

Stillington News

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WI Presentation Wednesday 8th September

Stillington and Farlington WI and guests will be pleased to welcome Martin Withers DFC who will talk to us about the Yorkshire Air Museum at Elvington.

The presentation will start at

7:15pm

in

**Stillington Village Hall entry
£3 for guests.**

Refreshments will be available after the talk.

This promises to be a really interesting talk and we hope to see you there.

Stillington and District Community Archive

Local Historian Marion
Moverley
Presents

'The Humble Servant'

A talk about life below stairs

Wednesday 15th September

7.30pm

in

Stillington Village Hall

Subscriptions due £3. New members welcome!

Guest £3

Delicious refreshments £1

Presented by Acorn Instruments



Bellows and Buttons Melodeon Tuition Weekend

24th -26th September 2021

Stillington, North Yorkshire

*A mixture of tuition, evening sessions and
Sunday evening concert.*

Free taster sessions, instruments provided

Phone: 01347 811199

Email: info@bellowsandbuttons.co.uk

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Please email contributions for the **October** issue to news@stillingtonvillage.org by **22nd September**

Celebrating 50 Years of Worship The Methodist Chapel

We will continue our Celebration of 50 years of Worship in our present building with a BBQ

on

Saturday 4th September

at

4-30pm

**please ring 810250 for
more details**

We hope some of you enjoyed Cream Teas on Bank Holiday Monday. The next Cream Teas will be at Easter 2022.

News from Stillington Surgery



Flu vaccinations and Covid Boosters

Stillington, Millfield and Tollerton Surgeries will continue to work together this autumn to offer seasonal flu vaccinations and covid vaccination boosters at the Galtres Centre in Easingwold. We will be giving both vaccinations together assuming that the JCVI recommends that both are given at the same time.

Clinic dates will be announced shortly.

Please keep checking Surgery websites/posters and social media for updated information.

ST NICHOLAS CHURCH

Invites you to a

HARVEST SUPPER

On Friday October 8th 2021

At Stillington Village Hall

At 7pm

Tickets Adults £7.50

Children £3

Available from the Village Shop



Stillington Good Neighbours

With the ending of lockdown rules Stillington Good Neighbours can be more relaxed as they continue to support the spontaneous generosity which is a feature of the village. There have been many, many acts of kindness shown to neighbours throughout this difficult time.

Keeping to lockdown rules resulted in fewer visits from our group but we have continued to welcome new residents and new babies. We have extended sympathy to the bereaved and seriously ill and have made many phone calls and helped with shopping.

During the pandemic we have distributed gifts to approximately 70 villagers. The group is funded by the Church and Stillington Charity to whom we are most grateful. We are also indebted to Graham Cookman who updates and prints off the 'Welcome to Stillington' booklet; also to the Village Shop who give a £5 voucher to new residents.

The success of the scheme is very largely dependent upon good communication and so we rely on all residents to pass on information, especially when someone new comes into our village.

Visitors take responsibility for these sections of the village

Jenny Popplewell	811911	North Back Lane, east end
Adryenne Hope	811039	North back Lane West End and North side of High Street and Easingwold Road
Muriel Law	810484	York Road and South side of High Street
Rita Bresnen	810024	Main Street (and coordinator of Good Neighbours)
Julie Thompson	810366	Soutersfield and western end of South Back Lane
Margaret Hetherington	810373	Eastern end of South Back Lane
Diana Mitchinson	07971 291594	The Green and Mill Lane
Yvonne Murphy	811544	Parkfield Nos 15 - 57 and 14 - 40
Margaret Price	811262	Parkfield Nos 1-11, 59 -115, 2 -12 and 42 - 46

Shoebox gifts – we will be collecting shoebox gifts again in November for Samaritans Purse, with full details to follow in the October Stillington News. Handmade toys are now accepted, along with knitted hats, scarves and gloves. I started packing shoeboxes as a thanks to God for my first grandchild – now I have to fill nine of them!

To see the effect your gifts have on their recipients, have a look at the short 2021 campaign film on samaritans-purse.org

YM

Stillington Charity For Relief In Need

The charity was finally able to hold an A.G.M. on the 21st July. During the financial year ending on 31st March 2021 the charity distributed £1540 around the village. The charity is willing to make grants to students for books etc.

If you need assistance or know of anyone who does please contact the Secretary Mrs Adryenne Hope in confidence. Tel. 811039.

