

Stillington News

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St Nicholas Parish Church
Invites all families to the
Family Celebration of the
Feast of St Nicholas



Sunday
5th December
10am

ALL WELCOME

Saint Nicholas Church,
Stillington
Service of Carols and Readings
Tuesday 21st December 7pm



An informal choir is needed for this service to lead the singing. There will be the usual carols and a simple choir item. If you enjoy singing please join us for a rehearsal at 5.45pm for a run through before the service. Enquiries to Rita Bresnen 810024 or Adryenne Hope 811039.

Merry Christmas from the

Please email contributions for the **January** issue to news@stillingtonvillage.org by **Wednesday 15th December**

Stillington News team

STILLINGTON NEWS
CHRISTMAS PUZZLE

Can you find the
10 Stillington places, clubs or organisation
And

10 Titles of Christmas Songs or Carols

In the Picture Puzzle inside
Just a bit of Christmas Fun!
Answers in January's Issue

Stillington Village Hall
Presents

Jack and the Beanstalk



Tuesday 28th December
At 2pm

Tickets available online
at ruralarts.org or Tel: 811544

Adults £10 Under 18 £5
Under 5s FREE

Christmas at St Nicholas



Crafts for Christmas

Sunday December 12th

10am - 12 noon in Church

All ages welcome. Refreshments available.

Booking advisable-contact Margaret Tomlinson 811443

No need to bring anything - Just yourselves!

Stillington Post Office & Stores

Owned by the community. Run by volunteers

Stillington Shop and Post Office are looking very festive as we head towards Christmas.

In the shop We have a wide variety of festive foods and small gifts at competitive prices. Or for a larger gift choose one of our famous Stillington Shop Hampers

Orders are being taken for meat, bacon, sausages and legendary Thorntons' pork pies (see in shop for last order dates)

Charity Christmas cards, wrapping paper, gift bags and everything needed to post your gifts.

At the Post Office Christmas stamps are on sale.

Last posting dates: 2nd class - Sat 18th Dec. 1st class - Tues 21st Dec. Special Delivery Guaranteed -Thurs 23rd Dec. (depending on destination)

Ask at the counter for 'last posting dates' to Europe and worldwide. A customs form is needed to post parcels abroad.

Shop and PO opening hours over Christmas and New Year 2021-22

Christmas Eve Friday 24th December
Shop and PO close at 4pm

Christmas Day
SHOP AND POST OFFICE CLOSED
(no papers printed)

Sunday 26th December Shop and PO closed

Monday 27th December Shop open 7 – 10.30am
PO closed

Tuesday 28th December Shop open 7 – 10.30am
PO closed

NEW YEARS DAY Shop open 7 – 10.30am
PO closed

Sunday 2nd January Shop and PO closed

Monday 3rd January Shop open 7 – 10.30am
PO closed

Update on local government reorganisation

The current county, district and borough councils are to be replaced by a new single council for North Yorkshire in April 2023 with the City of York Council remaining as it is.

At the moment, services including social care and education are run by North Yorkshire County Council, whilst the districts look after areas including planning and bin collections. Council Tax is also set at different levels across the county with residents of some districts paying relatively low rates (e.g ourselves here in Hambleton), whereas others pay comparatively high rates. The new council will decide the level of tax across all areas, and with consultation, standardise fees and charges for different services.

Spring 2022 - government agrees the Structural Changes Order which includes the name of the new council, the new electoral wards for councillors and how many councillors there will be. May 2022 – elections will take place which will be run as they would normally for a county council election. The councillors elected will serve one year as county councillors for the existing North Yorkshire County Council and then will continue on for another four years as councillors for the new authority when it begins in April 2023. District and borough councillors will continue in their current capacity until April 2023.

