Stillington News

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**August 2022** 



Owned by the community. Run by volunteers. After many years of service two long standing members of the board, MargaretPrice (chairperson) and John Hawker are stepping down at the AGM in September. Happily they intend to continue as shop volunteers. We would like to say a huge thank you to both of them for all their hardwork and involvement with the running of this amazing village facility.

Our store is a great asset for Stillington and the surrounding community. If you feel you could spare a few hours volunteering in the shop or you would like to become a board member please contact Margaret Price on 01347 811262 or Kathy Berry on 01347 238403. Alternatively leave your name and contact number in the shop and we will get in touch.



# We hope everyone enjoys the break and look forward to seeing you then. Do come along, we look forward to welcoming everyone, familiar faces and new friends too St Leonard's, Farlington

The Tuesday

Pop In

Just to remind all

will reopen on

**6th September** 

our friends that we

Festival of Lammas (Loaf Mass)



Celebrating the start of this year's Harvest Sunday August 14th 11.15am The service will be followed by light refreshments in the Churchyard Everyone welcome -

we look forward to seeing you



#### To all the Stillington residents and surgery patients

A rather belated thankyou for the many cards I received, generous and thoughtful gifts, and the kind words in the surgery car park on 18/2/22 marking my retirement after 31 years as GP partner at Stillington Surgery.

I soon realised reading and re-reading your cards, just how difficult it will have been for some of you to reflect on my involvement with you during some of the most difficult and sad times in your lives. Naturally there have been many happy memories as well, often involving babies and weddings.

I have loved my time at Stillington, the people I have met, those I have worked with and the many beautiful places I have visited when on duty at all times of the day and night and in all weathers. To work alongside Dr Jones for 30 years and more recently Dr Metcalfe and Dr Keen has been a privilege and a pleasure. With sadness I recently attended the funeral of Val Sparrow. She was the first member of staff I met on the day of my job interview. I was met with her warm smile and welcome which set the tone of the surgery. Thankfully I left with a smile and a job offer to follow. It was lovely to see Dr Jean Toynbee at the funeral, aged 100, Grand Dr Jones's predecessor.

We have had many sad times in the surgery but these are outweighed by the laughter with staff and patients. All the staff have appreciated the generosity of patients with edible gifts over the years.

The surgery has thrived, not least because of the support and understanding of the patients. Never more so over the last 2 years when we all had to navigate the ever changing rules and restrictions of the pandemic. On 2 occasions we were within half an hour of closing the surgery due to staff illness and isolation. I cannot praise the staff highly enough for their commitment, led by Barbara Wilson, in keeping the surgery open, maintaining our high level of medical care and, in partnership with Tollerton and Easingwold GP surgeries, delivering the COVID vaccination programme.

What of my future?

I have already chosen and enjoy the piece of art you generously paid for. A modern work by Linda Mellin from the Leaping Hare gallery. It depicts the North Yorkshire I have loved for 35 years. You also kindly treated me to a theatre trip in London. I went to see Cabaret which was exceptional.

My husband and I have just returned from Sunny Scotland and plan more trips north with our walking boots, bikes and our Border terrier Roddy.

In January 2023 we are off to New Zealand to visit our daughter, then later in the year to Westpoint military academy in New York State where our son is soon to take up his next posting. Our other son marries next June so it is going to be a fun year!

It has been lovely bumping into some of you when I'm out walking Roddy, at Easingwold's Friday market or at events at the Galtrees centre. Do stop and say hello.

Thank you once again

Wishing you all health and happiness **Dr Barbara McPherson** 

# Goodbye to Alex

Practice nurse Alex Glenwright is hanging up her nursing uniform, after 30 years at Stillington Surgery and 50 years in the nursing profession, to retire on the 30th August 2022.

It is now time to raise your glasses and toast a huge thank you and a fond farewell to Alex who first began working at Stillington Surgery in January 1993 for then partners, Peter and Barbara.

Over the last 30 years Alex has provided the highest standard of healthcare to the community. Dealing with a variety of needs and requirements; from asthma, COPD and childhood vaccinations, to stitching farmers fingers and always being a reliable, sympathetic shoulder to cry on.

She has been part of so many people's lives. Present at the time of babies being born, caring for them as they grew into adults and continuing that dedication of care as they became parents themselves.

Alex has participated and raised money for many Macmillan Charity events and has always been grateful for the support she has received from the surgery and community in raising funds for the cause.