The League Of Friends Of St Monica's Hospital, Easingwold Registered Charity no. 513694 <http://www.fosmh.org.uk>

Members of the Charity are invited to attend the
Annual General Meeting

on

Tuesday 6th September 2021

at

7.00pm in the Galtres Centre Theatre

Members may propose other Members for membership of the Executive Committee in writing by 31st August. Proposers must get the agreement of the person they are proposing and they must sign a letter or email accordingly. Seconders are not required. Members agreeing to be proposed must provide a brief pen portrait of themselves for circulation to the membership before the AGM, and may be asked to speak at the AGM for not more than 5 minutes. Proposals from the floor will not be accepted.

Members of the public wishing to attend are asked to become FoSMH Members by registering via our website, or by completing a registration form on arrival. Only adults who are registered patients at Ampleforth, Easingwold (Millfield), Hovingham, Stillington and Tollerton NHS GP Surgeries can become FoSMH Members.

Only members can vote. Votes by proxy are not permitted.

For further details contact the Honorary Secretary, Derek McLuckie **01347 810771** or email friends@fosmh.org.uk

By order of the Executive Committee. 20 July 2021

Stillington Cricket Club

After a much-curtailed programme last year, Stillington cricketers have enjoyed a full season in 2021 with both senior and three junior teams having a full fixture list largely undisturbed by inclement weather or the pandemic. This month sees the end of the senior league season with the final games being played on 11th September. The first XI currently sit one place above the relegation positions and will be hopeful of a storming finish to ensure survival in Galtres Division 2 for another year.

Meanwhile, the second team have enjoyed a largely successful season. Fielding eleven players has sometimes been a challenge but with loaned players from other clubs all but one fixture has been fulfilled and we expect a comfortable mid-table finish to the season. One positive benefit has been to enable several of our juniors to get some experience of senior cricket and with more juniors than ever attending the Friday evening coaching sessions, the future looks bright.

Off the field we have been fortunate to obtain financial support from several different sources, not least due to the marathon effort of Liam Coultous early in the season. We have also welcomed the support of Becky and Daniel at the Bay Tree who organised a special event on 24th July. This was well attended and an enjoyable dinner resulted in a donation of over £300.

Peter Drummond

Parish Council Minutes - August

The Parish council meeting was held in the Village Hall, with Councillors Drew, Churton, Rowe, Conway, Taylor, Chairman CLLR Cookman and Clerk Mrs Midgley. The full minutes can be found on the council website and on the village notice board.

Village Parish Maintenance

Mill Lane footpath to receive surface dressing once current house building is completed.

Landowner has provided a new footpath gate at the bottom of Jenny Wren.

Work to tidy up trees along the roadside verges to be arranged for the autumn.

Highways Issues

30mph speed sign on Mill Lane to be moved beyond the Home Farm entrance as one of the planning conditions agreed for the five new houses.

NYCC contacted re. deteriorating state of village footpaths and damaged kerbs; particularly along Main Street and High Street.

Planning

REF 21/01471/FUL Fox Inn Farm West Lane, Stillington - Granted.

Matters For Reporting

Request for new stone house sign at pondside lane entrance for Owlwood. The Hawthorns & Ash Trees.

The two village troughs on Brandsby road and York Road together with the strip borders at the cemetery gates have been planted and maintained by Dave Green, who will retire this autumn. The village will be seeking willing volunteers to take on these tasks.

The Queens Platinum Jubilee - ideas wanted for the June 2022 celebration.

Next Meeting

Wednesday 1st September in the Village Hall at 7pm.

Clerk Mrs Midgley

Queen's Platinum Jubilee weekend June 2022

Please send any ideas to **Mary Midgley, Parish Clerk** to **01347 810285** or **stillingtonpc1@hotmail.com**

Repairs to St Nicholas Stonework

More than two years ago there was a wonderful response from the village to the fund-raising appeal towards the rather costly repairs that had been found to be necessary to the church stonework and some of the rainwater goods.

It is thought that people may be wondering where we are with this project as, obviously, nothing has yet happened.

The pandemic has clearly contributed to the delays: even though after the initial total lockdown, stonemasons, like most building trades, have been able to continue working. Unfortunately, other factors have come into play and, though we have been given a number of contract start dates, these have come and gone and nothing has happened.

The good news is that we have now been given a totally firm date of Monday 25 April 2022. This time we are assured that the date is literally "cast in stone!"

So, just after Easter next year the scaffolding will go up and the work will commence. Sadly perhaps, most of the work is going to take place on the north side of the tower where, not too surprisingly, most of the damaged and eroded stone is to be found and will not therefore be visible from the front of the church. However, as the scaffolding is in place it is intended to re-gild the face of the clock and this at least should be quite visible to everyone.

