Please help with Stillington Bonfire!
Saturday 7th November

Please help with the Bonfire, which is due to be held on Saturday 7th November this year. There's a range of activities you can help with. Some take only an hour or so of your time, such as helping to marshal the procession or baking some potatoes. Others include helping to prepare the field, helping to load rubbish onto tractors, selling tickets, parking cars, serving food, letting off fireworks, or packing up at the end of the evening.

They say many hands make light work and that's certainly true of the bonfire, as we saw last year. Please help us repeat that in 2015. If you're willing to help in any way, no matter how small, please call Andy Hart (810598) or Graham Cookman (810047) now.

If you might like to be more involved, why not try out the bonfire committee? The first meeting is at 8pm on 11 October in the Sports and Social Club. New faces are always welcome!

Stillington Cricket Club
End of season report

Another cricket season ended in poor weather on Saturday, 12 September with the 2nd team game against Civil Service being rained off.

The 1st XI took an early tea and managed to start a 50 over match at 3.30 when visitors Castleford posted a challenging 128 for the loss of one wicket in their 25 overs. The target was reached in 22 overs for the loss of two wickets and the 30 points confirmed fifth place in Division 3 North after an encouraging season with 11 wins and just 6 defeats. Mark Aconley finished the season with an impressive 676 runs at an average of 41 whilst Oliver Everard took a total of 38 wickets with a best of 7-19.

The 2nd team regularly fielded seven or eight junior players in Division 4 Central. Although ending with a single win and the wooden spoon, they played with great enthusiasm and were always competitive. Tim Adams brought his experience to bear, contributing 443 runs at an average of 40.27, whilst pride of place for bowling went to Benn Wood with 30 wickets and an outstanding best performance of 7-33.

These performances followed the U15’s topping their division, and an encouraging season for the U13’s. All these younger players suggest that the future of the club is in good hands.

Off the field, we were delighted to see Dennis North and Eric Wade honoured by the Yorkshire Cricket Board in their annual Outstanding Services to Cricket Awards. Both were highly commended for services to umpiring and groundsmanship.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

The AGM of the Stillington Branch Royal British Legion will take place on Monday 12th October at Stillington Sports and Social Club at 8.00 pm. All members and potential members are welcome.

General Knowledge Quiz
Sports and Social Club
Friday 2nd October at 8.00pm.
All are Welcome.
£8 per table, with supper included

Uses for the Old Bus Shelter?
Thank you for the ideas – but consensus appears to be “leave it as it is”
Weather Report

Rainfall
The second half of August was wetter than the first but the total rainfall, at 76 mm, was less than the average figure over the last nine years.

Temperature
August was generally warm but rarely hot. Daytime temperatures were usually in the 20's with a maximum of 28°C on the 22nd. While the lowest night-time temperature was a chilly 7.7°C on the 15th/16th, for two nights, on the 20th to 22nd, the night-time temperature did not fall below 18°C, as warm as some of the cooler days.

Total sunshine, as indicated by my solar panel output, was a little below that of the previous four months.

The first half of September has been fairly cool. Months.

The lowest night-time temperature (7.2°C) was on the night of the 5th/6th, to be followed by the warmest day (23.3°C) on Sunday the 6th. MT

Stillington Wanderers

A wet August Bank Holiday saw a foursome getting very wet for a local Stearsby walk with a look at Brandsby Hall’s ice house near the church at Rectory Corner, Brandsby. September walk was from Newgate Bank picnic area, north of Helmsley with a gradual climb to Helmsley Moor and the rolling North York Moors showing their final days of the flowering heather.

Next walks are Monday 12th and 26th October. Meet outside the White Bear at 09.30.

Parish Council Notes

A full set of the minutes can be seen at the Post Office And Notice Board)

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 2nd SEPTEMBER 2015 in STILLINGTON VILLAGE HALL

Development South Back Lane
The Developer has now obtained Highways Authority to commence work on the widening of South Back Lane and this worked started on 1 August.

NYCC are still considering the proposal to introduce a one-way traffic system from South Back Lane to Main Street (South to North). NYCC had been asked to introduce this prior to any work commencing on the Main Site. Unfortunately this has not taken place, and further representations have been made to NYCC.

St Nicholas Church Stillington
A meeting had been held with PCC to consider the recent survey on the condition of a number of defective / dangerous gravestones in the Churchyard. It was agreed that the PCC would take action within their remit to make safe any gravestones which were considered dangerous, by the end of October.

Appointment of two Parish Councillors
Four volunteers had come forward to join the Parish Council: B Smith, D Goodall, R Willis and D Mitchinson. After discussion, B Smith and D Goodall were co-opted on to the Council until the next Parish Council Elections in 2019.