Alex will now be able to spend more time with her husband John, who has been her rock throughout this journey, and enjoy the finer things that life has to offer. Of course, not forgetting more time to spend with the rest of her loving family and her much cherished grandchildren.

Alex's family are first in a very long line of those who would like to say "They are so **very proud** of you and know you will be truly missed within the community of Stillington."

We, at the Stillington News, would like to also add our thanks Alex, for your many years of loyal and dedicated service. You have made an impact on your patients, co-workers and the community of Stillington. We hope you enjoy a long and joyful retirement.

## **Stillington Wanderers**

Just one walk on 4th July as the 18th July walk was cancelled owing to very high temperatures. Parking at Hovingham Village Hall, the walkers headed over Hovingham Park with its oldest privately owned cricket pitch laid out in front of the Hall. Sir William Worsley was an amateur first class cricketer and president of Yorkshire CC for many years. The Hall and estate has been in the ownership of the Worsley family for 450 years. It was built by Thomas Worsley who was obsessed by both horses and architecture; the Riding School, with its good acoustics, is now often used for Ryedale festival concerts. Following the stream through the Park, the route crossed the road & along Mill Wood valley and up past Hovingham Lodge; then southeast through South Wood and onto the Ebor Way back into Hovingham. Next walks are 1st, 15th and 29th August. Meet 9.30am outside the White Bear.

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\*

# Village Hall Diary - August

Mon	1st	Bridge Club	1.30pm		
Weds	3rd	Parish Council Meeting	7pm		
Thu	4th	Table Tennis	10am-12pm		
Thu	4th	Hearts and Craft	2-4pm		
Fri	5th	Primetime	1-3pm		
Sun	7th	Bakery Pod	10am-3pm		
Mon	8th	Bridge Club	1.30pm		
Wed	10th	WI	7-9pm		
Thu	11th	Table Tennis	10am-12pm		
Fri	12th	Primetime	1-3pm		
Sat	13th	Gardening Club Show Set Up			
Sun	14th	Gardening Club Show	9am-4pm		
Sun	14th	Bakery Pod	10am-3pm		
Mon	15th	Bridge Club	1.30pm		
Thu	18th	Table Tennis	10am-12pm		
Fri	19th	Primetime	1-3pm		
Sun	21st	Bakery Pod	10am-3pm		
Mon	22nd	Bridge Club	1.30pm		
Thur	s 25th	Table Tennis	10am-12pm		
Thur	s 25th	SCA Committee Meeting	3-5pm		
Fri	26th	Primetime	1-3pm		
Sun	28th	Bakery Pod	10am-3pm		

These events may be subject to change or cancellation. Please check the online calendar for up to date information

http://www.thevillagehallstillington.org/calendar.asp How can you book your Village Hall? The best way is through the contact form on our website. Alternatively Text, or WhatsApp, 07726421287

## **Stillington Parish Council - July**

The Council meeting was on Wednesday 6th July 2022 in the Village Hall with Cllrs Tim Drew (Chairman), Robin Conway, Graham Taylor, & Robert Churton together with 4 members of the public.

#### **Public Session**

Flowing discussed on Mill Lane; this is currently being addressed by Yorkshire Water. Also, the derelict site on South Back Lane.

#### Speed Survey

Speed recording tubes have been deployed and the results will soon be available from NYCC. A decision can then be made whether to purchase vehicle activated speed signs.

#### North Back Lane

Damage is being caused by vehicles having to drive on verges due to parked cars. A meeting to be sought with the surgery to discuss this.

### Policies

A review of all the Council policies will take place during the next two months.

#### Village Maintenance

Lucy Balk is overgrown. The grass cutting contractor will be requested to cut this in future.

A request will be made that the sandbags in the old bus shelter be replenished by Hambleton DC.

#### Next Meeting

Wednesday 3rd August in the Village Hall at 7pm Clerk to the Parish Council: Nigel Knapton at clerk@stillingtonparishcouncil.uk

## **Stillington and Farlington WI**

On Wednesday 13th July, we welcomed 10 visitors to hear Kevin Hutchinson talk about the Yorkshire Air Ambulance.

In 2000 the first patient was carried in a rented helicopter working out of a portacabin at Leeds/Bradford airport.

In 2004 the team moved to better facilities and in 2006 a new chairman and different trustees (all volunteers) decided to buy a helicopter instead of renting. Also in this year Top Gear presenter Richard Hammond was seriously injured while filming at Elvington airfield. He was airlifted by YAA which brought the organisation into much wider public knowledge and led to the development of a TV show called Helicopter Heroes which ran for 14 series. It also resulted in more money being donated which was used as a deposit for a second helicopter based at RAF Topcliffe.

