs doing their business. Please can all dog walkers pick up and properly dispose of their dog's poo. Recently, there have been a number of complaints from residents in South Back Lane about the amount of dog mess being left on the grass verges. Amongst other things, it is being picked up on people's shoes and walked into houses. When out walking your dog, please always ensure that you have some bags available to use as necessary.

### Ongoing Litter Picking

Litter picking sticks, bin bags & high-vis jackets are available for any ongoing work to Help Make a Difference. Thank you to Sue and Lesley working along Easingwold Road.

## Pre-Warning of change to Hambleton Bin Collections from June 2018

The District Council have been working on more efficient collection routes for bin collections. The aim is to concentrate collections in a defined area to incorporate new housing being planned; to take account of the number of locations and stops; diesel fuel consumption; traffic congestion; less miles to tipping facilities and a more efficient way to collect Green waste.

**We shall get fortnightly collections. Our collection days may change.**

Each household will receive a card through the post with their changes: **PLEASE KEEP THIS CARD.**

**Black Bin will be one week and Recycling Blue Bin & Box + Green Bin the next.** We're asked to be patient for the first few collections; there could be drivers and teams new to the area; the occasional property will be missed; a smaller vehicle will be around to assist. Some figures for us: the diesel wagons only do 3 miles to the gallon; each wagon team will have 800 to 900 collections in a rural area per day and 1,000 to 1,100 collections per day in an urban area. We shall all still look to our neighbours to get the right Bin out on the right day.

## Stillington Wanderers

It was the Howardian Hills, north of Ganthorpe & a climb through Fryton Woods to the Centenary Way on 26th March. And then further afield on the 9th April to Appleton le Moor, a true "Yorkshire village" with its wide street; architectural mix of stone buildings; wooden Reading Room still intact on the outskirts and the Village notice board displaying many activities. Walkers were treated to fields, riverbanks and woodland managed by Yorkshire Wildlife Trust and an amazing display of early wild flowers.

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

Two ladies attended a debate about Fracking and both sides were put forward. The speaker was Graham Walton, the father of the sextuplet girls, he was absolutely brilliant.

One lady attended a talk with Julia Mulligan who was very good and explained the role she plays in holding the police to account. She also spoke about the changing face of policing in the future.

Next month is our annual meeting where we will be sharing tips. ie energy saving tips, time saving tips etc....

Shirley M

## Stillington Sports and Social Club - May

Tues	1st	U/11 Cricket v Sessay	Away		Tues	15th	Bowls v Kirkbymoorside	Away	6.45pm
Weds	2nd	Pool Team K.O. Final & Consolation Cup		8.30pm	Wed	16th	Pool AGM		8.30pm
Thurs	3rd	Bowls St. Cuthbert Cricket Meeting		7.30pm 8.30pm	Thurs	17th	Bowls v Strensall Cup	Home	2pm
Fri	4th	Junior Cricket Practice Gardening Club Plant Sale		7pm	Fri	18th	Bowls v Settrington	Home	6.45pm
Sat	5th	Cricket 1st v Huby Cricket 2nd v Dringhouses	Home Away		Sat	19th	Junior Cricket Practice		6pm
Sun	6th	U/13 Cricket v Hutton Rudby	Away		Sat	19th	Cricket 1st v Tadcaster Cricket 2nd v Copmanthorpe	Away Home	
Mon	7th	Bowls v Dishforth	Home	6.30pm	Sun	20th	Bowls v Easingwold Cup U/13 Cricket v Stockesley	Home Home	2pm
Tues	8th	Bowls v Swinton	Away	6.45pm	Mon	21st	Upholstery Class Bowls v Boroughbridge Cup U/15 Cricket v Easingwold Gardening Club Meeting		10am -1pm Home 6.30pm Away 7.30pm
Weds	9th	Pool Finals Night, Singles, Doubles & Mix Doubles		8.30pm	Tues	22nd	Bowls v Pickering	Home	6.45pm
Thurs	10th	Charity AGM			Weds	23rd	Bowls v Helmsley	Home	2pm
Fri	11th	Junior Cricket Practice			Thurs	24th	Bowls v Thirsk Blue	Away	6.30pm
Sat	12th	Cricket 1st v Woodhouse Cricket 2nd v Hovingham	Home Away		Sat	26th	Cricket 1st v TABC Cricket 2nd v Bolton Percy	Home Away	
Sun	13th	U/13 Cricket v East Harlsey	Away	10am	Mon	28th	Cricket 1st v Heworth Cricket 2nd No Game Bowls v Thirsk Blue		Away 6.30pm
Mon	14th	Upholstery Class Indoor Bowls Bowls v Boroughbridge U/15 Cricket v Stockesley		10am-1pm 7.15pm 6.45pm Away	Tues	29th	Bowls v Helmsley	Home	6.45pm
					Weds	30th	Bowls Sundella Cup Quarter Final		Away
					Thurs	31st	Bowls v Thirsk	Away	6.45pm