Of Time and Place for Stillington:

Kat (Katherina), Alister and Leonor shared stories of people they had met over the past month here in Stillington. The Saturday afternoon presentation in the Village Hall with tea, cake & sherry toasts gave us twelve sketches formed after many conversations with Stillington residents in the street and in their homes; the team also attended village events and activities during their time here. Why do we live here? Why did we move and stay here? What's special about our lives here in Stillington? Thank You to Muriel Law, Moyna Maxwell-Scott, Tim & Bridget Adams, Margaret Price, Mel Brooker, Tara Robinson, Maggi & Paul Wright, Alum Hussain, Cliff Simm & Mary Carrington, Michael Turvey, Corinne Cross and Paul B. & Paul B. It is hoped there will eventually be a record available for the Village Archive.

Kat & Alister, as twodestinationlanguage.com have performed and exhibited across the country including V&A Museum, Edinburgh Fringe and arts festivals. They were funded by Rural Arts for their Stillington work.

Stillington Surgery Patient Participation Group

Stillington Surgery would like to offer interested patients the opportunity to take part in our new Patient Participation Group. We would like to be able to find out the opinions of as many patients as possible and will contact you periodically by letter or email to ask you a question or two regarding our service. You must be a registered patient at Stillington Surgery.

If interested, please let us know your name, number, email or postal address by emailing stillington.admin@nhs.net or calling **01347 810332**.

We look forward to hearing from you! *The information you supply us will be used lawfully, in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998. The Data Protection Act 1998 gives you the right to know what information is held about you and sets out rules to make sure that this information is handled properly.*

Queen's Platinum Jubilee



We have even more ideas: a Stillington Beacon; Pageant (anything decorated on wheels e.g wheelbarrow, buggy); a Dog Festival; Bake Off; Theatre etc. And we hear Knitters & Crochet workers are busy.

Fundraising: Family tea / coffee morning in the Village Hall second Saturday monthly starting 8th January 2022.

Next meeting is Wednesday 5th January 6.30pm to 7pm in the Village Hall – Open to all.

Any enquiries and offers of help please contact Christine Cookman 810047

thecookmans@btinternet.com

STILLINGTON NEWS CHRISTMAS PUZZLE



Village Hall Diary

Weds	1st	Parish Council	7pm
Thurs	2nd	Table Tennis	10am
Fri	3rd	Primetime	1pm
Sun	5th	Bakery Pod * - Carpark	9am
Mon	6th	Bridge Club	1.30pm
Mon	6th	Yoga with Annie	6.30pm
Tues	7th	Short Mat Bowls	2pm
Thurs	9th	Table Tennis	10am
Fri	10th	Primetime	1pm
Sun	12th	Bakery Pod * - Carpark	9am
Mon	13th	Bridge Club	1.30pm
Mon	13th	Yoga with Annie	6.30pm
Tues	14th	Short Mat Bowls	2pm
Weds	15th	'Ladies' Lunch'	12pm
Weds	15th	Gardening Club	7.30pm
Thurs	16th	Table Tennis	10am
Thurs	16th	SCA Board Meeting	2pm
Fri	17th	Primetime	1pm
Fri	17th	Pop up Supper by Harri and Ed	7pm
Sun	19th	Bakery Pod * - Carpark	9am
Mon	20th	Yoga with Annie	6.30pm
Thurs	23rd	Table Tennis	10am
Tues	28th	Pantomime	2pm

* Bakery Pod - The Bakehouse
Yorkshire

To find out more: thevillagehallstillington.org/calendar.asp

Stillington and farlington W.I.

On Wednesday 10th November we welcomed five visitors to our "hands on" meeting. Julie Collingwood, assisted by Isobel showed us how to model "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer" out of sugar paste. Everything we needed was supplied by Julie who patiently took us step by step through the modelling process. She even gave us each a set of instructions for Rudolph and a Snowman so we could keep any excited children occupied as the countdown to Christmas approaches.

There will be no December meeting as we will have our Christmas Lunch. In January there will be no speaker as we will be planning our events for 2022.