In 2013 the service moved from Leeds/Bradford to Nostell Priory near Wakefield.

In 2016 two new, purpose designed helicopters were bought

(the 2 old ones were sold) and in 2017 the helicopters began carrying GpO Rhesus negative (universal donor) blood. Each day two units of fresh blood are delivered to each of the bases. Also night flying using Night Visibility Goggles began. As most pilots are ex-military they have experience of using these but the paramedics need to be trained.

Most areas in Yorkshire are within 20 minutes flying time, patients are flown to one of four trauma centres Leeds General, Sheffield, James Cook and Hull Royal Infirmary.

All the doctors are consultants or above and they work on a rota basis. As a charity, the only government help received is through secondment of doctors and paramedics from the NHS. To keep both air ambulances flying requires £12,000 per day so donations from the public are very important. We can help support this vital service by donating (on-line, by text, direct debit, single or regular donations, by phone or cheque) not forgetting the collection box which is in our village shop. It's amazing how those bits of loose change add up.

Next month's meeting is just for members but in September we will be hearing about the Rowntree Theatre. We will be pleased to see visitors then,

We meet in Stillington Village Hall on the second Wednesday of the month at 7pm and welcome all visitors (£4 including refreshments). Hope to see you there!

#### Angela Hawker

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



## Annual Show -Sunday 14th August

Carol Marsh has arranged everything for this year's show. So, all we need is as many members as possible to make it a splendid show for what will be the last one arranged by Carol.

Booklets with entry forms are available in the Village Shop. Please complete your entry forms before you arrive as it saves a lot of queuing time. Small change is also useful.

Your entries should be in between 9.30am and 11am The Show opens to the public at 2pm

Presentations start at 2.30pm.

Good luck in the preparations for your entries for this year's show.

Please remember Membership Cards need to be shown with your entries as it is a show for Members only.

#### **Membership Subscriptions**

The Membership Secretary, Gelda Churton, has the membership cards with details of all the club's events. Remember the card also gives you a **10% discount** at both Deans and Castle Howard Garden Centres. **Contact Gelda on 810513** to make arrangements, or they can be paid for at the Show.

#### **Top Gardening Tips For August**

- 1. Prune wisteria
- 2. Summer prune fruits trained as restricted forms
- 3. Deadhead flowering plants regularly
- 4. Water containers and new plants with grey recycled water or stored rain water.
- 5. Collect seeds from garden plants.
- 6. Harvest vegetables when ready.
- 7. Continue cutting out old fruit canes of raspberries
- 8. Lift and pot up strawberry runners.

**Robert Churton** 

### **Stillington Bowling Club**

On Saturday 16th July the Bowling Club Open Competition was held for the Dennis Law & Andre Davis Memorial Cup. Teams of two can enter from any bowling club, including home teams. This year there were 12 teams playing in the event which is sponsored by the White Bear Pub, Stillington.

Our bowling green is acknowledged as one of the best in the area this season, due to the fantastic work of our Head Green Keeper, Tim Drew.

The morning started as a perfect day with a blue cloudless sky and sun which continued all day. It was not too hot, thankfully, as record temperatures were forecast for the following week. With such good conditions and a perfect green the bowling played was to a very high standard. As normal for this event the away teams outnumbered the home teams, but what a great result we had with the first Stillington BC winners for 14-years.

Backing up the competition, food, drinks, and a raffle were provided in our cool clubhouse. Thanks to all who organised this.

The picture shows Tara Robinson from the White Bear presenting the Cup to the winners; Harold Tomlinson and Colin Speck from Stillington!



After the weekend, we return to the normal business of club league matches, results for the Huby League are published in the Easingwold Advertiser (nice to see us currently at the top). The Club Mini League competition for newer bowlers also continues (Les asks if we can all get our games played!).

Everyone can keep up-to-date via our website at **www.stillingtonbowls.club**, the club house notice board, and the Stillington News.

Steve Gall



## Eco Top Tips from St Nicholas' Church

Every month the Eco-Working Group at St Nicholas' Church gives a few handy tips for every household to understand and control their carbon emissions, as an act of love for Christ's creation and our fellow human beings. For August, then:

**On the Internet:** Switch to using a green search engine on the internet such as **www.ecosia.org**, which plants trees to absorb the carbon emissions from your web searches.