The Pool Finals Night is to be held at the Sports and Social Club with both tables in use. The Consolation Cup and Team Knockouts will be played on May 2nd at 8.30pm.

On 9th May the Doubles and Mixed Doubles will be played at 8.30pm, followed by the Prestigious Singles Final to find the Best Player in the League. This will be followed by the Trophy Presentation.

Come along and see the best players in the League competing

## Stillington Bowling Club

The Club is now open for the 2018 season. On Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> April the opening day was well attended with bowlers old and new taking advantage of a dry and sunny afternoon to get outside and test their bowling skill. Now the season is underway it is time to get some practice in during the afternoons and evenings. Fixtures for Stillington teams in May are as follows;

Wed 2	Swinton	RVL	Home	2:00
Mon 7	Dishforth	TL	Home	6:30
Tues 8	Swinton	HL	Away	6:45
Thu 10	Sessay	HL	Home	6:45
Mon 14	Boroughbridge	TL	Away	6:30
Tue 15	Kirkbymoorside	HL	Away	6:45
Wed 16	Strensall	RVL (Cup)	Home	2:00
Thu 17	Settrington	HL	Home	6:45
Sun 20	Easingwold	Challenge Cup	Home	2:30
Mon 21	Boroughbridge	TL Trophy	Home	6:30
Tue 22	Pickering	HL	Home	6:45
Wed 23	Helmsley	RVL	Home	2:00
Thu 24	Thirsk A	HL	Home	6:45
Mon 28	Thirsk Blue	TL	Away	6:30
Tue 29	Helmsley	HL	Home	6:45
Wed 30	Qtr final	RVL Cup	Away	2:00
Thu 31	Thirsk B	HL	Away	6:45

As this shows our teams travel around to some very nice locations. Bowls clubs do also tend to have scenic greens too. So if you would like to join in, **Stillington Social Bowling evenings commence on Wednesday 9 May at 7pm** and continue at the same time each week. Everyone is welcome to come along for a practice and training.

## Gold Coast Commonwealth

### Games April 2018 in Australia

It was good to see Squash player, James Willstrop winning a gold medal in the Men's Singles Squash. A younger James came to play an Exhibition match here at Stillington Squash club 10 years ago to help celebrate the club's 25-year Jubilee 1983-2008.

## Tour de Yorkshire

### 3rd to 6th May 2018

Nearest to us will be Sat 5th May when they cycle from Richmond to Scarborough passing through Northallerton, Thirsk, Kirkbymoorside and Pickering with a loop via Scarborough to Filey & then back to finish along the North Bay at Scarborough. Start time 13.10 & approx. cycle time 4 hrs 30 mins.

## Countryside Notes

Today, 17th April, I hardly dare say that Spring is finally here after dropping hints for the last three months! One Swallow doesn't make a Summer but we did see one at Helperby on the 8th; I wonder if it is feeling lonely. I have heard Curlews piping a few times lately as if seeking a mate. Flying high over the farm, I suspect that they will be flying to higher land for the breeding season. As usual, a pair will probably remain in the locality. This year is the first year that I have seen a Curlew before hearing it.