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

Parish Council Minutes - November

The Council meeting was held on Wednesday 3rd November 2021 in the Village Hall with Cllrs Christine Cookman (Chairman), Robert Churton, Robin Conway & Graham Taylor

Speed Limit

An order has been made by North Yorkshire County Council to extend the 30mph zone on Mill Lane to outside the mill. The sign is expected to be moved soon.

Flooding

Meeting with Yorkshire Water has been requested to discuss the issue of flooding around the southern edge of the village and opposite the Cricket Field.

Grass cutting

Meeting to take place this month with the grass cutting contractor to discuss various issues.

Pond fencing

New pond fencing has been ordered and installation will be coordinated with work to the trees.

Flower troughs

Quotes for two new flower troughs will be considered in next month's budget discussion for 2022/23.

Trees

A new ten foot tree is to be planted outside the village hall. This will replace the dead one.

Bus Stop

A volunteer had kindly offered to repair the bus stop roof. This will save the Council approximately half the cost.

Matters for Reporting

There is still a vacancy for one parish councilor. Anyone who would like to be co-opted onto the Council please contact the clerk at the email address below.

Next Meeting

Wednesday 1st December in the Village Hall at 7pm

Nigel Knapton

Clerk to the Parish Council

clerk@stillingtonparishcouncil.uk

Sports and Social Club Quiz

The November Quiz proved to be the highest scoring on record. Very well done to Jane & Roy Brenndorfer with Lynn & Ian Kay; they only missed four questions throughout. **£233 was raised on the night for the Tennis Club.** December quiz will be for the Gardening Club.

Christingle 2021

Anyone wishing to support the Children's Society will find collecting candles at the back of church.



Please return on or before the Christingle Service to be held on Sunday 19th December 4 p.m. Thank you.

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. No code needed.

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

Countryside Notes

Wednesday 16th November. Another fine day with a fair amount of cloud. It is forecast to go very mild over the next few days before cooling off to more seasonable weather. This odd phase of weather is having a strange effect on the birds. Rooks are inspecting old nests and Magpies were squabbling today in a strong Hawthorn bush where their old nest resides and that gets added to year by year and is now rather large. Was the row over which sibling should be the next occupant, I wonder? Ten days ago, I was watching Blue Tits eating corn on the concrete near the French window when one of them picked up a piece of grass and flew off with it. A few days later the same thing happened again. Were they making a nest or refreshing the old one to warm them through the colder nights as winter comes?

A fortnight ago, I heard flying Geese. I searched the sky until my eyes focused on about 50 birds flying in V-formation southwards. Then, when I listened more closely, they were not geese but Whooper Swans, excitedly reaching their wintering grounds far from the bleak tundra. It is always good and provocative to see these birds flying with determination and purpose towards their goal. The Whooper Swans serenade with loud trumpet calls amidst small, excited chatter, proclaiming their journey is almost over. When you read this, Advent will be with us and the journey to Christmas will have begun, with its excitements and concerns. We, like the geese and swans, are on a journey that we are meant to enjoy throughout our lives, where so much is there for our pleasure: like some of the wonderful sunsets seen recently, which are just a phenomenon that happens, or just a moment of wondrous colour and beauty that is shed over the whole land within our gaze and excites our senses.

The warm weather has kept Blue Bottles alive and active, evidenced on a dead sheep. However, it is too cool for dreadful Maggots. I have been annoyed on a few nights to have a big fly buzzing round my head when I want to go to sleep on a night, no doubt attracted to the bedside light. I put up with rather than getting something to swot it with and promise to do something tomorrow.



Stillington Gardening Club

It may seem very early to say “Happy Christmas” to our members, but this is the December edition.

The year so far:

We started with the ever-popular Plant Sale in April. This was Dennis North's 42nd and last sale. The Club owes its President a great debt of gratitude for all his work.

This was followed by the amazing Autumn Show. What a splash of colour that was. Well done to Carol Marsh.

Christine Shires has laid on some great speakers, the evenings being very well attended.