**Be informed:** Read a book to become more "carbon literate" and understand the greenhouse gas cost of your choices. Try *"How Bad are Bananas? The Carbon Footprint of Everything"* Mike Burners-Lee.

**Money Magic:** Move your bank account to an ethical bank which invests your money in low carbon, ethical, environmental projects, such as the **Triodos Bank**. Ethical consumer sites (like *Which*?) provide independent advice **www.ethicalconsumer.org** 

#### **Countryside Notes**

Tuesday 19th July 2.30pm, the hottest day on record, so I have escaped from the afternoon heat to the north side of the house. The heat is not too good for us, nor for the wildlife around us. The sheep know where to find shelter and do so throughout the heat of the day, coming out to graze when the sun goes back on the bare, burnt, brown grass. We have had to start and supplement feeding with hay and cereal, which they come to eat with some vigour. So, I open the gate and stand back, or I would get knocked back which is not good for a veteran. Many creatures find their own way of keeping cool. I saw an Aspen tree dealing with it in its own way: for Aspen trees shake and tremble in the breeze hence the term "shaking like an Aspen". This tree, like all cousins of the Poplar family, have leaf stalks that are oval rather than round, so they can fan in a breeze to cool the tree and so steady transpiration of water, however this trait is more pronounced in the Aspen. The Blackbird and other birds often lie with spread feathers to let the heat get out from the close fit needed for good aerodynamics, while other birds go into the eclipse mode as mentioned last month, where the feathers are moulted in readiness for new ones for winter. Some members of the duck family separate into parties of males and will fly off to some special destination where flight is not essential, to don their new suit, leaving behind females and juveniles to their own resources.

Our winter sown barley is harvested and is cooling off before being heaped up. It is easy to think that a heap of corn is inert, but they are real living seeds that have to be helped into dormancy after the heat that has dried the grain before it is fully ripe. The grain has been coming in at 13% moisture which is very dry. However, in a more normal time, the benchmark before price reductions set in is 15%. So, we will be giving away 2% of the yield. Grain prices are volatile this year, with the Ukraine market upsetting traditional patterns of world prices, over recent weeks the price of wheat has dropped £100 per tonne. So, if you have seen our "crystal ball" would you help us relocate it?

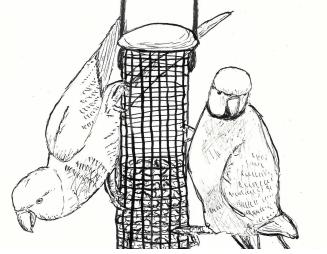
At the time of writing, the grass verges have benefitted from the 'Chelsea Chop' as the gardeners call it. Cranesbill is flowering with its soft blue flowers, Selfheal with its strong magenta flowers is a good sight, Bindweed, close to the ground, with white and some pink candy stripe are all picturesque and with creamy yellow Meadowsweet nearer the hedge along with Umbelliferous tall plants, all adding colour to our countryside.

Unfortunately, our Butterflies are suffering, with numbers declining alarmingly, for various reasons. The last few years the weather has been cool and wet for second broods of eggs and this year succulent growth of vegetation will be scarce if the weather doesn't alter, which would leave second broods hungering. One of our more frequent visitors are Commas, which until fairly recently were not seen so far north.

Everything needs a drink so put out some water with the bird food and see who comes for a drink.

R & M

P.S. Two Parakeets have been seen in the village!



(Original Pen and Ink drawing by EJ)

#### Weather Report - July 2022

As I write we are experiencing record high temperatures as far north as York. Hopefully, it will not reach the 40°C forecast for the South.

#### Rainfall

Rainfall in June, at 42mm, was below the 69mm average for the month.

So far, July has given us a mere 10.5mm. Thirteen consecutive days without measurable rainfall has left the land parched.

#### Temperature

The maximum temperature in June was  $27.3^{\circ}$ C on the 23rd of the month. The minimum remained at 5.9°C, recorded on the 1st/2nd of the month.

The first half of July gave us a maximum of 29.4°C on the 11th, the current heatwave having not yet arrived.

Overnight temperatures have remained in double figures, with a minimum of 11.0°C on the night of 4th/5th

My solar panels generated 480kWh in June, a little below last year's figure.

MT

#### **Moving forward**

As I come to the end of my ministry in Easingwold and surrounding villages, I have been doing a lot of looking back and remembering. It is difficult to imagine that I have been in this lovely part of the country for 10 years, and it has been a privilege to get to know people in Stillington and share worship here. In August I will be moving to Poppleton, looking after churches there and Lidgett, Clifton, Hessay and Rufforth. Rev David Bidnell is taking pastoral charge of the Villages Together Methodist Church, and hopefully you will get to meet him soon.