JC Treasurer

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

School News

What a strange year, but we ended it in style saying a sad goodbye to our Year 6s who embark on their journey to secondary school. We were able for the first time in over a year to welcome parents to the leavers' service. We shared laughs and tears at the children's memories. We are hoping for a more normal return to school life in September and look forward to many trips and adventures together with our partner school friends.

The children enjoyed a music workshop with Dave Webb, the music man, before we broke up. We are delighted to share that in the autumn term he will be delivering our weekly music curriculum and the children will be given the opportunity to learn to play drums and ukuleles with him.

If you would like to come and visit us to see what our school and nursery has to offer, please contact us on **stillingtonoffice@foston.n-yorks.sch.uk**.

Our nursery, taking children from 3 years old, offers the perfect transition to our reception class with both part-time and full-time places available. If you only get 15 hours of nursery funding your child is welcome to attend full-time at no additional cost (subject to availability).

Corinne Cross
Chair of Governors

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

Stillington Gardening Club News

The Annual Show

The 42nd Annual Show took place on Sunday 15th August after a gap of one year. What a show Carol Marsh put on ably assisted by Dennis North who arranged the Village Hall.



There were a total of 85 classes with 206 entries, and 6 junior classes with 13 entries. This was fantastic when the growing season is taken into account and covid.

The 'Best in Show' prize was won by Valerie Black with Connie Walker winning the best child garden prize. Well done to all those who entered an exhibit. Better luck next year. More photos of

winners will be shown at the first speaker's evening.

The programme for 2021/2022

Our first speaker for the 2021 season is Julien Davies. His interesting talk is about "Innovations in Vegetable Growing". This is on September 29th at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Coffee and tea will be served before the talk.



The Winners Club

Following its success last year, it has been agreed this should run for a second year. This is a bit of fun and a fundraiser. Any member can buy a number of tickets for £10 each. The ticket will be the name of your favourite flower or vegetable plant. Each ticket/name goes into a draw at each of our 7 Speakers evenings, Christmas Party and AGM. So, 9 chances to win. There is a first prize of £15 and a second prize of £5.

Tickets/names can be bought from the Treasurer - cash, cheque or Bacs. Please contact **Robert on 810513** for details or **email - churton234@btinternet.com**.

Stillington Short Mat Bowls Club

A new season of Short Mat Bowling begins on **Tuesday 21st September in the Village Hall 2 - 4 p.m.** Old and new members are most welcome to join us. If you are new to bowling please wear soft flat shoes and we can provide the bowls.

Objects Of Interest No 13

Each month we will show an "Object of Interest" in the Stillington area.

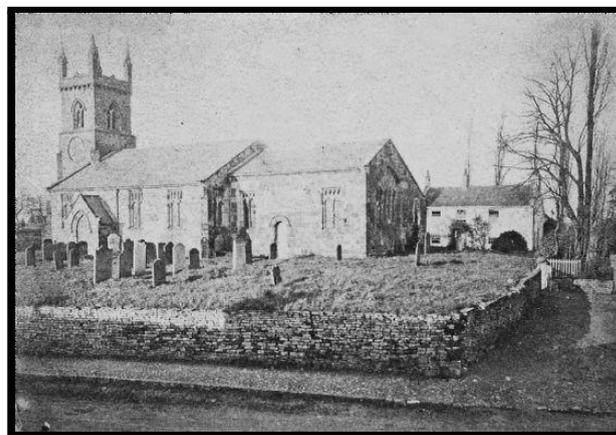
An extract from Rudyard Kipling's poem, The Elephant's Child.

"I keep six honest serving men.

(They taught me all I know).

Their names are:

What and Why and When
and How and Where and Who.



QUESTIONS:

When was St Nicholas' Church rebuilt in the shape it is today?

Who remodeled the church?

What was done?

Where was the tower before it was moved?

Why was the work done?

How were the older areas of the church saved?

ANSWERS:

When? 1840 with the church being reopened on 22nd April 1841

Who? Brothers John Bownas and William Atkinson, architects of York

What? The nave and aisles were put under one roof with the chancel roof altered to harmonize the roof line. The west end was totally demolished and rebuilt with the tower being moved to its present position.

Where? In line with the porch, which is in its original position.

Why? Disrepair and lack of space.

How? Money was tight so many older parts in good repair were reused.



The Church today. Note - in top photo the Vicarage is visible.