Easingwold Library
Easingwold Town Council have set up a Steering Group to consider the implications of the changes NYCC are making for the funding of Library Services in our area. A Management Committee is to be set up to take this forward. The Committee wish to involve Parish Councils in some capacity, details are awaited (see below).

Mobile Telephone Mast
Arqiva/Harlequin Group held a Consultation Meeting on 12 August on the plans to develop a shared electronic communications base station to improve mobile phone coverage in the area. The proposed location for this tower is Home Farm, Mill Lane.

Inspection Of Trees
The Inspection report of a number of trees in the village has now been received. A few points still need further investigation and discussion at the October meeting.

Easingwold Library — Volunteer Day

NYCC’s Library Service in partnership with Easingwold Library Steering Group are organising a Volunteer Day for those who are interested in being involved in the future delivery of the local Library service. This will take place on Saturday 17 October, between 10.00am and 12.30pm in Easingwold Library. Representatives from NYCC’s Library Service and Stronger Communities Team will be available to answer any questions, as well as representatives of the Library Steering Group.

Stillington Under 5’s

This half term the children are learning their colours, this week’s colour is Yellow. We are also learning about different countries: how people look different, speak with a different language, and live in different-style houses; and we are learning about different cultures. Place are still available but are filling up fast, so please speak to Vivienne regarding securing your child a place.

Contact: 07779 414226. Website www.stillington-under-fives.org.uk

Women’s Institute

In September we welcomed Jackie who brought two male Alpacas to see us. They were beautiful, magnificent and very well behaved.

Jackie told us how Alpacas are the domesticated species of camelid. They are from South America and are smaller than Llamas.

Alpacas are bred for their fleece as it is similar to wool but much finer. The fibre is sent to be processed and then makes gorgeous items such as socks, scarves, shawls and even blankets. Jackie, who runs a herd of 58 Alpacas near Easingwold, gave a very informative talk about such interesting animals. Thanks was given by Margaret J to Jackie and thank you to our hostess.

Two ladies are going to our Annual Autumn Council Meeting in York.

Please note that the Galtres Centre is hosting ‘Celebrating 100 years with your local WI’s. All local WI’s have a decade to display: 1910, 1920 etc. Come and see us as we are 1940’s; it is FREE. Saturday 3rd October 10.15am - 4pm. Refreshments available.

Shirley M. Stillington & Farlington WI

VILLAGE LUNCH
White Bear Inn
Tuesday 20 October
From 12.15pm
£6.50 2 courses / £7.50 3 courses.

CHRISTMAS CRAFT DAY
September 17th
Thanks to all who attended the craft day when the sum of £350 was raised for the Village Hall Fund.

Sylvia was grateful for the sum of £359 being raised for the Prostate Cancer Research fund, from sales on her Christmas craft stall.

Happy Christmas to all from Margaret & Sylvia.

CONTACT: 01759 279497. Website: www.stillington-under-fives.org.uk
In the Countryside

Tonight 19th September the day has been glorious with a golden sunset that happens all too soon as daylight recedes. Earlier in the week on a very dark night I heard the sound of a large beetle flying, with the unmistakeable whirring of its wings. It is said that according to aerodynamics a bubble beetle must be unable to fly, but it does. How much heavier must a large beetle be in comparison with wing cases often open in flight not making it easy. How then do they manage to fly? The answer is rather clumsily! The great water beetle flies with little sense: as when it sees a shiny surface it will fall like a stone on what maybe your conservatory or greenhouse in mistake for a pond or pool.

Recently I saw a pair of stoats that had too had little sense for both had been run over on the road together. Whether it was a love/hate relationship, the result is permanent. Numbers of stoats have I feel risen in recent years whilst their little cousins, the weasels have declined. Possibly the increasing rabbit population has helped the stoat to flourish. It is good to watch these mustelidae as they are so quick, and yet curious to see what you are doing with their sharp bright little eyes. People say it is hard to know which is which. It is weaselly easy to stoutly tell them apart if you remember that the ermine stole is from a stoat and weaselly easy to see that weasel has nothing to do with the ermine stole from a stoat. The stoat carries a black hairy tail (making the spots on the royal ermine stole) whereas the smaller weasel has an apology for a hairless tail of short length.

This week has seen many of the swallows setting off on their perilous journey to north Africa. Some of the younger late hatched birds will wait a little longer to build up their reserves of fat to fuel their long haul flight. It’s amazing how they find their way and come back next year to where they came from. No sat nats for them! Migration is always a mystery whether bird, beast or fish. The fresh water eel will journey from lakes and ponds down streams and if necessary over dewy grass fields to the sea, then swim over to the Sargasso Sea to spawn and die exhausted. The eggs and hatchlings are carried on the Gulf Stream drift towards our shores where elvers will enter our estuaries and become adapted to fresh water before seeking out their parents’ home water.