Thank you to all of you who have supported me on my journey. May this be a time for all of us to look back on what God has done and celebrate it with thankfulness, and to move forwards as His people, knowing that wherever it is, He goes always before us.

Elizabeth

# CHURCH SERVICES - August

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Robert Law 810940
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Worship in Church - No booking needed.
Wed 3rd 2pm
Holy Communion. A quiet, secluded time
for worship.
Sun 7th 10am
Morning worship. Family friendly!
Sun 14th 10am
Morning Worship (lay-led). One of our
alternative services.
Sun 21st 10am
Holy Communion. We can now go up to
the communion rail again.
Sun 28th10am
This Is Your Life, William Wilberforce.
Another of our alternative services.
Lifting restrictions during worship
Sanitary gel is available; face coverings
voluntary; social distancing is no longer
necessary.
Visiting the church The church is open

every day. **Prayers for the village** 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.

**Holy Communion at home** If you would like to receive Holy Communion at home please contact Margaret Price to arrange a convenient time.

#### **St Nicholas Church Rota**

1st August to 13th August CLEANING VACANT BRASSES VACANT 15th August to 27th August CLEANING Mrs H Ratcliffe BRASSES Mr A Ratcliffe

#### **Flower Rota**

7th August - Mrs A Parkhaus 14th August - Mrs M Tomlinson 21st August - Mrs P Conway 28th August - Mrs R Bresnen 4th Sept - Mrs A Hope

#### Methodist Chapel

Minister:	
Rev E Cushion	821460
Stewards:	
Robin Jackson	810250
Gareth Papps	810094
Villages Working Together	
Sunday 7th	10.30am
Worship at Huby Methodist C	hurch
led by Mr Robin Jackson	
Sunday 14th	3pm
Worship at Alne Hall	
led by Mrs Marion Moverley	
Sunday 21st	3pm
Worship at Tholthorpe Method	list Church
led by Rev John Schofield	
Sunday 28th	10-30am
Worship here at Stillington	
This will be an own arranger	ment where
we all plan the Worship and pl	ay a part.
Everyone is Welcome to join	us at any of
these services.	

Film Afternoons We continue to Show films in the Chapel on the THIRD Thursday of each month at 2pm. Please feel free to come along, you will be very welcome. For full details Tel 810250

# St Mary's Marton

Church Contact:					
Caroline Hunt 878242					
martonintheforest@gmail.com					
Sue Whiting 810251					
Sunday 14th 6pm					
Sunday 28th 6pm					
Midday prayers are Tuesdays - arrive					
from 12pm for a cuppa and chat before					
we share a short time of prayer.					
We are now looking ahead to our big					
cut-back of the churchyard in August.					
As you know, this is scythed by hand					
annually which gives everything that					
hops, runs, crawls, burrows and flies a					
better chance of thriving and surviving!					
There have been masses of butterflies					

enjoying the knapweed in July: meadow browns, ringlets, cabbage whites and I think some skippers?

The birdsong has been lovely too - the wonderful phone app Merlin analyses birdsong live so you can find out who's singing even if you can't see them! Do let us know if you would like us to pray for you - email martonintheforest@gmail.com, phone Caroline on 878242 or leave a prayer card on the font in church.

# St Leonard's, Farlington Priest:

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Sunday August 14th is *Loaf Mass* time at St Leonard's! This is the special service in the church calendar celebrating the ancient festival of 'Lammas' – the start of the harvest. Come along and join us for this simple service and special occasion which is highly relevant to St Leonard's place as a church at the centre of a farming community. After the service there will be light refreshments in the churchyard – God's Garden – or, if wet we can stay under God's Umbrella in church.

Sunday 14th		11	1.15am
Lammastide.	Celebrating	the	ancient
festival of	Lammas, d	follow	ed by
refreshments			
Sunday 28th		11	.15am
Holy Commun	nion (BCP)		
The Church	is open dail	y for	private
prayer; the pe			

at all times.

# Celebration of Life

A service to celebrate the life of Sheila Hope was held at York Crematorium on the **20th June 2022** Sheila had lived in Stillington since 1951

# **St Nicholas Parish Register**

**Funeral** Valerie Sparrow Wednesday 29th June 2022

#### **200 club results** 1st Mr R Conway - £50

2nd MrR Michinson 3rd Mr J Dalton Drawn by "Our Ernie"