I'm glad the weather is improving as we are about to start the lambing season. The ewes are looking fine and look like they are carrying a good crop of lambs. All will soon be revealed as we have not done a scan this year. How easy it all looks on the TV Farmwatch programme. They can edit what they want; reality can be very different. There will be challenges that will test the Old Shepherd and his dog.

The lawn needs cutting or we shall be in danger of recreating the Forest of Galtres by the number of Sycamore seedlings coming up and, if the wet continues, then we will be lost from sight by Bull Rushes as they have been shedding their airborne seed in every breeze.

At last we have Frog Spawn. Why it should be so late, I don't know. I remember it being about in late February when I was a lad and have seen it frozen solid in ice and still be viable.

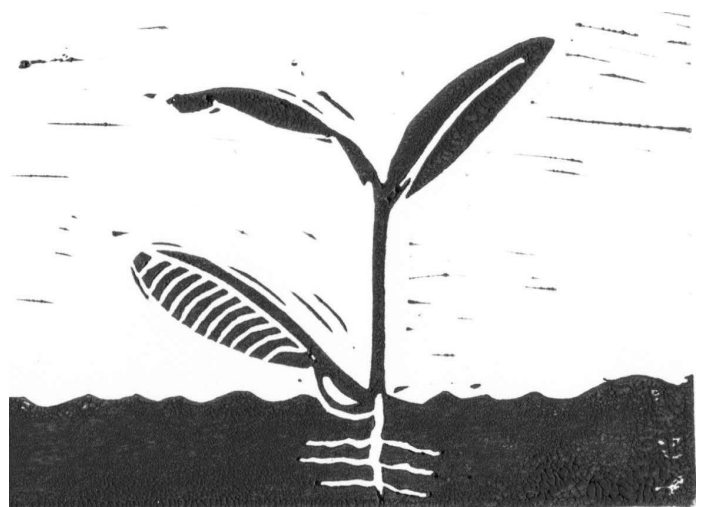
The cooler weather has suited the daffodils, as they soon go over if it gets too warm. How well they look on the Stillington Banks along with the Aubretia in the Church Wall. There has been little blossom in the hedgerow so far; the Blackthorn having not decided to billow out in clouds of white just yet. Blackthorn can flower very early if the weather is favourable.

The Hawthorn will be well into May before it shares its scent and colour with us. How wonderful is the May blossom of the Hawthorn amongst the new greens of the spring and what an inspiration to the artist and photographer when seen in the Dales and other habitats where they have had a chance to make mature old trees, then later to be adorned with blood red berries or Haws in amazing profusion.

Margaret was pleased to find that we still have Moschatel or Town Hall Clock, so named because its four small yellowy green flowers are placed on opposite sides at the top of the flower stalk like the faces of the Town Hall Clock. It grows in the hedge bottom in the shade and is very short and none too easy to find. But here it is again, flowering in a hurry before it gets crowded out.

The sunshine has brought out many colourful flowers in the garden. The Celandine has its blaze of yellow and along flutters the first Peacock butterfly, all for our eyes to feast upon.

**R & M**



*Original lino print by Emma Johnson*

## Weather Report April 2018

### Rainfall

The second half of March was less wet than the first half, but the monthly total, of 80 mm or over 3 inches, was more than twice the average figure for the month.

Unfortunately, April has continued in the same vein, with more than a month's-worth of rain (49.5 mm) falling in the first half.

### Temperature

March showed some fairly extreme temperatures, from -4.7°C on the 1<sup>st</sup> to +17.1°C on the 26<sup>th</sup>.

April had a low of 0.7°C on the 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> but has now begun to warm up, with a high of 17.6°C on the 15<sup>th</sup>. Amazingly, the village daffodils seem to have thrived on the weather. Maybe Spring is here at last?

**M.T.**

## Easingwold Fun Run on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2018 at Millfields Park, Easingwold

The Run is to raise money for Easingwold Community Library, now run by volunteers.

The Run will have a **2k route for children aged 4-14 years**. It will be roped off and marshalled by Easingwold Running Club. The run will be off road so safe from traffic.