Written by Robert Churton and Liz Cole

Countryside Notes

I pick up the pen on 23rd August after a fine day with good evening sunshine, after a week of rather mixed weather. It is, however, very noticeable how the nights are drawing in and another stage of the year is passing. Back in early July, we had a family of Lapwing, Green Plover or Peewits, whichever you call them, in the grass field at the back of the farm, they were joined by another family and so by August over 100 were about, becoming a larger flock where they will live with safety in their numbers until spring calls them back to their old haunts. Almost the day that the last Notes were written, a lone Robin was singing in the buildings. They seem to come back to the farm and garden to establish territory for next spring; a territory that they will defend aggressively. These friendly birds often nest early in the year defying cold and wet in some obscure place or odd old kettle.

Last week was the Village Gardening Show. How lovely my large apples looked at the top of the tree, a Keswick Codlin, whose apples make a superb fluffy apple pie. These apples are yellow skinned with a castellated Calix end, and are a very old variety, like the Bramley, but a different flesh altogether. They are early ripening and don't keep very well if not eaten. However, when I went up the ladder, to look at my apples they were not the beautiful 'swans' I expected but instead were 'ugly ducklings' and not as large as I had expected either, therefore finding three to match for the gardening show was no easy trick.

No, I didn't get rich on any winnings!! Such shows of various sizes have played a major part in the improvement of what we grow and breed on the farm and in the garden, which ultimately leads to a more plentiful supply of good food and a garden of full colour. Many will have heard of Russell Lupins but are you aware that Mr Russell was a Stillington man who was absorbed into breeding finer specimens of Lupin here in the village and at his garden near the Terry's Chocolate Factory in York. He spent much of his life round his Lupins, and many sought his secrets for fine blooms.

I am seeing some wonderful beds of yellow flowers on the roadside to York, being the flowers of Meadow Pea or Meadow Vetchling flourishing like never before and the sky-blue Meadow Cranesbill is enjoying the regrowth of the roadsides. These and many more, like the large yellow Sow Thistles that will keep flowering while Jack Frost takes his nip!

While fencing last week there were a number of little toadlets in the grass which were good to see. If they are lucky, they can live for forty years or more and once upon a time a gardener would always have one or more in his greenhouse. We have been amused lately by Blackbirds feeding on ants on the lawn. However, some have been going through great contortions as the ants have crept into their feathers.

There is so much going on out there for you to see. Good looking.

R&M

Village Hall Bookings

Weds 1st	Parish Council Meeting	7.30pm
Thurs 2nd	Village Hall AGM	7pm
Mon 6th	Yoga	6.30pm
Weds 8th	Stillington and Farlington W I	7.15pm
Mon 13th	Bridge Club	1.30pm
Mon 13th	Yoga	6.30pm
Weds 15th	Ladies' Lunch	12pm
Weds 15th	Stillington Archive	7.30pm
Thurs 16th	Stillington Community Association Meeting	3pm
Thurs 16th	Stillington Community Association AGM	7pm
Mon 20th	Bridge Club	1.30pm
Mon 20th	Yoga	6.30pm
Tues 21st	Short Mat Bowls	2pm
Sat 25th	Music Weekend	(All Day)
Sun 26th	Music Weekend with Concert	(All day)
Mon 27th	Bridge Club	1.30pm
Mon 27th	Yoga	6.30pm
Tues 28th	Short Mat Bowls	2pm
Weds 29th	Gardening Club	7.30pm
Thurs 30th	Book Club	2pm
Thurs 30th	Village Hall Committee meeting	7pm

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

Stillington Village Hall

We are now hoping to host our comedy evening with George Egg, the stand-up comedian who cooks on stage. Originally billed more than a year ago as The DIY Chef, George is now offering his new show Movable Feast, so it's time to get the show on the road – literally.

George demonstrates how to cook with an engine, procure items from the train buffet trolley and turn unexpected road works into a picnic. He will produce three plates of gourmet food cooked live in the most unconventional ways, with the opportunity to taste the results at the end, if you can stop laughing long enough.

George Egg MOVABLE FEAST will be at Stillington Village Hall on Sunday **10th October at 4pm and 7.30pm**. We are putting on two smaller-audience shows on the same day to offer reassurance that social distancing is still possible and hopefully give everyone a more intimate experience and better view of what is going on. **Tickets are £10 adults, £5 under 18s, available on-line from www.ruralarts.org or via Yvonne on 811544**. As we are monitoring numbers it will not be possible to put tickets on open sale this time in the Village Stores, so booking on-line is recommended if possible.

Hopefully by Christmas we will be able to enjoy a full house for our pantomime – **Jack and the Beanstalk** – this year presented by **TaleGate Theatre, on Tuesday 28th December at 2pm**. Put the date in your diary now and book on-line or look out for tickets in late November.