What an incredible journey. There are large numbers of wild geese feeding in the stubble fields round the village. These geese are mainly greylag with some groups of Canadian with them. These are not migrants and are expanding in number all too fast. Something has got to be done before too long about controlling their numbers both in rural and urban areas, where they foul park grass, towpaths and footpaths.

In the yard the other morning our grey wagtail aforementioned was wading in shallow water with the full morning sun giving a wonderful clear reflection of its orange yellow underside, a picture to remember and one that the cameraman is always longing for.

We have just gathered one of the children’s sunflower heads. It is 14 inches in diameter. It is a pleasure to look at the geometric lines of the seed in this giant seed head. It grew in our new butterfly garden, that has been busy this last week or so with a good variety of species, including an odd painted lady or two.

Next time we will have autumn tints to gladden us. Enjoy them while they are here. R & MJ

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BOWLING CLUB

At times this season, bowling has not been easy due to the inconsistent weather. However, our league teams can reflect on a satisfactory campaign.

Pride of place must go to the Ryedale League Veterans side which in 2014 narrowly failed to avoid relegation but in 2016 will be back in the top division having won the league.

The Galtres Triples team also did well finishing fourth in the table.

In the Hovingham League, although Stillington ended its season in the bottom half, some excellent results were achieved.

Not such good news for our Private Clubs League side which drops down a division next year.

Club Competition Results

Open Singles (Marton Cup): David Martin
Mens Singles: Harold Tomlinson
Ladies Singles: Margaret Tomlinson
Pairs: Alan Jackson & Nigel Marsh
Triples: Margaret Tomlinson, George Baker, Eddie Midgley.
Rinks: Margaret Tomlinson, Margaret Price, George Baker, Eddie Midgley.

Mini Singles League: Nigel Marsh – Div.1
Derek Little – Div.2
Robin Wallis – Div.3

The Annual 3 Wood Singles competition was won by Doreen Bardon of Slingsby B.C. who triumphed over her husband in the final.

Our season closed with the Robin Thompson Memorial Trophy, the winning team: Robin Wallis, Edith Morse and Harold Tomlinson.

Reminder to members: Club Annual Meeting Tuesday October 20th and not 13th as stated on fixture card, in the Bowls Club at 7pm.

Annual Lunch Sunday October 25th at The White Swan, Ampleforth.

Menus available from Harold Tomlinson Tel. 811443

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Boccia and New Age Kurling . . .?

Boccia and New Age Kurling are the games that we play at Prime Time. I came to these games rather sceptically and with some cynicism to discover that they were both exciting, funny and skilful. Boccia are games played with small leather balls that demand hand and eye co-ordination.

New Age Kurling is played with small ’stones’ on wheels with a variety of ways of scoring points.

We are a disparate group, both elderly and disabled. All the games are played from a sitting position and suit all abilities; they create an atmosphere of humour and encourage a competitive spirit. We get exercise, improve our skills, laugh a great deal and there is also cake! I am a convert!

Primetime is sponsored by North Yorkshire and Hambleton District Council. They supply equipment and a motivating young man. Come and join in the fun at the Sports and Social Club at 1.30pm on Monday afternoons. We may soon be competing at county level!

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SHORT MAT BOWLS CLUB

The winter season has started in the Village Hall on Tuesdays 2 - 4pm. New members welcome.

Enquiries to the Secretary, Adryenne Hope tel.811039

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TENNIS CLUB

AGM Monday 9th November at 8pm at Sports and Social Club.

Everyone welcome for their thoughts and ideas.

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SQUASH CLUB

Following last week’s AGM - Team player and member, Tim Steel, has retired as Squash Treasurer after 11 years work.

Anne & David Rowlands will jointly take on the role with Anne also Membership Secretary.