Village Quiz

On December 2nd the Club is sponsoring the Village Quiz.

I went by a garden recently where unkempt rose bushes grew shaggily but with lots of roses in good colour showing. Also, a Memorial Garden hedge of well-groomed deep red roses were in great condition. There are many gardens with Dahlias and Fuchsias and other late flowering plants giving great colour. Maybe Jack Frost will have made his mark by the time you read this.

This year has not been a good year, far too dry for Mushrooms and Toadstools. However, the creamy brown large mushrooms with a wet waxy top that grow in old pasture are doing fairly well with autumnal dew. These mushrooms have a purple Stripe (or stalk) and locally they are called Blue Stalks. A man used to come out from York to gather them to sell to the West Riding Miners, who preferred them to the more obvious edible mushrooms. I was reminded of childhood days when the man came by seeing one growing in the grass verge in the middle of the village. I have never eaten one because I am a cautious sort of fellow.

Enjoy your Christmas activities and get out and look at the world in its winter clothes. There's much to see and an appetite to gain in a good walk.

R & M

Weather Report - November 2021

Rainfall

October continued to be wet. By the end of the month the total rainfall was 96mm, fifty percent up on the average figure.

By contrast, the first half of November has frequently been damp, but without much rainfall, only 3.5mm up to the 15th.

Temperature

During October the temperature only once got above twenty degrees, namely 20.2°C on the 7th. The lowest overnight was 4.5°C on the 21st/22nd.

In the first half of November, daytime temperatures have always reached double figures, with a maximum of 15.5°C on the 9th. But we have also had some chilly nights, down to 0.9°C on the 4/5th.

During October the solar panels generated 200kWh, a fairly typical figure for the month.

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Membership

The Club membership has risen from 60 to 78 this year. Well done to Gelda Churton.

Christmas Party

This festive evening will take place on Wednesday 15th December. A great night in store. More details later.

Village Flower Troughs

These are now being looked after by volunteers in the SGC. Let us hope we can keep up the very high standard set by Dave Green.

Gardening Tips-December:

1. Check your winter protection structures are still securely in place.
2. Check greenhouse heaters are working.
3. Insulate outdoor taps and prevent ponds from freezing.
4. Prune open-grown apples and pears (Those trained against walls).
5. Prune acers, birches and vines before Christmas to stop bleeding.
6. Harvest: leeks, parsnips and winter cabbage and sprouts and any remaining root crops.
7. Deciduous trees can still be planted and transplanted.
8. Reduced watering of house plants.

Robert Churton

CHURCH SERVICES - December

St Nicholas, Stillington

Priest: Rev Stephen Whiting 810251
benefice.admin@gmail.com
Lay Minister: Margaret Price 811262
pricehm870@gmail.com
Church Wardens: Janet Martin 822981
jessie.jm158@gmail.com
Richard Mapletoft 811854
rmapletoft@outlook.com
Canon Emeritus: Robert Law 810940
lrf43@kesonline.org

Worship in Church - no booking needed.

Sun 5th Family celebration 10am

Weds 8th Holy Communion 2pm

Sun 12th *Craft your Christmas*. Come and make a Christmas wreath or table decoration. No charge. Refreshments provided. 10am - 12 noon

Sun 19th *Christingle* 4pm

Tues 21st *Carols by Candlelight*. A magical and joyful time. 7pm

Fri 24th Midnight Communion: "Midnight Mass". 11pm

Sat 25th *Christmas Day* Family Christmas Celebration at the Methodist Church 9.30am

Sun 26th Holy Communion - Farlington
No service at Stillington 10.30am

Lifting restrictions during worship

Please wear a mask, sanitise hands on entry and leave a contact name and telephone number. Social distancing is no longer necessary.

Visiting the church

The church is now open every day.

Prayers for the village

These are now every **Thursday at 9am**. Please contact **Margaret Price (811262 pricehm870@gmail.com)**.