There will also be a **5k run for those aged 15 - 100 years**.

**Water bottles are available for all runners**

**Medals are given to all runners who finish**

**Trophies for the first 5 to finish in the 5k distance**

**£5.00 for children and adults to enter**

The Run **starts at 1pm** and will be opened by Kevin Hollinrake MP.

Enter online at: [https://bookitzone.com/di\\_watkins/YA2FFX](https://bookitzone.com/di_watkins/YA2FFX)

Questions or enquiries please contact:

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## CHURCH SERVICES -MAY

### St Nicholas, Stillington

**Priest:** Revd Stephen Whiting 810251  
**Church**  
**Wardens:** Muriel Law 810484  
Muriellaw1@gmail.com  
 Janet Martin 822981  
Jessie.jm158@gmail.com  
 Sun 6th Methodist Anniversary  
 at Chapel 10.30am  
 Thurs 10th Ascension Holy  
 Communion 9am  
 Sun 13th Holy Communion 9.15am  
 Thurs 17th Prayers for the Village 9am  
 Sun 20th Benefice Pentecost Communion  
 At Stillington 10.30am  
 Thurs 24th Prayers for the Village 9am  
 Sun 27th Holy Communion 9.15am  
 Thurs 31st Prayers for the Village 9am

### St Mary's Marton Church

**Warden:** Sally Coomer 810891  
sallycoomer8@gmail.com  
 Sun 6th Eucharist 6pm  
 Sun 20th Meditative Evening  
 Worship 6pm

### St Leonard's, Farlington

Sun 13th Rogation Service at Farlington  
 Grange Farm 3pm  
 Sun 27th Holy Communion (BCP) 11.15am

### Methodist Chapel

**Minister:** Rev E Cushion 821460  
**Stewards:** Robin Jackson 810250  
 Gareth Papps 810094  
 Sun 6th Chapel Anniversary  
 Rev David Archer - celebrating  
 47 years of worship in this  
 building.  
 Everyone Welcome 10.30am  
**No Evening Service**  
 Sun 13th Evening Service conducted  
 by Mrs Sylvia Bunting 6.30pm  
 Sun 15th Evening Service conducted  
 By Mr Peter Halls 6.30pm  
 Sun 20th Tholthorpe 3pm  
 We join our village chapels  
 to celebrate Tholthorpe  
 Chapel Anniversary.  
 Preacher Mrs Kim Gabbatiss  
**No Service at Stillington**  
 Sun 29th Evening Service with Communion  
 Rev Elizabeth Cushion 6.30pm

## Village Hall Usage - May

Weds 2nd	Parish Council	7.30pm
Fri 4th	Garden Club Plant Sale	7pm
Weds 9th	WI	7.15pm
Fri 11th	Snake Davis on tour	7.30pm
Sat 12th	Cycle Race Pit Stop	am
Mon 14th	Prime Time	1.30-3.30pm
Weds 16th	Village Hall AGM	7pm
Sun 20th	A Royal Wedding Afternoon Tea	2-5pm
Mon 21st	Prime Time	1.30-3.30pm
Weds 23rd	Parish Council AGM	7pm

**Film Matinee**  
**Wednesday 16th May**  
**2pm at**  
**Stillington Methodist Church**  
**Everyone welcome**

### SAINT NICHOLAS CHURCH

**ROTA**  
 30th April to 12th May  
**CLEANING** Mrs M Law  
**BRASSES** Mrs M North  
 14th to 26th May  
**CLEANING** Mrs M Price  
**BRASSES** Mr M Turvey

### FLOWERS

6th May Mrs J Whittaker  
 13th May Mrs B Bainton  
 20th May Mrs P Clark  
 27th May Mrs R Little

## 200 Club Results

**1st. Mr T Richards - £50**  
 R.U. Mr L Wilson  
 R.U. Mrs E Silcock  
 R.U. Mr and Mrs Sherwood  
 R.U. Mr J Haines

**St Nicholas**  
**Parish Register**  
**Memorial Service**  
 Barry Joseph Sanderson  
 Friday 23rd March