Anthony Baines remains as Chairman and Committee are: Fiona Howell, Barbara Woodliffe, Christine Cookman, Matt Bridson, Duncan Cook, Martin Lawrence, Nick Peel and Peter Watson.
VILLAGE DIARY:
(VH = EVENTS AT THE VILLAGE HALL)

OCTOBER
1 Sewing club 9.00am – 3.00pm
2 Baby & Toddler Group 10am VH
3 Football v Brooklyn 2.00pm (away)
4 Village Hall Committee 7 pm VH
5 Dominoes v Old Black Bull 8.30pm
6 Short Mat Bowls 2 – 4pm VH
7 Parish Council 7.30pm VH
8 Sewing class 9.00am – 3.00pm
9 Happy Hour 2pm VH
10 Martial Arts 5.15-8.15pm VH
11 Bonfire meeting 8.00pm
12 Stillington Wanderers 9.30am W Bear
13 Bowling Match 7pm VH
14 R.B.L. AGM 8pm
15 Dominoes v White Bear 8.30pm (away)
16 Small Mat Bowls 2 – 4pm VH
17 Football v Gillamoor 2.00pm
18 Football v Stillington Wanderers (away)
19 Bowls Match 7pm VH
20 Short Mat Bowls 2 – 4pm VH
21 Pool League fixture
22 Football v Ryedale (away)
23 Football v Unicorn (away)

FILM MATINEES – at the Chapel
These will be held on the third afternoon each month.
Films are carefully chosen but if you have a request please let us know. We are not allowed to advertise the film or charge for admission because of our licence conditions.
Everyone is welcome, just come along. Donations are accepted and refreshments provided.

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST RC EASINGWOLD
Prest: Fr. Leo Chamberlain  821295
Sunday Mass: 8.30am & 10.30am
Vigil Mass: 5.45pm Saturday
Confessions: 5.00—5.30pm Saturday
Website: www.stjohnneasigwold.ampleforth.org.uk

ST. NICHOLAS
Vicar: Rev. Chris Ellis  810251
Church Warden: Muriel Law  810484
Church Secretary: Janet Martin  822981
email: jessie.jm158@gmail.com

Stillington and Benefice Services:
Oct 1 / 8 / 15 / 22 / 29  Prayers for the Village 9.00am
Oct 4  Morning Prayer 9.30am
Oct 11 Holy Communion Traditional 9.30am
Oct 18 Benefice Eucharist at Sheriff Hutton 10.30am
Oct 25 Holy Communion Common Worship 9.30am

ST. MARY MARTON
Services in a Celtic Tradition
Church: Sally Coomer  810891
Warden: email: sally@coomer.freeseerve.co.uk

Oct 4  Celtic Eucharist 6.00pm
Oct 18 Benefice Evening Worship 6.00pm

ST. LEONARD FARLINGTON
Church: Louise Clark  811626
Warden: Sally Downing  878745
Oct 11 Shortened Matins BCP 11.15am
Oct 25 Holy Communion BCP 11.15am

CHURCH SERVICES

METHODIST CHAPEL
Minister: Rev. Elizabeth Cushion  821460
Stewards: Robin Jackson  810250
Bob Brown  810543
Sally Gall  810374
Yvonne Murphy  811544
Services & Preachers
Oct 4  Harvest Thanksgiving – Rev Graham Jones 6.30pm
followed by refreshments
Oct 11 Evening service – Mrs Ann Heath 6.30pm
Oct 18 Evening service – Mr Ted Doyle 6.30pm
Oct 25 Evening Service with Communion Rev Elizabeth Cushion 6.30pm

CREAM TEAS
We would like to thank everyone who helped to make the cream teas such a friendly success.

From the Parish Register

Interment
Ellen Muldurgirr 6th August 2015
Marriages
Matthew Nicholas Bond to Louise Jane Wigham 28th August 2015
Andrew Wood to Kaylie Sherie Saye 29th August 2015
Baptism
Seth Arthur Goodwin 30th August 2015

An Interview With God

“So you would like to interview me?” God asked

“And if you have the time” I said.

God smiled. “My time is Eternity. What questions do you have for me?”

“What surprises you most about human kind?”

God answered ..... “That they get bored with childhood, they rush to grow up, and as age catches up on them then they long to be children again.

That they lose their health to make money ..... And then lose their money to restore their health.

That by thinking anxiously about the future, they forget the present, such that they ‘live’ neither in the present nor the future .

That they live as if they will never die, and die as though they had never ‘lived’.

God’s hand took mine and we were silent for a while.

And then I asked ..... “As a parent, what are some of life’s lessons you want your children to learn?”

“To learn they cannot make anyone love them. All they can do is let themselves be loved.

To learn that it is not good to compare themselves to others .

To learn that they forgive by practising forgiveness.

To learn that it only takes a few seconds to open profound wounds and it can take many years to heal them.

To learn that a rich person is not one who has the most, but one who needs the least.

To learn that there are people who love them dearly, but simply have not yet learned how to express or show their feelings.

To learn that two people can look at the same thing and see it differently.

“To learn that it is not enough that they forgive one another, but they must also forgive themselves.”

“Thank you for your time,” I said humbly. “Is there anything else you would like your children to know?”

God smiled and said, “Just know that I am here ..... always.”

Best Wishes, Revd. Chris Ellis