Holy Communion at home

If you are not able to come to church on a Sunday morning would you like a visit to your home? Do give me a call to arrange a convenient time. **Margaret Price 811262**.

Explorers 2021 - 22

Inviting all primary age children to the after school club run by the churches in Stillington.

**Stillington Methodist Church on Fridays
3rd December**

14, 21, 28 January, 4 February 2022

4, 11, 18, 25 March 2022

Sessions run from **3.30 to 4.30pm**; latest arrival time 3.45 pm. If you would like to come, please contact **Margaret Price 811262** for a registration form

Making Room

It's only a few weeks until Christmas! Everywhere we go we are faced with cards and decorations in shops, mince pies dominate the shelves in the supermarkets, lights have been put up and switched on in the streets and every other person you see has a roll of wrapping paper sticking out of their bag! This is the time when we begin that wonderful job of Christmas shopping (unless you are very organised and have already done it!). Over the next few weeks we will make the plans and look at all the preparations that Christmas involves.

As we enter December, we also come to Advent, the time when as a church we remember again the Christmas story. It reminds me of a visit to a primary school, where the classroom was a hive of activity as the children made Christmas cards and stuck paper chains. All except one girl, who was in the playhouse busily sweeping the floor. When asked what she was doing, she replied, 'I'm making room for Jesus'.

As we enjoy the preparations and fun of Christmas, may we also remember to make room for Jesus and celebrate his love for us.

I wish you all a very happy Christmas and new year.

Elizabeth

St Mary's Marton

Church Contact: Caroline Hunt 878242
martonintheforest@gmail.com

Sue Whiting 810251

For upcoming events and services
facebook.com/martonchurch and
achurchnearyou.com/church/18888/ or
email **martonintheforest@gmail** or ring
Caroline Hunt on 01347 878242.

Methodist Chapel

Minister: Rev E Cushion 821460

Stewards: Robin Jackson 810250
Gareth Papps 810094

Sun 5th Stillington Methodist Chapel -
Robin Jackson 10.30am

Sun 12th Tholthorpe Methodist Chapel,
Carol Service - Rev E. Cushion 3pm

Sun 19th Stillington Methodist Chapel -
Carols by Candlelight, followed by
refreshments. 6.30pm

Sun 24th *Christmas Eve* Carols at Huby
Methodist Chapel. 6pm

Sat 25th *Christmas Day*
Family Christmas Celebration 9-30am

Sun 26th Circuit Service at Southlands -
Rev Michael Chester. 10-30am

This service will also be on Zoom

Film Club

**Each month on the third THURSDAY
at 2pm**

Please note the change of day!

If you have any special film you would
like to share do let us know

robinjacksonwoodside@gmail.com or
tel **810250**

Do come, you will be very welcome.

St Leonard's, Farlington

Priest: Revd Stephen Whiting 810251
benefice.admin@gmail.com

Church Wardens: Sally Wright 878745

Richard Haste 878581

richardhaste@btinternet.com

Sun 12th Shortened matins
(BCP) 11.15am

Fri 17th *Carols by Candlelight*
(pre-booking required, see below) 6.30pm

Sat 25th *Christmas Day*
Holy Communion 10.30am

Sun 26th *Feast of St Stephen*
Holy Communion
(BCP) 10.30am

*Pre-booking is a requirement for the
Carols by Candlelight – please ring 01347
878581 or email*

richardhaste@btinternet.com .

*Pre-booking for other services in
December is not required.*

Private Prayer. The church is open every
day for private prayer and 'quiet time' and
the Churchyard is open at all times.

Finally, a big "Thank You" to all who
kindly knitted poppies for the church gate
on Remembrance Sunday. They made a
wonderful statement of commemoration to
everyone who passed by.

St Leonard's Church

**Grand
Christmas Prize Bingo
is back !**

Friday, December 3rd
Sheriff Hutton Village Hall

Eyes Down at 7.30pm

Join us for a Fun, Fundraising Evening !
(please note – there are no cash prizes)