Both these events are offered via Rural Arts, supported by Arts Council England through Lottery funding, enabling us to bring professional shows to our village hall at reasonable prices.

YM

CHURCH SERVICES -September St Nicholas, Stillington

Priest: Revd Stephen Whiting 810251
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Lay Minister: Margaret Price 811262
pricehm870@gmail.com

Church Wardens: Janet Martin 822981
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Richard Mapletoft 811854
rmapletoft@outlook.com

Worship in Church

We are continuing to hold services in church. No booking is needed.

Sun 5th Holy Communion 10am

Sun 19th Morning Worship 10am

Wed 22nd Holy Communion 2pm

Lifting restrictions during worship

In order to continue to keep us all safe please wear a mask, sanitise your 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. As a rough guide this is "in office hours". Please come and visit.

Prayers for the village

These are now 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 (811262)
pricehm870@gmail.com

Holy Communion at home

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

Date for your diary

Friday, October 8th. Harvest Supper in the village hall. All are welcome. Further details in next month's Stillington News.

200 Club

1st Mrs B Milburn - £50
2nd Mrs D Hugill
3rd Mrs K Tarron
Drawn by "our Ernie"

Saint Nicholas Church Flower Rota

5th September Mrs R Little
19th September Mrs P Clark

The way ahead... As we approach September I'm guessing that we are all conscious that we are developing a 'new normal,' the regulations have gone; it is now guidance. For each individual we now have to make our own choices, about how we go about our daily lives. Our communities are getting used to a different landscape and we are changing to adapt to different circumstances. The pandemic, if you look, is and has been a mixed blessing. We saw so much compassion that has been realised through acts and deeds of kindness for others. We saw friendships develop, a new neighbourliness.

Now as we move forward it is time to build on those friendships; to build on what has been gained in our communities. As we get our lives back and slip into regular weekly routines, what about Sundays? What about Church? It is a good question in relation to community, the church community. Ask yourself, where is the community spirit heading now – now that September is upon us? It is a new year for our schools as they reopen after the summer break; the busyness of life resumes and we perceive some sense of normality (whatever that means).

But what does that mean for you, me and our village church? To help answer that I turn to the New Testament Book of Hebrews. This sums up for me the way ahead: **'And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, ²⁵ not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.'** *Hebrews 10:24-25*

We are in this together. So, together with the God who loves us more than we can ever know or understand we will get through this, we will see the 'new normal', and get our lives back. Let's choose to journey together walking in the light with our faith, hope and love strengthened, and a willingness to help one another when called upon.

Rev. Steve

St Mary's Marton

Church

Contact: Caroline Hunt 878242
martonintheforest@gmail.com
Sue Whiting 810251

The church is now open daily, and we are so looking forward to meeting again for services! You can check for dates of our upcoming events and services on **facebook.com/martonchurch** and **achurchnearyou.com/church/18888/** or email **martonintheforest@gmail** or ring **Caroline Hunt on 01347 878242.**

We plan to celebrate Harvest at 3pm on Sunday 26th September - everyone is very welcome.

Methodist Chapel

Minister: Rev E Cushion 821460
Stewards: Robin Jackson 810250
Gareth Papps 810094

The Circuit Service is to be held at the Central Methodist Church on the 5th at 10am, this service will also be livestreamed. Our new Superintendent Minister will be introduced and welcomed.

Sun12th Methodist Chapel - led by Rev Andy Foster 10.30am
Sun 19th Huby - led by Rev Elizabeth Cushion 10-30am

Communion will also be shared.

Sun 26th St. Mary's, Alne - led by Rev Michael Chester 10-30am

October

Sun 3rd Morning Worship at Huby - led by Marion Moverley 10-30 am

St Leonard's, Farlington

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

Church Wardens: Sally Wright 878745
Richard Haste 878581

richardhaste@btinternet.com

The Lammastide service in August was a great success. We're getting to grips with singing hymns while wearing masks. Following on from Lammas, in September we have the Harvest Festival when we celebrate the end of the harvest. We look forward to seeing you at these occasions, or any of our other services in St Leonard's.

Sun 12th Shortened Matins (BCP) 11.15am

Fri 24th Harvest Festival followed by the Harvest Supper 6.30pm

Sun 26th Holy Communion For Harvest (BCP) 11.15am

Pre-booking for these services is not necessary.

Private Prayer. The church is open every day for private prayer and 'quiet time.'

St Nicholas Church Baptism

Grace Olivia Finch
on the
25th of July 2021

